



Friday afternoon saw a reprieve from recent chilling temperatures in the Holton area, prompting (from top to bottom) 7-year-old Carter Colberg, 5-year-old Beka Lassey, 7-year-old Luke Lassey and 6-year-old Cade Colberg to head to Linscott Park and take a trip down the playground slide. Carter and Cade are the children of Clint and Kristy Colberg, and Luke and Beka are the children of Vance and Erin Lassey, all of Holton. High temperatures are expected to stay in the upper 40s and low 50s all this week; see the weather forecast on Page 2 of today's Recorder for more details.

Photo by Brian Sanders

Baby Boomers benefit most from Affordable Care Act

By Brian Sanders

Which age group stands to benefit the most from the Affordable Care Act's open enrollment period, which ends for 2015 on Feb. 15?

According to Cindy Hermes, health care consumer ombudsman and director of public outreach with the Kansas Insurance Department, it's the "baby boomers," who continue to face rising out-of-pocket health care costs. But there is something in ACA's Insurance Marketplace for every age group not already eligible for Medicare, Hermes said.

"If you are Medicare-eligible, 65 and older, it is illegal for anyone to sell you an ACA policy, except through your work," Hermes said. "If you're 65 and older, it's

safe to say the ACA just doesn't apply to you."

But for those approaching that 65-year threshold, the Marketplace offers an alternative. The AARP Public Policy Institute recently reported that nearly one in three adults in the 50-64 age group spends at least 10 percent of their after-tax income on health care, and affordable health insurance was not available for those with "pre-existing conditions."

"We have lots of aches and pains, and if we had tried to go get insurance five or six years ago, we wouldn't have been able to because we had pre-existing conditions," Hermes said. "Today, it's a guaranteed issue. We would get it."

As for those who took the op-

tion of retiring in the few years before they turn 65, Hermes noted that health insurance policies are guaranteed to be available for them through the Marketplace as well.

"It's important to note that they may not be able to afford it," she said. "But they would be able to buy it."

Getting back to younger people who have not yet turned 30 but can no longer be covered under their parents' insurance at age 26, an insurance coverage plan called a "catastrophic plan" is available. It's less expensive than regular ACA plans, but the only drawback to catastrophic coverage, Hermes said, is the plan's deductible.

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Two injured in hunting accidents

A teenager was accidentally shot in the leg in one of the two separate hunting accidents reported in Jackson County Sunday morning, Jackson County Sheriff Tim Morse reported.

The first incident occurred at 7:40 a.m. when a 15-year-old male was accidentally shot in the lower leg with a shotgun at approximately half a mile north of 118th and B Roads near Delia.

Morse said the incident is believed to have occurred when three males (all under age 18) were turkey hunting and a shotgun accidentally discharged while in possession of a child under the age of 10. There were no adults present at the time of the hunting accident, Morse said.

The victim was transported to a Topeka hospital for treatment and remains in stable condition,

Morse said.

The sheriff's office also responded to a report of a man who fell from a hunting tree stand at 246th and G Roads near Soldier. The man was transported by Jackson County EMS to a Topeka hospital and was also listed in stable condition, Morse said.

As of press time, Morse had not released the names of any of those injured.

Spelling bee set for Saturday

By Ali Holcomb

A spelling bee champion will be crowned among the 12 county students set to compete Saturday during the annual Jackson County Spelling Bee.

The bee is being hosted by Royal Valley this year and competition will begin at 10 a.m. at the Royal Valley Elementary School gymnasium in Hoyt.

The top two spellers will advance to the regional spelling bee set for Saturday, March 7, at Seaman High School in Topeka.

Students who have qualified for this year's county bee are:

Royal Valley USD 337: Sondra Owings-Priest (fifth grade), Alyssa Carlisle (sixth grade), Cassidy

Parks (seventh grade) and Devon Hale (eighth grade).

Holton USD 336: Darby Ireland (fifth grade), Cassidy Fisher (sixth grade), Emily McGrath (seventh grade) and Grant Crawby (eighth grade).

Jackson Heights USD 335: Justin Mullins (fifth grade), Noah Hill (sixth grade), Blayne Gibson (seventh grade) and Caitlyn Morrissey (eighth grade).

Alternate champions, who will compete if their class champion is unable to attend the Saturday competition, are:

Royal Valley USD 337: Antonio Greemore-Hopkins (fifth grade), Briar Barnett (sixth grade), T.J. Lisica (seventh grade) and Al-

lison Clements (eighth grade).

Holton USD 336: Sydney Althaus (fifth grade), Caden Huskey (sixth grade), Paige Crouch (seventh grade) and Walker Sheldon (eighth grade).

Jackson Heights USD 335: Justus Henry (fifth grade), Alyssa Harris (sixth grade), Mark Tessen-dorf (seventh grade) and Sydney Raborn (eighth grade).

Once the event starts, students will take turns spelling words provided to them. Those who correctly spell their words will advance to the next round of competition. Those providing incorrect spellings will be eliminated.

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HCH welcomes first baby of 2015

By Ali Holcomb

Holton Community Hospital's first baby born in 2015 is Harley Raelynn Gates, and she is the daughter of new Holton residents Brandi Lopez, 24, and Shaun Gates, 36.

Harley was born at 8:45 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 15, after a scheduled cesarean section by Dr. Vance Lassey. She weighed six pounds, eight ounces and was 21 inches long at birth.

Together, the couple has six sons to help welcome Harley home. This is the couple's first child together and their first

girl.

"I kept telling everyone I thought she was going to be a girl, but no one believed me," Lopez said.

The name Harley is a nod to the motorcycle brand, as well as a character in the Batman comic series, Lopez said. The baby's original due date was Jan. 22.

The couple has lived in Holton for four months after moving from Dallas, Texas. Gates works for Aeschliman Construction, and Lopez is a stay-at-home mom.

"We were ready for a change,

and God brought us to Holton," Gates said.

The couple said they love the small-town feel of the community, as well as the personal care they've received at the hospital.

"The delivery was super easy, and the staff here has been amazing," Lopez said. "Everyone has been really great. There's more of a homey feel here compared to the fast-paced hospitals where I've delivered in the past."

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Tickets still available for Chamber HOF banquet

Plenty of tickets for the 10th annual Holton/Jackson County Chamber of Commerce Hall of Fame Banquet are still available, it has been reported.

The 2015 Hall of Fame class, including Bill and Debra Brown, Mike Ford, Brad Stauffer and the late Jim Potter, will be honored at the annual dinner, scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 5 at the Evangel United Methodist Church Family Life Center. A total of 250 tickets are available for the event.

A social hour will begin at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. Boomers' Steakhouse, Grill and Catering will

serve a dinner of beef bourguignon with garlic mashed potatoes, spring greens and apple salad, crusty French bread and butter and lemon cream layer cake, it was reported.

Tickets for the dinner are \$30 and may be purchased at the Chamber office or at the main Denison State Bank, Farmers State Bank and Holton National Bank locations in Holton. The Chamber office is located in the Newman Building on the north side of Holton's Town Square.

For more information, call the Chamber office at 364-3963.

Obama to visit KU

The White House announced Friday that President Barack Obama would be paying a visit to The University of Kansas, marking the fourth time a sitting U.S. president has visited the university, it was reported.

The visit will come two days after Obama presents the annual State of the Union Address in Washington, D.C. The address is scheduled for 8 p.m. Tuesday.

Obama's visit to the KU campus marks the first time the president has come to Kansas since 2011. He spoke at Osawatomie in December of that year, it was reported.

He will join presidents U.S. Grant, Rutherford B. Hayes and William Howard Taft in visiting KU while in office. Presidents Gerald Ford, Jimmy Carter, George H.W. Bush and Bill Clinton all visited KU after leaving office.

A time and location for Obama's visit had not been announced at press time.



New Holton residents Brandi Lopez (left) and Shaun Gates are the proud parents of Harley Raelynn Gates, the first baby born in 2015 at Holton Community Hospital.

Photo by Ali Holcomb



TUESDAY'S FORECAST

PARTLY SUNNY, HIGH OF 55

Look for the complete forecast on page 2.

A prisoner of war said: "Everything can be taken from a man but one thing. The freedom to choose one's attitude in any given set of circumstances."

Then he quoted Paul from Philippians 4:13,

"I can do all things through Him who strengthens me."

Sundays

9:15 a.m. - Sunday School

10:30 a.m. - Worship

5:00 p.m. - Prayer Time

5:15 p.m. - RISC

6:00 p.m. - Sr. High Youth

Other activities available throughout the week.



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DISTRICT COURT NEWS

Civil

Dispositions

CitiMortgage Inc. vs. Brent W. Masters, Corinna Masters and John Doe and Mary Doe (tenants/occupants), sought judgment of \$123,722.83 plus interest, court costs and foreclosure of mortgage; dismissed.

Madison Keehn, by and through next friend Paula Keehn vs. Kimberlin Snapp, by and through next friend Stephanie Morris, sought judgment in excess of \$75,000 plus court costs; dismissed.

Jackson County Sheriff's Department vs. 1995 Honda Civic, VIN 1HGEJ222XSL036837, judgment of forfeiture granted.

Ocwen Loan Servicing L.L.C. vs. Delia A. Greenwood, Angela M. Jackson, Jane Doe, John Doe and related estates, sought judgment of \$89,953.92 plus interest, court costs and foreclosure of mortgage; granted.

Filed

Capital One Bank (USA) N.A. vs. Maribell Borcherding, seeking judgment of \$3,891.63 plus interest and court costs.

Lyle G. Minner vs. Thomas E. Gudenkauf and P&J Solid Waste Management L.L.C., seeking judgment in excess of \$75,000 plus court costs.

Capital One Bank (USA) N.A. vs. Dana R. Patterson, seeking judgment of \$1,287.83 plus interest and court costs.

Jackson County Sheriff's De-

partment vs. Ruger SR40, SN 34255804, and \$1,996 U.S. currency, notice of pending forfeiture filed.

Jackson County Sheriff's Department vs. 2002 Mitsubishi Eclipse, VIN 4A3AC54H72E040071, notice of pending forfeiture filed.

Jackson County Sheriff's Department vs. 2000 Pontiac Montana, VIN 1GMDX03E2YD272909, notice of pending forfeiture filed.

Holton Police Department vs. 2002 Hyundai Accent, VIN KMH-CF35G32U234594, pink Dell laptop computer, SN 39LNBL1, and plastic full size deer decoy, notice of pending forfeiture filed.

Jackson County Sheriff's Department vs. 1998 Dodge Dakota, VIN 1B7GL23X6TS500201, notice of pending forfeiture filed.

Limited Civil

Dispositions

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Travis T. Self and Hannah Self, sought judgment of \$239.61 plus interest and court costs; dismissed.

Synchrony Bank, formerly known as GE Capital Retail Bank, formerly known as GE Money Bank vs. Lori Burdick, sought judgment of \$610.91 plus court costs; dismissed.

Filed

Holton Dental Inc. vs. Connie L. Maloney, seeking judgment of \$299.50 plus interest and court costs.

Holton Dental Inc. vs. Angela Webster and Harvey Webster, seeking judgment of \$396.40 plus interest

and court costs.

The Farmers State Bank vs. Trent LeDoux, seeking judgment of \$672.30 plus interest and court costs.

The Farmers State Bank vs. Cara L. Evans, seeking judgment of \$2,004.90 plus interest and court costs.

The Farmers State Bank vs. Erin L. Criqui, seeking judgment of \$262.30 plus interest and court costs.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Harley J. Evans, seeking judgment of \$5,987.40 plus interest and court costs.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Malea Blancas and Marshall Boell, seeking judgment of \$358 plus interest and court costs.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Joshua Baxter and Carrie Baxter, seeking judgment of \$129 plus interest and court costs.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. William D. Byler Jr. and Christine Byler, seeking judgment of \$508.68 plus interest and court costs.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Christina Bellflower and Marcus Bellflower, seeking judgment of \$1,842.12 plus interest and court costs.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Micah L. Moore and Justin Moore, seeking judgment of \$916.22 plus interest and court costs.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Kimberly R. Oliver and Donald L. Oliver, seeking judgment of \$1,570.11 plus interest and court costs.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Casey Huskey, seeking judgment of \$245.70 plus interest and court costs.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Raymond G. Tilton, seeking judgment of \$147.75 plus interest and court costs.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Ashley W. Hoaglen, seeking judgment of \$390 plus interest and court costs.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Raphael J. Wahwassuck, seeking judgment of \$377.83 plus interest and court costs.

Corefirst Bank and Trust vs. Justen Maloney and Mary S. Coffee, seeking judgment of \$711.48 plus interest and court costs.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Angela M. Stephens and Marshall Stephens, seeking judgment of \$413.04 plus interest and court costs.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Andrew Winter and Jessica Winter, seeking judgment of \$196.01 plus interest and court costs.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Melissa A. Boyette and Jacob P. Boyette, seeking judgment of \$336 plus interest and court costs.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Kara L. Johnson, seeking judgment of \$300 plus interest and court costs.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Cynthia Groshong, seeking judgment of \$366.25 plus interest and court costs.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Philip G. Flewelling and Misty Flewelling, seeking judgment

of \$766.25 plus interest and court costs.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Deborah Beck and Ronald Beck, seeking judgment of \$366.52 plus interest and court costs.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Garnet Williams and Christopher Williams, seeking judgment of \$1,410.25 plus interest and court costs.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Jennifer Wingender and Michael D. Wingender, seeking judgment of \$1,892.89 plus interest and court costs.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Roberta C. Olberding and Albert P. Olberding, seeking judgment of \$599.25 plus interest and court costs.

