

Insurance, wage increases for Holton city employees detailed

By Brian Sanders

Health and life insurance premiums are going up for Holton city employees in 2016 — and so are their wages.

During the Holton City Commission's meeting on Tuesday, commissioners approved insurance contracts with Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Kansas for fiscal year 2016, noting that the overall price of premiums will increase by 7.57 percent, as Holton City Manager Bret Bauer noted.

Commissioners also approved a 3-percent across the board wage and salary increase for all city employees, with that increase to be split accordingly for full-time and part-time employees. The wage and salary increase, commissioners noted, was similar to an increase approved last year.

Bauer told commissioners the insurance premium increase, "across the different categories of insurance available," would reflect no changes in the city's insurance policies because the city has "the ability and the option to stay grandfathered in" with the policies. That means that under the terms of the Affordable Care Act, the city could keep an existing policy in effect from previous years.

The city wasn't aware a year ago whether it would be able to keep its current policies, he said, due to issues with ACA. This year, he said, BC/BS officials informed Bauer that the city "could, if we so choose to," keep its insurance policy in place, even though it has been reported that the possibility of "grandfathering" health insurance policies in 2017 is questionable.

The insurance premium bill for the city came in at approximately \$517,399, up \$35,990 from last year. At that time, insurance premiums cost the city \$481,409, with commissioners noting a 5.56-percent increase in premium costs.

Holton City Clerk Teresa Riley also noted that as in previous years, the city will pay 85 percent of health insurance premium costs, with each city employee responsible for the remaining 15 percent.

"If we maintain those percentages, both sides will pay more," Riley said. "And you have to maintain the same percentage payment — otherwise, if we change it, we can't be grandfathered in."

Life insurance premiums for city employees are paid by the employees, and Bauer noted that monthly cost will go from \$5 per employee in

FY 2015 to \$5.60 in FY 2016.

On the wage side, commissioners approved an overall wage increase that would represent an across-the-board cost of living adjustment (COLA) of 3 percent. Bauer said the amount equates to an hourly wage increase of 65 cents for permanent full-time employees, 20 cents per hour for permanent part-time employees and a 5-percent flat increase for the city commissioners, city attorney, city treasurer, fire chief, animal control officer and municipal judge.

The wage increase for permanent full-time city employees totals an additional \$67,152 cost to the city, Bauer said, while the increases for the part-time positions and the other positions specified above would total \$4,960 more for the year. Tuesday's action marked the second year in a row that a 65-cents-per hour wage increase for full-time workers was approved by the commission.

Riley later said that for fiscal year 2016, personnel expenses are budgeted to be \$3,218,017, or 25 percent of the total city budget of \$12,818,518.

In fiscal year 2015, personnel ex-

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About \$216,000 in donations were received during the month of December for the Northeast Kansas Heritage Complex as part of a dollar-for-dollar matching event organized by Denison State Bank. In the photo above, Jackson County Fair Board Association President Aaron Allen (left) received a \$100,000 check from Jim Birkbeck (center), chairman of the DSB board, and Mike Day (right), DSB president, on Friday at the exhibit hall at the new fairgrounds.

Photo by Ali Holcomb

Purple Heart Stories

Whiting native Donald Wilson a casualty of the Korean War

Editor's note: This is the second in a series of stories about past and present Jackson County residents who earned the Purple Heart Medal, which is awarded to military personnel wounded or killed in the line of duty.

The names of those profiled in these stories will be placed on a special monument for Purple Heart Medal recipients to be built later this year in Holton's Linscott Park.

Less than three weeks after arriving in Korea — and just one day short of his first wedding anniversary — Private E-2 Donald E. Wilson of the U.S. Army became a casualty of war.

A native of Whiting, Wilson, the youngest son of Lake and Grace Wilson, was the victim of an enemy mortar shell attack on Oct. 20, 1951, that also killed another man who was working with him to build a protective fence for his Army unit while they were stationed in the North Korean sector, according to Wilson's widow, Phyllis Holmes of Shawnee.

Wilson is one of six military personnel from Jackson County who have been named as Purple Heart Medal recipients for having been



Pvt. Donald E. Wilson

killed during the Korean War. Their names, and the names of other Purple Heart recipients will be placed on the monument for such men and women of America's armed forces from Jackson County to be built in Linscott Park.

Wilson graduated from Whiting High School in 1947, going on to at-

tend Washburn University for three years and the University of Kansas for two summer sessions, taking pre-medical courses in hopes of eventually becoming an optometrist. Donald and Phyllis Wilson were married on Oct. 21, 1950, in Whiting, Holmes said.

In March of 1951, Wilson was inducted into the Army, and he took basic training at Fort Riley before going to Korea. He would serve as a member of Company G, 2nd Battalion, 7th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division in the southern part of the North Korea sector.

Holmes said that on Oct. 20 of that year, her husband was engaged in building a protective barbed-wire fence "along the whole regimental sector as a means of protection against enemy attack" when a North Korean mortar exploded nearby. Wilson was killed in the attack, as was another member of his company who was working with him to build the fence.

Wilson's body was soon returned stateside and he was buried in Whiting Cemetery. In addition to the Purple Heart Medal, he was posthu-

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DSB donation challenge nets \$216K for Heritage Complex

By Ali Holcomb

The Northeast Kansas Heritage Complex received a big boost in support after a total of \$216,000 was donated by community members and businesses during a dollar-for-dollar matching event sponsored by Denison State Bank.

DSB leaders challenged county residents to donate to the new fairgrounds, which are located just south of Holton off of U.S. Highway 75 on 214th Road, by agreeing to match donations up to \$100,000. The challenge ran throughout the month of December.

More than 120 families, individuals, organization and businesses made \$116,000 in donations during the challenge, it was reported.

Mike Day, DSB president, and Jim Birkbeck, chairman of the bank board, presented a \$100,000 check to Aaron Allen, Jackson County Fair Association president, on Friday morning at the exhibit hall at the new fairgrounds.

"First of all, I want to say thank you to the individuals and busi-

nesses for their donations," Day said. "Their support made this \$100,000 matching grant become a reality. Secondly, congratulations to the fair board for their hard work and dedication during the month-long matching blitz."

Day said it was Birkbeck's idea to offer a matching donation for the fairgrounds, and the bank's board members agreed.

"4-H is extremely important, but we also looked at this match as economic development for the community. These facilities are another opportunity to bring people to town," Day said. "Denison State Bank is honored to be a part of helping the Northeast Kansas Heritage Complex continue to grow and reach the vision the fair board has for the completed complex. The complex will have a positive impact on the economy in Jackson County as it continues to grow and as more activities are held at the complex."

Allen said that funds will be used in a variety of ways includ-

ing installing outdoor lighting and an announcer stand at the arena. The fair association plans to install hard surface handicap parking stalls and additional sidewalks.

Purchasing a top, or lid, for the amphitheater to improve sound quality is also a priority, he said.

"We also want to expand the current exhibit hall to the east," he said. "At one point, we talked about building another exhibit hall, but we've decided to expand the current one."

Two mini split units were installed in the exhibit hall to provide heating and air conditioning to the hall. An additional mini split may be added, as well as some ceiling fans.

"We're absolutely appreciative of all the donations," Allen said.

Mickie Schultz, Jackson County Fair Association member and treasurer, said the donations exceeded the fair association's expectations. "We were just so surprised when

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Holton High School will announce its winter courtwarming king and queen at halftime of the Wildcat varsity boys basketball game against Sabetha on Friday. Queen candidates are, from left on front row, Hayley Thompson, Sarah Sweet, Megan Rhule and Sydney McRae. King candidates are, from left on back row, Tanner New, Torin Kaboudan, Austin Frakes and Josh Bjelland. Friday's games begin at 4:30 p.m. in the HHS gym.

Photo by Brian Sanders

Mayetta murder suspect gets new criminal charges

By Brian Sanders

A Mayetta resident facing first-degree murder and drug charges in connection with a November incident now faces a new set of charges relating to an incident that allegedly occurred during his incarceration at the Jackson County Detention Center, according to Jackson County District Court documents.

In addition to the murder and drug charges, stemming from the Nov. 21 stabbing death of a Mayetta woman, Wilson R. Noriega, 49, has also been charged with trafficking in contraband — namely, a "shank" — in a correctional institution. The new case against Noriega also includes charges of criminal use of weapons and criminal damage to property.

According to district court files, the new charges stem from a Dec. 14 incident that occurred during Noriega's confinement at the county jail involving a crude, knife-like weapon known as a "shank" and damage to a light fixture at the jail.

Noriega has been incarcerated

at the jail since the Nov. 21 stabbing death of 49-year-old Leann M. Sanchez at a residence reportedly owned by his parents on the Prairie Band Potawatomi Reservation. He was charged with murder in the first degree, possession of methamphetamines and possession of drug paraphernalia in connection with that incident, it was reported.

Furthermore, Noriega has written court officials a letter asking for the dismissal of Holton attorney J. Richard Lake as his appointed defense attorney "due to lack of communication and concerns about the interest he's shown in my case so far." A hearing has been scheduled for Friday afternoon on the request to dismiss Lake.

Rather than Lake, Noriega wrote to request the services of attorney Julia Spainhour of Topeka's Northeast Kansas Conflict Office — noting the Conflict Office had represented him in a previous court case and that

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**TUESDAY'S WEATHER FORECAST:
 MOSTLY SUNNY, HIGH OF 33**
 Look for the complete forecast on page 2.

DISTRICT COURT NEWS

Traffic

Victor C. Allen, license to be carried and exhibited upon demand, \$288.
 Tyler M. Area, reckless driving, \$328.
 Daryl L. Boeckman, no seat belt, \$10.
 Jerry D. Curlee, driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs, found guilty.
 Matthew J. Fagan, no proof of insurance, \$674.
 Ashley D. Fickel, speeding, \$195.
 John C. Hase, operating a motor vehicle without a valid license, \$158.
 Marjorie L. Heim, pedestrian under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs, \$308.
 William E.T. Hutton, speeding, \$153.
 Tyler L. Johnston, failure to report accident involving damage to vehicle or property, \$338.
 Nathan R. McGowin, license to be carried and exhibited upon demand, \$158.
 Conner Shepherd, Fish and Game license violation, possession of wildlife or certain devices, \$1,108.
 Lola M. Wilson, registration violation, \$158.
 Ronald A. Wilson, driving while license canceled, suspended or revoked, \$423.

Civil

Dispositions
 Bank of America N.A. vs. Angela Blazic, also known as Angela Helen Blazic, Jane Doe, John Doe and unknown spouse of Angela Blazic, also known as Angela Helen Blazic, sought judgment of \$94,671.06 plus interest, court costs and foreclosure of mortgage; granted.
Filed
 Beverley Brucken, Ann's Home Health Agency Inc. and Riverport Insurance Company, as their interest may appear vs. Cypress Glen Apartments, seeking judgment in excess of \$75,000 plus court costs.
 Noah Spencer, a minor by and through Kaylynne Woods, his natural guardian and next of friend vs. Keigan Kebert, seeking judgment in excess of \$10,000 plus court costs.
 Ford Motor Credit Company L.L.C. vs. Daniel E. Potts and Debra J. Potts, seeking judgment of \$9,154.44 plus interest and court costs.

Limited Civil

Dispositions
 Stormont-Vail HealthCare Inc. vs. Jeannie M. Howley and Allen Howley, sought judgment of \$857.68 plus interest and court costs; granted.
Filed
 Barclays Bank Delaware vs. Carl A. Lanum, seeking judgment of \$2,539.36 plus interest and court costs.
 Denison State Bank vs. Cody R. Graham, seeking judgment of \$1,329.22 plus interest and court costs.
 The Farmers State Bank vs. Melissa A. Simmons, seeking judgment of \$571.83 plus interest and court costs.
 Denison State Bank vs. Jerah B. Gasser, seeking judgment of \$1,541.50 plus interest and court costs.

Criminal

Dispositions
 State of Kansas vs. Amy L. Johnson, Salina, forgery; sentenced to 10 months in jail, suspended; placed on 18 months probation and assessed court costs.
 State of Kansas vs. Jacob C. DeVoe, Topeka, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia; sentenced to 13 months imprisonment, suspended; placed on 18 months probation and assessed court costs.
 State of Kansas vs. Tanner J. Kennedy, Topeka, distribution or possession with intent to distribute marijuana, possession of marijuana; sentenced to 15 months imprisonment, suspended; placed on 18 months probation and assessed court costs.
 State of Kansas vs. David D. Cooley, Wichita, possession of marijuana; sentenced to 20 months imprisonment, suspended; placed on 18 months probation and assessed court costs.
 State of Kansas vs. Travis R. Hunley, Topeka, aggravated battery; sentenced to 29 months imprisonment, suspended; placed on 24 months probation and assessed court costs.
 State of Kansas vs. Jessica M. Howard, Topeka, possession of methamphetamine; sentenced to 11 months imprisonment, suspended; placed on 18 months probation and assessed court costs.
 State of Kansas vs. Randall S. Houston, Liberty, Mo., failure to appear; driving while suspended.
 On Jan. 19, a 17-year-old male from Horton was arrested on a Shawnee County warrant.
 On Jan. 20, Demarco Hamilton, 24, Holton, was arrested on a criminal warrant on a charge of failure to appear.
 On Jan. 21, Matthew M. Wilson, 44, Topeka, was arrested on a traffic warrant on a probation violation charge.
 On Jan. 21, Timothy Skinner, 45, Topeka, was arrested on a criminal warrant on a probation violation charge.
 On Jan. 21, Amy Kelley, 25, Seneca, was arrested on a criminal warrant on a charge of failure to appear.
 On Jan. 21, Jason Malone, 32, Topeka, was arrested on a traffic warrant on a charge of failure to appear.

pear; sentenced to six months in jail, suspended; placed on 12 months probation and assessed court costs.
 State of Kansas vs. Maurice D. Taylor, Norfolk, Neb., possession of methamphetamine; sentenced to 28 months imprisonment and assessed court costs.
 State of Kansas vs. James A. Anttil, Topeka, theft; sentenced to one year in jail, suspended; placed on unspecified probation and fined \$100 plus court costs.
 State of Kansas vs. Lori A. Baker, Holton, possession of marijuana, battery; sentenced to one year in jail, suspended; placed on 12 months probation and assessed court costs.
 State of Kansas vs. Vernon D. Folks, Hutchinson, interference with law enforcement-obstruction of official duty; sentenced to one year in jail, suspended; placed on 12 months probation and fined \$200 plus court costs.
 State of Kansas vs. Ginger A. Hathaway, Topeka, interference with law enforcement-obstruction of official duty; sentenced to one year in jail, suspended; placed on 12 months probation and assessed court costs.
 State of Kansas vs. Paul G. Tuckwin, Mayetta, battery; sentenced to six months in jail, suspended; placed on six months probation and assessed court costs.
 State of Kansas vs. Gregory G. Wright Jr., St. Joseph, Mo., possession of drug paraphernalia, transporting an open container; sentenced to one year in jail, suspended; placed on 12 months probation and fined \$100 plus court costs.
Filed
 State of Kansas vs. Nathaniel A. Cisneros, Topeka, interference with law enforcement-obstruction of official duty, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia.
 State of Kansas vs. Nicole L. Jones, Lincoln, Neb., possession of Adderall, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, driving while license canceled, suspended or revoked, no proof of insurance.
 State of Kansas vs. Wilson R. Noriega, Holton, traffic in contraband in a correctional institution or care and treatment facility, criminal use of weapons, criminal damage to property.
 State of Kansas vs. Olivia D. Phinney, Topeka, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia.
 State of Kansas vs. Nathaniel A. Browning, Topeka, possession of methamphetamine, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, speeding.
 State of Kansas vs. Amanda E. Grame, Topeka, possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia.

Dispositions
 In the matter of the marriage of Nicole D. Kesler and Brian J. Kesler, sought divorce; dismissed.
 State of Kansas, Department for Children and Families vs. Reigna M. Masters, sought support judgment; granted.
 State of Kansas, Department for Children and Families, and Darrious and Hydrus Gill, minor children by and through natural guardian Tess L. Cloud, and Tess L. Cloud vs. David A. Gill II, sought support judgment; dismissed.
Filed
 In the matter of the marriage of Darlene D. Rezac and David J. Rezac, seeking divorce.
 State of Kansas, Department for Children and Families vs. Joseph M. Frederick, seeking support judgment.

Accidents noted

The Jackson County Sheriff's Office has reported the following accidents:
 At 5 a.m. on Jan. 9, Dennis Rice, 43, Corning, was traveling south on S Road near 190th Road when his vehicle left the road and struck a motor grader windrow. Rice's 2012 Toyota sustained damage to its front bumper and undercarriage that was listed at more than \$1,000.
 At 6:41 p.m. on Jan. 9, Tristan Zarko, 30, Mayetta, was traveling south on U.S. Highway 75 near 158th Road when he reportedly swerved his vehicle to avoid striking a cat. The 2003 Mitsubishi that Zarko was driving entered the west ditch and spun counterclockwise to the east. It then struck a Kansas Department of Transportation sign.
 The vehicle sustained damage to its windshield and front left quarter panel that was listed at more than \$1,000.
 At 6:15 p.m. on Jan. 19, Darold Catron, 53, Mayetta, was driving east on 142nd Road near C Road when he reportedly lost control of his vehicle on the snow packed road. The vehicle left the road and entered the south ditch.
 Catron's 1999 GMC struck an embankment and the passenger rear wheel came off. The GMC also sustained damage to its rear bumper that was listed at more than \$1,000.

