



Holton Community Hospital/Friends of Hospice volunteers went Christmas caroling Monday evening at Holton Community Hospital, MedicalLodges Jackson County, The Pines, Vintage Park and at the home of a friend. A time of fellowship and refreshment followed at the hospital. Carolers shown above, from left, include Dean Fletcher, Brenda Fletcher, Fred Appelhanz, Elaine Stephenson, Andrew Berns, Alysse Berns, Carol Keithline, Henriette Area, H. B. Keithline, Bill Berns, Cody Utz, Wayne Leiker, Joanne Berns and Mary Schulz. Photo courtesy of Esther Ideker

Food, volunteers needed for Christmas dinner

By Brian Sanders
 There's less than two weeks to go before this year's annual Community Christmas Dinner, but new dinner organizer Tammy Elliott said she's hopeful that the dinner — a Holton community event since 1985 — will be a holiday hit. "It's been interesting, with this being the first year that I've been completely planning it by myself," said Elliott about succeeding Freda Galer, who organized the community Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners before stepping down. "It's a little overwhelming, but I believe everything's under control."

That said, donations of food and manpower are still needed for this year's dinner, to be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 25 at the Evangel United Methodist Church Family Life

Center. "I've already had several people call and volunteer, and I've had a few calls about donating," Elliott said. "We obviously need lots of food items." Five 20-pound turkeys are still needed for the dinner, Elliott said, as are five gallons each of corn, green beans and sweet potatoes. Also needed are several dozen dinner rolls, 26 boxes of stuffing, 15 fruit or vegetable salads, 15 Jell-O salads, two dozen pies or cheesecakes and two dozen cakes. Elliott is also asking for four dozen cookies — a new item for this year's dinner. "I'm going to have that for the little kids," she said. "It's a little less messy than pie!"

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Fiber optic internet service discussed at Heights

By Brian Sanders
 Ninety-six percent of school districts in Kansas have access to fiber optic broadband internet service needed to meet current and future connectivity needs, members of the Jackson Heights USD 335 Board of Education were told Monday night. The Jackson Heights school district is currently in the four percent that doesn't have that access, but on Monday, the USD 335 board took a step to correct that. Representatives from the San Francisco-based EducationSuperHighway (ESH) non-profit organization spoke with Jackson Heights school board members via an inter-

net conference call during the board's regular monthly meeting, stating that the district could qualify to get as much as 90 percent of funding needed to bring fiber optic internet service to the school district. With ESH's proposal in mind, the board's next step was to work with the organization to create and file an application for E-rate funding by early January, which the board voted to do. If the application is approved, ESH will work with the district to find the least expensive route to get fiber optic internet service to the district's buildings. In the past three years, median internet bandwidth speeds have increased by about 380 percent

— from 164 kilobytes per second (kbps) in 2015 to 617 kbps at the present time, ESH district consultant Eliza Straim told the board. Jackson Heights currently offers its students a speed of 551 kbps, Straim said. However, schools in Kansas are "trending toward" an average per-student speed of one megabyte per second (mbps) — almost double what Jackson Heights currently offers, Straim said, noting that with a fiber optic internet connection, the district could have access to that kind of bandwidth. Board members noted that access to a fiber optic line is as near as U.S. Highway 75 to the west, where, as district

technology director Vern Andrews stated, two different internet companies, Kansas Fiber Network and Windstream, have fiber optic lines running along the highway that act as "a superhighway type of fiber that connects Topeka and Omaha." Holton-based Giant Communications — which contracts with the district to provide 200 mbps of fixed wireless internet service at a cost of \$2,000 a month, it was noted — also has a fiber optic line running north and south along "old 75," or Q4 Road, to the east — not as close by, Andrews said, but still in the area.

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Time capsule, KAYS project discussed at B.O.E. meeting

By David Powls
 When students and faculty at the old Central Elementary School in Holton celebrated the beginning of a new millennium with a Y2K 300-helium balloon launch, music and the placement of a time capsule back in January of 2000, the plan was to unearth the time capsule some time around the year 2025. With the construction of the Holton new elementary school for grades pre-K-5 and the subsequent move from Central, school officials are talking about unearthing the time capsule sometime

soon — before the Central campus is sold — and perhaps taking it to the new elementary campus. Photos showing the time capsule being buried and an accompanying story, all in *The Holton Recorder* in January of 2000, told that the time capsule contained such things as a Beanie Baby (popular at the time), a copy of Time magazine and a letter from then-Central principal Elaine Nielsen. A headstone marking the site of the time capsule was donated by Patric Hamilton.

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New ActivPanels purchased for RV

By Ali Holcomb
 The purchase of 10 new 70-inch interactive panels was approved for Royal Valley classrooms at a cost of \$32,382 during the USD 337 Board of Education's meeting on Monday evening. The Promethean ActivPanels are being purchased from Haddock Education Technologies of Wichita. Additional bids included \$58,790.20 from ITsavvy LLC of Addison, Ill. and \$43,889.90 from CDW of Vernon Hills, Ill. In October, Mark Haefke, district tech coordinator, said that as the RV teachers' interactive Promethean boards begin to age, he has been looking into the advantages of purchasing interactive panels, which are large television-like screens that can be used for instructional display or student interaction. Promethean boards were installed in all the classrooms in the district in 2012. Haefke installed one Promethean ActivPanel at the high school in Taryn Temple's classroom as part of a "try before you buy" type program. Superintendent Aaric Davis

presented the three bids during Monday's meeting after he and Haefke noticed a special promotion on Haddock's website. "This is a pretty significant savings," Davis said of Haddock's bid. The panels will be paid for using capital outlay funds, Davis said, and the panels will be distributed evenly amongst the three school buildings. Davis and the board also set a hearing for 8 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 7, to discuss the district's participation in the Neighborhood Revitalization Program approved recently by the Jackson County Commissioners. The new adopted plan offers seven years of tax rebates to eligible commercial and business properties, and five years of rebates to eligible residential properties, with improvements valued at \$15,000 or more. The program does not decrease the amount of county taxes currently being collected but defers the taxes on the new improvements participating in the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan over the five or seven-year period.

"Our assessed valuation wouldn't go down, but it would just delay getting additional taxes on those properties in the program within the boundaries of our school district," Davis said. Davis said there is a need for more housing in the school district. "For long-term growth, I think this would be beneficial for our district," Davis said. The board voted 7-0 to move forward with the district's participation on the program pending the public hearing on Jan. 7. In other business during the meeting, the board:

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Early Morning Sales set

This Friday, shoppers in the Holton area are invited to take part in one of the city's long-standing Christmas traditions — the Early Morning Sales. Several businesses on Holton's Town Square and elsewhere in the city are taking part in the annual early morning shopping event, it was reported, with all of them offering special bargains to early morning shoppers, many of which may be found in advertisements on Page 3 of today's Holton Recorder. Participating businesses include Beverley Brown Boutique, Everything Home, Heart to Home, Jayhawk TV and Appliance, Koger Variety, Lasting Impressions, Penny's, The Golden Fleece Yarn and Fiber and The Gossip.

JH art students participate in The Memory Project

By Brian Sanders
 Art can build a bridge. That's the lesson that Katie Morris, art teacher at Jackson Heights Middle and High School, recently taught students in her advanced art class at JHHS by getting them involved in The Memory Project, painting portraits of — and for — children in South America. "I wanted the students to grow their art skills and their confidence, but also to have the opportunity to bring someone joy with their artwork," said Morris, currently in her fourth year of teaching art at Jackson Heights. The Memory Project, a non-profit organization based in Middleton, Wisc., invites

art students to "help cultivate global kindness by creating portraits for children around the world who have faced substantial challenges, such as violence, war, extreme poverty or neglect," according to Memory Project outreach director Rose Franz. Morris said that at the outset of the current school year, before going on maternity leave, she asked students in the advanced art class to make a list of things they wanted to accomplish. One such item, she noted, was a service project. "I had heard about the Memory Project before but never participated in it," she said. "I had the goal of teaching a portrait project anyway, so I

decided it was a good year to try." With portraits, Morris said, a different skill set is required than other types of drawings she teaches, and in extending their talents into painting portraits, she believed their confidence as artists would grow. The Memory Project, she said, added another layer to the lesson. "I always try to find at least one project a year where we can give back somehow," Morris said. "I also love that these portraits were created for children living in extreme poverty in another country, so the students can see that the world

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Jackson Heights High School art teacher Katie Morris (left) is shown above with students (from left) Blayne Gibson, Faith Little, Bethany Kenworthy, Caitlyn Morrissey, Monika Raye and William Mauldin. Submitted photo

Benefit planned for Phillips

A benefit dinner is being planned for Mary Phillips, who is battling metastatic renal cell carcinoma, on Saturday, Dec. 15, at the Northeast Kansas Heritage Complex. The event is from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. and includes a free will donation meal of pulled pork, baked potatoes, green beans, a roll and dessert. A silent auction is also being held that evening and will include K-State memorabilia signed by Bill Snyder among many other items.

In addition, \$1 tickets are being sold at the benefit for a drawing to win 22 tons of 1½-inch road rock, which is being donated by Mid-State Materials and Scott's Shop Inc. The drawing will be held Dec. 15, and tickets are also being sold at the Jackson County Treasurer's Office. The Halbleib family will provide music at the dinner from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. All proceeds from the event will go to the Phillips family to help with medical expenses.

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DISTRICT COURT NEWS

Traffic

Robert J. Batiste, Topeka, driving while license cancelled, suspended or revoked, no proof of insurance, diversion.

Scott A. Buchli, Newton, Iowa, speeding, \$198.

Maria Castro-Perez, Holton, transporting an open container, found guilty.

Cynthia C. Drake, Kansas City, Mo., no proof of insurance, diversion.

David C. Fuentes, address sealed by court, failure to yield at stop or yield sign, \$183.

Brynn A. Roberts, Bellevue, Neb., speeding, \$201.

suspended; placed on 18 months probation and fined \$482.68 plus court costs.

State of Kansas vs. Jon D. Gouge, Holton, theft; sentenced to six months in jail, suspended; placed on 12 months probation and assessed court costs.

State of Kansas vs. Tammy L. Forbes, Topeka, possession of methamphetamine; sentenced to 17 months imprisonment, suspended; placed on 18 months probation and assessed court costs.

State of Kansas vs. Jordan E. Kimbrough, Holton, criminal damage to property; sentenced to seven months imprisonment, suspended; placed on 12 months probation and assessed court costs.

State of Kansas vs. Evan S. Wewenis, Horton, stalking; sentenced to 12 months imprisonment,

suspended; placed on 24 months probation and assessed court costs.

State of Kansas vs. Evan S. Wewenis, Horton, aggravated battery; sentenced to 24 months imprisonment, suspended; placed on 24 months probation and assessed court costs.

State of Kansas vs. Elizabeth A. Long, Onaga, possession of methamphetamine; sentenced to 18 months imprisonment and assessed court costs.

State of Kansas vs. Jesse A. Jim, Mayetta, interference with law enforcement-obstruction of official duty; sentenced to one year in jail, suspended; placed on 12 months probation and assessed court costs.

State of Kansas vs. Rafe M. Wilmoth, Holton, domestic battery; sentenced to six months in jail, suspended; placed on 12 months probation and fined \$200 plus court costs.

Filed
State of Kansas vs. Benjamin Lutz, Hoyt, domestic battery, criminal damage to property.

State of Kansas vs. Brian J. Harris, Emmett, disorderly conduct.

State of Kansas vs. Sally A. Sanchez, Winter-Haven, Fla., disorderly conduct.

State of Kansas vs. Valerie A. Matic, Holton, two counts of distribution or possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance within 1,000 feet of school property, possession of methamphetamine, possession

of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia.

State of Kansas vs. Derrick M. Hainline, Holton, distribution or possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance within 1,000 feet of school property, distribution or possession with intent to distribute marijuana, possession of methamphetamine, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia.

State of Kansas vs. Jennifer S. Ross, Hiawatha, criminal carrying of a weapon, transportation of liquor in an open container, violation of the Kansas Offender Registration Act.

State of Kansas vs. Ignacio J. Zarazua, Topeka, counterfeiting.
State of Kansas vs. Anthony L. Welch, Tecumseh, possession of oxycontin, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, driving under the influence.

State of Kansas vs. Jack D. Smith, Topeka, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia.

State of Kansas vs. Aaron C. Montoya, Holton, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, registration violation, no proof of insurance.

State of Kansas vs. Desiree L. Morris, Mayetta, disorderly conduct.

State of Kansas vs. Richard M. Oller, Mayetta, domestic battery, disorderly conduct.

State of Kansas vs. Richard D. Henry, Holton, battery, disorderly conduct.

Criminal Dispositions

State of Kansas vs. Jessica C. Carroll, Topeka, forgery; sentenced to eight months in jail,

Auction Calendar



Auctions advertised in *The Holton Recorder* qualify to be included in this free auction calendar. Contact Errin at 364-3141, email us at holtonrecorder@giantcomm.net or stop by our office at 109 W. Fourth St. in Holton for details.

• Friday, Dec. 14. Starting at 6 p.m. Special cow and bull auction at Holton Livestock Exchange, half-mile east of Holton on Kansas Highway 16. For

more information, call 364-4114 or 364-7137.

• Thursday, Dec. 20. Starting at 1 p.m. PBP land lease auction at PBP Land Management Department, 15185 K Rd., Mayetta.

• Saturday, Feb. 2. Starting at 10 a.m. Betty Montgomery real estate auction. Effingham City Building, 414 Main St., Effingham. For more information, contact Stranger Creek Realty at (913) 833-4835.

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Monday	17	Sunny	High: 48 Low: 28

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Fenceline

'Tis the season... to get busy planning

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

Most of the time I love this time of year! With the four snows and counting, the weather has been causing some unneeded stress. Add to that a flat tire that needed to be changed on a cold blustery day and my holiday cheer is fading!



