

# MERRY CHRISTMAS



The Hoyt United Methodist Church held a live nativity last Sunday evening on the south lawn of the church to remind people of the reason for the season - the birth of Jesus Christ. Church members who participated in the annual nativity event included (front row, from left) Miranda Bell, Kaylea Bell, Nathaniel Nelson and Michaela Nelson, (back row, from left) Virgil Bowden, Mose Hamilton, Brad Hamilton, Darrin Stithem (as Joseph), Jill Stithem (as Mary with the baby Jesus), Janet McNutty, Elisabeth Nelson and Nicole DeVader.

*Photo by David Powls*

## Final items sought for Christmas dinner

*By Brian Sanders*  
 Holton Community Christmas Dinner organizer Tammy Elliott said that with "an excellent response" to a call for food and volunteer donations, there's "a very, very short list" of food items needed for this year's dinner.  
 "We've received lots of e-mails and text messages from people wanting to donate, so the ease of being able to donate is helping out quite a bit," Elliott said of this year's dinner, scheduled from 11 a.m. to 1

p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 25 at the EUM Family Life Center in Holton.

As in previous years, the community dinner — a Holton event since 1985, it was reported — is open to everyone, regardless of age, church affiliation or financial situation, Elliott said.

"Everyone is welcome, and we have a lot of food donated, so I would love to see a lot of people there," she added.

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## HCH bonds to be issued through the city

*By Brian Sanders*  
 Holton Community Hospital's upcoming expansion and renovation project has received the support of the Holton City Commission, which approved a resolution authorizing the city to act as a "conduit" through which the hospital will receive more than \$14 million in funds for the project.

During the commission's regular meeting on Monday, commissioners met with Sarah Steele of Gilmore and Bell of Wichita, acting as bond counsel for the city, to discuss the resolution that has the city acting as "the governmental arm" of a short-term, \$14.6-million loan

for HCH and how it could affect the city's ability to issue debt in 2019.

The hospital received a USDA Rural Development loan for that amount on condition that HCH issue healthcare facilities revenue bonds through the city for interim financing, Holton City Manager Kerwin McKee said. Steele reminded commissioners that the city performed a similar service in early 2015, issuing \$3.6 million in bonds for hospital improvements and bond refinancing.

"The city is purely involved to satisfy state law requirements," she added.

While the city will incur no

financial responsibility in acting as a conduit for the bonds, Steele said the amount involved goes above and beyond the city's \$10 million annual limit for designating tax-exempt financing as "bank-qualified," although that restriction will only apply during the 2019 calendar year.

The restriction "won't prevent the city from issuing any debt" through tax-exempt bonds, she told commissioners. However, it may result in a slight increase in the interest rate that the city may pay on that debt, if the city has any plans to issue bonds or enter into other debt during 2019, commissioners noted.

"The good news is that you don't have any new debt planned," Steele said. "So this would be a great time to help out the hospital. Let them build, and then in 2020, you'll be back in the debt-issuing business."

Commissioners agreed, with McKee noting that the city's next major project — improvements at the city's water treatment plant — will be paid for with capital improvement funds, as well as with funds generated the city's special sales tax for infrastructure improvements, so no new debts are being planned on the city's side.

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## Christmas Store helps 166 households

*By Ali Holcomb*  
 Donations to this year's Jackson County Ministerial Alliance Christmas Store, which served 166 households, were "over the top," according to Jennifer Ingels, event organizer.

Ingels said the community's generosity helped provide a brighter Christmas for 370 children, as well as 63 senior citizens and adults with disabilities, during the annual event held last Friday at the First Baptist Church in Holton.

Each child received three free presents and two stocking stuffers, and each household received a box of food and a bag of essential items.

"We had essential bags leftover because we had so many donated," Ingels said.

Henry and Tracy Hill also collected 26 refurbished bicycles through Lansing Correctional Facility that were given away at the store.

During the event, each senior citizen received a \$50 gift card, a box of food, an essential bag and other donated items.

Ingels said that members of the Holton Middle School KAY Club and the Holton High School boys basketball team helped set up for the event on Sunday, Dec. 9.

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Royal Valley Elementary School's kindergarten students held a winter holiday program on Monday. Under the direction of Melissa Kimble, the students sang "A Hat For My Snowman," "If I Were A Reindeer," "When The Holidays Come" and "We Wish You A Merry Christmas."

*Photo by Ali Holcomb*



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## Morris joins Highway Patrol

Trooper Alexandra Morris (pictured above), formerly of Holton, has graduated from the Kansas Highway Patrol, Col. Mark Bruce, Superintendent of the Kansas Highway Patrol, recently announced.

Morris was a member of KHP Recruit Class #58, who began their career with the Patrol last July. She graduated from 23 weeks of training on Thursday, Dec. 13, it was reported.

Morris will now undergo field training with veteran KHP troopers and will be stationed in Woodson County.

Morris is a 2015 graduate of Holton High School and the daughter of Scott (also a KHP trooper) and Paula Morris.

## Fuel prices coming down in time for Christmas travel

In the weeks leading up to the holidays, average gas prices have seen one of their largest seasonal declines, with the national average price of gasoline down 53 cents per gallon in the last two months and Christmas gas prices now lower than their year-ago level.

That's according to GasBuddy.com, the national fuel-price monitoring Web site, which is projecting the national average to drop to \$2.35 per gallon by Christmas Day.

"The plunge at the pump has brought more than \$205 million of daily savings on gasoline versus two months ago to motorists nationwide. The timing couldn't be better for those who've been busy out shopping for holiday gifts, with motorists saving \$10 to \$20 per fill up versus just two months ago," said Patrick DeHaan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy.

"Oil prices have buckled under pressure, at least somewhat related to economic concerns, with the national average now under year-ago levels," DeHaan added.

"Over the course of Christmas week, the savings multiplied will mean motorists won't be leaving nearly \$1.5 billion behind at the pump. What's more is that no state has

been left behind — everyone is seeing substantial savings."

GasBuddy offers several tips to motorists on the road this holiday season:

- **Watch out for state lines.** Because of differing state taxes, in some extreme cases, drivers can spend an extra \$25 when refueling the tank if on the wrong side of the line, according to a GasBuddy study.

- **Shop around for the biggest savings.** With gas prices continuing to decline, some gas stations are passing along the savings faster than others, so spending a few moments looking at gas prices around you can lead to saving a few more dollars on your fill-up.

- **In a hurry? Spend a fury!** Speeding, aggressive driving and hard braking are things many of us may be guilty of according to a recent GasBuddy study, and it costs you a fury if you're in a hurry — upwards of \$10 per tank, adding up to \$477 per year on average.

GasBuddy's Drives feature can help reduce motorists' yearly fuel bill by providing an assessment of their driving habits during their trip in an effort to improve fuel efficiency, mapping out when and where a poor driving habit occurred.

## COURT

### Limited Civil

**Filed**  
Capitol Federal Savings Bank vs. Sunny L. Ward, seeking judgment of \$711.61 plus interest and court costs.

Big Time Bail Bonds Inc. vs. Mesha R. Schaffer and Nicole L. McHaley, seeking judgment of \$370 plus interest and court costs.

Southview Apartments of Holton L.L.C. vs. Hattie N. Frye, seeking judgment of \$1,049.39 plus interest and court costs.

Capitol Federal Savings vs. Vegas L. Hill, seeking judgment of \$400.13 plus interest and court costs.

Southview Apartments of Holton L.L.C. vs. Krystal K. Stilley, seeking judgment of \$251.38 plus interest and court costs.

Galaxy International Purchasing L.L.C. vs. Joseph Leavell, seeking judgment of \$1,881.23 plus interest and court costs.

Midland Funding L.L.C. vs. Patricia Bahm, seeking judgment of \$767.56 plus interest and court costs.

Capital One Bank (USA) N.A. vs. Joi D. Motto, seeking judgment of \$2,744.97 plus interest and court costs.

### Domestic Dispositions

In the matter of the marriage of Rodney D. Holt and Carolyn L. Holt, sought divorce; granted.

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Christmas Eve		Mostly sunny	High: 47 Low: 29
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for his dedication and service.

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to the Fair Board.

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Thank you for another great year!

# 4-H judge training scheduled

Adults with knowledge in specific project areas are invited to Oskaloosa on Thursday, Dec. 27 for an evening of learning about specifics of becoming a county fair 4-H judge, it has been reported.

Volunteers will learn the foundations of working with 4-H youth and see the specific evaluation criteria of project areas at this training. The evening will start with a meal and general session, followed by project specific breakout sessions that volunteers select to attend, to learn the specifics of that project.

This regional training will take place at the Oskaloosa

Public Schools – USD 341,404 Park St., Oskaloosa, KS 66066 on Thursday, Dec. 27, beginning at 5:30 p.m. and running until 8 p.m. Project areas slated to be covered this year are: Foods, Yeast Breads, Table Setting, Fiber Arts – Quilting, Plant Science and Woodworking.

This is the second year that training like this has been offered. Meadowlark Extension District officials hope to make it an annual event moved about Northeast Kansas. While developing a pool of newly trained fair judges is the goal, anyone is welcome to attend and learn more about the project areas listed.

Participants will need to RSVP by Dec. 20 to Ross Mosteller at the Meadowlark Extension District, 785-336-2184 or rmostell@ksu.edu. Please include your name, contact information and first and second choices for project areas of interest. Individual sessions may be cancelled if we do not reach a critical mass of participation.

This volunteer training event is a regional effort to expand the capacity of volunteers in the region. It is brought to you by K-State Research and Extension office in Atchison, Brown, Doniphan, Leavenworth and Marshall counties and Meadowlark Extension District.



Holton Mayor Robert Dieckmann (at right in photo) accepted a \$1,000 donation from the Holton Lions Club, courtesy of club member Allen Arnold (left), during Monday's Holton City Commission meeting. The Lions in Holton have dissolved after 80 years of community service due to declining membership, it was reported, and Arnold said the club is disbursing leftover funds to various county governing bodies and organizations. Arnold also asked Holton's parks and recreation department to use the funds to create "something kind of permanent" that may remind people of the club's existence.

Photo by Brian Sanders

**Christmas Eve Services**  
**EVANGEL**  
 United Methodist Church

Early Service 6 p.m.  
 Late Service 11 p.m.

There will be a come and go communion before each service: 5:15-5:45 and 10:15-10:45

Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.

May all the blessings of the Christ Child be yours this Christmas and may His Divine Presence enrich your life and family throughout the New Year!

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Christmas Mass Celebrations  
 Christmas Eve  
 Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup>  
 6:30 p.m. ~ St. Francis Xavier  
 11:00 p.m. ~ St. Dominic

Christmas Day  
 Tuesday, December 25<sup>th</sup> • 10:30 a.m. ~ St. Dominic

**CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

**First United Methodist Church**

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 785-364-3275  
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 Pastor Kathy Williams

**Candlelight Christmas Eve Service**  
 4:30 p.m. – Special music in the church sanctuary  
 5 p.m. – Worship service and communion

*"Come and behold Him, born the King of angels;  
 O come, let us adore Him,  
 Christ the Lord!"*

Monday, Dec. 24 • CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE • 7 P.M.  
 Tuesday, Dec. 25 • CHRISTMAS MORNING SERVICE • 10 A.M.

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**Hoyt United Methodist Church**  
**Christmas Services**

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 Saturday, Dec. 22 • 7 p.m.

**REGULAR SERVICE:**  
 Sunday, Dec. 23 • 10:30 a.m.

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE:**  
 Monday, Dec. 24 • 5 p.m.

**Soldier Christian Church**  
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 Pastor Ron Ahlgren  
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# Merry Christmas 2018!



In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria. And everyone went to their own town to register.

So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David.

He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child.

While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night.

An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified.

But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in

the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

Suddenly then a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

When the angels had left, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.

Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

---From the gospel of Luke

## HAMILTON: On patriotism

By Lee Hamilton

Patriotism has been on a lot of people's minds lately. French President Emanuel Macron recently criticized President Donald Trump and other world leaders for their "us versus them" view of patriotism.

"Putting our own interests first," Macron said, "with no regard for others, we erase the very thing that a nation holds dearest, and the thing that keeps it alive: its moral values."



Meanwhile, just ahead of the midterm elections, *The New York Times* noted that two clashing visions of patriotism were heading to the polls. President Trump and Republicans saw patriotism as "conspicuous displays of respect for the traditional expressions of America — the flag, the military, the Pledge of Allegiance." Democrats, by contrast, saw it as protecting the norms and institutions of our democracy.

I don't entirely buy this distinction, at least when it comes to partisan labels. I've known plenty of Democrats who consider it patriotic to honor the flag, the military and the Pledge. And I've known a lot of Republicans who value our democratic traditions.

The vast majority of Americans consider themselves patriots — even if, as Gallup found in June, less than half of poll respondents considered themselves "extremely proud" to be American. This was the first time this has happened in almost two decades of polling on the question.

The two broad strands outlined by *The Times* inarguably exist. We all remember the naval hero Stephen Decatur's famous toast in 1816, "Our country, right or wrong." And Senator Carl Schurz's amendment a half-century later: "My country, right or wrong — if right, to be kept right, if wrong, to be set right."

We may criticize our country, in other words, but this is not motivated by malice. It's motivated by special affection and a belief that a great country can be made greater.

