



MEET THE PEOPLE 2019

One of the many benefits of living in a great Northeast Kansas community like Holton and Jackson County is that if you would like to get to know many of the local business owners and associates by first name, you can do that over the course of some time and a little effort.

Meet The People - 2019 is a special advertising section produced by The Holton Recorder that is designed to help local residents - new and longtime ones, too - learn a little bit more about the local businesses and their associates. This special section is being distributed to more than 3,200 subscriber homes and will also be available for viewing at the Holton/Jackson County Chamber of Commerce office and at holtonrecorder.net.

All of the local people featured on these pages play important collaborative roles in making our community one of the best around to live in and work in. Doing business with friends and neighbors allows you to be more than just an order number. And from the local business's perspective, it is also very rewarding to know your customers by their first names, too!

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Walmart has been in Holton now for 38 years, and is located at 427 Arizona Avenue. The store has been through many changes throughout the years. One change was a relocation from the old 37,000 square foot building to a nearly 70,000 square foot building adding a produce, deli, bakery, a more expansive assortment of groceries, firearms, and cut fabric department just a few years ago.

Walmart and its team have built a strong bond with the community through avenues like Community Grants, local donations, and currently the Children's Miracle Network Campaign that runs through July 7. The Holton Walmart will be donating more than \$12,000 this year to the local community. Last year, the Holton Walmart raised more than \$10,000 for the Children's Miracle Network.

"We have a great family-like atmosphere here that has been in place for nearly 38 years. We take pride in our dedication to providing a Clean, Fast, Friendly store to the community of Holton. Our goal here at Store #378 is to be the Best Store in Town and save our customers money, so they can live better," said Trevor Harrington, store manager.

The Holton Walmart has many 20+ and 30+ year associates, some of whom have been with the store since it was originally built in 1981. This has helped keep a constant pulse on the community. In total, Walmart has more than 180 associates currently employed in Holton, most of which are from the immediate area.

"The entire team would like to thank you for your continued support for allowing us to be a member of such a great community!" Trevor said.

Walmart is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. You can reach someone at the store by calling 785-364-4148 or faxing 785-364-3067.



Walmart first opened in Holton on Sept. 29, 1981. The original store is shown in the picture above.

427 S. Arizona Ave., Holton • (785) 364-4148 • Open 24/7!

JACKSON COUNTY, KANSAS



Jackson County employees are shown above and include (front row, from left) Jackson County Commissioners Ed Kathrens, Janet Zwonitzer and Bill Elmer, Jim Cyphers (recently retired) and his wife, Janet, Kylie Mercer, Joe Romans, Travis Spiker, (second row, from left) Judge Norbert Marek, Brooke Smith, Linda Gerhardt, Undersheriff Darrel Chapman, Chris Miller, Sherri Ladner, Phil McManigal, Tyler Caudle, Marie Katz, (back row, from left) Lu Griffiths, Steve Buck, Mark Montague, Travis Mumma, Andy Caviness, Dennis Immenschuh, Cecil Mercer, Eli Norris, Lisa Hyten and Sheriff Tim Morse.



Jackson County and court service employees who work in the Jackson County Courthouse are shown above and include (front row, from left) Tara Peek, Jami Phillips, Jerry Mencl, Brian Koch, (second row, from left) SallyJo Alley, Shannon Boeckman, Lori Mellenbruch, Lisa Miller, Corey Sawyer, (third row, from left) Kathy Mick, Mary Savage, Kelsee Schuetz, Shawna Miller, (fourth row, from left) Kristie Richter, Shari Monaghan, Tammy Moulden, Jason Claycamp, (fifth row, from left) Kate Immenschuh, Janelle Buck, Pat Korte, Denise Sweet, Colleen Reamer, Chad Phillips, (back row, from left) Carol Griffin, Connie Waller, Lisa Rose and JoAnne Myers.



The Jackson County Courthouse is shown above.



Employees at the Jackson County Senior Citizens Center are shown above, left to right, Judy Olson, Alicia Spalding, Letha Brown, Susan Dallman, Jenny Wells and Amanda Spalding. Not pictured is Leatrice Jim.



Jackson County Road and Bridge Department office staff shown above include, left to right, Twila White, administrative assistant; Nancy Schlodder, administrative assistant; and Dan Barnett, road and bridge administrator.

Jackson County Road and Bridge crew members, not shown, include Eric Fritz, Mike Bednar, Roy Kranz, Greg Elder, Kent Jepson, Galen Brucken, Steve Campbell, Mark Thonen, Brandon Hundley, Mike Rash, Keith Holthaus, Keith Simecka, Gary Curtis, John Strawn, Becky McClane, Bob Miller, Wade Cormier, Bruce Hinkle, Richard Spielman, Terry Mick, Jay Searles, Matt Fritz, Todd Robbins, Bryson Bain, Garry Brucken, Earl Bahret, Roger Chartier and Ray Hallauer.



The staff at the Jackson County noxious weed, recycling and household hazardous waste center and the county landfill are shown above - (front row, from left) Leon Freel, Darlene Selley, (back row, from left) Don Dillner, Ed Rostetter, Scott Strathman and Scott Kieffaber.



Staff members at youth services include (from left) Jessica Herzog, Kim Clark, Kellie Hundley and Brooke Smith.

All offices are open Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (County Treasurer's office closes to the public at 4:15 for book-keeping purposes). The following is a list of phone numbers for the different Jackson County offices: County Appraiser's Office - 785-364-2358; County Attorney's Office - 785-364-3103; Banner Creek Office - 785-364-4236; County Clerk's Office - 785-364-2891; County Commission Office - 785-364-2826 (Commission meets on Monday from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. unless Monday is a holiday, then meeting will be on Tuesday.); Custodian Office - 364-5217; Emergency Management Office - 785-364-2811; Juvenile Intake Office - 785-364-5369; County Register of Deeds - 785-364-3591; Senior Citizen Services Office - 785-364-3571; County Treasurer's Office - 785-364-3791; County Sheriff's Office- 364-2251; County Road and Bridge Office - 364-3519; and Noxious Weed and Recycling (open Tuesdays through Saturdays - 364-3459).

HAUG CONSTRUCTION, INC.

For more than half a century, Haug Construction Inc. of Holton has been doing its part to fill the construction needs of Jackson County area residents.

That work continues today with the variety of construction services offered by the company, founded in 1963 by Ambrose and Rosalita Haug.

Today, the business is owned by their son, Steve Haug, and Steve's son, John. They are assisted by

Mike McCrory, Triston McClane, Anthony Calhoon and Cathy Haug.

Haug Construction offers services involving trucking, gravel, track loaders and dozers, backhoes and trenchers and hydraulic excavating services. Services offered also include basement excavation, sewer and water line installation, camera-based sewer inspections, terraces, outlets, fill sand, rock, topsoil and plastic and metal pipe sales.

For more information, call Haug Construction at 364-3375 or fax 364-2669.