As the year 2018 quickly fades into the history books here are some things to think about:
Spring-Calving Herds For January Planning
A 1,200-pound cow in good body condition requires a minimum of about 12.9 pounds of TDN and 1.9 pounds of protein per day during late gestation. A 1,500-pound cow requires approximately 15.3 pounds of TDN and 2.2 pounds of protein. The forage source should contain a minimum of 54 percent TDN and eight percent protein during this period to meet requirements for maintenance prior to calving.

Prepare calving facilities and equipment. Purchase and organize calving supplies such as tags, navel dip, tattoo equipment and ink, calf scales, etc.
Feed during evening hours to encourage daytime calving.
Fall-calving herds: Remove bulls toward the end of January or early February to maintain a controlled breeding season of 60-70 days.
General Recommendations: Distribute hay feeding as much as possible to minimize perennial grass stand damage and to evenly distribute nutrients from manure and wasted hay. Remove and discard plastic

"net wrap" and twine from hay prior to feeding.
Test soil to determine phosphorus, potassium and lime needs for spring legumes, such as lespedeza, sweet clover, red clover and white clover.
Plan the financial management program for the year, including cash flow, deadlines for payment of interest and quarterly tax payments.
Ho Ho Ho!
Beef Issues Group will meet at 7 p.m. on Dec. 17 at Sabetha. Dr. Bob Weaber, KSU beef specialist, will speak about Genomics for small commercial herds. Call 364-4125 for details.

Crops and Soils

Christmas plants have value after the holiday

By David G. Hallauer
Meadowlark Extension
District Agent, Crops and
Soils/Horticulture

For a holiday held in winter, Christmas has traditionally been a time when we celebrate around a plant (Christmas tree) and give plants as gifts (poinsettia, etc.). Fortunately, many of these plants have value well after the celebration.



time temperatures in the 60 to 65 degrees F range. Higher temperatures will shorten bloom life. Lower ones may cause root rot.
Poinsettias do not like "wet feet," but allowing them to wilt tends to result in leaf drop. Maintain proper moisture by daily examining the potting soil.
Stick your finger about one-half inch deep into the soil. If it is dry, add lukewarm water until some water runs out of the drainage hole, then discard the drainage water.
Note: poinsettias are not poisonous! Their milky sap may cause an allergic reaction, but there has never been a recorded case of poisoning.
A less common but still popular plant given this time of year is the Christmas Cactus, a plant native to the jungles of South America. A little more complicated to care for, Christmas Cactus tend to prefer bright indirect light (or leaves may turn yellow) and common household

temperatures. Keep soil moist but not waterlogged. Lightly fertilize every other week.
Keep cactus moist and fertilized even after the cease of blooming in late winter. Make sure to re-pot in the spring if plants are too crowded or flowering may decrease. Move plants outside in a shady spot for the summer and leave them there until frost threatens.
When fall rolls back around, cease fertilizing and give plants only enough water so stems do not shrivel in order to encourage flower bud formation. Cactus take special conditions to initiate flower buds. Make sure that plants get night times greater than 12 hours long and between 59 and 69 degrees to help generate flowers.
If you can't get 25 consecutive long nights to accomplish this, place plants in an unused room or cover them with a dark cloth or cardboard box to insure that they receive uninterrupted darkness.
After the flower buds have

formed, it takes an additional nine to 10 weeks for flowers to complete development and bloom.
Last but not least, don't forget the Christmas tree. While they can certainly be put out to be picked up and maybe even turned in to mulch, they have other potential uses as well.
Birds like them for escape cover and weather protection when propped up in the corner of a deck with some birdseed nearby. Fish appreciate having them sunk in a pond where they can provide cover for minnows and other forms of small aquatic life that can attract larger fish.
If you want to get real creative, cut off the branches and use them as decorative mulch around landscape plants or cut them up and make them in to garden stakes.

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. 17 through Friday, Dec. 21 are as follows:

Monday, Dec. 17: Salisbury steak, baked potato, California vegetables, apricots and bread and margarine.
Tuesday, Dec. 18: Roasted pork loin, hashbrown casserole, Japanese vegetables, fruit cup and muffin.
Wednesday, Dec. 19: Vegetable soup, cottage cheese with peppers and tomatoes, fresh banana, vanilla pudding and biscuit and margarine.
Thursday, Dec. 20: Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes, Brussels sprouts, mandarin oranges with pineapple and bread and margarine.
Friday, Dec. 21: Christmas brunch (serving from 10 a.m.-11 a.m.) Scrambled eggs, sausage patty, French toast casserole, fruit compote and fruit juice.

PBP Elder Center Menus

Meals at the Prairie Band Potawatomi Elder Center are served from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The menu is subject to change.
The center is open 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.
Enrolled tribal members age 50 and older may eat for free. Non-member seniors or non-seniors will be charged a fee for meals.
Reservations are required if you are in a large group. The center is located on K Road, about one-half mile south of 158th Road. For more information about the program, call (785) 966-

0040.
Menus listed for the week of Monday, Dec. 17 through Friday, Dec. 21 are as follows:
Monday, Dec. 17: Philly cheese sandwich, sweet potato fries and fruit.
Tuesday, Dec. 18: Lentil soup, baguette, crackers and fruit.
Wednesday, Dec. 19: Fried chicken, potatoes and gravy, green beans and fruit.
Thursday, Dec. 20: Pork tenderloin sandwich, baked beans, chips and fruit.
Friday, Dec. 21: Gumbo, rice, ambrosia salad and fruit.

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Source: Edward Jones Investments, Shannon Wright, financial advisor. Prices listed at close of trading on Tuesday, Dec. 11, 2018.
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Description Price at Close
Wheat \$4.50
Corn \$3.55
Milo \$3.36
Soybeans \$8.40
Source: Jackson Farmers Co-Op, Holton. Prices listed at close of trading on Tuesday, Dec. 11, 2018. Grain buying hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday. Cash bids subject to change without notice.
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OPINION

Why it's still okay for kids to believe in Santa



That me, above, as a kid at the moment I realized that my best friend Mike's father was playing Santa Claus.

Spoiler alert: The following commentary contains information that Santa Claus may not be real.

Child psychologists today generally believe that perpetuating a myth about someone trying to make people happy is not a bad thing and that imagination is a normal part of development that also helps develop creative minds.

The Santa Claus story — after all — is grounded in truth. Santa Claus is patterned after St. Nicholas who was a real person.

St. Nick became famous for helping the poor, and those are values that are important.

Santa Claus is just one of the mythical figures that children believe in, along with the Tooth Fairy and the Easter Bunny, for example.

Christmas brings people together and the Santa myth reinforces those important bonds. The Christmas tradition also reinforces some positive habits — like writing letters to Santa.

Next week, *The Recorder* will publish hundreds of letters to Santa from local third graders, so the tradition of writing letters to Santa is alive and well around here.

Like many good things, however, the Santa story eventually comes to an end. Kids stop believing at different ages. Often, a friend at school will break the news.

Kids usually figure it out for themselves, when they start to realize that the story does not quite add up.

Questioning what is real and what is not is also a normal part of mental development, experts say.

The best way for parents to handle the “Is Santa real?” question is to ask their child if they still believe in Santa. If they say they do, then it might be too soon to tell

them.

When parents do break the news to their kids, they can also tell them that the spirit of Christmas is real and that there was a real St. Nicholas.

The spirit of giving to the poor and the needy and the spirit of family being together is universal.

In the photo that accompanies this commentary, that's me with Santa when I was a little kid.

The photo was taken at the Western Auto store in Garnett. The photographer snapped the photo just after Santa had turned to me and said, “What do you want for Christmas, David?”

First of all, I was impressed that Santa knew my name. Second of all, I recognized that Santa's voice was the same voice as my best friend's father.

When I looked Santa in the eye, I realized that John McDonnell (my best friend Mike's father) was playing Santa and that there really was not a Santa.

The photographer, I think, captured the revealing “aha” moment quite well.

Today, of course, this is a treasured photo of me and Mike's dad, who died at a relatively young age from leukemia.

My mother said she cried when she was a little girl and found out that there was no St. Nick. She said she knew her parents did not have much money but at Christmas they always made sure she and her five siblings received some basic gifts like clothes and shoes, some peanuts and other nuts and some hard candy.

If the Christmas traditions in your family include Santa, you might also be able to remember when you figured it all out or were told the Santa truth, too.

David Powls

By Tom Isern

“Two years ago I set out to find the Arkansas River,” writes Max McCoy. “What I found was the ghost of a river.”

“Elevations: A Personal Exploration of the Arkansas River” (University Press of Kansas) is the book wherein McCoy writes about the river and his journey along it. This is travel narrative of the classic, 19th-century type, wherein our hero leaves home on a quest and finds, well, not what he expected.

Full disclosure: the subject of this book is, for me, not close to home — it is home. Three-fourths of the way in McCoy launches his kayak under the 281 bridge at Great Bend and pulls it out downstream at Ellinwood, where I was born and raised. In fact the story reaches a sort of



climax right there at Ellinwood, where McCoy writes that at this point in his journey, “the 21st century came rushing back with a vengeance.”

We might expect either of two developments in “Elevations.” McCoy might go elegiac, that is, offer an extended eulogy for a Great Plains river now sucked dry by selfish humankind. There is some of that, hence the “ghost of a river” characterization. McCoy agrees with K-State historian James Sherow that “residents of the Arkansas Valley had seldom acted as stewards of the environment, but had acted in vested self-interest to commodify the water and dominate the river.”

Or, we might expect that a 21st-century journalist and popular novelist — which McCoy is, besides being a faculty member at Emporia State — might offer some smart and cosmopolitan commentary on prairie life and values.

There is a bit of this, too, such as the extended discussion of pot

laws (Colorado versus Kansas), or perhaps the only-grudging acceptance of the status of Brian Bergkamp as a popular hero. (Bergkamp was the seminarian who drowned by a lowhead dam in Wichita while saving a fellow kayaker.) To be honest, smart and cosmopolitan don't count for much with me.

What I observe is that, like the river itself, the storyline of “Elevations” runs underground for much of the way, emerging only well down its course. McCoy spends a lot of time recounting tragic tales of human perversity along the Arkansas — the Canon City prison riot of 1929, for instance, or the plot by white supremacists in 2016 to bomb an apartment house full of Somali immigrants in Garden City.

McCoy literally descends into these stories, at one point going down the stairway into the cellar where 13 women and children, families involved in the United Mine Workers Strike of 1913, died when company security and

state guardsmen overran their camp. These explorations begin to make narrative sense when McCoy explains, “I've been dogged by depression — at its worst, a strange and unthinking apathy — all my life.”

If apathy is the disease, then broaden out from the personal, and by the end of the book, McCoy speaks to us as Kansans: “What is needed now — and what was needed, always — is an unflinching appraisal of our values and an authentic relationship to others and to the earth.”

So, I do not recommend this as a Christmas book. It is more of a New Year's book, as in a book of resolutions. I am not climbing into any kayak, but in a broader sense, I'm willing to ride the river with McCoy.

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

At Christmas, focus on what, who are important

By Glenn Mollette

Christmas is coming fast but try to slow down. Before you know it, Christmas will be over.

Most of us live our lives in a hurry. We hurry to finish school, hurry through meals, hurry through the work week and hurry into retirement.

In a twinkle of an eye, we have hurried through our lives. The clock cannot be reset. The past is in the past, and you can't change yesterday. You can relish, rejoice or regret about yesterday, but you can't change the past.



Actually, you might not want to or you might tweak a few days if you could — but you can't.

If you could, you might have spent an extra hour at the lake or an extra day on vacation. You might have given an extra hour to passing ball with your kids or staying an extra hour to help mom clean up the kitchen. You might retract some words that came out of your mouth in a moment of frustration. The scenarios are numerous when we look back.

We can only look ahead.

Take the focus off spending lots of money. Consider drawing names if you have a large group that gathers. Why try to buy for everybody? Some of the people you buy for may be strapped for cash.

They might be able to buy one or two gifts with a limited

budget but they can't buy for 10 or 20 people. Even if you are blessed with cash, consider others who want to give but are limited. Plan a way that all can enjoy.

Take the focus off eating. Do you really want to start the New Year 10 pounds heavier? Nobody needs five different kinds of pies and cakes. The more you have to eat in your refrigerator the more you will eat. Do your loved ones need diabetes? Don't add to their problem. Make some good food and make it as healthy as possible.

However, take the time to enjoy what you made and try to enjoy it with people who are meaningful to you.

Try to focus on who and what Christmas is all about. A humble family giving birth to a baby in Bethlehem. Life was surely hectic and crazy for Mary and Jo-

seph. They had made the trip to a tiny village to pay taxes, Mary had her baby Jesus and it was in a place where the animals were kept.

The crib was a cow's trough. Life for them was surely filled with stress. Soon they would vacate Bethlehem because they feared for the life of their child. They certainly experienced tiredness and worries.

The old story says shepherds came to see the baby Jesus. Angels appeared in celebration of His birth. Wise men from the East came bringing Him gifts. A lot of attention was given to the little baby. This season focus on what and who are important before the season is over and take an extra moment to enjoy.

Note: Glenn Mollette is the author of 12 books and columns is read in all 50 states.

INSIGHT: The importance of listening, reading touted

By John Schlageck

Today, information bombs us like a meteor shower. It's everywhere.

Each day our eyes see thousands of images on the newspaper page, television screen, smart phones and computers. Our ears hear many thousand words.

People text and talk. They Facebook and walk. They Twitter and Tweet. They blog and beep. They Bluetooth — didn't know that was even a word until a decade ago. One thing I do know — Bluetooth should not be used as a verb.

Folks who can't speak our own English language “good” are creating their own new language every day. Good, your choice of words, not mine. That's a whole 'nother story.

Wise men and women throughout history have told us we ought to be doing more listening and reading. Listening to people, music and reading books. Give your eyes a rest from the video world.

I listen to music every day.



The earliest music I remember hearing was probably the big-band sounds of Tommy Dorsey or Benny Goodman on my mom and dad's 78s in the early 1950s.

And just so you don't think, I'm anti-new technology, I started listening to my own iPod 18 years ago. And I don't do much live streaming. I'd rather select my own music favorites to listen to.

