



Members of the Soldier Christian Church reenacted the nativity as part of its Parade of Lights entry Saturday in downtown Holton. The 18th annual parade featured 40 entries. In the photo above, church members portraying angels included (from left) Adeline Keehn, Rebecca Halbleib, Naomi Halbleib, Luke Halbleib, Sarah Halbleib, Miriam Halbleib, Lilli Keehn (in back) and Kade Holliday. Below, Sierra Keehn (left on a mule) and Jeff Terry represented Mary and Joseph.

Photos by Ali Holcomb

## Schirmers named to Chamber HOF

By Brian Sanders

A lifetime of being “ambassadors for Holton and Jackson County” has earned Ellen and the late David Schirmer spots among the 2018 Holton/Jackson County Chamber of Commerce Hall of Fame inductees.

The Schirmers, who were married in 1948 and moved to Holton immediately afterward, have an impressive list of accomplishments in and for the Holton and Jackson County area between them, whether it’s David’s involvement with the Lions Club and various farming organizations, Ellen’s service on the Jackson County Commission or their shared love of their school, church and community.

“I couldn’t believe it. It kind of humbles you,” Ellen said of her reaction to the Chamber’s honor, which she plans to accept on behalf of herself and David, who died in 2005. As for how David might have reacted, she said, “he would have been all right with it.”

David Schirmer, who was born and raised in the Holton area, served during World War II as a tail gunner with the U.S. Army Air Force’s 491st

Bombardment Group, flying 30 missions during the war and earning the Air Medal with four oak clusters.

“He came back, thank goodness,” Ellen said.

Ellen Hoppas, on the other hand, was reared in the western Kansas community of Menlo, a small town located about 20 miles east of Colby, and was the valedictorian of her graduating high school. Both of them would end up at Kansas State University after the war.

At KSU, David played football — even getting an offer to play professionally later with the Chicago Bears — and he belonged to the Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity, as did one of Ellen’s brothers.

“He came home with my brother, and I didn’t like it because they went out and left me at home,” Ellen said with a laugh. “But my brother thought, any girl that got him would be lucky.”

David turned down a shot at professional football stardom, Ellen laughed, because “he wanted to come back to me!” The two of them eventually fell in love, and on Aug. 26, 1948,

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## Holton man arrested after standoff Monday

A 31-year-old Holton man was arrested on multiple charges after he allegedly opened fire on law enforcement during a two-hour standoff early Monday morning here, according to Jackson County Sheriff Tim Morse. Sheriff Morse said no one was injured by gunfire in the incident.

At 11:48 p.m. on Sunday, the Holton Police Department and the Jackson County Sheriff’s Office responded to a domestic disturbance at 802 Ohio St. in Holton.

After arriving on the scene, a female, whose name was not released, was detained and taken into custody. According to Morse, the female had allegedly been armed with a handgun.

Shortly after that, the male subject, Patrick Wayne Miller, 31, allegedly opened fire on officers and deputies with multiple rounds. The officers and a deputy were “pinned down near the scene,” Morse said.

A Holton police officer returned fire towards Miller. The detained female remained inside a Jackson County Sheriff’s Office K-9 patrol vehicle and Miller allegedly fired a shot, or shots, at that vehicle, too, Morse said.

The deputy and female were rescued from the scene and were

taken to a safe location, Morse said.

Miller allegedly continued to fire shots from the residence towards law enforcement.

Sheriff Morse reported that he established a telephone connection with Miller in order to negotiate his surrender over about a two-hour period. The Kansas Highway Patrol Swat Team and additional troopers assisted with the incident.

Miller eventually surrendered to law enforcement at 3:08 a.m., it was reported.

During the standoff, law enforcement asked residents in that area to stay inside, away from exterior windows and walls.

The Jackson County Sheriff’s Office Investigations Unit obtained a search warrant for the residence and processed the scene on Monday. A large number of firearms were seized from the residence, Morse said.

Miller is being held in the Jackson County Jail on several charges including aggravated assault on a law enforcement officer.

The female involved in the incident was released earlier Monday.

The matter remains under investigation by the Jackson County Sheriff’s Office.

### Donations, volunteers needed for Christmas Store

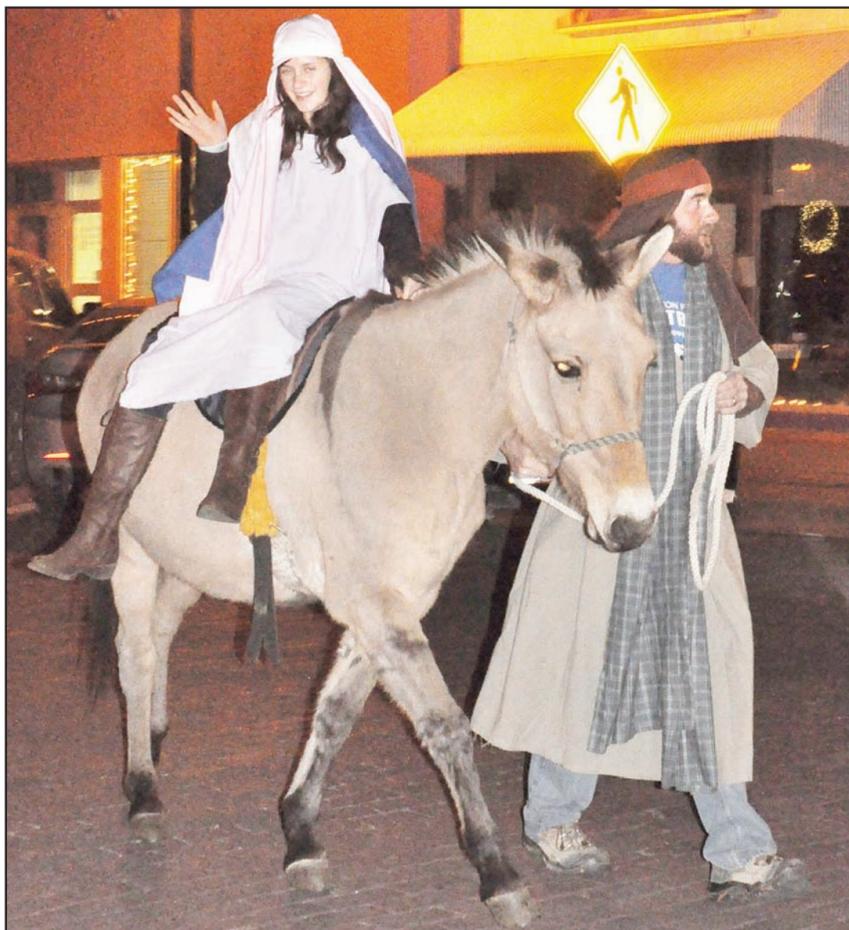
By Ali Holcomb

Christmas will be brighter for 188 Jackson County households that have qualified for this year’s Jackson County Ministerial Alliance Christmas Store. Jennifer Ingels, Christmas Store organizer, said that applications received for this year’s free event include 314 children and 78 senior and/or disabled adults.

The annual event will be held on Friday, Dec. 15, at the First Baptist Church, 404 Juniper Dr. in Holton. Each qualified family and individual will receive a bag of essential items, a box of food, prescription cards and gifts, all for free. Each child will receive a minimum of two free gifts.

Ingels said that donations of several food items are still needed, including instant mashed potatoes, Knorr pasta and rice sides, pancake syrup, pancake mixes and brownie mixes. Donations may be dropped

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## City’s “cold weather rule” for residents discussed at meeting

By Brian Sanders

As cold weather moved into the Holton area late on Monday, the Holton City Commission was reminded that evening about what the city’s utility customers need to do in order to avoid having their utilities shut off in winter.

Holton City Clerk Teresa Riley reminded commissioners that even though, as a municipality, the City of Holton is not “beholden” to the Kansas Corporation Commission’s “cold weather rule,” city employees still “pretty much follow it anyway” during winter months.

That rule, Riley noted, doesn’t mandate that utility companies not turn off their services due to unpaid bills during the winter months. Holton city utility customers still have the responsibility of paying their bills, she said, but arrangements can be made to keep electricity

and water coming into their homes in the event of a financial hardship.

KCC’s “cold weather rule,” which applies to residential customers of utilities under KCC’s jurisdiction, allows those customers to make and maintain payment arrangements and prevents the utilities from shutting off their services when the temperature is expected to drop below 35 degrees or be in the mid-to-low 30s over a 24-hour period, except in certain circumstances.

At present, city employees are issuing “door hangers” to people who have not yet paid their November utility bills, reminding them that the city is still awaiting payment on the

utility bill, Riley said.

The “door hangers” do not serve as a notice that utilities are being shut off, she said, but to let the customers know “that there’s still time for them to contact us to make arrangements if they need to, or to let them know that we haven’t received anything and we need to hear from them.”

Utility bills that are left unpaid for a long period of time are forwarded to the State of Kansas, which collects on customers’ unpaid bills through adjustments to any state income tax refunds they might receive.

Riley later noted that customers who receive the

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The Soldier Christian Church’s float also included shepherds with their sheep, played by (from left) Noah Hill, Tucker Terry, Silas Holliday (in back) and Drew Holliday.

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## Thursday, Dec. 7

\*7 p.m. Jackson County Fair Association annual meeting, held at the Northeast Kansas Heritage Complex, 12200 214<sup>th</sup> Rd., Holton.

\*AA meeting in the yellow annex west of St. Dominic Catholic Church at 7 p.m. Use the south door.

\*Hours at the JCMA New Hope Center Food Pantry, located at Fifth Street and Wisconsin Avenue in the Holton First Christian Church basement, are from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursdays. For more information call 362-7021.

## Friday, Dec. 8

\*Early morning sales at participating Holton businesses, starting at 6 a.m.

\*Narcotics Anonymous meeting from 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in the library room (room 104)

at Evangel United Methodist Church, 227 Pennsylvania Ave. in Holton.

## Saturday, Dec. 9

\*RubyMays Christmas kickoff, held at 103 N. Palmberg in Meriden.

## Sunday, Dec. 10

\*Attend the church of your choice.

\*5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Hoyt Untied Methodist Church live nativity, located at Fourth and Highland in Hoyt.

## Monday, Dec. 11

\*The Jackson County Commission meets at 9 a.m. each Monday at the Jackson County Courthouse in Holton. All meetings are open to the public. To address the county commissioners, contact the county clerk's office at 364-2891 to have your

name placed on a meeting agenda.

\*6 p.m. USD 336 Board of Education meeting.

\*6 p.m. USD 113 Board of Education meeting at Wetmore.

\*6:30 p.m. HES first grade music program.

\*7 p.m. USD 335 Board of Education meeting.

\*7 p.m. ACJSHS vocal concert at auditorium.

\*7 p.m. The Four Seasons Garden Club will meet at Jennifer Marek's home. Bring a dozen cookies.

\*7 p.m. Denison City Council meets at Denison City Hall.

\*7:30 p.m. Whiting City Council meets at Whiting City Hall.

\*7:30 p.m. HES second grade music program.

\*7:30 p.m. USD 337 Board of Education meeting.

\*WMS basketball vs. Frankfort, time TBA.

## Tuesday, Dec. 12

\*Royal Valley After Prom/Booster Club dinner.

## Wednesday, Dec. 13

\*3:40 p.m. RVMS cheer pictures.

\*6:30 p.m. RVES grades 1-2 holiday concert at RVES gym.

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

\*7 p.m. Wetmore City Council meets at Wetmore City Hall.

\*7:30 p.m. RVES grades 3-4 holiday concert at RVES gym.

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

\*The Crisis Pregnancy Center in Holton is open every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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## Sheriff's officers report recent arrests

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

■ On Nov. 15, Charles Balocca, 54, Topeka, was arrested on a criminal warrant on a charge of failure to appear and on another criminal warrant on a charge of possession of stolen property.

■ On Nov. 15, Johnnie Brown III, 55, Topeka, was arrested on a traffic warrant on a charge of failure to appear.

■ On Nov. 17, Sherie Nephew, 47, Topeka, was arrested on a criminal warrant on a charge of failure to appear.

■ On Nov. 17, Joseph Keehn, 23, Havensville, was arrested on a criminal warrant on charges of criminal deprivation of property and criminal use of a financial card.

■ On Nov. 17, Angela Hadrin, 42, Topeka, was arrested on a criminal warrant on a charge of failure to appear.

■ On Nov. 19, a 15-year-old male from Council Bluffs, Iowa, was arrested on charges of criminal deprivation of property and operating a motor vehicle with-

out a license.

■ On Nov. 19, a 14-year-old male from Council Bluffs, Iowa, was arrested on charges of criminal deprivation of property and operating a motor vehicle without a license.

■ On Nov. 20, Daniel Gordon, 22, Holton, was arrested on a criminal warrant on charges of possession of illegal drug paraphernalia.

■ On Nov. 21, Stacey Jeffries, 46, Blaine, was arrested on charges of possession of a stimulant and possession of illegal drug paraphernalia.

■ On Nov. 21, Jim Jeffries, 39, Blaine, was arrested on charges of possession of a stimulant and possession of illegal drug paraphernalia.

■ On Nov. 22, Joshua Nixon, 27, Overbrook, was arrested on a traffic warrant from another jurisdiction.

■ On Nov. 23, Jon Harmon, 26, Emmett, was arrested on charges of driving while suspended and littering from a vehicle.

■ On Nov. 24, James Rich-

ardson, 18, Hiawatha, was arrested on charges of possession of marijuana and illegal drug paraphernalia.

■ On Nov. 24, Katie Bray, 25, Fort Scott, was arrested on a warrant from another jurisdiction.

■ On Nov. 25, Shannon Tip-pin, 55, Auburn, was arrested on charges of aggravated assault and domestic battery.

■ On Nov. 26, Joseph Ross, 40, Horton, was arrested on a traffic warrant on a charge of failure to appear.

■ On Nov. 27, Lacy Smith, 28, Whiting, was arrested on a criminal warrant for failure to appear. She was also arrested on another criminal warrant on charges of identity theft, forgery and possession of stolen property.

■ On Nov. 27, Lisa Morris, 40, Soldier, was arrested on two criminal warrants on probation violation charges.

■ On Nov. 27, Benjamin McInain, 31, Topeka, was arrested on a traffic warrant on a charge of failure to appear.

■ On Nov. 27, Julie Grey, 45,

Topeka, was arrested on a traffic warrant on a charge of failure to appear.

■ On Nov. 28, Robert Hill, 41, Topeka, was arrested on charges of driving while suspended and driving while declared a habitual violator.

■ On Nov. 29, Tara Wichman, 46, Topeka, was arrested on two criminal warrants on charges of failure to appear.