"There is nothing wrong with America that cannot be cured by what is right with America," President Bill Clinton argued, laying out a vision of patriotism

that is not about symbols, but about building on a nation's intangible strengths.

I buy that. I believe that patriotism means getting on with the serious business of improving our country. It means that we strive to ensure that we live up to our pledge of liberty and justice for all. In this formulation, patriotism is best expressed not in parades or speeches or exhortations or conspicuous displays, but in what we do.

Perhaps the most persuasive description I've heard on this score was Adlai Stevenson's. "True patriotism is not manifested in short, frenzied bursts of emotion," he said. "It is the tranquil, steady dedication of a lifetime."

Stevenson hit the nail square on the head. So much of our national discussion of patriotism is about military heroes. This is important, but it's an incomplete view of love of country. I'd argue that we encounter patriotism at all levels of American life.

The teacher in the classroom, the parents who raise their children to be good citizens, the clerk who keeps town records and helps people vote, the ordinary working person who goes about her tasks with dedication and proficiency — patriotism can be found everywhere in our communities, among all kinds of people who pursue their lives with the good of the country at heart.

We have inherited a magnificent political legacy, a set of customs and traditions and, yes, moral values that give ordinary people the tools and power to improve life for themselves and succeeding generations.

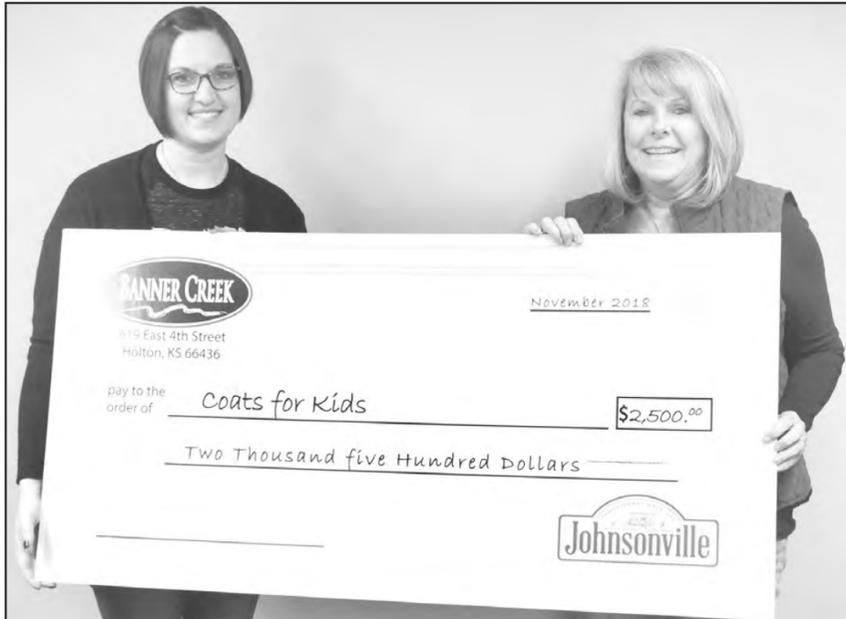
Patriotism lies in our efforts to enlarge that legacy so that it applies to all citizens. It means we defend civil liberties, the right to dissent and the equality before the law of all Americans.

And it means that upholding our core values — tolerance, mutual respect, the right of everyone to be heard, the belief that in pursuing our own lives and interests we all are capable of contributing to the vibrancy of our democracy — is every bit as patriotic as placing our hand over our heart while reciting the Pledge.

Note: Lee Hamilton is a senior adviser for the Indiana University Center on Representative Government, a distinguished scholar with the IU School of Global and International Studies, and a professor of practice in the IU School of Public and Environmental Affairs. He was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives for 34 years.



In the photo above, some members of the Holton Middle School KAYS organization are shown receiving a \$6,000 check from Johnsonville Banner Creek to fund Phase 2 of the walking path that the KAYS are fund-raising for. Those shown in the photo are, left to right, Erika Allen (KAY club sponsor), Tiah Gross, Gin Fox (of Johnsonville Banner Creek), Tuley Gilliland, Abri Alley, Grace Etzel, Aaralynn Allen, Jenny Gilliland and Heather Daugherty (of Johnsonville Banner Creek).



In the photo above, Sarah DeDonder of the local "Coats For Kids" charitable organization is shown at left receiving a check for \$2,500 from Johnsonville Banner Creek, represented in the photo by Gin Fox, as part of the company's "Careville" program.



## Johnsonville Banner Creek Makes Donations To Local Groups, Causes

## LETTER: Superintendent explains capital outlay resolution and how the funds are used in schools

*Editor's note: In the letter published below, Bob Davies, superintendent of Holton schools, writes to further explain how the district's capital outlay fund works, what it is utilized for and why it is needed.*

Dear editor,  
The Holton Public School District USD #336 recently placed a resolution in the paper that may be causing some confusion.

The "Resolution to Levy Tax for Capital Outlay Fund" is an authorization to allow a local school to annually levy an amount not to exceed 8 mills on property taxes.

In the past, this needed to be authorized every 5 years and like it is now, that caused many questions and concerns about raising property taxes.

The Legislature took the 5-year authorization limit away, so now if approved, the authorization will be continuous and permanent, not necessarily the tax assessed.

This year, taxpayers were assessed 8 mills at the beginning of the fiscal year so this is not an additional tax.

The new resolution will not become effective until July 1, 2019 and again, this will not be a new tax.

On the "Property Tax Informational Sheet" (it is green this year) that the county gives to all property tax payers, this tax falls under "USD 336 Other" (supplemental and capital outlay) and makes up the 22.625 mills listed on that form (that is down 1.728 mills this fiscal year).

The Holton School board

has levied 8 mills to be utilized for capital outlay expenditures since the 2014-2015 school year (five years ago).

Before this, the board authorized various amounts for the capital outlay funds.

Sometime around and before 2005, school districts were only allowed to levy an amount not to exceed 4 mills on property taxes for the use of capital expenditures.

The Legislature back at that time noticed that districts were struggling to keep up with deferred maintenance of their facilities so they increased the amount that boards could assess.

If this resolution goes through, does the Holton board of education have to levy 8 mills annually?

No, the local board of education can choose any rate from 0.000 to 8.000 mills annually (the decimals signify how creative the numbers can be - such as 2.345) and this is published in the newspaper on the form "Code 99," usually sometime before Aug. 10 of the school district's fiscal year.

Again, the resolution gives the local school board members (who are also locally elected) the authority to assess an amount not to exceed 8 mills annually.

It is interesting to note that while we may see 8 mills being taxed locally, what we don't see clearly is the equalization of those taxes.

As some communities around us have a much higher assessed valuation, their mills or property taxes generate more than our district does — some districts generate more than twice as

much.

This allows them to gain more funds with a lower mill rate. Jackson County, while not poor, does not have the same assessed valuation as other districts in the state of the same school district attendance size.

Our equalization state aid for capital outlay is 59 percent this school year. So for every dollar we pay in local property taxes, the state aid is 59 cents.

Not to get too deep, but recently we have been looking at our facilities and our Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) systems at the high school.

We are not able to find parts for the unit ventilators in each classroom. The high school HVAC system is at the end of its life cycle and this system will need to be replaced.

In the next 20 years, even with 8 mills and state aid equalization for capital outlay, it will be hard to maintain the present facilities and keep up with vehicles and buses.

What can a school district utilize capital outlay funds on?

This information is in the resolution yet it can be hard to digest. We look at this as Capital Improvements that are usually facility based and not a consumable.

Student or teacher desks, white boards, buses, facility fixes or upgrades, HVAC, plumbing, electrical, roofs and computers and computer software are just a short list of things that can be purchased under capital outlay funds.

The school cannot use the capital outlay funds for administrator salaries, teacher salaries,

office supplies, health insurance, property insurance, footballs, utilities, food, special education services, fuel, baseball bats and unemployment to name just a few items.

For any additional information, please contact me at the district office, 364-3650. Thanks!

Bob Davies  
Holton

## LETTER: Taxes lower in Topeka

Dear editor,  
After reading the recent letter to the editor about property taxes, I did a little research, pulled up the Jackson County appraiser and Shawnee County appraiser web site information.

In the left column below is taxes to be paid on property value from lowest taxes to the highest. In the right column is the appraisers' value of the property.

As you can see, you can pay less taxes on property of higher value in Topeka than Holton.

2018 taxes	2018 value
\$924	\$52,900 - Topeka
\$1,016	\$46,480 - Holton
\$1,522	\$68,600 - Holton
\$1,655	\$92,800 - Topeka
\$1,780	\$79,910 - Holton

Yes, the properties are comparable in value.

School - 1 Superintendent, 11 administrators, average salary \$85,113; teachers' average salary \$56,000 (most of which do not live in Holton) for only 1,100 students, which is a 10 to 1 ratio at a cost of \$18,304 per student per year.

Local taxes - \$8 million to support the school. Information from budget at a glance.

A lot of that tax money leaves Holton everyday. Holton is a town of 3,600 people.

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Bernerd Shaw  
Topeka  
(Jackson County property owner)

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*Even when it upsets and overwhelms us, truth above all.*



# OBITUARIES

## Circleville Christian



### Jacobsen

The Rodeo and Sale Barn World lost a great man, as John B. "Jake" Jacobsen, 89, rural Delia, passed away Saturday, Dec. 15, 2018, at his home.

He was born July 3, 1929, the oldest son of Clyde F. and Marguerite Crouse Jacobsen, at Fairmont, Neb. He grew up in the Fairmont community and lived in Nebraska until moving to Kansas more than 60 years ago.

He and his wife Pearl along with their family owned and operated Jacobsen Rodeo Company for many years. They provided rodeo livestock in Kansas, Oklahoma, Iowa, Nebraska and Missouri. Jake was an order buyer. He had worked in the ring at livestock barns in St. Marys, Emmett, Marysville, Frankfort, Onaga and at both barns in Holton. He raised horses and cattle. Jake gathered cattle by horseback many years.

He was a member of the Delia Presbyterian Church and was a past member of the Fairmont Methodist Church. Jake was a member of the Eagles Lodge, I.O.O.F., SCA, URA and IRA, the Kansas Livestock Association and the Jackson County Livestock Association. A grandson gave him the nickname of Albert, which stuck with him as many family members called him that. Jake loved his family.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers, Francis, Bill, Floyd (Karen) and Glen. He was also preceded in death by Mark Morgan, whom he considered a son.

On March 1, 1947 he was united in marriage to Pearl McDonald at Geneva, Neb. She survives of the home.

Other survivors include his son, Dale (Carolyn) Jacobsen, Circleville; his daughter, Bonita "Sis" (Wilbur Jr.) Stum, Topeka; four grandsons; 10 great-grandchildren; 10 great-great-grandchildren; three sisters-in-law, Beverly, Jean and Pat Jacobson; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 22, 2018, at the Holton Livestock Exchange Sale Barn, Holton. Inurnment will be held at a later date in Nebraska. The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 21 at Piper Funeral Home in St. Marys.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Cowboy Crisis Fund or the Potawatomi Tribe Rescue Squad, sent in care of Piper Funeral Home, 714 Maple St., St. Marys, KS 66536. To read a full obituary or leave online condolences go to [www.piperfuneralhome.com](http://www.piperfuneralhome.com)

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### Tyler

Carolyn Sue Tyler, 64, of Hoyt, formerly of Nebo, Ky., died Monday, Dec. 17, 2018 at her home.

Carolyn was born Feb. 10, 1954, in Madisonville, Ky., the daughter of Thurman and Edith Williams. She attended Providence High School and graduated from West Hopkins High School in Rabbit Ridge, Ky., in 1972. Carolyn was a member of the First Baptist Church and then Pleasant Valley Baptist Church.

Carolyn married Jonathan Tyler on Feb. 18, 1972 in Elizabethtown, Ill. They were married 46 years. After moving to Kansas due to job relocation, she worked at The Capper Foundation for 14 years.

Carolyn enjoyed reading, knitting, crocheting, crafts, celebrating all holidays with family and friends, and spending time with veterans and their families. She spent her most enjoyable time with her precious grandchildren. She enjoyed making new memories with her many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Carolyn was preceded in death by her parents, Thurman and Edith Williams; stepdad, Carlos Jameson; brothers, James Williams, Johnny Williams, George Williams, Roger Williams and David Jameson; sisters, Nancy Getchell and Jane Jameson; sisters-in-law, Pat Williams, Dausie Williams and Charlotte Jameson; and a brother-in-law, John Wayne Whitfield.

Survivors include her spouse, Jonathan Tyler Sr.; daughter, Christy Ketchem (husband Mark) of Meriden; a son Jonathan Tyler Jr. (wife Ashley), Hoyt; brothers, Carl Jameson (wife Maurice) and Jerry Jameson, both of Madisonville, Ky.; sisters, Diana Workman, Dawson Springs, Ky., and Shirley Utley (husband Bo), Providence, Ky.; sisters-in-law, Hilda Williams, Sullivan, Ky., Judy Williams, Sisseton, S.D., and Sonya Whitfield, Lexington, Ky.; and a brother-in-law Tim Getchell.