Two injured in Wednesday evening accident on U.S. 75

Shortly before 8 p.m. on Jan. 20, the Jackson County Sheriff's Office received a 911 call reporting an injury accident near 150th Road and U.S. Highway 75.
 According to the sheriff's office, a 2013 Ford Escape driven by Brian Jeffrey Alexander of Wichita was traveling northbound on the highway in the passing lane when Alexander swerved his vehicle to the right in order to exit onto the 150th Road ramp.
 During this maneuver, the Escape struck another northbound car,

a 1998 Buick, traveling in the right lane. The Buick was driven by Marissa Sue Blasingame of Highland.
 Blasingame's passenger, Marissa Nicole Morrissey of Oskaloosa, was transported to a Topeka hospital by Jackson County EMS for what appeared to not be life-threatening injuries, it was reported.
 Mayetta, Hoyt and Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Fire Departments, Jackson County EMS and the Jackson County Sheriff's Office responded to the scene.

Domestic
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 State of Kansas, Department for Children and Families vs. Joseph M. Frederick, seeking support judgment.

Marriage Licenses

Karen D. Lira, 31, Holton
 Gary D. Marney, 52, Holton

Public Notice

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY, KANSAS

Petition Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59

In the Matter of the Estate of Leland W. Schnacker, deceased

Case No. 16 PR 3

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:
 You are hereby notified that on the 13th day of January, 2016 a Petition for Probate of Will and Issuance of Letters Testamentary Under the Kansas Simplified Estates Act was filed in this Court by Traci Schnacker, Executrix, of Leland W. Schnacker, deceased.
 All creditors of the decedent are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate within the latter of four months from the date of the first publication of notice under K.S.A. 59-2236 and amendments thereto, or if the identity of the creditor is known or reasonably ascertainable, 30 days after actual notice was given as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

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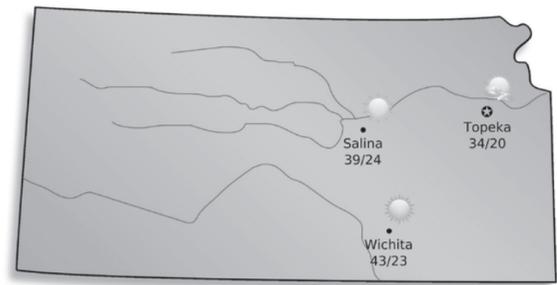
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 R. Gronewoller, LCSW - By Appt. Only

OB/GYN
 T. Troubough, MD - Feb 22

Phys Med/Rehab
 S. Velloo, MD - Feb 2, Feb 16

Podiatry
 T. Gateley, DPM - Feb 19
 K. Hobbs, DPM - Feb 23

Psychiatry
 D. Heredia, MD - Feb 4, Feb 5, Feb 11, Feb 12, Feb 18, Feb 19, Feb 25, Feb 26

Pulmonary
 S. Magee, MD - Feb 11

Surgery
 B. Bernsten, MD - Feb 1, Feb 15
 S. Hu, MD - Feb 5, Feb 19
 C. Dunshee, MD - Feb 8, Feb 22
 J. McAllaster, MD - Feb 12, Feb 26
 J. Hamilton, MD - Feb 29

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When the term "post-traumatic stress disorder" (PTSD) comes up, many people often associate this disorder with men, and military veterans in particular. However, closer scrutiny of this mental disorder reveals that it affects about twice as many women as men at some point in their lives. Aside from arising from trauma associated with military action, PTSD can also result from sexual abuse, physical assault, and trauma related to pregnancy and childbirth. PTSD can also be triggered by serious childhood illness, a severe automobile accident, learning about the death or harm endured by a loved one, or man-made or natural disasters. Anyone who experiences nightmares, flashbacks, and anxiety related to these and other traumatizing events should seek help.

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MEMORIES

Compiled from the Holton Recorder archives by Kendra Moppin

5 Years Ago

Week of Jan. 24-30, 2011

Beck-Bookman Public Library in Holton is joining NExpress, a regional shared catalog service of the Northeast Kansas Library System. Beck-Bookman will be one of 35 libraries currently participating in the shared catalog. According to library director Candee Jacobs, the new software system is called Koha, which is an advanced open-source integrated library system.

For the third straight year, the Holton High School Lady Wildcats basketball team reigned victorious at the Basehor-Linwood Invitational with a Jan. 22 win over Ottawa.

On Jan. 29, the state of Kansas will turn 150 years old. Jackson County schools have planned activities to celebrate the state's sesquicentennial this week such as a "Remembering Kansas" art walk, show-and-tell, exhibits and booths in honor of the state's birthday and more.

Sonja Parry, licensed realtor with Kellerman Real Estate in Holton, was recently selected to serve as chair for the Topeka Area Association of Realtors Image and Technology Committee for 2011, it was reported.

10 Years Ago

Week of Jan. 24-30, 2006

A ribbon-cutting ceremony and open house for the new 12-unit addition of Holton's Gran Villas was held

Attempts to evade law fail for woman

More information about the fugitive who escaped custody on the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Reservation has been reported by the Jackson County Sheriff's Office.

On Tuesday, Jan. 19, a deputy arrested Seleena Rae Masquat, 30, of Mayetta, on a probation violation warrant at 8264 156th Lane.

The deputy, who was attempting to serve the arrest warrant, was met at the door of the Masquat's residence by a person who advised that Masquat was not on the property. Jackson County Sheriff Tim Morse said. The person did invite the deputy to come inside to search for her.

The deputy discovered Masquat hiding under some blankets, as well as reportedly found illegal narcotics in Masquat's possession. Masquat was handcuffed and placed in a patrol vehicle, it was reported.

Masquat was able to escape through a window in the vehicle and left the scene on foot, Morse said. A Kansas Highway Patrol tracking dog was used to track Masquat, who was found approximately one mile away at another housing area inside a residence.

Masquat was taken back into custody and transported to the Jackson County Jail. Masquat was booked into the jail on the warrant and on charges of aggravated escape from custody, possession of methamphetamine, possession of hallucinogenic drugs, obstructing apprehension of prosecution, interference with law enforcement and theft. Bond on Masquat was denied.

During the search for Masquat, Morse said another person was arrested nearby on 156th Lane.

Makayla Jo Yoning, 31, of Topeka, was arrested during a traffic stop. Yoning was believed to be assisting Masquat in escaping the area.

Yoning was booked into the Jackson County Jail on charges of obstructing apprehension of prosecution, possession of methamphetamine, possession of illegal drug paraphernalia and driving in violation of restrictions.

Bond for Yoning has been set at \$15,000.

on Sunday, Jan. 29. The addition of the facility, which adds another 7,000 feet to its current floor space, had been in the planning stages for about two years before construction work began this past June. The expanded facility is located on the east side of the original 19-unit facility.

President George W. Bush visited Kansas State University on Monday, Jan. 23, to speak on the ongoing war on terror as part of KSU's Landon Lecture series. Bush was accompanied by Holton High School graduate Pat Roberts and Sam Brownback, both U.S. Senators and KSU alumni.

At NEK-CAP's monthly board meeting on Nov. 17, members of the NEK-CAP board celebrated the organization's 40th year of serving the northeast Kansas community. NEK-CAP started on Nov. 8, 1965, it was reported.

25 Years Ago

Week of Jan. 24-30, 1991

Holton's City Commission formalized its intent to move ahead with construction of a new city hall during its regular meeting on Monday, Jan. 21. The new building will be located at the site of the former city hall, it was reported.

The Jackson County Commission was approached on Tuesday, Jan. 22, to consider participation in constructing a regional juvenile detention facility. No action was taken, but the commission expressed interest in the project.

The kitchen and dining room of the 115-year-old Roebke Memorial Home in Holton are being renovated and redecorated this month. The new décor will be consistent with period décor of the early 1900s, according to Jackson County Historical Museum volunteer Doris Drechsler.

Jobless rate stays low

Low numbers continued to dominate the Kansas unemployment picture this past December, even though some counties in northeastern Kansas — including Jackson — saw their jobless rate rise slightly.

According to data released on Friday by the Kansas Department of Labor, the state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for December was 3.9 percent, unchanged from November and decreased from 4.2 percent in December 2014.

In Jackson County, only 219 members of the county's civilian labor force of 7,319 filed unemployment claims in December, contributing to a not seasonally adjusted jobless rate of 3 percent. Although the rate was higher than November's 2.8 percent, it was lower than the county's December 2014 posting of 3.7 percent.

Seasonally adjusted figures show Kansas gained 9,400 private sector jobs from December to December, or 0.8 percent. Kansas nonfarm jobs increased by 6,900, or 0.5 percent, since December 2014.

From November to December, Kansas gained 1,800 seasonally adjusted private sector jobs, or 0.2 percent. The state gained 2,000 seasonally adjusted total nonfarm jobs during the month, or 0.1 percent.

"This month, nearly 9,000 people joined the labor force and found jobs," said Kansas Secretary of Labor Lana Gordon. "As employers continue to demand Kansas labor, the state has set another record for most number of Kansans working, and the unemployment rate matches levels from 2001."

Not seasonally adjusted figures show Kansas gained 9,300 private sector jobs since December 2014, or 0.8 percent. Kansas nonfarm jobs increased by 6,800, a 0.5 percent increase since December 2014. Since November, private sector jobs decreased by 1,600, or 0.1 percent. The state lost 3,600 total nonfarm jobs over the month, or 0.3 percent.

The not seasonally adjusted un-

employment rate in December was 3.6 percent, up from 3.5 percent in November and down from 3.8 percent a year ago. Other not seasonally adjusted unemployment rates in northeastern Kansas are shown below by municipality. December unemployment rate, November unemployment rate and December 2014 unemployment rate.

• Atchison County: 5.2 percent in December, 5 percent in November and 5 percent in December 2014.
• Brown County: 3.2 percent in December, 3.2 percent in November and 3.7 percent in December 2014.
• Doniphan County: 3.6 percent in December, 3.5 percent in November and 3.6 percent in December 2014.
• Jefferson County: 3.6 percent in December, 3.2 percent in November and 4.2 percent in December 2014.
• Marshall County: 2.9 percent in December, 2.4 percent in November and 2.7 percent in December 2014.
• Nemaha County: 2.3 percent in December, 2.1 percent in November and 2.2 percent in December 2014.
• Pottawatomie County: 3.1 percent in December, 2.8 percent in November and 3.3 percent in December 2014.
• Shawnee County: 3.6 percent in December, 3.5 percent in November and 4 percent in December 2014.
• City of Topeka: 3.9 percent in December, 3.8 percent in November and 4.4 percent in December 2014.

50 Years Ago

Week of Jan. 24-30, 1966

Frank Rosser, superintendent of USD 335, has been nominated for the Master Teacher Award granted annually by the Kansas State Teachers College of Emporia, it has been announced. Rosser will represent the Jackson County teachers.

Mercer Funeral Home in Holton is now celebrating its 32nd year of service, it has been announced.

Following preliminary discussion to the Holton City Commission meeting on Wednesday night, Jan. 19, the commissioners decided to give further study to the possibility of providing housing for senior citizens in Holton. The purpose of the program is to provide housing for senior citizens of limited income at rentals they can afford to pay.

The Denison Builders 4-H Club is now in its 20th year. State champions who have been members of the club include Mary Zeller Stevens, Georgia Coleman, LeMoyné Dodson, Georgine Coleman and Sharon Barrow.

The new building of the Farmers Union Co-op in Holton was initiated last Thursday, Jan. 20, when members of the board, employees and members of their families enjoyed a chili supper.



A King and Queen of Courts will be chosen from these Wetmore High School students at Friday's winter courtwarming basketball game against Blue Valley. Queen candidates, from left in the front row in the photo above, are Ryley Martin, Gerae Haverkamp and Danyel Dur-yea; king candidates, from left on the back row, are Trey Craig, Tyrell Davis and Trevor Heitz. Coronation will be held at half-time of the varsity boys game; the evening's games are set to begin at 4 p.m. at the Wetmore Attendance Center gym.

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Notice of Public Meeting:

Annual Meeting of Nemaha RWD No. 4
February 8, 2016 at 7:30 P.M.

Please take Notice that the Annual Meeting of Members of Nemaha RWD No. 4 will be held on Monday, February 8, 2016 at 7:30 P.M. at the District Office located at 211 Kansas, Wetmore, Kansas.

Steven Hermes, Chairman

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NOTICE OF A TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSING BY JACKSON COUNTY ROAD AND BRIDGE DEPT.

"U" Road going south of Highway 16 to 190th Road, will be closed due to a bridge replacement. Replacement is to begin on January 22, 2016 and continue until completion.

AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

Please report any changes in service or personnel to the Recorder at 364-3141. Thank You.

Bethany Baptist Church
821 New York • 364-4533 • Pastor Ron Sellens
Youth Minister David Noland
Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Sunday school
10:15 a.m. Worship service
1 p.m. Sunday afternoon service
Wednesday: 7:15 p.m. Prayer meeting

Bucks Grove UM Church
Pastor: Charlotte Milroy • 234-4243
Sunday: 9 a.m. Church service

Christ's Church
Southern Heights Clubhouse • Pastor Jon Hanna
Information: 364-4029
Sunday: 8:30 a.m. Fellowship
9 a.m. Worship

Church of the Nazarene
209 New York Ave. 364-3642 • Rev. Kevin Kneisley
Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Sunday school
10:45 a.m. Worship service

Circleville Christian Church
7701 254th Rd., Circleville
Alicia Spalding,
Youth Leader
Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 8 a.m. Traditional Service
9:15 a.m. Cowboy Church
10:45 a.m. Contemporary Worship
Website: circlevillechristian.com
Email: circlevillechristian@yahoo.com

Circleville United Methodist
Pastor: Charlotte Milroy 234-4243
Sunday: 10 a.m. Worship Service

Community of Christ Church
512 Wisconsin • Pastor Dean Sharp
Sunday 10 a.m. Worship service

Delia Presbyterian Church
514 Jackson St. • Rev. Doug Phenix
Sunday: 10 a.m. Morning worship
Check sign board for other events.

Denison Bible Church
300 W. 5th St.
Pastor Tom Fraunfelter
Sunday: 10 a.m. Sunday School • 11 a.m. Worship
785/935-2464 • www.denisonbible.org

Denison Reformed Presbyterian
Rev. J. Edward Hindman • 935-2348
Sunday: 10 a.m. Bible class
11 a.m. Worship service
Lunch following the service
1:15 p.m. Afternoon Service

Evangel United Methodist Church
227 Pennsylvania Ave. • 364-3834
Sun.: 8:50 a.m. Life Journey (contemporary service)
10 a.m. Sunday school
11 a.m. Traditional worship service
Church - office@evangelumc.org
Pastor - pastor@evangelumc.org

First Baptist Church of Holton
404 Juniper, 364-3423 • Sr. Pastor: Tim O'Byrne
Director of Discipleship - Rhett Totten
Sunday: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Services
5:15 & 6 p.m. Youth Groups
Wed.: 10 a.m. Bible Study • 6:30 p.m. Choir
Friday: 7 a.m. Women's Breakfast
6:45 a.m. Men's Breakfast

First Baptist Church of Hoyt
Pastor David Burnworth • 986-6446
Wednesday night prayer: 7 p.m.
Sunday: 9 a.m. Sunday school
10 a.m. Worship service
7 p.m. Sunday evening worship

First Christian Church
5th and Wisconsin • 364-2545
Dr. Jim McCollough, Pastor
Sunday: 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship

First United Methodist Church
Pastor Nancy Crowl • 1401 W. 4th • 364-3275
Sunday Schedule: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:15 a.m. Worship
firstumc@giantcomm.net

Holton Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses
12350 214th Rd., Holton • 364-4279
Sunday Public Talk: 10 a.m. • jw.org

Hoyt United Methodist Church
Rev. Bev McCurdy • (c) 785-220-0711
Sunday School: 9 a.m. • 10 a.m. Worship
www.hoytunitedmethodistchurch.com

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Netawaka
Pastor Jeffrey Geske • 785-340-5635
9 a.m. Sunday Worship
10 a.m. Sunday School
10 a.m. Adult Bible Class
Lakeview Faith Chapel
Pentecostal Church
3.5 miles south of Holton on U.S. 75
Pastor Steve Cappelman • 364-2416
Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Sunday school
10:15 a.m. Worship service

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

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

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

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

Onaga New Hope Lutheran Church, ELCA
Rev. Charlene Banes, Pastor
Sunday: 9 a.m. Worship
10:15 a.m. SS, Adult Bible Class
Bible Study: Tuesday @ 7 p.m.
Holy Communion 1st & 3rd Sunday

Our Lady of the Snows Church
Fr. Marianand Mendem
166 and "I" Road, Mayetta, Kan. • 597-5656
1st, 3rd, & 4th Sunday Mass 8:30 a.m.
2nd Sunday Mass 1 p.m.

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

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

St. Dominic Catholic Church
Pastor: Fr. Marianand Mendem
416 Ohio, Holton, 364-3262
Saturday: 5:30 p.m. Mass • Sunday: 10:30 a.m. Mass
Confessions 30 minutes before mass.
www.jacatholics.org

St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church
Pastor: Fr. Marianand Mendem
3rd & James, Mayetta, 966-2690/364-3262
Sunday Mass: 8 a.m.
Confessions 30 minutes before mass.
www.jacatholics.org

St. Thomas Episcopal Church
512 Wisconsin, Holton • Rev. Ray Hartjen
Services on 2nd & 4th Sunday
Sunday Services: 9 a.m.
Post Service Fellowship Breakfast
785-224-8798
stthomasholton@holtonmail.com

Soldier Lutheran Church
834-5750
Ron Ahlgren, Minister
Luke Schreiber, Youth Minister
Sunday: Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Church Services: 10:30 a.m.
Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group: 5 p.m.

St. James Catholic Church
306 5th St., Wetmore • Pastor Father Hammes
Saturday Mass: 6:30 p.m.
Confessions: 30 min. prior to mass

Trinity Lutheran Church
401 Cheyenne
Pastor Brian Stark 364-2206/364-2029
Sunday School: 9 a.m.
Worship: 10 a.m.