■ On Nov. 29, Andrew Roldan, 25, Topeka, was arrested on a traffic warrant on a charge of failure to appear.

■ On Nov. 29, Jerry Lewis, 33, Mayetta, was arrested on a traffic warrant on a charge of failure to appear.

■ On Nov. 29, Jimmie Franklin, 61, Topeka, was arrested on a traffic warrant on a charge of failure to appear.

■ On Nov. 29, Matthew Fagan, 30, Quenemo, was arrested on a traffic warrant on a charge of failure to appear.

■ On Nov. 29, Crystal Cobb, 32, Shawnee, was arrested on a criminal warrant on a charge of failure to appear.

## Police Calls

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

• 9:33 a.m. Nov. 16, 100 block of Iowa Avenue, animal control.

• 11:04 a.m. Nov. 16, Fifth Street at Iowa Avenue, citizen assist.

• 3:26 p.m. Nov. 16, 100 block of Park View Court, EMS assist.

• 3:27 a.m. Nov. 17, Prairie Lake, area check.

• 4:02 p.m. Nov. 17, Prairie Lake, area check.

• 4:45 p.m. Nov. 17, 100 block of South Topeka Avenue, civil standby.

• 9:14 a.m. Nov. 18, 700 block of Idaho Avenue, citizen assist.

• 1:37 p.m. Nov. 18, 400 block of Hillcrest Drive, animal control.

• 6:04 p.m. Nov. 18, 300 block of Kansas Avenue, theft.

• 2:33 a.m. Nov. 19, Prairie Lake, area check.

• 10:04 a.m. Nov. 19, 400 block of South Arizona Avenue, citizen assist.

• 11:11 a.m. Nov. 19, Fifth Street at Keller Avenue, assisted Jackson County Sheriff's Office.

• 3:44 p.m. Nov. 19, 400 block of South Arizona Avenue, non-injury accident.

• 9:50 a.m. Nov. 20, 800 block of West Fifth Street, staff assist.

• 11:04 a.m. Nov. 20, 300 block of New Jersey Avenue, unauthorized burn.

• 3:19 a.m. Nov. 21, Prairie Lake, area check.

• 7:38 a.m. Nov. 21, 300 block of Iowa Avenue, suspicious activity.

• 6:04 p.m. Nov. 21, 400 block of Idaho Avenue, welfare check.

• 9:42 p.m. Nov. 21, Prairie Lake, area check.

• 10:38 p.m. Nov. 21, Rafters Park, suspicious activity.

• 8:34 a.m. Nov. 22, Prairie Lake, area check.

• 10:11 a.m. Nov. 22, 400 block of South Arizona Avenue, non-injury accident.

• 11:45 a.m. Nov. 22, U.S. Highway 75 at 246th Road, assisted Jackson County Sheriff's Office.

• 12:08 p.m. Nov. 22, 900 block of Forrest Drive, animal control.

• 4:40 p.m. Nov. 22, 300 block of New Jersey Avenue, civil standby.

• 5:02 p.m. Nov. 23, 400 block of Arizona Avenue, suspect arrested on a charge of driving under the influence.

• 9:37 p.m. Nov. 23, 100 block of South Pennsylvania Avenue, violation of a protective order.

• 11:24 p.m. Nov. 23, 400 block of South Arizona Avenue, theft.

• 8:54 a.m. Nov. 24, 400 block of Arizona Avenue, non-injury accident.

• 10:17 a.m. Nov. 24, Prairie Lake, area check.

• 10:42 p.m. Nov. 24, 1100 block

of Columbine Drive, citizen assist.

• 11:16 p.m. Nov. 24, 400 block of South Arizona Avenue, suspect arrested on a Shawnee County failure to appear warrant.

• 3:59 a.m. Nov. 25, Prairie Lake, area check.

• 11:08 a.m. Nov. 25, 400 block of South Arizona Avenue, non-injury accident.

• 11:15 a.m. Nov. 25, 300 block of South Arizona Avenue, disturbance.

• 2:44 p.m. Nov. 25, Prairie Lake, area check.

• 1:50 a.m. Nov. 26, 1100 block of Columbine Drive, aggravated battery.

• 3:27 p.m. Nov. 26, Prairie Lake, area check.

• 9:41 p.m. Nov. 26, 800 block of New York Avenue, EMS assist.

• 4:24 a.m. Nov. 27, 400 block of Banner Road, EMS assist.

• 9:50 a.m. Nov. 27, Prairie Lake, area check.

• 4:02 p.m. Nov. 27, 400 block of New York Avenue, disturbance.

• 5:11 p.m. Nov. 27, 400 block of Nebraska Avenue, suspicious activity.

• 11:22 a.m. Nov. 28, Holton Industrial Park, area check.

• 3:55 p.m. Nov. 28, 100 block of New York Avenue, disturbance.

• 9:29 a.m. Nov. 29, 100 block of South Pennsylvania Avenue, animal control.

• 10:31 a.m. Nov. 29, 300 block of Pennsylvania Avenue, EMS assist.

• 8:25 p.m. Nov. 29, 100 block of Vermont Avenue, accidental damage.

• 10:43 p.m. Nov. 29, Prairie Lake, area check.

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# School Lunch Menus

## Jackson Heights

**Monday, Dec. 11:** Breakfast – French toast sticks, link sausage, fruit, juice and milk; Lunch – Grilled chicken sandwich, sweet potato fries, red and green bell pepper slices, fruit and milk.

**Tuesday, Dec. 12:** Breakfast – Western omelet, whole-wheat tortilla, fruit, juice and milk; Lunch – Country steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, biscuit, lettuce salad, fruit and milk.

**Wednesday, Dec. 13:** Breakfast – Breakfast pizza, fruit, juice and milk; Lunch – White chicken chili, cornbread, red pepper slices, cucumbers, fruit and milk.

**Thursday, Dec. 14:** Breakfast – Whole-grain cereal, yogurt, fruit, juice and milk; Lunch – Baked ham, scalloped potatoes, green beans, fruit salad, chocolate cake and milk.

**Friday, Dec. 15:** Breakfast – Biscuit with sausage gravy, fruit, juice and milk; Lunch – Pepperoni pizza, celery sticks, baby carrots, lettuce salad, fruit and milk.

## Holton

**Monday, Dec. 11:** Breakfast – Breakfast pizza or cereal, choice of fruit and/or juice and milk; Lunch – Barbecue rib on a bun or grilled cheese, lettuce and tomato, baby carrots, fresh fruit and milk.

**Tuesday, Dec. 12:** Breakfast – Pancake on a stick or cereal, choice of fruit and/or juice and milk; Lunch – Taco soup or chicken crispito, tortilla chips, salsa and refried beans, fresh fruits and veggies and milk.

**Wednesday, Dec. 13:** Breakfast – Homemade cinnamon roll or cereal, choice of fruit and/or juice and milk; Lunch – Corn dog or hamburger on a bun, green beans, tater tots, Snickerdoodle, fresh fruit and milk.

**Thursday, Dec. 14:** Breakfast – Sausage biscuit or cereal, choice of fruit and/or juice and milk; Lunch – Quesadilla and chips or yogurt muffin plate, fresh vegetables and salsa, fresh fruit and milk.

**Friday, Dec. 15:** Breakfast – Star spangled pancakes and sausage or cereal, choice of fruit and/or juice and milk; Lunch –

Pizza or ham and cheese sub, seasoned corn, garden salad, fresh fruit and milk.

## Royal Valley

**Monday, Dec. 11:** Breakfast – Frudel, fruit and milk; Lunch – Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes with gravy, fresh carrots, roll (9-12), fruit and milk.

**Tuesday, Dec. 12:** Breakfast – Biscuits and gravy, fruit and milk; Lunch – Spaghetti with meat sauce, breadstick (6-12), green beans, fresh broccoli, fruit and milk.

**Wednesday, Dec. 13:** Breakfast – Pancake on a stick, fruit and milk; Lunch – Chicken wrap, corn, lettuce and tomatoes, rice crispy treat, fruit and milk.

**Thursday, Dec. 14:** Breakfast – French toast sticks, fruit and milk; Lunch – Baked ham, cheesy potatoes, green beans, dessert, fruit and milk.

**Friday, Dec. 15:** Breakfast – Breakfast pizza, fruit and milk; Lunch – Corn dog, baked beans, potato wedges, fruit and milk.

## Wetmore

**Monday, Dec. 11:** Breakfast – Cereal or cinnamon pastries; Lunch – Chicken fajita with salsa, refried beans, fresh broccoli and cauliflower, pineapple, whole-grain royal brownie and milk.

**Tuesday, Dec. 12:** Breakfast – Biscuits and gravy; Lunch – Holiday meal, baked ham, cheesy potatoes, seasoned green beans, rosy applesauce, whole-grain roll and milk.

**Wednesday, Dec. 13:** Breakfast – Syrup Day; Lunch – Flatbread cheese pizza, spinach garden salad, corn, peaches and milk.

**Thursday, Dec. 14:** Breakfast – Sausage or egg biscuit sandwich; Lunch – Chili, rabbit food, pickle spears, banana, whole-grain cinnamon roll and milk.

**Friday, Dec. 15:** Breakfast – Breakfast pizza; Lunch – Creamy classic macaroni and barbecue meatballs, steamed broccoli, carrot crunchies, apple smiles, whole-grain pumpkin bar and milk.

*Note: Menus subject to change.*



# Jackson Co. Senior Menus

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

Reservations are to be made through the Jackson County Senior Citizens Office on a first come, first serve basis. Same day reservations will be accepted from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. only if reservations are not filled the previous day. Cancellations must be made by 9:30 a.m. same day.

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

Menus listed for the week of Monday, Dec. 11 through Friday, Dec. 15 are as follows:

**Monday, Dec. 11:** Salisbury steak with mushroom gravy, mashed potatoes, Japanese vegetables, fruit cobbler and bread and margarine.

**Tuesday, Dec. 12:** Taco soup, tortilla chips, broccoli/cauliflower salad, mandarin oranges and brownie.

**Wednesday, Dec. 13:** Beef stroganoff, noodles, Brussels sprouts, fruit salad and bread and margarine.

**Thursday, Dec. 14:** Roast turkey with stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, cranberry jello salad, pumpkin pie and roll and margarine.

**Friday, Dec. 15:** Beef stew, biscuit, coleslaw, peaches and cake.



Two of this year's Christmas Parade of Lights entries were from (top photo) the Netawaka Fire Department, which brought a decorated fire truck, and (in the photo above) the Jackson County Commission.

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

Reservations are required if you are in a large group. The center is located on K Road, about one-half mile south of 158th Road. For more information about the program, call (785) 966-0040.

Menus listed for the week of Monday, Dec. 11

through Friday, Dec. 15 are as follows:

**Monday, Dec. 11:** Tuna casserole, peas and carrots, biscuit and fruit.

**Tuesday, Dec. 12:** Spaghetti, bread stick, green beans and fruit.

**Wednesday, Dec. 13:** Chicken biscuit sandwich, gravy, broccoli Normandy and fruit.

**Thursday, Dec. 14:** Ham, potato and gravy dressing, roll and pecan pie.

**Friday, Dec. 15:** Tortellini soup, baguette, cottage cheese and fruit.

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CenturyLink	14.39	-0.42
Lowe's	86.31	-1.73
Target	62.20	-0.36
Hershey	112.76	-0.06
Walmart	97.83	+0.82
Phillips 66	98.27	+0.74
US Bancorp	54.82	-0.81
Pfizer	35.63	-0.43
Deere & Co.	150.67	-0.30
United Parcel	120.37	-3.35
Apple	169.64	-0.16
Facebook	172.83	+1.36
Westar Energy	56.39	-0.15
Goodyear	32.22	+0.15

Source: Edward Jones Investments, Shannon Wright, financial advisor. Prices listed at close of trading on Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2017.

## GRAIN

Description	Price at Close
Wheat	\$3.44
Corn	\$3.09
Milo	\$3.23
Soybeans	\$9.34

Source: Jackson Farmers Co-Op, Holton. Prices listed at close of trading on Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2017. Grain buying hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday. Cash bids subject to change without notice.

## FUEL PRICES

Current	Last Mo.	Last Year	
Kansas Average	\$2.31	-\$0.064	+\$0.349
National Average	\$2.46	-\$0.064	+\$0.284
Holton Average	\$2.34		

Source: GasBuddy.com. Current prices listed as of Sunday, Dec. 3, 2017.

# OPINION

## Christmas Parade of Lights enjoyed by many

Another Community Christmas Parade of Lights is in the books and it was enjoyed by many!

Thanks to all who participated in the parade last Saturday, Dec. 2, and thanks to all who traveled to the Holton Town Square to watch it!

There were about 40 entries in the parade this year and there were crowds of people lining all four sides of the Town Square to watch it.

Nearly every parking stall around the Square was taken as parade time neared.

The weather was comfortable and calm in the 50-degree range, which added to the enjoyment, and with Santa Claus in attendance the success of the parade was pretty much guaranteed.

What started as a very small parade idea 18 years ago – with some people saying it would never work – continues to grow and by now is a starting to become a wonderful, local tradition.

It has been especially heart-warming over the years to see how the involvement of local churches has grown by leaps and bounds in the Christmas Parade.

Letters were sent out to all of the local churches a few years back urging all of them to get involved to make sure the Christmas Parade of Lights first and foremost continued to be a religious parade celebrating the birth of Jesus and the importance of religion in the community all year long.

Many of the churches responded then and continue to respond now each year and it is evident that a lot of thought and effort is going into a lot of the Christmas Parade floats.

It is hoped that – by setting the date of the Christmas Parade for the first Saturday in December each year – the parade can continue to grow each year.

David Powlis



The theme of the Christmas Parade of Lights float entered by New Hope Family Church of Holton this year (shown above) was “Jesus, the Greatest Gift.” Local churches were well-represented again in this year’s Christmas parade. Photo by Ali Holcomb

## Drain the swamp? You’ve got to be kidding

■ Lobbyists paid for \$3.15 billion for Congressional influence last year

By Lee Hamilton

One of the quirks of life in Washington, D.C., is that pretty much the only people who don’t refer to lobbyists by that name are, well, lobbyists.

They’re “policy advisors,” or “strategic counsel,” or “public relations advisors,” or lawyers, or even just “consultants.”

Whatever they’re called, though, they play a huge role in making policy.

For the most part, they are able, well-informed, and skillful at what they do. Their aim is to develop a cordial relationship with policy-makers – whether elected to Congress or serving in some federal agency – so that they can advance their points of view.