Other survivors are eight grandchildren, Jaycie Jones, Lukas Ketchem, Emma Caroline Ketchem, Levi Ketchem, Ben Kneisler, Makenna Tyler, Alexandria Tyler and Adelynn Sue Tyler.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 21 at Chapel Oaks Funeral Home in Hoyt. Burial will follow in Hoyt Cemetery. Carolyn will lie in state after 9 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home, where family and friends will meet from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The casket will remain closed.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to warriorsbestfriend and may be sent in care of Chapel Oaks Funeral Home, P.O. Box 280, Hoyt, KS 66440. Online condolences may be made at [chapeloxksfuneralhome.com](http://chapeloxksfuneralhome.com)

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### Henre

A celebration of life service for Barbara J. Henre, who died Sat., Dec. 8, 2018, will be held at the United Methodist Church in Baldwin City at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 28, 2018.

Barbara J. (Wright) Henre was born Jan. 31, 1925, to Harlan and Marguerite (Kennedy) Wright of Holton. She was a graduate of Holton High School and Baker University, being a lifelong member of Delta Delta Delta.

On Oct. 7, 1950, she was united in marriage to V. Duane Henre. To this union three children were born. Barbara was a devoted wife and mother who enjoyed sewing, painting, cooking, home decorating, traveling, doll collecting and entertaining. Her motto was service above self. She was active in her church and community throughout her life and was involved in numerous organizations among them PEO, Kensington Club, UMW, and Leisure Hour.

Barbara's husband, Duane, died suddenly in 1985. Barbara thoroughly enjoyed quality time with family and friends and blessed others with her many talents.

Survivors include her children, Vauri Henre of Norfolk, Neb., Camille and her husband, Thomas Barkley, of Bellville, Texas, and Robert and his wife, Abby, of David City, Neb.; and three grandchildren, Stephen Barkley, Michelle Barkley and Cara Henre. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and her brother, Robert.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the United Methodist Church in Baldwin City or Baker University in Baldwin City.

Condolences may be expressed to the family online at [www.homeforfuneralsinc.com](http://www.homeforfuneralsinc.com)

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### Davidson

Mona M. Davidson, 84, Hiawatha, died Sunday, Dec. 16, 2018, at her home.

She was born March 20, 1934, at Dante, S.D., the daughter of Harvey and Hazel Hallman Myers. She moved with her family to the Gower, Mo., community, where she grew up and attended school. The family later moved to Dearborn, Mo., where she graduated from high school in 1952.

Mrs. Davidson and her family lived in the Kansas City area prior to moving to Hiawatha in 1969. She worked at the Abitibi Price wood shutter plant for about 26 years before retiring.

She married Richard Davidson Sr. on April 17, 1955, at Camden Point Baptist Church in Platte County, Mo. He survives.

Other survivors include three sons, Richard Davidson Jr. and wife Amanda, Hiawatha, Robert Davidson and wife Nancy, Mayetta, and Sean Davidson, Hiawatha; a daughter, Michelle Martindale and husband Roger, Everest; four brothers, Harvey Myers Jr., Oklahoma City, Okla., Robert Myers and wife Delaine, Tina, Mo., and Mike Myers and wife Vicki and Larry Myers, all of St. Joseph, Mo.; three sisters, Ellen Creager, Tina, Mo., and Betty Tebow and Bonnie Chavez, both of St. Joseph, Mo.; nine grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; four brothers, Charles, Sheldon, Roger and Billy; and two sisters, Ruth Myers and Sharon Melton.

A visitation/family reunion will be held in the spring of 2019 to celebrate and remember Mrs. Davidson's life.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, sent in care of Chapel Oaks Funeral Home, 124 S. Seventh St., Hiawatha, KS 66434.

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### Goslin

Amos Grant Goslin, 88, Horton, died Sunday, Dec. 16, 2018, at his home.

He was born Sept. 7, 1930, in St. Joseph, Mo., the son of Lester "Dutch" and Nora Goslin. He attended schools in Kansas.

Mr. Goslin served in the U.S. Navy. He owned and operated Kickapoo Trucking, worked in the movie industry in New York City, was an auto mechanic and worked on residential maintenance and was a jack-of-all-trades in Maui, Hawaii.

He was a member of Holton Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses. He was a member of the Kickapoo Tribe of Kansas, served as tribal chairman and was the oldest member at the time of his death.

He married Celia Kahbeah on Oct. 7, 1970, in Hiawatha. She survives.

Other survivors include five children, Michael Goslin and wife Doreen, Maui, Hawaii, Amy Osborne and husband Mike, Yelm, Wash., Ann Marie Goslin, Craig, Colo., Tony Royal and wife Anna, Lawrence, and Lea Ella Dudoit, Horton; 23 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; a great-great-grandchild; and five sisters, Nona Allen, Hemet, Calif., Nancy Hue Sing and husband Ernest, Maui, Hawaii, and Esther George, Karen Greene and husband Don and Donna Cabral and husband Mark, all in Washington. He was preceded in death by his parents, Dutch and Nora Goslin; a sister, Paula Carpenter; and a brother, Buddy Goslin.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 22 at Kingdom Hall in Holton. Mercer Funeral Home in Holton is assisting the family.

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**Hoyt Rural Fire #3 receives grant from Oneok North System!**

Jerry Valdez (right), area representative for Oneok North System, hands Hoyt Fire Chief Ed Kester (left) a check for \$2,790, donated by Oneok for a new Zoll AED monitor, batteries and a charger. Valdez also spoke with the other 20 members of the crew of Hoyt Rural Fire Dept. #3 at a recent meeting.

Oneok North System, subsidiary of Oneok Inc. of Tulsa, Okla. that owns and operates a 10" LPG pipeline that runs through Jackson County, gives out grant money to area Emergency Responders that apply.

This year, Hoyt Rural Fire Department #3 was a recipient.

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Target	65.31	+0.99	Soybeans	\$8.27	
Hershey	104.36	-0.81	Source: Jackson Farmers Co-Op, Holton. Prices listed at close of trading on Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2018. Grain buying hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday. Cash bids subject to change without notice.		
Walmart	91.08	+0.31	<b>FUEL PRICES</b>		
Phillips 66	84.73	-1.13	Current Last Mo. Last Year		
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Goodyear	20.61	+0.04	Source: GasBuddy.com. Current prices listed as of Sunday, Dec. 16, 2018.		

The Jackson County Courthouse, Road & Bridge Dept., and Senior Citizen Center will be closed on Monday, Dec. 24 and Tuesday, Dec. 25 for the Christmas Holiday.

The Noxious Weed Dept. and the Landfill & Recycle Center will be closed on Saturday, Dec. 22 and Tuesday, Dec. 25 for the Christmas Holiday.

**Merry Christmas!**

# SPORTS *Wednesday*

## HHS wrestling team wins 12-team Ottawa tourney

By Michael Powls

The Holton Wildcats wrestling team on Saturday, Dec. 15 traveled to Ottawa for the Ottawa Dual Tournament. Holton finished in first place overall in the 12-team tourney. The Cats went undefeated in the dual tournament.

Wrestlers from the following schools competed at the Ottawa Dual Tournament, Anderson County, Baldwin, Bonner Springs, El Dorado, Fort Scott, Highland Park, Holton, Kansas City-Piper, Osawatomie, Ottawa, Pittsburg and Prairie View.

The Ottawa Dual Tournament was divided into had four pools.

Pool winners were (1<sup>st</sup> place - 4<sup>th</sup> place):

Pool A - Holton  
Pool B - Anderson County  
Pool C - Baldwin  
Pool D - Prairie View

Pool second place finishers were (5<sup>th</sup> place - 8<sup>th</sup> place):

Pool A - Bonner Springs  
Pool B - Highland Park  
Pool C - Kansas City-Piper  
Pool D - Ottawa

Pool third place finishers were (9<sup>th</sup> place - 12<sup>th</sup> place):

Pool A - Osawatomie  
Pool B - El Dorado  
Pool C - Fort Scott  
Pool D - Pittsburg

Here are the teams and how they placed overall:

1. Holton, 2. Anderson County, 3. Prairie View, 4. Baldwin, 5. Bonner Springs, 6. Ottawa, 7. Kansas City-Piper, 8. Highland Park, 9. Pittsburg, 10. Fort Scott, 11. Osawatomie and 12. El Dorado.

The Holton results were as follows:

**Holton defeated Osawatomie 69-9.**

\*106 - Jake Barnes (Holton) over Amanda Newcomb (Osawatomie) Fall 3:14.

\*113 - Lucas Adcock (Holton) over Jacob Hollman (Osawatomie) Dec 8-6.

\*120 - Chance Mitnzer (Osawatomie) over Cayden Jackson (Holton) Dec 15-11.

\*126 - Slater Skaggs (Holton) over Blake Pennock (Osawatomie) Fall 0:46.

\*132 - Kolby Roush (Holton) over Unknown (Unattached) Forf.

\*138 - Taygen Fletcher (Holton) over Unknown (Unattached) Forf.

\*145 - Conner Gilliland (Holton) over Unknown (Unattached) Forf.

\*152 - Conner Collins (Holton) over Ares Kotorakos (Osawatomie) Fall 1:11.

\*160 - Cael Jackson (Holton) over Unknown (Unattached) Forf.

\*170 - Jordan Huntington (Holton) over Drake West (Osawatomie) Fall 1:19.

\*182 - Konnor Tannahill (Holton) over Unknown (Unattached) Forf.

\*195 - Dustin Chermok (Holton) over Unknown (Unattached) Forf.

\*220 - Henry Katz (Holton) over Unknown (Unattached) Forf.

\*285 - Hayden McArthur (Bonner Springs) over Drew Morris (Holton) Fall 1:23.

**Holton defeated Prairie View 45-31.**

\*106 - Jake Barnes (Holton) over Unknown (Unattached) Forf.

\*113 - Bodi Isenhower (Prairie View) over Lucas Adcock (Holton) Dec 4-1.

\*120 - Cayden Jackson (Holton) over Unknown (Unattached) Forf.

\*126 - Slater Skaggs (Holton) over Cayleb Daniels (Prairie View) Fall 1:18.

\*132 - Kolby Roush (Holton) over Zach Nordgren (Prairie View) Fall 0:19.

\*138 - Taygen Fletcher (Holton) over Unknown (Unattached) Forf.

\*145 - Conner Gilliland (Holton) over Destrery Kerr (Prairie View) Dec 5-1.

\*152 - Conner Collins (Holton) over Damien Kline (Prairie View) Fall 1:08.

\*160 - Gavin Cullor (Prairie View) over Cael Jackson (Holton) Maj 11-3.

\*170 - Hunter Boone (Prairie View) over Jordan Huntington (Holton) Fall 0:40.

\*182 - Konnor Tannahill (Holton) over Sam Chambers (Prairie View) Fall 4:36.

\*195 - Chanz Gerleman (Prairie View) over Dustin Chermok (Holton) Fall 0:51.

\*220 - Noah Nordgren (Prairie View) over Henry Katz (Holton) Fall 0:45.

(Holton) over Unknown (Unattached) Forf.

\*220 - Drew Morris (Holton) over Gavin Brewer (Osawatomie) Fall 2:44.

\*285 - Quinton Lea (Osawatomie) over Henry Katz (Holton) Fall 1:29.

**Holton defeated Bonner Springs 44-33.**

\*106 - Jake Barnes (Holton) over Trevor Andrew (Bonner Springs) Fall 3:59.

\*113 - Cassius Vanderpool (Bonner Springs) over Lucas Adcock (Holton) Fall 1:07.

\*120 - Brandin Andrew (Bonner Springs) over Cayden Jackson (Holton) Fall 0:22.

\*126 - Peyton Richardson (Bonner Springs) over Slater Skaggs (Holton) Fall 2:39.

\*132 - Kolby Roush (Holton) over Gage Maxwell (Bonner Springs) Fall 3:31.

\*138 - Taygen Fletcher (Holton) over Shane Daniels (Bonner Springs) TF 19-3.

\*145 - Noah Tinberg (Bonner Springs) over Conner Gilliland (Holton) Dec 8-5.

\*152 - Trevor Hand (Bonner Springs) over Conner Collins (Holton) Fall 3:54.

\*160 - Cael Jackson (Holton) over Klayton Coffman (Bonner Springs) Dec 3-0.

\*170 - Jordan Huntington (Holton) over Jacob Deichert (Bonner Springs) Fall 1:49.

\*182 - Konnor Tannahill (Holton) over Jackson McArthur (Bonner Springs) Fall 0:26.

\*195 - Dustin Chermok (Holton) over Ismael Harrigan Hernandez (Bonner Springs) Fall 3:27.

\*220 - Henry Katz (Holton) over Unknown (Unattached) Forf.

\*285 - Hayden McArthur (Bonner Springs) over Drew Morris (Holton) Fall 1:23.

**Holton defeated Anderson County 42-32.**

\*106 - Jake Barnes (Holton) over Carter Sommer (Anderson County) Fall 2:42.

\*113 - Lucas Adcock (Holton) over Unknown (Unattached) Forf.

\*120 - Ryland Wright (Anderson County) over Cayden Jackson (Holton) Fall 1:40.

\*126 - Ashton Miller (Anderson County) over Slater Skaggs (Holton) Fall 5:42.

\*132 - Kolby Roush (Holton) over Dominic Ireland (Anderson County) Fall 0:27.