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Shown above, left to right, are Mike McCrory, John Haug, Steve Haug, Triston McClane and Anthony Calhoon.

STATE FARM INSURANCE - GUS SUAREZ AGENCY



Shown above, left to right, are Zach Lancaster, Gus Suarez and Tricia Caudle.

You have all heard the jingle, but for Gus Suarez State Farm Agency, being a good neighbor is something that they take pride in. Gus Suarez has been the local State Farm agent since 1991, and the company itself has been helping life go right since 1922.

Gus received his Bachelor's degree from Friends University and his Master's degree from Wichita State, and is a member of several community and business organizations.

Tricia Caudle has worked for Gus since 2007. She earned a Bachelor's degree from Kansas State University. She is a native of Holton and graduated from Holton High School.

Zach Lancaster has worked for Gus since 2014. He earned a Bachelor's degree from Benedictine College in Atchison, KS. He has lived in Holton since 2010.

As an agency, they combine for 45 years of insurance experience and are here to be a good neighbor, to be here, for you.

515 Arizona Ave., Holton • (785) 364-3890

IRELAND CUSTOM EXHAUST

Ireland Custom Exhaust – ICE for short - has been caring for customers' vehicles like they were their own since 1955, a total of 64 years.

One of the longest running repair businesses in the Holton community, Ireland Custom Exhaust is owned by Barry and Kelle Ireland and their son, Cody Ireland. The business has always been family-owned.

ICE provides auto and light truck repair – everything from oil changes to engine replacements – and is located at 21650 U.S. Highway 75 – just south of Holton.

Marion Wood, Barry's grandfather, started the business and its original location was at Fifth and Vermont in Holton.

Barry and Kelle purchased the business from Barry's grandfather in 1990.

In 2012, the Irelands purchased and remodeled the old bowling alley for the business's new home.

"When Barry's grandfather started Ireland Custom Exhaust, the business was built around quality service, reasonable prices and honesty," said Kelle Ireland. "Barry took over in 1990 and today those same values still define the business."

"If it isn't broke, we don't need to fix it," Cody Ireland adds.

Ireland Custom Exhaust is open from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Some of the services provided include tune-ups, brakes, mufflers and exhaust, computer diagnostics, suspensions, steering, alignments and general maintenance.

The business also employs Robert Durdle and Seth Peterson.

Contact Ireland Custom Exhaust at 785-364-2871 or email iceexhaust@gmail.com.

If you want your vehicle to get the very best treatment and highest quality work with reasonable prices and honesty, trust Ireland Custom Exhaust!



Shown above, left to right, are Seth Peterson, Robert Durdle, Cody Ireland, Barry Ireland and Kelle Ireland.

1 mile south of Holton on U.S. Highway 75 • (785) 364-2871

Characteristics of all successful communities discussed

Editor's note: Local businesses like those featured in this 2019 MEET THE PEOPLE SECTION are working hard to help make the Jackson County, Kansas community the best it can be. The essay below talks about the characteristics of all successful communities in the United States and so it is included here.

By Edward T. McMahon
There are more than 25,000 incorporated communities in America. How many of these are truly successful?

How is it that some small cities and towns are prospering, while many others are suffering disinvestment, loss of identity and even abandonment?

Why are some communities able to maintain their historic character and quality of life in the face of a rapidly changing world, while others have lost the very features that once gave them distinction and appeal?

How can communities, both big and small, grow without losing their heart and soul?

From coast to coast, communities are struggling to answer these questions. After working in hundreds of communities in all regions of the country, I have come to some conclusions about why some communities succeed and others fail.

Many communities have found ways to retain their small town values, historic character, scenic beauty and sense of community, yet sustain a prosperous economy.

And they've done it without accepting the kind of cookie-cutter development that has turned many communities into faceless places that young people flee, tourists avoid and which no longer instill a sense of pride in residents.

Every "successful" community has its own strengths and weaknesses, but they all share some common characteristics.

It's clear for instance that successful communities involve a broad cross-section of residents in determining and planning for the future. They also capitalize on their distinctive assets – their architecture, history, natural surroundings, and home grown businesses – rather than trying to adopt a new and different identity. Most successful communities also utilize a variety of private-sector and market incentives to influence new development, instead of relying solely on government regulations.

Not every successful community displays all of the following characteristics, but most have made use of at least three or four:

- *Have a vision for the future.
- *Inventory assets.
- *Build plans on the enhancement of existing assets.
- *Use education and incentives, not just regulation.
- *Pick and choose among development projects.

*Cooperate with neighbors for mutual benefit.

*Pay attention to community aesthetics.

*Have strong leaders and committed citizens.

Have A Vision For The Future

Successful communities always have a plan for the future. Unfortunately, "planning" is a dirty word in some communities, especially in small towns and rural areas. In some places, this is the result of today's highly polarized political culture.

In other places, it results from a misunderstanding of planning and its value. The truth is, failing to plan simply means planning to fail.

It is difficult to name any successful individual, organization, corporation or community that doesn't plan for the future.

Try to imagine a company that didn't have a business plan. It would have a very hard time

attracting investors or staying competitive in the marketplace.

The same is true of communities. A community plan is simply a blueprint for the future. People may differ on how to achieve the community's vision, but without a blueprint, a community will flounder.

Understandably, people in small towns don't like change. But change is inevitable. Technology, the economy, demographics, population growth, market trends and consumer attitudes are always changing and they will affect a community whether people like it or not. There are really only two kinds of change in the world today: planned change and unplanned change.

Communities can grow by choice or chance. Abraham Lincoln used to say that "the best way to predict the future is to create it yourself."

Inventory

Community Assets

Creating a vision for the future begins by inventorying a community's assets: natural assets, architectural assets, human assets, educational assets, economic assets, etc.

Successful communities then build their plans - whether a land use plan, a tourism plan or an economic development plan - around the enhancement of their existing assets.

Twenty-first century economic development focuses on what a community has, rather than what it doesn't have. Too many communities spend all their time and money on business recruitment.

They build an industrial park out by the airport and then they try like crazy to attract a plant, factory or distribution center to move there. The few communities that are successful at this strategy usually accomplish it by giving away the store.

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JACKSON FARMERS, INC.

Jackson Farmers, Inc. was established in 1918 in Denison, Kan. In the last 101 years, Jackson Farmers has served many generations, added locations and employees and has expanded its services. Currently, Jackson Farmers has 1,779 members and 48 employees.

Jackson Farmers, Inc. is driven by the leadership of Doug Biswell. Doug has served as the General Manager since September of 2017.

Jackson Farmers, Inc. also has an active Board of Directors made up of Nicholas Bowser of Holton (chairman), David Schmitz of Holton (secretary), Ryan Swendson of Everest (director) and Doug Schrader of Lancaster (director).