Wetmore Bible Church
217 Iowa St., Wetmore
Pastor Gary Heitz • 866-2444
Sunday: 10 a.m. Sunday school (for all ages)
11 a.m. Worship Hour
11:30 a.m. Children's Church • 7 p.m. Adult Bible Study
Tuesday: 1:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study
Wednesday: 7 p.m. Youth Group (Jr. High & HS Ages)
8 p.m. Bible Study

Wetmore United Methodist
Pastor Seong Lee
(785) 866-2512 Parsonage • 866-5556 Church
Sunday: 9 a.m. Sunday school
9:40 a.m. Worship service

Whiting Baptist Church
Seth Montgomery, Pastor
Sunday: 9 a.m. Sun. school • 10 a.m. Worship service

Whiting United Methodist
Rev. Caren Loper
Sunday: 10 a.m. Education • 11 a.m. Worship

New Hope Family Church
515 Iowa, Holton
Pastor: Sterling Hudgins
Wednesday Meal: 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday Service: 7:15 p.m.
Saturday Worship: 6 p.m.

Public Notice

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

In the Matter of the Estate of Maxine Metzger, deceased

Case No. 16 PR 2

NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on the 13th day January, 2016, a Petition was filed in said court by Tricia L. McAllister, named executrix under the Last Will and Testament of Maxine Metzger, deceased, praying the instrument dated February 26, 1999, and Codicil thereto dated October 9, 2009, and attached thereto be

admitted to probate and record as the Last Will and Testament and Codicil of the decedent; and that Letters Testamentary under the Kansas Simplified Estates Act be issued to Tricia L. McAllister. You are further advised under the provisions of the Kansas Simplified Estates Act the Court need not supervise administration of the Estate, and no notice of any action of the Executrix or other proceedings in the administration will be given, except for notice of final settlement of decedent's estate.

You are further advised if written objections to simplified administration are filed with the court, the court may order that supervised administration ensue.

You are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 8th day of February, 2016, at 8:30 a.m. of said day, in said Court, in the City of Holton, in Jackson County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause

will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said petition.

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

Tricia L. McAllister, Petitioner

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OPINION

Open Kansas Initiative launches this week

The formal launch of what is being called the "Open Kansas Initiative" will take place on Wednesday of this week.

Open Kansas is a non-partisan, non-profit initiative that seeks to give the people of Kansas straight-forward access to public records, public meetings and a government that works for them in the open.

Open government is something all state legislators should stand for.

Working to ensure Kansans have access to their government. An open and transparent government is the very foundation of our democracy. As Kansans, we deserve the right to observe, question, or participate in the business of the state.

To meet these important goals, partners will encourage elected officials to sign a Transparency Pledge, advocate for laws that protect Kansans' rights to participate in their government, and support policies that further open the doors of our democracy.

Deleting some loopholes in the Kansas Open Records Act is a good place to start, advocates say.

Action is needed because elected officials and their staffs repeatedly choose to deny the public access to government records and documents, according to Julie Doll, a former newspaper reporter from Garden City and one of the organizers of the initiative.

"It would be difficult to find a time since the Kansas Open Records Act was passed in 1984 in which state officials showed such brazen disregard for residents' rights to educate themselves about decisions being made on their behalf," Doll has stated. "An obvious example is the use of private email accounts to conduct public business. As *The Wichita Eagle* reported nearly a year ago, Gov. Sam Brownback's budget director used private email accounts to work with conservative lobbyists to craft the state's budget (which turned out to be fiction, but that's a different problem)."

Private email accounts were used to circumvent the open records law, known as KORA, Doll said.

The governor and his staff argued that because their emails were sent through private email accounts rather than the state's email system, the records weren't subject to the open records act.

The state's attorney general, when asked for his opinion about a possible violation of KORA, shrugged.

State lawmakers, asked to amend the law, dawdled.

"The means of communication should count for very little when determining what constitutes a government record. The pertinent question is whether government officials were conducting public business," Doll said. "But today in Kansas, even in cases in which government officials clearly are conducting the public's business using government accounts and computers, the governor still prefers secrecy."

In late 2014, Brownback appointed two Saline County commissioners. The appointments followed a vote in which Saline County residents approved a plan to increase the number of commissioners from three to five. The governor's office refused to

release information about those who had applied for the posts. *The Salina Journal* and Associated Press sued, arguing the governor had violated the open records law. A Topeka judge agreed, but as of this writing, the governor still had not released the applications.

In a similar case, Brownback has refused to release the applications for a magistrate judge's post in Reno County, a decision being challenged by the Hutchinson News, the AP and Kansas Press Association.

Another example of how the Brownback administration denies access to public records involves *The Topeka Capital-Journal*, which requested emails from the Department for Children and Families. The request seemed simple enough; it covered six staff members' emails over a two-day period. DCF officials responded that fulfilling the request would cost the newspaper \$2,855.

All but a few hundred dollars of the fee, according to a *Capital-Journal* editorial, was to cover the cost of lawyers to review the documents.

It's not a new trick. For decades, government officials who want to avoid giving information to the public have used outrageous fees to make records unaffordable.

Despite a statutory requirement for "reasonable" fees, officials often charge huge sums for merely copying electronic data and ridiculous fees for clerical time. More recently, they began to add legal fees.

Newspapers and others must pay the fees or spend time and money — often on their own lawyers — to try to reduce the cost. That's an expensive challenge for newspapers, to say the least, but it's often outright unaffordable for individual Kansans.

"Fixing the open records law should be simple," Doll said. "First, legislators should bar state officials and agencies from assessing excessive fees. A number of states and groups could provide model legislation if needed. In most cases in which electronic data are copied and sent, there should be no fee."

"Second, the law should make plain that private emails, websites and other digital venues are subject to KORA if they are used by government officials to conduct public business."

"The numerous KORA exceptions would still be in place; they are more than sufficient to guard the information and records that have long been exempted from public scrutiny under the law."

"Fixing the law would show that the Legislature believes government should be accessible and accountable to Kansans," Doll said.

The "transparency pledge to Kansas taxpayers" that members of the Kansas State Legislature are asked to sign is as follows: "Because open and transparent government is the very foundation of our democracy, I pledge to increase Kansas government accountability by supporting public and transparent processes, timely and reasonable access to public information and increased public participation."

We certainly encourage our state representatives and state senators to sign the pledge. For more information on this initiative, go online to OpenKansas.org David Powlis

The issue of income inequality is not new

By Lee H. Hamilton

When the history of this year's presidential campaign is written, one of its more remarkable features will be that candidates of both parties feel it necessary to talk about income inequality. Surely that makes this a watershed moment.



The issue is hardly new. As historian and writer Jill Lepore pointed out last year, income inequality in the United States has been rising since the late 1960s.

As she put it, "The evidence that income inequality in the United States has been growing for decades and is greater than in any other developed democracy is not much disputed."

More notable is that it has become a defining issue of our day, with Republican candidates seizing on it just as avidly as Democrats - though with different views of its causes and solutions.

Some reformist Republicans have argued for some time now for the

right mix of public policies to give poor and middle-income Americans more opportunity without shifting power to the federal government.

On the Democratic side, as expected, both Bernie Sanders and Hillary Clinton press for a firmer public stance to redress the problem. No one suggests there are easy solutions. To be sure, there are politicians, especially on the right, who believe there's not much room for public action.

Market forces will sort it all out, they argue. In this telling, inequality has come about because of globalization and technological changes that are unstoppable and that on the whole have raised living standards.

Eventually, they believe, the gap between the highest earners and the rest of us will diminish. Instead of fighting inequality, we should be protecting and expanding the rewards for skill, leadership and entrepreneurship.

This argument assumes that the very wealthy won't act to tilt the field even more in their favor. Yet as *The New York Times* noted last month, they are doing just that.

"With inequality at its highest levels in nearly a century," the newspaper wrote, "the very richest Americans have financed a sophisticated and astonishingly effective apparatus for shielding their fortunes.... Oper-

ating largely out of public view... the wealthy have used their influence to steadily whittle away at the government's ability to tax them."

Yet some reform-minded conservatives agree with Democrats on at least one point, which is that government needs to act to achieve greater fairness and opportunity in the economy. The stresses we see in our political system today - free-floating public anger and distrust of government and large institutions - stem at least in part from the widespread perception that economic insecurity has become entrenched in our system and there's very little ordinary people can do about it. If inequality continues to grow, the stress on the system will ratchet ever tighter.

No one is arguing for a straight-ahead equalization of economic resources, which would not just require extreme restrictions on personal freedom, but would almost certainly hamstring economic growth. Nor, however, should government make the problem worse, which is what some politicians' call for further tax reductions on the richest would do.

There are some broad directions we should be moving to ensure a degree of fairness. Current trends are not inevitable if citizens are determined to reduce the influence and power of money on the system. We need to shift resources to education

and workforce training, though that will take time to produce change. Encouraging technological change that boosts unskilled employment - rather than stripping it away - will matter.

So will protecting the progressivity of the income tax, encouraging the well-to-do to follow the excellent examples of their peers who are sharing their wealth, focusing on trade deals that favor workers and not just the business community, and providing incentives for people of ordinary means to save and invest.

We need to promote policies that help all children advance, and discourage efforts to further concentrate wealth. These are incremental changes requiring limited government action.

A reduction in inequality is an essential ingredient in a healthy democracy. To let the gap between rich and ordinary Americans grow larger will allow political pressures to build in our economic and political systems. We should aim for a country where opportunities are more equal and the distribution of wealth and income is fairer.

NOTE: Lee Hamilton is a Distinguished Scholar at Indiana University School of Global and International Studies; and a Professor of Practice, IU School of Public and Environmental Affairs. He was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives for 34 years.

INSIGHT: In praise of the cows

By John Schlageck

Kansas Farm Bureau

Talk to farmers, stockmen and ranchers — most will tell you how much they love their cows. Problem is this humble and in most cases easy-going beast rarely receives the praise associated with the noble show horse or one of the so-called smartest creatures, the squealing pig.



Fewer and fewer people extol the virtues of this contented creature that spends her days quietly grazing and eating grass. We've all watched movies about horses (Trigger) and pigs (Babe), but for most of the time, cows are considered boring and ignored by Hollywood, the media and the general public.

Still, cows are not whiners. They take their obscurity in stride and rarely complain about their circumstances. Except for a couple of rare occasions, animal rights activists

have overlooked this wonderful beast of burden and focused their careful aim on mice, monkeys, rats and other vermin.

Everyone screams bloody murder when some shampoo company tests its latest shampoo on a furry rodent. Where is the outcry for the lifestyle of cows?

They spend days and nights under the stars without a tent or blanket and only their coat to keep them warm. They have to hoof it across the pasture just to get a drink of cold water.

But hey, I'm not here to say I feel sorry for the cow community. Confident and quiet, it is not their way to ask for preferential treatment.

Spend time with a herd of cows and you'll soon discover they are indeed spiritual beings. They live their entire lives in service to mankind.

Behind that seemingly blank stare rests a knowing glint that suggests, "Go ahead. Make fun. I spend all day eating and sleeping. You're the one with high blood pressure and cash-flow problems."

Cattle occupy a unique role in human history, domesticated beginning with the Stone Age. Some are raised for meat (beef cattle), dairy products

(cows) and hides (both).

They are also used as draft animals and in certain sports. Some consider cattle the oldest form of wealth, and cattle rustling, consequently, one of the earliest forms of theft.

Dairy cows are referred to as the foster mothers of the human race because they produce most of the milk that people drink. They provide 90 percent of the world's milk supply.

The best cows may give approximately 25 gallons of milk each day. That's 400 glasses of milk. Cows in this country give an average of 2,000 gallons of milk per year. That's more than 30,000 glasses of milk.

Beef cattle supply more than 30 different cuts of meat, including the heart, tongue and what we grew up calling mountain oysters — a male private part. You gotta admit, that's meaningful giving.

Another gift from the bovine community is leather that comes from their hides. We use it for boots, belts, baseballs, suitcases, purses, wallets, easy chairs and jackets. Yes, cattle or cows make the ultimate sacrifice for human comfort.

Another place cows shine is in the rodeo arena or as spokes mammals

in advertising. Who hasn't seen the skydiving cows on their television screen?

Another cow celebrity that's been around for eons is Borden's Elsie the Cow.

Snorting bulls symbolize a healthy stock market and a Hereford cow pioneered space travel. Every kid knows about the cow who jumped over the moon.

Milk, ice cream, cheeseburgers or that fine leather purse — think about it. Where would we be without our cows?

On any given day a cow often does more for us than our friends, neighbors, in-laws or even our elected officials. Cows deserve a roaring round of applause and recognition for a job well done.

Anyway, I'd much rather thank a cow and wear a pair of leather boots than sport a mink coat and thank a varmint. I know I'd rather drink milk from a cow than milk from a mink. Enough said.

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

Jenkins: Better federal government means less federal govt.

By Lynn Jenkins

U.S. House of Representatives R-Kansas

Since I arrived in Congress, I've worked for a future where folks can control their own healthcare, where individuals can actually do their own taxes and businesses aren't weighed down under the toll of our cumbersome tax code, and where better government means more state and local control — not more federal regulation.



This year, the American people have a chance to choose a vision for a brighter future: one that you control; one where the government gets out of your way so that we can create a better tomorrow and a more confident America.

Recently, at the Republican Leadership Press Conference, I discussed how the American people face two contrasting visions for the future: a government that empowers folks or a government that controls folks.

President Obama recently delivered a State of the Union address that focused more on his legacy rather than presenting real solutions

to the many serious challenges our nation is facing. As he completes his term, I am hopeful that the president will stop going at issues alone and will work with Congress to deliver real solutions.

As we look ahead to 2017 and look forward to a new president, I hope he or she will join me in working towards a positive future — where individuals can do their own taxes, make their own decisions and control their own healthcare.

I recently voted in support of blocking the vague "Waters of the United States" rule proposed by the Environmental Protection Agency and ensure control of small streams and creek beds stay in the hands of our local communities.

The WOTUS rule would be detrimental to our farmers, ranchers, home owners and family businesses already struggling under excess federal government regulation. The federal government should never control the puddles in our own backyards, and I will continue fighting to prevent this rule from ever coming into effect.

On Jan. 14, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) published regulations that will require FWS permits for development projects if they occur near a roosting site for the Northern Long Eared Bat. It was determined by the FWS that this spe-

cies of bat was being threatened by a disease known as white-nose syndrome.

The Northern Long Eared Bat's known habitat includes many counties in eastern Kansas, but according to the FWS, their potential range includes more than half of the state. At this time there are no cases of this disease in our state. I believe efforts to protect the species should not come at an adverse cost to the economic wellbeing to our communities and will continue to monitor this situation closely.

Recently, I voted in support of the

North Korea Sanctions Enforcement Act of 2016 to expand sanctions against North Korea after they, yet again, conducted an illegal weapons test, producing potentially a hydrogen bomb.

While North Korea continues to pursue such a dangerous and unreasonable course of action, it is vital that America stands up to help secure a safer world. This bill will ensure North Korea faces further difficulties in any attempt to continue down this hostile path.

Earthquake insurance requires a separate policy in Kansas

Earthquake coverage in Kansas requires a separate policy or endorsement to your regular homeowners insurance policy, according to Ken Selzer, CPA, Commissioner of Insurance.

"Earthquake coverage is not a part of a regular homeowners, renters or condominium insurance policy," Commissioner Selzer said. "If your insurance company offers it — and many do — coverage can be added by including an endorsement to your policy or by purchasing a separate earthquake policy."

In either case, the commissioner said, you will pay an extra premium. Instead of a dollar amount, the deductible for that premium will probably be a percentage of the cost of rebuilding your home. There might also be a separate deductible for the home's contents.

"The type of home construction could also determine the insurability of the structure as well," Commissioner Selzer said. "Wood frame homes often withstand earthquakes better than brick or stone structures, and their rates may be less costly. Single-story homes may receive better rates. And the age of the home may affect the cost."

One other factor in the cost of the coverage could be the number of claims filed. More claims may determine whether an insurance company changes its premiums. That process is similar to how premiums for others lines of insurance are structured.

"Kansans should also remember that earthquake policies usually cover only structural and foundation damage to a home," Commissioner

Selzer said. "That is why it is important, if you are considering the coverage, that you talk over the specifics with your local agent."

Commissioner Selzer also offered these points to consider about earthquake coverage:

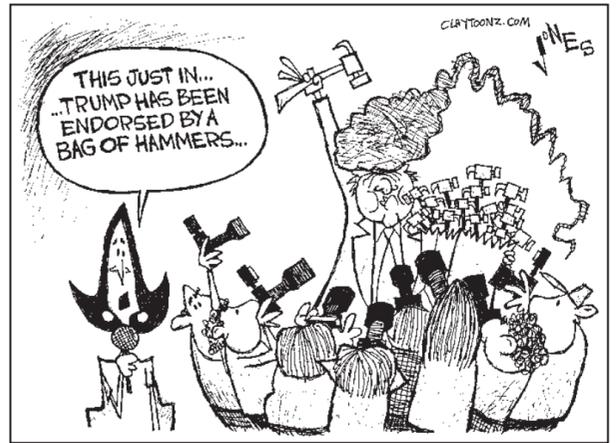
- Coverage doesn't include damage to your vehicles. That may be covered under your current automobile policy. Check with your local insurance agent or company to verify your vehicle coverage.

- The time to buy the coverage is before an earthquake. Most insurers won't sell any new earthquake insurance for 30 to 60 days after a recent earthquake. Check with your insurance company to be sure.

- As with any household coverage, make a household inventory. Go through each room to write down and video everything. Store the inventory in a secure place at another location, such as a safe deposit box. (For a download of a Personal Home Inventory, go to www.kwsinsurance.org, and on the home page hit "Finding a Publication" under the "Help With..." banner. If you have a smartphone, you can get the application for a mobile personal home inventory, MyHomeScr.APPbook, from your phone's app store.