Jefferson Capital Systems Inc. vs. Dennis Delgadillo, seeking judgment of \$619.81 plus interest and court costs.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Michelle A. Bond, seeking judgment of \$1,740 plus interest and court costs.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Cathy K. Kroeger, seeking judgment of \$2,545.89 plus interest and court costs.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Nathan Leochner, seeking judgment of \$513 plus interest and court costs.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Nathan Leochner, seeking judgment of \$513 plus interest and court costs.

Small Claims

Filed

Kerry and Paula Wathen vs. Gary Harding, seeking judgment of \$1,269.30 plus interest and court costs.

Domestic

Dispositions

State of Kansas, Department for Children and Families vs. Regina A. Nickelson, sought support judgment; granted.

In the matter of the marriage of Stacy Fredrickson and Scott Fredrickson, sought divorce; granted.

Filed

In the matter of the marriage of Darla K. Hanks and Robert L. Hanks, seeking divorce.

State of Kansas, Department for Children and Families vs. Kendra R. Lysaght, seeking support judgment.

State of Kansas, Department for Children and Families and Coraline G. Rodvelt, a minor child by and through Kasey D. Rodvelt, natural guardian, and Kasey D. Rodvelt vs. Oliveros L. Adame II, seeking determination of paternity plus support judgment.

State of Kansas, Department for Children and Families and Melissa De La Cruz, a minor child by and through Claudia Gonzalez, natural guardian, and Claudia Gonzalez vs. Jose A. De La Cruz, seeking determination of paternity plus support judgment.

State of Kansas, Department for Children and Families and Melissa De La Cruz, a minor child by and through Claudia Gonzalez, natural guardian, and Claudia Gonzalez vs. Jose A. De La Cruz, seeking determination of paternity plus support judgment.

State of Kansas, Department for Children and Families and Melissa De La Cruz, a minor child by and through Claudia Gonzalez, natural guardian, and Claudia Gonzalez vs. Jose A. De La Cruz, seeking determination of paternity plus support judgment.

Marriage Licenses

Levi W. Larkins, 24, Soldier
Katrina M. Sudbeck, 21, Seneca

County accidents injure two

The Jackson County Sheriff's Department has reported the following accidents:

■ At 10:31 a.m. on Nov. 15, Dean Katt, 55, Hays, was traveling south on U.S. Highway 75 near 102nd Road when his 2007 Ford lost traction due to some ice on the road. Katt's vehicle spun 180 degrees clockwise and then entered the west ditch.

The Ford rolled multiple times and landed on its tires facing north in a field and sustained damage to its hood, top, windshield, right side, left side and rear left bumper that was listed at more than \$1,000. It was towed from the scene.

Katt and his passenger, Aidean Finch, 8, Hays, did not report any injuries. The fence was owned by the Kansas Department of Transportation.

■ At 6 p.m. on Dec. 11, Mark Winter, 49, Mayetta, was traveling east on 106th Road near E Road when his vehicle struck a deer in the road. Winter's 2007 Ford sustained damage to its front passenger bumper that was listed at less than \$1,000.

■ At 12:57 p.m. on Jan. 9, Victoria Kimbrough, 17, Muscotah, was attempting to cross U.S. 75 from Sixth Street in Holton when she observed a vehicle traveling too close to her vehicle headed north on the highway.

Kimbrough backed up her 2007 Chevrolet on Sixth Street and struck the front bumper of a 2003 Dodge being driven by Gale Gakle, 54, Holton.

Kimbrough's Chevrolet sustained damage to its rear bumper that was listed at more than \$1,000. Gakle's

Dodge sustained damage to its front bumper that was listed at less than \$1,000.

■ At 4:59 p.m. on Jan. 10, Jerry Coan, 16, Hoyt, had his vehicle stopped at the stop sign at First Street in Hoyt waiting to cross Eastern Avenue. As soon as Coan's 2000 Chevrolet entered the intersection, it collided with a car driven by Heather Pewamo, 36, Horton. Traffic on Eastern Avenue does not have to stop, according to the accident report.

Coan's 2000 Chevrolet sustained damage to its left side that was listed at more than \$1,000. It was towed from the scene.

Pewamo's 2000 Buick sustained damage to its front bumper and front right quarter panel that was listed at more than \$1,000. It was towed from the scene.

Pewamo and a passenger in her vehicle, Sterling Shopteese, 31, Topeka, were transported by ambulance to a Topeka hospital for treatment of injuries.

■ At 4:50 p.m. on Jan. 11, Heather Lorensen, 26, Holton, was turning her vehicle east onto 142nd Road from U.S. 75 when it struck a patch of ice in the road. The horse trailer that Lorensen's 2000 Ford was pulling jackknifed and struck the cab of her pickup. The pickup sustained damage to its top, windshield, rear bumper and rear right quarter panel that was listed at more than \$1,000.

■ At 5:50 p.m. on Jan. 12, Laura Motto, 44, Holton, was driving south on U.S. 75 near 102nd Road when her vehicle slid on some black ice in the road. Motto's 2005 Ford slid into a median and came to a stop, sustaining damage to a wheel and undercarriage that was listed at more than \$1,000.

Holton police report arrests

The following arrests were reported in recent days by the Holton Police Department.

■ Marquis Baker, 20, Holton, was arrested Jan. 9 on a Jackson County warrant.

■ Emanuel Mendez, 31, Topeka, was arrested Jan. 11 on a charge of domestic battery.

■ Brittany Ensign, 26, Holton, was arrested Jan. 11 on a charge of domestic battery.

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Kansas At A Glance

Public Notice

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NEMAHA RWD NO. 4

Public Notice

Notice of Public Meeting: Steven Hermesch, Chairman

Annual Meeting of Nemaha RWD. No. 4 ML3t2

Please take Notice that the Annual Meeting of Members of Nemaha RWD No. 4 will be held on Monday, February 9, 2015 at 7:30 P.M. at the District Office located at 211 Kansas, Wetmore, Kansas.

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MEMORIES

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5 Years Ago

Week of Jan. 18-24, 2010

After four years, the O'Byrne family in Holton is now complete. Tim and Alecia O'Byrne finalized adoption plans early Sunday morning, Jan. 17, when the O'Byrnes, surrounded by family and friends at Kansas City International Airport, emotionally welcomed four youngsters from earthquake-wracked Haiti to their new home in the Midwest.

The Holton/Jackson County Chamber of Commerce is starting the New Year strong with a full list of activities and a new chamber president. Pam Doyle was elected president by the chamber board of directors during a recent meeting, it was reported.

The Royal Valley boys used every second of the 32 minutes in the basketball game on Friday night, Jan. 15, at home against Jefferson West to pick up their first victory of the season, 52-50, it was reported.

The cell phone policy for Jackson Heights students has been revised. Students will no longer receive a verbal warning if caught using their phones during class. However, some teachers allow cell phones for certain projects, and the school board has agreed that that's fine so long as the policy is followed, according to Jackson Heights High School Principal Gary Herman.

Members of the Jackson County Senior 4-H Horses Judging Team competed in the 2010 National Western Stock Show in Denver, Colo., on Jan. 9, 2010, and earned several awards. Team members include Elizabeth Allen, Dylan Parks, coach Dyann Parks and Dillon Klahr.

10 Years Ago

Week of Jan. 18-24, 2005

Students in Jackson Heights eighth grade science teacher Joe Baumen's class are getting the "CSI" experience. The class is currently studying crime scene investigation techniques such as fingerprinting and DNA research.

A new shop on Holton's Town

Square provides a "mini-spa" experience. Deborah Gutierrez-Hunter and Dawna Eiserman have opened D'Neil Professional downtown. Gutierrez-Hunter provides massage therapy service and Eiserman provides full manicure services.

Royal Valley High School Spanish teacher Taryn Temple, in her second year of teaching at USD 337, has been named a Kansas Horizon Award winner, it has been announced. This award recognizes new teachers for outstanding work.

Holton Community Hospital has been awarded a Sunflower Foundation of Kansas grant in the amount of \$30,000 to promote and educate students in the Holton and Jackson Heights school districts about the importance of physical activity and healthy eating habits, it was reported.

25 Years Ago

Week of Jan. 18-24, 1990

Preliminary concepts of the new Holton City Hall building were adopted at the meeting of the city commission on Monday night, Jan. 15. The concept calls for a one-story building of about 3,900 square feet, and plans include an "air lock" entry, inoperable windows and a large, walk-in vault to store city records and maps.

Construction on the building addition at Central Elementary School is progressing well, according to building principal Ted Sipe. After the interior walls are painted, the new ceilings, lights and carpets will follow, it was reported.

When this year's Holton High School freshman hoopsters are juniors and seniors, they'll have plenty of reason to look back for fond memories. That's because both boys and girls Holton High School basketball teams stand undefeated, and each team - which has pretty much been composed of the same players over the last three years - has lost only once since seventh grade, it has been reported.

Denison State Bank has been recognized as a Blue Ribbon Bank by Veribanc, Inc., it has been reported.

The award means that the bank, with branches in Holton and Hoyt, meets all of the safety and soundness conditions for Veribanc's highest rating. DSB has grown 20 percent in the last two years, it was reported.

50 Years Ago

Week of Jan. 18-24, 1965

Saturday, Jan. 16, was opening day for the new ITCO Associate Store on the east side of the Holton Square. The store occupies the building formerly occupied by Allard and Blackburn. The store, owned by Ivan Spiker, will stock the ITCO line of tractor and implement parts and some hardware.

Penney's in Holton held a clearance sale that featured women's long coats for \$14 to \$20.88, girls' coats and jackets for \$6 to \$7, boys' winter caps for 75 cents and men's sweaters for \$5 and \$7.

The Atlas E. missile from the Holton missile site left Forbes Air Force Base on Thursday, Jan. 14, for an eight-day trip to San Bernardino Air Material Area, Norton Air Force Base, California. The missile at the Holton site, the first to be installed in the Forbes complex, had been removed from site nine north of Holton the week before last and transported to Forbes in preparation for the move. The missile had arrived in Holton on July 19, 1961.

Craig's IGA in Holton sold bananas for 10 cents per pound, hams for 39 cents per pound, a five-pound bag of flour for 39 cents and a pound of coffee for 59 cents.

On Monday, Jan. 18, Jim Ward of Holton received the Teenage Safe Driver of the Month Award from the American Legion and a framed safety certificate from the VFW. Ward is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Ward.

Work will be completed by the end of this week on improvements at the Holton city water plant, according to city manager Jim Rauch. The improvements include increasing the filter capacity from 500,000 to 1,000,000 gallons of water daily, and the construction of a new wash water holding tank.



Atchison County Community Junior-Senior High School has announced its candidates for 2015 King and Queen of Mats, including queen candidates (front row, from left) Mikayla Nehl, Lillie Holtgrave and Lauren Fedrick, and king candidates (back row from left) Jeremy Lutz, Jacob Handke and Bratten Forbes. Coronation will take place at 5 p.m. Wednesday in the ACCJSHS gymnasium, prior to the wrestling dual between ACCHS and Atchison High School.

Photo courtesy of Steve Caplinger

Sheriff's deputies report recent arrests

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

■ On Jan. 10, David Wanzer, 49, Topeka, was arrested on charges of possession of methamphetamine, possession of illegal drug paraphernalia and possession of depressants.

■ On Jan. 10, Melisa Justice, 57, Topeka, was arrested on charges of possession of illegal drug paraphernalia, possession of methamphetamine, possession of depressants and possession of stimulants.

■ On Jan. 11, Dustin Hubach, 41, Holton, was arrested on a traffic warrant on a charge of failure to appear.

■ On Jan. 12, Shawna Vandiver, 42, Wetmore, was arrested on a limited action warrant on a charge of failure to appear.

■ On Jan. 12, Corrine Goslin, 20, Topeka, was arrested on a traffic warrant on a charge of failure to appear.

■ On Jan. 12, Christopher Davey, 28, Fort Worth, Texas, was arrested on a traffic warrant on a charge of failure to appear.

■ On Jan. 12, Ryan Clark, 18, Holton, was arrested on a criminal warrant on a charge of failure to appear.

■ On Jan. 12, Tara Burton, 29, Topeka, was arrested on a traffic warrant on a charge of failure to appear.

■ On Jan. 14, Patrick Wahl, 29,

Hoyt, was arrested on a criminal warrant from another jurisdiction.

■ On Jan. 14, Michelle Martin, 46, Denison, was arrested on a charge of driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs and refusing to submit to a breath test.

■ On Jan. 15, Phyllis Wing, 53, Whiting, was arrested on a limited action warrant on a charge of failure to appear.

■ On Jan. 15, William Vaughn, 18, Whiting, was arrested on a juvenile case warrant.