\*138 - Taygen Fletcher (Holton) over Tyler Denny (Anderson County) Dec 5-3.

\*145 - Lane Freeman (Anderson County) over Conner Gilliland (Holton) Dec 9-3.

\*152 - Conner Collins (Holton) over Gabe Brown (Anderson County) Dec 5-0.

\*160 - Cael Jackson (Holton) over Holly Miller (Anderson County) Fall 0:00.

\*170 - Logan Allen (Anderson County) over Jordan Huntington (Holton) TF 22-7.

\*182 - Konnor Tannahill (Holton) over Dominic Sutton (Anderson County) Fall 3:06.

\*195 - Dustin Chermok (Holton) over Raven Maley (Anderson County) Fall 0:00.

\*220 - Dallas Higginbotham (Anderson County) over Drew Morris (Holton) Fall 0:20.

\*285 - Lane Palmer (Anderson County) over Henry Katz (Holton) Fall 5:16.

Note: This Thursday, the HHS wrestlers are scheduled to compete at Spring Hill.



Jackson Heights senior Karley Dieckmann (No. 21 in the white jersey) defended ACCHS senior Jaycee Ernzen (No. 32 in the dark jersey) in this photo taken at the recent matchup at the Cobra gym. The Lady Tigers are 5-2 overall (4-2 in the Northeast Kansas League) at the Christmas break. The Lady Cobras are 4-1 overall and in the NEK league.

Photo by Michael Powls

## JH Cobras split with Rams, post 4-1 records at break

By Brian Sanders

The Jackson Heights High School Cobra varsity basketball squads went into Christmas break with another split last night on the road — this time, the Cobra boys were victorious against Pleasant Ridge in an exciting, back-and-forth game, while the Lady Cobras saw an eight-point halftime lead turned into a nine-point loss.

Boys Head Coach Chris Brown said that after last Friday's road loss to Maur Hill, his Cobra boys were ready to hit the boards at Pleasant Ridge and get the win against the Rams — and get the win they did, 54-52.

The win boosted the Cobras' record to 4-1 in the Northeast Kansas League and overall, second behind undefeated Maur Hill and McLouth teams, while the Rams fell to 2-4 in the league and overall.

"This was a great game," coach Brown said of the Cobras' win on Tuesday. "At the end of the day, we are 4-1 and happy to have a winning record so far."

The Cobras got out to a first-quarter 13-8 lead on a pair of treys from senior Lane Thomas and good floor shooting by senior Tyrell Childs. The second

quarter, however, saw the Rams mounting a 16-point comeback to narrow the Cobras' lead to 25-24 at halftime.

"I thought we had control of the game in the second quarter," Brown said. "They fought back and closed the gap."

The third quarter was dominated by the Rams with an 18-11 run on the way to a 42-36 Ram lead by the end of the quarter. But in the fourth, the Cobras struck back, outscoring the Rams 18-10 with Childs and Thomas and a late go-ahead trey from senior Kolby Rethman to get the win.

"The game could have gone either way," Brown said. "We struggled defensively, but that's a credit to how well Pleasant Ridge played."

Childs and Thomas both had a "solid" night for the Cobras, Brown said, with Childs posting 15 points and Thomas scoring 13. Connor Gibson led the Rams with 18 points.

The Cobras are now off until Friday, Jan. 4, when they host Oskaloosa (3-3 in the NEK League and overall) in a match that Brown expects to be a challenge for his team.

"We have three tough games coming back, starting with Oskaloosa, and they're all going to be a lot like the Pleasant Ridge game," Brown said. "So we know we need to have great Christmas break practices and continue to get better."

The Lady Cobras went into

Tuesday's match with Pleasant Ridge undefeated and atop the Northeast Kansas League standings, but by the time the night was over, they had fallen out of the top spot with a 47-38 loss at the hand of the Lady Rams.

"This was a game of runs," Lady Cobras Head Coach Dan Shupe said of the loss. "We have played some quality northeast Kansas teams before break, and not going into the break undefeated hurts, but we are looking at the big picture, learning from this loss and staying driven."

The loss dropped the Lady Cobras into a three-way tie in the NEK League with Valley Falls and Jefferson County North, all at 4-1 in the league standings, for second place, while the Lady Rams jumped to the top of the league with a 5-1 record.

The Lady Cobras got out to one of their roughest starts of the season so far, with the Lady Rams shooting out to a 11-4 lead at the end of the first frame.

"We were disappointed that we didn't start better in the first quarter," coach Shupe said. "We have started slow in several of our games, so this is something we are addressing."

But in the second quarter, it was Jackson Heights' turn to dominate, outscoring the host team 20-5 and taking a 24-16 lead into intermission.

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## Panthers tame the Tigers

By Ali Holcomb

Both the Royal Valley High School varsity basketball teams beat Jefferson West at home yesterday in the teams' final league matchup before Christmas break.

The RV boys took control of their game early to take the 50-46 win and improve their overall record to 2-3. The team is also 2-3 in league play. The Tigers have a 2-3 overall record.

"We were ready to play from the start," said RV head coach Trent Oliva. "When you're able to put four quarters together and compete like we did, you're going to give yourself a chance to win in the end against a very well-coached Jeff West team."

The Panthers stormed out of the locker room in the first quarter with 19 points, holding Jeff West to 7 points.

The Tigers fought back, and closed the gap to 28-24 at halftime in the Panther's favor.

"They were in man defense

early, and then they switched to zone," Coach Oliva said of the Tigers. "Once we figured out where we needed to go, we regrouped, weathered the storm and got the ball where we wanted it to go."

At the end of the third quarter, the game was tied 37-37. In the final eight minutes, the Panthers scored 13 points and held the Tigers to 9 points.

"I think we did a great job overall defensively," Oliva said. "Going into break, I think the win will help our morale. It was a collective team effort. Everyone who played was able to contribute one way or another."

RV senior Pak Hale had 16 points for the team, including two three-pointers, followed by junior Komesh Spoonhunter who had 11 points.

The Panthers were 9-17 at the free throw line. The Tigers went 8-11 at the line.

RV: 19-9-9-13 - 50  
JW: 7-17-13-9 - 46.

Individual statistics:  
RV: Hale 7 (2) 0-2 16, Spoonhunter 4 3-3 11, Wahwassuck 2 3-4 7, Mills 3 (1) 0-0 7, Neuner 3 1-4 7, Klotz 0 2-4 2. Totals 19 (3) 9-17 50.

JW: Clements 6 3-4 15, Neuenswander 4 (3) 1-2 12, Cruz 3 (3) 2-2 11, Unruh 2 2-3 6, Broxterman 1 0-0 2. Totals 16 (6) 8-11 46.

JV: Jeff West 58, RV 40  
C Team: Jeff West 52, RV 36

The Lady Panthers improved to a 3-2 overall record after a 46-34 win against Jeff West last night. They are also 3-2 in league play. The Lady Tigers are now 4-1 overall.

The Panthers outscored the Lady Tigers 8-4 in the first frame and kept the momentum going to a 21-8 halftime score.

Jeff West put up a fight in the third quarter, scoring 14 points, but RV answered with 15 of their own.

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## RVHS wrestlers compete at Kaw mixer

By Michael Powls

The Royal Valley Panthers wrestling team on Thursday, Dec. 13 traveled to Perry-Lecompton for a varsity mixer with Perry-Lecompton, Rock Creek and Topeka Hayden.

The Royal Valley individual results were as follows:

**120 - Judson Mathis 1-1.**

\*1<sup>st</sup> Match - Tanner Shoup (Rock Creek) over Mathis (Royal Valley) by fall 0:14.

\*2<sup>nd</sup> Match - Mathis (Royal Valley) over Abbi Clark (Rock Creek) by fall 1:11.

**126/132 - Bryar Barnett 1-1 / Maya Ogden 1-1.**

\*1<sup>st</sup> Match - Caleb Purvis (Rock Creek) over Barnett

(Royal Valley) by fall.

\*1<sup>st</sup> Match - Ogden (Royal Valley) over Nanette York (Rock Creek) by fall.

\*2<sup>nd</sup> Match - Barnett (Royal Valley) over York (Rock Creek) by fall.

\*2<sup>nd</sup> Match - Purvis (Rock Creek) over Ogden (Royal Valley) by dec. 10-6.

**152 - Karsen Smith 2-0.**

\*1<sup>st</sup> Match - Smith (Royal Valley) over Alex Han (Hayden) by fall 1:29.

\*2<sup>nd</sup> Match - Smith (Royal Valley) over Grant Roush (Perry-Lecompton) by fall 0:42.

**160 - Curtis Wathan 0-1.**

\*1<sup>st</sup> Match - Grant Shaver (Perry-Lecompton) over Wathan (Royal Valley) by fall 1:36.

**170 - Bryce Garrison 2-0.**

\*1<sup>st</sup> Match - Garrison (Royal Valley) over Nick Cox (Hayden) by major dec. 19-4.

\*2<sup>nd</sup> Match - Garrison (Royal Valley) over Dayton Bittle (Rock Creek) by fall 0:16.

**220 - William Kralicek 1-2.**

\*1<sup>st</sup> Match - Clayton Stephenson (Hayden) over Kralicek (Royal Valley) by dec. 9-5.

\*2<sup>nd</sup> Match - Kralicek (Royal Valley) over Juan Roman Perez (Hayden) by fall 1:17.

\*3<sup>rd</sup> Match - Wesley Monaghan (Perry-Lecompton) over Kralicek (Royal Valley) by fall 1:40.

**285 - Mark Allen 0-1.**

\*1<sup>st</sup> Match - Collin Rossillon (Perry-Lecompton) over Allen (Royal Valley) by fall 1:28.

Note: The RVHS wrestlers return to action on Jan. 3 at Atchison with Perry-Lecompton and Pleasant Ridge.

## Wildcat JV wrestlers compete at Ottawa Round Robin

Some members of the Holton High School junior varsity wrestling team competed at the Ottawa JV Round Robin Tournament on Saturday, Dec. 15, it has been reported.

Holton wrestlers earned a first place finish, a second place finish and three third place finish-

es, overall, it was reported.

Wrestlers from 12 schools competed. Schools represented included Anderson County, Baldwin, Bonner Springs, El Dorado, Fort Scott, Holton, KC Piper, Prairie View, Osawatomie, Ottawa, Pittsburg and Topeka Highland Park.

The Holton results were as follows:

\*At 106 pounds, Marquez Conley of Holton placed first and scored 16 points.

Round 1 - Conley (Holton) won by fall over Tristan Martinez (Ottawa) (Fall 1:07).

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## Pool scholar-athlete at Peru State

The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) announced Thursday that a Holton High School alumnus is among more than 390 football student-athletes recognized as 2018 Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athletes, it has been reported.

Justin Pool of Circleville, a junior at Peru State College in Peru, Neb., was one of five football players on PSC's Bobcat squad this season who were recognized in the annual honor. Pool, a 2016 graduate of HHS, is majoring in management at PSC.

In order to be nominated by an institution's head coach or sports information director for the honor, a student-athlete must maintain a minimum grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale and must have achieved a junior academic status. Students must appear on the school's eligibility certificate for the sport and have attended two full years as

a non-transfer or one full year as a transfer.

The awards are given annually by the NAIA to outstanding student-athletes in the various sports in which the program is active and their team is eligible for NAIA postseason competition.

In addition to Pool, Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athlete honors were awarded to PSC seniors Dan Boshart (his second) and Colton Audsley and juniors Noah Kasbohm and Tylor Watts.

Peru State head football coach Steve Schneider said he was pleased with the recognition of five of the team's student-athletes.

"Playing a collegiate sport demands a lot of time on a student-athlete in the classroom, on the playing field, and in the weight room," Schneider said. "It takes good time management in order to accomplish success in all

areas and these young men are truly deserving of this type of recognition."



Justin Pool



Jackson Heights High School senior Faith Little (center, seated) recently signed a letter of intent to participate in cross-country and track at Fort Hays State University while family members and her JHHS track and cross-country coach, Brad Alley, looked on. Shown with Little in the photo above are, clockwise from lower left, father Les Little, coach Alley, siblings Daniel and Kaitlynn Little and mother Joan Little.

Photo courtesy of Cody Witte

## Holton JV wrestlers compete at Ottawa round robin

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Round 2 - Conley (Holton) won by fall over Homer O'Farrell (Pittsburg) (Fall 0:29).

Round 3 - Conley (Holton) won by fall over Emiliano Cruz (Pittsburg) (Fall 0:26).

Round 4 - Conley (Holton) won in sudden victory - 1 over Nakos Benton (Baldwin) (SV-1 10-6).

\*At 126 pounds, Slater Skaggs of Holton placed third and scored 0 points.

\*Round 1 - Blaine Fish (Bonner Springs) won by forfeit over Skaggs (Holton) (FF).

Round 3 - Jace Tapia (Bonner Springs) won by forfeit over Skaggs (Holton) (FF).

\*At 145 pounds, Trevor Bowser of Holton placed second and scored 3.5 team points.

Round 1 - Bowser (Holton) won by tech fall over Aaron Hicks (Eudora) (TF 15-0).

Round 2 - Ethan Menhusen (Bonner Springs) won by major decision over Bowser (Holton) (Maj 16-3).

\*At 170 pounds, Austin McCrory of Holton placed third and scored 5 points.