A survey by the Insurance Information Institute (III) shows that only 8 percent of homeowners in the Midwest have earthquake insurance. In Oklahoma, where earthquakes have been prevalent during the past few years, a total of 15 percent of homeowners have the coverage, according to the III.

For additional assistance, contact the Kansas Insurance Department's Consumer Assistance Hotline at 800-432-2484.



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Family Life

Store winter leftovers safely for your family

By Nancy C. Nelson
Meadowlark Extension
District Agent
Family Life

Long winter months often mean big pots of soup and chili for family gatherings, Super Bowl parties and more. If you're storing leftovers to reheat at home or take to work for lunch, it's important to keep your plastic containers clean and stain-free and to know when it's time to recycle them or discard them, too.



The American Cleaning Institute has these tips for cleaning and/or tossing plastic food containers. If your plastic food container can't hold its shape in hot water or the microwave, then you may need to toss or recycle it. This is true of most containers that are meant to transport food such as takeout containers, and those that you purchase food products in, such as yogurt containers. These types of containers are designed for a one-time use only.

make sure it is clean for the next use. Wash. Remove any leftover food and rinse in hot water. Wipe extra grease with a sponge or paper towel. Wash in the sink with dish soap and warm water or put it in the dishwasher top rack. Dry your container using a kitchen towel or the low-heat cycle on the dishwasher.

Remove stains. You may need to take extra steps to remove remaining stains. Soak containers using a mild bleach solution of two teaspoons of bleach per gallon of water, drain and dry thoroughly before use.

For containers that have an odor, try baking soda and water scrub (one teaspoon of baking soda with one cup of water) or you can also try undiluted vinegar. Be sure to wash the container after any of these stain removal steps. If the stain won't budge, throw the container away.

You can prevent stains before they happen by spraying the inside of the container with an unflavored cooking spray. If you are not using the container for cooking, you can line the container with foil or plastic wrap. Tomato stains are stubborn so refrain from microwaving tomato sauce in plastic containers.

Crops and Soils: Brome plot results listed

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

Three brome plots were hosted in Northeast Kansas during 2015. Sites in Atchison County, Brown County (east of Hiawatha) and the Meadowlark Extension District (north of Holton in Jackson County) included multiple treatments designed to measure the differences between nitrogen and phosphorous rates as well as interactions between those nutrients as well. This year's plots also included a sulfur treatment at a "high management" fertility level.



Results from single sites are available, but combined, they provide a view of treatments that might be statistically different, something we can't typically catch at the single site level. This year's three-site summary provides some interesting contrasts.

From a nitrogen (N) standpoint, response curves show a positive response up to 90 pounds of actual N applied per acre. At the 120-pound N rate, yield (approximately three tons per acre) is flat to slightly declining. Interesting as well is that yield differences at the 60, 90 and 120 pound N rates aren't statistically different.

Phosphorous (P) responses weren't seen at any level (a 30 pound per acre actual P rate was used). This is likely due to high soil test P levels at each site. The site north of Holton had a 47 ppm soil test P level. Twenty parts per million is typically considered more than adequate, so a response was not expected. Sulfur applications did not show a yield response, but it

was only applied at the 90 pound per acre N rate.

If you are still making a fertilizer rate decision for cool season forages, be sure to individually evaluate each site to determine appropriate fertilizer rates. Most soil tests from hayed sites indicate low P levels, requiring P applications to maximize yield.

For full plot results, as well as those from prior years, contact a District Office or e-mail me at dhal-lauer@ksu.edu. Special thanks to William and Henry Hill for hosting this year's plot.

Start Trees Off Right

If you're planting trees this spring without a weed control plan, research from K-State's John C. Pair Horticultural Center on redbud and pecan seedlings might change your mind! The work by three researchers was to

investigate the inhibition of growth of transplanted, seedling trees when lawn grasses (three species) were allowed to grow up to the trunk. The results?

Caliper measures six inches above the soil surface were twice as large for plots without grass as for those with either fescue or bluegrass. Redbuds showed a 300 percent weight advantage for plots with grasses controlled than those without. Pecans showed a significant 200 percent increase. Leaf areas were 200 percent larger in plots without grass competition and leaf weight showed a 300 percent increase.

The conclusion: grasses must be controlled under a newly transplanted tree to get the best possible growth. For best results, control grasses to a minimum of three feet.

County commission changes Monday meeting schedule

By Ali Holcomb

The Jackson County Commissioners have agreed to move their regular Monday meetings up an hour and to use that extra hour to approve commission minutes and conduct other administrative work, it was reported.

During a special meeting of the commission on Friday, Jan. 15, the commissioners agreed to begin meetings at 8 a.m. on Mondays to approve commission minutes and to prepare for their regular meetings.

In recent weeks, the commissioners have started meeting regularly on Tuesdays at the Courthouse to conduct additional business.

Tuesdays have been designated as work and research days to review information presented to the commissioners during Monday's regular meeting, as well as review other items like economic development, the neighborhood revitalization program and the county employee wage scale. Tuesday meetings also are open to the public.

In other business, according to the approved minutes, the commission:

* Met with Chad Phillips, head custodian, to discuss Courthouse and courtyard renovation projects for 2016.

They also accepted a bid from Kellie Long Lighting Studio of Topeka for new lighting in the first floor conference room and the jury room at a cost of \$5,869.92.

* Approved bills and payroll.

* Met in executive session for 15 minutes to discuss a personnel matter with Eric Fritz and Earl Bahret, road and bridge department co-supervisors. No action was taken back in open session.

* Called Randy Carmen at Kansas Tire and Auto to discuss the possibility of purchasing a tire machine.

* Met in executive session for 15 minutes to discuss a personnel matter. No action was taken back in open session.

* Adjourned the meeting at 4:30 p.m. The meeting started at 9:45 a.m.

Public Notice

(First published in The Holton Recorder, Holton, Kan., on Monday, Jan. 18, 2016.)

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

In the Matter of the Estate of Sharity Rae Kranz, Deceased

No. 16-PR-5

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

You are hereby notified that on January 14, 2016, a Petition for Issuance of Letters of Administration under the Kansas Simplified Estates Act was filed in this Court by Larry Kranz requesting that he be appointed as Administrator and Letters of Administration be issued.

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

Larry Kranz,
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Test for radon this winter

By Cindy Williams
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District Agent
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Radon is a naturally occurring element produced from radioactive decay in the soil; it's an odorless, colorless and tasteless gas, and cited as the leading cause of lung can-

cer in non-smokers, and the second leading cause of lung cancer in the general population.

Radon surveys have shown that six percent of homes in the U.S. have average concentrations above the recommended maximum level. However, the Kansas survey demonstrated that one in four homes were high, said Bruce Snead, Kansas State University Research and Extension residential energy specialist.

"Detection is relatively simple," said Snead, who recommends beginning with a home radon detector, which, in its simplest form, can be purchased from many K-State Research and Extension offices in the state. Radon kits are available in all three of the Meadowlark Extension District offices located at Seneca, Holton or Oskaloosa. Cost is \$5.50 per kit and can be purchased at home and hardware stores, usually around \$25.

"Testing is important, because it's the only way to tell how much of the gas is present," said Snead, who explained that, in Kansas, since 1987, 41 percent of the 50,182 tests results available had levels above the recommended ceiling of 4.0 pCi/L (Paiir is the unit of measurement). In the Meadowlark District, there have been high levels in all three counties, so testing is very important.

To conduct a test in the home, you need to do it at the lowest lived-in level (such as a bedroom, living room or family room). Avoid high humidity rooms like the kitchen, laundry or bathrooms. Place the test 20 to 24 inches above the floor for two to five days. The goal is to measure the potential for elevated concentrations that come from the soil beneath the home's foundation.

Testing kits and more information about radon is available at all three Meadowlark Extension District Offices, located at Seneca, Holton or Oskaloosa. Or for more information, contact 785-863-2212.

OBITUARIES

Booher

Robert E. Booher, 79, Holton, died Wednesday, Jan. 20, 2016, at St. Francis Hospital in Topeka.

He was born May 17, 1936, in Milwaukee, Wis., the son of Louis Booher Sr. and Eunice Lamoine Booher.

Mr. Booher was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War. He later worked as an overnight supervisor at the former Oldham's Sausage Plant in Holton.

He married Juanita Chamness. They divorced. He married Carol Ann MacKintosh on April 17, 1981, in Manhattan. She died March 11, 2007. He also was preceded in death by a daughter, Debbie Jo Booher; a brother; and a sister, Caroline Booher.

Survivors include a son, Dale Booher, Las Vegas, Nev.; three daughters, Laura Ann Booher, Manassas, Va., Dorothy Ann Booher, Cudahy, Wis., and Yvonne Chamness and husband Nhak R. Yin, Holton; a brother, Louis Booher Jr., Germantown, Wis.; 18 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

Cremation is planned. Per Mr. Booher's request, no services will be held.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Jackson County Kid's Closet, sent in care of Chapel Oaks Funeral Home, P.O. Box 1034, Holton, KS 66436. Holton Recorder 1/25/16

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

In the Matter of the Estate of Joseph Rupnicki, Deceased

Case No. 16 PR 4

NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

You are hereby notified that on January 13, 2016, a Petition for Issuance of Letters of Administration Under the Kansas Simplified Estates Act was filed in this Court by Jesse Rupnicki, an heir, requesting that he be appointed as Administrator and Letters of Administration be issued, to him. You are further advised under the provisions of the Kansas Simplified Estates Act the Court need not supervise administration of the Estate, and no notice of any action of the Administrator or other proceedings in the administration will be given, except for notice of final settlement of decedent's estate.

You are further advised if written objections to simplified adminis-

tration are filed with the court, the court may order that supervised administration ensue.

You are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 8th day of February, 2016, at 8:30 a.m. of said day, in said Court, in the City of Holton, in Jackson County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard.

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

Jesse Rupnicki, Petitioner

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Public Notice

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY, KANSAS

THE FARMERS STATE BANK,

Plaintiff,

vs.

CYNTHIA R. WHEELER, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF JACKSON COUNTY, KANSAS, JOHN DOE as the unknown spouse, if any, of Defendant CYNTHIA R. WHEELER, any occupants of the premises, and THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, TRUSTEES, CREDITORS AND ASSIGNS OF ANY DECEASED DEFENDANT; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSES OF ANY DEFENDANTS; THE UNKNOWN OFFICERS, SUCCESSORS, TRUSTEES, CREDITORS AND ASSIGNS OF ANY DEFENDANTS THAT ARE EXISTING, DISSOLVED OR DORMANT CORPORATIONS; THE UNKNOWN EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, TRUSTEES, CREDITORS, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS OF ANY DEFENDANTS THAT ARE MINORS OR ARE UNDER ANY LEGAL DISABILITY; AND THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, TRUSTEES, CREDITORS AND ASSIGNS OF ANY PERSON ALLEGED TO BE DECEASED,

Defendants.

Case No. 2016 CV 07

NOTICE OF SUIT

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO: CYNTHIA R. WHEELER, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF JACKSON COUNTY, KANSAS, JOHN DOE as the unknown spouse, if any, of Defendant CYNTHIA R. WHEELER and any unknown occupants of the premises, and THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, TRUSTEES, CREDITORS AND ASSIGNS OF ANY DECEASED DEFENDANT; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSES OF ANY DEFENDANTS; THE UNKNOWN OFFICERS, SUCCESSORS, TRUSTEES, CREDITORS AND ASSIGNS OF ANY DEFENDANTS THAT ARE

EXISTING, DISSOLVED OR DORMANT CORPORATIONS; THE UNKNOWN EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, TRUSTEES, CREDITORS, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS OF ANY DEFENDANTS THAT ARE OR WERE PARTNERS OR IN PARTNERSHIP; THE UNKNOWN GUARDIANS, CONSERVATORS AND TRUSTEES OF ANY DEFENDANTS THAT ARE MINORS OR ARE UNDER ANY LEGAL DISABILITY; AND THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, TRUSTEES, CREDITORS AND ASSIGNS OF ANY PERSON ALLEGED TO BE DECEASED AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY BE CONCERNED:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Petition has been filed in the District Court of Jackson County, KS, by Farmers State Bank praying for foreclosure of a mortgage executed by Cynthia R. Wheeler, covering the following-described real estate in Jackson County, KS, to-wit:

Beginning at the Southwest corner of the Southwest Quarter of Section 17, Township 8 South, Range 16 East of the 6th P.M., running thence East 30 rods; thence North 16 rods, thence West 30 rods; to the West line, thence South 16 rods to the place of beginning, commonly known and described as 16030 166th Road, Mayetta, KS 66509;

and for the sale of said premises to pay the debt secured by said mortgage in the sum of \$74,735.24 with interest thereon at the rate of 6.130% per annum from November 17, 2015 until paid and for all other amounts owed on the First Note and Mortgage together with interest, taxes and the costs of this action, and forever barring and foreclosing you and each of you from all right, title, interest, or equity of redemption in or to said premises, or any part thereof, and you are hereby required to plead to the Petition on or before the 7th day of March, 2016, in the Court at Holton, KS. If you fail to plead, judgment and Decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

Respectfully submitted,

SCOTT, QUINLAN, WILLARD, BARNES & KEESHAN, L.L.C.

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SPORTS Monday

Holton fifth out of 12 teams at Sadowski

More than half of the Wildcats reach the medalist's stand

By Brian Sanders

More than half of the Holton High School wrestlers participating in the annual Gerald Sadowski Memorial Tournament found themselves on the medalist's stand Saturday, including a first-place showing from senior Justin Rieschick and three second-place efforts.

"We performed about where I thought we would," HHS head wrestling coach Cullen Jackson said of the Wildcats' performance at the annual Holton-hosted tournament, featuring 12 teams in all. "We came up a little short in some spots, but overall, the team we are is where we finished today."

Overall, the Wildcats finished in fifth place behind Shawnee Heights, which finished at the top of the Sadowski tournament for a second year in a row, followed by Andover Central, Gardner-Edgerton and Rossville. Holton finished in second place last year and last won the tournament as a team in 2014.

Leading the Wildcats was Rieschick, who pulled off a come-from-behind, 9-8 win in the 145-lb. category over Jake Patterson of Shawnee Heights to earn first place in his division. Jackson praised Rieschick on "another gutsy performance."

"He's never one to quit," Jackson said of Rieschick. "He's always coming, whether he's up by 10 or down by 10. He's going to be in your face, and that's what we expect from him. He's fun to watch."

Three other HHS wrestlers also made it to the final round, but finished in second place in their respective categories. HHS junior Tyler Price, in the 152-lb. division, lost a 10-5 decision to Rossville's Isaiah Luellen; junior Spencer Baum, in the 160-lb. division, lost by fall to Dakota Rodd of Andover Central; and sophomore Kyler Tannahill, in the 195-lb. division, lost by fall to Shawnee Heights' Brett Yeagley.

Jackson said the second-place finishers were "disappointed" not to be at their top of their respective divisions, but overall, they "had a really good day." He praised the work of Price and Baum, adding that the latter is "really starting to come on for us" and is "headed in the right direction" as a wrestler, but also noted Tannahill's progress as a wrestler.

"Kyler's really starting to come on as a sophomore, and he's starting to grow up a little bit and see some things that he missed in prior matches and weeks that he needs to see," Jackson said.

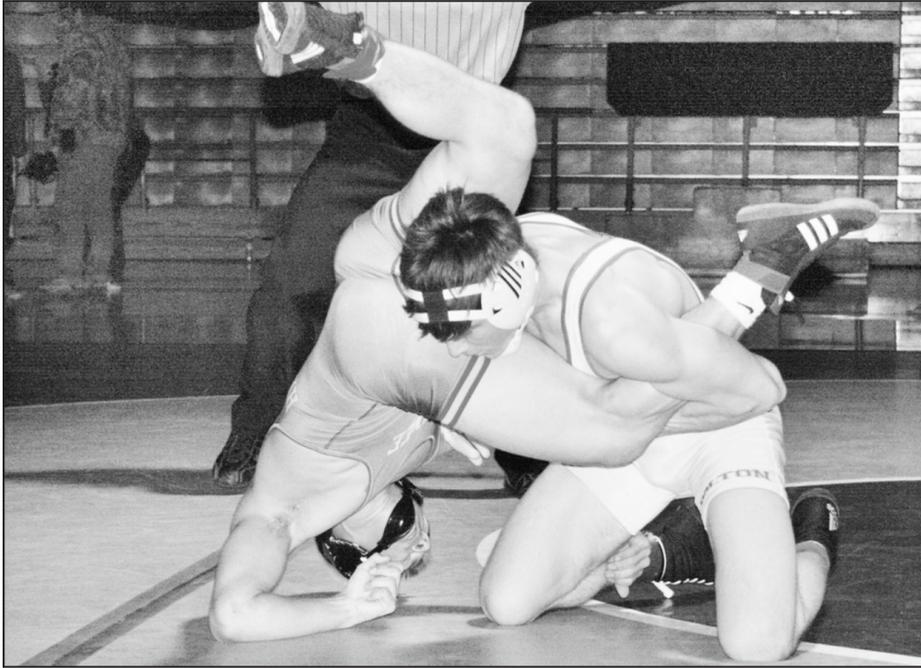
Two other HHS grapplers also earned a spot on the medalist's stand during Saturday's tournament action. Juniors Tel Wittmer and Jameson Lutz made it to the semifinal round, with Wittmer beating Onaga's Quentin Lara 3-2 to earn third place honors in the 220-lb. category and Lutz losing to Shawnee Heights' Damon Ward 19-10 to take fourth in the 170-lb. division.