I've recorded more than 200 albums and CDs, including Dylan, Led Zeppelin, Little Richard, Iris DeMent, Hank Williams, Handel, Mozart, Sinatra, Billie Holiday, Miles Davis, Duke Ellington, Robert Johnson, Willie Dixon — bluegrass, blues, classical, jazz rock — you name it, I listen to it on my small, wafer-thin, black music box.

Yep, eight GB of memory, 2,094 songs and 5.8 days of music and that's not counting several hundred LPs (long-laying vinyl) and CDs at home. Analogue remains the best for sound quality; it has no equal.

Reading is another passion. I can't begin to think of how many books I've read during the last 60 years. I read every day, and sometimes I have two or three books going at the same time.

One of my favorite authors, Leo Tolstoy (“War And Peace” and “Anna Karenina”), used to choose a theme and offer a wise thought for each day of the year. He coupled this with quotes from some of the greatest philosophers of all times.

Here are a few of the thoughts on which Tolstoy and others reflected. Most have to do with listening.

After a long conversation, stop and try to remember what you have just discussed. Don't be surprised if many things, sometimes all things you discuss, are meaningless, empty and trivial.

A stupid person should keep silent. But if he knew this, he would not be a stupid person. —Saadi.

If you want to be a clever person, you must learn how to ask cleverly, how to listen attentively, how to respond quietly and how to stop talking when there is nothing more to say.

People whose only motivation is to say something original utter many stupid things. —Voltaire.

If you have time to think before you start talking, think.

Will what I have to say harm anyone? Is it necessary to speak?

Nothing can support idle-

ness better than empty chatter. People would do better to keep silent rather than speak the boring, empty things they routinely say to entertain themselves.

First think, then speak. Stop when told, “enough.” —Saadi.

Those people speak most who do not have much to say.

People are taught to speak, but their major concern should be how to keep silent.

I have spent all my life amongst wise people, and I have found nothing better than silence in this world. If a word costs one coin, then silence costs two. —Talmud.

Keep silent. Rest your tongue more often than you do your hands. You will never regret that you have kept silent, but you will often regret that you spoke too much.

Do not say words you do not feel, lest your soul be blackened with darkness. —“The Book of Divine Thoughts.”

Silence is golden. Listen.

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

Kansas Attorney General Schmidt joins fight to stop robocalls

Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt has joined a bipartisan group of 40 state attorneys general who are working to stop or reduce annoying and harmful “robocalls,” it has been reported.

Schmidt announced Tuesday that the coalition is reviewing the technology that major telecommunications companies are pursuing to combat illegal robocalls.

“Any meaningful solution to the explosion in unwanted robocalls to homes and

businesses must be based on technology, not merely law enforcement,” Schmidt said. “With an estimated 30 billion robocalls made to Americans last year, and more than one-third of those being scams, it is clear that after-the-fact enforcement alone cannot solve the problem. Technology has enabled this harassment, and we need technology to help stop it.”

Since it was formed earlier this year, the multi-state group has had in-depth meetings with several major telecom

companies. These productive meetings have led to greater information sharing about the technological capabilities currently in existence or in development to fight these unwanted calls.

In October, the attorneys general filed formal comments with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) urging several regulatory changes that would enable telecom companies to develop and deploy better robocall-prevention technologies.

One type of new technology

that they recommended, known by the acronym SHAKEN/STIR, is expected to be deployed next year and is designed to authenticate the incoming phone numbers presented on caller IDs to counter “spoofing” and make call-blocking more effective.

Schmidt and his colleagues, it was reported, are working to:

- develop a detailed understanding of what is technologically feasible to minimize unwanted robocalls and illegal telemarketing;
- engage the major telecom companies to encourage them

to expedite the best possible solutions for consumers; and

- determine whether states should make further recommendations to the FCC.

This working group is led by North Carolina Attorney General Josh Stein, Indiana Attorney General Curtis Hill and New Hampshire Attorney General Gordon MacDonald.

In addition to Kansas, the group includes attorneys general from Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, District of Columbia, Florida, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa,

Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia and Wisconsin.

For more information about what consumers can do to fight against unwanted robocalls, see the attorney general's Consumer Protection Web site at www.InYourCornerKansas.org

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Immanuel Lutheran Church

By Esther L. Ideker

The first midweek Advent service was held at Immanuel Lutheran Church on Wednesday evening, Dec. 5, at 7 p.m. A fellowship supper preceded the service served by Joyce Strube, Karen Schumann and Kathy Jones.

The Rev. Michael Van Velzer began the Advent worship under the theme "Who Is Jesus?" In this first service of Advent, we learn that Jesus is the Son of David. Christ is our King.

The invocation and call to worship was followed by the hymn "The Advent Of Our King."

The scripture readings were from Jeremiah chapter 23, Romans chapter 1 and Matthew 1:1-17. The congregation professed The Apostles' Creed. The sermon hymn was "Prepare The Royal Highway."

Since the dawn of time, about 60 billion people have walked on Planet Earth. Of those 60 billion people, only a handful have made any real, lasting impression. In that handful of people, one stands far above all of the others. His name is Jesus.

Jesus never wrote a book, and yet millions of books have been written about Him. Jesus never painted a picture, and yet the world's greatest art has Jesus as the source for inspiration. Jesus never raised an army, and yet millions of His followers have fought and died for Him.

Jesus never traveled very far from his birthplace, and yet His testimony has gone around the world. Jesus only had a handful of followers, and yet today more than 30 percent of the world's population follows him.

Who is Jesus? That is what Matthew wants us to know! That is what Matthew's genealogy is all about - He is the Son of David. Jesus is indeed the promised King. Jesus is a King who descends from His throne, filled with compassion.

Jesus identifies with us - at our darkest point and says, "I love you." We aren't worthless. We are whole. We are His. Jesus

gives everything for us. That's a king worth following all the days of our lives!

In the prayers of the church, Pastor Van Velzer led the congregation in "God, our Father, You loved the world so much, You gave Your only Son to free us from the ancient power of sin and death. Help us who wait for His coming and lead us to true liberty. All powerful God, help us to look forward in hope to the coming of our Savior. May we live as He taught, ready to welcome Him with burning love and faith. Father, we contemplate the birth of Your Son. He was born of the Virgin Mary and came to live among us. May we receive forgiveness and mercy."

The congregation joined in The Lord's Prayer.

The benediction was from Matthew 28:18-20. The service closed with the hymn "The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns." Brantley Dohl served as acolyte and Joyce Peterson served as organist.

Early morning worship on the second Sunday of Advent at Immanuel Lutheran Church on Dec. 9 opened with the Advent hymn "Hark The Glad Sound."

Following the invocation, confession of sins and absolution, the congregation spoke Psalm 66:1-12 responsively.

The introit was based on Psalm 18. Elder Topher Dohl read the Old Testament lesson from Malachi chapter 3 and the Epistle lesson from Philippians chapter 1. Pastor Michael Van Velzer read the Holy Gospel from Luke 3:1-14. The sermon hymn was "O Word Of God Incarnate."

Pastor Van Velzer's sermon theme was "The Preaching Of Repentance Prepares Us For The Coming Of The Lord." The baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins prepares our hearts for receiving the gift of the Christ Child.

The historic work of John the Baptist was completed with the first Advent of our Lord Jesus in the flesh, but the ministry of the forerunner continues in the

preaching of the law and gospel and in Holy Baptism. Through His messengers, the Lord calls people of all nations to "see the salvation of God." (Luke 3:6)

Our haughtiness is removed and our mountains of pride are brought low, but the Lord humbles us in order to exalt us in His mercy. As the Lord has begun this good work of repentance in us, so also does He perfect it by His word and Holy Spirit, and He will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. He purifies us to be His priestly people, precious in His sight and abounding in faith and love, so that we offer our very lives in righteousness to the Lord.

The congregation professed The Apostles' Creed. In the prayers of the church, petitions were for being prepared by repentant faith for Christ's glorious return; keep us steadfast in the word of truth and the good

news of life and salvation; for those who rule and govern God's people in this and every land; for compassion toward the poor and the forgotten, the despised and the lowly; for the sick for healing and comfort, and for the family of Garrett Klahr, our well-loved young man.

The offering ushers were Kevin Strube and Topher Dohl. Following the offertory and the benediction, the service closed with verses three and four of "Hark The Glad Sound." Assisting at the service were Topher Dohl, elder; Jennifer Mellies, acolyte; Joyce Peterson, organist; and Elizabeth Handke and Esther Ideker, altar committee.

Memorial services for Garrett Klahr will be held at Jackson Heights High School at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 12, with burial at the Netawaka Cemetery. There will be no Advent service on Wednesday evening.



Kyrstie Miller (right), daughter of Vern and Keri Miller of Holton, received the Holton National Educators Association (NEA) Student Teaching Scholarship this year. Miller, shown in the photo above with her cooperating teacher, Amanda Hendry, is student-teaching K-5 physical education at Timmerman Elementary in Emporia. Holton NEA is proud to sponsor future teachers with scholarships for student teaching, it has been reported. Submitted photo

Circleville News

By Jeannie Arnold

Mark and Deb Knouft served as greeters at the door for the cowboy/traditional service on Dec. 9 at Circleville Christian Church.

Brody Bliss gave the welcome, advent reading and the opening prayer. Music was provided by the praise team of Gary Bell, David Allen, Johnny Lynch, Shelly Will, David Spencer, Garrett Will, Paul and Sue Davault and Kay Hallauer.

The congregation witnessed the baptism of Gunner Bliss, son of Brody and Julie, as Brody

performed the baptism. It is always exciting to see a young person make the decision to follow Christ. Congratulations, Gunner.

Ron Parrett used text from Jude, verse 12, as he gave the communion meditation. Communion servers were Donald Askren, Mike Cochren, Jeremy Kennedy and John Ray. The prayer for the offering was given by Paul Davault. Kay Hallauer provided the lovely piano music by playing Christmas hymns as communion was served and the offering received.

Brody Bliss continued with his sermon series "Scarlet And White," using text from Joshua 2:1-14. Sunday's message was about Rahab and how she was in the ancestral line of Christ.

Rahab lived a life of sin but when she heard the word of God, she believed it and acted on it. She came with a repentant heart and abandoned her old lifestyle. She acted on her faith by being obedient and relying on God's salvation plan. Rahab overcame it all and we can too. God's grace is amazing.

The service closed by singing "Go Tell It On The Mountain."

Child victims' task force initiated

Bringing justice to child victims of crimes in northeastern Kansas is the goal of the new Northeast Child Victims Task Force (NECVTF), it was reported.

The Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI), Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt and partners established the NECVTF with a ribbon cutting ceremony scheduled for today at the KBI headquarters in Topeka. The new task force will focus investigative resources on justice for younger victims of criminal acts in the northeast region of Kansas.

Task Force partners from the KBI, Attorney General's Office, Topeka Police Department, the Shawnee County Sheriff's Office and the Shawnee County District Attorney's Office will conduct investigations and pursue charges against those who physically or sexually abuse children or exploit children through the use of technology.

OBITUARIES

Stirton

Curtis Eugene Stirton, 59, Muscotah, died Thursday, Dec. 6, 2018, during surgery at the University of Kansas Health System-St. Francis Campus in Topeka.

He was born July 29, 1959, in Horton, the son of Harold and Bernice Daugherty Stirton. He lived most of his life in Muscotah.

Mr. Stirton owned and operated a gas station and was a local mechanic for many years. He later was a heavy equipment operator in construction, building watershed dams. He built his own building and started the Onaga Locker and a fencing company. He also farmed with his father.

He was a member of Muscotah United Church.

Survivors include his wife, Pam Green Stirton, of the home; a son, C.J. Stirton, of the home; his mother, Bernice Stirton, Muscotah; two sisters, Beverly Jeffrey and husband Cecil, Effingham, and Barbara Scoggins and husband Fleet, Muscotah; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 15 at Dishon-Maple-Chaney Mortuary in Horton. Family will greet friends from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Friday at the mortuary.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Curtis Stirton memorial fund, to be designated later and sent in care of Dishon-Maple-Chaney Mortuary, 909 Central Ave., Horton, KS 66439.

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SPORTS *Wednesday*

Panther boys win at Holton, 56-38

■ Wildcats to host Sabetha Friday, RV to host the Red Hawks

By Ali Holcomb

The Royal Valley varsity boys basketball team picked up its first win of the season last night against Holton, 56-38, after an explosive third quarter on the road.



The Panthers are now 1-2 in the Big Seven League, and the Wildcats have a 1-1 record in league play and are 1-2 overall.

In the first eight minutes of play, RV had 8 points over Holton's 4 points.

"I think it was a little rough for both teams at the start," said RV head coach Trent Oliva. "I think both teams struggled getting into their rhythm, but both had good defensive pressure."

Holton picked up its momentum in the second quarter, scoring 15 points, and leading 19-17 at the half.

The Panthers exploded out of the locker room with 24 points and only allowed Holton to score four points in the third quarter.

"We were able to settle down and execute better," coach Oliva said. "Our defense became our best offense. We were able to get some deflections, steals and run outs. That built our confidence as we got some layups to go in, and then the jumpshots started falling."

RV senior Pak Hale scored all 13 of his points, included three treys, in the third quarter, Oliva said.

"Defensively, we cranked it up a bit and that helped our offense," Oliva said. "We were able to ride that through the fourth quarter."

Both teams scored 15 points in the final quarter.

"Holton did a good job of not letting us do what we wanted to do, and then we got frustrated," Oliva said. "Once we were able to regroup at halftime, we were able to do what we needed to do and shared the basketball."

In addition to Hale's 13 points, RV freshman Nahcs Washwasuck had 11 points.

Eleven Holton players scored during the game, and the team was led by junior Noah Woltje who had seven points.

The Panthers were 13-15 at the free throw line while the

Wildcats were 5-7.

Oliva said the team's first win of the season will continue to help build the players' confidence.

"I hope that carries over to a few practices and Friday night against a Hiawatha team that beat Nemaha Central last night," he said.

HHS head coach Connor Bechard said Royal Valley was the better team last night.