Support announced for new farmers

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Deputy Secretary Krysta Harden announced recently that more than \$18 million in funding is available to help educate, mentor and enhance the sustainability of the next generation of farmers.

This support is available through the Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program (BFRDP), which is administered by USDA's National Institute for Food and Agriculture (NIFA). Winning awards from last year's application cycle will be announced in the near future.

"The Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program is critical for cultivating the next generation of farmers and ranchers, who will be integral to sustaining America's agricultural future," said Harden. "Leading community and service organizations are on the front lines when it comes to identifying and training new farmers and ranchers. Strong partnerships with these groups are the key to our success."

The Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program awards grants to organizations implementing programs to train beginning farmers and ranchers, including workshops, educational teams, training and technical assistance throughout the United States.

Fiscal Year 2015 applications for BFRDP are due March 13. Eligible applicants are collaborative, state, tribal, local or regionally-based network or partnership of public or private entities, including state cooperative extension service; community-based and nongovernmental organization; colleges or universities (including institutions awarding associate degrees); or any other appropriate organization providing services to beginning farmers and ranchers.

At least five percent of the funds must go to projects that serve military veteran beginning farmers and ranchers and at least five percent to projects that serve socially-disadvantaged, limited-resource or farm-worker audiences. All applicants are required to provide funds or in-kind support from non-federal sources in an amount that is at least equal to 25 percent of the federal funds requested.

Priority topics are:

* Basic livestock, forest management and crop farming practices.

* Innovative farm, ranch and private, nonindustrial forest land transfer strategies.

* Entrepreneurship and business training.

* Financial and risk management

training (including the acquisition and management of agricultural credit).

* Natural resource management and planning.

* Diversification and marketing strategies.

* Curriculum development.

* Mentoring, apprenticeships and internships.

* Resources and referral.

* Farm financial benchmarking.

* Assisting beginning farmers or ranchers in acquiring land from retiring farmers and ranchers.

* Agricultural rehabilitation and vocational training for veterans.

* Farm safety and awareness.

* Other similar subject areas of use to beginning farmers or ranchers.

NIFA will host a webinar for interested applicants from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. eastern on Wednesday, Feb. 11. No password or advance reservation is required. A recording will be posted on the NIFA website shortly after the event.

From 2009-2012, 145 awards have been made for more than \$71 million through the Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program. Additional information about USDA support for new farmers and ranch-

ers is available at www.usda.gov/newfarmers

Funding for the BFRDP program is authorized by the 2014 Farm Bill. The Farm Bill builds on historic economic gains in rural America over the past five years, while achieving meaningful reform and billions of dollars in savings for taxpayers.

Since enactment, USDA has made significant progress to implement each provision of this critical legislation, including providing disaster relief to farmers and ranchers; strengthening risk management tools; expanding access to rural credit; funding critical research; establishing innovative public-private conservation partnerships; developing new markets for rural-made products; and investing in infrastructure, housing and community facilities to help improve quality of life in rural America. For more information, visit www.usda.gov/farmbill.

Through federal funding and leadership for research, education and extension programs, NIFA focuses on investing in science and solving critical issues impacting people's daily lives and the nation's future. More information is at www.nifa.usda.gov

Kenton Bloom on SCC Dean's List

Kenton M. Bloom of Wetmore is among several students at Southeast Community College in Nebraska to be named to the college's Dean's List for the quarter recently completed on the Beatrice, Lincoln and Milford campuses.

Bloom is majoring in agriculture business and management technology at SCC, it was reported.

To be recognized on SCC's Dean's List, a student must complete at least six quarter credit hours of the term with a minimum grade-point average of 3.5.

Thank You

I would like to thank all my family and friends for the cards, visits, flowers, food and prayers I received during my recent accident and surgeries. Thank you to Rosanna Wilson for her help after my accident and for calling 911.

Thank you to Dr. Allen, Onaga Hospital and staff for keeping me off my leg and helping me recover faster. Thank you to Ann, Michelle and Brenda of Ann's Home Health for everything.

A big thank you to Pat, Kristie, Gena and all the grandkids and great-grandkids for their wonderful help. And a big thank you to Deloris Beam for taking care of Kassi, getting my mail and taking me to dr. appointments. You are a blessing to me. Thanks also to Glenn Moore Meadows for taking such good care of Charlie while I couldn't. God bless you all.

Connie Richter

PUBLIC NOTICE

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Public Wholesale Water Supply District #18

ANNUAL MEETING

will be held Monday, February 9, 2015, 6:00 p.m., at the Public Wholesale Water Supply District #18 plant, 22850 P Road, Holton, Kansas. L4t2

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OPINION

GUEST COMMENTARY

U.S. government should lift ban on oil exports so American oil can stay in biz

By Edward Cross, President
Kansas Independent Oil
And Gas Association

In response to a dramatic increase in U.S. oil production, the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) has decided to dump low-cost oil into the global markets in an effort to drive down the price of oil and punish U.S. oil producers. A decision in November 2014 by OPEC to maintain its output suggested, the group is willing to let crude oil prices slide to a level that would slow U.S. production.

Crude oil prices fell more than 50 percent in the last half of 2014. OPEC said the market would dictate oil prices and marginal fields are going to set the price. By marginal fields, they mean those fields with the highest costs of producing a barrel of oil.

The fields with the highest producing costs are North American oil fields. OPEC's decision to maintain market share no matter the price is unprecedented. Can their economies hold out long enough at low crude oil prices to stop the supply growth of North American producers?

So far, OPEC countries appear willing to absorb huge losses in the hope that plummeting prices will make U.S. oil production unprofitable. OPEC hopes to regain its dominance and force the U.S. back into foreign oil dependence by squeezing out some U.S. oil production.

American oil producers are caught between the hammer of the OPEC cartel and the anvil of the American oil export ban. At the same time, OPEC is dumping low-cost oil into global markets, U.S. producers are held captive to limited domestic refinery capability due to the current ban on the export of U.S. crude oil. The light oil being produced in the U.S. is a poor match for domestic refineries that are primarily configured for heavy crude oil.

The result of this mismatch widens the price differential between global oil price and that received by U.S. producers, which reduces investment, jeopardizes oil production growth, reduces jobs and hurts the U.S. economy.

The U.S. has an effective potential countermove. Congress could lift the decades-old ban on exporting crude oil to keep U.S. producers in the game.

Over the last several years, our nation has left behind decades of energy scarcity and has become a worldwide leader in energy production. Today, our nation is the number one producer of oil and natural gas in the world.

America's emergence as a global energy leader has fundamentally re-ordered the world's energy markets, by elevating the importance of North American energy production and reducing what had been the dominant roles of OPEC and Russia. This American energy renaissance has revitalized America's economy, adding more than \$283 billion to U.S. GDP and supporting more than 2 million jobs.

OPEC's decision to dump low cost oil into global markets was designed to reverse these gains. Falling oil prices are causing some oil producers to re-evaluate their operations and plans. Some, unfortunately, are going to start curtailing their operations.

However, OPEC may be underestimating the entrepreneurial spirit of American producers. As oil prices drop, producers continue to innovate to reduce extraction costs. While re-

ductions in capex may occur, it may not translate into less supply.

Also, OPEC is vulnerable to its own policy. Although the International Monetary Fund found that Kuwait, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates can balance their budgets with oil at about \$70, other OPEC members need much higher prices. For example, Venezuela needs about \$120 and Iran needs \$136.

As oil prices continue to slide, the question is who will blink first, OPEC or U.S. oil producers? And that could depend on Congress.

The current ban on the export of U.S. crude oil, instituted in 1973, was once an integral part of our nation's energy strategy. In wake of the 1973 Arab Oil Embargo, Congress sought to protect America from price shocks by keeping oil at home.

Today, there is no longer a shortage of oil and the restriction doesn't make sense. The restriction is now a burdensome relic of America's era of energy scarcity.

Lifting the oil export ban would allow U.S. oil producers to stay in the game. Even if the margins are low, revenue from new international markets would allow U.S. producers to compete for a share of the world market.

Exports would not hurt American consumers. A recent analysis by EIA found that domestic gasoline prices are directly tied to global crude oil prices. So, exports would not raise gasoline prices. More importantly, an ICF study found that if crude oil exports are allowed, the U.S. economy could gain up to 300,000 additional jobs in 2020.

OPEC thinks it can squash America's oil industry. However, with the right export policies, the U.S. can win this price war and solidify its place as a global energy leader.



Public Notice

(First published in The Holton Recorder, Holton, Kan., on Monday, Jan. 19, 2015.)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY, KANSAS

Charles George,

Plaintiff,

vs.

John Quick or Jerry Gay;
Wamego Recycling; Norman or Erma Witt; and the KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES,

Defendants.

Case No. 12 LM 054

NOTICE OF SUIT

The state of Kansas to John Quick or Jerry Gay; Wamego Recycling; Norman or Erma Witt

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Some help available to pay winter heating bills

Heating homes during the winter months can create a financial burden for some families.

In an effort to help keep Kansans warm this winter, the Kansas Department for Children and Families (DCF) will begin accepting applications for its annual Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) on Tuesday, Jan. 20.

"Although we're experiencing a comfortable January week, winter has just begun," DCF Secretary Phyllis Gilmore said. "The winter months can bring frigid temperatures, and we want families to be able to escape the cold in the warmth of their homes."

LIEAP provides an annual benefit to help qualifying households pay winter heating bills. Persons with disabilities, older adults and families with children are the primary groups assisted. In 2014, nearly 48,000 households received an average benefit of \$522.

To qualify, applicants must be responsible for direct payment of their heating bills. Income eligibility requirements are set at 130 percent of the federal poverty level. The level of benefit varies according to household income, number of people living in the home, type of residence, type of heating fuel and utility rates.

Applicants must demonstrate that they have made payments on their

heating bill two out of the last three months. Those payments must be equal to or exceed \$80 or the total balance due on their energy bills, whichever is less.

Applications for the program have been mailed to households that received energy assistance last year. LIEAP applications are also available at local DCF offices and through partnering agencies. They can be requested by calling 1-800-432-0043. To apply online, visit www.dcf.ks.gov. More information is available at www.dcf.ks.gov/services/eas/Pages/Energy/EnergyAssistance.aspx.

Applications will be accepted from Jan. 20 to March 31.

The following is a list of income eligibility determinations, listed by number of persons living at the address and the 2015 maximum allowable monthly income:

- One-person homes, \$1,265.
- Two-person homes, \$1,705.
- Three-person homes, \$2,144.
- Four-person homes, \$2,584.
- Five-person homes, \$3,024.
- Six-person homes, \$3,464.
- Add \$440 for each additional person per home.

Funding for the Low Income Energy Assistance program is provided by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Community Service through the Federal Low Income Home Energy

LETTER

Holton taxes too high, says couple who moved here, then moved back to Arkansas

Dear editor,
I'm writing this letter today because several businessmen in Holton asked me to.

My wife and I were residents of Holton from 1988 to 1995.

During that time, I owned two apartment houses and several homes. So last June, we decided to move back to Holton from Bella Vista, Ark. to be closer to our children.

We bought a home and thought at the time that the taxes were higher than they should be, but we bought it anyway.

When we got our tax bill, it was more than \$300 higher than we expected, more than three times higher than our Arkansas taxes.

We decided we had made a big mistake moving back to Holton. We now understand why gas, insurance, food, utilities, etc. were all more expensive. These other businesses also are being taxed too much by the city fathers!

When young people in Holton find out how much cheaper it is in other states and move out of Holton, you won't need the new school being built, and the businessmen I talked to said they would like to sell out and leave Holton because of the high taxes.

We sold our home in Holton after only six months and have moved back to Arkansas, even though we loved our church and the people of Holton.

We enjoyed all the years we lived in Holton and we hate to see the town being hurt by high taxes. We wish we could have afforded to stay in Holton, but we just felt like it wasn't smart when we can live so much cheaper in Arkansas. My taxes for our home and

two cars were \$1,060 last year and the home we bought in Holton taxes - just on the home - were \$2,800.

Just wanted to get this letter written so our friends will know why we left.

D. Judson and Melba Brown
Bella Vista, Ark.

Twitter statistics reported

During the week of Jan. 5 - 9, The Holton Recorder's Twitter account (@holtonrecorder) had 2,154 total views and 11 retweets.

The most popular tweet was the halftime score of the Holton girls basketball game against the Jefferson West Tigers. That tweet was viewed 458 times and retweeted three times.

Several other sports-related tweets also received a lot of attention on Twitter that week.

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OBITUARIES



Smith

James Kendall Smith, 96, Topeka, died Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2015, at Midland Hospice House in Topeka.

He was born Oct. 1, 1918, in Holton, the son of James A. J. and Nora Smith.

Mr. Smith served in the U.S. Army and was a veteran of World War II in Europe and the Korean War.

He married Elva "Ruth" Hayden on July 9, 1939, in Holton. She died Oct. 28, 2013.

Survivors include a daughter, Judy Murray, Topeka; a son, Gary Smith and wife Sue, Smithville, Texas; nine grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday at Penwell-Gabel Parker-Price Chapel, 245 N.W. Independence Ave., Topeka. Military honors were conducted at Holton Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Midland Hospice, 200 S.W. Frazier Circle, Topeka, KS 66606-2800. *Holton Recorder 1/19/15*

Hug

Truman E. Hug, 93, rural Mayetta, died Friday, Jan. 16, 2015, at Medicalodges Jackson County in Holton.