Other Holton wrestlers placing at the tournament were freshman Jayger Carson in fifth (138-lb. division) and sophomores Lawson Henry (132-lb. division) and Clay Baumgartner

(285-lb. division) each taking sixth.

Saturday's wins followed a Thursday afternoon home dual with Baldwin High School which saw the Wildcats taking a 50-19 defeat at the hands of the Bulldogs.

The Wildcat wrestlers will travel to Hoyt on Thursday for a three-way match with Royal Valley and Atchison County starting at 5:30 p.m. Then, on Saturday, the team will split up for a couple of invitational tournaments, with the varsity wrestlers going to Baldwin and junior varsity grapplers headed to Pleasant Ridge; both tournaments start at 9 a.m.



Wildcat senior Justin Rieschick is shown above at right in the championship match of the Sadowski Tournament, which he won. Photo by Brian Sanders

Wildcat boys pin 41-28 loss on JW

By Brian Sanders

The Holton Wildcat boys' visit to the annual Tonganoxie Basketball Invitational didn't get off to a good start, but they did come away with a win against league foe Jefferson West, it was reported.

Head coach Ryan Noel said that while the opening loss against Eudora and a closely-played overtime loss to host team Tonganoxie were disheartening, the Wildcats bounced back with a different strategy against Jeff West, thanks to assistant coach Don Brees, and closed out their tournament appearance with a 41-28 win against the Tigers.

"Don doesn't get much glory," Noel said.

Tournament play for the Wildcats began on Thursday against eventual tournament champion Eudora, who exploded for 46 first-half points against Holton's 15 and held on to win by a lopsided score of 68-28. Noel said that in addition to Eudora being "a really good basketball team with some athleticism and size," the Wildcats just "didn't come ready to play" in that first game.

On the other hand, Noel said, the Cardinals came out strong against everyone they played that week.

"They also held Wamego to 28 points in the championship game, so as frustrated as I was after that game, just with our inability to control our stuff, it sounds like they did that to everybody throughout the tournament," he said.

Bryson Patch led the Wildcats in scoring against Eudora, with a pair of three-pointers contributing to his 11-point total. Mason Chanay contributed four points, and Austin Frakes, Kaden Brandt and Ralf Maleska added three points each.

The Wildcats had a better night on Friday against Tonganoxie despite walking away from the game with a 49-45 overtime loss to the Chieftains. The Cats got off to a good start in the first quarter and bounced back from a mid-game deficit to knot the score at 41 at the end of regulation, but came up short in the sudden death period.

Noel said he believed the game "should have been over in regulation, if we would have controlled the controllables and taken care of our end."

"We did some silly things, as far as fouling late in the quarters and improbable made shots," he said. "Tonganoxie was kind of a guard-dominant team, with a bunch of small guards and shooting the three, and we did a nice job of guarding the arch. We just weren't able to put them away when we had a chance."

Again, Patch led the team in scoring, with three treys contributing to a total of 17 points on the night, followed by AJ Haussler with 12, including a couple from behind the arch.

The Wildcats came back the next day with the win against Jeff West, which Noel said was due to a game plan developed by Brees and hashed out by the team on the way to the game.

"He had developed our game plan, and we talked about it on the bus on the way there," Noel said of Brees. "We were going to come out in a 3-2 zone and see

what we had."

Noel said that with Jeff West leading the Big Seven League in three-point baskets, Brees' plan to start with the "3-2 zone" worked beautifully against the Tigers, who were 3-for-30 from behind the arch. As a result, the Wildcats kept up the strategy all through the game and got the win.

"All credit to Don Brees," Noel said.

In scoring, two Wildcat players contributed 11 points each — Haussler and Mason Strader, whose scoring, Noel said, was especially impressive following a scoring drought.

"Mason said he'd been 34 days without scoring, but he hit some shots and he got 80 percent from the field," Noel said.

Noel also pointed out the work of Brandt and Frakes on the inside throughout the tournament, as well as Brandt Rose's ability "to bounce people around in the paint."

The Wildcat boys (3-9) now prepare to take on Sabetha at home on Friday, looking for a home court win against the Blue Jays after a loss to them on the road in early December. Noel said his team will look at multiple strategies against Sabetha, because "you can't use anything too long against them, they're so well-coached."

"I really want to see our boys compete and show us how many strides they've made since that first game," Noel said. "I'm looking for how hard we're going to compete and where we're really at, because Sabetha, I think, is the best team in the league."

Friday's games, starting at 4:30 p.m., are part of Holton's winter courtwarming event.

Scores
Thursday

Eudora 23-23-14-8—68
Holton 7-8-5-8—28

Holton: Patch 4 (2) 1-2 11, Chanay 2 0-0 4, Frakes 1 1-2 3, Brandt 1 1-3 3, Maleska 1 (1) 0-0 3, Haussler 1 0-1 2, Bain 0 2-2 2. Totals 10 (3) 5-10 28.

Eudora: Rouser 6 2-2 14, Elston 5 (3) 0-0 13, Tolefree 3 (2) 0-0 8, Downing 2 2-2 6, Fawcett 2 2-2 6, Rouser 2 1-3 5, VanDiest 2 (1) 0-0 5, Verbanic 1 (1) 1-2 4, Howe 1 0-0 2, Hornberger 1 0-0 2, Brown 0 2-3 2, Pearson 0 1-2 1. Totals 25 (7) 11-16 68.

Friday

Tonganoxie 7-19-7-8-8—49
Holton 12-11-7-11-4—45

Holton: Patch 5 (3) 4-5 17, Haussler 4 (2) 2-2 12, Maleska 2 2-4 6, Wright 1 (1) 1-2 4, Strader 1 (1) 1-2 4, Bain 1 0-0 2. Totals 14 (7) 10-17 45.

Tonganoxie: Caldwell 2 (1) 6-8 11, Staats 2 5-7 9, Beach 3 (1) 2-3 9, Burge 4 0-0 8, Novotney 1 (1) 3-5 6, Johnson 2 1-2 5, Williams 0 1-4 1. Totals 14 (3) 18-29 49.

Saturday

Holton 15-7-7-12—41
Jefferson West 4-11-9-4—28

Holton: Haussler 4 (1) 2-2 11, Strader 4 (3) 0-1 11, Patch 2 5-8 9, Bain 3 1-4 7, Frakes 1 1-2 3. Totals 14 (4) 9-17 41.

Jefferson West: Livingston 4 2-5 10, Sutton 3 (1) 1-2 8, Williams 1 (1) 0-0 3, Guerra 1 (1) 0-0 3, Schmidt 1 0-0 2, Dean 1 0-0 2. Totals 11 (3) 3-7 28.

Lady Wildcats finish fourth at Basehor-Linwood Tournament

By Brian Sanders

After defeating the host team at the Basehor-Linwood Tournament on Wednesday, the Holton Lady Cats basketball team dropped the next two games, including a loss to longtime rival Topeka Hayden, to take fourth place at the tournament.

Head coach Jon Holliday said that while the two losses were hard for his team to take, it should help them to take on Sabetha this Friday as a more seasoned team than they were earlier in the 2015-16 season.

Holton got off to a good start on Wednesday against Basehor-Linwood, playing "extremely well for about the first 12 minutes of that half," Holliday said, getting the first quarter score to 15-7 before the Bobcats exploded for 20 points in the second quarter, cutting Holton's lead to 28-27 at the half.

"In that last three or four minutes, we did some things we can't do to give ourselves a chance to be successful," Holliday said. "We put up some quick shots. We got beat on the boards. There's a lot of factors."

The Bobcats closed the third quarter with a one-point lead against Holton, but the Lady Cats struck back in the fourth, exploding for 21 points.

"The biggest thing was that we had to go back to what we were doing for the first part of the game," Holliday said. "We made a couple of great defensive plays that got us off and going, then we coupled that with our halfcourt offense and got better. We made them pay at the free throw line

as well."

In this game, Holton's Shay Tanking led the Lady Cats with 17 points, including one from behind the three-point arch, followed by Courtney Boswell, whose 15 points included a three-pointer.

Holton appeared to have some good momentum going into Friday's match-up against the Benton High School Cardinals from St. Joseph, Mo. — a team that Holliday said Holton faced at the same tournament last year. The Cardinals, however, proved to be too much for the Lady Cats to handle, starting with a rough 22-5 first quarter that Holton never recovered from.

"Benton's a great basketball team," Holliday said. "They're ranked as one of the top teams in Missouri, and they've got a point guard that's as good as we've seen in a long time. They run some great sets, they're very efficient offensively and they've got five people keyed in. We can't give them enough compliment."

Holton battled back in the second quarter to close the gap to 31-17, but a "nice run to start the third quarter" couldn't save the Cats, Holliday said, and the final score of 54-32 found the Cards on top.

"We gave ourselves a chance at the start of the third quarter," he said. "If we'd have played at that level of efficiency for the whole game, we would have had a better chance. But we got beat by a very good basketball team."

The Lady Cats were led by Shari Riley in scoring, with six of her eight

points coming from the freethrow line. Ashlyn Weilert and Hayley Thompson contributed six points each, and Boswell, Tanking and Sarah Lierz each added a three-pointer.

The loss put Holton into a battle with perennial rival Topeka Hayden for third-place honors, but Hayden proved to be just a little bit stronger than the Lady Cats, and Hayden went on to win the game 63-49. Holliday said that his team was "very productive" at times against Hayden and had "some great ball movement," but in the end, it just wasn't enough.

"It was a game where we fell in the first half, and we gave up a couple of buckets we shouldn't have."

After trailing 35-24 at the half, the Lady Cats came out and got the deficit down to four points, Holliday said. However, the team didn't take advantage of an opportunity to "seize the day and get going," and Hayden stretched the lead back to 14 points by game's end.

In this game, Holton was led in scoring by Boswell with 12 points, Tanking with 11 and Weilert with 10.

The Lady Cats (7-5) are now getting ready to take on Sabetha during winter courtwarming games on Friday, with the day's games starting at 4:30 p.m. Holton's girls team have already suffered a road loss this season to the Blue Jays, but Holliday said he hopes that his team has matured enough to beat Sabetha this time around.

"We've just played three hard games against three good opponents,

and hopefully we've found out what it's going to take to be successful throughout the rest of the year," he said. "The first time we played Sabetha, we weren't ready, and it was up to the coaches to get them better prepared for that game, and we didn't do it. But I'd like to think we've played some decent basketball since then."

Scores
Wednesday

Holton 15-13-7-21—56
Basehor-Linwood 7-20-9-14—50

Holton: Tanking 5 (1) 6-8 17, Boswell 4 (1) 6-7 15, Weilert 2 3-6 7, Thompson 2 0-0 4, Moore 1 2-2 4, Holaday 2 0-0 4, Sweet 1 1-2 3, Lierz 1 0-0 2. Totals 18 (2) 18-25 56.

Basehor-Linwood: Yankovich 4 (2) 1-2 11, Schoenfelder 4 2-3 10, Mussett 1 5-6 7, Smith 2 2-3 6, DeLeon 3 0-0 6, Gore 2 1-2 5, Rutherford 1 (1) 0-0 3, Easley 1 0-1 2. Totals 18 (3) 11-17 50.

Friday

Benton 22-9-11-12—54
Holton 5-12-9-6—32

(Box score not available at press time.)

Saturday

Hayden 19 16 15 13—63
Holton 10 14 17 8—49

Holton: Weilert 3-7 3-4 10, Tanking 4-10 1-11, Boswell 5-9 2-2 12, M. Moore 0-0 3-6 3, Thompson 2-4 2-2 6, Sweet 0-1 1-2 1, Holaday 1-2 0-0 2, Lierz 2-2 0-0 4, L. Moore 0-1 0-2 0, Riley 0-1 0-0 0, Karn 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 17-37 12-19 49.

Hayden: Grunert 2-4 0-0 6, Otting 1-2 3-4 5, Reid 7-12 3-4 18, Lawlor 4-5 0-0 9, Lenherr 5-9 0-2 10, VanAuken 3-5 0-0 7, Gartner 0-1 0-0 0, McGreevy 3-3 0-0 6, Hunter 0-0 2-2 2. Totals 25-41 8-12 63.

Royal Valley girls win two of three games at Panther Classic

By Ali Holcomb

After winning games against Santa Fe Trail and Wabaunsee on Thursday and Friday, the Royal Valley girls basketball team came up short against Chapman Saturday in the Ninth Annual Panther Classic Tournament with a final score of 58-47.

Coach Corey Katzer said the team "made steps forward" in their offense and defense throughout the tournament.

"Anytime you come out of a tournament two and one you should be happy about that," Katzer said. "The kids played really hard and were able to execute the game plans we set out to do."

The Panthers' final tournament game against Chapman started out strong for the Irish as they held the Panthers to just four points in the first quarter and nine in the second to bring the score to 31-13 at the half.

"We knew Chapman has three really good players, and we used the same strategy we used against Wabaunsee on Friday, and we felt pretty comfortable going into the game," Katzer said. "But when they drained five or six threes in the first half, it's tough."

The Panthers were able to pick up momentum in the third quarter with 13 points and followed with 21 in the fourth. The Irish answered with

11 points in the third and 16 in the fourth.

"Our team's competitiveness really started to show in the second half even though we were down," he said. "At one point, we cut the lead down to just seven or eight points, and we had a pretty good run. I know their legs were tired, but they never gave up."

Jan. 23, 2016
Chap: 19-12-11-16—58
RV: 4-9-13-21—47

Individual statistics:
Chap: Langvardt 3 (2) 10-14 18, Sweet 6 (4) 0-0 16, Weis 3 (2) 6-8 14, Heiman 4 (1) 0-2 9, Thomas 0 1-2 1. Totals 16 (9) 17-27 58.

RV: Hanson 4 5-9 13, T. Thomas 2 (2) 2-2 8, K. Thomas 3 (1) 0-1 7, Jordan 2 (2) 0-0 6, Putnam 2 2-2 6, Schuetz 2 1-2 5, Baker 1 0-0 2. Totals 16 (5) 10-16 47.

Katzer said Friday's victory against Wabaunsee, 47-38, was the team's "most complete game" offensively and defensively this season.

"Wabaunsee was a state qualifier last year, and we went in with a specific game plan," he said.

That game plan included a different defensive scheme for Maggie Schuetz and Macy Putnam.

"They did exactly what they were suppose to, and it isn't going to show up on the box score, but they deserve as much credit as anybody else," he said.

Both the Panthers and the Chargers scored 11 in the first quarter. At the half, the score was 23-21 in the Panthers' favor.

Royal Valley kept Wabaunsee to just three points in the third and 14 in the fourth while the Panthers scored 16 in the third and eight in the fourth.

Tamo Thomas led the Panthers in scoring with an impressive 20 points, with 10 in the third quarter.

"She had a great game," Katzer said. "We had several players close to double digits. It was the best team effort they've had all year. If we could be consistent like that every day, we could be a pretty scary team."

Jan. 22, 2016
RV: 11-12-16-8—47
Wab: 11-10-3-14—38

Individual statistics:
RV: T. Thomas 7 (3) 3-4 20, Hanson 2 4-4 8, Baker 3 1-2 7, Putnam 2 0-0 4, Jordan 1 (1) 0-0 3, Thompson 1 0-0 2, Johnson 1 0-0 2, K. Thomas 0 1-2 1. Total 17 (4) 9-12 47.

Wab: Terrapin 8 2-2 18, Schultz 3 (2) 2-2 10, Oliver 1 2-4 4, Michaelis 0 2-4 2, Hurla 0 2-2 2, Johnson 1 0-0 2. Total 13 (2) 10-14 38.

The Panthers opened the Panther Classic on Thursday with a 45-42 win against Santa Fe Trail. Royal Valley had previously played and won against Santa Fe Trail in De-

ember.

"Anytime you play someone a second time, the team that lost has the advantage because they've worked on a new strategy and you're left guessing what it is," Katzer said. "We did a great job of making adjustments as we needed."

Royal Valley started strong with 16 points in the first quarter to Santa Fe Trail's 10. But Santa Fe added 13 points in the second to Royal Valley's six to take the lead at half 23-22.

"The girls didn't panic," Katzer said. "They stayed clam, struck to the game plan during the second half."

The Chargers added 10 points in the third compared to the Panthers' seven. In the fourth, however, Royal Valley scored 16 and held Santa Fe Trail to nine to take the win.

"It was a hard-fought victory," he said.

Jan. 21, 2016
RV: 16-6-7-16—45
SFT: 10-13-10-9—42

Individual statistics:
RV: T. Thomas 5 (1) 2-5 13, Hanson 4 2-8 10, Baker 3 2-2 8, Putnam 2 1-2 5, K. Thomas 1 2-5 4, Schuetz 1 0-0 2, Johnson 1 0-0 2, Jordan 0 1-2 1. Totals 17 (1) 10-24 45.

SFT: Simmons 4 (2) 0-1 10, P. Johnson 0 9-13 9, Herron 3 (1) 0-0 7, Workman 3 1-1 6, Dunnaway 2 1-5 5, Massey 1

1-1 3, K. Johnson 1 0-0 2. Totals 14 (3) 11-20 42.

Other tournament scores:

Wabaunsee 46, Santa Fe Trail 33

Chapman 61, Santa Fe Trail 52

Due to snowy weather conditions on Thursday, the tournament games against Chapman and Wabaunsee boys and girls were postponed until tonight. The girls team is scheduled to play at 6 p.m. with the boys game to follow at 7:30 p.m.

Now, Royal Valley will get back to league play on Friday as they face Jeff West with games starting at 4:30 p.m.

The photo below shows Royal Valley freshman Kiikto Thomas, in white jersey, driving to the hoop against Wabaunsee over the weekend. Coach Corey Katzer substituted three and four players at a time in the game.

Photo by Michael Powls



JH boys beat Horton, fall to Silver Lake at Thunder Classic

By David Powls

After falling to Class 3A Marysville in the first round of the Nemaha Central Thunder tournament at Seneca, the Jackson Heights boys went on to defeat 2A Horton but fell to 3A Silver Lake in the tournament.