"We got beat by a tough, well-coached Royal Valley team," coach Bechard said. "We did a good job defensively in the first half of limiting their opportunities, but we were unable to capitalize on the offensive end of the floor. They went to their matchup zone in the second half and we were way too passive. We turned it over and were not able to get into a rhythm. Our turnovers led to runout layups for them, and their lead grew through the third quarter, in which we were outscored 24-4."

On Friday, the Holton boys will try to bounce back when they host Sabetha (3-0). The Bleuways have beaten Jeff-West (57-43), Wamego (58-43) and Marysville (77-50).

RV will host Hiawatha (3-1) on Friday. Games begin at 4:30 p.m.

The Red Hawks beat Nemaha Central last night (51-47), lost to Perry-Lecompton on Dec. 7 (57-44), beat Troy on Dec. 4 (84-48) and beat ACCHS on Dec. 1 (63-42).

Individual statistics
RV: 8-9-24-15 - 56
Holton: 4-15-4-15 - 38

RV: P. Hale 5 (3) 0-0 13, Wahwassuck 5 1-2 11, Mills 3 2-2 8, Klotz 2 4-4 8, Neuner 0 6-6 6, Spoonhunter 2 0-0 4, Torres 1 (1) 0-0 3, Wamego 1 (1) 0-1 3. Totals 19 (5) 13-15 56.

Holton: Woltje 3 1-2 7, Wright 2 0-0 4, Boswell 1 2-2 4, Brees 2 0-0 4, Holaday 2 0-0 4, Mulroy 1 (1) 0-0 3, Purcell 1 0-1 2, Gilliland 1 0-0 2, Moylan 1 0-0 2, Prine 1 0-0 2, Karn 0 2-2 2. Totals 16 (1) 5-7 38.

JV: RV 58, Holton 54
C Team: RV 37, Holton 30

Photos by Michael Powls



In the top photo at right, Royal Valley senior Merion Irving (No. 22 in dark jersey) is shown passing the basketball to teammate senior Mary Broxterman (No. 24) in the game at Holton last night.

In the middle photo at right, Holton senior Tabor Barta (No. 11 in the white jersey) controls the basketball versus Royal Valley senior Emily Albright (No. 1). Barta sank a three-point shot at the buzzer to send the game into its second overtime.

In the bottom photo at right, RV sophomore Wakiyan Irving (No. 5 in the dark jersey) is shown being defended by Holton junior Faith Haussler (No. 12).

Instant classic

■ Holton girls win 2OT thriller over Panthers

By Ali Holcomb

The Holton varsity girls basketball team won a thrilling double overtime victory last night against league rival Royal Valley, 61-59.

"I'm sure it was a great high school basketball game to watch," said HHS head coach Jon Holliday. "In the words of ESPN, it was an instant classic."

RV coach Kyle Porter agreed. "It felt like a sub-state championship game," Porter said. "The place was rocking and that experience at this point in the season is invaluable."

In the first quarter, Holton took a 11-8 lead over RV, but the Lady Panthers settled in and were up 27-22 by the half.

"I thought we got off to a good start, and we were playing the way we needed to play to be successful," Porter said. "We're trying to be more patient, to move the ball and play unselfishly. I was really happy with how we did that offensively."

RV added 11 more points in the third quarter, keeping Holton to seven points.

"Holton is a physical team, and we knew we'd have to block out well and rebound well to take that game," Porter said.

The Lady Wildcats fought their way back in the fourth quarter with 18 points to tie the game 47-47 at the end of regulation.

"They made some free throws down the stretch and were able to stay in the game," Porter said. "Holton played very well."

In the first overtime, RV pulled ahead 54-51, but with just seconds left, HHS senior Tabor Barta hit a three-point basket at the buzzer to send the game into second overtime.

"Tabor shot that contested three-pointer and it looked like a rocket headed right at the goal," Porter said.

Two of RV's top players, Mary Broxterman and Mahpiya Irving, fouled out during the first overtime.

In the second overtime, Holton added seven more points and kept RV to five points.

"Both teams had opportunities to win the game in regulation and in the two overtimes," coach Holliday said. "We were just fortunate that the clock ran out when we were on top."

Coach Holliday said his team has demonstrated some toughness and resiliency in practice and in the first two games and that was on full display last night.

"These players don't quit. They keep fighting. They bounce back," Holliday said. "We were happy to see that."

Holton went 18-26 at the free throw line, and RV was 17-23 at the charity stripe.

The Lady Wildcats were led by sophomore Saydee Tanking, who had 19 points. Tanking also had four offensive rebounds and eight defensive rebounds.

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HHS wrestling team places second at 12-team Clay Center Invite

By Michael Powls

The Holton Wildcats wrestling team on Saturday, Dec. 8 traveled to Clay Center for the Clay Center Invitational. Holton finished in second place behind Marysville at the meet.

Here were the team scores:

1. Marysville 153.5, 2. Holton 102.5, 3. Valley Center 93, 4. Andale 82.5, 5. Hoxie 77, 6. Smoky Valley 67.5, 7. Clay Center 64, 8. Nickerson 61, 9. Salina South 59, 10. El Dorado 54.5, 11. Riley County 28, 12. Perry-Lecompton 27 13. Wabaussee 5.

Here are the individual results:

106
Jake Barnes, Holton (7-3) placed fourth and scored seven team points.

*Round 1 - Barnes (Holton) over Marek Boatwright (Wabaussee) fall 0:12.

*Round 2 - Barnes (Holton) over Nichole Moore (Nickerson) by major dec. 9-0.

*Round 3 - Caleb Pavlacka (Andale) over Barnes (Holton) by dec. 6-4.

*Third place match - Ben Carver (Valley Center) over Barnes (Holton) by dec. 5-0.

113
Lucas Adcock, Holton (6-4) placed second and scored 13.5 team points.

*Round 1 - Garrett Kalivoda (Clay Center) over Adcock (Holton) by dec. 6-5.

*Round 2 - Adcock (Holton) over Elise Rose (Marysville) by major dec. 13-1.

*Round 3 - Adcock (Holton) over Mason Bahnmaier (Perry-Lecompton) by fall 3:34.

*Round 4 - Gage Cooper (Nickerson) over Adcock (Holton) by tech fall 19-2.

*Round 5 - Adcock (Holton) over Justice Gardner (Smoky Valley) by dec. 14-9.

120
Cayden Jackson, Holton (5-4) placed fourth and scored six team points.

*Round 1 - Jackson (Holton) received a bye.

*Round 2 - Jackson (Holton) over Brydon Shoemaker (Clay Center) by fall 0:56.

*Round 3 - Hector Serratos (Andale) over Jackson (Holton) by fall 1:00.

*Third place match - Drew Bell (Hoxie) over Jackson (Holton) by dec. 5-0.

126
Slater Skaggs, Holton (2-9) placed seventh and scored two team points.

*Round 2 - Alyeus Craig (Valley Center) over Skaggs (Holton) by fall 2:50.

*Round 3 - Parker Tholstrup (Clay Center) over Skaggs (Holton) by fall 1:17.

*Round 4 - Andrew Payne (Andale) over Skaggs (Holton) by fall 3:48.

*Round 5 - Skaggs (Holton) received a bye.

*Seventh place match - Skaggs (Holton) over Braunson Golden (Smoky Valley) by fall 1:43.

132
Kolby Roush, Holton (8-2) placed first and scored 22 team points.

*Round 1 - Roush (Holton) over Elijah Roark (Riley County) by fall 1:44.

*Round 2 - Roush (Holton) over Devin Delforge (Valley Center) by fall 2:36.

*Round 3 - Roush (Holton) over Caleb Copeland (Salina South) by fall 0:35.

*First place match - Roush (Holton) over Dylan Weimer (Hoxie) by fall 1:56.

138
Taygen Fletcher, Holton (7-3) placed third and scored nine team points.

*Round 1 - Fletcher (Holton) over Gabe Krug (El Dorado) by major dec. 8-0.

*Round 2 - Fletcher (Holton) over Chase Faimon (Valley Center) by dec. 4-2.

*Round 3 - Fletcher (Holton) received a bye.

*Round 5 - Jonny Crome (Marysville) over Fletcher (Holton) by dec. 3-2.

*Third place match - Fletcher (Holton) over Thad Metcalfe (Perry-Lecompton) by dec. 3-2.

145
Conner Gilliland, Holton (3-9) placed sixth and scored four team points.

*Round 1 - Gilliland (Holton) over Kendell Richardson (Salina South) by fall 4:22.

*Round 3 - Joey Bockin (Marysville) over Gilliland (Holton) by tech fall 18-2.

*Quarterfinal - Luke Richard (Riley County) over Gilliland (Holton) by fall 0:38.

*Consolation round 1 - Gilliland (Holton) over Austin Brandt (Clay Center) by fall 1:43.

*Fifth place match - Bockin (Marysville) over Gilliland (Holton) by major dec. 14-3.

152
Conner Collins, Holton (3-9) placed sixth and scored four team points.

*Round 2 - Derrek Sherwood (Salina South) over Collins (Holton) by fall 2:50.

*Round 3 - Jake Knowles (El Dorado) over Collins (Holton) by fall 3:01.

*Round 4 - Collins (Holton) over Lezlie Cramer (Clay Center) by fall 1:24.

*Round 5 - Collins (Holton) over Clayton Edwards (Nickerson) by fall 1:16.

*Fifth place match - Quentin Kirk (Valley Center) over Collins (Holton) by dec. 6-4.

160
Cael Jackson, Holton (8-3) placed third and scored 11 team points.

*Round 2 - Jackson (Holton) over Grant Shaver (Perry-Lecompton) by fall 1:45.

*Round 3 - Jackson (Holton)

over Derek Wallin (Wabaussee) by major dec. 9-1.

*Quarterfinal - Jackson (Holton) over Brandon Jeffries (Salina South) by dec. 6-4.

*Semifinal - Dayton Porsch (Hoxie) over Jackson (Holton) by fall 2:51.

*Third place match - Jackson (Holton) over Dylan Stewart (Nickerson) by dec. 2-1.

170
Jordan Huntington, Holton (2-3) placed seventh and scored four team points.

*Round 1 - Huntington (Holton) over Donovan Balluch (Hoxie) by fall 0:30.

*Round 3 - Dax Hopp (Smoky Valley) over Huntington (Holton) by fall 2:46.

*Quarterfinal - Storm Slupianek (Marysville) over Huntington (Holton) by fall 0:00.

*Consolation round 1 - Deon Barnes (Riley County) over Huntington (Holton) by major dec. 16-7.

*Seventh place match - Huntington (Holton) over Carson Kraus (Valley Center) by fall 2:13.

182
Konnor Tannahill, Holton (10-0) placed first and scored 20 team points.

*Round 1 - Tannahill (Holton) over Tanner Luttig (Smoky Valley) by fall 1:48.

*Round 2 - Tannahill (Holton) over Kaden Sekavec (Hoxie) by fall 0:00.

*Round 3 - Tannahill (Holton) over Dallas Gould (Valley Center) by fall 3:18.

220
Drew Morris, Holton (1-10) placed eighth.

*Round 1 - Cayden Winter (Andale) over Morris (Holton) by fall 1:28.

*Round 2 - Matt Lindhorst (Marysville) over Morris (Holton) by fall 0:56.

*Round 3 - Wesley Monaghan (Perry-Lecompton) over Morris (Holton) by fall 1:19.

*7th Place Match - Andy Alonzo (Valley Center) over Morris (Holton) sudden victory 4-2.

3 Wildcats state ranked

In the Class 4A KWCA (Kansas Wrestling Coaches Association) weekly rankings as of Dec. 11, the Holton Wildcats have three wrestlers that are ranked.

The four Wildcats that are ranked so far are:

- 106 pounds
- 4. Junior Jake Barnes - 5th.
- Slater Skaggs.
- 132 pounds
- 2. Junior Kolby Roush - 2nd.
- 182 pounds
- 5. Sophomore Konnor Tannahill - 5th.

Wildcat wrestlers win dual at J-West

By Michael Powls

The Holton Wildcats wrestling team on Thursday, Dec. 6 traveled to Jeff West for a dual with the Tigers. Holton defeated Jeff West 30-12

Here are the individual results:

106
*Marquez Conley (Holton) over Jamie Winebrenner (Jeff West).

126
*Slater Skaggs (Holton) over Josh Short (Jeff West).

145
*Evan Davis (Jeff West) over Conner Gilliland (Holton).

170
*Joel Scott (Jeff West) over Jordan Huntington (Holton).

182
*Konnor Tannahill (Holton) over Taelur Barnes (Jeff West).

220
*Drew Morris (Holton) over Aaron McGrath (Jeff West).

106
*Exhibition: Jaxson Snavelly (Holton) over Theron Myers (Jeff West).

145
*Exhibition: Trevor Bowser (Holton) over Dalton Hammon (Jeff West).

152
*Exhibition: Connor Collins (Holton) over Hunter Thielen (Jeff West).

170
*Exhibition: Austin McCrory (Holton) over Jaxson Rowe (Jeff West).

*Exhibition: Aden Keeting (Jeff West) over Anthony Peterson (Holton).

220
*Exhibition: Henry Katz (Holton) over Aaron McGrath (Jeff West).



The photo above was taken at the Jackson Heights vs. ACCHS basketball games last Friday night at the Cobra gym and shows the Cobra band playing on the stage in between the girls and boys varsity games. Members of the Washburn University band traveled to Jackson Heights that evening to play music with the Cobra band, showing support for the school and community following the loss of sophomore Garrett Klahr who was a member of the band.

Photo courtesy of Barbara Hutchinson

Instant classic played

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Sophomore Mahpiya Irving had 17 points for RV, which included five three-pointers.

As a team, Holton had 46 rebounds compared to RV's 28. Holton had 12 steals, and the Panthers had seven steals.

After the game, Holliday said, one minute was put back on the game clock and in that time those in attendance at the game cheering for the Holton and Royal Valley teams donated \$1,000 to the family of HHS senior Madison Taliaferro, who is hospitalized and in need of a double lung transplant.