Round 2 - McCrory (Holton) won by fall over Wyatt Busick (Kansas City-Piper) (Fall 3:16).

Round 3 - Michael Tercero (Osawatomie) won by fall over McCrory (Holton) (Fall 0:53).

Round 4 - Willie Baker (Baldwin) won by decision over McCrory (Holton) (Dec 5-2).

Round 5 - Brock Schell (El Dorado) won by fall over McCrory (Holton) (Fall 0:16).

\*At 195 pounds, Andrew Williams placed third and scored 0

points.

Round 1 - Cross Hornbuckle (Ottawa) won by fall over Williams (Holton) (Fall 2:45).

Round 2 - Jibri Coppage (Kansas City-Piper) won by decision over Williams (Holton) (Dec 4-2).

At 220 pounds, Henry Katz of Holton placed third and scored 5 points.

Round 1 - Katz (Holton) won by forfeit over Karsten White (Baldwin) (FF).

Round 2 - Cameron Blacklock (Baldwin) won by forfeit over Katz (Holton) (FF).

Round 4 - Jason Nesmith (Ottawa) won by forfeit over Katz (Holton) (FF).

Round 5 - Katz (Holton) and Mercedes Benedick (LaCygne-Prairie View) (DFF).

## JH Cobra teams split with Rams

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In the third, the Lady Cobras continued to hold the line on the Lady Rams, coming out of the quarter with a 34-22 lead. But then the Rams came roaring back, rendering Jackson Heights helpless on a 25-4 fourth-quarter run to secure the win.

"We got stagnant on both ends in the fourth, and it allowed for them to make a run," Shupe said.



"Pleasant Ridge did a good job of getting the ball into the hands of their best players and allowed them to make plays, which they did."

For the Lady Cobras, only junior Kylie Dohl was able to post double digits, scoring 13 points, followed by junior Abby Brey with nine. The Lady Rams were led in scoring by senior Julie Miller with 20 and senior

Lindsey Heim with 19.

Up next for the Lady Cobras is the Christmas break, followed by a Friday, Jan. 4 homestand against Oskaloosa, currently at the bottom of the NEK League with an 0-6 record.

"This group has been very focused and committed to this basketball season for the first month and a half," Shupe said of his team. "If they can continue to do so for the next two months, a lot of opportunities will be there for them."

Boys Scoring  
Jackson Heights 13-12-11-18 54

Pleasant Ridge 8-16-18-10 52

Jackson Heights: Childs 5 5-8 15, Thomas 3 (3) 4-6 13, Kennedy 3 3-4 9, Rethman 3 (2) 0-0 8, Olberding 2 0-1 4, Wareham 1 (1) 0-0 3, Niehues 1 0-0 2. Totals 18 (6) 12-19 54.

Pleasant Ridge: Gibson 6

(3) 3-4 18, Reed 6 0-3 12, Wohlgemuth 4 1-3 9, Johnston 1 5-7 7, Adams 2 (2) 0-0 6. Totals 19 (5) 9-17 52.

JV: PR def. JH 25-19.

Girls Scoring  
Jackson Heights 4-20-10-4 38

Pleasant Ridge 11-5-6-25 47  
Jackson Heights: Dohl 4 (1) 4-9 13, Brey 4 1-2 9, T. McMahon 2 (1) 0-1 5, Kennedy 2 1-1 5, Marlatt 1 1-2 3, White 1 0-0 2, Dieckmann 0 1-2 1. Totals 14 (2) 8-17 38.

Pleasant Ridge: Miller 8 4-6 20, Heim 4 (1) 10-11 19, Watkins 1 (1) 2-4 5, Nutsch 0 3-5 3, Ewert 0 0-4 0. Totals 13 (2) 19-30 47.

JV: JH def. PR 22-12.

THANKS FOR READING THE RECORDER!



Royal Valley junior Komesh Spoonhunter (No. 45 in the white jersey) is shown above taking a shot against Hiawatha in last Friday's game while Panther teammate Preston Torres, a sophomore (No. 24) gets ready to rebound if he needs to.

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## Panthers sweep Jeff-West Teusday

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In the final quarter, Jeff West outscored RV 12-11.

Seven RV players scored during the game, and the team was led by senior Mary Broxterman who had 15 points. Senior Kikto Thomas followed with 12 points.

As a team, the Panthers were 14-32 at the free throw line. The Lady Tigers went 4-11 at the charity stripe.

RV: 8-13-15-11 - 46  
JW: 4-4-14-12 - 34

Individual statistics:  
RV: Broxterman 6 3-6 15, Thomas 2 (1) 7-14 12, M. Irving 2 (2) 1-2 7, Albright 2 (1) 0-1 5, Shopteese 1 1-4 3, Saia 0 2-4 2, W. Irving 1 0-1 2. Totals 14 (4) 14-32 46.

JW: A. Negonsott 7 0-0 14, Holthaus 2 2-3 6, J. Negonsott 1 (1) 2-4 5, Ki. Biltoft 2 0-4 4, Kr. Biltoft 1 (1) 0-0 3, Kahler 1 0-0 2. Totals 14 (2) 4-11 34.

JV: Jeff West 44, RV 21

Both Panther teams return to action on Friday, Jan. 4, when they host Sabetha.

The Sabetha boys team is un-

defeated so far this season with a 6-0 record. The Sabetha girls team is 5-1.

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(Published in The Holton Recorder, Holton, Kan., on Wednesday, Dec. 19, 2018.)

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The governing body of Jackson County will meet on the 31st day of December, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at the Jackson County Courthouse, Room 106 for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed amended use of funds. Details budget information is available at the County Clerk's Office and will be available at this hearing.

#### Summary of Amendments

Fund	2018 Adopted Budget			2018 Proposed Amended Expenditures
	Actual Tax Rate	Amount of Tax that was Levied	Expenditures	
General	35.101	3,992,626	6,468,431	6,689,780
General - Sheriff	17.131	1,948,555	2,543,569	2,976,174
Road & Bridge	22.726	2,585,030	3,523,172	3,653,414
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In the photo above, Royal Valley High School students in Taryn Temple's Spanish class are shown using a new Promethean ActivPanel to work on an in-class assignment. The Royal Valley Board of Education recently approved the purchase of 10 of these 70-inch interactive panels for RV classrooms. Photo courtesy of Barb Williamson

**Card Shower**



**Gladys Law**  
Gladys Law of Topeka will celebrate her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on Dec. 24. Her family is surprising her with a card shower. Cards for Gladys are being collected by her sister, Alice. Cards may be sent to Gladys, care of Alice Doyle-Lindemuth, 3940 N.W. 43<sup>rd</sup> St., Topeka, KS 66618.

**Senior Citizens Menu**

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. 24 through Friday, Dec. 28

are as follows:  
**Monday, Dec. 24:** Closed (Christmas holiday).

**Tuesday, Dec. 25:** Closed (Christmas holiday).

**Wednesday, Dec. 26:** Taco soup, broccoli and cauliflower salad, jello with fruit cocktail and tortilla chips.

**Thursday, Dec. 27:** Swiss steak, baked potato, cooked carrots, fruit pie, ice cream and bread and margarine.

**Friday, Dec. 28:** Beef and noodles, mashed potatoes, Harvard beets, mandarin oranges and bread and margarine.

*News tip?*  
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**Potawatomi United Methodist Church**

*By Ilene Dick*  
Sunday, Dec. 16, was a beautiful sunny day, with the weather a great joy for this area and the week's forecast also welcome.

Pastor Howard opened worship service at Potawatomi United Methodist Church with scripture and prayer, and welcomed guests. It was a joy to have Sara Worcester and children from Delia and Tina Pugh's brother, Rodney Heinsohn, for guests.

Added to the prayer list were Rodney Heinsohn, who is recovering from surgery; Laury Shoptesse and family in the death of her two-year-old granddaughter; and for the family of Madison Taliaferro, who died Saturday evening.

Laura Schreiber served as acolyte. The call to worship was taken from Luke 1:45-50. Leon and Pam Daugherty gave the Advent readings and lit the shepherd candle. Hymns were "O Come, All Ye Faithful," "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks By Night" and "O Little Town Of Bethlehem."

Tina Pugh provided the music. The Advent Prayer was prayed in unison. Betty Bowser was liturgist, reading from Revelation 17:14.

For the special, Laura Schreiber shared a story from the book "A Country Woman's Christmas" titled "The Divine Doll."

The birthday song was sung to Keith Bell.

Jim Shenk and Keith Bell received the morning offering.

Pastor Howard's sermon was titled "Where Does God Live?" The text was taken from 2 Samuel 7:1-11 and Luke 1:47-55. Salvation comes through the presence of God. The scripture tells us they felt God needed a better place to live in than a tent. David wanted to build a temple.

God does not need a house. He does not need a structure to live in. Where does God live? God lives in the midst of people. God has come to live with us.

Next Sunday's sermon will be titled "Called Child Of Joy." Marjean and Jim Shenk enjoyed

attending the band program in which their granddaughter, McKenzie, participated. Marjean also enjoyed a visit from her sister, Maryalys.

Betty Bowser attended a birthday lunch at Jhett's on Friday, Dec. 14, in honor of Floye Knouft's birthday.

Ronald and I enjoyed a visit from Larry Reilly on Saturday morning, Dec. 15.

Ronald and I, along with other residents of Vintage Park, have been blessed with groups entertaining music the past two weeks, including the Denison Builders 4-H Club singing Christmas carols, Royal Valley High School Soundations giving a presentation, Ellen and Rodney Durst providing music, Hospice volunteers Christmas caroling, Holton High School Kayettes singing carols and the Straight Arrows 4-H Club singing Christmas carols and serving refreshments.

Leon and Pam Daugherty called on Ronald and me Sunday evening and we had a good visit.

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Students from Jackson Heights High School's vocal department (shown above) performed recently at a meal for the Soldier and Circleville senior citizens groups at the Soldier community building to help them celebrate the Christmas season. The students were under the direction of Alana Seddon, music director. Photo courtesy of Sharon Cochren

## Turnpike toll booths upgraded

In an effort to modernize the Kansas Turnpike, the Kansas Turnpike Authority (KTA) is turning three of its mainline plazas from manual toll booth collection to highway speed electronic tolling, it was reported.

The first of these toll plazas to undergo the transformation to Open Road Tolling (ORT) was the Eastern Terminal on Interstate Highway 70 near Bonner Springs. The KTA selected HNTB Corporation (HNTB) to provide engineering, planning and architectural services for this essential KTA project, which included the design of roadway, bridges, a tunnel extension and overhead sign structures.

HNTB worked with KTA, Leavenworth County, local utilities and the ORT toll systems consultant to ensure the project met the client's top project priorities: customer and employee safety, customer mobility and convenience, operational efficiency and network growth.

The toll plaza's upgraded design separates highway speed electronic KTAG traffic, which is not required to stop,

from cash traffic, which is required to diverge from I-70 to stop at the toll booth. In separating the two types of traffic, the possibility of high-speed rear-end crashes is greatly reduced, thus improving safety for KTA's customers and employees.

To minimize interruption to KTA's freight and passenger vehicle customers, the new ORT plaza design used existing infrastructure during construction and after project completion. Minor lane and a handful of rolling road closures caused minimal traffic delays during construction due to the simple yet graceful geometric alignment of the new ORT lanes.

The project team successfully fulfilled all requirements of the tolling software and equipment without sacrificing convenience.

The newly constructed ORT plaza will reduce delays and create efficiency for drivers using the highway speed lanes and KTA's daily operations. Since costs associated with tolling operations are dependent on the amount of labor intensive non-KTAG transactions, the newly constructed

ORT plaza will encourage and maximize transponder usage, resulting in higher operational efficiency.

Another efficiency gained with the ORT project is that it supports KTA's recent efforts to become interoperable with other regional turnpikes, including Oklahoma Turnpike Authority's PIKEPASS and multiple Texas toll roads.

The new terminal was designed for future growth by adding purposeful space for a third lane in each direction on I-70 to be added in the future as the turnpike traffic grows. Throughout the design of each element, the team remained committed to the idea of developing infrastructure compatible with a future all-electronic tolling system where the ticket and cash booths could be removed.

The ORT Eastern Terminal conversion marks the successful beginning of a modernized Kansas Turnpike. In meeting the project goals, KTA will save time and money while improving the driver experience with regard to toll collection and travel efficiency on the turnpike.

## Sabetha News

By Lucylle Cannon

Lucylle Cannon of Sabetha received a letter from the Rev. Bill and Marilyn Siebert of Boonville, Mo. They donated their lovely home and 70 acres to Show Me Christian Youth Home, who take in abused and neglected children and give them a Christian home as long as it's needed. Bill and Marilyn have supported this group for 20 years. The Sieberts bought a house in Boonville, Mo.

Marilyn learned in March 2018 that her breast cancer had returned and she had a mastectomy in May.

Bill was the Methodist minister at Goff and Wetmore Methodist churches years ago.

Cards may be sent to the Sieberts at 617 Fourth St., Boonville, MO 65233.

Lucylle Cannon accompanied Gary and Margie Thompson of Hoyt to Topeka on Saturday, Dec. 8, where they attended Mothers Against Drunk Driving's 32<sup>nd</sup> annual candlelight vigil at the Jayhawk Tower Florentine Room. Ken and Connie Cannon of Mulvane also attended.