The services offered by Jackson Farmers, Inc. include custom feed mix and delivery, custom grinding and mixing, custom bagging, full Purina line of bagged and bulk products, custom application, variable rate application, seed treating, soil sampling, crop scouting, grain storage and grain marketing and tire services in Holton and Effingham. Jackson Farmers, Inc. also has farm stores in each of its locations – Holton, Effingham, Lancaster and Meriden.

In the fall of 2018, Jackson Farmers, Inc. broke ground on building a fertilizer dome four miles east of Holton on Highway 16. The dome is anticipated to be completed by the fall of 2019. It is 95 feet in diameter, 35 feet tall and should hold approximately 3,000 tons of fertilizer. The new fertilizer facility will have a scale and two new blenders for maximum efficiency.

Stop in at any Jackson Farmers, Inc. location for all your agricultural farm supplies!



Jackson Farmers INC.



509 Lowell Ave., Holton • (785) 364-3161

■ Building plans around existing assets recommended

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The old economic development paradigm was about cheap land, cheap gas and cheap labor. It was about shotgun recruitment and low cost positioning. In the old economy, the most important infrastructure investment was roads.

Today, successful economic development is about laser recruitment and high value positioning. Today highly trained talent is more important than cheap labor and investing in education is far more valuable than widening the highway.

American communities are littered with projects that were sold as a “silver bullet” solution to a city’s economic woes: the New Jersey State Aquarium in Camden, Vision Land Amusement Park in Birmingham, the Galleria Mall in Worcester, Mass., the Winter Garden in Niagara Falls, N.Y. to name just a few.

Too many communities think that economic revival is about the one big thing. Whether it is a convention center, a casino, a festival marketplace, a sports arena or an aquarium, city after city has followed the copycat logic of competition.

If your city has a big convention center, my city needs an even bigger one. Festival marketplaces, for example, worked fine in cities like Boston and Baltimore, but similar projects went bankrupt in Toledo, Richmond and a dozen other communities. Successful economic development is rarely about the one big thing.

More likely, it is about lots of little things working synergistically together in plan that makes sense. In her award winning book – “The Living City” – author Roberta Gratz says that “successful cities think small in a big way.”

Two examples of this are Silver Spring, Md., and Cleveland, Ohio. Cleveland had an aging, undersized convention center. Civic boosters argued for a huge new convention center that could compete with much bigger cities like Chicago, Atlanta or Minneapolis.

But small cities like Cleveland will never win in an arms race to build the biggest convention center. Instead Cleveland

took a look at its assets, one of which is the Cleveland Clinic: a world renowned medical center located a short distance from downtown. Instead of trying to compete head-on with every other convention city, Cleveland decided to build a smaller, less expensive meeting facility focused on medical conventions and which would have an attached medical mart, affiliated with the Cleveland Clinic.

Another example of asset based economic development is Silver Spring, Md. For many years, Silver Spring was the largest suburban commercial center in the Mid-Atlantic region, but by the early 1990s Silver Spring had fallen on hard times. A 1996 story in the Economist said “You can see America wilting in downtown Silver Spring. Old office blocks stand empty. A grand art deco theater is frequented only by ghosts. Glitzy department stores have decamped to out-of-town shopping malls. Tattoo parlors, pawnbrokers and discounters remain.”

To combat this decline, local officials and an out of town developer proposed to build a second Mall of America (like the one in Bloomington, Minn.). The proposed mega-mall would have 800 stores and it would cover 27 acres. The projected cost was \$800 million and it would require a \$200 million public subsidy. It would also mean the demolition of most of downtown Silver Spring’s existing buildings.

So what happened? Community leaders rejected the massive American Dream Mall and set their sights on a succession of more modest developments. First, they realized that despite its decline, Silver Spring had some important assets that were probably more valuable than a giant mega-mall. First, Silver Spring was adjacent to Washington, DC, the nation’s capital. Second it was served by transit (i.e. the Washington Metro system) and third it was surrounded by stable middle-class neighborhoods.

Rather than spending \$200 million subsidizing a giant mall, county and state officials collaborated to find a site for the new headquarters for the Dis-

covery Communications Corp, which was then housed in several different locations around the Washington area. The site where Discovery Communications decided to build their new headquarters was adjacent to the Silver Spring Metro Station.

Bringing 1,500 employees to downtown Silver Spring was a huge boost to the community, but what really synergized the renewal was Discovery Corp’s agreement not to build a cafeteria in their new headquarters building. This meant, employees would have to patronize local restaurants. This kick-started the revitalization of Silver Spring and led to dozens of other projects including new housing, retail and entertainment venues.

Build Plans Around Existing Assets

After communities have inventoried their assets, they shape their future around them. Whether it is a land use plan, a tourism plan or an economic development plan, savvy communities build on what they already have.

Sometimes the assets of a community are obvious. Other times, they are not so obvious. Annapolis, Md., for example has obvious assets: an abundance of historic buildings, an attractive and accessible waterfront and a long history of maritime activity.

Given these assets, it is only natural that Annapolis has become the home of both the National Sailboat Show and the National Powerboat Show, which together attract more than 90,000 visitors a year.

Jackson, Wyo., is another community with obvious assets: world class scenery, unparalleled wildlife and outdoor recreation resources. Jackson and Teton County, Wyo., have built their tourism economy around the marketing and promotion of these assets. However, they have also built their land use plans around the protection of these assets.

For example, they prohibit outdoor advertising to ensure that the world class scenery is not degraded. They have mapped the wildlife migration corridors to ensure that the large

herds of elk that winter on the edge of town keep coming, etc.

In other communities the assets are not so obvious. Consider Lowell, Mass. In 1975, Lowell was a dying industrial city. It had an unemployment rate of more than 20 percent; it was littered with abandoned factories and empty textile mills. It was hemorrhaging jobs and people.

The common wisdom was that without manufacturing, it had few assets and a dim future.

Use Education And Incentives, Not Just Regulation

Successful communities use education, incentives, partnerships and voluntary initiatives not just regulation. To be sure, land use regulations and ordinances are essential to protecting public health and to setting minimum standards of conduct in a community. Regulations prevent the worst in development, but they rarely bring out the best. Regulations are also subject to shifting political winds.

Often one county commission or town council will enact tough regulations only to see them repealed or weakened by a future town council with a different ideology or viewpoint. If regulations aren’t the entire answer, how can a community encourage new development that is in harmony with local aspirations and values? Communities need to use carrots, not just sticks.

They also need to use education, partnerships and voluntary initiatives. Successful communities have identified a variety of creative ways to influence the development process outside of the regulatory process.

Some of the incentives they use include: conservation easements, purchase of development rights, expedited permit review, tax abatements that promote the rehabilitation of historic buildings, award and recognition programs, density bonuses for saving open space and other techniques.

In Staunton, Va., the Historic Staunton Foundation offered free design assistance to any downtown business owner who would restore the façade of their building. They did this after the city council had rejected a measure to create an historic district

in downtown Staunton.