And policy-makers rely on them: for information, for research and writing, for persuasive arguments, and, of course, for political support.

Though there are members of the influence industry who

aren’t especially well-heeled, there are plenty who are. As a whole, they spend a lot of money: \$3.15 billion in 2016, according to the Center on Responsive Politics, which tracks lobbying and lobbyists.

Some industries – among them pharmaceuticals, communications, insurance, and oil and gas – employ hundreds of people whose sole mission is to influence federal policy-making.

They write checks to politicians for speeches, dole out campaign contributions, pay for travel. They work hard to get their favored politicians elected and to rally their members at important moments.

They are extremely sophisticated in the use of media, including social media. They pursue public education campaigns, grassroots organizing, and other means of getting members of the public to back them.

There’s a reason for all of this: the stakes are high. When I was in Congress, I used to wonder why I’d see CEOs walking around Capitol Hill or stopping

by my office for a visit.

These are important men and women who have major responsibilities that have nothing to do with politicians, and yet there they are. Why?

Because if they can get a few words added to or eliminated from regulations or legislation, their companies can benefit by millions and sometimes billions of dollars. It’s that simple.

And it’s why, no matter how much politicians like to talk about “draining the swamp,” they never do.

The swamp keeps growing because what’s at stake for the influence industry and the interests that fund it does, too.

I should say that I’ve known a lot of lobbyists over the years, and respected them as hard-working, well-informed participants in the process.

I’ve been helped by many of them, and misled by only a few. But I worry about the growth of the industry and its outsized weight compared to that of the ordinary American.

As the impact of well-resourced interests grows, I think

the voice of ordinary citizens has been diminished.

The voter may have a vote every few years, and that should not be discounted, but it cannot possibly match the effect of people who are there day in and day out, wielding the resources many of them can bring to bear.

So what do we do about this? I do not think it’s enough to say, as some politicians do, that in the scheme of things there are so many countervailing voices that they cancel each other out. That’s simplistic.

Part of the answer lies with robust disclosure and transparency laws and enforcement. But as important, I believe that Congress ought to increase its capacity to do its own research, analysis, oversight, and fact-finding.

It has some capabilities in this regard, through the Congressional Research Service, the Congressional Budget Office, and the Government Accountability Office.

But as the Brookings Institution pointed out earlier this year, those three agencies, through

budget cuts, lost 45 percent of their combined staffs over the last 40 years, even as members’ workloads grew.

Lacking the independently provided information they need to make informed decisions, Brookings noted, “Congress members will fall back on documents provided by interest groups and lobbying efforts.”

The problem is, members of Congress don’t seem especially concerned about the outsized role the influence industry plays in their deliberations; nor do they seem especially interested in building their own independent capacity to analyze issues and legislation. But if you care about representative democracy, you ought to be.

Note: Lee Hamilton is a senior advisor for the Indiana University Center on Representative Government; a distinguished scholar, IU 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.



## MOLLETE: Americans fear Social Security won’t last

By Glenn Mollette

Aging Americans within a few years of collecting Social Security are concerned.

Will government leaders push the retirement age to 68 or even 70?

Will the current promised benefits be slashed 10, 20 percent or even more?

The government continues collecting Social Security but some politicians are saying it will be impossible to pay out

what has been promised with fewer people paying into the system.

Even more frightening is that the Social Security Administration is saying the same thing.

While we are told that we are living longer, how many millions of people will pay into Social Security but never live long enough to collect a penny?

The government hopes if they can raise the age, then a few more million people will never live to collect. Or, possibly a few more million will not collect it long.

Americans still have to fear

disease. People still die from cancer, diabetes and neurological diseases every day.

Heart disease still commonly adds to the ranks of death. When was the last time we heard an announcement that a cure for anything had been discovered?

We fear medical bills. Enormous medical bills are still the biggest reason Americans are filing bankruptcy.

We fear the cost of education. Most all parents want a better life for their kids but education only becomes a burden of debt to parents and students.

Who is trying to help? We

don’t need bigger and longer loans. We need affordable education.

Millions of Americans have worked their lives for promised pensions that are in question. Many of these pension funds are broke and millions of dollars in debt. There is a growing horror that what was promised is not going to be there.

With all our financial, educational, medical and golden year fears, we can throw in a few more fears.

We have terrorism from the Middle East to our local movie theater. Public schools struggle

with carrying out their mission due to funding, salaries, bullying and tensions from varying sources.

Poverty is growing. So many people have given up and have committed themselves to a life of welfare, which essentially is a life of depression and living with almost nothing.

All the while our communities are changing. People from all over the world are flooding into America and changing every corner of our country. They are working for every dollar they can make and seem to be happy.

## SCHLAGECK: Estate tax relief needed for farmers, ranchers

By John Schlageck

Kansas Farm Bureau Smart, hard work combined with good planning increases the likelihood of a bright and prosperous future. This is considered the American way – the American dream.

Part of this same American dream is the expectation that future generations will experience a better life than that of their parents. It’s always been that way – parents want their children to have more opportunities than they did.

The fondest wish of Kansas farmers, ranchers and small business owners is to pass these family ventures on to their children. They work years to leave a legacy of land or a business.

Unfortunately, that shared dream is threatened by an estate tax that has hung above the heads of farmers and ranchers for far too long.

If farmers cannot pass on their land from one generation to the next, it threatens the future of our farms and forces farmers and ranchers to find alternatives

to keep the family business alive.

For the first time in more than 30 years, Congress is looking at major tax reform. The transfer of land used in farming and ranching must be part of this discussion. This remains a huge task and with the right provisions, and an updated federal tax code, it could yield economic growth across Kansas and rural America.

Land remains our paramount asset. Still it can also be the most difficult to come by as property values increase.

Younger farm and ranch generations remain burdened by the challenge of holding onto family property if they cannot pay the estate tax. If this occurs, they may not return to the family farm or ranch.

When Uncle Sam comes to pay his respects, surviving family members, without enough cash may be forced to sell land, buildings or equipment they need to keep their operations running, just to pay the tax bill.

Rural communities and businesses suffer when farms and ranches are dismantled and farmland is sold. When this occurs near urban centers farmland is often lost forever to de-

velopment.

The money farmers pay to the government in capital gains taxes is money that could be reinvested in the farm or ranch and indirectly into the rural community where the farm is located.

Local machinery, fuel, herbicide, fertilizer and parts dealers will suffer. Such businesses keep people employed and provide much-needed money to lo-

cal governments in the form of county or city sales taxes.

Estate taxes can also threaten the transfer of farmland between farmers and ranchers.

As farmers consider retirement, they set the selling price of land or other assets high enough to recover the cost of capital gains taxes. This increases the likelihood farmland may be developed for other uses

because few young farmers can afford to buy from these retiring producers.

Contact your lawmakers as tax reform legislation comes up for a vote. Estate tax relief will give future generations hope they can maintain the family legacy and keep the farm. Most importantly, estate tax relief will keep alive the American dream – if you work hard and plan

ahead, you can pass the fruits of your labor to your children and grandchildren.

Note: John Schlageck is a leading commentator on agriculture and rural Kansas. Born and raised on a diversified farm in northwestern Kansas, his writing reflects a lifetime of experience, knowledge and passion.

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# OBITUARIES

## Powell

Mildred June Powell, 89, of Petersburg, Pa., passed away Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2017.

She was born May 30, 1928 to the late Roy E. and Ruth Vandervort Troxel and was also preceded in death by her husband, Dale C. Powell, and a brother, Jack Troxel.

Mrs. Powell is survived by her daughters, Ruth Dale Baldwin and husband David of Colonial Heights, Va., and Susie June Wade and husband Steve of Carson, Va.; two grandsons, Dale Dickens of Chesterfield, Va., and David Baldwin Jr. of Colonial Heights, Va.; numerous nieces and nephews; a sister-in-law, Dorothy Woods of Mayetta; and a special friend, Marion R. Tucker of Chester, Va.

A very special thanks to Vista Park Memory Care Center and to At Home Care Hospice for their wonderful care.

A graveside service was held Monday, Nov. 27, 2017, at Southlawn Memorial Park, Prince George, Va. The Colonial Heights Chapel of E. Alvin Small Funeral Homes and Crematory, 2033 Boulevard, Colonial Heights, VA 23834 is in charge of arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to a charity of your choice. Condolences may be registered at [www.ealvinsmall.com](http://www.ealvinsmall.com)

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## Parkerson

Lola Irene Parkerson, 96, of Topeka, formerly of Horton, died Monday, Dec. 4, 2017, at Stormont-Vail Hospital in Topeka.

She was born July 19, 1921, in Hiawatha, the daughter of Ernest and Lillie Thompson Lassley. She graduated from Powhatan High School and from Highland Community College.

Mrs. Parkerson was a homemaker.

She was a member of First Baptist Church in Horton, where she taught Sunday school, held numerous offices and served on various committees. She was also a member of the American Baptist Women, Delphian Club, Horton Hospital Auxiliary, Farm Bureau Unit, Women's Chamber of Commerce, Topeka Baptist Church and was a former Girl Scout and Boy Scout leader.

She married Charles Parkerson on July 11, 1948, in Horton. He died March 3, 1997. She was also preceded in death by two sons, Duwane and Kevin Parkerson; and a great-grandson, Hunter Arcuri.

Survivors include a son, Robert Parkerson and wife Donna, Owasso, Okla.; four daughters, Patty Anderson and husband Gary, Houlton, Wis.; Peggy Schuetz and husband Rick, Hoyt, and Cheryl Hobbs and Sherri Nelson, both of Topeka; 11 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at First Baptist Church in Horton, where family will greet friends from 10 a.m. until service time. Burial will be held in Horton Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Lola Parkerson memorial fund, to be designated later and sent in care of Dishon-Maple-Chaney Mortuary in Horton. Holton Recorder 12/6/17

## Boyce

Frances E. "Jean" Boyce, 84, Valley Falls, died Monday, Dec. 4, 2017, at her home.

She was born Jan. 14, 1933, at Atchison, the daughter of Elmer Cleo and Elsie Marie Wheeler Pennington. She had attended Atchison High School and received her diploma later.

Mrs. Boyce was a driver's license examiner for the State of Kansas in Topeka for more than 25 years. She had worked at the State of Kansas Titles and Registration Department and for Jostens, both in Topeka.

She was a member of Calvary Baptist Church and Ladies Auxiliary of Graham-Herbers Post 3084 VFW, both in Valley Falls.

She married James Donald Boyce on Oct. 22, 1950, at Valley Falls. He died April 10, 1981. She was also preceded in death by a son, James Dale Boyce; a grandson, Nicholas Boyce; a daughter-in-law, Nedra Boyce; and two brothers, Elmer LeRoy and Howard Glenn Pennington.

Survivors include two sons, Frank E. Boyce, Valley Falls, and Raymond E. Boyce, Holton; two daughters, Pamela B. Pfannenstiel and husband Bill, Garland, Texas, and Donna M. Johnston and husband Robert, Valley Falls; four sisters, Susie Berry, Atchison, Ruby Nauman, York, Pa., Virginia Pelton, Topeka, and Beatrice McMillan, Cocoa, Fla.; five grandchildren, Megan, Casey, Aron, Dustin and Phillip; and seven great-grandchildren, McKayla, Taygen, Braxton, Brooklyn, Alannah, Lennox and Grayson.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 9 at Calvary Baptist Church in Valley Falls. Burial will follow in Valley Falls Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Friday at Mercer Funeral Home in Valley Falls.

Memorial contributions may be made to Calvary Baptist Church or to Jefferson County Service Organization, sent in care of Mercer Funeral Home, P.O. Box 6, Valley Falls, KS 66088. Holton Recorder 12/6/17

## Cook joins Phi Kappa Phi

Ashley Cook of Mayetta, a 2015 graduate of Holton High School, was recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society, it was reported.

Cook, who is pursuing a degree in biology at Washburn University in Topeka, is among approximately 30,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year.

Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

Phi Kappa Phi was founded in 1897 under the leadership of Marcus L. Urann, who had a desire to create a different kind of honor society: one that recognized excellence in all academic disciplines. Today, the society has chapters on more than 300 campuses in the United States and the Philippines. Its mission is "to recognize and promote academic excellence in all fields of higher education and to engage the community of scholars in service to others."

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Denison State Bank employees and their families sang Christmas carols and held candles as they rode and walked through the Parade of Lights on Saturday evening in downtown Holton. A total of 40 businesses, churches and organizations took part in the parade. Photo by Ali Holcomb

## Denison Bible Church

By Esther L. Hall

On Nov. 26, Pastor Tom's message was titled "What Could Possibly Make Vomit Appealing Again?" The responsive reading was Proverbs 26:8-12.

Colorful language doesn't always mean that our speech is peppered with curse words. Sometimes it's more picturesque wording or sayings that we use

to describe what we mean. For instance, "I don't chew my cabbage twice!" That doesn't have anything to do with cabbage but it does mean, "I won't repeat myself."

Proverbs 26:11 says, "As a dog returns to his own vomit, so a fool returns to his folly."

Again, this has nothing to do with a dog. It means that even

though we know better, we continue to do the same sinful things over and over. How foolish!

New believers can be caught up in false teachings easily because they don't know the truths. But sadly, even born-again believers can get caught up in false doctrine. If we're not grounded in our faith or in biblical truths, it's just as easy for us to be swayed by "pretty words" that have absolutely no biblical weight to them.

We may hear or read things that are close to what the Bible says but are not truths. They contain all the right buzz words to attract people who don't know the difference. How would we know that if we're not grounded in our faith?

The Bible nourishes us, but too many of us are addicted to "junk food" (our old ways). The Bible can satisfy us, but too often

we feed on the stuff that does not sustain us.

When we're distracted, we're missing out on the really good stuff that we know to be truth. Too many people are teaching things that shouldn't be taught and there are equal fools filling up on their teachings.

God will not print a retraction to what is in His Bible. But when we've gone astray, we can retract by admitting we were wrong. There is no partial sin, just as there is no little sin. Sin is sin. If you're trying to stop sinning, you've got to get away from whatever or whomever temps you to sin.

"If you lie down with dogs, you get up with fleas." Don't think you can stop sinning and yet continue to have whatever it is that causes you to sin still in your life. It doesn't work!

## Buck's Grove

By Betty Bernitter

It was a beautiful Dec. 3 morning at Buck's Grove United Methodist Church and the first Sunday of Advent.

Denny and Donna Ashcraft provided the recorded prelude as Bailey Ashcraft lighted the altar candles.

Lay pastor Charlotte Milroy welcomed everyone, and after announcements, she led the congregants in the opening prayer and Psalter Psalm 80. Charlotte read scripture from Isaiah 64:1-9 and 1 Corinthians 1:3-9.