"That is just the tremendous, generous type of community that we live in," Holliday said.

On Friday, the Lady Wildcats (3-0) will host Sabetha (3-1). Games begin at 4:30 p.m. The Lady Bluejays beat Riverside last night (53-24), lost to Jeff-West (37-34), beat Wamego (54-27) and beat Marysville (60-32).

The Lady Panthers (1-2) will host Hiawatha (1-3) on Friday. Games begin at 4:30 p.m.

The Lady Red Hawks fell to ACCHS (55-41), beat Troy (43-33), lost to Perry-Lecompton (48-45) and Nemaha Central (59-21).

Holton: 11-11-7-18-7-7-61

RV: 8-19-11-9-7-5--59

Individual statistics

Holton: Tanking 8 (1) 2-2 19, Holaday 5 (1) 2-2 13, Barta 3 (1) 3-5 10, Ramirez 2 2-2 6, Haussler 0 4-4 4, Hickman 2 0-1 4, Moore 0 4-8 4, B. Flewelling 0 1-2 1. Totals 20 (3) 18-26 61.

RV: Ma. Irving 5 (5) 2-3 17, Broxterman 7 2-2 16, W. Irving 2 8-8 12, Thomas 2 4-6 8, Albright 1 1-4 3, Me. Irving 1 (1) 0-0 3. Totals 18 (6) 17-23 59.

JV: Holton 36, RV 21



Royal Valley senior Mary Broxterman, shown above third from left in the front row, has signed a letter of intent to play volleyball at Cloud County Community College next fall. Also shown in the photo on the front row are, left to right, Thomas Broxterman (brother), Cindy Broxterman (mother) and Steve Broxterman (father). Those shown on the back row are, left to right, RVHS Coach Gary Armstrong and Cloud County CC Coach Deb Monzon.

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3. Try using fairy lights that don't flash as some pets get scared of flashing lights.
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1. Holly, mistletoe, lilies, poinsettia, amaryllis and yew trees are poisonous to pets and must be kept well out of reach.
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Holton Senior of the Month

Holton High School's senior of the month for December is Jayger Carson-Frederick. He is the son of Mande Carson-Stephenson and Shawn Stephenson. Jayger participates in football and track and field and is a member of the Spirit Squad. He is currently pursuing certification in Fast-Track Welding from the Washburn Institute of Technology. Jayger plans to utilize his certification from the Washburn Institute of Technology and join the work force after graduation. He was presented with a \$25 gift card to Dairy Queen from the Holton High School staff for his involvement at HHS.

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Jackson Heights Senior of the Month

Jackson Heights' senior of the month for December is Lane Thomas. Lane is the son of Craig and Rhonda Thomas. Lane has been active in football, cross country, basketball, and track. Following graduation, Lane plans to attend college to major in sports administration.

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Royal Valley Senior of the Month

Congratulations to Eryn Daugherty, Royal Valley High School's senior of the month for December. Eryn is the daughter of Heather Daugherty. She has participated in softball, FCA, FCCLA, and is the current NHS Secretary and FFA Sentinel. Following graduation, Eryn plans to attend Wichita State University, where she will major in Pediatric Nursing. The Royal Valley Student Council would like to thank Eryn for her continued leadership at RVHS.

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Linscott DAR holds meeting

The Samuel Linscott DAR Chapter met on Saturday, Nov. 17 at the Red Rock Ranch near Soldier, it was reported.

Members present were Jerry Brees, Tena Brucken, Sherry Ann Durst and Emily Jane Stoll. Guests were State Regent Kathryn Walker West and Mary Beth Stoll.

Regent Brucken led the opening ritual followed by Brees reading the president general's message. President General Dillon reflected on the National DAR Day of Service in October and the society's many volunteer hours of service.

The national defense message was presented by Brucken. A Girl Scout and high school student named Madeleine LeBeau has created and is president of a non-profit corporation named "iWitnessed-iRemember (iWiRe)."

WWII veterans give their eyewitness account of various events in history to members of iWiRe. To date, more than 1,000 veterans have been interviewed. Their Facebook page is: iWitnessed-iRemember or webpage is www.iWitnessed-iRemember.jimdo.com. There are videos on the webpage.

Minutes of the October meeting were presented by Durst. They were approved as read.

Treasurer Brees gave the monthly report regarding the account including Gene Dickinson's memorial fund. National Society and the State Treasurer dues are paid.

Under officers' reports, Brucken presented a donation of \$50 to State Regent Kathryn Walker West for her State Regent's Project. The donation was enclosed in a pouch of "period material" Brees procured from the National Society.

Brucken requested that everyone keep track of their volunteer hours, which may include VA visits, church activities or any public service members may provide in their local community. These hours are then reported to the National Society online.

The American Indian school in Chemawa, Ore., is giving out Walmart gift cards to their students for school supplies. The group has participated in previous years.

In the Kansas DAR Cyber Sunflower, two Samuel Linscott DAR members were recognized



Members of the Samuel Linscott DAR Chapter who attended the November meeting at Red Rock Ranch included (front row, from left) Sherry Ann Durst, Jerry Brees, Kansas State Regent Kathryn Walker West, Emily Jane Stoll, (back row, from left) Mary Beth Stoll and Tena Brucken.

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for being a DAR member for 10 years. They are Anne Brockelman and Jane Elliott. Congratulations!

A committee report was given by Brees, as flag chair, emphasizing that the flag is a visible sign of the strong spirit of America. Durst was contacted by Beck-Bookman Library in Holton. They had two flags in storage and elected to give them to the chapter. The group will contact a member of the SAR (Sons of the American Revolution) to see if they would like to keep the flags.

Under old business, members discussed the membership workshop and will be contacting the "Digging Divas" to organize a workshop after the New Year begins.

Under new business, Durst moved and Emily Jane Stoll seconded to provide two Walmart gift cards to the American Indian school in Chemawa, Ore. The motion carried.

West presented a program informing the chapter of updates on the president general's project and the state regent's project. Constitution Hall at the National Headquarters in Washington, D.C. is completed. This includes reconstruction on the stage and the Battlefield Flags on the ceiling have been cleaned.

The museum gallery is currently under reconstruction, but artifacts can be accessed online. The state society replaced the carpet and curtains in the registrar general's office. Mary Frisch is the current registrar general and she is a past state regent from Kansas.

West's state projects include but are not limited to setting up garden plots at the VA Hospital in Leavenworth. Side by side bicycles are now in use in Topeka for physical therapy and relaxation for veterans needing assistance while on a bicycle. She also encouraged all members to participate in the New Horizons leadership program online.

Lunch was provided by Red Rock Ranch with a tour of their facilities.

The group visited the gravesite at the Soldier Cemetery of Real Daughter, Frances Loveland (1823-1922). West placed flowers at her stone.

The next meeting will be held on Sunday, Dec. 16 at the Denison State Bank Conference Room.

JANUARY SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW PAYABLE

CALENDAR

Thursday, Dec. 13

*8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Holton Community Hospital Auxiliary candy and cookie sale, held upstairs in the HCH clinic lobby, 1100 Colombine Dr., Holton.

*8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Flea market, bake sale, craft show and silent auction held at PBP bingo hall, 162nd and Q Road, Mayetta. Proceeds will be used to adopt a family for Christmas.

*2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Retirement party for Holton Community Hospital employees/volunteers Esther Ideker and Zennie McClintock, held at the HOTSPOT coffee shop back room on the north side of the Holton Square.

*RVES holiday concerts at RVES gym (grades 1-2 at 6 p.m., grades 3-4 at 7 p.m.)

*6 p.m. WMS basketball vs. Centralia at Wetmore.

*Wetmore advisory seminar. *6:30 p.m. Jackson County Fair Association annual meeting, held at Northeast Kansas Heritage Complex, 12200 214th Rd., Holton.

*7 p.m. Jackson Heights grades 7-12 Christmas concert.

*7 p.m. HMS/HHS vocal concert.

*AA meeting in the yellow annex west of St. Dominic Catholic Church at 7 p.m. (use 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. 14
*8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Flea market, bake sale, craft show and silent auction held at PBP bingo hall, 162nd and Q Road, Mayetta. Proceeds will be used to adopt a family for Christmas.

*Wetmore Honor Society silent auction.

*Royal Valley After Prom/Booster Club dinner.

*5:15 p.m. WHS basketball with Clifton-Clyde.

*9:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. RVHS King and Queen of Courts dance.

Saturday, Dec. 15

*8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Flea market, bake sale, craft show and silent auction held at PBP bingo hall, 162nd and Q Road, Mayetta. Proceeds will be used to adopt a family for Christmas.

*8 a.m. Concealed carry class held at the Hoyt Community Center. For more information, contact

Joe Romans at 785-986-6217.

*9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Brick House Quilting & Gift Shoppe open house, 12542 266th Rd., Holton. For more information, call 507-329-1642.

*10 a.m. to 12 p.m. "Make and take" yarn doll ornaments for ages five and up at the Roebke House Museum, 216 New York Ave., Holton. For more information, contact the Jackson County Historical Society at 364-4991.

*10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mistletoe Market at Penny's in downtown Holton. A variety of vendors will be available.

Sunday, Dec. 16

*Attend the church of your choice.

*2 p.m. to 4 p.m. "Make and take" yarn doll ornaments for ages five and up at the Roebke House Museum, 216 New York Ave., Holton. For more information, contact the Jackson County Historical Society at 364-4991.

*4 p.m. Christmas Vespers at First United Methodist Church in Holton. Music by the Chancel Choir, Lady Belles and Jackson County Flutes will be featured.

*5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Hoyt United Methodist Church live nativity, held on the south lawn of the church at Fourth and Highland in Hoyt.

Monday, Dec. 17

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

*4 p.m. WMS basketball vs. Doniphan West.

*6:30 p.m. RVES kindergarten winter program at RVES gym.

*7 p.m. Holton City Commission meets at Holton City Hall.

*7 p.m. Jackson Heights grades 4-6 Christmas concert.

*7 p.m. Holton grades 7-12 band (Winter Vespers).

*The Harvesters Food Group will stop at the Netawaka Community Center, 418 Kansas St. in Netawaka, on every third Monday of the month.

Tuesday, Dec. 18

*5:15 p.m. WHS basketball with Centralia.

*WMS PBS trip.

*6 p.m. Beck-Bookman Library Board of Directors meeting at Beck-Bookman Library.

*Royal Valley baseball fundraiser dinner.

*The Caregivers Support Group (formerly Alzheimer's Support Group) will meet every third Tuesday of each month from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Holton Community Hospital care room. For more information, contact Zennie McClintock at 364-9696 or Amy Spiker at 364-3164.

Wednesday, Dec. 19

*Winter break begins for Wetmore students.

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

Thursday, Dec. 20

*8 a.m. Holton Municipal Court at Holton City Hall.

*9:30 a.m. RVES holiday parties.

*10:15 a.m. RVES Holiday Sing with Santa.

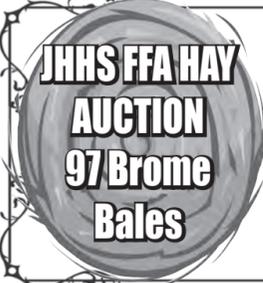
*11 a.m. All Royal Valley classes dismiss for winter break.

*4 p.m. WMS basketball vs. Axtell.

*Christmas break begins for Jackson Heights students.

*AA meeting in the yellow annex west of St. Dominic Catholic Church at 7 p.m. (use 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.



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Keep hackers from ruining your holidays

By Cindy Williams
Meadowlark Extension
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Kansans have or may be busy taking to the Internet for a variety of cheerful holiday reasons. The increase in cyber traffic means, however, that home computer networks and smart devices will be more vulnerable to malicious scamming and hacking by persons' intent on dampening your holiday spirit.

"Cyber security is something everyone needs to practice," said Ken Selzer, CPA, Kansas Commissioner of Insurance. "We need to be vigilant in making sure our personal information is kept secure, especially during the holidays. Kansas consumers should always be aware of activity on their financial accounts and insurance transactions and let their institutions know if something appears suspicious."

Experts suggest the following guidelines for computer and smart devices consumers during the holiday season:

- Set strong passwords and don't share with anyone.
 - When using unfamiliar websites, be sure the URL begins with "https." "The "s" at the end indicates it is a secure site.
 - Keep your computer antivirus and anti-spyware up to date.
 - Limit the amount of personal information you post online, and use privacy setting to avoid sharing information widely.
 - Be cautious about what you receive or read online – if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.
 - Limit the type of business you conduct on public Wi-Fi networks.
 - Password-protect your smart phone.
 - Turn off your Bluetooth option on your smart phone when you are not using it.
 - Finally, and maybe most importantly, check your homeowners or identity theft insurance policies for the level of coverage you have in case of a cyberattack on your devices.
- "Cyber vigilance begins at home," Commissioner Selzer said, "especially during the holiday season when your focus could be elsewhere. Knowing some common-sense precautions can keep your holidays merrier."