He was born March 24, 1921, near Soldier, the son of Albert and Esther Partridge Hug. He graduated from Mayetta High School.

Mr. Hug was a farmer and stockman, raising dairy cattle, beef and hogs. He also worked at Goodyear Tire and Rubber in Topeka.

He was a member of Denison Reformed Presbyterian Church and a deacon at the church.

He married Helen M. McCrory on Aug. 18, 1945, at Denison. She survives.

Other survivors include a son, Darrell Hug and wife Ellen, Mayetta; two daughters, Phyllis Phillips and husband Ralph, Mayetta, and Yvonne Hamer, Denison; a brother, Keith Hug, Mayetta; a sister, Dorothy Bausch, Hoyt; 12 grandchildren; 24 great grandchildren with two more on the way; and two great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a son-in-law, Theo Hamer.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Denison Reformed Presbyterian Church. Burial will follow in Denison Cemetery. Mr. Hug will lie in state at Chapel Oaks Funeral Home in Holton, where family and friends will meet from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. today.

Memorial contributions may be made to Denison Reformed Presbyterian Church, sent in care of Chapel Oaks Funeral Home, P.O. Box 1034, Holton, KS 66436. *Holton Recorder 1/19/15*

BRIEFS

■ The Circleville Senior Executives will not meet at the Lodge Hall in Circleville this month, but will instead meet with the Holton Senior Citizens on Monday, Jan. 26 for a noon meal. Reservations are required. Please call Theresa Wade at 364-2457 or the Jackson County Senior Citizens Center at 364-3150.

■ A benefit luncheon for Justin Keithline will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24 at the Masonic Lodge, 201 Lovejoy St. in Circleville. Homemade chili and cinnamon rolls will be served.

■ The Caregivers Support Group (formerly Alzheimer's Support Group) will meet every third Tuesday of each month from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Medicalodges Jackson County. For more information, contact Zennie McClintock at 364-9696 or Amy Spiker at 364-3164.

■ The Heart of Jackson Humane Society shelter is located at 414 E. Eighth St. in Holton and is open from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday. For more information, call 364-5156.

■ 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 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesdays and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursdays. For more information call 362-7021.

■ Quote of the day: "Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter." —Martin Luther King Jr.

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Hoyt council reviews street improvement options

The Hoyt City Council met in regular session on Dec. 2, 2014. Present were Mayor Debbie Dreasher and council members Ed Ryan, Lana Dillner and Leonard Allen. Council members Guy Cumpton and Nathan McAlister were absent. Also present were City Attorney Lee Hendricks and Mike Peroo, Theresa Hannigan, Trevor Bausch, Mike Brookshire, Janelle Kent, Dee Olson, Edward Kester, Lucas Gunter, Linda Inman, Dustin Gunter, Chuck Gunter, Ken Bailey, Bob Ehrhart, Bill Jacobs, Kenny Bryan, Bruce Rinkes, Melvin Bailey and Hillari Rose.

Mayor Dreasher called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Minutes from the Nov. 4, 2014 and Nov. 12, 2014 meetings were provided to the council. Allen made a motion to approve the Nov. 4 minutes as provided. Ryan seconded and the motion carried. Ryan made a motion and Allen seconded to approve the Nov. 12 minutes as provided. The motion carried.

Dreasher presented former Chief of Police Jon Brown with a plaque of thanks and recognition for his years of service to the City of Hoyt.

Peroo discussed the proposed 2014 amended budget with the council. Allen made a motion to accept the 2014 amended budget. Ryan seconded and the motion carried.

Rinkes with King & Associates Engineering provided three options for improvements at Fourth Street and Highland Avenue. The first option includes some sidewalk replacement, a sidewalk ramp and a curb and gutter to direct storm water to the existing pipe for \$9,000. The second option is drainage improvements along Fourth Street on both sides of the street from Highland Avenue to east of Bailey's Bakery and Café for \$48,500. The third option is sidewalk replacement on both sides of Fourth Street from Highland Avenue to east of Bailey's Bakery and Café for \$38,300. These are construction cost estimates only. The council will discuss this further

at a later date.

Ehrhart presented an estimate of \$255 for fixing the tornado siren pole at Denison State Bank and \$810 for ditch work at Fifth and McKeage Streets. No action was taken. Ehrhart and Bryan also discussed the maintenance completed by Lee Matthews at the pump stations.

Dusty Gunter met with the council to request permission to drive his gator and/or golf cart to and from work. The council was in agreement with this request and asked Hendricks to draft an ordinance in this regard.

Kent met with the council to discuss the letter from Alexandria Morrissey mentioned in the Oct. 20, 2014 minutes. Hendricks stated that he has responded to that letter on behalf of the city and as of the date of this meeting has not received any further response.

Kent also discussed ditches and yards she believes are in violation of the city's ordinance regarding the same. Hendricks asked if the police department would take pictures of those properties so the council could make a determination whether to send a violation letter.

Bryan met with the council to present an estimate of approximately \$1,000 he received from Hoffman Brothers to build a metal frame to store the sander. Ryan made a motion to purchase the frame from Hoffman Brothers. Allen seconded and the motion carried.

Bryan also discussed his estimate for purchasing the siding at the city building and the cost to purchase an additional window. Allen made a motion for Bryan to purchase and replace all siding on the city building and install a window on the west side of the building. This includes any miscellaneous work needed to complete the project. Ryan seconded and the motion carried.

Ryan stated that he informed Tarwater that the city would accept the lawnmower bid of \$7,900 and \$3,100

for trade-in. Tarwater will extend the agreement to January 2015. Ryan will discuss the arrangements with Bryan.

Bausch met with the council to update the council on the status of the greenhouse at the high school. The school has received a building permit for the project.

Kester presented bulk water invoices. He also asked for permission for the firefighters to use the water tower for training exercises. The council was in agreement with this request.

Brookshire discussed with the council his concern over dead trees on properties around town.

Rose met with the council to discuss concern of speeding vehicles on Eastern Street. Allen suggested looking into solutions and costs for this, including speed bumps, trimming around or moving the existing signs and/or additional signs.

Dillner discussed the status of the city's website. There is nothing available now. Dillner suggested Buletlink, a hosting site that would cost \$39 per month. Allen suggested researching other hosting options.

There was nothing to report on water or parks.

Dreasher said Dennis Kester would plan on coming to the following month's meeting to discuss a project for the jail.

Allen and Chief of Police Dan Wentling gave the monthly police report. Chief Wentling discussed the need for new guns, ammunition and holsters for the department. He also discussed the importance of all officers having the same weapon. The costs of different guns were

discussed. Dillner made a motion to purchase three Glock .40 caliber guns, ammunition for the same and whatever equipment is necessary to use the weapons. Allen seconded and the motion carried. The council stated that Hendricks discussed the necessity of a third officer.

The council discussed the WEX State of Kansas Fleet Program. Allen made a motion to apply for the WEX fuel cards. Dillner seconded and the motion carried.

The council discussed Ernie DeBusk's property on Kansas Highway 214. A reminder letter can be sent regarding the end of year deadline for cleaning up the property.

The council discussed the invoice by Ehrhart for work completed at Fifth Street and Kansas Highway 214. The council agreed to send an invoice to DeBusk for the work completed.

The council discussed cleanup of properties in the city, specifically burned down houses. Hendricks asked the police to take pictures of these properties.

Dreasher stated that she had looked into renting a storage unit to store older city documents. Ryan discussed the old fire station as a possible storage option.

Brookshire asked the council if a walking schedule had been set for the community building. No schedule has been set. The clerk will discuss this with Bryan.

Dillner made and Ryan seconded a motion to pay bills. The motion carried.

Ryan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Allen seconded and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

Guidelines for obituaries

When submitting obituaries to *The Holton Recorder* for publication, please remember that we can print a 2-inch-by-3-inch photo of the deceased for a \$12.50 charge. Pictures of the deceased may be e-mailed to *The Holton Recorder* at holtonrecorder@embarqmail.com or bring the photo to the *Recorder* office at 109 W. Fourth St. in Holton to be scanned in a timely manner.

Also, when submitting obituaries to be printed in *The Recorder*, we request that obituaries are sent by the mortuary or funeral home handling the funeral arrangements.

Kientz Corner

By Beverly Ramey Newell

On Jan. 11, the Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church congregation opened its worship service by singing "O Little Town of Bethlehem."

The announcements were: Game night was to be held at 6 p.m. on Jan. 16; a biscuit and gravy fund-raiser for Fellowship and Faith's food party was to be held from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Jan. 17 at the church; a chili feed and raffle fund-raiser for Heidi Walder will be held from 4:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Feb. 6 at the Sunrise Optimist building; and be sure to support the youth and buy an amazing 2015 calendar now. The proceeds will help fund the youth summer mission trip to St. Paul, Minn.

The birthdays for Jan. 11 through Jan. 17: Collin Martin, Jan. 11; Marvin D. Smith, Jan. 13; David Neiman, Jan. 14; Ian Hahn, Jan. 15; and Zeke Metz, Jan. 17. The anniversary for the week was Gary and Carole Stout, Jan. 13.

The children's story was given by Kevin McDowell. Some people may greet you by saying, "Hey, what's new?" Were you excited when you received new toys or new clothes at Christmas?

Starting a new year means new beginnings. A new year is an exciting time to do better than the year before. Let us remember, when we were baptized Jesus washed away our sins and gave us new life.

A joy was that the Rev. Cho's sister and family are visiting here from Korea for three weeks.

The concerns were prayers for Stacey Colhouer, who has blood clots in her leg; Heidi and Pam Walder for safe travels to Seattle, Wash.; and the family of Louise Fernkopf.

For special music, Annie McDowell sang "All Good Gifts." She was accompanied by Greg Baldwin on the piano.

Kay Jones-Ray read the scripture Exodus 13:17-22. The sermon "Suffering: Where is God?" was given by the Rev. Hyun-Jin Cho. In our time of personal suffering, which may be caused from health issues, financial problems and/or a family member's death, we may ask, "God, where are you?" But then there are times we do feel God's presence in our lives.

When we receive hope, love and understanding from our family and

friends in our time of suffering, we know God is with us. The church is where the spirit of God works many wonderful blessings and supports us to continue our journey. Let us remember, God is with us.

The closing hymn was "God Will Take Care of You."

Those assisting with the service were Kay Jones-Ray, liturgist; Mary Smith, organist; Hailee Gower, acolyte; Matt and Deb Mannell, sound system; John Wilson, song leader; and Gary Domer, Ron Griffiths, Kevin McDowell and Marvin D. Smith, usher team.

Public Notice

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Plaintiff,

vs.

David Borcharding, David A. Borcharding, Maribell Borcharding, Maribell Borcharding, et. al.;

Defendants.

Case No. 14CV43 K.S.A. 60 Mortgage Foreclosure (Title to Real Estate Involved)

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20. Mischa __, violinist
22. Constitution Hall org.
23. More dried-up
25. First on moon
26. Braid
28. 11% of Guinea population
29. Sea eagle
30. Scottish variant of "to"
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33. Belonging to a thing
34. On top
36. Automobile hood (Brit.)
38. Skewered Thai dish
40. Clamors
41. Eggs cooked until just set
43. Flat
44. 13th Hebrew letter
45. Short poking stroke
47. Japanese classical theater
48. 007's creator
51. Romanian Mures river city
53. Music term for silence
55. A crane
56. Ringworm
58. Romanian money
59. True frog
60. Integrated circuit
61. "Highway Patrol's" Crawford
64. Point midway between S and E
65. On a whim
67. Protagonist
69. Quantity with only magnitude
70. Oversights

CLUES DOWN

1. One who operates a dial
2. Trauma center
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7. AKA migraine
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9. Buddies
10. Heavy tranquilizers (slang)
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26. Cooking vessel
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SPORTS *Monday*

Holton, Royal Valley girls battle to the final whistle in tight Big Seven battle



Wildcat Mackenzie Moore (shown above, front right) and Panther Cassidy Dahl (middle) battle for a loose ball early in Friday's game. Holton and Royal Valley went back and forth through most of the game, but HHS got just enough separation in the end to pick up a 49-44 victory.

Photo by Kelly Breckunitch

For the second time in as many games, the Holton girls had to sweat out a win on the basketball court and even trailed for almost the entire second half before pulling off the comeback and securing a 49-44 win over county rival Royal Valley on Friday.

When the going got tough, the Wildcats relied on that old standby of pressure defense and got a few key turnovers late that proved critical to the final outcome. Shay Tanking's steal and ensuing lay-up with 23 seconds left was one example and it allowed HHS to take the lead for good and fend off the pesky Panthers.

"We needed all the guts we had. That's one of the things we talked about at halftime is playing with some guts," HHS coach Jon Holliday said. "We didn't do a great job at the end of the second quarter or the start of the third quarter, but once we kind of got going and clawed back into it and starting doing some better things, especially defensively, it was a great high school basketball game."

"Both teams played their hearts out. We just got lucky," Holliday added.