Nemaha Central, a 3A team, the host team, won the tournament on Saturday by defeating Falls City, Neb. in the championship game, 44-41.

In the third place game, Marysville beat 2A St. Marys, 76-55.

In the fifth place game, Jackson Heights fell to Silver Lake, 61-53.

In the seventh place game, Hiawatha beat Horton 31-27.

Zane Richter of Jackson Heights won the 2016 Jerry Odum Three-Point Shooting Contest that was part of the tournament activities.

The Cobras entered the mid-season tourney as the winner of eight straight games. Their record afterwards was 9-2.

JH head coach Chris Brown said the Cobras found out that they still have a lot of work to do to reach their goals for the end of the season.

"We have lots of room for improvement," Coach Brown said. "We found out that there are lots of good teams out there that can beat you if you are not playing your best."

Coach Brown said the team entered the mid-season tournament confident that it could win it.

"We had our chances to win both of the games that we lost," the coach said. "We just didn't play well enough, especially at the end of those games, to win them."

Both of Jackson Heights' losses in the tourney were to Class 3A teams. The Cobras compete in Class 2A.

"We still feel good about our league and about our sub-state," Coach Brown said. "Our long term goals are still within reach."

The coach said the team's full court pressure defense was not very efficient in slowing down Marysville in the tourney, but did have some good success against Horton.

The Cobras thrashed Horton, 63-31, in the second round, scoring a third of their points through long distance shooting. The Cobras connected on eight treys in the game. The halftime score was 32-15.

Three Cobras scored in double figures - Wyatt Oldberding scored 24 points, Zane Richter 17 and Holliday 11.

"I liked how we competed against Horton and we put the full court pressure defense back on against Silver Lake late in that game and it helped give us a chance to win that one," Coach Brown said.

Jackson Heights led Silver Lake 12-10 after the first quarter but trailed 30-23 at halftime. In the second half, Silver Lake held just a one-point scoring edge, 31-30.

Silver Lake converted on 28 of 33 free throws in the game, while Jackson Heights made 14 of 22.

Richter led the Cobras in scoring against Silver Lake with 19 and Thomas added nine.

The Cobras will host St. Marys for a non-league game Friday and will hope to get back to their winning ways.

Jackson Heights 63, Horton 31
Horton (3-12-6-10--31)
Jackson Heights (11-21-18-13--63)

Horton - Cowley 3 2-6 8, Santos 3 (2) 0 0 8, Tinio 2 1-2 5, Lewis 2 0-0 4, Smith 1 2-2 4, Wahwahsuck 1 0-0 2. Totals 12 (2) 5-10 31.

Jackson Heights - Olberding 10 (4) 0-0 24, Richter 7 (2) 1-2 17, Holliday 4 (2) 1-2 11, Dohl 3 0-0 6, Thomas 1 1-2 3, Jacobsen 0 1-4 1, Keehn 0 1-2 1. Totals 25 (8) 5-12 63.

Silver Lake 61, Jackson Heights 53

Silver Lake 10-20-13-18--61
Jackson Heights 12-11-11-19--53
Silver Lake - Hallacy 4 (2) 20-22 30, Griffin 2 (2) 2-4 8, Baird 2 3-3 7, Adams 2 1-2 5, Koelzer 1 2-2 4, Wagner 1 (1) 0-0 3, Byrne 1 0-2, Cregan 1 0-0 2. Totals 14 (5) 28-33

61. Jackson Heights - Richter 6 (2) 5-8 19, Thomas 3 (3) 2-3 11, Olberding 2 5-6 9, Dohl 2 2-2 6, Brey 2 0-1 4, Keehn 1 0-0 2, Holliday 1 0-0 2. Totals 17 (5) 14-22 53.

Thunder Classic 2016
First Round
Marysville 62, Jackson Heights 61 (2-OT)

Nemaha Central 59, Horton 28
Falls City 72, Silver Lake 66
St. Marys 53, Hiawatha 50.

Second Round
Jackson Heights 63, Horton 31
Silver Lake 61, Hiawatha 51
Nemaha Central 60, Marysville 45

45. Falls City, Neb. 55, St. Marys 45

Final Round
Hiawatha 31, Horton 27
Silver Lake 61, Jackson Heights 53

Marysville 76, St. Marys 55 (third place game)

Nemaha Central 44, Falls City, Neb. 41 (championship game)



Jackson Heights senior Austin Savage, No. 23 in white jersey, is shown above going up for a shot in a recent game. The Cobras will be back at home on Friday, hosting non-league St. Marys. Photo by Kelly Brteckunitch



Royal Valley senior Anna Johnson (shown above, second from right) recently signed a letter of intent to compete with the Kansas State University rowing team beginning in the 2016-2017 school year. Joining her at the signing were (left to right) stepbrother Zach Johnson, mother Deanna Johnson, Anna and stepfather Travis Johnson. Submitted photo

Cobra girls to compete at Hiawatha

By Michael Powls

This week will be an exciting and challenging one for the Jackson Heights Lady Cobras, as they compete in the 39th Annual Hiawatha Invitational Basketball Tournament.

The Lady Cobras, in this tournament, are seeded sixth out of eight teams. They start the tournament against the host team, Hiawatha, at 8 p.m. on Tuesday. The Lady Red Hawks are the No. 3 seed.

Nemaha Central Thunder, seeded No. 1 in the tournament, will play No. 8 seed St. Joe Benton Lady Cardinals at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday.

Seeded No. 2 is the Lady Chargers of Horton. They will play No. 7 Lansing Lady Lions at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday.

The No. 4 seed is the Marysville Lady Bulldogs. They will play the No. 5 seed Lady Tigers of Falls City, Neb., at 5 p.m. on Tuesday.

The second round games in the tourney will be played Thursday. If the Lady Cobras win Tuesday, they will play at 8 p.m. on Thursday against either Horton or Lansing.

If the Lady Cobras lose their game Tuesday, they will play at 5 p.m. Thursday.

Final tourney games will be played Saturday, starting at 10 a.m. and ending at 2:30 p.m. with the championship game.

RV's Lux claims title at KC Piper

By Ali Holcomb

The Royal Valley wrestling team finished seventh overall at the KC Piper tournament on Saturday with one individual champion, Zack Lux, and several other wrestlers placing and earning points for the team.

Lux won four of his matches by fall in the 138-pound class on Saturday, while Dalton Ware and Brett House placed second in their respective classes. DJ Kester also came away with a fifth-place showing in his class.

A total of 92 wrestlers from 10 schools participated in the tournament.

Team results:
1. KC Piper 192, 2. Blue Valley Southwest 182, 3. Shawnee Mission North 177, 4. Shawnee Mission Northwest 161, 5. Mill Valley 149, 6. Wyandotte 128, 7. Royal Valley 98, 8. Uniontown 88, 9. Bishop Ward 77, 10. Maur Hill 52.

Individual results:
(106): Dalton Ware won four matches, lost one and placed second.

(126): Brett House won four matches, lost one and placed second.

(126): DJ Kester won two matches, lost two matches, received a bye and placed fifth.

(138): Zack Lux won four matches by fall. In the first-place match, Lux won by decision.

Royal Valley will host a home dual at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday with Holton and ACCHS. The team's next tournament after that will be on Saturday at Baldwin.

Panther boys win Classic

By Ali Holcomb

For the fourth straight year, the Royal Valley boys basketball team has won its home tournament, the Panther Classic.

The Panthers bested Santa Fe Trail 46-25, Wabunsee 46-42 and Chapman 47-39 during the course of the three-day tournament that began Thursday.

Royal Valley opened the tournament against Santa Fe Trail. After a slow first quarter with just four points, the Panthers added 16 more in the second to lead at the half 20-8.

Momentum continued for RV in the second half with 16 points in the third and 10 in the fourth, sealing the win.

Jan. 21, 2016
RV 4-16-16-10 - 46
SFT: 5-3-9-8 - 25
Individual statistics:
RV: M. Spoonhunter 6 (2) 1-1 15, K. Spoonhunter 3 (1) 2-4 9, Roy 3 2-4 8, Linn 2 (1) 0-0 5, Rottinghaus 1 2-2 4, Broxterman 0 3-4 3, Lee 1 0-0 2. Totals 16 (4) 10-15 46.
SFT: Long 2 (1) 2-4 7, Coltrane 2 (1) 2-6 7, Roy 2 (1) 0-0 5, McPherson 0 2-2 2, Boudeman 1 0-0 2, Hastings 1 0-1 2. Totals 8 (3) 6-13 25.

On Saturday, the Panthers faced the Wabunsee Chargers, leading by two at the half with a score of 17-15.

The Chargers would go on to score 15 in the third and 12 in the fourth, but the Panthers answered with eight in the third and 21 in the fourth to win the game.

Royal Valley players shot 17 for 20 at the line during the game.

Jan. 22, 2016
RV: 10-7-8-21 - 46
Wab: 9-6-15-12 - 42
Individual statistics:
RV: Roy 4 8-8 16, Rottinghaus 4 3-5 11, Barger 2 (1) 3-3 8 M. Spoonhunter 1 3-4 5, Broxterman 1 0-0 2, Linn 1 0-0 2, Ehrhart 1 0-0 2. Totals

14 (1) 17-20 46.
Wab: Imthurn 3 (1) 8-10 15, Kelley 5 (1) 0-0 11, Wertzberger 2 4-7 8, Murray 1 2-4 4, Wurtz 2 0-0 4. Totals 13 (2) 14-21 42.

Other tournament scores:
Wabunsee 57, Santa Fe Trail 47
Chapman 47, Santa Fe Trail 37

The tournament games against Chapman and Wabunsee girls and boys were postponed on Thursday and will be played tonight. The girls team was scheduled to play at 6 p.m. with the boys game to follow at 7:30 p.m.

The RV boys will play Jeff West in Meriden on Friday with games starting at 4:30 p.m.

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THURSDAY, JAN. 28: RVHS Wrestling vs. ACCHS/Holton - 5:30 p.m. @ Hoyt; HHS Wrestling vs. ACCHS/RV - 5:30 p.m. @ Hoyt

FRIDAY, JAN. 29: RVHS Boys Basketball vs. Jeff West - 4:30 p.m. @ Meriden; RVHS Girls Basketball vs. Jeff West - 4:30 p.m. @ Meriden; JHHS Boys Basketball vs. St. Marys - 5 p.m. @ Jackson Hts.; HHS Boys Basketball vs. Sabetha - 4:30 p.m. @ Holton; HHS Girls Basketball vs. Sabetha - 4:30 p.m. @ Holton

SATURDAY, JAN. 30: RVHS JV Wrestling - P. Ridge JV Tournament - 9 a.m. @ Easton; RVHS Varsity Wrestling - Baldwin Tournament - 9 a.m. @ Baldwin; HHS Varsity Wrestling - Baldwin Tournament - 9 a.m. @ Baldwin - HHS JV Wrestling - P. Ridge JV Tournament - 9 a.m. @ Easton

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After finishing school and landing their first jobs, the furthest thing on many young professionals' minds is retirement. Although the day young workers will cash their last paychecks and bid farewell to the workplace may be decades down the road, it's never too early to begin saving for retirement.

The sooner a person begins saving for retirement, the more time his or her money will have to grow. As more deposits are made and interest is compounded, retirement investments can grow considerably.

Ideally, workers should begin saving as soon as possible. Compounding interest produces a better return for professionals who start saving when they are young than for those who delay their retirement savings.

Unfortunately, many of today's new workers are not prioritizing retirement. According to a study from Hewitt Associates, just 31 percent of Generation Y employees (individuals born after 1978) who are able to deposit money into a 401(k) retirement plan actually do so.

The easiest way to save for retirement is to make the process entirely automatic. One can achieve this by signing up for an employer-sponsored 401(k) or another retirement plan. When opening a 401(k), workers will have a predetermined portion of their earnings deducted from their paychecks and deposited into the retirement account.

Such contributions are made prior to being taxed, adding even more incentive to begin saving as soon as possible. Money deposited into a 401(k) will then be available for withdrawal when the employee reaches retirement age. If the employer has a matching program, even better, as that means the company will match employee contributions up to a certain percentage.

A person may also want to establish an IRA (individual retirement account). IRAs, which are available as traditional IRAs or Roth IRAs, are typically offered through financial establishments and provide tax-friendly ways to save for retirement.

There are differences between traditional IRAs and Roth IRAs, and these differences are related to taxes and may depend on when contributions are made as well as when withdrawals are made. Speak with a financial planner to help you determine the IRA best suited to your personal needs.

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counts to earn more. As one gets older and closer to retirement, a conservative approach is more prudent. Advisors may suggest older professionals then begin investing in bonds and other less volatile opportunities.

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Tips to get a head start on tax season

The dawn of a new calendar year often marks the end of the sometimes hectic holiday season. This time of year marks a return to normalcy for many families, as the kids go back to school and parents return to work.

The beginning of January also serves as a great time to start preparing for tax season. While the deadline to file returns may be several months away, getting a head-start allows men and women the chance to organize their tax documents so they aren't racing against a deadline come April. The following are a handful of ways to start preparing for your returns now.

* Find last year's return. You will need information from last year's return in order to file this year, so find last year's return and print it

out if you plan to hire a professional to work on your return.

* Gather dependents' information. While you might know your own Social Security number by heart, if you have dependents, you're going to need their information as well. New parents or adults who started serving as their elderly parents' primary caretakers over the last year will need their kids' and their folks' social security numbers. If you do not have these numbers upon filing, your return will likely be delayed and you might even be denied potentially substantial tax credits.

* Gather your year-end financial statements. If you spent the last year investing, then you will have to pay taxes on any interest earned. Interest earned on the majority of savings accounts is also

taxable, so gather all of your year-end financial statements from your assorted accounts in one place. Doing so will make filing your return, whether you do it yourself or work with a professional, go more quickly.

* Speak with your mortgage lender. Homeowners should receive forms documenting their mortgage interest payments for the last year, as the money paid in interest on your home or homes is tax deductible. If these forms are not received in a timely manner, speak with your lender. You might even be able to download them from your lender's secure website.

* Make a list of your charitable contributions. Charitable contributions, no matter how small, are tax deductible. While it's easiest

to maintain a list of all charitable donations you make as the year goes on, if you have not done that, then you can make one now. Look for receipts of all contributions, contacting any charities you donated to if you misplaced any receipts.

* Book an appointment with your local tax preparation specialist now. As April 15 draws closer, tax preparers' schedules get busier and busier. The earlier you book your appointment, the more likely you are to get a favorable time for that meeting.

In addition, if you have gathered all of the information you need by early February, then booking your appointment early means you can file earlier and receive any return you might be eligible for that much quicker.

How to donate items instead of cash

When making charitable donations, many people are quick to take out their checkbooks. While nonprofit organizations rely on the financial generosity of donors to meet their missions, many also accept non-cash donations.

Donating items is not as simple as making a financial contribution. While writing a check takes only a few seconds, donating items requires more time and a careful consideration of the items themselves. Prospective donors who want to ensure their non-cash donations do the most good can consider the following tips.

* Carefully examine items before donating them. Items that have seen far better days likely won't have much value to charitable organizations. Once such items are

donated, the charity must then make an effort to dispose of them. That can cost the charity time and money, neither of which charities have in abundance.

Before donating non-cash items, examine them carefully to make sure they're items the charity can make use of or sell. New or unused items will likely pass the test, as will items with very little wear and tear. But an armchair that's showing its age or an old washing machine that barely works likely won't prove too valuable to the charity. But that does not mean such items have zero value.

* Sell older items, then donate the proceeds. That tattered armchair or noisy washing machine may not be worth much to a charity, but you might be able to sell such items by

hosting a yard sale or posting them for sale in the newspaper.

Charities prefer higher quality items, but you might be able to sell older items to your neighbors who simply want great bargains. If you can sell such items, simply donate the proceeds to your favorite charity. This saves the charity from being saddled with worn down items while also saving them the resources and efforts needed to refurbish and sell the items themselves.

* Contact your favorite charity. If you have a favorite charity, contact them before making any donations to determine their greatest needs. Some charities may need winter coat donations, while others might be running low on non-perishable foods.

Once you learn their needs, you

can then donate items that fill those needs. You can even encourage friends, family and coworkers to donate. Offer to pick up and deliver any items your loved ones and colleagues can donate to the charity. This is a great way to meet a charity's needs without making a cash donation or burdening the organization with items they cannot use.

* Get the appropriate tax documents. Much like cash, many items donated to charity are tax deductible. When donating items, be sure to get receipts so you can benefit from the tax breaks you deserve.

Charities are always in need of financial donations, but men and women also can make a difference by donating items to their favorite nonprofit organizations.

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Hoy named Kansan of the Year

Dr. Jim Hoy, who writes a regular column for *The Holton Recorder*, is being honored with the Kansan of the Year award by the Native Sons and Daughters of Kansas.

Hoy and several other Kansans will be honored at the annual meeting of the Native Sons and Daughters of Kansas set for Friday, Jan. 29, at the Ramada Topeka Downtown Hotel and Convention Center.

For nearly 100 years, the Native Sons and Daughters of Kansas have been meeting to recognize and preserve Kansas history, celebrate Kansas traditions and present the highest honors Kansans bestow upon Kansans.

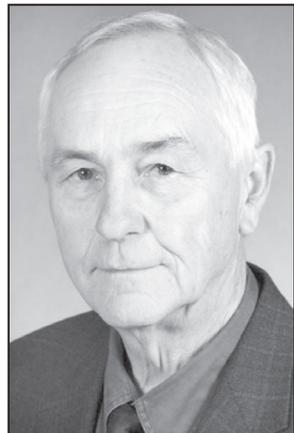
The distinguished honorees for 2016 are:

Kansan of the Year - Dr. Jim Hoy of Emporia: Dr. Hoy is a professor of English at Emporia State University. He was reared on a stock ranch near Cassoday and has lived in the Flint Hills area nearly all his life.