Sheri Bartel (left), music director at Holton Elementary School, introduced the second-grade students prior to their Christmas concert last week. Bartel also invited those in attendance to join the students in singing "Deck The Halls" later in the performance.
Photo by Ali Holcomb

School Menus

Jackson Heights
Monday, Dec. 17: Breakfast – Pancake on a stick, fruit, juice and milk; Lunch – Pulled pork sandwich, ranch fries, peas, coleslaw, fruit and milk.
Tuesday, Dec. 18: Breakfast – Bacon, potato and cheese omelet with tomato salsa, graham cracker, fruit, juice and milk; Lunch – Chili, baby carrots and cucumber slices, cinnamon roll, fruit and milk.
Wednesday, Dec. 19: Breakfast – Breakfast pizza, fruit, juice and milk; Lunch – Chicken wrap, Sun Chips, tossed salad, broccoli florets, fruit and milk.
Thursday, Dec. 20: No school (winter break).
Friday, Dec. 21: No school (winter break).
Holton
Monday, Dec. 17: Breakfast – Breakfast pizza or cereal, choice of fruit and/or juice and milk; Lunch – Pork rib on

a bun or chicken nuggets, garden salad, sweet potato french fries, fresh fruit and milk.
Tuesday, Dec. 18: Breakfast – Pancake on a stick or cereal, choice of fruit and/or juice and milk; Lunch – Taco soup and chips or chicken crispito, garden salad, refried beans, fresh fruit and milk.
Wednesday, Dec. 19: Breakfast – Scrumptious coffee cake or cereal, choice of fruit and/or juice and milk; Lunch – Hamburger on a bun or hot dog on a bun, green beans, french fries, cookie, fresh fruit and milk.
Thursday, Dec. 20: Breakfast – Sausage biscuit or cereal, choice of fruit and/or juice and milk; Lunch – Quesadilla and chips or sub sandwich, fresh broccoli and carrots, salsa, fresh fruit and milk.
Friday, Dec. 21: No school (winter break).
Royal Valley
Monday, Dec. 17: Breakfast

– Pancake on a stick, fruit and milk; Lunch – Chicken strips, potato wedges, fresh carrots, roll (9-12), fruit and milk.
Tuesday, Dec. 18: Breakfast – Star spangled pancakes, fruit and milk; Lunch – Hot ham and cheese on a bun, french fries, baked beans, fruit and milk.
Wednesday, Dec. 19: Breakfast – Breakfast pizza, fruit and milk; Lunch – Pizza, salad, fresh broccoli, fruit and milk.
Thursday, Dec. 20: Breakfast – Biscuit and gravy, fruit and milk; Lunch – School dismissed at 11 a.m., no lunch served.
Friday, Dec. 21: No school (winter break).
Wetmore
Monday, Dec. 17: Breakfast – Cereal or cinnamon pastries; Lunch – Chicken noodle soup, whole-grain toasted cheese sandwich, fresh carrots and broccoli, dill pickle

spears, pear half and milk.
Tuesday, Dec. 18: Breakfast – Biscuits and gravy; Lunch – Whole-grain super sweet bread, vanilla yogurt cup, carroteenies, vegetable blend juice, applesauce cup and milk.
Wednesday, Dec. 19: No school (winter break).
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Baby News



Natalia Brielle Tiscareno
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Natalia weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces and measured 20 inches long. She was welcomed home by her older sister, MaKaylen, age four.

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Kings to celebrate 50th anniversary

Joella (Steinlage) and Larry King, members of St. Francis Xavier Parish of Mayetta, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Dec. 28 with a dinner for family and friends.

The couple was married on Dec. 28, 1968, at St. Bede Church in Kelly.

They have two children, Jeremy and Jason, and seven grandchildren.

Circleville United Methodist Church

By Sue Wichman

Dec. 9 was a sunny, pleasant day to celebrate the second Sunday of Advent at Circleville United Methodist Church. Brynn and Sawyer Shupe lighted the altar candles to begin the service. Evelyn Allen gave the reading for the second Sunday in Advent and Brynn lighted the appropriate candles. The congregation sang verse two of "The Advent Song."

Lay pastor Charlotte Milroy led the opening prayer and the psalter. Isaac Duryea read the scripture lesson, Malachi 3:1-4 and Philippians 1:3-11.

The congregational hymns

were "Silent Night, Holy Night," "Angels From The Realms Of Glory" and "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling." David Allen served as song leader, using the recorded accompaniment.

Charlotte's children's message was about peace and joy.

Mary Jo Fernkopf read a poem about the birth of Jesus for the special.

Charlotte's message was titled "We Are Challenged" and was based on the gospel lesson, Luke 3:1-6. The world doesn't stop for Christmas, so we must adjust our routine schedules to find more time for our families and friends and the special activities.

We should set aside time for worship, prayer and just some quiet time.

Often the time you spend with a loved one or friend means more to them than the gift you spend hours trying to find. As we approach Christmas, let's find a way to keep God in our days and in our hearts.

Theresa Wade assisted Charlotte in offering Holy Communion. Others serving Sunday were Allen Fernkopf and Verlin Wichman, offertory ushers, and Steve Duryea, projectionist.

The service closed with "Blest Be The Tie That Binds."



Margaret Utz (standing, at left) and Donna Gilliland (second from right), Jackson County Historical & Genealogical Society members, are shown with Gilliland's granddaughters, (left to right) Sheryl and Kaylee Vanderharr of Atchison, making yarn doll ornaments. The final weekend for the "Make And Take" event is 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Dec. 15, and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 16, at the Roebke House Museum, 216 New York Ave. in Holton. The craft is recommended for ages five and up. For more information, call 785-364-4991.

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Holton Elementary School first-grader Karson Clarke (shown at left) was the featured soloist during the song "Rudolph, The Red-Nosed Reindeer" at the school's recent Christmas concert.

More Christmas and winter music programs continue through next week at area schools.

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Create a healthy holiday workplace

By Nancy C. Nelson
Meadowlark Extension
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Family Life



During the holidays, it seems more sweets and homemade treats pop up in the break room, on countertops, and in coworkers' offices than during the rest of the year. It's enough to make you throw up your hands and say, "I'll wait until after the

holidays to eat healthy again!" Demands on your time and wallet may seem endless. People can feel overwhelmed and have a hard time remembering why this season is supposed to be special.

Consider suggesting ways to increase opportunities for healthy behaviors such as eating healthy foods and getting physical activity.

Offer healthy food and drink choices. If you have an office potluck or party, offer low-calorie, low-sugar options like fruit and sparkling water for everyone to enjoy. Small changes can make a difference.

Provide support to reduce and

manage stress. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Workplace Health Resource Center suggests several ways to beat workplace stress.

- Maintain or build relationships by reaching out to coworkers, family, and friends for support.
- Drink in moderation, if you choose to drink alcohol.
- Get enough sleep.
- Manage time and tasks to avoid making too many commitments or feeling overwhelmed.
- Keep on track with physical activity to feel better physically and mentally when faced with holiday season challenges.

AG WEEK: Demand for beef is high

By Matt Hines



Cash feedlot trade held out until late Friday for the majority of the trade volume. Being patient paid off for the feed lots that were able to get higher money again last week at \$119 live, \$.50 to \$1 higher than the week previous and up to \$187 dressed in the North.

Export sales for pork were friendly last week, and shipments hit a new marketing year high at 27,900 metric tons (MT). Beef sales for this current marketing year were a net sales reduction of 100 MT, due to cancellations exceeding new sales. Shipments, though, were friendly at 18,400 MT.

The biggest news last week for cattle was the week's slaughter at 667,000 head, which is one of the largest weekly slaughter numbers. This, along with the sharply higher beef prices, confirms the retail demand for beef, which should be bullish for the markets this week.

Compared to last week, steers and heifers sold \$3 to \$8 lower, with instances up to \$10 lower in most areas this week. However, the North Central states were unevenly steady.

For the week, Friday, Nov. 30 to Friday, Dec. 7, December live cattle were up \$.97, February was up \$1.02, January feeder cattle were down \$.85, March was down \$.97, December lean hogs were down \$3.62 and February was up \$.32. Boxed Beef, Choice was up \$1.68 at \$214.29 and Select was up \$2.09 at \$200.50.

Cattle slaughter for the week was estimated at 667,000 head, up 27,000 from the previous week and up 28,000 from last year. Beef production for the week estimated at 551.6 million pounds, compared to 528.5 million the previous week and 532.8 million last year.

Hog slaughter for the week estimated at 2,558,000 head, up 27,000 head from the previous week and up 17,000 compared to last year. Pork production for the week estimated at 543.7 million pounds, compared to 537.7 million the previous week and 545.7 million last year.

Livestock Futures Settlements

Monday, Dec. 10
• December live cattle down \$.32 at \$117.57, February down \$.32 at \$121.20.

• January feeder cattle up \$.65 at \$145.02, March up \$.87 at \$142.75.
• December lean hogs up \$.47 at \$54.72, February down \$1.05 at \$66.82.

December live cattle are still holding the higher trend since the recent low back on Nov. 13 at \$113.55 with resistance up at last week's high at \$118.50. January feeders are on a lower trend since Nov. 21 with a recent high at \$150 and support at \$142.70, which appears to be forming a bearish head and shoulders pattern.

December lean hogs expire later this week, testing the \$54 support level to end last week. The February contract is holding a higher trend with support at \$64 and resistance up at \$68.

Over in the grains, wheat was

the actually the leader with a very good weekly export sales report, confirmation that the U.S. sold 1.8 million bushels (MBU) to Iraq and USDA announced a private sale of 8.2 MBU of hard red winter wheat for unknown destinations. It was a bit disappointing, though, to not see the U.S. get any of the business into Tunisia, Algeria or Egypt last week.

Corn and soybeans finished off a good week higher again on Friday as we near resistance levels for both. Export sales for both were also very strong at 32.7 MBU for soybeans and 46.4 MBU for corn. There's still no official grain movement to China or tariff removals, but Chinese buyers were looking for bean offers from the Pacific Northwest for January and February to replenish state reserves.

For the week, Friday, Nov. 30 to Friday, Dec. 7, March corn was up \$.07¾, May was up \$.07¾, New Crop December was up \$.03¾, January soybeans were up \$.22, March was up \$.21½, New Crop November was up \$.22, March Kansas City wheat was up \$.11¾, New Crop July was up \$.10½, March Chicago Wheat was up \$.15½, New Crop July was up \$.12¾, March Minneapolis Wheat was up \$.05¾ and January Soybean Meal was up \$.70 per ton.

Bloomberg is reporting that the Chinese State Council will soon make a decision on purchasing U.S. soybeans, with totals reportedly ranging between 5 and 8 million MT (183.7 to 294 MBU) and another 2 million MT or 73.5 MBU available to commercial users with the 25-percent tariff credited back later.

USDA announced a private sale of 1,104,900 MT or 43.5 MBU of corn for delivery to Mexico this year and 541,020 MT or 21.3 MBU corn for next year. The combined total makes this the fourth-largest individual sales announcement since 1977. USDA also had a delayed announcement of 125,000 or 4.6 MBU of soybeans sold for unknown destinations. Initially this was to be delivered in the current marketing year, but USDA later corrected it for new crop 2019/20.

Export inspections for the week ending Dec. 6 were all below expectations with corn at 34.5 MBU, soybeans 33.9 MBU, wheat 15.4 MBU and

grain sorghum only 665,914 BU.

Grain Futures Settlements Monday, Dec. 10

• March corn down \$.01½ at \$3.84, New Crop December 2019 down \$.00¾ at \$4.02¾.

• January soybeans down \$.07 at \$9.09¾, New Crop November down \$.04¼ at \$9.57.

• March Kansas City wheat down \$.01¾ at \$5.10¾, New Crop July down \$.01¼ at \$5.30¾.

• March Chicago wheat down \$.06 at \$5.25¾, January soybean meal down \$1.20 per ton at \$310.

Brazil had widespread rains in the north over the weekend and extreme cold in the south that did damage to new crop corn and beans that may have to be replanted. A major winter storm moved across the Gulf States and Mid-South over the weekend that stretched from the Texas panhandle to the Carolinas with three to five inches of rain in the south, but with up to a record 18 inches of snow in the northern areas of the storm which included Tennessee, Kentucky and into the Carolinas.

The latest six-to-10-day outlook shows above normal temps for the entire U.S. Precipitation has been forecasted above normal east and west with the center half of the country normal to below normal.

March corn is holding support at \$3.80 while testing resistance at \$3.86¾ with the next up at \$3.90. January soybeans are still holding above \$9 with resistance from \$9.23¾ to \$9.26 and then \$9.32¾, the high from July.

March Kansas City wheat has resistance up near \$5.33 and support at \$4.99, then \$4.82. March Chicago wheat has resistance up at \$5.46 and support at \$5.03. January soybean meal has support at \$303 and resistance at \$319.

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. He can be reached at (785) 289-0036.

Circleville News

By Jeannie Arnold

The Circleville community lost a wonderful couple with the death of John and Lorraine Richter. Lorraine died on Dec. 5 and John on Dec. 6, both at Midland Hospice House in Topeka. They were both fighting aggressive cancers.

Lorraine enjoyed working in her yard when she was able and John always enjoyed visiting with neighbors and friends. He was also a volunteer fire fighter with the Circleville Fire Department. They will be deeply missed by the community.

Their joint funeral services were held on Monday, Dec. 10, at Circleville Christian Church, where they were both long-time members. Burial was held at the Olive Hill Cemetery following the service.

The Jackson Heights vs. ACCHS games were held on Friday, Dec. 7, with both boys and girls coming away victorious. A highlight of the evening was that Washburn University band members came to play and support the Jackson Heights band after the tragic loss of Jackson Heights student Garrett Klahr, who was a saxophone player.

Santa and Mrs. Claus came to Circleville on Saturday, Dec. 8, at Sunshine's Cafe. Kids got to visit with Santa and each one got a gift from under the tree. They also got to decorate cookies and there were snacks and hot chocolate for everyone to enjoy. It was really nice that Sunshine's Cafe and the City of Circleville sponsored this event for the young ones.

Dennis and Barbara Hutchinson attended the production of "Silent Night" at 1 p.m. on Dec. 8 at the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood. "Silent Night" is the most iconic carol of Christmas that was sung for the first time 200 years ago this Christmas Eve.

Over the past 15 years, Christmas at Resurrection has grown into a must-see holiday event in Kansas City. There were more than 300 musicians participating in the music production. Barbara and Dennis rode on a bus provided by Great Adventure Tours of Topeka.

Helen Farley was a guest at the home of Dennis and Barbara Hutchinson on Sunday, Dec. 9, for dinner to celebrate her birthday.

Barbara Hutchinson attended the production of "A Christmas

Chaos" put on by the Holton Community Theatre at the Penny's Event Center on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 9, and thought it was very entertaining.

On Monday, Nov. 19, Lena Fernkopf and three of her classmates from Manhattan who are going to veterinary school came to work cattle at the home of Kyle and Janet Fernkopf. Mary Jo Fernkopf provided lunch for the crew. It was interesting to learn that one of the students had never been around a cow before, but got along just fine helping out.