At first, only one business owner took advantage of the incentive, but then a second business owner restored his building facade, and then a third, and then many more. Today, there are five historic districts in Staunton including the entire downtown, but it all began with an incentive.

Successful communities also use education to encourage voluntary action by citizens. Why do cities and towns need to use education? Because education reduces the need for regulation. Also because people and businesses will not embrace what they don’t understand. Finally, community education is important because, citizens have a right to choose the future, but they need to know what the choices are.

Pick And Choose Among Development Projects

All development is not created equal. Some development projects will make a community a better place to live, work and visit. Other development projects will not. The biggest impediment to better development in many communities is a fear of saying “no” to anything.

In my experience, communities that will not say no to anything will get the worst of everything. The proof is everywhere. Communities that set low standards or no standards will compete to the bottom. On the other hand, communities that set high standards will compete to the top. This is because they know that if they say no to bad development they will always get better development in its place.

Too many elected officials have an “it’ll do” attitude toward new development. Worse yet, they’ll accept anything that comes down the pike, even if the proposed project is completely at odds with the community’s well thought out vision for the future. They are simply afraid to place any demands on a developer for fear that the developer will walk away if the community asks for too much. This is especially true when dealing with out of town developers or with national chain stores and franchises.

The bottom line for most developers, especially chain stores and franchises, is securing access to profitable trade areas. They evaluate locations based on their economic potential. If they are asked to address local design, historic preservation, site planning or architectural concerns, they will usually do so.

Bob Gibbs, one of America’s leading development consultants says that “when a chain store developer comes to town they generally have three designs (A, B or C) ranging from Anywhere USA to Unique (sensitive to local character). Which one gets built depends heavily upon how much push back the company gets from local residents and officials about design and its importance.”

One community that has asked chain stores and franchises to fit-in is Davidson, N.C.. Chain drugstores like CVS, Rite Aid and Walgreens are proliferating across the country. They like to build featureless, single-story buildings on downtown corners, usually surrounded by parking – often after one or more historic buildings have been demolished. This is what CVS proposed in Davidson. The town could have easily accepted the cookie cutter design (Plan A), but instead it insisted on a two story brick building, pulled to the corner with parking in the rear.

CVS protested, but at the end of the day they built what the town wanted because they recognized the economic value of being in a profitable location. The lesson learned is that successful communities have high expectations. They know that community identity is more important than corporate design policy.

Cooperate With Neighbors For Mutual Benefit

Historically, elected officials have tended to view neighboring communities, the county government and even the managers of adjacent national parks or other public lands as adversaries rather than allies

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Banner Creek Animal Hospital, located at 22290 U.S. Highway 75, Holton, opened its modern facility in October of 2001. The animal hospital is located in a convenient "easy to find" location, just south of Holton on U.S. 75, with easy highway access.

The business has been in existence for more than 30 years with the current owner, Dr. Dan Degenhardt, being either an owner or associate for 27 years, offering more than 30 years of experience.

Staff members include Dr. Taylor McCluskey, Dr. Hailey DeLong, Whitney Degenhardt, Lisa Clevenger, Amanda Storey, Mercedes Hennis, Steph Blumer, Haven Mount, Katina Bartel and Connie Collins.

The hospital is open from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. Phone calls are answered 24 hours a day, seven days a week and on holidays. Our convenient "Drop Off" service allows owners to leave their pets at the clinic to receive vaccination updates, wellness exams or emergency care.

Equipped to care for both small and large animals, the hospital can provide services for routine medical or surgical procedures and post-op care.

The small animal clinic is also equipped to provide both medical and surgical procedures and offers state of the art laser surgery to all of our surgical patients. Laser surgery is cutting edge veterinary technology that provides less stress and less risk of bleeding for your family member. Diagnostic ultrasound is also available and utilized.

The equine facility is set up for treatment and hospitalization of horses whether for routine medical or surgical care as well as breeding service and lameness evaluation.

Laser therapy is now offered at the clinic, which includes many beneficial effects such as anti-inflammation, accelerated tissue repair and cell growth, improved vascular activity, increased metabolic activity, trigger points and acupuncture points, reduced fibrous tissue formations, improved nerve function, immunoregulation and faster healing promotion.

The large animal clinic is a modern haul-in, drive-through facility equipped with a hydraulic tilt chute providing less stress on the animals. Covered holding pens enable our doctors to treat animals rain or shine.

The hospital's laboratory is fully equipped and ready to assist your pet or livestock in times of illness or for routine care. This means minimal waiting for test results in times of crisis. Our on-site digital x-ray allows immediate results with no waiting for an outside hospital or laboratory. This can be critical in times of an emergency.

Electrocardiography, radiology, hematology and blood chemistry are just a few services offered at Banner Creek Animal Hospital. In most cases, same day results are available. The hospital strives in keeping up with today's veterinary technology in order to offer our customers and pets the utmost in veterinary care.

The doctors and assistants closely monitor all surgical procedures. Heart and respiratory monitors as well as pulse oximetry are used on anesthetized patients to reduce anesthetic risk. Pre-anesthetic blood testing is offered and recommended prior to surgery to detect any hidden abnormalities that may pose a risk during anesthesia.

Banner Creek Animal Hospital carries a wide variety of Science Diet foods and treats for your special dogs or cats. We also carry livestock vaccines and supplies to keep your herd healthy. If what you need is not in stock or routinely carried, ask about special orders. Most items can be ordered for next day delivery.

Modern and spacious boarding facilities cater to the needs of the pet while you are away, offering comfortable accommodations with spacious runs, small and large kennels and cat condominiums. All animals are housed in separate climate controlled rooms according to size and species. Twice daily, exercise is provided by our technicians and medications can be given upon the client's request.

Grooming services are also available. Clean and well-groomed pets are happier and healthier. Our groomer will be happy to hear how you want your pet's haircut to look and discuss details on pampering your pet. She is also in direct communication with a doctor in the event a hidden abnormality is detected so that you can be notified and the problem addressed at that time.

The doctors and staff pride themselves on addressing clients with a friendly attitude and offering compassionate patient care. They strive to know all of their clients and their pets on a first name basis. Their motto "Caring for your pet... Caring about you" is demonstrated on every visit. They want you and your family pet to be a part of their veterinary family.

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AMERICAN FAMILY INSURANCE



Shown above, left to right, are Lindsey Thompson, Brad Noller and Jennifer Finch.

American Family Insurance has been an important local business in Holton for more than 50 years and current agent Brad Noller will note his 14th year in the business, as he started in October 2005. Brad expanded to the Holton location in July 2018 when Les Gooderl retired.

The business is located conveniently on the north side of the Holton Town Square at 102 W. Fifth St. Business hours are Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and by appointment.

Jennifer Finch and Lindsey Thompson work at the American Family Insurance office in Holton.

American Family Insurance was established in 1927 – 92 years ago. The agency today specializes in personal, farm and commercial insurance.