Dr. Hoy holds a bachelor of science degree from Kansas State University, a master of arts degree from Emporia State University and a doctorate from The University of Missouri-Columbia. His chief interest is the folk life of ranching, both historical and contemporary, in various parts of the world, with special emphasis on the Great Plains and particularly the Flint Hills of Kansas.

Dr. Hoy is a scholar, professor, historian, writer, poet, rancher, cowboy, friend of the Flint Hills and the best of Kansas.

Distinguished Kansan - Dr. Jerry Farley of Topeka: Dr. Farley has served as president of Washburn University since 1997. Dramatic changes have occurred on campus under his leadership including new academic programs, the reinvigoration of a vibrant Student Life program and construction of major new buildings and extensive renovation of many other buildings and all classrooms.



Dr. Jim Hoy

Dr. Farley holds a bachelor of arts in business administration, a master of business administration and a doctorate all from The University of Oklahoma.

He is a certified public accountant and has been president and chair of the board of several state and national professional organizations. He has authored or co-authored numerous articles and books in his field – not for profit finance and accounting.

The leadership of Dr. Farley in guiding Washburn University through an incredible renaissance period of renewal and reinvigoration is to be admired and recognized by all Kansans.

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Washburn University offers more than 200 academic programs, which lead to certification, associate, bachelor, master, doctor of nursing practice and juris doctor degrees. The broadly-based liberal arts and professional programs are enriched by a long-standing interactive relationship with the State of Kansas and the Midwest.

In addition to the recognition of the honorees, the tradition of recognizing Beech and Boyd story contest winners and the winners of the state high school art competition entitled "Kansans...As Talented As You Think!" will take place.

Native Sons and Daughters is an organization for all Kansans formed to preserve Kansas history, to show loyalty to Kansas traditions, to honor our pioneer ancestors, to encourage the ideals of patriotism in youth and to honor outstanding citizens of Kansas.

For more information or to buy tickets, visit www.ksnativesonsanddaughters.org or contact John Pinegar, executive director, Native Sons and Daughters of Kansas, at (785) 235-6245 or jpinegar@sbc-global.net

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Kientz Corner By Beverly Ramey Newell

On Jan. 17, a bitter cold morning, the Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church congregation opened its worship service by singing "Let There Be Peace On Earth."

The announcements were: There will be no 8:30 a.m. worship service on Jan. 31, only the 11 a.m. service; the men's group invites everyone, ladies as well as men, to hear Sheriff Jones speak at 8 a.m. on Feb. 6; also on Feb. 6 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., a workshop will be presented by Cindy Miller, a dementia care specialist (come and learn more about the normal aging process); and if you are in a dinner group, please continue to meet through March. New groups will be forming for April.

The birthdays from Jan. 17 through Jan. 23: Zeke Metz, Jan. 17; Linda Griffiths and Keith Oliver, Jan. 18; Kenny Etzel, Jan. 19; Hannah Caudill and Rick Colton, Jan. 20; and Kendra Cochran and Roger Rooker, Jan. 23. The anniversary for the week was Don and Sandy Old, Jan. 20.

Prayers were asked for Dr. Griffiths, who has been released from the hospital and is now at Medicalodge in Holton.

The children's story was given by Kevin McDowell. Sometimes we like to close our eyes and pretend

we are somewhere relaxing, away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life. We might pretend to write a Bible story. The headline would be "Wedding Guest Turns Water Into Wine."

Jesus attended a wedding and they ran out of wine. They reported the problem to Jesus. Jesus saw some large water jugs with water in them and He performed a miracle and turned the water into wine. Jesus is still working miracles today.

The adult bell choir played "Abide With Me." Those playing bells were Kristy Beatty, Betty Domer, Kyle Marakas, Danette Martin, Annie McDowell, Kelly Neiman, Anna Risinger, Kylee Risinger, Barbara Slimmer and Val Warkentine. Greg Baldwin directed them.

Daryl Jepson read the scripture Ephesians 4:17-32.

The sermon "Increasing Your Joy: Strengthen Relationships" was given by the Rev. Hyun-Jin Cho. Our feelings should be positive so we may have joy in our lives. No one wants to be alone. We should not keep anger in our hearts. We must build healthy and joyful relationships.

Ephesians 4:31-32 says, "Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tender hearted,

forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you."

May we bring joy into our lives by strengthening our relationships in Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

The closing hymn was "My Life Is In You, Lord." Those assisting with the service were Daryl Jepson, liturgist; Greg Baldwin, organist; Joy Jepson and Matt Mannell, sound system; John Wilson, song leader; Brayden and Hailee Gower, acolytes; and Gary Domer, Ron Griffiths, Kevin McDowell and Brian Smith, usher team.

On Jan. 12, Rex Boyles, Bill Lierz and Dick and Beverly Newell ate dinner at Applebee's restaurant in Topeka.

On Jan. 16, Gary and Barbara Slimmer of Topeka, Bill and Shirley Slimmer of Hoyt and Wanola Buss of Holton enjoyed lunch and the afternoon with June Jepson at her home in Soldier.

On Jan. 17, Dick and Beverly Newell attended a birthday supper at the home of Kenny, Yvonne, Audrey and Cara Etzel in Topeka. Others attending were Chris and Mike Farmer, Kylene Etzel and Sean Frost. They were celebrating Kenny's birthday, which was Jan. 19. Kenny's mother, Chris, made chicken and rice, chili and homemade cinnamon rolls for supper. It was all very tasty.

Tri-County Challenge planned for 2016

By Ali Holcomb

The Jackson County Commissioners are being asked to support the second annual Tri-County Challenge that promotes entrepreneurship among high school students.

During the Jackson County Commission meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 14, Mary Ann Riederer and Rick LaJuerne with the Kansas Small Business Development Center met with commissioners to outline this year's Tri-County Challenge competition.

The county donated \$500 to help support the project last year.

The theme for this year's competition is "Be Ready," and students will be able to work on their business ideas during the summer months for business presentations in the fall.

More than 40 students participated in last year's competition with 14 finalists. Corrine Haverkamp of Wetmore won the competition and received a \$2,500 scholarship to

Washburn University.

In other business, the commission: * Met with Joe Kennedy to discuss the rock material purchased from Atchison County. Kennedy said he thinks the rock material gets slick after it rains and then rolls up on tires.

* Signed a letter to the county fire boards requesting the names of all board members and their term limits.

* Adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m. The meeting started at 1 p.m.



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Many people should consider life insurance when estate planning so they can provide security for their loved ones. But life insurance is a purchase unlike any other, and people may be confused or intimidated when attempting to purchase life insurance policies.

Deciding if you need coverage
While life insurance seems like the kind of thing every person should have, that's not necessarily the case. For example, single men and women with no dependents and no tax or debt concerns generally do not need life insurance.

If you are single but have tax issues or a considerable amount of debt, then a life insurance policy can be used to pay those debts upon your death.

Adults with dependents, such as a spouse and/or children, should consider purchasing life insurance, which can help your surviving dependents maintain their quality of life and pay their bills in the wake of your death.

Buying life insurance
Much like various other types of insurance, life insurance can be purchased from an insurance agent or via an insurance company's website. When choosing a company from which to buy a life insurance policy, look for a company with a strong rating, as no one wants to end up being burned by a life insurance provider who goes out of business.

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Choosing coverage
When choosing coverage, you will no doubt be asked if you prefer term insurance or permanent insurance. Term insurance is the least expensive life insurance, and such policies only last for a predetermined number of years. Men and women may purchase life insurance policies if they only want life insurance until they retire or until their children reach adulthood.

Permanent insurance is more expensive and will last from the moment you purchase the policy until your death. Many people choose permanent life insurance policies so the money their beneficiaries receive upon their death can be used to pay estate taxes.

In addition, there is an investment component to permanent insurance policies, as a portion of the premiums on such policies is invested (policies will spell out how the money is invested) and allowed to grow tax-free so long as the policy is open. Term insurance only provides protection with no investments.

When choosing how much coverage to purchase, it's easy to go overboard and aim for as much as possible. However, many financial advisors suggest purchasing enough coverage to pay for funeral costs and a level of income replacement you can comfortably afford. If your spouse does not work, you should consider purchasing enough coverage so he or she can afford to pay the family's day-to-day cost of living expenses.

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Employment

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 Seeking Office Assistant, Nursery Manager and Landscape Foreman for Hiawatha location. Email resume and further inquiries to apply@grimmsgardens.com

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Community HealthCare System, in Onaga, Kansas, is seeking a Medical Coder to work in our Provider Clinic. Responsibilities include: assigning and abstracting clinic charts and a variety of other types of charts using ICD and CPT guidelines. CHCS will consider home-based coding if the applicant has the appropriate amount of experience and knowledge with coding practices and guidelines. The successful candidate will have RHIT, CCS or CPC Certification. For more information and to apply go to www.chcsks.org and click on "Careers" or contact Human Resources at 785-889-5030.
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TRESPASSING WITHOUT permission. Notice is hereby given by the undersigned residents of Jackson County that hunting, fishing, trapping, or shooting, or trespassing day or night is positively forbidden on all land owned, or rented or occupied by us, or on roads adjacent to lands at any time of the year, licenses or no licenses. April 1, 2015-2016. Caroline Kern, Phil and Colene Gutierrez, Roger Ackeret, Jay Gilliland, BFD Inc., Joseph B. Nick, Kim Tyler, Harold Knouft and Gary, Tonya and Michelle Everhart.

Employment

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 Openings for the following positions:
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Employment

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Contact Sherry Wahl, Administrator
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www.onagahealthandrehab.com
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JOB LISTING:

Accounting, economic analysis and tax management position working with farm families in Northeast Kansas (Holton location) through K-State and Kansas Farm Management Association Program. Find position announcement at www.agmanager.info/kfma/ Apply no later than Mar. 4.

MONOFILL

The Tire Cutters, Inc. at Centralia, KS is looking for CDL drivers to run routes daily picking up waste tires from various locations. Must be 25 years of age and have a clean, valid CDL. Requires some lifting of waste tires. Call Donnie at 785-364-0210 or Brenda at 785-336-3469.

The Tire Cutters, Inc.
 Centralia, KS

FT HEAVY EQUIPMENT/GRADER OPERATOR

Jackson County Road and Bridge is accepting applications through January 29, 2016 for a Full-Time Heavy Equipment/Grader Operator position, for the south central area of Jackson County. Applicant must have 1 to 3 years of experience in heavy equipment operations and manual labor. Applicant must have a high school diploma or GED and a valid Class A Commercial Driver's License. Applications may be picked up at the Jackson County Clerk's Office, Room 201, Jackson County Courthouse, 400 New York, Holton, Kansas 66436. Applications also available on the Jackson Co., KS website: ks-jackson.manatron.com Drug and alcohol testing is required. Jackson County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

OPENING FOR P/T CLEANER

Marshall's Maid service is looking for an additional 1-2 cleaners to help us keep up with the demand for our services! Perfect candidate(s) have supplementary income, able to physically perform the work, and available to work up to 5 days per week. We need reliable, dependable, mature people that are team players and have flexible daily schedules. Pay is on a per-job basis and ranges between \$8 and \$14/hr. worked. Hours are day shift Monday-Friday and major holidays off. We clean in teams of 2, company vehicle, supplies, training and company policies all provided. Must be 18 years of age with valid drivers license. Apply at 307 Dakota Ave., Holton (one block south of the Computer Doctors). Apply Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
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Farming and ranching are ever changing

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



I remember as a kid playing games with my four older sisters. It seemed to me the rules to the game were always being changed. Little did I know, my sisters were preparing me for my life involved in farming and ranching.

Oh my, how the rules have changed, and so quickly. We've had in the past two years historically high prices for livestock and crops. Just look at us now!

Was it three years ago that hay

was \$200 a ton, now it's \$60 a ton? Corn and soybeans are a good 1/3 the price of what they were two years ago.

Farmers and ranchers were doing some purchases to update equipment or adding much needed buildings to their farms or ranches. Many farmers/ranchers signed long term leases, at much higher prices. It was a real boom for the industry.

Because we are in a global market, things changed. Now some are wondering how they will pay off the balances on that equipment or buildings. Some are now walking away from those long term leases, because they just can't make it work.

We are fortunate to have some resources in the state of Kansas to help farmers and ranchers and their lenders. The first is the farm

analyst program. There are five highly trained ag economists in the state that can meet with farmers and ranchers and do a comprehensive whole farm financial planning and analysis. This can help answer three questions: Where am I? Where do I want to be? How can I get there?

This can be extremely helpful if your lender has concerns about your farm or ranch finances. It can also be helpful if you are considering bringing another generation into the operation and you'd like to know if you can afford it.

In the past, farmers and ranchers have met with the farm analyst to determine if they should expand or terminate parts of their operation. This program will help you identify which operation is the most profitable. Should you keep

cutting your own hay, or buy it? Should you expand your cowherd by adding stockers or more cows? All of these questions can be answered.

Duane Hund lives at Paxico and has been doing this job for many years. He has helped with the farm transition workshops and can even help you get started on passing down the farm. LaVell Winsor lives at Grantville, and would be a great resource.

Both of these individuals are personally involved in agriculture, so they understand. The other three farm analysts are in Wichita, Hutchinson and Lakin. They do cover the state, though.

If you are interested in the program, you can call or email Duane Hund at dhund@ksu.edu or LaVell Winsor at lwinsor@ksu.edu.

Commission approves amended 2015 budget

The Jackson County Commissioners recently approved amendments to the 2015 budget.

The commissioners held a special budget meeting at 9 a.m. on Dec. 31 to amend the budget for several departments after additional unforeseen revenues were generated.

The additional funds are not collected tax dollars, it was reported.

When additional revenues are collected throughout the year, the departments' budgets must be amended so administrators can use or transfer those funds.

The amendments approved included:

* General fund from \$4,157,510 to \$4,336,999.

* Sheriff's office from \$1,890,567 to \$1,904,391.

* Detention center from \$979,526 to \$1,301,483.

* Road and bridge from \$3,364,546 to \$3,370,786.

* Noxious weed from \$239,949 to \$293,077.

In other business, according

to the approved minutes, the commissioners:

* Left their chamber to view the meeting room on the first floor of the Courthouse. They discussed where to install light fixtures, audio/visual equipment and a projector screen.

* Received a call from Francesca House concerning the Delia Fire Board.

* Approved a motion to re-appoint Commissioner Janet Zwonitzer as chairman of the board.

* Approved bills and payroll.

* Met with Jackson County Sheriff Tim Morse to discuss the 2015 budget.

* Signed payroll increases for senior services employees Letha Buskirk-Brown, Susan Dallman, Mary Fernkopf, Leatrice Jim, Amanda Spalding, Gina Tessoroff, Jennifer Wells and Audra Bruggeman.

Payroll increases were also approved for Banner Creek Reservoir employees Susan Rollins, David Fiedler and Robin Levick and noxious weed employee Leon Freel.

* Adjourned the meeting at 4:10 p.m.

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KICKAPOO HOUSING AUTHORITY - KICKAPOO TRIBE IN KANSAS
JOB ANNOUNCEMENT
Accounting Specialist

The Accounting Specialist reports directly to the Executive Director of Kickapoo Housing Authority in Kansas and will be responsible for all accounting, payroll, benefits, and preparing of financial reports generated from all Housing and financial management systems.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Associate Degree in Accounting / Business or 5 - 7 years experience in accounting and payroll. Prefer BS in Accounting / Business. Over 10 years previous experience working in an office setting. This position shall perform all other related duties as assigned by the Executive Director of Housing.

OPENING DATE: JANUARY 21, 2016. **POSITION OPEN UNTIL FILLED.**

For complete job description and application contact: Kickapoo Housing Authority in Kansas
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Renovations to county shop moving forward

The Jackson County Commissioners are moving forward with renovations at the new road and bridge shop north of Holton.

During the commission's meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 5, the commissioners met with Eric Fritz, road and bridge department co-director, to discuss obtaining bids for painting several areas of the new shop.

Fritz and the commissioners discussed not painting the beams and purlins (space between the rafters) and painting the large rolling doors white.

Also during the meeting, the commissioners, Jackson County Sheriff Tim Morse and Undersheriff Darrel Chapman went to the former road and bridge shop, located at 525

Lowell Ave., to assess its space for use as the county impound yard.

In other business, according to the approved minutes, the commission:

* Discussed the discounted prices on tables, bookshelves and chairs that were offered to the county from Kevin Cook.

* Visited the recycling center to view the baler with Dan Robinson, noxious weed director and solid waste manager, and to discuss how to replace it. The current baler is in poor condition and replacement parts are difficult to find.

After viewing the machine in operation, the commissioners and Robinson discussed the possibility of purchasing a used machine with fewer hours.

* Adjourned the meeting at 12:40 p.m.

HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR/WELDER

Jackson County Road and Bridge is accepting applications for a Full-Time Heavy Equipment Operator/Welder through February 5, 2016.

Applicant must have 1 to 3 years experience in operating heavy equipment, welding and manual labor.

Applicant must have high school diploma or GED and a valid Class A Commercial Driver's License.

Applications may be picked up at the Jackson County Clerk's Office, Room 201, Jackson County Courthouse, 400 New York, Holton, Kansas 66436.

Or online at on the Jackson Co. website: ks-jackson.manatron.com

Drug and alcohol testing is required.

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HIAWATHA COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

HCH is accepting applications for the following positions:

RN - Emergency Room - Weekend Night and Night Shift Positions:
Provide care to patients of all age ranges in the emergency room. Applicants must be strong communicators, team players, able to work under pressure, and have or be able to obtain a Kansas registered nursing license. TNCC, ACLS, and PALS certifications necessary or able to obtain soon after hire. Positions consist of full time hours. Weekend positions consist of 2 weekends on and 1 weekend off rotation. Weekend rotation shifts required for weekday role. Prior experience preferred.