Allen and Mary Jo Fernkopf hosted their family Thanksgiving dinner on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 22. Their guests were Kyle and Janet Fernkopf, Lena Fernkopf, Kent Fernkopf and Kevin and Vicki Goertzen, Caleb and Tanner from Andover.

On Saturday, Nov. 24, Kelsey Fernkopf from Seattle, Wash., was a guest for lunch at the home of Allen and Mary Jo Fernkopf. Other guests were Kyle and Janet Fernkopf, Lena Fernkopf and Kent Fernkopf. Kelsey had come back to see his mother and spend Thanksgiving with her.

Allen and Mary Jo Fernkopf had Thanksgiving dinner with

Barbara Fernkopf and Kelsey Fernkopf on Sunday, Nov. 25, at the Homestead Care Home where Barbara resides. That is the day the care home served its Thanksgiving meal.

Bob and I went to see his mother, Maxine Lewis, in Holton on Monday, Nov. 26, for her birthday. Merlin and Judy Arnold were also there visiting her. It was her 93rd birthday.

Dennis and Barbara Hutchinson were among those attending the first Jackson Heights basketball games. Both the boys team and the girls team won their games against Jefferson County North. It was a great start to the season.

Barbara Hutchinson and three friends went on the Christmas Homes Tour on Saturday, Dec. 1. The homes were beautifully decorated. They also went to Your Place or Mine for the hospitality meal, and then to the Roebke House. It was fun day with friends.

I attended the Foster Ford Christmas party on Saturday, Dec. 1, at Trails Cafe in Holton. We were in the new addition that has expanded Trails and it was very nice. We had great food and fun conversation during the evening.

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Live Nativity

Sunday, Dec. 16 • 5 p.m.-7 p.m.

South lawn of church at 4th & Highland, Hoyt, KS

Parking and seating available for your personal viewing experience and picture taking.

Celebrate the birth of Jesus and experience the true meaning of Christmas!



Holton Elementary School's recent second-grade Christmas program featured a performance of "Rudolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer," in which Rudolph (Henry Crayton, center) gets picked by Santa Claus (Ky Hampton-McClain, right) to lead the reindeer in Santa's trip around the world on a foggy Christmas Eve. Photo by Ali Holcomb

Mayetta Methodist Church

By Shirley Stauffer
Church services at Mayetta Methodist Church on the second Sunday of Advent, Dec. 9, began with Pastor Sudduth reading scripture and following with an opening prayer. The prelude was played by Sharon Gabriel and Cody Smith was the acolyte. Prayer concerns were expressed for Mary Harden in rehab in Topeka following surgery; for Pastor Howard's daughter, Michelle, following surgery this past week; for Mary Anderson's grandson-in-law as he receives a new kidney this next week; and Kathy Norris, who fell this past week.

Sharon passed around a card for the congregation to sign for Pastor Beverly McCurdy, who is retiring from Hoyt Methodist Church. She will deliver it when she attends the retirement reception. The call to worship came from Luke 1:68-79 and Karen Burns read the second candle of Advent (Bethlehem candle.) Hymns sung were "Angels From The Realms Of Glory" and "It Came Upon A Midnight Clear." The special was "Away In A Manger." Karen Burns read the living word of God from Hebrews 6:1. Bud Stauffer took up

the offering. Pastor Howard shared the word of God from Luke 1:68-79, 3:1-6. His sermon was titled "Living In The Plan Of God." Services closed with prayer. The birthday song was sung to Rachel Whitten, Karley Miller, Anna Jo Hallauer and Jan Hallauer. Wanda White and Tanya Greeve attended the Mannhine Steamroller concert on Friday. The music was wonderful and light show: Wow! Bud and Shirley Stauffer attended the J.W. Bontrager family Christmas dinner on Sunday in Holton.

Buck's Grove UMC

By Betty Bernitter
A frosty morning greeted the congregation on Dec. 9 at Buck's Grove United Methodist Church. Inside the country church, it is beginning to look like Christmas. The beautiful tree and decorations in the windows reminds us that "Jesus Is The Reason For The Season." Mary Ringel lighted the altar candles as the Ashcrafts played the recorded music. Pastor Charlotte Milroy asked for announcements and then led the call to worship, opening payer and Psalter reading. Scripture was Malachi 3:1-4 and Philippians 1:3-11.

Joyce presented the Advent message as Denny Ashcraft lighted the second Advent candle. The second verse of the Advent song was sung. Betty Bernitter provided the special by reading how God provided the biggest gift of Christmas, a little child from Him. Hymns sung were "Silent Night, Holy Night," "Angels From The Realms Of Glory" and "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling." Pastor Charlotte read Luke 3:1-6 and titled her message "We Are Challenged." Yes, we are challenged to find time in our lives and our schedules to fit in Christmas. The world does not stop for Christmas. We still have appointments or do those things that keep our lives running. But maybe it is not so important to find that perfect gift on

sale or the perfect decorations for the house. We don't know how much the wisemen paid for their gifts or if they got them on sale or how much time and effort was invested by the shepherds, but we do know their focus was to worship and adore the One who came at Christmas. In these days leading up to Christmas, may we see beyond the busy times and focus on the hope that was born so many years ago in Bethlehem. We too can find the way home. It may be a challenge, but the call is for us to find the way for God to be in our days and our hearts. Holy Communion was offered by Pastor Charlotte with Donna Ashcraft assisting. The service closed by singing "That Boy Child Of Mary." A Christmas Eve program will be held at 7 p.m. at the church. The wisemen will be distributing sacks of Christmas candy.

Thanks for reading
The Holton Recorder!

Public Notice

(First published in The Holton Recorder, Holton, Kan., on Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2018.)

Notice Adoption of the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan for Holton Unified School District, #336, Jackson County, Kansas.

You are hereby advised pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 1994 Supp. 12-17.117 that a public hearing will be held at the Holton School District Office, 515 Pennsylvania, Ave., Holton, Kansas, on the 14th day of January, 2019 at 5:55 o'clock p.m. to consider whether the Holton Unified School District, #336, Jackson County,

Kansas should adopt a Neighborhood Revitalization Plan for all of the area and territory lying within the above mentioned taxing district in Jackson County, Kansas.

The proposed Revitalization Plan is available for public review and consideration at the office of the Jackson County Clerk during regular business hours.

Holton Unified School District, #336,

/s/ Deirdre S. Folk
Dee Folk,
Clerk of the Board

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Public Notice

(First published in The Holton Recorder, Holton, Kan., on Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2018.)

Resolution to Levy Tax for Capital Outlay Fund

Unified School District No. 336, Jackson County, State of Kansas,

RESOLUTION

Be It Resolved that: The above-named school board shall be authorized to make an annual tax levy in an amount not to exceed 8 mills upon the taxable tangible property in the school district for the purpose of acquisition, construction, reconstruction, repair, remodeling, additions to, furnishing, maintaining and equipping of school district property and equipment necessary for school district purposes, including: (1) Computer software; (2) performance uniforms; (3)

housing and boarding pupils enrolled in an area vocational school operated under the board; (4) architectural expenses; (5) building sites; (6) undertaking and maintenance of asbestos control projects; (7) school buses and (8) other fixed assets, and with respect to any redevelopment district established prior to July 1, 2017, pursuant to K.S.A. 12-1771, and amendments thereto, for the purpose of paying a portion of the principal and interest on bonds issued by cities under the authority of K.S.A. 12-1774, and amendments thereto, for the financing of redevelopment projects upon property located within the school district.

The tax levy authorized by this resolution may be made, unless a petition in opposition to the same, signed by not less than 10% of the qualified electors of the school district, is filed with the county elec-

tion officer of the home county of the school district within 40 calendar days after the last publication of this resolution. In the event a petition is filed, the county election officer shall submit the question of whether the tax levy shall be authorized to the electors in the school district at an election called for that purpose or at the next general election, as is specified by the board of education of the above school district.

CERTIFICATE

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the above Resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Education of Unified School District No. 336, Jackson County, Kansas, on the 10th day of December, 2018.

/s/ Deirdre S. Folk
Clerk of the above Board of Education

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K-State Extension schedules board leadership workshop

K-State Research and Extension is conducting a series of board leadership workshops across the state Feb. 5, 12, 19 and 26, 2019, it has been reported.

Designed to provide basic training for members of community-based boards, the series will be hosted by local extension professionals at locations across the state.

"Informed and committed board members are the key to healthy, effective boards and committees in our Kansas communities. K-State Research and Extension's Board Leadership Series will provide an opportunity for board members to learn the basics of being a good board member," said Trudy Rice, extension community development specialist. "Whether you are a member of a church board, a township board, a United Way agency board or a rural water board, this training is appropriate for you."

The series will kick off on Feb. 5 with a session on "Conducting Effective Meetings." During this session, participants will learn about their roles and responsibilities as a board member, basics of parliamentary procedure and strategies to make meetings more productive and effective.

On Feb. 12, a session will be held discussing "Fund-raising, Fund Management, Legalities and Ethics." This session will explore a board's options for raising and managing money, understanding such things as articles of incorporation, bylaws and policies.

The Feb. 19 session will cover "Understanding Fellow Board Members and Conflict Management." "Strategic Planning" will be the final topic on Feb. 26, and participants will learn about establishing a common mission and vision for the board and how to plan priorities for the future.

All sessions will be conducted

from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. each week. Workshop participants will meet at host sites throughout the state to take part in web-based instruction and locally facilitated discussion.

Site location in the district for this workshop series is dependent on enrollment and interest. Interested groups or organizations who want to participate in this course can contact the Extension District Office in Seneca.

Pre-registration for the event is required by Jan. 10, 2019. Cost is minimal, and registration holds a seat for all four sessions and can be rotated by participants. Registration includes refreshments and related handouts.

Kansas State University is committed to making its services, activities and programs accessible to all participants. If you have special requirements due to a physical, vision or hearing disability, contact David Key at (785) 336-2184.

Netawaka United Methodist

By Mary E. Edwards
Dec. 9, the second Sunday of Advent, was calm, sunny, frosty and beautiful. The Netawaka United Methodist Church sanctuary looks very pretty with all decorations in place.

Marcia Robertson was greeter, candle lighter and offertory usher. Verona Grannell played the recorded music. Worship leader Marilyn Banaka gave the welcome and announcements.

Advent Bible study will continue at 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 13 and Dec. 20 at Netawaka UMC. Netawaka Harvesters distribution will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Dec. 17.

Joy of the congregation include generous donations to the church and people who are so willing to help wherever and whenever help is needed. Frederika Mullins, Marilyn Banaka and Helen Edwards really enjoyed seeing Manheim Steamroller in concert in Topeka.

Sincere sympathy is extended to Garrett Klahr's family for his death. Prayers also are for the family of John and Lorraine Richter. Prayers for healing were requested for Scott Strube.

Marilyn led the responsive call to worship about our journey to the manger and then to the cross.

Verse two of "Light The Advent Candle" was sung, and Doris Oxandale lighted the second Advent candle, a symbol of Christ the way, recognizing the word of God through the prophets.

"Emmanuel, Emmanuel" was the prayer hymn, followed by silent prayer, the pastor's prayer by Pastor Young Won, The Lord's Prayer and sung response, "Cares Chorus."

Marilyn read the scripture, Philippians 2:5-8, humility like Christ's. Pastor Young's sermon was "Down To Earth Humility."

When we are young, near people we've always known, in our own comfort zone, we don't think much about our identity. We don't even know what identity means until we find there are those who look, talk or think differently from us.

Pastor Young, coming from Korea, noticed a big difference in cultures and customs when he came to the U.S. He now thinks about contributing to both cultures.

What do we think about our

identity as Christians? We are now experiencing many activities associated with the Christmas season. Special concerts, celebrations, parties, shopping, decorations and missions of good will are important parts of the season. We should consider these the beginning of our journey.

Jesus is God, but was sent as a human to live among humans, and with down-to-earth humility, befriended strangers, healed the sick, raised the dead, fed the poor and was obedient even to His death. We should also leave our comfort zone, humble ourselves and with God's help, grow in discipleship and spiritual maturity.

The hymn of going forth was "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel." Pastor Young gave the benediction.

A short meeting was held following the church service.

Mike and Helen Edwards, Marilyn Banaka and Mary Edwards attended the Christmas concert at Horton UMC Sunday afternoon. It was a very nice program presented by Shirley Myers, the choir, a children's group and the bell choir.

785/933-2616

Netawaka
FAMILY & FITNESS CENTER
233 White Way, Netawaka
Junction of Hwy. 75 & K9

OKAY, we'll admit it. We asked for this ad to be turned upside down to catch your attention...and just maybe you might think the price is \$66 instead of \$99. Even that price is turning heads.

At just \$99 it's a heckuva deal...that is, **only \$99 for a 3-month membership** in the Netawaka Family Fitness Center. That's our "Holiday Special" membership offer before our rates go up on January 1st.

We're finding it's becoming a great Christmas gift for individuals, couples and families. With what it includes it's hard to resist:

A Single Adult can join this incredible 30,000 sq. ft. facility for **3 months for a total of \$99. That's little more than a dollar a day.**

Our Double Membership for 3 months is only **82 cents per person per day.**

A Family Membership is only **50 cents per person per day.**

Give Your Kids a Pool for Christmas

Our 8,000 sq. ft. heated pool, that is. Or surprise your parents with this gift. Retirees love this place! Many come to use our indoor walking lanes, or just to meet, have coffee and chat with new friends. Our facility is becoming a friendly "Community Gathering Place" for families in the surrounding areas.

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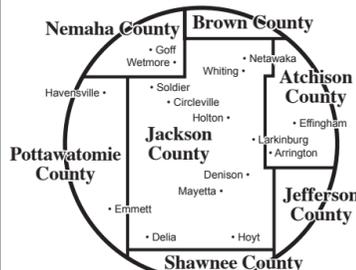
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Deadline for applications is 4:30 p.m. on Dec. 28, 2018.