"I have enjoyed serving the Holton and surrounding area the past year," Noller said. "I appreciate the community support we have received, and the efforts of retired agents Les Gooderl and Norm Ashcraft. They've built many lasting relationships in the community for the agency."

To review all of your insurance needs, call 785-364-3302 or visit www.bradjnoller.com.
To learn more about American Family Insurance, go online to amfam.com.

102 West Fifth St., Holton • (785) 364-3302 • www.BradJNoller.com

REINO'S TOWING, LLC



When you're down, we'll pick you up!

Reino's Towing L.L.C. of Holton has been serving the Jackson County area since February of 2007, providing towing services for several different types of vehicles — motorcycles included. The company is owned by Linda and Tim Reino of Holton and also offers vehicle unlocks, fuel deliveries, winching, off-road recovery and tire changes in addition to local and long-distance towing.

Reino's Towing currently operates with a Dodge 3500 boom wrecker, 2001 International roll-back flatbed wrecker and a 1982 Deuce and a Half recovery vehicle. The company has towed vehicles to Pennsylvania, Texas, Idaho and surrounding states.

The company works with local, county and state law enforcement agencies along with numerous insurance agencies. Reino's Towing is also AAA and Better Business Bureau-approved, with services offered 24 hours a day, seven days a week. For more information, call 785-364-3723 or visit www.reinostowing.com

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BELVEAL LAW OFFICE



Belveal Law is located on the south side of the Holton Square, and its two attorneys have been practicing law for a combined number of 22 years.

Alexandria Belveal began her apprenticeship into the law at the age of five when she followed her father, Edward Dunn, to court and to meetings. Since that time, Alex has known that she wanted to be an attorney. After attending K-State for undergraduate and Washburn Law School, Alex was fortunate enough to be able to practice alongside her dad until he passed in 2010. Alex has lived and worked in Holton all of her life and has dedicated herself to this community and to the friends and neighbors who call it home.

Her practice includes real estate, probate, adoptions, guardianships, child in need of care and criminal law. Alex is also the county counselor for Jackson County, acting as legal advisor and attorney to the Jackson County Commissioners and department heads and directors. Alex even worked as a prosecutor in Jefferson County for a short time.

Jason Belveal grew up on a small farm just outside of Valley Falls. He attended Highland Community College, Emporia State and Washburn Law. Jason worked for several years in banking, accounting and finance before going to law school. Jason also served on the Valley Falls city council before attending law school.

Jason worked as a trial lawyer in Topeka for several years before becoming county attorney in Jefferson County. Today, his primary practice areas include criminal law, domestic and family law and limited amounts of civil law. Jason has also served as trial counselor for other lawyers and consults with other lawyers regarding their cases.

For more information, contact Belveal Law Office at 785-364-0158 or stop by the office at 111 W. Fourth St. in Holton.

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ZWONITZER PROPANE



Shown above, left to right, are Daymon DeVader, Kim DeVader and Mark Summers.

Zwonitzer Propane was founded by Larry and the late Judy Zwonitzer in 1975. Zwonitzer Propane was later taken over by their son, the late Eugene Zwonitzer.

"From its base of operations in Holton's Industrial Park, Zwonitzer Propane covers a sizable section of northeast Kansas, providing propane service to hundreds of residential and business customers," said Daymon DeVader, who took over ownership of the company with wife Kim in the fall of 2018.

Customers range from Jackson, Brown, Jefferson, Pottawatomie, Shawnee and Doniphan counties.

The DeVaders are assisted by Mark Summers, who as the company's plant operations manager has been driving propane delivery trucks for more than 10 years, although Summers says, "I've been around it my whole life, practically."

The DeVaders and Summers also plan to keep Zwonitzer Propane a competitive, community-focused propane sales and service business. "We're going to continue the family tradition," DeVader said. "It's all about offering service to our community, and the key to success is to continue doing that."

Zwonitzer Propane has also proudly partnered with Cecil K's Hometown Market in Holton to provide refillable propane bottles.

The company is located on the north of Holton's Town Square, at 104 W. Fifth St. For more information, call the office at 785-364-2740. Follow Zwonitzer Propane on Facebook.

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Strong leaders and committed citizens make all the difference

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Some community leaders see economic development as a "zero-sum" game: if you win, I lose. Successful communities know that today's world requires cooperation for mutual benefit. They know that the real competition today is between regions. They also understand that very few small towns have the resources, by themselves, to attract tourists or to compete with larger communities.

Regional cooperation does not mean giving up your autonomy. It simply recognizes that problems like air pollution, water pollution, traffic congestion and loss of green space do not respect jurisdictional boundaries. Regional problems require regional solutions.

There are numerous examples of communities working together for mutual benefit. In the Denver Region, 41 communities cooperated to support funding for a regional transit system (i.e. Fast Tracks).

Cleveland area communities cooperated to build a Metro parks system. Metro Minneapo-

lis and St. Paul collaborate on tax base sharing. Even small rural communities can cooperate for mutual benefit. Small towns in Mississippi have worked together to organize and promote U.S. Highway 61 as "the Blues Highway" linking Memphis with New Orleans. Similarly, five rural counties on Maryland's Eastern Shore collaborated with the Eastern Shore Land Conservancy to create a regional agreement to preserve farmland and open space.

Pay Attention To Aesthetics

During the development boom of the 1980s, Time Magazine ran an article about what they called "America's growing slow-growth movement." The article began with a quote from a civic activist in southern California, who said "we were in favor of progress, until we saw what it looked like." Looks count! Aesthetics matter! Mark Twain put it this way, "We take stock of a city like we take stock of a man. The clothes or appearance are the externals by which we judge."

More than 80 percent of everything ever built in America has been built since about 1950 and a lot of what we have built is just plain ugly. There are still many beautiful places in America, but to get to these places we must often drive through mile after mile of billboards, strip malls, junk yards, used car lots, fry pits and endless clutter that has been termed "the geography of nowhere."

The problem is not development, per se; rather the problem is the patterns of development. Successful communities pay attention to where they put development, how it is arranged and what it looks like.

Successful communities understand that "the image of a community is fundamentally important to its economic well-being." Every single day in America people make decisions about where to live, where to invest, where to vacation and where to retire based on what communities look like.

Consider tourism, for example. The more any community in America comes to look just like

every other community the less reason there is to visit. On the other hand, the more a community does to protect and enhance its unique character, whether natural or architectural, the more people will want to visit. This is because tourism is about visiting places that are different, unusual and unique. If everywhere was just like everywhere else, there would be no reason to go anywhere. Think about the slogan "Keep Austin Weird" for example. What this really means, is keep Austin different. In today's world, community differentiation is an economic development imperative.

Strong Leaders And Committed Citizens

Successful communities have strong leaders and committed citizens. A small number

of committed people can make a big difference in a community. Sometime these people are longtime residents upset with how unmanaged growth has changed what they love about their hometown.

Others times, the leaders might be newcomers who want to make sure that their adopted hometown doesn't develop the same ugliness or congestion as the one they left. More often than not, they're simply citizens who care a great deal about their community.