Joyce Immenschuh, assisted by Bailey, provided the Advent service by lighting the candle to represent hope.

Donna led the congregation in singing hymns "Great Is Thy Faithfulness," "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" and "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates."

Betty Bernitter read a comical story about a dog stealing leftover turkey. It was set to the tune "Twas The Night Before Christmas."

Pastor Charlotte read the gospel from Mark 13:24-37. She chose the title "There Is Hope, Not Hidden." As we look at our first advent candle, it reminds us that we are living in a time of great hope. We are living in a time when we know that God intervenes in our world.

We know that because we know the story of Jesus and we know the power and presence of God's Holy Spirit. God's Holy Spirit guides us, leads us and fills us with power to be authentic human beings that are able to reflect God's glory and honor.

We live in hope because we know that we can bring all our hang ups, all our mistakes, all our brokenness and all of our sins to the Lord. We can bring everything to the Lord because we know He loves each of us,

forgives us, cleanses us and renews us.

Don Boling and Wayne Rieschick were offertory ushers and the service closed by singing "Emmanuel, Emmanuel."

Bible study was held immediately after the service.

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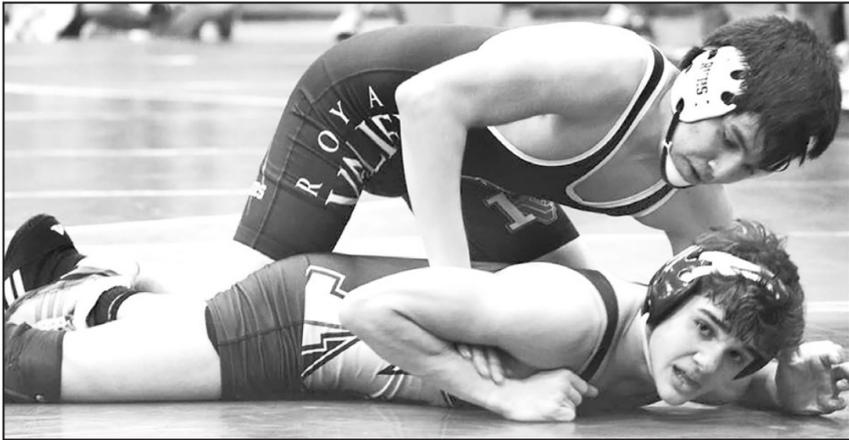
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# SPORTS *Wednesday*

## Panther wrestlers finish in middle of field at Burlington



Panther Bryce Garrison, at 160 pounds, shown above in the top position, went 4-1 in matches at Burlington on Dec. 1.



Panther Nate Buchtel, at 220 pounds, shown above in the top position, went 4-1 in matches at Burlington on Dec. 1. Photos courtesy of RVHS

*By Michael Powls*  
The Royal Valley varsity wrestling team traveled to Burlington this past Friday for a dual tournament. The Panthers finished in sixth place.

The Panthers had two wrestlers go 4-1 in the tournament. Bryce Garrison at 160-pounds and Nate Buchtel at 220-pounds.

The Royal Valley team went 2-3 in duals for the day.

Team Places

- 1st Place - Blue Valley Southwest
- 2nd Place - Burlington
- 3rd Place - Garden Plain
- 4th Place - Marion
- 5th Place - Washburn Rural
- 6th Place - Royal Valley
- 7th Place - Circle
- 8th Place - Blue Valley North
- 9th Place - Eureka
- 10th Place - West Elk
- 1st Place Match
- Blue Valley Southwest defeated Burlington 55-18.
- 3rd Place Match
- Garden Plain defeated Marion 45-36.
- 5th Place Match
- Washburn Rural defeated Royal Valley 48-30.
- 7th Place Match
- Circle defeated Blue Valley North 47-36.
- 9th Place Match
- Eureka defeated West Elk 42-30.

**Match #1 Round 1: Blue Valley North defeated Royal Valley 37-36.**

- 106 - Nick DiGiorgio (Blue Valley North) over Quo-Jon Tye (Royal Valley) Dec 6:0.
- 113 - Double Forfeit.
- 120 - Dalton Ware (Royal Valley) over Unknown (Unattached) Forf.
- 126 - Grant Carlton (Blue Valley North) over Caleb McEntire (Royal Valley) Maj 17-7.
- 132 - Lukas Howard (Blue Valley North) over Stiles Travis (Royal Valley) Fall 5:58.
- 138 - Jared Hailey (Blue Valley North) over Brett House (Royal Valley) Fall 5:06.
- 145 - Jackson Medina (Blue Valley North) over Skyler Mechtley (Royal Valley) Fall 1:00.
- 152 - Karsen Smith (Royal Valley) over Unknown (Unattached) Forf.
- 160 - Bryce Garrison (Royal Valley) over Luka Ivkovic (Blue Valley North) Fall 5:13.
- 170 - Dmitri Solis (Blue Valley North) over AJ Hastings (Royal Valley) Fall 1:38.
- 182 - Zach Burger (Royal Valley) over Stephon Camp (Blue Valley North) Fall 4:25.
- 195 - Brady Wordsworth (Blue Valley North) over Alek Mitchell (Royal Valley) Fall 0:55.
- 220 - Nate Buchtel (Royal Valley) over Bennett Beckmon (Blue Valley North) Fall 5:14.
- 285 - Brian Shane (Royal Valley) over Unknown (Unattached) Forf.

**Match #2 Round 2: Royal Valley defeated Garden Plain**

- 46-36.
- 106 - Quo-Jon Tye (Royal Valley) over Unknown (Unattached) Forf.
- 113 - Bank Saksit (Garden Plain) over Unknown (Unattached) Forf.
- 120 - Dalton Ware (Royal Valley) over Isabelle Fontes (Garden Plain) Fall 0:14.
- 126 - Caleb McEntire (Royal Valley) over Hayden Eastwood (Garden Plain) Maj 20-11.
- 132 - Mercedes Gassmann (Garden Plain) over Stiles Travis (Royal Valley) Fall 0:40.
- 138 - Brett House (Royal Valley) over Jacob Helten (Garden Plain) Fall 4:23.
- 145 - Tranden Daerr (Garden Plain) over Skyler Mechtley (Royal Valley) Fall 0:29.
- 152 - Karsen Smith (Royal Valley) over Jake Landwehr (Garden Plain) Fall 4:47.
- 160 - Bryce Garrison (Royal Valley) over Unknown (Unattached) Forf.
- 170 - Grant Murray (Garden Plain) over AJ Hastings (Royal Valley) Fall 0:35.
- 182 - Matthew Quintero (Garden Plain) over Zach Burger (Royal Valley) Fall 0:39.
- 195 - John Nowak (Garden Plain) over Alek Mitchell (Royal Valley) Fall 1:01.
- 220 - Nate Buchtel (Royal Valley) over Ethan Swaffer (Garden Plain) Fall 0:42.
- 285 - Brian Shane (Royal Valley) over Isaac Quintero (Garden Plain) Fall 2:30.

**Match #3 Round 4: Royal Valley defeated Eureka 48-30.**

- 106 - Kendall Beitz (Eureka) over Quo-Jon Tye (Royal Valley) Fall 5:00.
- 113 - Unknown (Unattached) vs Unknown (Unattached).
- 120 - Kolby Beitz (Eureka) over Dalton Ware (Royal Valley) Fall 3:06.
- 126 - Caleb McEntire (Royal Valley) over Ethan Dennis (Eureka) Fall 3:06.
- 132 - Dominick Bailey (Eureka) over Stiles Travis (Royal Valley) Fall 1:36.
- 138 - Brett House (Royal Valley) over Unknown (Unattached) Forf.
- 145 - Brennan Lowe (Eureka) over Skyler Mechtley (Royal Valley) Fall 0:19.
- 152 - Karsen Smith (Royal Valley) over Unknown (Unattached) Forf.
- 160 - Bryce Garrison (Royal Valley) over Wyatt Reust (Eureka) Fall 3:26.
- 170 - AJ Hastings (Royal Valley) over Unknown (Unattached) Forf.
- 182 - Zach Burger (Royal Valley) over Devin Craig (Eureka) Fall 1:28.
- 195 - Brandon Darbyshire (Eureka) over Alek Mitchell (Royal Valley) Fall 3:40.
- 220 - Nate Buchtel (Royal Valley) over Antonio Veasey (Eureka) Fall 0:16.
- 285 - Brian Shane (Royal Valley) over Jonathan Turner (Eureka) Fall 4:43.

**Match #4 Round 5: Burlington defeated Royal Valley 54-24.**

- 106 - Quo-Jon Tye (Royal Valley) over Unknown (Unattached) Forf.
- 113 - Johnathan Williams (Burlington) over Unknown (Unattached) Forf.
- 120 - Evan Totty (Burlington) over Dalton Ware (Royal Valley) Fall 5:58.
- 126 - T.T. Totty (Burlington) over Caleb McEntire (Royal Valley) Fall 1:26.
- 132 - Ethan Totty (Burlington) over Unknown (Unattached) Forf.
- 138 - Brett House (Royal Valley) over Damon Hoback (Burlington) Fall 5:20.
- 145 - Collin Birk (Burlington) over Skyler Mechtley (Royal Valley) Fall 1:15.
- 152 - Cael Johnson (Burlington) over Karsen Smith (Royal Valley) Dec 8-1.
- 160 - Brett Bober (Burlington) over Bryce Garrison (Royal Valley) Fall 2:38.
- 170 - AJ Hastings (Royal Valley) over Unknown (Unattached) Forf.
- 182 - Tyson Breshears (Burlington) over Zach Burger (Royal Valley) Fall 0:12.
- 195 - Preston Langley (Burlington) over Alek Mitchell (Royal Valley) Fall 0:29.
- 220 - Nate Buchtel (Royal Valley) over Devin Wonsler (Burlington) Fall 1:30.
- 285 - T.J. Lang (Burlington) over Brian Shane (Royal Valley) Dec 4-0.

**Match #5 5th Place Match: Washburn Rural defeated Royal Valley 48-30.**

- 106 - Quo-Jon Tye (Royal Valley) over Unknown (Unattached) Forf.
- 113 - Caleb Douglas (Washburn Rural) over Unknown (Unattached) Forf.
- 120 - Dalton Ware (Royal Valley) over Alex Babin (Washburn Rural) Fall 1:31.
- 126 - Caleb McEntire (Royal Valley) over Unknown (Unattached) Forf.
- 132 - Carson Ingold (Washburn Rural) over Unknown (Unattached) Forf.
- 138 - Cashton Taggart (Washburn Rural) over Brett House (Royal Valley) Fall 2:36.
- 145 - Jayton Hart (Washburn Rural) over Skyler Mechtley (Royal Valley) Fall 0:44.
- 152 - Jayson Sylva (Washburn Rural) over Karsen Smith (Royal Valley) Dec 4-0.
- 160 - Bryce Garrison (Royal Valley) over Ty Woolington (Washburn Rural) Fall 3:14.
- 170 - AJ Hastings (Royal Valley) over Unknown (Unattached) Forf.
- 182 - Caden Cress (Washburn Rural) over Zach Burger (Royal Valley) Fall 0:26.
- 195 - Clayton Brown (Washburn Rural) over Alek Mitchell (Royal Valley) Fall 0:19.
- 220 - Parker Lolley (Washburn Rural) over Nate Buchtel (Royal Valley) Fall 1:20.
- 285 - Peter Brady (Washburn Rural) over Brian Shane (Royal Valley) Dec 5-2.

The Panthers hosted Lawrence Free State and Topeka High on Tuesday, Dec. 5.

On Friday, the Panthers travel to LaCygne in Linn County for the Prairie View Duals.

## Holton wrestling team wins 3 of 5 duals at Spring Hill

*By Michael Powls*  
The Holton Wildcat varsity wrestling team traveled to Spring Hill this past Friday.

The Wildcats had several wrestlers go undefeated to start the season. Lawson Henry, Austin Rollett and Kyler Tannahill all went 5-0 in the tournament (including some wins by forfeit).

Jake Barnes, Cael Jackson, Kolby Roush and Connor Tannahill all went 4-1 in the tournament (including some wins by forfeit).

The Holton team went 3-2 to start the dual season.

**Holton defeated De Soto 63-15.**

- 106: Jake Barnes (HOLT) over Colby Minor (DESO) (Fall 0:00).
- 113: Evan Vilchis (DESO) received a bye.
- 120: Taygen Fletcher (HOLT) over Lane Warner (DESO) (Dec 10-4).
- 126: Kolby Roush (HOLT) over Evan Werner (DESO) (Fall 0:00).
- 132: Conner Gilliland (HOLT) received a bye.
- 138: Lawson Henry (HOLT) over Dylan Dosset (DESO) (Fall 0:00).
- 145: Alex Harris (DESO) over Eduardo Rodriguez (HOLT) (Fall 0:00).
- 152: Cael Jackson (HOLT) over Jay Harris (DESO) (Fall 2:00).
- 160: Ace Eisenbarth (HOLT) over Hunter Coykendall (DESO) (Fall 0:00).
- 170: Luke Barger (DESO) over Dylan Aeschliman (HOLT) (Dec 6-4).
- 182: Connor Tannahill (HOLT) over Cooper Pflaum (DESO) (Fall 0:00).
- 195: Killian O'Connor (HOLT) received a bye.
- 220: Austin Rollett (HOLT) over Zach Toburen (DESO) (Fall 2:00).
- 285: Kyler Tannahill (HOLT) over Michael Mashburn (DESO) (Fall 0:00).

**Olathe Northwest defeated Holton 44-36.**

- 106: Caden Howard (OLNO) over Jake Barnes (HOLT) (Fall 4:00).
- 113: Quintin Talbert (OLNO) received a bye.
- 120: Brady Pellman (OLNO) over Taygen Fletcher (HOLT) (Fall 0:00).
- 126: Kolby Roush (HOLT) over Vlad Hone (OLNO) (Fall 2:00).
- 132: P.J. Williams (OLNO) over Conner Gilliland (HOLT) (Dec 7-4).
- 138: Lawson Henry (HOLT) over Nathan Smith (OLNO) (Fall 4:00).
- 145: John Redmond (OLNO) over Eduardo Rodriguez (HOLT) (Fall 0:00).
- 152: Kavian Kalantari (OLNO) over Cael Jackson (HOLT) (TF 18-3 4:00).
- 160: Alex Baiza (OLNO) over Ace Eisenbarth (HOLT) (Fall 0:00).
- 170: Dylan Aeschliman (HOLT) received a bye.
- 182: Connor Tannahill (HOLT) over Brandon Medina (OLNO) (Fall 0:00).
- 195: Cody Marlette (OLNO) over Killian O'Connor (HOLT) (Fall 0:00).
- 220: Austin Rollett (HOLT) received a bye.