Royal Valley coach Corey Katzer echoed that sentiment noting the night and day difference of his team's performance in the first and second half and the chance the Panthers gave themselves in the end.

"The kids gave everything they had and laid it on the line and as a coach, that's all you can ask," Katzer said.

Holton opened up a lead early thanks to some stout defense that kept the Panther forwards in check in the first quarter. The Wildcats didn't give RV very many good looks and also forced 10 turnovers in the first quarter alone to take a 15-8 lead after one quarter of play.

Panthers Tamo Thomas and Jaycee Worrell started to attack towards the end of the first quarter and that seemed to boost the team going into the second period.

"We really worked on telling our guards to be aggressive. Don't settle

on the outside. Try to penetrate and get to the basket, make them open things up," Katzer said.

In the second quarter, Royal Valley managed to hold a major advantage in team fouls and free throws that allowed the team to make it a game. At one point, RV made six straight free throws and eventually got within two points going into halftime.

"That was a major concern because in the first half, nine of their 23 points came from the foul line. They were nine for 10 and that's just way too many free throws to be shooting. You have to be even at the free throw line. You can't spot a team that many free throws and expect to win too many ball games," Holliday said.

"That's been something we've been pressing from the beginning is our poor free throw percentage. We put an emphasis on it in practice, tonight being the best it's gone here," Katzer noted.

As well as that went, Katzer also made sure to point out to his team just how few offensive sets the Panthers actually ran in the first half, making that a focal point coming out of the break.

Royal Valley quickly corrected those issues, too, and got the forwards involved in the process as Kate Hanson and Cassidy Dahl scored on back-to-back possessions to start the third quarter and gave the Panthers their first lead of the game, 27-25.

Hanson and Thomas led the charge for the Panthers in the third quarter, as RV started on a 7-0 run, but Courtney Boswell hit a big three for the Wildcats to quash Royal Valley's momentum and keep it a two-point lead for the moment.

Despite a move to the full court press to end the quarter, Holton couldn't get any closer than that and ended up going in to the fourth quarter down five, 36-31, to the Panthers.

While Royal Valley entered the quarter looking like it would win the free throw battle again, Holton quickly evened the foul situation up and even got into the single bonus

in the fourth quarter. That was thanks to an aggressive, attacking mentality on offense from players like Boswell and forward Hayley Thompson that Holliday said served the team well.

It also helped the Wildcats in getting Hanson into some foul trouble and limiting her effectiveness down the stretch. Hanson converted a big basket right after her fourth foul, but by that time the Wildcats had fought their way right back into the game and tied it back up as Ashlyn Weilert went the length of the court for a lay-up to make it 42-42.

Both teams were in for a wild ride and depth seemingly proved a factor for Holton down the stretch as it cranked up the defense once again thanks to some substitutions, which factored in during the final minute of the game.

"They're really good athletes, maybe not the best offensively, but they are really good defensively and that's something they can bring to the table and that's something they're getting their heads around understanding. They come on the floor, they're in for one purpose and that's to guard somebody. Good things happened when those kids stepped on the floor," Holliday said.

The teams proceeded to trade baskets until that final minute, when Royal Valley threw the ball away into the backcourt for what seemed to be a game-changing turnover. Holton could not convert and RV got another chance to hit the go-ahead basket, but that is when Tanking came up with her big steal and lay-up that instead put the Wildcats ahead for good.

Holton then closed out with some strong free throw shooting of its own to secure the 49-44 victory on the its home court, getting some more experience performing in pressure situations along the way.

"It's nice to look out and see the kids in a tight ball game with no panic on their faces," Holliday said. "The game seems to be slowing down a little bit for us in that situation. That's going to be a plus for us down

the road." Despite a tough loss in a line of losses Royal Valley has suffered at the hands of Holton over the years, Katzer said he was hoping the game would serve as a mental breakthrough of sorts for his team moving forward.

"I don't know that we've beat them in 20 years and that starts to creep in those kids' heads. We're not trying to overcome an opponent on the floor. We're trying to overcome an opponent between the ears. Hopefully, we took a step in realizing that we can be a pretty good basketball team when we want to be," Katzer said.

Both teams will now get a short reprieve from the tough league schedule as they head into tournament week, though the Wildcats and Panthers won't have any less of a challenge.

Holton (6-3) starts tournament competition in the Basehor-Linwood Invitational this (Monday) afternoon against Blue Valley, while Royal Valley (4-5) will be back in action on Friday in their home tournament with a match-up against Wabunsee.

Jan. 16, 2015

RV: 8-15-13-8-44

HHS: 15-10-6-18-49

Individual statistics:

HHS: Boswell 5 (1) 3-3 14, A. Weilert 3 3-4 9, Thompson 4 0-0 8, Tanking 2 (1) 3-4 8, Moore 0 3-4 3, Degenhardt 1 0-0 2, T. Weilert 0 2-2 2, Boyett 0 1-2 1. Totals- 15 (2) 15-19 49.

RV: Hanson 3 8-8 14, Worrell 3 (2) 7-8 12, Thomas 3 (1) 1-2 8, Biggoose 1 2-2 4, Dahl 2 0-0 4, Putnam 1 0-0 2. Totals- 13 (2) 18-20 44.

Team statistics:

Rebounds: HHS- 25 (Boswell 6, Thompson 4, A. Weilert 3, Holaday 3); RV- 26 (Thomas 8, Hanson 8).

Assists: HHS- 9 (Boswell 2, A. Weilert 2, Tanking 2); RV- 8 (Worrell 3, Thomas 3).

Turnovers: HHS- 18; RV- 26.

JV

Holton 37, Royal Valley 29



Holton's Garett Beecher (shown above, right) sends a three-point attempt flying in the second half of the game against Royal Valley. Beecher had another big night, finishing with a game-high 28 points, but the Wildcats had to weather a storm in the end before picking up a 57-51 victory.

Photo by Kelly Breckunitch

Panthers fight back in the fourth, but come up short against the Wildcats

Any loss stings, but a loss to a rival can be a bitter pill to swallow, especially when the final outcome boils down to execution, which is something RV coach Keith Pelton said was a crucial factor in Friday's game between Holton and Royal Valley.

Pelton and the Panthers knew what would be coming, with a heavy dose of Garett Beecher and Trey Tanking (42 points combined) fueling the Wildcats once again, but RV couldn't do enough to stop it in a close 57-51 loss at Holton.

"I was taught five guys working together could beat two guys, but that wasn't the case Friday night," Pelton said. "We have to work better together. If we start doing that, if we learn from this, we'll grow."

"We told them we can't let those guys go off and there's times that we just didn't know where they were at. We can't lose sight of those guys. They're too good," Pelton added.

Beecher got off to a hot start, scoring 10 of the Wildcats' first 12 points in the opening frame, but the Panthers hung around despite a sluggish start on offense and an inability to get things going inside. That had a lot to do with Holton's focus on the defensive end and the physicality it brought in Friday's game.

"I thought our posts played pretty well, especially defensively. We had some opportunities early that maybe we didn't utilize well or we gave up some lay-ups and box outs, but I'd say overall, at this point in the season, I think they've progressed nicely and they continue to get better," HHS coach Ryan Noel said. "They work hard, so it's not much of a surprise."

"Every time we got the ball in the lane they had three guys there. If there's three guys, there's someone open and we have to do a better job of finding them," Pelton said.

As strong as the Wildcats started on defense, the Panthers answered the challenge in the second quarter. While Royal Valley only added five points to its total score, the Panther defense held HHS to six points in the second and RV went into halftime down just five points, 18-13.

"They play fast and they like to transition. I thought we'd get up and down pretty well throughout the night, but their guards played really well defensively. They were digging at the ball and they were in on help defense. I tip my hat to their guards. They were scrappy," Noel said.

In the midst of the defensive battle in the second quarter, things got a little heated as Royal Valley's Derrick Barger drew a technical foul. While the emotions were kept in check after that, it didn't take away from the wild finish that would play out in the second half.

Noel noted the Wildcats were a little one-dimensional in the first half and not moving the ball around on offense, so he challenged his team to be more fluid on that side of the floor in the second half. Holton responded to the coach's challenge and Beecher

once again got hot, draining threes on three straight possessions in the third quarter to push the Wildcats' lead to 12 points at its apex.

Holding a 10-point lead going into the fourth quarter, Noel admitted it never felt like the game was all that secure and the Panthers showed why in the final period as Royal Valley started to get hot from beyond the arc.

"Royal Valley's a solid basketball team. They have a lot of weapons and coach Pelton uses them very well," Noel said. "We knew they weren't going to go away. They're a competitive group."

"It's a lot easier to hit shots when there's no pressure. What do you have to lose at that point? I thought we battled hard and they did the things we asked them and they did them on the fly. We have to do a little more of them, the things we do well, more often," Pelton added.

Royal Valley's guards came alive in the fourth quarter as Kwaki Spoonhunter drained three three-pointers in the period for all of his nine points, while Barger and Noah Rottinghaus were key down the stretch as well.

Barger hit a three with 40 seconds left in the game to get Royal Valley within four points and Rottinghaus then came up with a steal and lay-up to shrink Holton's lead to a slim two points, 53-51.

That was as close as the Panthers could get, though, as Beecher and Bryson Patch iced some free throws down the stretch to secure the 57-51 victory for the Wildcats.

"If you're going to be a good basketball team, you have to be able to fight through some of those things and make free throws late. I know that's where they want to be and that's where we have to be as a team," Noel said.

Poise and confidence helped Holton do just that on Friday and the Wildcats will need a healthy dose of that in a tough tournament field at Tonganoxie this week. HHS (6-3) will get tournament play started with a match-up against Metro Academy of Kansas City at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday.

Meanwhile, Royal Valley will try to shake off a tough loss as the

Panthers prepare to host their home tournament this week. RV (5-4) will start competition against St. Marys Academy at 7 p.m. on Wednesday night, with Chapman, Wabunsee and Cornerstone also in the tournament field.

"If we let this game get to us, we're not moving forward. You have to learn from it and I think they responded a lot better than I thought," Pelton said.

Jan. 19, 2015

RV: 8-5-15-23-51

HHS: 12-6-20-19-57

Individual statistics:

HHS: Beecher 8 (6) 6-7 28, Tanking 5 (1) 3-3 14, Allen 4 1-4 9, Bergsten 2 0-0 4, Patch 0 2-3 2. Totals- 19 (7) 12-17 57.

RV: N. Rottinghaus 5 (2) 3-4 15, Barger 4 (1) 0-1 9, K. Spoonhunter 3 (3) 0-0 9, Tessenorf 4 0-0 8, Roy 1 4-5 6, Cullen 2 0-0 4. Totals- 19 (6) 7-10.

Team statistics:

Rebounding: HHS- 17 (Tanking 4, Beecher 4, Bergsten 4); RV- 23 (N. Rottinghaus 8, Roy 6, K. Spoonhunter 3).

Assists: HHS- 10 (Tanking 8); RV- 11 (Barger 5, K. Spoonhunter 2).

Turnovers: HHS- 11; RV- 13.

JV

Royal Valley 49, Holton 40

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Holton 49, Royal Valley 29

JH teams split with Horton

While the Jackson Heights boys basketball team struggled in some aspects in a home game against Horton on Friday, coach Chris Brown couldn't have been more pleased.

Even though the Cobras had their issues shooting the ball and guarding some of the Chargers' top players, JHHS managed to hang its hat on defense in a comfortable 62-38 victory over Horton.

The Cobras can pat themselves on the back for a strong first half that helped the team secure the win. In fact, Brown said it was the best half of basketball his team has played all year.

It didn't start out that well, as Horton went to work in the post and had some early success, but once the Cobras cranked up the defensive pressure it was a different story.

"We decided we needed to speed up the game, so we went to our press and really gave them a hard time with it and got a lot of steals and that led to the kids playing really loose and fast themselves. A lot of good things happened for us based off that press," Brown said.

Horton started to figure it out in the second half, but by then the Cobras had built up a 23-point lead that was pretty much insurmountable and the energy was infectious. Brown noted multiple Cobras finished the game with multiple steals and Jackson Heights also won a lot of the loose ball battles in Friday's game.

More important than any of that, though, on a night when Jackson Heights

didn't shoot its best from the field, the Cobras let their defense be their best offense and led to the easy win.

"We were very efficient in transition. It's one thing to get the steals and get out and run, but we were converting at a very high rate," Brown said.

The win over Horton was a nice confidence boost for Jackson Heights, Brown noted, as the Cobras (7-1) get ready to enter competition in the always-tough Thunder (formerly Raider) Classic tournament in Seneca this week.

Jackson Heights will start off the tournament against a feisty Silver Lake squad at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday. Other teams in the field include Falls City (Neb.), Hiawatha, Nemaha Central, St. Marys, Marysville and Horton.

Jan. 19, 2015

Hor.: 11-7-12-8-38

JHHS: 22-19-15-16-62

Individual statistics:

JH: Richter 10 (2) 3-4 25, Strube 4 (1) 2-3 11, Slocum 4 2-4 10, Olberding 2 (2) 2-2 8, Jacobsen 1 0-0 2, Dohl 1 0-0 2, Roles 1 0-0 2, L. Holliday 1 0-0 2. Totals- 24 (5) 9-13 62.