Applications and complete job descriptions may be picked up at the Jackson County Clerk's Office, Room 201, Jackson County Courthouse, or by visiting www.jacksoncountyks.com

Drug and alcohol testing is required. EOE.



Hammersmith Mfg. & Sales is accepting applications for the following positions at our Holton facility:

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Employment

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The ideal candidate will have a degree in accounting and be a CPA. Experience in healthcare finance, budgeting, and supervision is preferable.

This is a salaried position.

To apply, send your resume to h_r@kzanzamhgc.org or mail to: KANZA Mental Health & Guidance Center Attn: Jolene Zirkle • PO Box 319 • Hiawatha, KS 66434 KANZA is an equal opportunity employer. Apply online at www.kzanzamhgc.org/jobs/

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Strain and ESH director of state programs Jack Lynch told the board that with the application for E-rate funding in place, the district will have access to the market to seek out the least expensive provider of fiber optic internet service, as well as funding for up to 90 percent of the cost of installing a line to the district.

At present, the school qualifies for a federal E-rate discount of 70 percent, Lynch said. The district could get an additional 20 percent from federal and state sources if it acts quickly, he added.

Not only could the district get its internet service faster, but also at a lower cost per mbps, Strain and Lynch told the board. Currently, the district pays about \$10 per mbps of service for 200 mbps, while the state median for 500 mbps of service is \$3.10, and with fiber optic service, the median drops to \$2.16 for one gigabyte per second (gbps).

ESH will work with the district at no charge to get the least expensive fiber optic service available if a line is installed, Lynch added, because the organization is funded entirely through "philanthropic foundations" and acts as "kind of a pro bono technology consultant that is focused on this area of broadband."

In other business on Monday, the board:

■ Noted the absence of board member Neal Keeler. Board members present included Dr. David Allen (president), Doug Amon, Konrad Coe, Kelly Kennedy, Ed Rostetter and Melinda Wareham.

■ Approved the meeting's agenda and consent agenda, the latter including minutes from the board's Nov. 8 meeting, monthly bills and activity account reports and acceptance of three grants, including a \$3,000 Capstone Grant, a \$1,635 Topeka Community Foundation Grant and a Frontier Farm Credit Grant.

■ Discussed possible options for the middle and high school weight room, after it was noted by District Superintendent and Elementary Principal Adrienne Walsh that sports coaches at the school have expressed concerns over the location of the weight room.

■ Approved a bid of

\$39,061.06 from White Star Machinery of Topeka for purchase of a Bobcat Skid Steer loader and accessories for district maintenance.

■ Agreed to participate in the updated Jackson County Neighborhood Revitalization Program.

■ Was reminded by Walsh that the district has 2.2 "snow days" remaining at the middle and high school and 3.2 days remaining at the elementary school, the middle and high school having one less available day due to being closed on Wednesday for the funeral of JHHS sophomore Garrett Klahr.

A total of 5.7 snow days was built into the 2018-19 school year, Walsh said. She also asked board members to consider options for making up more school days if wintry weather necessitates going beyond the number of available snow days later in the school year.

■ Reviewed results of a "pep bus" survey of high school students, with Middle and High School Principal Darren Shupe noting that district officials would have to determine how many students would justify the use of an extra bus for sports events away from JHHS. Shupe also noted that the high school would have a sign-up sheet for a "pep bus" to be taken to Maur Hill/Mount Academy High School in Atchison for basketball games this Friday.

■ Reviewed results of a preschool survey with Walsh.

■ Were reminded by Walsh that this year's graduating

senior class will be the 50th graduating class and that the 2019-20 year will mark 50 years since the school's opening. She asked board members to consider ideas for commemorating the school's 50th year if wished to do so.

■ Heard a report from Walsh on the furnace at the elementary school gym, which needs a repair to its heat exchanger. Board members noted that the scoreboard in the elementary gym was also in need of repairs.

■ Heard a report from Walsh on recent and upcoming activities at the elementary school.

■ Heard a report from Shupe on recent and upcoming activities at the middle and high school, including sports and semester finals schedules, second-semester class changes, an upcoming Jackson County Communities That Care survey for eighth and 10th grades, the FFA hay auction on Jan. 4 and recognition of the 1979 boys championship basketball team on Feb. 15.

■ Met in executive session for 10 minutes with Walsh present to discuss personnel matters. After returning to open session, the board voted to offer a contract to Jessica Rogers as an elementary paraprofessional.

■ Adjourned the meeting at about 9:05 p.m.

It was reported that members of the board, district office staff, administrators and their spouses met at Trails Cafe in Holton on Sunday evening for a Christmas dinner.

Royal Valley...

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* Approved consent items, including the resignation of Darlene Sipe as a third-grade teacher effective Dec. 20. The board also accepted the resignation of Mallory Diederich as an eighth-grade math teacher at the end of the school year.

* Heard a report on the annual Kansas Association of School Boards annual convention from each board member, Linda Hegemann, Boone Smith, Pat Tuck, Ann Kelly, Nate McAlister, Jim O'Toole and Cindy Broxterman.

Board members attended a variety of sessions during the convention that focused on school security, programming, student leadership and recruiting new teachers.

* Discussed the pros and cons of the district sponsoring the student trips to Europe and Washington D.C. every few years.

The trips are not currently sponsored by the district and, therefore, don't require board

approval.

Currently, teachers and parents volunteer their own time to take interested students on the trips, which are funded by fund-raisers and personal monies.

It would benefit the trips, from a fund-raising standpoint, to be associated with the district, which is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, Davis said.

The business that organizes all the trips, EF Tours, purchases a liability policy for each trip. The district may still shoulder some liability if the trips were sponsored by the district, Davis said. No action was taken on the issue.

* Approved the Indian Policies and Procedures as presented. The approval is required for the district to submit its Impact Aid grant application in January.

* Approved building and district site council memberships as presented.

* Agreed to offer driver's education as a summer school course and to move forward

with hiring instructors.

* Met in executive session for five minutes with Davis and Susan Pfrang, director of curriculum and instruction, to discuss confidential student information. No action was taken back in open session.

* Met in executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. Back in open session the board, offered employment contracts to Chantry Daily as a third-grade teacher for the second semester and Jessica Bryan as a food service director and childcare director.

The board also approval fall coaching supplemental contracts for the 2019-20 school year to all licensed personnel as presented.

In addition, the board extended Davis' superintendent contract through the 2020-21 school year. His salary will be determined in the future during the negotiations process, it was reported.

* Adjourned the meeting. All board members were present.

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Holton B.O.E...

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Erika Allen, sponsor for Holton Middle School's KAYS organization, met with the board to share information about the "Holton Pathways To Community Health And Wellness" project that the KAYS continue to work on.

It was announced that Denison State Bank had donated \$5,000 to the project and that Johnsonville Banner Creek had donated \$6,000.

Phase 1 and Phase 1A of the exercise trail project are complete, Allen and a group of HMS students reported, thanks to the help and cooperation of Holton city street and parks and recreation department employees.

Phase 1 is a concrete sidewalk on the west side of Countryside Park in Holton (at the soccer park) and Phase 1A is the strip of concrete sidewalk from the concession stand there to the shelter house.

"We are currently working on the bridge phase. Once that is complete and we finish raising funds, we will start on Phase 2," Allen said. "Phase 2 will start at the playground area and go east into the woods, run along the east side of Countryside Park and then end on the northeast corner."

Phase 2A is the part of the project from the northeast corner back to the west to the parking lot area, Allen said. Johnsonville Banner Creek is sponsoring Phase 2A.

"We are excited to be in partnership with them," Allen said. "We are looking forward to working with them during phase 2A and in the future."

Allen said that fund-raising continues for the project.

"We are in the process of raising funds and writing grants to help finish Phase 2," she said. "Once, this is complete, we will be adding fitness stations around the outside of the path. We also have other future plans, but I am unable to share at this time. We would be very appreciative of any donations that the community would like to make to our exercise path. The kids have been working really hard and we are so close to our goal! If anyone is interested in having us come and present about our project, we would be more than willing to share."

For additional information about the project, contact Allen at 785-851-7274. About \$30,000 in additional funds are still needed, it was reported.

a full 12-month term, it was reported.

The board approved a five-year lease for a skid-steer loader from White Star of Topeka for \$5,000 per year. Foley's of Topeka bid \$6,250 per year and KanEquip of Topeka bid \$8,383.08 per year.

The board approved a bid of \$4,700 from CSM to replace the high school FFA water line. A water leak first occurred in the FFA room, it was reported. Later, it was learned there were other leaks in the line. The bid includes taking out the old line that is leaking and replacing it with a new one. McElroy's bid \$6,972.31 for the work.

The board heard a curriculum, instruction and assessment report from curriculum director Paula Hough. Information presented covered core content meetings, assessment updates, district ELL committee, professional development and technology.

Hough said core content meetings for the elementary grade level have been completed and secondary meetings are scheduled for mid-January, focusing on "why we teach what we teach."

Regarding professional development, Hough said, staff are building consistency between all buildings.

Regarding technology, Hough said she and Tom Sextro, district technology director, had toured Atchison and Sabetha schools where I-pads and Chromebooks are utilized in those schools. There was discussion about whether students need keyboards with their mobile devices. In the spring, the Holton board will be asked to update some technology for USD 336 students.

The board is considering a request for the Bullmaster's 4-H Shooting Sports Club to host a two-day event at the high school, utilizing some classrooms, the gyms and the commons area.

The Royal Valley district hosted a similar event a few years ago, it was noted. Generally speaking, board members indicated they were in favor of allowing the club to use the school.

Additional business from Monday's school board meeting will appear in the next edition of *The Holton Recorder*.



The agricultural education program at Royal Valley High School in Hoyt is one of only six agricultural education programs nationwide to receive the 2018 National Association of Agricultural Educators Outstanding Middle/Secondary Agricultural Education Program Award. Shown in the photo above are, from left, Hals Beard, NAAE region 2 vice president; Kim Clark, Royal Valley High School ag instructor; Valerie Bayes, Bayer; and Nick Nelson, NAAE president. The Outstanding Middle/Secondary Agricultural Education Program is sponsored by Bayer. Submitted photo

Clark, RV FFA receive national award

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The award was given at the NAAE annual convention in San Antonio on Nov. 28.

The agriculture program at Royal Valley High School laid dormant for eight years upon the retirement of its previous instructor in 2005. However, after assessing a need within the community, Royal Valley High School hired Kim Clark as the primary agricultural educator in the fall of 2013.

Since this time, the program has grown to accommodate a plant systems pathway for students, including classes such as introduction to agriculture and natural resources, agriscience, horticulture, plant and soil science, applications in horticulture, agricultural business and agricultural communications and leadership.

The main goal of the Royal Valley agriculture program

is to relate all concepts and curriculum to real world situations, thereby allowing students to become well-informed consumers and successful citizens, it was reported.

Lessons and activities are created to appeal to a variety of learning styles, allowing all students to personally connect with material and make it more applicable to their life. Students are also exposed to multiple facets of the agriculture industry, whether that be through growing vegetables and herbs in the greenhouse hydroponics system or interpreting various extension publications.

In addition to acquiring knowledge of the agriculture industry, students are also exposed to multiple leadership and community service opportunities through the agriculture program. A concurrent part of agricultural education is the national FFA organization, which is a youth leadership organization providing opportunities for agriculture students to participate in multiple career and leadership development events.

Through these competitions, students are able to

gain valuable skills such as public speaking and cooperation. Service learning is also available through FFA and is easily displayed through Royal Valley's coordination of events such as an Elementary Agriculture Day, where students are able to teach children in kindergarten through second grade about where their food comes from, animal care and what plants need to survive.

Clark credits much of the program's success to the multiple partnerships made within the community. Thanks to help from groups such as the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, the town of Hoyt, the Jackson County Fair Board and the Jackson County Farm Bureau Association, the program has been able to grow and thrive.

Each of the six regional Outstanding Middle/Secondary Program Award winners was recognized at the NAAE convention in San Antonio. The Outstanding Middle/Secondary Agricultural Education Program Award is partially sponsored by Bayer as a special project of the National FFA Foundation.

NAAE is the professional association for agricultural ed-

ucators with more than 8,000 members nationwide. Its mission is "professionals providing agricultural education for the global community through visionary leadership, advocacy and service." The NAAE office is located in Lexington, Ky.

Note: Kim is the daughter of Gene and Debra Clark.

Dinner...

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Volunteers are also being sought to help prepare and serve the dinner, as well as give rides to and from the Family Life Center and deliver meals to people's homes.

"My biggest thing is getting more people involved in volunteering," Elliott said, "so we can sustain the volunteer pool in the long-term."

Anyone wishing to make food donations, volunteer for service or request a delivery meal at this year's dinner may contact Elliott by email at zachcodymom@gmail.com or by calling (785) 633-5031. More information on items needed for this year's dinner will be printed in an upcoming edition of *The Holton Recorder*.

The Memory Project...

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is bigger than the boundaries of Jackson County."

Franz said Morris and her students would also demonstrate to the children whose portraits were being painted that "people care about their well-being."

"When Ms. Morris asked us to reach out, the one thing she wanted to share with the public is the way that art can be used to build bridges and how her students rallied behind the project," Franz added.

The idea of participating in the Memory Project struck a chord with students in Morris' advanced art class, as well as with an anonymous donor whose financial gift to the organization covered the participation fees for Jackson Heights students.

"The fees help cover the expense of running the program — photographing the kids, delivering the portraits, coordinating everything," Morris said. "When the financial burden was lifted, it made it easier to commit to the project."

Photographs were taken

of children in Colombia and mailed to Morris, who allowed each student in her class to choose which child's photo would be reproduced in portrait form, then advised her students to create a likeness of the child because the children "may not understand a more abstract style," she said.

Using oil paints, Morris crafted a portrait of one of the children, and some students followed suit while others decided to work with colored pencils. When the portraits were complete, they were sent to the Memory Project headquarters and will soon be delivered to the children.

"Participating in the Memory Project was a great experience, and it's definitely something I hope to do again in the future," Morris said. "We will probably look at doing a small fund-raiser to raise money to cover the fees next time."

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