285: Kyler Tannahill (HOLT) over Connor Hilliard (OLNO) (Fall 0:00).

**Olathe South defeated Holton 41-34.**

- 106: Jake Barnes (HOLT) over Tyler Johnson (OLSO) (MD 10-2).
- 113: Mateo Palma (OLSO) received a bye.
- 120: Dallas Koelzer (OLSO) over Taygen Fletcher (HOLT) (Dec 2-0).
- 126: Jace Koelzer (OLSO) over Kolby Roush (HOLT) (TF 22-5 4:00).
- 132: Ben Bluel (OLSO) over Conner Gilliland (HOLT) (Fall 0:00).
- 138: Lawson Henry (HOLT) over Tanner Marlon (OLSO) (Fall 0:00).
- 145: Gavin Brown (OLSO) over Eduardo Rodriguez (HOLT) (Fall 0:00).
- 152: Cael Jackson (HOLT) over Jonah Hall (OLSO) (Fall 0:00).
- 160: Ace Eisenbarth (HOLT) over Brandon Stowe (OLSO) (Fall 0:00).
- 170: Max Knard (OLSO) over Dylan Aeschliman (HOLT) (Dec 9-7).
- 182: Nick Jouret (OLSO) over Connor Tannahill (HOLT) (Fall 2:00).
- 195: Kolby Murphy (OLSO) over Killian O'Connor (HOLT) (Fall 0:00).
- 220: Austin Rollett (HOLT) received a bye.
- 285: Kyler Tannahill (HOLT) over JJ Neal (OLSO) (Fall 2:00).

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RV sophomore Komesh Spoonhunter (No. 45 above) scored 18 points against Holton last night. Senior teammate Thunder Knoxsah (No. 4) scored 5. Photo by Michael Powls

## Holton edges Royal Valley

*By David Powls*  
The Holton boys started strong here last night against in-county rival Royal Valley and then hung on for a 47-42 home-court, Big Seven League basketball win.

The Wildcats won their first game of the season, outscoring the Panthers 47-42. The Wildcats are now 1-1 and so are the Panthers.

On Friday, the Wildcats travel to Seneca to play Nemaha Central while Royal Valley will host Perry-Lecompton.

Holton scored 20 points in the first quarter while holding Royal Valley to 9.

At halftime, the Wildcats held a 28-20 scoring edge.

Two three-pointers by junior Zane Moylan and another by sophomore Trey Wright helped Holton take a big, early lead after Royal Valley senior Thunder Knoxsah started the Panthers' scoring in the game with a three-pointer.

Moylan also hit a free throw

in the first quarter and senior teammates Mason Strader and Mason Chanay also pitched in four points apiece in the first quarter and junior Parker Gilliland added two.

"We didn't have one of our players (senior Masen Spoonhunter) in the first half so we started slow as we tried to play without him," RV Head Coach Keith Pelton said. "The first quarter hurt us a little bit. We won each one of the other three quarters. We bounced back and learned some things and competed."

Holton's Moylan led all scorers in the game with 18 points, including 4 three-point baskets. Chanay also reached double figures for Holton with 12.

RV sophomore Komesh Spoonhunter led his team in scoring with 18 points in the game and Masen Spoonhunter scored 14 points in the second half of play.

"We just need to get in sync and get everyone on the same

page," RV coach Pelton said. "I've been real impressed with our effort on defense so far this season. They're flying around and talking. Our athleticism and quickness helps."

Offensively, the Panthers are still trying to get everyone on the same page, and knowing what everyone is supposed to be doing and when they're supposed to be doing it, Pelton said.

Holton 20-8-10-9-47  
Royal Valley - 9-11-12-10-42

Holton - Wright 0 (1) 2-2 5, Strader 4 0-0 8, Gilliland 1 1-2 3, Chanay 5 2-2 12, Cody Mulroy 0 1-2 1, Moylan 2 (4) 2-4 18. Totals 12 (5) 8-12 47.

Royal Valley - Darius Frisby 0 3-4 3, Knoxsah 1 (1) 0-0 5, Kobe Mills 1 0-0 2, M. Spoonhunter 4 (2) 0-0 14, K. Spoonhunter 6 6-11 18. Totals 12 (3) 9-15 42.

## Cards split games at Lewiston, Neb.

In a close game all the way last Friday, the Wetmore boys came up seven points short in a 47-41 loss at Lewiston, Neb.

The Tigers held a 14-13 lead after the first quarter and stretched it to 29-19 at halftime.

The Cards fought back in the third quarter, scoring 12 points to 7 for Lewiston, bringing the score to 36-31.

In the fourth quarter, the Tigers maintained an 11-10 scoring edge.

"It was a good test for our first game, said WHS head coach David Martin afterwards. "We did several good things and several bad things, as expected for the first game. I thought our offense looked pretty good at times. We moved the ball well and outshot Lewiston 59-39."

Coach Martin said the Cards will need to improve on their 27 percent shooting percentage in the game.

"Defensively, we didn't play

very well," Martin said. "We didn't move our feet and we fouled a lot. Hopefully, we'll learn from this game and bounce back better."

On Tuesday, Dec. 15, the Wetmore Lady Cards hosted Centralia.

On Friday, Dec. 8, the Cards (boys and girls) will play at Linn.

Senior Ethan Osterhaus scored 20 points in the Lewiston game to lead Wetmore in scoring. Junior Joel Hutfles pitched in 15 points, junior Curtis Bloom had 4 and freshman Kael McQueen 2.

For the Tigers, sophomore Levi Meybrunn scored 14 points to lead his team. Junior Treyton Hippen scored 9 and sophomore Daniel Gonzalez, junior Ryan Hunt and senior Holden Christen all pitched in 8 apiece.

The Wetmore Lady Cards won their game against Lewiston, 35-32. Lewiston led 9-7 after the first quarter and 21-13 at halftime.

In the second half, however, the Lady Cards outscored the Lady Tigers 8-4 in the third quarter and 14-7 in the fourth to capture the road win.



Holton junior Zane Moylan, shown above in the white No. 21 jersey, handles the ball in the recent Perry-Lecompton game.

Photo by Michael Powls



Holton sophomore Cody Mulroy, shown above in the white No. 12 jersey, drives to the basket against Perry-Lecompton.

Photo by Michael Powls

## Holton wrestling

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**Holton defeated Overland Park-Blue Valley Northwest 57-24.**

106: Jake Barnes (HOLT) over Joe McElwee (OPBV) (Dec 4-2).

113: Ashton Demitt (OPBV) over (HOLT) (For.).

120: Taygen Fletcher (HOLT) over Ali Hassan (OPBV) (Fall 3:40).

126: Kolby Roush (HOLT) over Ryan Schram (OPBV) (Fall 3:49).

132: Connor Gilliland (HOLT) over John Wills (OPBV) (Fall 2:57).

138: Lawson Henry (HOLT) over Ben McDonnal (OPBV) (Fall 1:14).

145: Zech Williams (OPBV) over Eduardo Rodriguez (HOLT) (Fall 3:46).

152: Cael Jackson (HOLT) over Zach Schram (OPBV) (Fall 2:19).

160: Keegan Elliott (OPBV) over Ace Eisenbarth (HOLT) (Fall 3:43).

170: Dylan Aeschliman (HOLT) over Patrick Lim (OPBV) (Fall 3:07).

182: Connor Tannahill (HOLT) over Ben Perez (OPBV) (Fall 5:18).

195: Logan Caldwell (OPBV) over Killian O'Connor (HOLT) (Fall 1:22).

220: Austin Rollett (HOLT) over (OPBV) (For.).

285: Kyler Tannahill (HOLT) over (OPBV) (For.).

**Holton defeated Shawnee Mission South 66-15.**

106: Jake Barnes (HOLT) received a bye.

113: Max Holmes (SMS) received a bye.

120: Taygen Fletcher (HOLT) received a bye.

126: Kolby Roush (HOLT) received a bye.

132: Connor Gilliland (HOLT) received a bye.

138: Lawson Henry (HOLT) over Kyle Divine (SMS) (Fall 0:00).

145: Nick McKee-Rist (SMS) over Eduardo Rodriguez (HOLT) (Fall 2:00).

152: Cael Jackson (HOLT) received a bye.

160: Ace Eisenbarth (HOLT) over Marty Levensky (SMS) (Fall 0:00).

170: Caleb Cossairt (SMS) over Dylan Aeschliman (HOLT) (SV-1 6-4).

182: Connor Tannahill (HOLT) received a bye.

195: Killian O'Connor (HOLT) received a bye.

220: Austin Rollett (HOLT) over Jacob Eastwood (SMS) (Fall 0:00).

285: Kyler Tannahill (HOLT) received a bye.

Other teams at the Spring Hill tourney included the host team, De Soto, KC Sumner, Blue Valley, Blue Valley West, Santa Fe Trail, Chanute and Basehor.

On Thursday, Dec. 7, Holton will host Jeff West and Santa Fe Trail for matches starting at 5 p.m.

On Friday, Dec. 8, the Holton JV wrestlers travel to Santa Fe Trail.

By David Powls

The Royal Valley Lady Panthers scored the first eight points of the second half to take a 29-19 lead against the host Lady Wildcats of Holton last night.

But the Lady Wildcats matched that and more with an 11-point run of their own to retake the lead 30-29 heading into the fourth quarter of play.

In the fourth quarter, the Wildcats outscored the Panthers 15-3 to post their second straight win of the season while the Panthers were handed their first loss in two games.

"Royal Valley played extremely well and hard," said HHS Head Coach Jon Holliday after the game. "I take my hat off to them and Coach (Kyle) Porter. They did a lot of things well."

Coach Holliday said the Wildcats "finally got on a roll in the third quarter" and that helped carry the team to victory.

"Our pressure defense finally paid some dividends and we ran some offense," Holliday said. "Better things happened for us. The last 10 minutes of the game were good for us. Our first 22 was a yo yo. Coach Porter did a better job than I did and we were fortunate to win."

In the third quarter, it looked like someone put a lid on the basket at the Panthers' end of the court as several shots from them at close range failed to drop in.

Still, as coach Holliday stated, the Panthers did a lot of good things on the basketball court.

"One of the things we knew we had to do was handle their full-court pressure, and I thought we did a good job of that," said RV Coach Kyle Porter. "Our kids played really hard, and I thought we defended well, which will help us stay in a lot of ball games in the future."

For Coach Porter, it was his first time back at the HHS court as an opposing head coach. He played high school ball at HHS.

"In the second half, we ran out of gas a little bit," Porter said. "We didn't rebound well, and we didn't execute like we would have liked to in the half court. We knew they were going to go on a run but we wanted to answer that run, and we didn't have a chance to do that because some shots didn't fall."

Coach Porter said the Panthers will use this second game of the season to build on.

"This is just the second game of the season, and games like these are a blessing in disguise, because you really get to see where your team is at and what you need to still improve upon," Porter said. "I think the more close games we'll be in this season, the better we'll learn to handle them."

The two teams played to 9-8

first quarter score with Holton holding the lead. By halftime, RV held a 21-19 lead. Wildcat freshman Saydee Tanking scored 11 of Holton's points.

The first half saw the lead change five times and team points were only separated by four points or less.

A field goal by Panther junior Mary Broxterman and three-point baskets by Panther junior Kiikto Thomas and senior Tamo Thomas put RV ahead 29-19 with 4:26 left in the third quarter.

Holton senior Shay Tanking then responded with a three-point basket, a free throw and a two-point field goal and junior teammate Tabor Barta hit a three-point shot to bring Holton back to within two points (29-27) with 25 seconds left in the third quarter.

That was time enough for Shay Tanking to score another two-point field goal and a free throw to give the Wildcats a 30-29 lead heading into the fourth quarter.

In the fourth quarter, the Panthers were called for several fouls and Broxterman was fouled out.

"We got in foul trouble in the second half and that limited us as well," Porter said. "Not having Mary in the game hurts us at the post."

Shay Tanking finished with 20 points, 16 in the second half, lead Holton in scoring. Freshman sister Saydee Tanking finished with 17.

Kiikto Thomas finished with 16 points to lead Royal Valley in scoring while Tamo Thomas had 9.

"We need to continue to work on our offensive and defensive rebounding, as well as executing our offense in the half court," Porter said. "We played hard and defended well, and we took them out of their game a little bit in the first half."

Holton made 14 of 29 field goals in the game for 48.3 percent and 2 of 8 three-pointers for 25 percent. From the free throw line, Holton made 11 of 21 for 52.4 percent.

Royal Valley made 8 of 30 field goals for 26.7 percent and 3 of 10 three pointers for 30 percent. From the free throw line, Royal Valley made 7 of 9 for 77.8 percent.

Holton had 9 offensive rebounds and 21 defensive rebounds. The team also had seven steals and 15 turnovers.

Royal Valley had 8 offensive rebounds and 18 defensive rebounds. The team also had 12 steals and 17 turnovers

Holton girls 45, Royal Valley girls 32

Holton - 9-10-12-15-45  
Royal Valley - 8-13-8-3-32

Holton - Shay Tanking 7 6-8 20, Saydee Tanking 6 (1) 2-5 17, Moore 2 1-4 3, Barta 1 (1) 0-2 3, Price 0 2-2 2. Totals 14 (2) 11-21 45.

Royal Valley - Kiikto Thomas 6 2) 2-4 16, Tamo Thomas 2 (1) 2-2 9, Broxterman 2 2-2 6, Stithem 0 1-1 1. Totals 8 (3) 7-9 32.

## ACCHS splits with Atchison in basketball

The Atchison County Community High School girls beat Atchison 40-28 last Friday night while the Atchison boys beat the ACCHS boys 53-35.

ACCHS girls 40, Atchison 28

ACCHS - 7-11-10-12-40

Atchison - 8-4-13-3-28

ACCHS - Ernzen 4 (4) 6-11

18, Appel 2 (2) 0-0 6, McConaughy 2 0-0 4, Beien 2 0-0 4,

Parnell 0 2-5 2, Johnson 1 0-0 2, Appel 1 0-0 2. Totals 12 (6) 8-16 40.

Atchison - Downing 6 1-5 13, Ross 2 0-0 4, Harris 2 0-0 4, Elliott 2 0-0 4, Saunders 1 0-0 2, Dougherty 0 1-2 1. Totals 13 (0) 2-7 28.