The Cannons lit a candle in honor of "Bud" Cannon, who died in 2010, and Margie Thompson lit a candle for her brother, Raymond Nichols, who died in 1969. It was a very impressive ceremony, but sad.

## Baby News



### Natalia Brielle Tiscareno

Erick and Katy Tiscareno are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Natalia Brielle Tiscareno, born at 8:06 a.m. on July 2, 2018, at Stormont-Vail Hospital in Topeka.

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

Maternal grandparents are Jerry and Dee Jepson of Holton. Paternal grandparents are Marco Antonio Tiscareno and Sandra Veronica Moncada of Topeka.

## PBP 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 158<sup>th</sup> Road. For more information about the program, call (785) 966-0040.

Menu listed for the week of Monday, Dec. 24 through Friday, Dec. 28 are as follows:

**Monday, Dec. 24:** Closed (Christmas Eve).

**Tuesday, Dec. 25:** Closed (Christmas Day).

**Wednesday, Dec. 26:** Ham and beans, corn bread, carrots and fruit.

**Thursday, Dec. 27:** Smorgasbord.

**Friday, Dec. 28:** Coconut shrimp, roasted veggies, mandarin rice and fruit.

## Area students receive certifications from Washburn Institute of Technology

Seventeen students from Jackson County were among the 260 eligible candidates who received certification at the Washburn University Institute of Technology graduation on Dec. 13 in Lee Arena at Washburn University, it was reported.

Graduates included: **Circleville:** Brady Lee Strecker, welding - certification A (fast track).

**Holton:** Jacob Russell Holston, practical nursing; Kaylor Ann Martin, practical nursing; Tyler C. Mick, advanced systems technology; Evan Sims, machine/tool technology - certification A (fast track); and Tyler J. Wendorf, locomotive diesel technician.

**Hoyt:** Dahlia Elizabeth Aboras, cosmetology; Abigail Ann Harding, health care technology; Daniel James Nease, health care technology; and Michaella Reyann Szuwalski, phlebotomy.

**Mayetta:** Derek Blanchard, graphics technology; Kaci Jean Dinwiddie, phlebotomy; Barbara Maryetta Holmes, health care technology; Cassidy Rae Parks, health care technology (advanced); Madison Jewel Richerson, health care technology; and Daniel R. Scholfield, automotive service technician.

Washburn Tech offers 31 career programs in the divisions of construction, health care, human services, technology and transportation.

Short-term, continuing education courses also are available along with custom courses for business and industry. Washburn Tech, which serves both high school and adult students, has an 81 percent graduation rate, which is the highest in the state among all universities, community colleges and technical institutions.

# JANUARY 2019

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**WEDNESDAYS -** Hot Seat Drawings to win \$50 in Promo Cash every 1/2 hour Noon-5pm. Drawings to win up to \$100 in Promo Cash plus Promo Cash for February every 1/2 hour 7pm-11pm.

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# Ag Week: Cash cattle pull markets higher

## Kientz Corner

By Matt Hines  
Cash cattle seem to be pulling the markets higher as sale barns reported a steady to high



under one last week and cash feedlot trade was mostly steady at \$119 live paid in the Southern Plains last week. Earlier in the week, dressed sales in Nebraska sold \$1 higher at \$188. Compared to last week, steers and heifers sold steady to \$5 higher, with instances of market reporters quoting some weight categories up to \$10 higher. Feeder cattle auction receipts were diminished this week, however, with one more full week left of auctions being open. Year-to-date auction receipts on this report are the largest since 2011. January through October year-to-date beef exports were reported at 1.13 million metric tons (MMT), 9 percent higher than a year ago. For the week, Friday, Dec. 7 to Friday, Dec. 14, December live cattle were up \$1.67, February was up \$.87, January feeder cattle were up \$3.20, March was up \$3.90, December lean hogs were up \$.70 and Feb-

ruary was down \$3.37. Boxed Beef, Choice was down \$3.33 at \$210.96 and Select was up \$2.64 at \$203.14. Cattle slaughter for the week estimated at 654,000 head, down 13,000 from the previous week (which was the second largest weekly cattle harvest since January 2012) but up 26,000 from last year. Beef production for the week was estimated at 542.1 million pounds, compared to 552.5 million the previous week and 523.5 million last year. Hog slaughter for the week was estimated at 2,612,000 head, up 54,000 head from the previous week and up 36,000 compared to last year. Pork production for the week estimated at 556.4 million pounds, compared to 543.7 million the previous week and 550.2 million last year. **Livestock Futures Settlements Monday, Dec. 17**  
• December live cattle down \$.55 at \$119.02, February down \$.85 at \$121.55.  
• January feeder cattle down \$.22 at \$145.37, March down \$2.45 at \$143.32.  
• February lean hogs down \$.67 at \$63.82, April down \$1.07 at \$68.97.  
December live cattle are still holding the higher trend since the recent low back on Nov. 13 at \$113.55 and breaking into a new contract high last Friday at \$119.85. December, of course,

expires at the end of this month as volume is already relatively thin. The February contract did not reach a new contract high last week, which is up at \$123.90, and gapped lower this Monday. There is still a higher trend in place with support at last week's low at \$120.47. January feeders reversed higher last week, also gapped lower on Monday and still holding a lower trend since Nov. 21 with resistance at \$150 and support at \$142.70. February lean hogs chopped sideways this past week with a lower breakout Monday, pushing through nearby support with the next down at \$61.62 and resistance up at \$64.50. Grains were mostly lower to end last week, except for corn, which held steady. It was a surprise to see the amount of fund buying in corn these past few weeks. Managed money positions are now long 99K contracts for the first time since this past summer and only short 11K soybean contracts. Rumors are circulating that China may buy up to 3 MMT, or 115 million bushels (MBU) of U.S. corn. This would be a huge sale as China has not purchased more than 1 MMT from the U.S. in an entire marketing year since 2015. USDA announced soybean private export sales last week of 52.5 MBU to China, 4.8 MBU to Mexico, 8.8 MBU to unknown destinations this marketing year and 4.6 MBU for unknown destinations next marketing year. For the week, Friday, Dec. 7 to Friday, Dec. 14, March corn was down \$.0034, May was down \$.0012, New Crop December 2019 was up \$.0034, January soybeans were down \$.1634, March was down \$.1534, New Crop November was down \$.1034, March Kansas City wheat was up \$.0634, New Crop July was up \$.0634, March Chicago wheat was down \$.0134, New Crop July was up \$.0234, March Minneapolis wheat was up \$.0234 and January soybean meal down \$3.90 per ton. Wheat was actually the leader to start this week with the return of rumors of a Russian wheat export restriction. There is a meeting scheduled for this Friday with exporters. The NOPA report released Monday confirmed that domestic soybean processing slowed. Soybeans crushed in November were reported at only 166.95 MBU vs. the pre-report es-

timates at 168.44 MBU and 172.35 MBU in October. Export inspections for the week ending Dec. 13 were above expectations and the week previous. Corn shipments totaled 34.8 MBU, soybeans 35.8 MBU, wheat 25.1 MBU and grain sorghum 946,728 bushels. Grains inspected for China ended with 3 MBU each of wheat, corn and soybeans this past week. **Grain Futures Settlements Monday, Dec. 17**  
• March corn down \$.0034 at \$3.84, New Crop December down \$.0034 at \$4.0334.  
• January soybeans up \$.0434 at \$9.0434, New Crop November up \$.0234 at \$9.5334.  
• March Kansas City wheat up \$.0334 at \$5.22, New Crop July up \$.0534 at \$5.4334.  
• March Chicago wheat up \$.0534 at \$5.3534, January soybean meal up \$1.80 per ton at \$309.10. Some dry areas in Brazil should see some relief in the coming weeks while Argentina has seen some excessive rains recently. In the U.S., the latest six-to-10-day outlook shows above normal temps for the entire U.S. and normal to above normal precipitation for all except the East Coast. March corn is holding support at \$3.80 with resistance at \$3.8734 and \$3.90. January soybeans are still holding above \$9 with resistance at \$9.28 and then \$9.3234, the high from July. March Kansas City wheat is on a higher trend recently, with resistance up near \$5.33 and support at \$5.09 then \$4.82. March Chicago wheat looks similar with resistance up at \$5.38, then \$5.46 and support at \$5.03. January soybean meal has support at \$307, then \$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.*

By Beverly Ramey Newell  
On Dec. 9, the Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church congregation opened its worship service by singing "There's A Song In The Air." Mark and Sue Searles and Cole and Chelsie Searles and their twin girls lit the two Advent candles, hope and peace. For special music, the adult bell choir played "Ding, Dong! Merrily On High." Those playing bells were Susan Arnold, Betty Domer, Lauren Fealey, Kay Jones-Ray, Danette Martin, Alfred Mannell, Annie McDowell, Kelly Neiman, Barbara Slimmer and Val Warken-tine. They were directed by Marjorie O'Konski. The birthdays for Dec. 9 through Dec. 15 were Yul Cho, Dec. 11; Emma Dowd, Dec. 12; and Marguerite Pond, Dec. 14. For special music, Carol Powell played a piano solo, "A Christmas Medley." The children's story was given by Kevin McDowell. He played "Fan Fare" music from his cell phone. "Fan Fare" music is played on a trumpet. It announced "the king is coming!" Generally, "Fan Fare" music is used for celebrations. We are looking forward to celebrating the coming of Jesus, our Savior. The concerns were prayers for Waylon Walder, who is having health problems. Ron Griffiths read the scripture Matthew 2:9-22. The sermon "Signs Of God: His Guidance" was given by the Rev. Hyun-Jin Cho. The stars in the sky are so beautiful, like the Big Dipper and the Polaris Star. The Polaris Star is known as the North Star and is used for navigation purposes. The Polaris Star is also known as the Bright Guiding Star, which guided the Wise Men to Jesus. Let

us focus on the true signs that God provides for us to follow. God will help us to make good choices and follow His directions in our lives. May each of us find our guiding star. During the offertory, Marty Ransdell and Mary Smith played a duet, "What Child Is This." The closing hymn was "Angels From The Realms Of Glory." Those assisting with the service were Ron Griffiths, liturgist; Marty Ransdell, organist; Mary Smith, pianist; Alfred and Deb Mannell, sound system; Jill Walder, acolyte; Betty Domer, song leader; and John and Linda Reed, Daryl Jepson and Gary Slimmer, usher team. On Dec. 6, Rick and Mary Colton, Larry and Barbara Hanson, John and Dorothy Holt, Gladys Law, Bill and Shirley Slimmer and Gary and Barbara Slimmer attended the Pleasant Hill coffee group for breakfast at Perkins restaurant in Topeka. On Dec. 8, Betty Ann Anderson and Beverly Newell attended the District No. 5 School of Instruction of the Order of the Eastern Star at Helena Chapter No. 210 in Topeka. Barbara Rake, district aide of District No. 5, presided as Worthy Matron during the school. Mary Hayselden, Worthy Grand Matron of Kansas, gave instructions during the school. Everyone enjoyed a lovely Hawaiian lunch prepared and served by David Rake, Past Grand Patron of Kansas, and husband of Barbara Rake. It was a very good school. On Dec. 9, Kenny, Yvonne, Audrey and Cara Etzel hosted a pizza supper in honor of Chris Farmer's birthday. Those attending were Chris Farmer, Kylene and Emma Kate Frost and Dick and Beverly Newell. Chris' birthday was Dec. 7.

# CALENDAR

**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.

(early service at 6 p.m., late service at 11 p.m.) A come and go communion will be held before each service (5:15 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. and 10:15 p.m. to 10:45 p.m.)  
\*5 p.m. Soldier Christian Church Christmas Eve services, located at 130 Jackson St., Soldier.  
\*6 p.m. First Christian Church candlelight Christmas Eve services, Fifth and Wisconsin, Holton.  
\*6:30 p.m. Christmas Eve services at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Mayetta.  
\*7 p.m. Christmas Eve services at Buck's Grove United Methodist Church, located 16 miles west of Holton on Kansas Highway 16.  
\*7 p.m. Trinity Lutheran Church Christmas Eve services.  
\*7 p.m. Hoyt United Methodist Church Christmas Eve services, located at Fourth and Highland, Hoyt.  
\*11 p.m. Christmas Eve services at St. Dominic Catholic Church in Holton.

**Friday, Dec. 21**  
\*Winter break begins for Holton students.  
\*6:30 p.m. Blue Christmas church services at First United Methodist Church, 1401 W. Fourth St., Holton.

**Tuesday, Dec. 25**  
\*Christmas Day.  
\*10:30 a.m. Christmas church services at St. Dominic Catholic Church in Holton.  
\*10 a.m. Christmas church services at Trinity Lutheran Church in Holton.  
\*11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Community Christmas dinner at EUM Family Life Center in Holton.

**Saturday, Dec. 22**  
\*9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Brick House Quilting and Gift Shoppe Christmas open house, 12542 266th Rd., Holton.  
\*7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Soldier Christian Church Revive modern worship service (Christmas edition), held at the Annex.

**Wednesday, Dec. 26**  
\*The Jackson County Commission will meet at 9 a.m. at the Jackson County Courthouse in Holton. All meetings are open to the public. To address the county commissioners, contact the county clerk's office at 364-2891.