Hor.: Cowley 8 1-3 17, Pahnammie 3 0-0 6, Smith 1 3-6 5, Tinio 1 (1) 0-0 3, Santos 1 (1) 0-0 3, Lobdell 1 0-0 2, Lewis 1 0-2 2. Totals- 16 (2) 4-11 38.

JV

Horton 40, Jackson Heights 39

C-Team

Horton 39, Jackson Heights 24

The Lady Cobras were not as fortunate as they, too, had some big runs in Friday's game against Horton, but the Chargers had the last run and picked up a 39-34 victory on the Cobras' home court.

With a 17-point outburst in the second quarter, JH took an eight-point lead over Horton into halftime, but the Chargers did the exact same thing to the Cobras between the third and the fourth quarters.

Horton poured in 16 points to the Cobras' five in the third period and managed to hold off the home team for the road victory. No Jackson Heights player finished the game in double digits, as Jordan Wells led JHHS with nine points in the game and Katelin Strube added seven.

Following tonight's (Monday's) game against St. Marys, Jackson Heights (4-4) will prepare for tournament competition of its own as the team gears up for the Hiawatha Invitational starting next week.

Jan. 19, 2015

Hor.: 10-5-16-8-39

JHHS: 6-17-5-6-34

Individual statistics:

JH: Wells 3 3-6 9, Strube 3 1-1 7, Thomas 2 1-2 5, Abel 1 2-4 4, Gibson 2 0-1 4, Wareham 0 (1) 0-0 3, Allen 0 1-2 1, Keehn 0 1-4 1. Totals- 11 (1) 9-20 34.

Hor.: Lehev 6 1-3 13, Trautloff 4 (1) 1-2 10, McAfee 3 (2) 0-0 8, Brunning 2 1-2 5, Gaskell 1 0-0 2, Cairo 0 1-3 1. Total- 16 (3) 4-12 39.

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Panthers bounce back strong in double dual

In a perfect world, as Royal Valley wrestling coach Jason Puderbaugh noted, many of the young Panther wrestlers would be able to get mat time and experience at the junior varsity level instead of going through the trial by fire of varsity competition.

With injuries taking their toll, that just has not been an option for RV and the heat got turned up on the Panthers in their return to action last week at the Seaman dual tournament.

Royal Valley faced some of the top 5A and 6A teams at the tournament and was unable to come away with a win. While it was a tough way to start 2015, it was also something Puderbaugh used to challenge his wrestlers' resolve moving forward.

"I sent out text messages to them on Sunday about when you get knocked down seven times, you get back up eight and we continued to press the issue the first part of the week about bouncing back strong and keeping their heads held high," Puderbaugh said. "I told them to keep that in mind and to just keep working hard and trying to improve and success will come as long as they can stay with it. I think the bought into that. I think they believe that."

After going back to the drawing board in practice at the start of the week, Puderbaugh said fundamentals were a big focus for the Panthers and the work paid off as Royal Valley split its duals in Silver Lake last Wednesday night.

The Panthers took a close dual with the host Eagles, winning 37-31, before coming up short against Washburn Rural by a final of 54-24.

If not for a few matches, the dual with Washburn Rural would've been closer. While the Panthers struggled in the lightweight divisions, lacking experience and size, Puderbaugh said all of the RV wrestlers excelled in setting the tone in the matches and coming back strong.

"I felt like we were the more aggressive team and our guys

attacked in the neutral position and especially on bottom. Those were points of emphasis for us winning those two positions," Puderbaugh said. "We were winning those takedowns and we were controlling the matches and setting the tone as far as being the bigger aggressor. I thought our guys wrestled with confidence and it was exciting."

Several individual RV wrestlers had strong nights, starting with some sophomores who have had bumpy starts to the season. Tim Martin Jr. and Jerry Coan both finished 1-1 on the night for Royal Valley and very easily could've been 2-0.

Martin Jr. dropped a tough match by decision to Silver Lake's Dalton Dultmeier, who took third at 113 lbs. at the 3-2-1A state tournament last year before coming back to shut out his opponent from Washburn Rural.

Meanwhile, Coan started off with a win against his Silver Lake opponent and was in control of his match in the Washburn Rural dual, but Coan made a technical error trying a new technique that ended up costing him the match.

Still those two, along with a consistent Jacob Box, looked strong for the Panthers while Matthew Bailey and Charles Todd continued to round back into form in their second meet back from injury for Royal Valley. Bailey won both of his matches handily, while Todd was in control of his one match before letting up a little in the final period, leaving an opening for his opponent to take advantage.

Noah Hart also continued to look sharp getting a win by pin in the Washburn Rural dual after falling to defending 126-lb. state champion Haegan Schaefer of Silver Lake. If not for a close takedown that wasn't scored in the second period, Hart may have been victorious, though Puderbaugh said that doesn't take away from his increasing odds as a 145-lb. contender in Class 4A.

"He just continues to be more and

more of a threat against the better kids in the state and I think that he himself is becoming one of the top contenders at 145," Puderbaugh said.

After a tough outing in their previous tournament, Puderbaugh said he was impressed with how his wrestlers responded and he hopes this will put the Panthers back on track and provide some momentum for the wrestlers to continue taking strides forward as Royal Valley gets ready for some individual tournament competition. Following action at St. Marys over the weekend, RV will return to competition in Kansas City at the Piper tournament this Saturday starting at 8:30 a.m.

Silver Lake double dual
Team results:
Royal Valley 37, Silver Lake 31
Washburn Rural 54, Royal Valley 24

Individual results:
vs. Silver Lake

(106): Jordan Priddy (SL) won by fall over Dalton Ware.

(113): Michael Marsh (SL) won by fall over Ethan Ashley.

(120): Dalton Dultmeier (SL) won by major decision, 10-1, over Tim Martin Jr.

(126): Lane Bailey had an open round.

(132): Zack Lux had an open round.

(138): Jerry Coan won by decision, 8-3, over Caleb Schwarz (SL).

(145): Haegan Schaefer (SL) won by decision, 3-2, over Noah Hart.

(152): Both teams were open.

(160): Hunter Howerton (SL) won by fall over Garrett Rodewald.

(170): Michael Schaefer (SL) had an open round.

(182): Matthew Bailey (RV) won by major decision, 14-5, over Coltin Morgan (SL).

(195): Jacob Box had an open round.

(220): Blake Garrison had an open round.

(285): Charles Todd had an open

round.

vs. Washburn Rural
(106): Christian Madill (WR) won by fall over Dalton Ware.

(113): Nick Huffman (WR) won by fall over Ethan Ashley.

(120): Tim Martin Jr. won by decision, 6-0 over Cashton Taggart (WR).

(126): Austin Jenkins (WR) won by fall over Lance Bailey.

(132): Zack Lux had an open round.

(138): Alec Stindt (WR) won by fall over Jerry Coan.

(145): Noah Hart won by fall over Matt Voigt (WR).

(152): Laron Jackson (WR) had an open round.

(160): Jared Shipley (WR) won by fall over Garrett Rodewald.

(170): Kyle Palenske (WR) had an open round.

(182): Matthew Bailey won by fall over Devin Blackwell (WR).

(195): Jacob Box won by decision, 6-2, over Nathan Iles (WR).

(220): LaVale Jackson (WR) had an open round.

(285): Michael Mattox (WR) won by fall over Charels Todd.

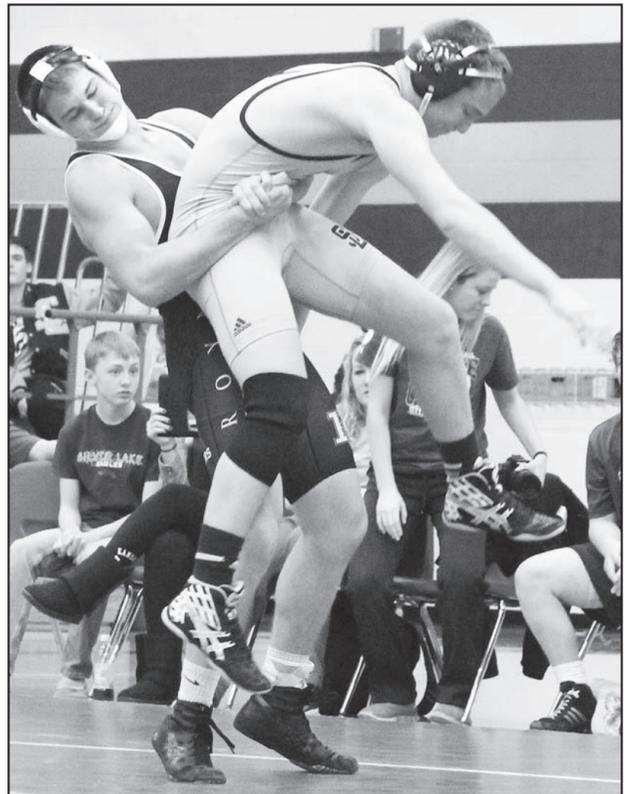
JV
(113): Austin Frakes (WR) won by fall over DJ Kester.

(120): Alex Ackerman (WR) won by fall over Colby Burger.

(132): Caleb Burnworth won over Lacey Henderson (WR).

(138): Eli Shane won by decision, 7-3, over Lacey Henderson.

(195): Blake Garrison won by fall over Dalton Reed.



Royal Valley's Matthew Bailey (shown above, left) gets his Silver Lake opponent in the air before throwing him to the mat for a takedown in one of last Wednesday's road duals. The Panthers and Bailey got stronger after a tough meet, splitting the double dual with Silver Lake and Washburn Rural.

Photo by Kelly Breckunitch

Royal Valley wrestlers gain steam at St. Marys tournament

In their second action of the week, the Panther wrestlers had some strong showings at the St. Marys tournament over the weekend.

Royal Valley was led by some familiar culprits, as Matthew Bailey, Jacob Box and Noah Hart turned in the top performances of the weekend.

Bailey had another injury scare in dual action last Wednesday, coming down on his head during a take down, but he was ready to go on Saturday and looked no worse for wear as he won all of his matches to claim the individual title at 182-lbs.

Jacob Box also made it to the finals before falling to Big Seven rival Sam Shenk of Jeff West, while Noah Hart lost a close decision to a state-ranked wrestler in the semifinals before coming back in the consolation bracket to take third.

In total, eight wrestlers placed for the Panthers in the weekend tournament, with some young wrestlers having some solid showings along with the veterans' top placings.

Royal Valley will now prepare to get back in action with a JV tournament in Holton at 3:30 p.m. on Friday before the varsity wrestler head to Kansas City for the Piper Invitational starting at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday.

St. Marys Tournament
Team results:

1. Wamego 216.5, 2. St. Marys 175.3, Rawlins County 156, 4. Topeka Seaman 141, 5. Wellsville 130, 6. Pleasant Ridge 123.5, 7. Jeff West 111, 8. Wabaunsee 105, 9. Royal Valley 93, 10. Burlingame 79, 11. Atchison 42, 12. Immaculata 40.5, 13. Mission Valley 15, 14. Hayden 9

Individual results:

(285): Kegan Meister had two byes, lost two matches and did not place.

Topeka High Invitational
Team results:

1. Topeka High 175.5, 2. Louisburg 166.5, 3. Highland Park 125.5, 4. Council Grove 90, 5. Gardner Edgerton 73.5, 6. KC Schlagle 66, 7. Topeka West 54, 8. Parsons 44, 9. KC Washington 24, t10. KC Wyandotte 0, t10. Holton 0

Individual results:
HHS

(106): Arturo Reveles had a bye, lost two matches and did not place.

(113): Coulter Bisel lost two matches and did not place.

(120): Ace Eisenbarth lost two matches and did not place.

(126): Lucas Hogan lost two matches and did not place.

(132): Willie Bowman lost two matches and did not place.

(160): Logan Cannon lost two matches and did not place.

(182): Kyler Tannahill lost two matches and did not place.

(220): Eugene Harris lost two matches and did not place.

Individual results:

HHS wrestlers stand out in Tournament of Champions

After a tough inaugural trip to the Newton Tournament of Champions last season, the Holton wrestling team returned with one more year of experience and turned in some strong individual results while having almost an identical team performance this past weekend.

The Wildcats, the second-smallest squad of the 27 competing, finished 10th as a team over the weekend. Meanwhile, four of the nine individual wrestlers who competed for HHS walked away with medals.

Included in that was one of the biggest turnarounds for returning wrestler Tyler Price. As a freshman last season, Price did not even place at the tournament. Now, he is walking away as an individual champion in the 138-lb. weight class and doing so in dominant fashion. Price won four of his five matches by pin over the weekend.

Lucas Lovvorn also wound up in the finals at the Newton tournament and finished as runner-up by a narrow 3-1 decision, while Justin Rieschick (third) and Mason Baum (fourth) were the other two Wildcats who medaled.

After one tough tournament, the Wildcats will get ready for another this weekend, though Holton will have the advantage of wrestling at home as HHS gets ready to host the Sadowski Invitational. Competition will start at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday.