Atchison 53, ACCHS boys 35

ACCHS boys - 7-12-10-6-35

Atchison - 20-8-21-4-53  
ACCHS - Smith 3 3-4 9,  
Boos 3 1-2 7, Smith 3 0-3 6,  
Oswalt 1 2-3 4, Lawrence 1 (1) 0-0 3, Kramer 1 1-2 3, Billings 0 2-2 2, Scoggins 0 1-2 1. Totals 12 (1) 10-18 35.

Atchison - Helms 5 3-9 13, Helms 9 0-0 18, Batemon 5 (1) 2-3 13, Daniels 1 3-4 5, Shepard 1 0-0 2, Denton 1 0-0 2. Totals 21 (1) 8-16 53.



Royal Valley junior Kiikto Thomas (shown above in the No. 21 dark jersey) scored 16 points last night in the game at Holton. Holton senior Ma Leah Price is also shown above in the No. 35 white jersey.

Holton freshman Saydee Tanking (shown at left shooting a free throw), scored 11 points in the first half against Royal Valley last night and finished with 17. Also shown in the photo at left is Holton senior Emma Reith (No. 24)

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## Schumaker-Kirk

Kallie Schumaker and Derek Kirk were united in marriage on July 29, 2017, at Old Kinderhook Resort in Camdenton, Mo. The Rev. Marc Magana officiated the ceremony.

Kallie is the daughter of Dennis and Gay Schumaker of Whiting and the granddaughter of Tharon Brey, the late Max Brey, Maxine Schumaker and the late Willy Schumaker, all of Whiting. She is a 2006 graduate of Jackson Heights High School and owns her own salon.

Derek is the son of Ron and Theresa Kirk of Holton and the grandson of Lester Stallbaumer and the late Delores Stallbaumer of Holton and Mary Ann Kirk and the late Walter Kirk of Goff. He is a 1999 graduate of Jackson Heights High School and works at Ron Kirk's Body Shop.

Attendants of the bride were Matron of Honor Susan Rash, friend of the bride;

Taren Kirk, sister-in-law of the groom; Schae Child, Janae Nilges, Payton Thomas, Andrea Schurr and Leigha Sweet, all friends of the bride.

Attendants of the groom were Best Man Ryan Alley, friend of the groom; Scott Kirk and Matt Kirk, both brothers of the groom; Sam Schumaker and Emmett Schumaker, both brothers of the bride; Daylon Lambrecht and John Chiles III, friends of the groom.

Ushers were Mitchell Child and Michael Child, both friends of the couple.

Flower girl was Kara Schumaker, niece of the bride; and ring bearer was Brayden Kirk, nephew of the groom.

The couple enjoyed celebrating with family and friends following the wedding with a reception, dinner and dance, which were held at The Exchange Venue in Camdenton, Mo. After a honeymoon to Colorado, the couple resides in rural Holton.

## Potawatomi Methodist

By Ilene Dick

Sunday, Dec. 3, was a nice fall day, although moisture is needed. Since I had to miss church again, the news has been passed on to me.

Pastor Howard opened the service at Potawatomi United Methodist Church with scripture and prayer. Acolyte was Marjean Shenk. LeAnna Meeks read the scripture from Isaiah 25:9. The Advent candle (hope) was lit and the Advent song, "We Lift The Light Of Hope," was sung.

Hymns for the service were "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel," "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" and "Angels From The Realms Of Glory" with Tina and Ann providing the music.

Betty Bowser gave a special, sharing two readings.

Offertory ushers were Jim Meeks and Jim Shenk.

Pastor Howard's sermon was "A Cry From The Depths Of Human Darkness," with the text coming from Isaiah 64:1-9.

Pastor Howard served Holy Communion assisted by Pam Daugherty.

Marjean and Jim Shenk attended the basketball games

in Rossville last week. Their granddaughter, McKenzie, is on the team. She's learning the game - an enjoyable time for them.

Betty Bowser attended the memorial service for Mildred Cochren-Sherwood. It was a joy to see Pastor Barbara Lafflin at the service.

Jim and LeAnna went to the household auction of LeAnna's cousin, Betty Standley, in Hunter. Betty is in a nursing home in Salina following kidney failure. They connected with friends and relatives while adding more treasures to their home, which holds many memories.

Ronald and I enjoyed having Keith and Dortha Bell stop by for a good visit on Tuesday, Nov. 28. There was a lot of catching up on news, even to discussion of vertebrae fractures! It was good to see them able to be up and out, even though healing takes time.

There was a nice crowd at Potawatomi U.M. Church attending the Christmas program with our sister church and friends. Thanks to all of the help and committee preparing the evening.

## Circleville Christian

By Jeannie Arnold

Carol Fenton served as greeter at the door for Cowboy Church at Circleville Christian Church on Dec. 3. Brody Bliss gave the welcome and opening prayer. Mike and Sharon Cochren gave the Advent reading and lit the first Advent candle. Music was provided by the praise team of Gary Bell, Dale and Ilah Rose Askren, David Allen, Max Lierz, Sandra Hurt and Paul and Sue Davault. The prayer for concerns and praises was given by Blair Wagner.

David Allen gave the communion meditation and prayer. Communion servers were Mike Cochren, Mike Calhoun, John Ray and Mark Knouft. The prayer for the offering was given by Paul Davault. Gary Bell and Max Lierz provided the

guitar music as communion was served and the offering was received by playing a lovely medley of Christmas hymns.

Brody Bliss used text from Luke 1:5-25 as he continued with his sermon series titled "The Forerunner To Christ." His message told how God ordained the specific time for John the Baptist to come into the world. John had the Holy Spirit within him as he came to proclaim the Glory of God.

John's whole purpose was to bring the people back into a holy relationship with God. John was not to be compared to Jesus; he was just laying the foundation for Jesus to bring His preaching into the world.

After the closing prayer, the service closed by singing "Happy Trails To You."



Nine-year-old Jack Etzel of Jackson County shot this buck before school on Thursday. His parents are Chris and Audrey Etzel. Wednesday, Nov. 29, was the first day of the firearm deer hunting season in Kansas.

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The following land transfers have been filed recently with the Jackson County Register of Deeds Office located on the second floor of the Courthouse.

\*Warranty deed – Gerald A. Wheeler and Barbara Jean Wheeler as co-trustees of the Gerald A. Wheeler revocable trust agreement dated Feb. 8, 2001, and Barbara Jean Wheeler and Gerald A. Wheeler as co-trustees of the Barbara Jean Wheeler revocable trust agreement dated Feb. 8, 2001, to Heather L. Schrick, a married person, 10 acres in Section 2, Township 7 South, Range 16 East of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Jackson County.

\*General warranty deed – Margaret R. Pagel and Henry D. Pagel, wife and husband, and Kay Anne Rash and Michael F. Rash, wife and husband, to Susan D. Hershey, Lot 3 and 4 in Linscott's Second Plat to the city of Holton, Jackson County.

\*General warranty deed – Joseph C. Hubbard, a single person, to Dylan Busey, a parcel of land in Section 31, Township 8 South, Range 16 East of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Jackson County.

\*Trustee's deed – Randall M. Cole, successor trustee of the Elizabeth A. Cole Trust under the date of June 23, 1993, to Brandy Harding, Lot 4 of the Replat of Lots 7, 8 and 9, Holt's Addition, city of Hoyt, Jackson County.

\*Quit claim deed – Lawrence Eugene Tuck, a single person, Jackson County, to Patricia Tuck and Rodney Rickel of Jackson County, all of his undivided one-third interest in a tract of land in Section 11, Township 9 South, Range 15 East of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Jackson County.

\*Quit claim deed – Julie A. Gutierrez, a single person, to Humberto R. Gutierrez, a single person, two tracts of land in Section 14, Township 9 South, Range 15 East of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Jackson County, also known as 12150 Highway 75, Hoyt.

\*Transfer on death deed – Frances R. Lake, aka Frances Ruth Lake, a single person, transfers on death to Christine Susan Day and Scott Lake, aka Scott Dean Lake, Lots 41 and 43, Illinois Avenue, Drake and Fennis Addition to the city of Holton, Jackson County.

\*Executor's deed – Richard Beasterfeld, executor of the estate of Rey Everett Morford,

deceased, to Jean M. Holt, a single person, Lot 35, Ohio Avenue, city of Holton, Jackson County, also known as 315 Ohio Ave., Holton.

\*Kansas warranty deed – Douglas D. Amon and Heather Amon, husband and wife, to Larry D. Amon, trustee of the Larry D. Amon Trust, dated Sept. 29, 2017, an undivided one-sixth interest in the south-east quarter of Section 15, Township 5, Range 15, of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Jackson County.

\*Kansas warranty deed – Kristi Dohl and Christopher Dohl, wife and husband, to Larry D. Amon, trustee of the Larry D. Amon Trust dated Sept. 29, 2017, an undivided one-sixth interest in the south-east quarter of Section 15, Township 5, Range 15, of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Jackson County.

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\*Warranty deed – Ronald L. Bone and Linda M. Bone, husband and wife, to Glen L. Smith and Lori M. Smith, husband and wife, as joint tenants, land in Section 25, Township 9, Range 14 of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Jackson County.

\*General warranty deed – Edward L. Hrenchir and Hilda

T. Hrenchir, husband and wife, of Jackson County, to Tammy L. Lundin, a single person, and Elmer J. Finck and LaVonne C. Finck, husband and wife, Tract 6, Hrenchir Subdivision, the north half of the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 25, Township 9 South, Range 15 East of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Jackson County.

\*Quit claim deed – Dennis W. Bowser and Bonnie Bowser, husband and wife, Shawnee County, to Dan Montgomery and Hali L. Montgomery, of Jackson County, 15 acres more or less in Section 11, Township 8 South, Range 16 East of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Jackson County.

\*Transfer on death deed – Ronald E. Phillips and Pamela K. Phillips, husband and wife, to Shawn Edward Phillips, a married person, and Kyle Daniel Phillips, a married person, Lot 5 of the Lower Banner Development, Phase I, located in Section 21, Township 7, Range 15 East of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Jackson County.

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Stormi Goudie, 7, of Holton was one of the first in line to visit with Santa Claus at the Jackson County Courthouse on Saturday evening. An estimated 175 children met and took photos with Santa during the special event that also included cookie decorating with Mrs. Claus and a hot chocolate bar.

Photo by Ali Holcomb

## Denison Bible Church

By Esther L. Hall

On Dec. 3, Denison Bible Church opened the service with the first Sunday Advent reading.

Advent means "coming." Jesus is coming! He came as a baby to die for our sins. He arose from the dead and has promised to come again to take all born-again believers home to spend eternity with Him.

During this Christmas season, we should be rejoicing in Jesus Christ and continue to be watching for His promised second coming.

Pastor Tom preached on "The Joy Of The Christmas Season." The responsive reading was Luke 2:8-12.

In Psalm 51, King David was in despair because he had done some things he wasn't very proud of. He was crying out to the Lord for forgiveness for his sins and asking for his joy to be restored so that he could give praises to the Lord.

As a case for joy, Luke 2:10

states that the angels brought "wonderful, joyous news for all people." We can tell who has joy during the Christmas season and who doesn't. Our capacity for joy should be overflowing and infectious to everyone around us.

An angel of the Lord delivered the birth announcement of the long awaited Savior – Christ the Lord, and where they could find Him. The angel delivered the announcement to shepherds, who were watching their sheep.

Following the announcement, the sky was filled with a multitude of angels singing and praising God. They said, "Glory to God in heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors."

Those shepherds were counted as being favored. Can you imagine how their lives were changed after that announcement? Had the announcement been made to the wealthy or the religious leaders, they may not

have spread the word to anyone else. The shepherds spread the word to everyone after they'd gone to see for themselves that Jesus had been born. I would imagine they reminded that night for the rest of the lives and for generations to come.

As for everyone who are not believers, they may not be joyless, but their joy is the holiday itself and the manufactured part of the season. Their joy is only short-term. As Christians, our joy continues. If you have the knowledge of God but don't worship Him, God will eventually give up on you.

The course of joy is "word of mouth." The angels told the shepherds and they shared it with others. We're to take our God-given joy and share it with other people. That should be our mission in life.

Don't lose your joy – read the Christmas story and give yourself to Him. He will become your joy!

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The Holton Town Square was filled with Christmas activities Saturday night as part of "A Small Town Christmas." In the evening, the 18th annual Parade of Lights was held around the Square followed by a visit from Santa Claus at the Jackson County Courthouse.

In the top photo at left, Cassandra Phillips (right) of Holton helped her sons, Caden, 5 (center), and Kyler, 2, decorate and enjoy sugar cookies in the Courthouse after the parade.

Above, Santa Claus was the grand finale in the Parade of Lights. In the photo at left, Farmers State Bank employees spread "peace" throughout the parade with their peace-loving float. Banks employees pictured include (front row, from left) Kaitlin Beecham, Kiana Jessepe, Jennifer Rake, Hannah Deegan, (middle row, from left) Liz Holaday, Jan Greene, Judy May, Julie Bahret, Leslie Smith, Tonya Barta, Brooklyn Klahr, (back row, from left) Terri Young and Gary Gencauski.

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Note: Above dates are subject to change.

## Sen. Pyle to introduce legislation to prevent court-ordered school closures

Dennis Pyle, state senator from District 1, recently announced that he intends to introduce legislation to prevent court-ordered public school closure.

The proposal, if adopted, would amend the Kansas constitution giving that exclusive authority to local school boards.

"Parents deserve to have the decisions that impact their children and schools made by their elected school boards not unelected judges," Pyle said. "Decision making is best left to locally elected officials who are closest to

the people, not bureaucrats or judges in Topeka."

Sen. Pyle is currently in the process of drafting the language and plans to pre-file the legislation before session begins in January, he said.

"Putting the issue of school authority before the voters is a sensible proposal for resolution of these continuing costly legal battles," Pyle said. "If adopted, this would restore local control to boards and patrons. Forced consolidation is not the answer. Each district is unique, not all districts, rural or urban, have the same

funding issues. Unilaterally closing all schools based upon a lawsuit brought by a handful of districts is an extreme measure and is a bullying tactic at least. I have said for years that the wasteful spending and bloated bureaucracy in Topeka are the greatest threat to rural schools and this measure would give our local school districts one more weapon in the fight."

The measure would have to be passed with a two-thirds majority of the Legislature to be put before voters. Pyle said he may call for a special election for the proposal.

## County discusses insurance, abandoned road

During the Jackson County Commission meeting on Nov. 20, the commission:

\* Met with Dave Matthews of MetLife Insurance, who provided the commissioners with life insurance quotes for county employees.

Matthews also provided quotes for accident, disability, critical illness insurance and hospital indemnity insurance.