RN - Medical Surgical - Full Time Night and Weekend Day Shift Positions: Provide professional, direct nursing care to patients of all age groups admitted to the Med-Surg unit by following physician-prescribed regimen and hospital policies and procedures. Applicants must have or be able to obtain a Kansas registered nursing license. Full time weekend shifts consist of two weekends on and one weekend off rotation. Full time night shifts require a weekend rotation.

Nurse Aides - Medical Surgical - Full Time Day and Part time Night Shift Positions Available: Provides direct non-professional nursing care to patients of all age groups. High school diploma or GED required. Nurse aide certification preferred. Weekend rotation required.

RN - Home Health - Full Time: Provides professional, skilled nursing care in the home. This position assesses, plans and delivers nursing care in collaboration with the patient, family and other members of the health care team. Also develops, plans and organizes necessary professional services. Normal work hours are M-F 8:00 am - 4:30 pm, with some on-call rotation hours. Must possess or be able to obtain a KS nursing license.

HCH offers competitive pay and an excellent benefit package. For further details or to apply, please visit the Careers section of our website at www.hch-ks.org. Resumes may be submitted to akerl@hch-ks.org. For questions, please contact HR at 785-742-6258.

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Public Notice

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JACKSON COUNTY
PUBLIC NOTICE OF BRIDGE AVAILABILITY

Jackson County is replacing an 80' Steel Low Truss Bridge located over Straight Creek on Q4 Road approximately 4.7 miles North of Holton. The 80' Steel Low Truss has been determined to be eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. In an effort to preserve the structure, Jackson County is soliciting proposals seeking adaptive reuse of the bridge at a new location. The solicitor will be required to remove and re-erect the bridge at another location at their own expense as well as maintain and assume financial responsibility of the bridge structure.

acquisition of the 80' Steel Low Truss bridge will be received at and are to be mailed to:

Jackson County Road and Bridge Department, 400 New York, Room 106, Holton, KS 66436 until 5:00 p.m. on February 5, 2016 and will be opened publicly and read aloud at 10:00 a.m. February 8, 2016. Items to be included in request shall be Name of Solicitor, Address, Phone Number, Timeline for Removal Completion, and shall be Signed and Dated. All requests must be sealed and clearly marked "Q4 RD./STRAIGHT CREEK TRUSS REMOVAL" -February 5, 2016 on the outside of the envelope.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all requests, to waive formalities in considering Requests and to accept the Request that in its opinion is the best Request.

Sealed requests for the

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Public Notice

(First published in The Holton Recorder, Holton, Kan., on Monday, Jan. 11, 2016.)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY, KANSAS

The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, National Association fka The Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A. as successor to JPMorgan Chase Bank, as Trustee for Residential Asset Securities Corporation, Home Equity Mortgage Asset-Backed Pass Through Certificates Series 2002-KS4

Plaintiff,

vs.

SHERIFF OF JACKSON COUNTY, KANSAS

Conrad Olson, Sue Olson, et. al.,

Defendants.

Respectfully Submitted,

By: _____

Case No. 14CV70 K.S.A. 60 Mortgage Foreclosure (Title to Real Estate Involved)

Shawn Scharenborg, KS # 24542
Michael Rupard, KS # 26954
Dustin Stiles, KS # 25152
Kozeny & McCubbin, L.C. (St. Louis Office)

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Under and by virtue of an Order of Sale issued by the Clerk of the District Court in and for the said County of Jackson, State of Kansas, in a certain cause in said Court Numbered 14CV70, wherein the parties

12400 Olive Blvd., Suite 555
St. Louis, MO 63141
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Attorney for Plaintiff

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Longtime Jackson Heights employee Dave Henry (seated, center) was honored Friday evening during a special dinner and alumni event at the school. The USD 335 Board of Education agreed to name the JHMS/JHHS football stadium in Henry's honor. Henry, who is pictured with his wife, Mary, began working in the district in the fall of 1970 and continued working at Heights in a variety of capacities until this past November.

Submitted photo

County closes plank bridge near Soldier

By Ali Holcomb

A plank bridge in the western part of the county near Soldier has been temporarily closed by the county due to poor condition.

Eric Fritz and Earl Bahret, road and bridge department co-supervisors, reported that there is documentation showing that the south half a mile of D Road, just south of 286th Road, has been closed near the bridge.

There is no documentation, however, showing that the north part of the road has been closed.

Since this portion of the road is still open, the public has still been accessing the bridge, it was reported.

The county's road and bridge department reportedly hasn't completed any maintenance work on the plank bridge in 30 years because they did not know it was still in use, commissioners were told.

Fritz reported that two farmers are using the bridge and that the large equipment could cause the bridge to collapse under the weight.

The bridge has also not been inspected on a regular basis, it was noted.

The commissioners agreed that due to the condition of the bridge, it will be closed until further notice.

The road and bridge department has now placed a sign and barricades at that location designating that the bridge is closed.

The bridge will remain closed until the commissioners determine whether to close the north part of the road or if the bridge should be replaced with a tube.

In other business, according to the approved minutes from Jan. 11, the commission:

- * Attended a Kansas County Association Multi-line Pool (KCAMP) claim filing meeting on the first floor of the Courthouse.

- * Discussed purchasing shelving for inventory at the new road and bridge shop with Fritz and Bahret.

- * Fritz noted that bids for painting areas of the new shop were set to be submitted to the county by Jan. 19.

- * Met in executive session for 15 minutes to discuss a personnel matter. No action was taken back in open session.

- * Agreed to enter into a contract with the Kansas Department of Transportation to spray weed chemicals along the highway right-of-ways.

- * Met in executive session with Dan Robinson, noxious weed director and solid waste manager, for 15 minutes to discuss a personnel matter. No action was taken back in open session.

- * Heard a weekly report from John Kennedy, Banner Creek Reservoir director.

- * Approved a motion to accept two hayland rental agreements with D.D. Griffiths for a total of \$1,147.50.

- * Approved a motion to change the fee structure at Banner Creek Reservoir. The cost to rent shelter houses one and five is now \$40 a

day. A 10-pound bag of ice is now \$1.50.

- * Learned from Jackson County Sheriff Morse and Undersheriff Darrel Chapman that they want to provide the G.R.E.A.T (Gang Resistance Education And Training) program to each of the three school districts in the county.

- * Sheriff Morse requested that the county help supplement the cost of the program by allocating alcohol tax funds to purchase items for the program that are given to the children.

- * The commissioners agreed to pay an invoice of \$3,309.32 to Best Expression of Phoenix, Ariz. for G.R.E.A.T. items.

- * Met with County Attorney Shawna Miller. The commissioners requested that Miller write a letter stating that a person recently placed on a fire board in the county was not first approved by the commission. They asked Miller to write a cease and desist letter to have him removed from the board immediately. They requested she suggest the board find another candidate for the position.

- * Discussed a fence viewing at O Road from 254th to 258th Roads.

- * Approved a request from Miller to allow \$3,000 out of the diversion fund be used to pay the Attorney General to handle appeals for her.

- * Approved a motion to reappoint Commissioner Rob Ladner to the NEK-CAP Board.

- * Approved a resolution to appoint Girard National State Bank, Denison State Bank and Farmers State Bank as the official banking institutions for the county.

- * Approved a motion to designate *The Holton Recorder* as the official newspaper for Jackson County.

- * Approved a motion to adopt a resolution canceling outstanding warrants and checks.

- * Approved a motion to reappoint David G. Allen to the Judicial Nominating Commission as a non-lawyer member.

- * Signed payroll increases for Nancy Cattrell, Tina Liesman and Susan Kennedy. The commissioners also noted the resignations of Dale Bausch and Amy Purcell.

- * Adjourned the meeting at 4:45 p.m.

Noriega...

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he was "satisfied" with the representation — or Topeka attorney Mark Bennett.

Noriega is also facing a preliminary hearing on two cases — the case involving Sanchez's death and a separate case involving marijuana and paraphernalia charges related to an incident that occurred in July — at 9 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 22 in district court. He remains at the county jail with bond set at \$1 million.

FEBRUARY SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW PAYABLE

County pursuing contract for counseling at jail

By Ali Holcomb

The Jackson County Commissioners are pursuing a contract with Advanced Correctional HealthCare to provide drug and alcohol abuse counseling to inmates at the Jackson County Jail.

Art Rose of Advanced Correctional HealthCare of Peoria, Ill. recently met with the commissioners and Jackson County Sheriff Tim Morse to outline the mental health services the business could provide the county.

Advanced Correctional HealthCare currently provides physical health care services at the jail, it was reported.

Rose said that the company could provide a qualified alcohol/substance abuse mental health professional with a master's degree to meet with inmates three hours a week at an annual cost of \$7,709.12.

The commissioners specified that

they want a mental health professional to be present at the jail during a reserved block of time each week for drug/alcohol abuse counseling.

In 2015, KANZA Mental Health & Guidance Center of Holton/Hiawatha received \$7,000 in alcohol tax funds to provide mental health services at the jail.

Commissioners and David Elsbury, KANZA CEO, have met multiple times this fall to discuss ways to improve mental health services at the jail. Elsbury reported that KANZA does not specifically staff substance abuse counselors.

The commissioners agreed to have Jackson County Attorney Shawna Miller review the contract with Advanced Correctional HealthCare before signing it.

Once signed, the commissioners will pay for the contract with funds

previously set aside in the alcohol tax fund for KANZA.

Jackson County will continue to work with KANZA, however, for other mental health evaluations for inmates, and the commissioners recently signed a 2016 contract with the company for \$64,974.

In other business, according to the approved minutes from Jan. 4, the commission:

- * Heard a weekly report from Eric Fritz and Earl Bahret, who discussed renovations to the new road and bridge shop. Bahret said that Chris Gross would like to submit a proposal for replacing the panels and skylights, and Fritz discussed the prep work that needs to be completed in the building before it can be painted.

- * Commissioners discussed whether they would like to have an awning or gutters with weather protection. Currently, water runs from the top of the roof of the building directly into the window frames.

- * Accepted the single bid submitted for fuel, which was \$11,735.80 submitted by Haag Oil Company.

- * Met in executive session with Bahret and Fritz for 25 minutes to discuss a personnel matter. No action was taken back in open session.

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

- * Approved a request from Jackson County EMS to use the Courthouse to host a CPR Hero Challenge in February.

- * Left their chamber to attend the official swearing in of Norbert Marek, who was chosen as the new 2nd Judicial District Judge.

- * Heard a weekly report from John Kennedy, Banner Creek Reservoir director. Kennedy reported that he and his department's staff have researched building options for storing recreational equipment. A complete solar powered system, providing 400 watts

Purple Heart...

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mously awarded the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the Korean Service Medal, the United Nations Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Korean Presidential Unit Citation and the Republic of

of electrical power, is estimated to cost \$600. This is a savings of \$1,200 over conventional electrical power.

After reviewing several building options, Kennedy recommended a 12-foot by 16-foot building at a cost of \$3,200. The structure includes a wood floor and eliminates the need to construct a concrete floor. The total cost to purchase the building and deck is estimated at \$5,300, with an additional \$3,200 to purchase kayaks, paddle boards and paddle boats. No action was taken.

- * Learned from Kennedy that the new docks for the reservoir are expected to arrive this month.

- * Preparation work is being completed to install the docks, including moving an existing floating dock to the campground "C" cove and pulling out the other existing docks.

- * Met with Trent Rash from Kansas Secured Title and Barbara and Robert Forrester to close on the purchase of the building and land located at 24569 U.S. Highway 75 that will now serve as the new road and bridge shop. The final amount owed by the county is \$350,726.36.

- * Met with Amanda Spalding, Jackson County senior services director, to discuss the Denison Community Center. Spalding reported that the Jackson County Senior Citizen Center previously purchased a stove and a refrigerator for that site.

- * Even though the county is no longer providing meals to the Denison center, the commissioners agreed to leave the refrigerator and stove at the location for community use.

- * Met with CPA Mike Peroo of Leavenworth to discuss the audit of the county budget. Peroo stated that the county is in a "healthy growth position." Peroo said that based on the county's position, the county has 187 days of cash in reserve. Peroo recommends that municipalities have at least 90 days of cash in reserve.

Korea War Service Medal.
"Of Don's life it can truly be said, 'This distance on life's journey is not marked by the number of leaves torn from the calendar, but the number of good deeds done,'" Holmes said.

Heritage Complex donation...

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Denison State Bank approached us that we didn't know what to expect in that 30-day window," Schultz said. "It's was just amazing when donations started coming in. The community really stepped up."

Schultz said that three weddings have been held at the exhibit hall, as well as additional meetings, events and practices for the shooting sports club.

"We've received very positive feedback from everyone about the hall," Schultz said. "It's great that it's being utilized throughout the year."

Last summer was the first time the Jackson County 4-H Fair was held at the new fairgrounds. The grounds include an outdoor arena, a large livestock barn, an amphitheater and the exhibit hall. Areas for parking and the midway have also been designated.

City wages and insurance...

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penses amounted to \$3,062,484 of the total budget of \$12,260,281 — again, 25 percent. The difference in personnel expenses from 2015 to 2016 is an increase of \$155,533.

Those amounts for personnel expenses include all liability expenses related to payroll, including unemployment insurance, social security, KPERs payments and health insurance, Riley said.

Commissioner Tim Morris voiced his approval of the hourly wage increase for full-time employees, noting that in the past, the COLA increase was given through a percentage of

each employee's salary, creating a widening disparity between those at either end of the wage scale.

Commissioner Erich Campbell added that he had talked to several city employees about the previously-used percentage increase, and "not one of them responded well to it."

Campbell also told Bauer that he wanted to know what city employees thought about the hourly wage increase, and Commissioner Dan Brenner, agreeing with Campbell, asked Bauer to get feedback from city employees over the next year to get an idea of how to handle pay raises in FY 2017.

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CITY OF HOLTON

ORDINANCE NO. 16-001

AN ORDINANCE AFFIRMING THE CITY OF HOLTON'S ADOPTION AND CONTINUING OPERATION UNDER THE COMMISSION-MANAGER FORM OF GOVERNMENT AND TRANSITION OF COMMISSION TERMS TO THE NOVEMBER ELECTION CYCLE.

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

WHEREAS, on the 24th day of February, 1948, the citizens of the City of Holton, Kansas, adopted by a majority vote the commission-manager form of government;

WHEREAS, the Kansas Legislature passed L. 2015, ch.88 (H.B. 2104), which amended and transferred the statutory provisions

for the commission-manager form of government, and L. 2015, ch.88, sec. 8(1) states that a city shall continue to operate under its current form of government if established at an election until such time that the city's form of government is changed;

WHEREAS, the statutory provisions for the commission-manager form of government have been recodified in L. 2015, ch.88, sec. 10 through 12;

WHEREAS, L.2015, ch. 88, sec. 8(b) states that all existing ordinances and charter ordinances relating to a city's form of government shall remain in effect until amended or repealed by such city; and

WHEREAS, L.2015 ch.88, sec. 7 provides for a November election cycle,

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

Section 1. FORM OF

GOVERNMENT. The City of Holton, Kansas, continues to operate under the commission-manager form of government, as codified in L. 2015, ch.88, sec. 10 through 12, and pursuant to all existing ordinances and charter ordinances relating to its form of government.

Section 2. GOVERNING BODY, TRANSITION TO NOVEMBER ELECTIONS. Those city commission positions with terms that would have expired in April 2017, shall expire on the second Monday in January 2018, when the city commissioners elected in the November 2017 general election take office. Those positions with terms that would have expired in April 2018 shall expire on the second Monday in January of 2019, when the city commissioners elected in the November 2018 general election take office. The city commissioners elected in the April 2016 election term will expire the second Monday in January, 2020 when the commissioners elected in the November 2019 general election take office.

Section 3. SAME; OFFICES AND ELECTIONS. (a) The governing body shall consist of five (5) commissioners to be elected to terms as set forth herein. The commissioners shall be residents and qualified electors of the City of Holton, Kansas.

(b) General elections shall take place on Tuesday following the first Monday in November 2017, and succeeding elections will be held on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November of every year for all such commissioner positions whose terms have expired.

(c) Two commissioners shall be elected in 2016; two commissioners shall be elected in 2017 and one commissioner shall be elected in 2018. Each commissioner shall serve a three (3) year term.

(d) 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 twenty-five (25) of the qualified electors of the City of Holton.

Section 4. SAME; VACANCIES. The laws establishing and relating to the commission form of government in cities of the second class shall govern the filling of vacancies in the governing body of the City of Holton, Kansas.

Section 5. SAME; OFFICE AND POWERS OF THE MAYOR. The laws establishing and relating to the commission form of government in cities of the second class shall govern the selection and powers of the mayor for the City of Holton, Kansas.

Section 6. SAME; MEETINGS. The laws establishing and relating to the commission form of government in cities of the second class shall govern the rules for governing body meetings for the City of Holton, Kansas.

Section 7. CITY MANAGER. (a) The city governing body shall appoint a city manager to be responsible for the administration

and affairs of the city. The city manager shall serve at the pleasure of the governing body.

(b) The city manager shall see that all laws and ordinances are enforced. The city manager shall appoint and remove all heads of departments and all subordinate officers and employees of the city. All appointments shall be made upon merit and fitness alone.

Section 8. PUBLICATION; EFFECTIVE DATE. The ordinance shall take effect and be in full force and effect immediately following its adoption and publication as provided by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the governing body of the City of Holton, Kansas, this 19th day of January, 2016.

/s/ Robert W. Dieckmann, Mayor

(seal)

ATTEST:
/s/ Teresa Riley,
City Clerk