An example of a single citizen who made a big difference is Jerry Adelman. Jerry grew up in the small town of Lockport, Ill. Almost single-handedly, Jerry created the Illinois and Michigan Canal National Heritage Corridor, which helped restore an abandoned canal linking Lockport with Chicago.

Adelman's success at building local support for the canal convinced Congress to add the canal corridor to the national park system. There are hundreds of examples of small groups of people working successfully to

improve their communities. Some of these people are elected officials, like Joe Riley, the 10-term mayor of Charleston, S.C. Others are not, like Robert Grow, the founder of Envision Utah. Leadership is critical, but often unappreciated. As the mayor of one small town in upstate New York once remarked to me, "if you don't care who gets the credit, you can get an awful lot accomplished."

What About The Naysayers?

Every community has naysayers. Whatever the civic or community leaders propose to do, some people will always say things like: "you can't do it," "it won't work," "it costs too much," "we tried that already."

And, "no" is a very powerful word in a small community, but leaders of successful communities know that "yes" is a more powerful word. Yes, we can make this town a better place to live in, to look at, to work in, to visit.

Note: Edward T. McMahon holds the Charles Fraser Chair on Sustainable Development and is a Senior Resident Fellow at the Urban Land Institute in Washington, D.C.

The Farmers State Bank



FSB employees shown above, left to right, are Leslie Smith, Darcie Bales, Terri Young, Kiana Jessepe, Lisa Matthews, Gary Gencauski, Kaitlin Beecham, Paula Holliday, Bryce Barnett, Frida Kieffaber, Hannah Deegan, Judy May, Stephanie Watkins, Tarin Wray, Lucas Lovvorn, Liz Holaday and Tonya Barta. Not pictured were Jan Greene and Dianne Wake.

The Farmers State Bank is the oldest and longest running bank in Jackson County. The Bank was chartered in Circleville on October 27, 1900 and is now located in Holton. We proudly support our community as we give back funds, time and our efforts to make our community's tomorrow brighter! We are thankful and blessed to work, volunteer and give back to the community we call HOME!

2018 Community / Volunteer Statistics

- 983 Volunteer Hours
- \$27,241 Given Back to the Community
 - \$3,987 Supporting Local Schools
 - 71 Community Sponsored Events
 - \$825 Given to Memorials
- \$440 given by the employees directly to others

2019 Year-to-Date Community / Volunteer Statistics

- Over 400 Volunteer Hours
- Five employees who serve on 12 different community boards
- Eight employees who represent 25 different community organizations
- \$100,000 Commitment to the Holton Hospital Expansion Project
- \$4,053 Given to United Way for direct benefit of Jackson County
 - Beck Bookman Library Supporter
 - \$2,500 to Jackson Heights for Scorer's Table
 - B.A.K. Supporter
 - \$2,000 to the Wellness Path
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Holton Family Dentistry



Holton Family Dentistry was established in Holton 2010 by owners – Benjamin P. Rutherford, DDS and Carrie B. Peterson, DDS. Since that time, the office has grown and has added Dr. Michael Meyers, DDS – carrying on the long tradition of excellence in general, family dentistry established here by Dr. Jerry Young.

“We began seeing patients in Holton in 2010 after Dr. Young retired,” said the two doctors. “Tere Bunke, the front office manager, has been part of the business since 1975. We all love what we do because we love people. We love getting to meet and treat families and watching kids grow up. We believe in continuing education, with all of us exceeding the continuing education requirements each year. We also believe in giving back to the community and as an office always donate our services to the Kansas Mission of Mercy Project each year.”

Holton Family Dentistry is conveniently located at 208 W. Fourth St. in Holton. The business phone is 785-364-4636. Patient care hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Thursday, with emergency times available.

Holton Family Dentistry provides comprehensive dental care for adults and children with associates Candice Williams (dental hygienist), Josie Jenson (dental hygienist), Melissa Uhl (dental assistant), Aimie Heitzman (dental assistant), Katie Luna-Lee (business associate) and Tere Bunck (office manager).

“We provide an array of restorative services such as fillings, crowns, bridges, dentures, implant restorations, etc.,” the three doctors said. “We also provide root canals and oral surgery, as well as Invisalign. Our goal is to treat each patient as family and provide the best care in the most relaxed environment. Patient comfort is important to us.”

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HOLTON CHIROPRACTIC CENTER



Dr. Aaron Cheney, doctor of chiropractic, started practicing at Holton Chiropractic Center in September of 2017, succeeding Dr. Edward McKenzie.

“I’ve known Dr. McKenzie for several years and have covered for him at least once while he was in Spain,” Cheney said. “He reached out to me to see if I would be interested in practicing here.”

A native of Hunter, KS, Dr. Cheney graduated from Sylvan Unified High School. After high school, he studied at The University of Kansas for four years and originally enrolled as a pre-med student.

“I’m from a medical-based family,” he said. “In high school, I had the opportunity to experience chiropractic firsthand through sports, and it always stuck with me.”

Dr. Cheney switched gears and then graduated from Cleveland University’s chiropractic program in January 2004.

“I enjoy the fact that I can help people who are in pain, and in some instances, they may notice almost immediate relief,” he said. “It’s very rewarding that you’re able to help someone like that.”

After receiving his chiropractic license, Dr. Cheney returned home and practiced there for two years.

He then worked as a chiropractor for three years in Overland Park before he became a stay-at-home dad for eight years.

He and his wife, Jessica, have one daughter and two sons and have lived in Shawnee County since 2009.

When Dr. McKenzie asked him if he wanted to take over the practice, Dr. Cheney said he jumped at the chance.

“This practice is very similar to the one I grew up with at home and the one I started out practicing in,” he said.

Dr. Cheney said there are many benefits to chiropractic care.

“Many people think that chiropractic care is only back and neck, but we can help with sports injuries and other injuries,” he said. “It’s nice to show people that their body can heal itself on its own.”

Holton Chiropractic Center is in network with Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Kansas and Medicare. Just recently, the VA has started referring patients to Holton Chiropractic Center as part of the Mission Act, which allows vets to seek care in their communities. The practice can file as out-of-network with other insurance companies.

Holton Chiropractic Center is located at 928 W. Sixth St. in Holton and is open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. For more information, call 785-364-4151.



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Bobbi Enneking, Amy Plankinton, Donna Wilhelm, Gayla Schlaegel Reece, Jennifer Metcalf, Julia Lee, Kandace Link, Kori Anderson, Mandy Saxton, Michaela Haverkamp, Morgan Schumaker, Ruth Acheson, Samantha Fisher, Sara Levitt

NEK-CAP, Inc. (Northeast Kansas Community Action Program) has a long history of community involvement and serving low-income families in Jackson County. The agency was established on Nov. 23, 1965 as an anti-poverty, not-for-profit, organization and was later designated as a 501c3 non-profit. The first principal office and place of business was the Courthouse, Holton, Jackson County, Kansas.