\* Accepted the donation of a handstitched flag that

was made in the 1940s by the Hoyt Elementary School. The donation was made by an anonymous donor and will be displayed somewhere in the Courthouse.

\* Heard a weekly report from John Kennedy, Banner Creek Reservoir director. Kennedy said that some beavers are still causing tree damage at the reservoir.

Kennedy also discussed that a new video concerning soil conservation and Banner Creek Reservoir has been made by the USDA NRCS and is on YouTube.

\* Approved a new lineage lease for a postage machine for

the same rate for 60 months. The lease will be financed through Mail Finance.

\* Approved a motion to accept the three-year insurance proposal from the Kansas County Association Multi-line Pool with premiums not to exceed three to five percent. The county will continue to carry a zero deductible.

\* Left the Courthouse to view 178<sup>th</sup> and W4 Roads. The county received a request from a resident who wants to put up a gate in the abandoned road.

The commissioners also viewed Cedar Grove Cemetery.

\* Adjourned the meeting. All commissioners were present.

## Santa letters due Friday

Letters to Santa Claus from area children for publication in *The Holton Recorder* are due Friday.

The letters will be printed in our special Christmas greetings section that will be published a week before Christmas.

The letters are due at *The Holton Recorder* office by 5 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 8. Due to the large amount of letters we receive each year, please limit the letters to no more than 150 words.

Please make sure the letters include the child's name (written legibly), age and hometown.

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# Netawaka United Methodist

By Mary E. Edwards  
Dec. 3, the first Sunday of Advent, was observed at Netawaka United Methodist Church with the Hanging of the Greens Service.

"When Morning Gilds The Skies" was the recorded prelude. Marilyn Banaka gave the welcome and announcements

and was in charge of recorded music. Joys and concerns were shared.

In addition to those already on the prayer list, prayers are requested for Verona Grannell, who is recovering from a week of being very sick; the Ukele family from Sabetha, who lost three members in a wreck a week ago; A-Battery soldiers being deployed; and friends in nursing homes, many who are suffering with the "bug."

After silent prayer and the pastoral prayer, the Lord's Prayer was prayed.

Marilyn led the responsive reading, which explained about preparing the church building and everyone's hearts for Jesus' coming. Marcia Robertson was the reader in the service of blessing the Christmas tree, and the hanging of Christmons and other symbols of Christ and faith.

So-Jin Won played the piano as hymns "Light The Advent Candle," "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" and "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" were sung

as the tree and the sanctuary were decorated. Pastor Youngwan Won read scripture and led prayers during the service. Travis, Alyssa and Abigail Mullins and Mary Edwards helped decorate the tree, and Steve B. lighted candles.

Other songs were "Emmanuel, Emmanuel," "Pass Me Not O Gentle Savior," "Care Chorus" and "Soon And Very Soon."

Holy Communion was celebrated with Marcia Robertson assisting Pastor Young.

The Gerald and Dorothy Beightel family held their annual pre-Christmas dinner on Saturday, Dec. 2, at Holton's First United Methodist Church. Dorothy was unable to attend, as she had come down with the "stomach bug." Ginger and Steve Christian and family were the hosts.

There were more than 60 in attendance, including three cousins from Missouri, two cousins from Nebraska and six second cousins with whom we grew up, plus Santa and Mrs. Claus.



Members of the Buck's Grove United Methodist Church put together this birthday cake float in honor of Jesus' birthday. Denny Ashcraft towed the float, which included Bailey Ashcraft (left), Donna Ashcraft (center) and Trevor Ashcraft (right). Other church members who helped assemble the float included Don and Jean Boling, Mary Ringel, Wayne and Theresa Rieschick and Joyce Immenschuh.  
Photo by Ali Holcomb

## Williford to graduate

Tiffani Nicole Williford of Hoyt is among more than 500 candidates for graduation at Emporia State University, it has been reported.

Williford will graduate Dec. 16 with a bachelor of science in business degree in information systems with a concentration in management information systems.

Undergraduates will receive their degrees during baccalaureate ceremonies at 9:30 a.m. at White Auditorium, 111 E. Sixth Ave. At 2 p.m., graduate students will be hooded at Albert Taylor Hall in Plumb Hall on the Emporia State campus.

Dennis Mullin, vice chair of the Kansas Board of Regents, will give remarks during both ceremonies. Patrick Martin, professor of art and 2017 Roe R. Cross Distinguished Professor, will address the undergraduates.

For those unable to attend, both ceremonies will be streamed live on the Internet. The link for the live stream as well as other information can be found online at [www.emporia.edu/commencement](http://www.emporia.edu/commencement)

## Circleville News

By Jeannie Arnold  
Kenny Wykert and his brother, Bob, traveled to Rose Hill to the home of Meggan and Rick DeMoss for Thanksgiving. They left on Wednesday, Nov. 22, and returned home on Friday, Nov. 24. Other guests were Meggan and Rick's daughter, Ashley Doshier, along with her husband, Jay, and children Jax and Ruby, their son Ben and his friend, Aubrey. They also celebrated

Kenny's birthday, which was on Thanksgiving Day.

Roy and Beverly Kranz hosted a Thanksgiving Day dinner on Nov. 23. Guests were Kathy Kranz, John and Debbie Kennedy, Brock and Shawna Blackwood and children Carson and Madison, Brooke Johnson and children Brynley and Tate and Paul Wilcox and children Paul, Cody and Jadee.

Friday evening, Nov. 24,

was spent at Brock and Shawna Blackwood's house in Hoyt. Others were Carson and Madison Blackwood, John and Debbie Kennedy, Brandon and Jessica DeVader and children Gage and Lincoln, Brooke Johnson, Brynley and Tate and Paul Wilcox.

Several from the community attended the funeral service for Mildred Cochren-Sherwood on Friday, Dec. 1, at Mercer Funeral Home in Holton. A lun-

cheon was served at the United Methodist Church in Circleville. Mildred was an active and admired teacher and member of the Circleville community for many years until her health forced her to move from her home outside of Circleville.

Doug Brown of Olathe and Marsha Morris of Topeka were at the home of Dennis and Barbara Hutchinson on Saturday afternoon, Dec. 2, helping to get

things ready for their Dec. 23 Morris family Christmas dinner. They worked most of the time at the Cole-Morris Building, which is now finished, except for some minor finishing touches. That is where they plan to have their get-together.

I attended the Foster Ford Christmas party at Trails Cafe on Saturday evening, Dec. 2. We had a very nice meal and a good time visiting and being together.

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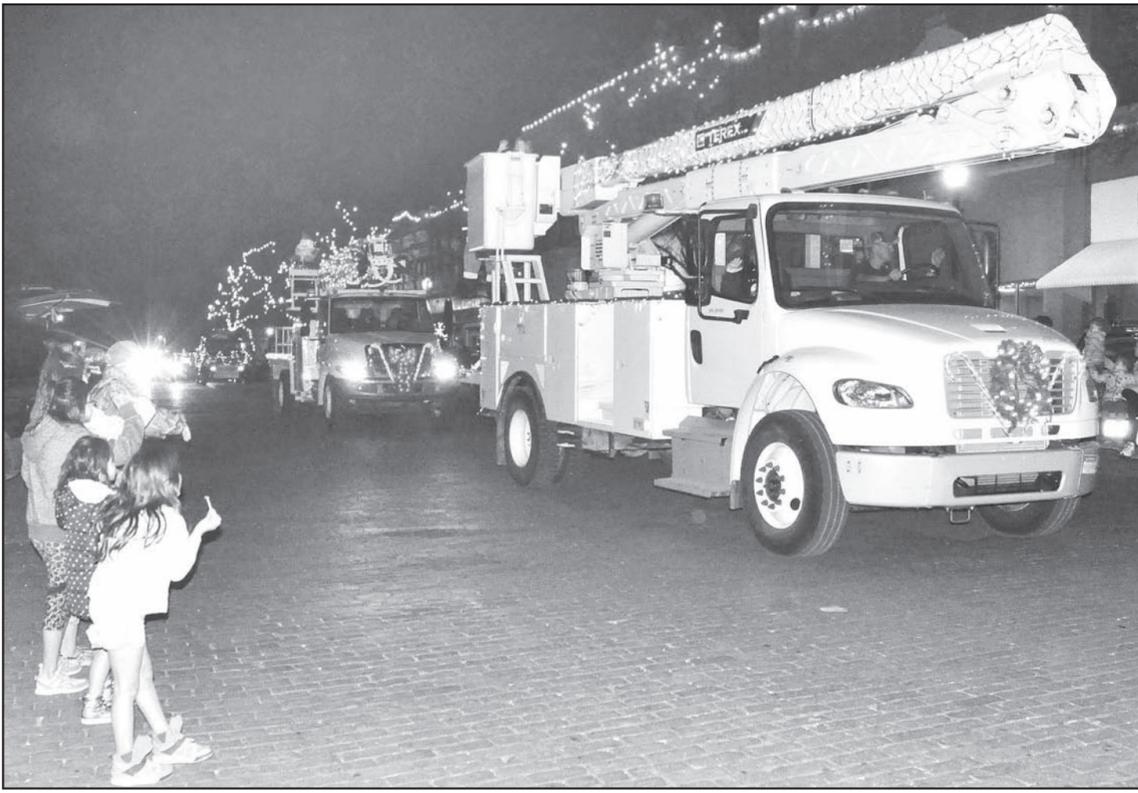
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Utility trucks from the City of Holton's electrical distribution department were decorated in holiday lights and placed on parade this past Saturday during the annual Christmas Parade of Lights on Holton's Town Square. Two trucks from the city's distribution department and one from the street department participated in the parade, it was reported.

Photo by Ali Holcomb

## Care encouraged in holiday decorating

■ *Red Cross: Fires during Christmas season can be prevented with these tips*

The American Red Cross cites statistics from the U.S. Fire Administration showing nearly 47,000 fires occur during the winter holidays, claiming more than 500 lives, causing more than 2,200 injuries and costing \$554 million in property damage.

Homeowners are cautioned to follow some important American Red Cross guidelines for holiday decorating and entertaining to make sure that the glow in their holiday celebrations is from twinkling lights and not a costly and potentially deadly fire.

- Place Christmas trees and other holiday decorations at least three feet away from heat sources like fireplaces, portable heaters, radiators, heat vents and candles.

- Purchase flame-retardant metallic or artificial trees. If you purchase a real tree, make sure that it has fresh, green needles that aren't easily broken. Keep live trees as moist as possible by giving them plenty of water.

- Make sure that light strings and other holiday decorations are in good condition. Do not use anything with frayed electrical cords and always follow the manufacturer's instructions.

- If you are celebrating Hanukkah or Kwanzaa, keep flammable items, including curtains and holiday decorations, at least three feet away from your candles.

- Place your menorah or kinara on a non-flammable surface,

such as a tray lined with aluminum foil, to catch the melting candle wax. Never leave lit candles unattended.

- Ensure all candles and smoking materials are properly extinguished after guests leave and always unplug tree and holiday lights before leaving home or going to bed.

If a fire does break out, the importance of installing and maintaining smoke alarms throughout your property cannot be understated. Having a working smoke alarm reduces everyone's chances of dying in a fire by nearly half, it has been reported.

The American Red Cross is joining with fire departments and community groups nationwide to deliver and install a limited number of free smoke alarms in homes for those in need. Contact your local American Red Cross chapter for more information.

## Winners announced in Parade of Lights

There were about 40 entries in the annual Christmas Parade of Lights last Saturday, it was reported, and the local churches

provided some of the best entries.

The Soldier Christian Church's entry in the Christmas Parade of Lights

was named the Best Religious entry in the parade. The Farmers State Bank will award \$50 in Chamber Bucks for the best religious entry.

Buck's Grove Church's entry in the parade was also named a winner in the Best Club or Organization category and will be awarded \$50 in Chamber

Bucks from Holton National Bank.

Developmental Services of Jackson County was named the Best Business entry in the parade and will be awarded \$50 in Chamber Bucks by *The Holton Recorder*.

Thanks to all who participated in the parade again this year!

## Kientz Corner

By Beverly Ramey Newell

On Dec. 3, the Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church congregation opened its worship service by singing, "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus." Andrew and Kristy Richards lighted the advent candle, "Hope" on the advent wreath. Pastor Jin thanked those who decorated the church for advent.

The announcements were: Lite Bite will be held at 5:15 p.m. on Dec. 13; Parent's Night Out will be sponsored by the youth at 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Dec. 16; and the children's choir will sing at 11 a.m. on Dec. 17 before the Christmas Cantata.

There will be no 8:30 a.m. service and no children's church on Dec. 17. We hope everyone will come and hear the Christmas Cantata.

The Christmas Eve service will be at 7 p.m. on Dec. 23. At 11 p.m. on Dec. 24, the church will have its Christmas Eve service. The service will be an old-fashioned Christmas pageant, "Journey to Bethlehem." Please plan to attend!

The birthdays for Dec. 3 through Dec. 9: Shawn Herrick, Dec. 3; Dr. J. Knight, Dec. 4; Lori Rea, Dec. 6; and Christine Farmer, Dec. 7.

The concerns were prayers for Janet Baldwin's sister-in-law, who has a heart valve problem and is in hospice care, and the family of Rex Flentie.

For special music, the adult bell choir played "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus." Those playing bells were Susan Arnold, Betty Domer, Alfred Mannell, Danette Martin, Annie McDowell, Kyle Kurtz, Kelly Neiman, Kristy Richards, Barbara Slimmer, and Val Warkentine. The choir was directed by Greg Baldwin.

The children's story was given by Kevin McDowell. Isaiah 64:8 says, "Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand." God can mold us just the way He wants us to be.

Bruce Lanning read the scripture, Luke 2: 1-7.

The sermon, "Silent Night, Holy Night," was given by the Rev. Hyun-Jin Cho. We are preparing for the birth of Jesus. Mary and Joseph arrived in Bethlehem tired. When there was no room for them in the inn, they made a place in the stable for Mary to rest and a place in the manger for the baby Jesus when He arrived.

In 1914, during the war of the German and British armies, the soldiers sang the carol "Silent Night, Holy Night," and there was peace. Let us make our hearts ready for the baby Jesus and our new hope. May we remember: Christmas is for sharing. May we care for our church family and neighbors. Let us deliver hope and love into the world.

The communion elements were served by Pastor Jin, Gary and Barbara Slimmer, Brian and Gayle Smith, and Linda Smith.

The closing hymn was "Silent Night, Holy Night."

Those assisting with the service were Bruce Lanning, liturgist; Mary Smith, organist; Alfred and Deb Mannell, sound system; Megan Strobel, acolyte; Betty Domer, song leader; and John and Linda Reed, Daryl Jepsen and Gary Slimmer, usher team.