**Sunday, Dec. 23**  
\*Attend the church of your choice.

**Thursday, Dec. 27**  
\*AA meeting in the yellow annex west of St. Dominic Catholic Church at 7 p.m. (use south door).  
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**Monday, Dec. 24**  
\*Christmas Eve.  
\*10:30 a.m. Circleville Christian Church Christmas Eve services. Cookie and fellowship time will precede the service at 9:30 a.m. The evening program will begin at 8 p.m. 7701 254th Rd., Circleville.  
\*First United Methodist Church candlelight Christmas Eve services will begin at 4:30 p.m. with music, followed by worship service and communion at 5 p.m. 1401 W. Fourth St. Holton.  
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(First published in The Holton Recorder, Holton, Kan., on Wednesday, Dec. 19, 2018.)

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY, KANSAS CIVIL DEPARTMENT**

Santander Bank, N.A.  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
Michael T. Myrick and Tina M. Myrick, et. al.;  
Defendants.

Order of Sale issued to me by the Clerk of the District Court of Jackson County, Kansas, the undersigned Sheriff of Jackson County, Kansas, will offer for sale at public auction and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand, at the Front Door of the Courthouse at Holton, Jackson County, Kansas, on January 14, 2019, at 9:00 AM, the following real estate:

**A tract of land beginning at the Southwest Corner of the North Half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 33, Township 7 South, Range 15 East of the 6th P.M., thence North 310.38 feet, thence East 701.73 feet, thence South 310.38 feet, thence West 701.73 feet to the Point of Beginning, Jackson County, Kansas, common-**

ly known as 12484 192nd Lane, Holton, KS 66436 (the "Property")

to satisfy the judgment in the above-entitled case. The sale is to be made without appraisal and subject to the redemption period as provided by law, and further subject to the approval of the Court. For more information, visit [www.Southlaw.com](http://www.Southlaw.com)

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## THANK YOU

Thanks to everyone that participated in making my 80<sup>th</sup> birthday so much fun. Every act of kindness was appreciated.

**Rosalie Lassiter**

## Dec. 29th Consignment Auction Hoffman Auction @ 9:30am

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Jackson Heights High School students (from left to right) Alyssa Harris, Drew Holiday and Zach Armstrong contributed to the JHHS concert band's holiday sound during the school's recent Christmas concert in the JHHS gym. Photo by Brian Sanders

## 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.

- Thursday, Dec. 20. Starting at 1 p.m. PBP land lease auction at PBP Land Management Department, 15185 K Rd., Mayetta.
- Saturday, Dec. 29. Starting

at 9:30 a.m. Hoffman consignment auction, held at 6587 U.S. Highway 159, Effingham. For more information, contact Hoffman Auction Service at (913) 370-0747.

- 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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### IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY, KANSAS CIVIL DEPARTMENT

Bank of America, N.A.

Plaintiff,

vs.

Angela Blazic, et. al.;

Defendants.

Case No. 2018-CV-000003  
Court Number:  
Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 60

### NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of an Order of Sale issued to me by the Clerk of the District Court of Jackson County, Kansas, the undersigned Sheriff of Jackson County, Kansas, will offer for sale at public auction and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand, at the Front Door of the Courthouse at Holton, Jackson County, Kansas, on January 14, 2019, at 9:00 AM, the following real estate:

**COMMENCE AT A POINT 80 FEET WEST OF THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 9, MCKEAGE'S FIRST ADDITION TO THE TOWN OF HOYT, JACKSON COUNTY, KANSAS, THENCE NORTH 205 FEET, THENCE WEST 120 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 205 FEET, THENCE EAST 120 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, LESS ROAD RIGHT OF WAY.**

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to satisfy the judgment in the above-entitled case. The sale is to be made without appraisal and subject to the redemption period as provided by law, and further subject to the approval of the Court. For more information, visit [www.Southlaw.com](http://www.Southlaw.com)

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Notice Adoption of the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan for Unified School District 337 Royal Valley, 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 Unified School District 337 Office, 101 W Main Street, Mayetta, Kansas, on the 7th day of January, 2019 at 8:00 o'clock p.m. to consider wheth-

er Unified School District 337 Royal Valley, 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.

Unified School District 337  
Royal Valley  
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## 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.

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## Mayetta Methodist

By Shirley Stauffer

For the third Sunday of Advent, Pastor Howard opened the services at Mayetta Methodist Church by reading scripture from Isaiah 9:6, followed by prayer.

Concerns were expressed for Donnetta Jordan, Madison Taliaferro's family, Wanda having eye surgery on Friday of this next week and Carol Just's mother-in-law, who is in the hospital.

Joys were that the kidney transplant of Mary Anderson's grandson-in-law had gone well this past week. It was also a great joy to learn that Mary Harden was home from the hospital.

The call to worship came from Luke 1:45-50. Cody Smith was the acolyte and Robert Smith rang the bell. Randy Rickel was the Advent candle (shepherd candle) and gave the reading.

Hymns were "O, Come All Ye Faithful," "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks" and "O Little Town Of Bethlehem."

Karen Burns and David Oakley sang "I Heard The Bells" for a special and Pastor Howard gave a reading about the Christ-

mas story. June Schlotter and Mary Anderson took up the offering.

Pastor Howard shared the word of God from 2 Samuel 7:1-11 and his sermon was titled "Where Does God Live?" Services closed with the circle of friendship.

The birthday song was sung to MaRyka Smith, Adam Stauffer, Shirley Stauffer and Karen (Wanda's sister).

Mary Anderson and Lisa Smith went to Kansas City on Wednesday to see Aisha and Trent Talburt at the KU Medical Center. Aisha had donated a kidney to her husband on Tuesday. They were both doing fine and were discharged on Friday.

Kevin and Laura Stauffer, Bud and Shirley Stauffer and Natalie Sable attended the Robinson Middle School winter band concert in Topeka on Wednesday evening. David (son of Adam and Laura Stauffer) plays trumpet in the band. It was a very beautiful concert.

On Tuesday evening, Todd Stauffer, Bud and Shirley Stauffer attended the Silver Lake Elementary Christmas musical. Aidan and Brenna Stauffer are

in the second grade and again it was a very beautiful program.

On Sunday, Dec. 16, Bud and Shirley Stauffer attended a performance of The Nutcracker at the Topeka Performing Arts Center. Their granddaughters, Aidan and Brenna, were in the performance as Chinese dancers. Afterwards, Bud and Shirley, along with the Jeff Stauffer family and the Bill McDonald family, had dinner at Yuki Restaurant in Topeka.

On Thursday evening, Dec. 13, Karen Burns went to the commencement ceremonies at Washburn Institute of Technology at Lee Arena in Topeka. Karen was proud to watch Brady Strecker received his GED and also a welding certificate.

Mary Anderson and Karen Burns attended the fifth annual Trombonopolis performance at White Concert Hall on Saturday afternoon, Dec. 15. Trombone players of all ages and many different schools, plus some beyond school age presented the program.

This was the third year that Mary's grandson, Karsen Smith, participated. The event is sponsored by the Washburn University Department of Music.

Later that afternoon, Karen and Mary shared their evening meal at the benefit dinner held for Mary Phillips at the Northeast Kansas Heritage Complex at Holton.

Christmas Eve services will be held at 7 p.m. at Mayetta Methodist Church. All are welcome.

## Immanuel Lutheran Church

By Esther L. Ideker

The third Sunday of Advent service at Immanuel Lutheran Church on Dec. 16 opened with the first three verses of "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates." Acolyte Ryland Amon lighted the candles of the Advent wreath.

Following the invocation, confession of sins and absolution, Psalm 85 was read responsively.

The Introit was from Psalm 145 and Philippians 4. The Old Testament lesson from Zephaniah chapter 3 and the Epistle lesson from Philippians 4 were read by Elder Tophel Dohl. The Rev. Michael Van Velzer read the holy gospel from Luke 7:18-28. The congregation professed The Nicene Creed.

The sermon hymn was "Crown Him With Many Crowns." Pastor Van Velzer's sermon theme was "What Will It Take For You To Have A Merry Christmas?" No matter how prepared we seem to be, there always seems to be more on our plate than we want, so it still seems like it's going to be hard to really enjoy Christmas this year again.

Paul's suggestion for really enjoying Christmas and every other time of our life has an even more drastic simplification process. Paul was writing this letter from his imprisonment in Rome. Yet it was Paul who encouraged the Philippians to "rejoice" for one simple reason.

What does he say? "Rejoice

in the Lord always. I will say it again. Rejoice!" Instead of rejoicing in things that you can buy and call your own, rejoice in the fact that you are owned – that you belong to someone – but not just anyone – the Lord, Jesus Christ.

Just rejoice that you are in the Lord – pray to Him to keep your focus – to simplify your life and remind you of what is really important – that a Savior is born for you and have a truly Merry Christmas.

The offering ushers were Travis Amon and Tophel Dohl. The offertory piece was "Still, Still, Still." In the prayers of the church, laborers were asked to be sent into the harvest – pastors, missionaries, teachers and other servants of the word to proclaim His saving gospel; bless and guide all who are in authority to rule justly; turn our hearts to God so that we trust.

God's wise counsel in all things; help all suffering people – the hungry, the poor and unemployed, the sick and the grieving, especially the Klahr and Taliaferro families, and may we receive God's daily gifts with thankful hearts. The congregation joined in The Lord's Prayer.

Elders Travis Amon and Tophel Dohl assisted Pastor Van Velzer with the distribution of Holy Communion. The distribution hymns were "Your Table I Approach" and "Come, Let Us Eat." Following the Nunc Dim-

ittis, thanksgiving, post communion collect and benediction, the service closed with the last two verses of "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates."

Assisting at the service were Tophel Dohl, elder; Rylan Amon, acolyte; Joyce Peterson, organist; and Elizabeth Handke and Esther Ideker, altar committee.

The memorial service for Garrett Klahr, son of Inga Klahr and the late Duane Klahr, and brother of Trevor was held at Jackson Heights High School on Wednesday, Dec. 12 with Pastor Michael Van Velzer conducting the service. Music was provided by Nancy Sipes, pianist, and Laura Holliday playing saxophone.

Boy Scout Troup 64 were represented and presented the flag salute. Garrett was laid to rest at Netawaka Cemetery beside his father. A fellowship lunch was served at the Netawaka Fitness Center with food provided by Soldier Christian Church, Circleville Christian Church and Trinity Lutheran Church of Holton, and served by Immanuel Lutheran Church.

Garrett's chosen confirmation verse was "But the Lord is faithful, and He will strengthen you and protect you from the evil one" (2 Thessalonians 3:3.)

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## Holton splits with Perry-Lecompton

The Holton girls won 42-27 at Perry-Lecompton last night in Big Seven League varsity basketball action while the Holton boys lost 55-38.

The Lady Wildcats improved to 4-1 overall and 3-1 in the Big Seven League with the win while the Lady Kaws dropped to 2-5 overall and 1-5 in the league.

The Holton boys dropped to 1-3 overall and 1-2 in the league. The Perry-Lecompton boys moved to 3-2 overall and 3-1 heading into the Christmas break.

"Once again, the third quarter was our nemesis last night," said HHS boys head coach Connor Bechard. "We played so well defensively in the first half but haven't found a way to finish the job in the second halves, so far."

Coach Bechard, in his first season as head coach at HHS, said the Big Seven League "is a grind night in and night out."

"There is so much parity this year and a lot of good seniors who have experience. It will be a fun second semester," he said.

The Holton teams will return to competition on Jan. 4 when the Nemaha Central Thunder teams come to town.

In the varsity girls game at Perry, the Lady Wildcats led 5-2

after the first quarter and 13-10 at halftime.

In the second half, the Lady Wildcats outscored the Lady Kaws 29-17 to bring about the final score.

Junior Faith Haussler led the Holton team in scoring with 13 points. Senior Lauryn Moore scored 9 and sophomore Saydee Tanking scored 8.

Senior Allison Nally scored 10 points to lead the Lady Kaws. Junior Jenner Keller had 7.

Holton 5-8-15-14—42  
Perry-Lecompton 2-8-7-10—27

Holton — Barta 2-1-3-5, Haussler 3-7-8-13, Ramirez 1-0-0-2, Hickman 1-0-0-2, Rhodd 0-1-2-1, Tanking 4-0-0-8, Holaday 1-0-0-2, Moore 3-3-6-9. Totals 15-12-19-42.

Perry-Lecompton — Ball 1-0-0-2, Folks 1 (1)-1-2-6, Keller 1 (1)-2-5-7, Nally 4-2-2-10, Hurd 1-0-1-2. Totals 8 (2)-5-10-27.

The Holton girls made 15 of 26 field goals and 0 of 8 three-pointers for 44.1 percent shooting percentage while the Lady Kaws were 8 of 24 in field goals and 2 of 8 in three-pointers for 31.3 percent.

The Lady Wildcats made 12 of 19 free throws to 5 of 10 for the Lady Kaws.

In rebounding, Holton held a slight 25-24 edge. Holton had 12 steals to 8 for the Lady Kaws. Tanking led Holton with 8 while

teammate Moore had 6.

In turnovers, Holton had 11 to 18 for the Lady Kaws. Holton had 12 steals to 8 for the Lady Kaws.