Fifty-four years later, NEK-CAP, Inc. continues to offer to low-income residents of Jackson County Family and Community Resources social services through the Community Services Block Grant and funding from the United Way of Greater Topeka; high quality pre-school child development and education through the Early Head Start comprehensive home based program and Head Start center based; and housing programs through the Emergency Solutions Grant in partnership with the Jackson County Commission, Tenant Based Rental Assistance funded through the Kansas Housing Resources Corporation and the Section 8 (HCV) voucher program through the Brown County-NEK-CAP, Inc. Housing Authority funded by the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Love and Logic, a simple solution and easy to use techniques parenting program; and *Tackling the Tough Skills*, an interactive life skills program teaching “soft skills” for success in work and life are also offered to the community. To promote education and awareness of issues related to poverty, the agency conducts Community Action Poverty Simulations and the REALL Simulation for teenagers to local groups free of charge in our service area.

NEK-CAP, Inc. fosters community engagement and offers various opportunities for volunteering through assisting in the Head Start classroom, serving on the Multi-County Board of Directors, serving on the Early Head Start/Head Start Policy Council, serving on the Family Self Sufficiency Program Coordinating Committee, or through other agency activities. For more information on NEK-CAP, Inc. please visit the agency website at www.nekcap.org, follow us on the agency facebook page, contact the ALJ Center at 785-364-4055 or contact the Administrative Office at 785-742-2222.

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The building that they own was previously occupied as a mechanics shop several years ago. They decided in 2013 they wanted to provide more of a service to the area by selling tires so they expanded their operations and opened a tire shop.

Besides having more than 200 different brands of car/light truck tires, the business also offers farm, semi, implement, ATV, UTV, golf car and lawn mower tires. If it has tires, they can probably find you what you need. They also sell wheels and truck accessories including Thunderstruck bumpers and Interstate batteries.

In addition, Wilson's Direct does oil changes and brake jobs and have expanded into some other types of light mechanic work.

Wilson's Direct offers a loyalty program that will send you a text or email when it is time to have your oil changed or your tires rotated. They use a system that is integrated with Carfax so all your repairs, oil changes and tire maintenance is logged to your vehicle, which can increase your resale value. Free pickup of your vehicle in town is available. They have many financing options available for all types of credit types.

Visit their website at www.wilsonsdirect.net for a quote.

Wilson's Direct staffs three employees who are happy to help. The business is open from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday. After-hour emergency calls are also available. For more information, call 785-364-1915 or email sales@wilsonsdirect.net.



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Quality Monuments began as Monument Designs in Holton in 1988. Patrick Hamilton started the business, servicing Jackson and the surrounding counties.

Hamilton retired in 2008, selling the business to Joshua Trimble.

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HOLTON COMMUNITY HOSPITAL



Shown above, left to right, are Heather Naylor, Season Brown and Jessica Woodward.

Holton Community Hospital's mission statement is "to provide professionalism, compassion and excellence in healthcare for a healthier community," and the registration team at HCH takes that mission to heart.

Registration is located at the main hospital entrance. Patients can be registered from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Season Brown, "the department cheerleader," has proudly been part of the HCH team for seven years as the registration/ admissions supervisor. She oversees the daily workflow of the registration department, serves as backup for staff as needed and ensures that the highest level of patient satisfaction is provided. Working closely with other departments is extremely important to the success of providing outstanding patient care, and we are always looking for opportunities for improvement. Season shows high commitment to making things the best they can be for her team and organization as a whole.

"We have such an awesome front line team. I am very proud to work beside these ladies," Season said. "In a world where you can be anything, be kind. Happiness is free."

Heather Naylor has been an asset to the HCH registration team for three years. She proudly cares for patients serving as a registration specialist.

"The best part about working here is the family aspect. They provide me with the flexibility I need to be with my family," Heather said.

Jessica Woodward has been with HCH for more than a year and is also an important contributor to the registration team.

Both Heather and Jessica are responsible for registering patients with accurate and up-to-date information for outpatient services such as LAB, Radiology, Cardiovascular, Surgery, Outpatient Specialty Clinic, Advanced Wound Care, Treatment Room services and Emergency Room, as well as admitting inpatients on the nursing floor.

Most importantly, Heather and Jessica care for patients best by providing a welcoming atmosphere for the patients, greeting everyone with a smile and friendly hello. Completing the registration process includes conducting patient interviews, verifying the patient's demographic information, entering and verifying insurance and obtaining an appropriate signature on the Consent for Treatment Authorization.

"My favorite part about working at HCH is building relationships with patients," Jessica said.

Attention to detail and accuracy while still delivering a memorable first impression of our facility is what our staff strives for and succeeds on a daily basis. The registration department works with all departments, which allows us to act as the central information station. We take pride in being the ones counted on for reliable information.

Our registration team is well known for being upbeat, positive, helpful and always going the extra mile for our patients. We are often spoiled with "thank yous" and yummy goodies from our patients who appreciate the above average, family factor service they receive at HCH.

Not to forget a very important item - privacy. Our team maintains strict confidentiality in every way possible. We adhere to HIPAA privacy and security processes and policies.

The team excels at promoting a welcoming atmosphere through a generous and friendly spirit. It takes minutes to make a first impression, but longer to change an opinion.

They also go the extra mile to create a positive experience for others and provide amazing "second to none" world-class patient satisfaction.

"We treat all patients as if they were our family or friend," Season said. "We are working together toward a common goal of being the provider of choice for our community."

The registration team members said that by truly caring and connecting with the patients, they hope to help make a difference in the success of HCH. They are excited about the future of the hospital.

"The building addition and expansion of the hospital is well needed, and we are so grateful for all of the support from the community," team members said.

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RON KIRK'S BODY SHOP



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Now in its 36th year, Ron Kirk's Body Shop in Holton has been successfully "making friends by accident" since 1983.

The business is owned by Ron and Theresa Kirk and they take pride in completing all auto work to the satisfaction of every customer. The business has been at its current location since 1991.

Ron Kirk's Body Shop specializes in everything auto-body related – auto collision repair, painting, frame adjustments and repair, glass replacement, chip repair, glass tinting and paintless/dentless repair.

Ron Kirk's professional service also includes local pick-up and delivery, if needed, plus the handling of related insurance paperwork.

"We take pride – as a locally-owned business – in getting our customers back on the road as soon as possible," the Kirks say.

Ron Kirk's utilizes water-based auto paint, which is environmentally friendly. The business also is equipped with the most recent equipment needed for aluminum repair of the newer model vehicles.

The business also offers computerized estimating services, which allows repair estimates and photos of damages to be e-mailed quickly to customers' insurance companies to speed up the repair authorization process.

The business also offers direct repair programs with insurance companies. Ron Kirk's staff is available most evenings for customer convenience by appointment.