On Nov. 29, Dave and Anita Link hosted a dinner at their home in Topeka. Those present were Berniece Chadwell, Carmen Sellens, Nick and Karen Nicolay, and Gary and Barbara Slimmer.

On Dec. 2, afternoon visitors of Traudi Lloyd in Topeka were Barbara Hanson, Dorothy Holt, Marilyn Kahler, Beverly Newell, Jan Pukach and Sally Shaffer. Traudi served refreshments of cheesecake, apple-raisin cake and chocolate-vanilla cake along with real whipped cream, coffee and chocolate mints.

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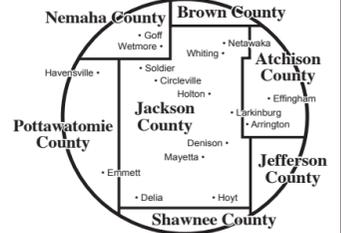
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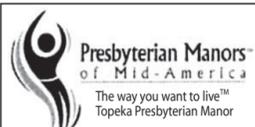
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## Ag Week Recap: Beef prices down, grains and swine up

By Matt Hines

Long futures positions were liquidated to end last week even with higher cash fed cattle trade. Trade activity was Thursday with the earlier transactions occurring in the south at \$121.

In the north, trades started lower but by day's end were at \$121 live, \$190 dressed and pointed higher to complete the buy for the week. Prices were \$2 to \$3 higher than the week previous.

Beef prices, though, were down four out the five days this past week. Without earlier week gains, futures would have at least tested, if not broken, below the November lows.

For the week, Friday, Nov. 24 through Friday, Dec. 1, December live cattle were down \$1.35, February was down \$2.60, January feeders were down \$2.97, March was down \$3.75, December lean hogs were up \$2.02 and February was up \$1.32. Boxed Beef-Choice was down \$5 at \$205.99 and Select was down \$4.24 at \$183.61.

Cattle slaughter from Friday is estimated at 118,000 head, up 2,000 from a week ago and up 6,000 compared to a year ago. For the week, the total was 649,000 head, up 77,000 from the week previous and up 33,000 compared to a year ago.

Hog slaughter from Friday is estimated at 465,000 head, up 28,000 from a week ago and up 36,000 compared to a year ago. For the week, the total was 2,535,000, up 378,000 from the week previous but down 8,000 compared to a year ago.

December live cattle were pointing lower again and breaking the November lows to start this week. There should be some good support in the \$114 area, but breaking below that level would give us a head and shoulders technical pattern that would lead to a further collapse. Technically, that could point to a test of the lows from August near \$107!

January feeders also reversed lower last Friday, finishing about \$1 away from the November lows, which were broken to start this week as well. The 100-day moving average is \$148.80, with the next areas of support around \$148, then \$145, with resistance up at \$156. December lean hogs were very choppy last week with support at \$64 and resistance up near \$66. Rangebound, tighter trade should continue with the contract set to expire next week.

Grains moved higher on Friday, which allowed week over week gains. Wheat showed some strength from the reported harvest delays in Australia from heavy and possibly damaging rains. Up to 4 million metric tons (MMT) could be at risk from the excessive rains. Updated Australian estimates are now at 20.3 MMT of wheat, down 6 percent from

September and down 42 percent from last year.

Another impacting story last week was Wednesday night's huge and unexpected Chicago wheat deliveries, which inevitably drove the December/March spread back to new contract lows. Ten million bushels (MBU) of soft red winter wheat were issued for delivery, which drove the spread from +19 to the March or \$0.19 carry to +24 to the March.

Stats Canada will update their production estimates later this week. Estimates for their 2017 all-wheat production figure is expected to rise by about 900 total metric tons (TMT) from their September estimate to 28 MMT. Production in 2016 was 31.72 MMT.

Other fundamental news was light. It may just be the managed money buying or re-positioning on the first of the month that gave grains some strength. Funds have

peeled back from the record short position in corn near 270,000 contracts to an estimated 200,000 currently.

South American forecasts really haven't changed much this past week, with beneficial rains in Brazil and the continued lack thereof for Argentina. Soybeans will remain the volatile leader with a high pressure ridge threatening to build over Argentina.

For the week, Friday, Nov. 24 through Friday, Dec. 1, December corn was up \$0.2½, March was up \$0.03¾, January soybeans were up \$0.01, March was up \$0.01¼, December KC wheat was up \$0.06, March was up \$0.05½, December Chicago wheat was down \$0.1¼, March was up \$0.03¾ and December soybean meal was up \$4.50 per ton.

Export inspections for the week ending Nov. 30 were above expectations for all except corn, which was 23.1 MBU. The year-

to-date total is now 232 MBU behind last year's pace. Soybean shipments totaled 66.2 MBU, wheat 15.05 MBU and grain sorghum shipments for the week were 10.4 MBU.

March corn is still higher after testing the contract lows last week. Getting through \$3.60 and then \$3.65 this week will be the key to extend the rally. January soybeans gapped higher to start this week with resistance from

\$10.08 to \$10.13 and solid support around \$9.86.

March KC wheat was up a dime off new contract lows last week. Trend is still lower, though, until we can break \$4.50. March Chicago wheat looks similar with the contract low at \$4.22 and resistance at \$4.50 to \$4.51½.

Note: There is risk of loss in trading commodity futures and options. Matt Hines is a licensed commodity broker for Loewen

and Associates, Inc. of Manhattan, specializing in grain and livestock operations as well as commercial consulting clients since 2004. Matt is also a board member of Jackson County Farm Bureau, Market Structures Committee Chairman for American Farm Bureau and on the Agricultural Advisory Committee with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission. He can be reached at (785) 289-0036.

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Siblings Jada (left), 8, and Andrew (right), 10, Keithley of Holton took a moment to pose with Santa Claus before telling him what they want for Christmas this year. Area children had the opportunity to meet with Santa on Saturday at the Jackson County Courthouse after the Parade of Lights.

Photo by Ali Holcomb

## Christmas Store...

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off at the First Baptist Church. Additionally, donations of wrapping paper and bows are needed. These items can also be dropped off at the church, Ingels said.

Items for essential bags are also still needed, according to Terri Robbins. Several cloth bags were recently donated so Robbins said they are just looking for additional donated items.

Items in the essential bags include laundry soap and dryer sheets, shampoo and conditioner, bath soap, dish soap, deodorant, razors, liquid hand soap, a four-pack of toilet paper, Kleenex, toothbrushes,

toothpaste, kitchen towels, paper towels and similar items.

"Any of the items listed are appreciated," Robbins said. "People don't have to donate everything. Every item helps."

Robbins asks that items be dropped off at the church by Friday or to contact her by Friday if you plan to donate items or completed bags next week. For more information, contact Robbins at 785-364-0680.

Volunteers are needed to help set up the store from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, Dec. 11-14, at the church.

Ingels said that on Monday evening, volunteers will be

moving essential bags, toys and other items from various locations around town to the church.

"We hope to have it all moved to the church Monday evening," Ingels said. "We need some people who can do some heavy lifting, as well as people with pickup trucks. Kids are also welcome to help."

During the event next Friday, Dec. 15, volunteers are needed from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. to monitor tables, load items into vehicles, help people shop and wrap more than 500 presents.

For more information, contact Ingels at 785-851-1011 or by email at jherringj@hotmail.com.

# All Kansans, not just farmers, affected by NAFTA

By Ken Wood  
Kansas Association  
Of Wheat Growers

Every year as my family sits down to eat Thanksgiving dinner, we think about why we are thankful. We are thankful for our health, our home, our family and we are thankful for the abundant food supply grown by our nation's farmers.

The United States is so good at producing food that a large portion of it is sold beyond our borders. As a Kansas wheat farmer, I am proud that we produce food to feed the world, but lately the rhetoric about trade coming out of Washington has me concerned.

Someday soon we may lose our ability to sell the food grown on our farm to consumers around the globe. If this happens, all Kansans would be affected, not just our family farmers. Whether you work in an office building or you drive a tractor, agriculture — and the ag economy — affects you.

According to a recent study conducted by members of the U.S. food and agriculture industries, agriculture directly employs more than 70,000 Kansans and has a direct economic impact of almost \$20 billion. The Kansas Department of Agriculture estimates that the agriculture industry accounts for more than 44 percent of the Kansas economy.

Despite what some may think, farming doesn't just impact those of us out in the countryside. Agriculture employs almost 2,000 people in Johnson County, resulting in a \$539 million economic impact.

Similarly, in Wichita and its surrounding areas, agriculture employs more than 10,000 people and produces a \$3 billion economic impact. These

numbers reflect direct employment and economic impact; this doesn't even take into consideration related industries that rely on agriculture.

For agriculture, and Kansas, to grow and flourish, international trade must also grow and flourish. The value of all Kansas ag exports totals \$3.7 billion, and a large majority of that value comes from our North American neighbors. This is why we should all be concerned about the rhetoric surrounding NAFTA, or the North American Free Trade Agreement.

Just how important is NAFTA to Kansas? Of all the countries that Kansas companies ship their products to, Mexico is our largest customer, followed closely by Canada.

Combined, these two countries make up 36 percent of all the international business done by Kansas companies. This is no accident; the United States enjoys unfettered access to Mexican and Canadian consumers, which in turn has been a boon for the Kansas economy.

In terms of overall impact, agriculture represents seven of the top 10 exported products from our state. This includes wheat,

which is the second most valuable international export from Kansas, trailing only airplanes.

Before NAFTA, Mexico imported an average of 11.5 million bushels of wheat from the United States. After NAFTA, that number has increased nearly tenfold to a whopping 110.2 million bushels, or 4.6 billion loaves of bread.

In 2016, almost 30 million bushels of wheat went by shuttle train straight from the Kansas countryside across the border into Mexico.

Mexico is a fiercely competitive market, and we are beginning to see our market share erode in front of our eyes. Just last month, Mexico announced it will begin buying wheat from Argentina, all because of the uncertainty surrounding NAFTA. The state of Kansas, and our economy, cannot afford to lose this business.

We need to make sure that Washington knows how important trade, and NAFTA, is to our state. Whether you are an accountant in Overland Park, an engineer in Wichita or a farmer in Chapman, the health of the ag economy affects us all.

- The Marysville Advocate

## Schirmers...

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she said, "he came out to take me back to school, but instead, we went to Colby and got married."

They returned to Holton and the farm where David grew up and continued to farm, hiring local high school boys — including future U.S. Senator Pat Roberts — to help out at haying time.

"Holton seemed big to me, because in my little home town, there were only about 100 people there," Ellen said.

However, she took to the community easily, and the two of them quickly got involved in local activities, as well as establishing long-term memberships with the Evangelical United Methodist Church and the local and regional Republican Party.

Individually, David was active in the Lions Club, the Kansas Livestock Association, the American National Cattleman Association and the Kansas Chamber of Commerce.

"He wanted to do whatever was good for Holton, whatever was good for Jackson County, whatever was good for the state of Kansas and whatever was good for the USA," Ellen said.

Ellen, meanwhile, got involved with Holton's PEO chapter, a membership she maintains to this day, and taught family and consumer



Ellen and the late David Schirmer

science classes at Holton Middle School. She would go on to run for — and be elected to — the Jackson County Commission, at a time when the county was developing Banner Creek Reservoir.

The Schirmers also took pride in their family, as well as their "network" of friends in the area, according to their daughter-in-law, Susan Schirmer.

"Dave and Ellen would never hesitate to get on the phone to call a political friend or acquaintance, a fraternity

brother, a football teammate, an Air Force comrade, a former K-State buddy or anyone they knew for help in promoting any new endeavor in the Holton community that they felt was worthwhile," Susan said.

David died in September of 2005, and Ellen maintains their residence in Holton, even though she is not quite as active as before. Still, she says, it was a good life that she and David put together, and the Chamber's honor is another welcome feather in the Schirmers' caps.

## City Commission...

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"door hangers" at this time of the year may become candidates for holiday disbursements from the city's Sitzer Fund, a city-owned fund used to assist Holton residents in need with their city utility bills during the Christmas season. Sitzer Fund recipients are expected to be finalized in the next two weeks, she added.

In other business during Monday's regular meeting, commissioners were reminded that because of Kansas' new election laws that moved all elections to November, the next commission meeting would have to be rescheduled for Monday, Jan. 8 to allow re-elected commissioners Robert Dieckmann and Twila White to receive their new oaths of office.

City Manager Kerwin McKee said the new law states that elected officials "are to be sworn in on the second Monday in January after the November elections." However, the commission's regular meetings are scheduled on the first and third Mondays of each month, with exceptions made for holidays such as New Year's Day, which falls on the first Monday of 2018.

Riley suggested that the city could change its charter ordinance regarding regular commission meeting dates to reflect the "second Monday in January" rule, since commissioners, who serve three-year terms, are elected and re-elected every year. Instead, commissioners voted to change the date of the first January 2018 meeting to 7 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 8 at Holton City Hall to accommodate the law.

McKee also asked whether commissioners would be interested in changing the starting time of the commission's regular meetings if changes were made to the charter ordinance, since some cities begin their meetings earlier in the evening or "right after work." Commissioners

said they were content with the 7 p.m. start time.

Furthermore, McKee noted that changing the date of the first January meeting would also have an unintended benefit for office personnel at City Hall.

"It kind of gives them an extra week to prepare appropriations and different things" for the first January meeting, he said.

On a related note, Commissioner Dan Brenner asked whether the city would hold its regular year-end meeting to "close the books" for 2017 would be held on Friday, Dec. 29. Riley said the date and time of the year-end meeting would be set at the commission's next regular meeting, scheduled for Monday, Dec. 18.

Commissioners also:

- Approved minutes from the Nov. 20 commission meeting and budget appropriations made since that meeting.

- Heard a comment from Commissioner Mike Meerpohl about a leaning utility pole in need of repair.

- Received a card of thanks from Carolyn Koger of Koger Variety and Paul Abell of The Golden Fleece, noting the efforts of city workers in "getting the Christmas lights up so fast."

- Noted that interviews were being conducted to fill an officer vacancy at the Holton Police Department.

- Noted that the city's Christmas dinner was tentatively scheduled for Friday, Dec. 22.

- Heard a comment from Brenner about whether the city's street sweeper was sweeping loose gravel and asphalt chips on the city's chip-and-seal streets. McKee said he would check with Street Superintendent Greg Tanking on the matter, adding that he didn't know whether sweeping loose gravel would have an effect on the sweeper.

- Adjourned the meeting at 7:12 p.m. All five commissioners were present.

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