Teams that will compete with Holton at the Sadowski Invitational include Andover Central, Gardner-Edgerton, Iola, Lansing, Perry-Lecompton, Pratt, Rossville, Shawnee Heights, Tonganoxie, Topeka West, Wabaunsee and Wichita East.

Newton Tournament of Champions
Team results:

1. Garden City 191.5, 2. Grand Island (Neb.) 139, 3. Arkansas City 131.5, 4. Norton 130, 5. Manhattan 124, t6. Dodge City 123, t6. Wichita Northwest 123, 8. Mill Valley 114.5, 9. Emporia 108.5, 10. Holton 103, 11. Bishop Carroll 87, t12. Colby 86, t12. Maize South 86, 14. Maize 80, 15. Andover 79.5, 16. Salina South 66.5, 17. McPherson 60, 18. Derby 56.5, 19. Leavenworth 49.5, t20. Gardner-Edgerton 49, t20. Newton 49, 22. Wichita Heights 46, t23. Andover Central 41, t23. Lawrence High 41, 25. Blue Valley Southwest 38, 26. Hutchinson 8, 27. Wichita East 7

Individual results:
HHS

(132): Justin Pool had a bye, won one match, lost two matches and did not place.

(138): Tyler Price went undefeated, winning all five of his matches, to medal in first place.

(145): Justin Rieschick won five matches, lost one and came in third.

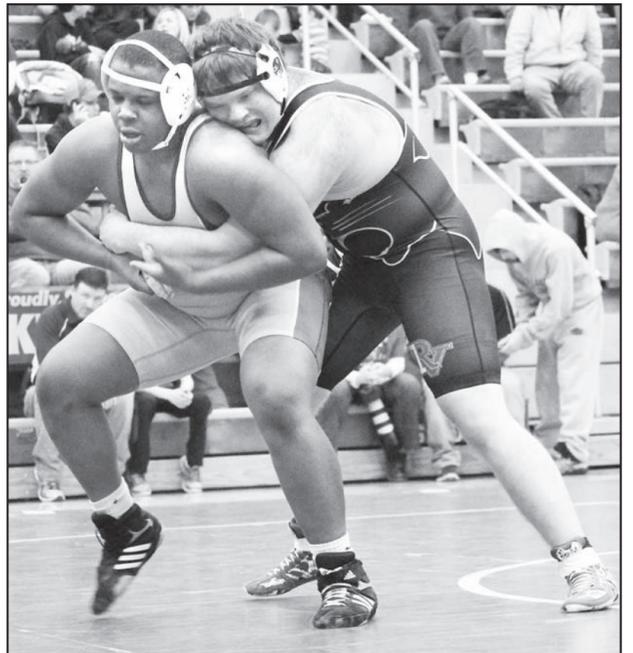
(152): Trey Haverkamp had a bye, won one match, lost two matches and did not place.

(160): Lucas Lovvorn won four matches, lost one match and finished second.

(170): Mason Baum had a bye, won four matches, lost two matches and placed fourth.

(195): Brandon Lehnerr had a bye, lost two matches and did not place.

(220): Nathan Shields had two byes, lost two matches and did not place.



Panther Charles Todd (shown above, right) tries to prevent his opponent from Washburn Rural from escaping in dual action last Wednesday.

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UPCOMING PREP SPORTS

TUESDAY, JAN. 20: HHS Boys Basketball vs. Metro Academy - Tonganoxie Tournament - 4:30 p.m. @ Tonganoxie; JHHS Boys Basketball vs. Silver Lake - N. Valley Tourn. - 6:30 p.m. @ Seneca

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 21: HHS Girls Basketball - Basehor Tourn. - TBA @ Basehor; RVHS Boys Basketball vs. St. Marys Academy - Panther Classic - 7 p.m. @ Hoyt

THURSDAY, JAN. 22: HHS Boys Basketball - Tonganoxie Tourn. - TBA @ Tonganoxie; HHS Girls Basketball - Basehor Tourn. - TBA @ Basehor; JHHS Boys Basketball - N. Valley Tourn. - TBA @ Seneca

FRIDAY, JAN. 23: HHS Boys Basketball - Tonganoxie Tourn. - TBA @ Tonganoxie; HHS Girls Basketball - Basehor Tourn. - TBA @ Basehor; HHS Wrestling - Holton Invitational - 3:30 p.m. @ Holton; RVHS Boys Basketball vs. Wabaunsee - Panther Classic - 8 p.m. @ Hoyt; RVHS Girls Basketball vs. Wabaunsee - Panther Classic - 6:30 p.m. @ Hoyt; RVHS JV Wrestling - Holton JV Tournament - 3:30 p.m. @ Holton

SATURDAY, JAN. 24: HHS Boys Basketball - Tonganoxie Tourn. - TBA @ Tonganoxie; HHS Girls Basketball - Basehor Tourn. - TBA @ Basehor; HHS Wrestling - Sadowski Invitational - 9:30 a.m. @ Holton; JHHS Boys Basketball - N. Valley Tourn. - TBA @ Seneca; RVHS Boys Basketball vs. Chapman - Panther Classic - 3 p.m. @ Hoyt; RVHS Girls Basketball vs. Chapman - Panther Classic - 1:30 @ Hoyt; RVHS Wrestling - Piper Tournament - 8:30 a.m. @ Kansas City

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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Jackson Heights senior Lane Slocum had a big week for the Cobra basketball team, asserting himself in the post in two big wins. While contributing in other ways early on this season, Slocum turned up his scoring in two key games against JCN and Horton last week. Slocum scored eight straight points in the third quarter for Jackson Heights and 14 total in a 59-57 overtime win on the road against JCN on Tuesday before coming back with 10 more points as the Cobras handily took down Horton, 62-38, at home on Friday.

Holton junior Hayley Thompson brought the post production for the Lady Wildcats as well this week, helping HHS pick up two close wins against Hiawatha and Royal Valley. When they needed a post to step up in a battle with Hiawatha and star forward Emily Gartner, Thompson answered the call and nearly had a double-double with 13 points and 9 rebounds in the 47-41 Holton victory. Then, she closed out the week with a solid eight points and four rebounds in a 49-44 victory over Royal Valley.

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Hutchins files first report

By Becky Hutchins
Kansas House of Representatives
District 61

I have just finished my first week in the Kansas Legislature. Swearing in took place on Monday, Jan. 12 at 2 p.m. and I've hit the floor running. My committee assignments are House Veterans, Military, and Homeland Security (a committee which I requested), General Government Budget and Judiciary.



House Veterans, Military and Homeland Security had not been a committee when I served in the Legislature from 1994 to 2006. It is a relatively new committee that was formed in 2007. On Jan. 15, Lisa Kasper from the Department of Revenue testified before the Veterans, Military, and Homeland Security Committee about her department's strategy to protect Kansans from being victimized by driver's license fraud.

As you may know, 14 of the 18 "9/11" hijackers used fraudulent driver's licenses to help them board planes. The state provides annual training to driver's license examiners on how to detect driver's license fraud and what to do if fraud is suspected. The examiner is also trained to identify imposter documents such as out of state driver's licenses, birth certificates, passports and immigration documents.

When fraud is suspected, the Department of Revenue conducts an investigation. These investigations may help law enforcement officials find criminal networks that are providing fraudulent documents.

I also serve on the General Government Budget Committee. I learned this committee is responsible for 26 budgets. This week, we are scheduled to hear overviews of the budgets for the Judicial Branch, Department of Administration and the Department of Revenue.

Other budgets we oversee include Board of Optometry, State Treasury, Attorney General, Department of Labor, Dental Board, Ethics Commission, Board of Pharmacy, Kansas Lottery and the list goes on.

My third committee assignment is Judiciary. This was not a committee I requested. I served on the Judiciary Committee during my prior legislative service, and it was made up of mostly attorneys and judges and very few lay persons. To my surprise, our committee of 23 members includes 12 attorneys and 11 lay members.

We have already had several bills introduced in committee dealing with judicial selection (how we select judges) and mandatory retirement ages for judges. I think this will be a very interesting committee to serve on and I'm very glad to be on that committee.

It is an honor and privilege to represent the people of the 61st District in the Kansas House of Representatives. If you have any questions or concerns you may contact me at Kansas State Capitol, Topeka, KS 66612; call me at (785) 296-7653; or email becky.hutchins@house.ks.gov

Hope is high for increased open trade partnerships

By John Schlageck
Kansas Farm Bureau

With the advent of 2015, there's hope the Obama administration will follow through on its ambitious trade agenda. Leaders on both sides of the Atlantic agree a more open trade partnership makes sense.



It's time the European Union puts politics aside and eliminates non-scientific barriers to trade. Any successful trade agreement must open restricted markets and encourage fair competition for all.

During calendar year 2013, the total value of U.S. farm exports totaled more than \$144 billion. Farm exports accounted for nearly 31 percent of the U.S. gross income.

With more than 95 percent of the world's population living out-

side the United States, pursuing those markets is essential.

What developing nations want most are cereals, meat, milk and eggs.

While U.S. meat consumption has leveled off the last few years, populations and the meat diets of Japan, China and other countries have been on the upswing.

The United States has the climate, cropland and know-how to supply agricultural products to feed the nations of the hungry world. Our country has the world's best infrastructure. We have the best-trained farmers. Our competitive edge is larger and more permanent than in any manufacturing industry.

Our government must commit to becoming the best we can be in international trade. If we conducted trade the same way we produced food, we wouldn't have trouble moving agricultural products to people who need them overseas.

It's time for the leadership of this country to view American agriculture as one of the premier growth opportunities. We must become

more aggressive in conducting trade agreements. We must have a secretary of agriculture who makes international trade a top priority. Without strong trade agreements that give us free access to the world marketplace, we cannot prosper in agriculture or any other business that depends so much on exports.

If the world's farm trade barriers were removed, this country could increase agricultural commodity sales. That's a given.

This country must eliminate unilateral trade sanctions on nations that don't live up to our expectations of how they should conduct their internal affairs.

Sanctions do not work — they only hurt our nation's ability to trade. Each time we impose new sanctions, we surrender yet another market to competitors who are only too willing to sell in our absence.

U.S. farmers could also supply the raw materials for an estimated \$40 billion per year in exports of high-valued processed foods from new plants located primar-

ily in rural areas.

If our country doesn't gear up its value-added production, the Japanese and some of our other competitors will. Some countries including China and Japan are adding value to agricultural commodities they import from us.

The United States must assume a leadership position in trade talks throughout the world. Potential trading partners cannot wait for us to take our place at the negotiating table. We cannot improve our position in world trade if we cannot find time to meet with them.

Unless American farmers and agribusinesses convince our government to advance global trading, this country will be sealed in a declining domestic market. The future of U.S. agriculture is tied to our competitiveness in world trade. Our country must become more aggressive and assume its leadership role in trade negotiations.

John Schlageck is a commentator on agriculture and rural Kansas.

Report provided for Dec. 17 Hoyt City Council meeting

The Hoyt City Council met in special session on Dec. 17, 2014. Present were Mayor Debbie Dreasher, council members Ed Ryan, Lana Dillner, Guy Cumpton and Nathan McAlister and City Attorney Lee Hendricks. Council member Leonard Allen was not present.

Mayor Dreasher called the budget hearing to order at 6:10 p.m. No citizens were present. The budget hearing adjourned at 6:11 p.m. Dreasher called the special meeting to order at 6:11 p.m. Ryan made a motion to approve the amended budget for 2014. It was seconded and the motion carried.

Hendricks discussed the golf cart requested by Dustin Gunter. He would like to wait until an ordinance is done for the 2014 STO before preparing an ordinance relating to the golf cart request. Hendricks discussed the status of the violation letters to the four homes the council wanted to address. City Clerk Shawna Blackwood provided him with ordinances so he would be able to cite

them in his letters.

Hendricks discussed the letter the city received from Dennis White as legal counsel for Ernie DeBusk. Hendricks informed the council that there was no documentation or documented motion deciding that DeBusk would be liable for the costs associated with the water leak. The council instructed Hendricks to write a letter to White saying the city would pay for the leak. Hendricks will also inform White of the violation that exists at DeBusk's property at 608 Highland Ave.

There was discussion regarding the fuel tax exemption cards. Cumpton will be contacting local stations and the county to verify the process.

The council discussed Norma Murphy still having the key to the community building. McAlister will contact Murphy to get the key.

McAlister made a motion that from Dec. 18, 2014 until the next meeting, the building will be opened by the city from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, barring inclement weather and rent-

als. Cumpton seconded and the motion carried.

McAlister will discuss with Murphy dropping off the key at the office and appearing at the January meeting to discuss hours for walkers and moving forward.

McAlister made a motion to move the handicap parking spots at the city building because they are too close to the stop sign. The signs will need to be moved and the parking restriped. Cumpton seconded and the motion carried.

The council discussed the drainage and curbs on Main Street. The council asked Hendricks to look at the question of repairing versus replacing and when curbs/sidewalks need to be handicap compliant.

Hendricks will discuss with Police Chief Dan Wentling the breakdown of patrol hours between this meeting and the next.

The council discussed a possible city brush pile. Hendricks will look into the distance requirements for a brush/burn pile from the city lagoon. There was discussion relating

to nuisance properties. Dreasher will discuss with Chief Wentling photographing a few locations and sending them to Hendricks.