In junior varsity action, Holton lost 31-29 in overtime.

In the varsity boys game, the Kaws led 10-6 after the first quarter and then the two teams played to a 17-17 halftime tie.

In the third quarter, the Kaws outscored Holton 17-7 and the fourth quarter the scoring advantage was 21-14.

Holton senior Zane Moylan led the Wildcat scoring effort with 20 points. Freshman Reese Holaday had 13, senior Parker Gilliland 2 and junior Eli Prine 1.

Perry-Lecompton was led by 6-6 junior Blake Farmer with 18, 6-4 senior Cotton Mallonee with 14 and 6-4 senior Connor Anderson with 10.

Holton 6-11-7-14—38  
Perry-Lecompton 10-7-17-21—55.

Holton — Gilliland 1-0-0-2, Moylan 3 (4)-2-3-20, Prine 0-1-2-1, Holaday 2 (3)-0-0-13. Totals 6 (7)-3-5-38.

Perry-Lecompton — Stone 2-0-0-4, Morgison 2 (1)-0-0-7, Williams 1-0-1-2, Mallonee 7-0-0-14, Anderson 1-8-11-0, Farmer 9-0-1-18. Totals 8 (1)-5-10-42.

## 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) perfor-

mance 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 election 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 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2018.

/s/ Deirdre S. Folk  
Clerk of the above  
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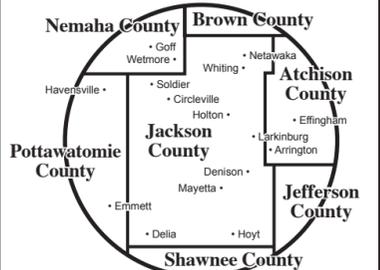
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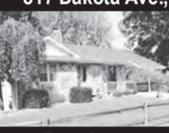
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## City Commission...

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"We're just acting as a conduit," Commissioner Dan Brenner said of the resolution. "No loss, no gain — we are just behind this."

Commissioners voted 4-0 to approve the resolution, with Brenner, a member of the Rural Health Resources Board of Directors, abstaining from the vote to avoid a potential conflict of interest.

In other business on Monday, commissioners received a donation of \$1,000 from the Holton Lions Club, with club member Allen Arnold's request that city staff use the donation for parks and recreation improvements.

The club recently announced that it would dissolve after 80 years of service to Holton "for lack of membership," Arnold said, noting that during its existence, the club has performed several community service projects for Holton and the surrounding area, such as building shelter houses at local parks and painting fire hydrants.

Funds left following the club's dissolution are being distributed to "different things here in the city and the county," Arnold told commissioners. Holton's portion, he added, should go toward "something kind of permanent."

Holton Parks and Recreation Director Mike Reichle said the Lions Club will be recognized in some way, such as a plaque on a bench at Countryside Park, for the assistance that the club has provided to the city over the years.

"When I took over as the parks and recreation director, the Lions were the first to come in and really work with me," Reichle said. "They've taken care of most of our shelter houses in town. And they've not only provided materials — they also did the labor."

Reichle also lamented the loss of the Lions as well as other community service groups in Holton, such as the Optimist Club and Sertoma, over time, expressing hope that his department can "keep the parks up without their help... I'm just here to thank them."

Commissioners also:   
 ■ Approved minutes from their Dec. 3 meeting along with budget appropriations made since that meeting.

■ Met with members of the Holton Middle School KAY Club, who presented information on the progress of the fitness path at Countryside Park, along with their advisor, Erika Allen. Club members said grants have been received for continued construction of the path, as well

as donations from Johnsonville Banner Creek and Denison State Bank.

Allen told commissioners that the club would eventually like to connect the fitness path with the trails at Banner Creek Reservoir, although the question of how to cross U.S. Highway 75 to get there remains "up in the air." Allen and Reichle also talked about the possibility of adding lighting to the trail, as well as options for how to fund the lights.

Commissioners applauded the work of the club in getting funds to facilitate construction of the path, which is being done by city employees, and noted that the path is continually being used by area residents.

■ Approved annual cereal malt beverage sales license renewals for Your Place Or Mine Catering, Off The Square Grill, Pizza Hut, Holton 66, both Casey's General Stores, Walmart, Trails Cafe and Catering, 7-Eleven and Cecil K's Hometown Market.

■ Approved renewal of the retail liquor license for Arcadia Liquor.

■ Set the commission's year-end meeting to "close the books for 2018" at 8 a.m. Friday, Dec. 28.

■ Rescheduled the commission's first meeting of 2019, regularly set for Monday, Jan. 7, to Monday, Jan. 14, to comply with state law that "states that elected officials are to be sworn in on the second Monday in January after the November elections." Commissioner Tim Morris was re-elected to his commission position this past November and will receive his oath of office at the rescheduled meeting.

■ Approved a letter of support for Jackson County's Strategic Growth Initiative application.

■ Heard comment from McKee that "Salvation Army vouchers" for motorists stranded in Holton are available from the police department and that the city does not have an ordinance prohibiting people from "panhandling" at city intersections, in response to two questions from commissioners at the Dec. 3 meeting.

■ Noted that a Christmas dinner for city employees would be held this Friday at City Hall.

■ Met in executive session for 30 minutes to discuss personnel matters with City Clerk Teresa Riley present. No action resulted from the session.

■ Adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m. All five commissioners were present.



During the song "A Hat For My Snowman," several Royal Valley Elementary School kindergarten students decorated this paper snowman for winter. The song, along with three others, were a part of the student's winter holiday program performed on Monday at the school.

Photo by Ali Holcomb

## Gardener's Corner

### Pondering the cycles of dark and light

By Sandra M. Siebert

The sun slides toward the Winter Solstice, edging closer each day to its lowest point in the southern sky and toward the "Longest Night." Where I sit, on top of my hill, the night will be slightly more than 14½ hours long.



I'm not about to complain, though. The farther north you go, the longer the night gets. At some latitude north, the sun peeps over the horizon for just a few minutes each day, until that longest night lasts a full 24 hours.

On the other hand, the pendulum swings all the way in the other direction, as well, bringing 24 hours of daylight on the Summer Solstice, which I would find just as unsettling as 24 hours of darkness. I would find myself craving darkness.

When I lived in town, I felt frustrated with the street lights that illuminated my garden every night. I longed to find a place in my backyard where I could escape the street lights, even if I had to figure out some way to create it. Now, living in the country, I am happy to have escaped the street lights, to have my night garden illuminated only by moon and stars.

All of life moves through cycles of ebb and flow, dark to light, cold to warmth, inactivity to activity, dormancy to growth and back again. When we try to force ourselves out of the natural cycles, to push ourselves toward constant productivity and activity, we lose something.

When plants are not allowed a period of dormancy (for some that simply means a period of not growing, rather than a dying back) they become weak. That's why we're advised to

stop fertilizing and reduce watering of houseplants during the late fall and winter months. Even tropical plants have a period of rest as their homelands experience a dry season. Even the evergreen red cedar trees that surround me slow during these dark months, in spite of remaining green.

So let's take a cue from nature and dive into the ebbing of winter, dive into the darkness, pulling our energies inward and downward. Plants move their life energy into roots, into the soil. Annual plants have put all of their energy into their seeds and cast them downward onto and into the soil. Life is at a standstill... except, not exactly.

Roots of many plants continue to grow, even speed up growth during the winter time. The earlier a plant shows up above ground in the spring, the more likely that it spends its winter time growing roots. The crocus, daffodils and tulips you planted in the fall wouldn't be able to bloom in the spring if they didn't grow roots from fall through winter.

Roots of many trees remain ready to grow whenever the soil temperature is high enough (essentially, above freezing), regardless of the air temperature above the soil surface. Cool season grasses also spend the winter growing roots. It's easier to grow roots when they aren't shoveling all that energy into growing greenery.

And those precious seeds cast upon the soil in the fall — do you think they are sleeping? Not at all. They're busy fomenting numerous enzymatic and chemical processes as they lie in the cold dark soil, preparing to crack open, dig down roots and shove up shoots when the temperature and moisture level are right.

So much going on down in the chilly, dark soil during winter "dormancy," which

doesn't seem like dormancy at all. Even down at the microscopic level, lives begin, ferment and end in the warmer levels. We keep roots in the soil with cover crops, or at least keep the soil covered with an organic mulch in order to protect that microscopic landscape that is critical to plant health. These organisms may slow growth in winter, but it does not cease.

Last week I dug into the dark, wet soil to pull out horseradish roots and found earthworms here and there not six inches down. Amazing.

In the compost heap, at least near the center, microorganisms continue to chew their way through the kitchen scraps, weeds and spent vegetable parts, bringing all that debris ever nearer to being nutritious compost.

We humans can take lessons from this. At times when we appear to be asleep, daydreaming, and otherwise "non-productive" much occurs at unseen levels.

When I sit staring at a blank screen on my computer, I appear to be doing nothing. But something is going on inside my brain. Thoughts and ideas, like seeds, go through unseen processes (sometimes processes I myself can't see) to pop up green shoots and set my fingers flying over the keyboard.

When I sleep, dreams process information, dredge up messages from the deep, formulate solutions and plans. My body doesn't just rest, it

heals, sealing cracks, cleaning out toxins, resting, refreshing, rejuvenating.

As I sit by the fire, I formulate new garden strategies, plan my day, week or year. I grow roots in the depths that will feed me during the riotous activity of spring and summer. I sit in the darkness, in stillness and face down those things I avoid in the daylight, and become stronger for it.

And then I cycle back to the light. The sun hits the southern horizon and begins to climb again, slowly, surely. I pull out potting soil, seeds and gallon-size plastic jugs for my Solstice "winter sowing" that will bring wildflowers come summer. The cycle keeps moving and I begin to understand.

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Second-grade students at Holton Elementary School went caroling around Holton Tuesday morning. The students and second-grade teacher Michelle Jones (left) are shown above singing outside *The Holton Recorder*.

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## Holiday printing schedule announced

*The Holton Recorder* will be combining its Monday and Wednesday editions in the next two weeks and will only print one edition on those Wednesdays, Dec. 26 and Jan. 2, due to the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

*The Recorder* will publish one, combined edition during those two holiday weeks. There will be no Monday editions on Dec. 24 and Dec. 31.

*The Holton Recorder* office will close at noon on Christmas Eve and will be closed on Christmas Day. The office will also be closed at noon on New Year's Eve and will be closed on New Year's Day.

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## Dinner...

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Food items still needed for the dinner as of this morning include three gallons of corn, three gallons of sweet potatoes, three fruit or vegetable salads, three Jell-O salads and four cakes.

"Everything else has already been donated," Elliott said.

Apart from a few volunteers needed to help set up the Family Life Center for the event, with that work to be done at about 8:30 a.m. on Monday, Elliott said she has all of the volunteer help she needs for the dinner.

Elliott also noted that while she would prefer to have all requests for delivered meals or rides to the

church for the dinner by noon on Monday, she will accept those requests until 9 a.m. on Christmas Day.

"Anyone who needs a meal delivered or a ride is welcome to call," she said. "We have lots of delivery drivers, so the more meals we can deliver, the better. And if people need a ride, we can accommodate that, but they really need to call me by 9 a.m. on Christmas Day."

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.

## Christmas Store...

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A variety of community members and groups, including members of the HHS National Honor Society and the HMS Student Council, volunteered last Friday to wrap presents, prepare food boxes and help people "shop" for presents.

"We had 60 volunteers give their time during the event," Ingels said. "It's fun to see how the event touches every volunteer. Everything went great."

The Heart of Jackson Humane Society provided dog and cat food for store participants, and Johnsonville/Banner Creek donated 1,920 individual breakfast sausage patties (30 total cases) for the food boxes.

Two Christmas trees were also donated to two needy families by an area youth group.

Cecil K's grocery store held a special campaign in December to generate food donations for the event, and Ingels said about \$1,800 in food donations were received through that campaign.

The Christmas store also received a variety of financial donations from area businesses, clubs

and individuals.

Ingels said she heard from several of the families who were appreciative of the community's efforts to organize the store.

"Some people were shocked because they didn't realize how many presents, food and items they would actually be receiving," she said.

Some version of the Christmas Store has been held in Jackson County for more than 35 years.

The store was originally organized by the Northeast Kansas Community Action Program (NEK-CAP) from 1981 to 2009.

In 2005 and 2006, NEK-CAP partnered with Toys For Tots to collect toys for the store.

In 2009, NEK-CAP partnered with the Jackson County Ministerial Alliance to provide the event, and the JCMA took over the following year.

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The second half of the taxes is due May 10, 2019. If a taxpayer misses the Dec. 20 deadline, interest will accrue on the delinquent amount. Any personal property taxes not paid by Dec.

20 are due in full starting Dec. 21.

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The county treasurer's office is located on the second floor of the Jackson County Courthouse.

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## Smith, Johnson file for 2019 general election

Two Jackson County residents have filed early for the November 2019 general election, according to the Jackson County Clerk's Office.

Royal Valley Board of Education member Boone Smith of Hoyt is seeking reelection to position two on the USD 337 Board of Education. Smith has served on the board since 2007.

R. Norman Johnson of Holton has filed for position two on the Holton City Commission. This position is currently held by Mike Meerpohl.

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