The council discussed the current approach on transferring water deposit. The current approach is correct. The council discussed unpaid water bills.

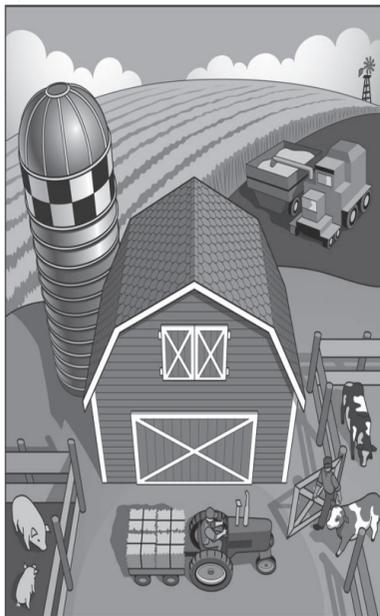
Ryan made a motion to accept the bid from Bob Ehrhart for the siren pole and ditch work on McKeage Avenue. Cumpton seconded and the motion carried.

McAlister made a motion to retroactively approve payment to Neopost for the postage meter. Ryan seconded and the motion carried.

The council discussed the sewer pump repair and statements received from the towing company Ron's Recovery. McAlister made and Ryan seconded a motion to pay bills. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned. City Attorney Lee Hendricks took the minutes of this meeting.

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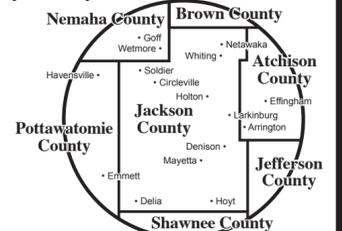
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Employment

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Employment

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PARK HOST

BANNER CREEK RESERVOIR

is now accepting applications for a south-side Park Host for the 2015 season.

All interested parties may fill out an application at the Banner Creek office located at K-16 Hwy., Holton, KS 66436 or the Jackson County Clerk's office, Jackson Co. Courthouse. This position will remain open until filled.
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4-BEDROOM, 2-FULL BATH HOUSE 1.5-miles off Hwy.75. 5-acres, Royal Valley schools. 26x32 Lester building. \$120,000, home 35-years-old. Call anytime, 785-966-2613.

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No Trespassing

TRESPASSING WITHOUT permission. Notice is hereby given by the undersigned residents of Jackson County that hunting, fishing, trapping, or shooting, or trespassing day or night is positively forbidden on all land owned, or rented or occupied by us, or on roads adjacent to lands at any time of the year, licenses or no licenses. April 1, 2014-2015. Robin Deppe, Caroline Kern, Phil and Colene Gutierrez, Roger Ackereet, Gary Ackereet, Joseph B. Nick, Kim Tyler, Harold Knouft and Gary, Tonya and Michelle Everhart.

Employment

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REGULAR ROUTE AND SUBSTITUTE REGULAR ROUTE BUS DRIVERS NEEDED - \$21.40 PER HOUR -

Additional routes may also be assigned. A current valid commercial class A or B driver's license is preferred, but will train qualified applicants and you must pass a physical examination. All positions are open until filled.

An application can be obtained on our website at: <http://www.holton.k12.ks.us/district/employment>
Applications can also be picked up at the District Office @ 515 Pennsylvania, Holton.
All applications are to come to the district office or e-mailed to d.michael@holtonks.net

PART-TIME NIGHT OPERATOR

The City Of Holton is accepting applications for a night operator at the Power Plant. The position requires 2-3 11 pm - 7 am shifts/week, some basic math, able to take oral and written instructions. High school diploma/GED required. Applications accepted until position is filled. Applications available at www.holtonkansas.org and at City Hall, 430 Pennsylvania, Holton, KS 66436. For questions contact Ira Harrison at 785-364-3719. The addition of a resume and cover letter is encouraged, but not required. EOE.

Crossword Answers

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FULL-TIME EVENING CNA

Eastridge Nursing Facility at Centralia is looking for a Full-time evening CNA. Looking for someone who enjoys working with elders and is very task-oriented. Competitive wages and benefits.
Call Eastridge at 785-857-3388 for more details
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Holton Lions Club president Thelma Brown (left) recently presented club member Bob Layton with his ninth Melvin Jones Fellowship, recognizing Layton's continuing financial support for Lions Clubs International's humanitarian endeavors worldwide. The Melvin Jones Fellowship recognizes \$1,000 donations that reportedly provide 75 percent of the Lions Clubs International Foundation's revenue. As recognition of humanitarian work, the fellowship is presented to those who donate \$1,000 to the foundation or to people for whom a donation was made by others.

Submitted photo

Jackson County Senior Citizens News

By Dan Mehringer

On Dec. 3, we learned that Al Richardson now has 18 grandchildren. On the Dec. 5, Nelda Rolfe was the guest of her brother, Ron (Pete) Wells. We also had our senior citizens bazaar that day. A big thanks to all who made it a success.

On Dec. 9, we had bingo. We had to answer a Christmas trivia question when we won a prize. We had fun trying to give the correct answer. Also, The Pines nursing home provided treats. A big thanks goes out

to them.

On Dec. 12, Mary Doyle was at the center for lunch. We are always so happy to see people who used to come to the center. We were also glad to see Dick Hamlin there.

We have learned that Jack Sheldon has moved to Vintage Park. We enjoyed seeing him during the time he came to the center for lunch. We had a visit from Santa on Dec. 12. He came in the person of Jere Bleier. We also had a line dance demonstration by the staff. It was sure a lot

of fun. Later that day, the Soundstations from Royal Valley High School came to sing Christmas songs.

On Dec. 16, Bud Hower came to have lunch with us. On Dec. 19, we had our Christmas dinner at the center. We always enjoy traditional food the staff prepares on that day.

We were able to share the meal with Ellen Dixon that day. Dennis Hutchinson was also there. Mary May's daughters also had lunch at the center on Dec. 19.

On Dec. 22, John and Tammy Hill brought fruit for the people at the center. We so appreciate what they do. On Dec. 23, we were glad to see Guy Cameron back at the center after his illness.

On Dec. 24, we had our Christmas brunch. As usual, the staff did a great job of preparing treats for us. Our meals were served by the youth group from Soldier Christian Church. It was certainly an honor. They did an excellent job.

On Dec. 30, we had guests again. Arlen Coulter and Carol and Leo Bickford were there that day. It is a pleasure to have the Bickfords join us at lunch. On Dec. 31, Whitney was the guests of her grandparents, Guy and Shirley Cameron. A great big happy anniversary to Guy and Shirley.

And now for the December birthdays: Shirley Harris, Karen Parrett, Melvin Askren, Floye Knouft, Lyle Sloop, Marvin Stous, Carol McCann and Ramona Wahwassuck.

It has been a great year at the center. We have said goodbye to some and hello to others. Of this I am sure, though: The smiles and fellowship that we have are so sincere. Until next time...

Submitted photos

Submitted photos will be accepted for community news items and social news. A fee is charged for photos used with birth announcements and obituaries, and when a second photo is requested for use with an anniversary notice.

Employment

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FINISHER TECHNICIAN



J-SIX FARMS, LLC is currently seeking a FULL or PART-TIME

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ACCOUNTING ASSISTANT

Community HealthCare System is looking for a detail-oriented individual to work in our finance department as an Accounting Assistant. Responsibilities include payroll processing, cash reconciliation and compiling departmental reports. Preferred applicants will have a minimum of an associate's degree in accounting or business, be proficient with Microsoft Office Suite, especially Excel, and 3 years experience in a like position. For more information and to apply go to www.chcsks.org and click on "Careers" or call Human Resources at 785-889-5026. EOE

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PRAIRIE BAND POTAWATOMI NATION TAX COMMISSIONER BOARD Is accepting submissions for Tax Commissioner Board Position Mayetta, KS

Role of Tax Commissioner: Creates, implements, administers, and enforces tribal tax laws. The tax commissioner will assess, estimate, file liens, collect, and issue receipts for such taxes as are imposed by law and to bring actions on behalf of the Nation in the Tribal Court for the collection of tribal taxes, penalties and interest, and the enforcement of the tribal tax laws. In addition, the tax commissioner shall prescribe, promulgate, and enforce written rules and regulations to provide for its internal operational procedures; and shall have the authority to interpret or apply any tribal tax laws as may be necessary to ascertain or compute the tax owing by any taxpayer, or for the filing of any reports or returns required by any tribal tax laws, or as shall be reasonably necessary for the efficient performance of its duties, or as may be required or permitted by law.

Qualified applicants must have the following:

- 3-5 years experience and/or training in state, income, business and sales taxation.
- Experience in Tribal taxation preferred.
- Ability to pass background check and pre-employment drug screening.
- Open and public reputation for integrity and honesty.
- Has worked in the role of CPA, Tax Preparer or equivalent

Duties (not a complete list):

- Attend all Tribal Tax Commission and other meetings as required. Be prepared and informed, conducting due diligence as necessary, in all matters that are within the Tribal Tax Commission's oversight function;
- Creates, implements, administers, and enforces tribal tax laws;
- Be available to meet periodically on short notice as required.

Qualified applicants should submit a Resume, Letter of Interest and two (2) Letters of Professional Reference to the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Human Resource Department, 16281 Q Road, Mayetta, KS 66509 or fax to: 785-966-3062. If you have questions about applying please call 785-966-3060.

Card Shower



Anna Lee Knouft

Anna Lee Knouft of Holton will celebrate her 85th birthday on Friday, Jan. 23.

Send her a card or your favorite memories to 12818 Oak Ridge Dr., Holton, KS 66436.

Four locals make FHSU honor list

Four Jackson County students are among the 1,167 named by Fort Hays State University to the Deans Honor Roll for the fall 2014 semester, it was reported. The list includes undergraduate students only.

Honored students, by hometown, included:

■ **Delia:** Melanie J. Reser, senior majoring in elementary education.

■ **Hoyt:** Laura L. DeToro, junior majoring in education, and Haleigh M. Jernberg, senior majoring in elementary education.

■ **Soldier:** Cory W. Keehn, senior majoring in health and human performance (health promotion).

To be eligible, students must have enrolled in 12 or more credit hours and have a minimum grade point average of 3.60 for the semester. Full-time on-campus and FHSU Virtual College students are eligible.

Spelling Bee...

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The spelling bee will begin with a practice round in order to help the students get accustomed to the competition's format, audience and microphones. Students may ask for spelling word definitions, alternate pronunciations and the language of origin for their words, as well as have the word used in a sentence.

Judges set for the event include Lisa Stumpf, Michael Kimberlin (Holton Middle School principal) and Caleb or Ashley Wick. Pronouncer will be Nate McAlister.

Gift bags will be provided for all

participants, as well as trophies for the winners. Funds were donated by the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation to help cover this expense, it was reported. Refreshments will also be served at the event.

The top two county champions will advance to the regional bee. The winner of that event will earn an all-expense paid trip to the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington D.C. set for May 24 - 29.

The spelling bee is open to the public and is free of charge to attend.

Health Care...

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"It covers three office visits and your preventive services, then you have to meet your deductible and it covers 100 percent," she said. "But the deductible is high. It could go as high as \$6,300. But if you're under 30 and you're not sick, that's a good deal."

Another drawback of the catastrophic plan, she noted, is that those who purchase the plan cannot get premium tax credits or lower out-of-pocket costs based on their income.

For more information, visit www.healthcare.gov or www.insureks.org or call the Marketplace Call Center at (800) 318-2596.

Baby...

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While prepping for surgery, the couple was informed that their daughter was going to be the hospital's first baby of 2015.

"I thought they were joking because it was January 15," Gates said.

The couple said they are happy for a healthy baby and their new home.

"We want to thank the Holton First Baptist Church congregation and the city of Holton. This is the most welcoming city that we've ever met," Gate said. "We've never had people help us as much as we've had here."

The couple received some gifts from the hospital in honor of their new arrival.

FREE EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENING

WHAT: Screening for possible delays in developmental areas including: walking, talking, seeing, hearing or learning

WHO: All children ages 3 to 5 years of age who live in the Royal Valley School District #337 area

WHEN: Appointments will be made on an individual basis

WHERE: Royal Valley Early Childhood Center, 15380 "K" Road, Mayetta, KS 66509

Please contact one of the following to schedule an appointment:
Janet Golightley, Amy Pruyser or Therese Falls at 966-2707 or 966-2527.

News tip? Call 364-3141

Holton/Jackson County Chamber of Commerce 10th Annual Hall of Fame Banquet



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Holton/Jackson County
Chamber of Commerce

Join us as we recognize the 2015 honorees at a Chamber banquet highlighting their excellence and dedication to our community.

The 2015 Hall of Fame Class



Jim Potter (deceased)



Brad Stauffer



Bill & Debra Brown



Mike Ford

Where: EUM Family Life Center
Time: Thursday, Feb. 5, 2015
When: Social - begins 5:30 p.m.
Dinner - begins 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$30 for the dinner and can be purchased at the Chamber office, north side of the Holton Town Square, 104 W. Fifth St., #10
(Tickets also available at all three main bank locations.)

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