Ron, Derek and Matt Kirk, along with Al Spiker, John Kerr and Ryan Diehl, are all part of the Ron Kirk's Body Shop professional team. Derek and Matt have been employed with the business since they were in high school. Both Al and John have been part of the team for 25-plus years. Our team works hard to "Take the dents out of accidents."

Contact Ron Kirk's Body Shop by phone (785-364-2931), fax (785-364-4926) or e-mail (rkirkbodyshop@yahoo.com).

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BECK BOOKMAN LIBRARY



Bookman Library was established in 1897 by the first Holton literary group, The Bookman Club, which organized the preceding year. The young women were the sole support of the library. Members acted as volunteer librarians.

On April 4, 1919, by vote of the people, the city of Holton took over the ownership of the library in order to make a city levy for support. The library was in rented quarters, 430 1/2 Pennsylvania (old Kansas State Bank), 420 1/2 New York Avenue, 213 1/2 West 5th Street (upstairs of the Gilk's Potato Chip Factory) and 311 New York Avenue until 1952 when the current library facility was built.

With a generous trust from Edward S. Beck, and a bequest from the Jesse and Nellie Bender family, the Beck Bookman Library was built. The library is named in honor of Major and Mrs. Milton Moses Beck, pioneer residents of the town, and the Bookman Club. The children's room is named The Bender Room in honor of Nellie Wenner Bender, who was a charter member of the Bookman Club.

The library houses the book collections of Edward S. Beck, former managing editor of the Chicago Tribune, and William Volker of Kansas City, Mo. Mr. Volker was a successful industrialist and philanthropist, who married Rose Roebke of Holton, a member of the Bookman Club.

With a stock of 50 books when the library opened in 1897, the collection has grown to 27,000 items including books, magazines, audio books and movies. As a member of NEXT, the online shared catalog of the North East Kansas Library System, patrons are able to access more than one million items as well as downloadable ebooks, movies and audiobooks. Printing, faxing, computer and wifi access are also available for public use.

The library is supported by municipal, county, and state funds as well as charitable gifts and trusts. Beck Bookman Library is governed by a seven-member board. The current staff includes Amy Austin, director; Helen Murphy Plankinton, library technology support specialist; Gail Schmitz, library assistant; Susan Schirmer, library assistant; and Linda Porter, library assistant. Shown above, left to right, are Schirmer, Plankinton, Schmitz, Porter and Austin.

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AESCHLIMAN CONSTRUCTION, INC.



Shown above, left to right, are Dylan Aeschliman, Mark Aeschliman and George Gillaspie.

Aeschliman Construction has been building dream homes and completing various projects for people since 1994. Owner Mark Aeschliman said he feels “very blessed to have this year mark 25 years in business” and to “have worked for some amazing couples and individuals over the years.”

Aeschliman Construction specializes in building new homes, additions, decks, covered porches and many

other construction projects. The business is a big supporter of the local schools and community and continually uses more than 10 local sub-contractors when building a home.

Aeschliman Construction is a hands-on builder who takes great pride in their quality work and craftsmanship and offers a very competitive price.

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JM SEWING CENTER OHLSEN DESIGNS EMBROIDERY



Shown above: Michelle Meddock, JM Sewing Center owner, and Minta Ohlsen of Ohlsen Designs Embroidery.

JM Sewing Center opened for business in January 2014. Owned by Jerry and Michelle Meddock, JM Sewing Center offers a variety of services, including sales of Janome and Elna sewing machines, as well as service and repairs of all sewing machine brands.

JM Sewing Center was originally located on the north side of the Holton Square. In August 2014, the Meddocks purchased the property at 405 New York Ave. and began the remodeling process, moving into the new location in November 2014.

In July 2018, Minta Ohlsen with Ohlsen Designs Embroidery joined JM Sewing. Ohlsen specializes in embroidery design such as kid's hooded towels, kitchen towels, pillows, baby blankets and bibs, personalized stuffed animals with birth stats or name and baby gifts. She also does custom embroidery and monogramming for individuals and businesses.

Business hours are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday. For more information, contact the business at 785-364-2301.

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ADVANCED CHIROPRACTIC SERVICES



Shown above, left to right: Kim Smith, Megan Renyer and Dr. Eric Wertin.

Dr. Eric Wertin practices at Advanced Chiropractic Services in Holton. He has practiced his entire career there and loves it. Taking great pride and satisfaction in being able to help and care for this community and surrounding areas, his unique and safe form of chiropractic, as many have attested, is gentle and very effective and has helped patients to live a better life without pain.

Dr. Eric grew up watching the body's ability to heal itself enhanced by chiropractic care and, with the desire to help his fellow man, graduated from the Logan Chiropractic University and began his practice in Holton in 2015.

Dr. Eric is a past winner of the Best Chiropractor in Topeka and the surrounding area and is running for this award this year as well.

More than anything, Dr. Eric's primary duty and what he takes the greatest pride in is the opportunity and effectiveness in helping others. And, along with his caring staff, Kim Smith and Megan Renyer, working alongside him, he is able to do so and will continue doing so.

Dr. Eric and his wife, Dr. Jessica (chiropractor in the Bonner Springs office), are expecting their first child this year.

Advanced Chiropractic Services can be reached at 785-362-7500. Office hours are Monday and Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Fridays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to noon.

Dr. Eric is accepting new and established patients. He and his wonderful staff are welcoming and ready to take care of you, your family, and your friends.

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DIAMONDS BY DESIGN



Dan and Marcia Brenner, owners

Diamonds By Design, 2121 S.W. Wanamaker Rd. in Topeka, has been a leader in custom design jewelry in northeast Kansas since it was established 19 years ago.

Owners Dan and Marcia Brenner of Holton started the business in 2000 in hopes of delivering a more personalized way to design jewelry. Prior to starting her own business, Marcia managed a chain jewelry store where she was named a Top 10 manager in her region. This is where the Brenners got the idea to start a business where she could individualize jewelry to fit the customers' needs, as well as provide services that chain stores don't have.

Diamonds By Design also offers an assortment of fine jewelry, such as bridal sets, men's rings, family jewelry, diamond and gemstone pieces, and religious jewelry. When you come to Diamonds By Design you are guaranteed to find an item that is perfect for any occasion, whether it be an anniversary, engagement or birthday!

The business is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, as well as by appointment (call 785-364-2227). You are sure to be greeted with a friendly face by one of the 10 staff members employed at Diamonds By Design.

Contact Diamonds By Design by phone at 785-271-5605 or by e-mail at diamondsbydesign@gmail.com. The business website is diamondsbydesigninc.com



2121 SW Wanamaker Rd., Topeka
(785) 271-5605 • www.diamondsbydesigninc.com

HOLTON DIRECT CARE

Holton Direct Care ("HDC") is the not only the first rurally located Direct Primary Care ("DPC") clinic in Kansas, it's one of the first in the United States. Dr. Lassey opened HDC in April of 2016. DPC is Family Medicine that operates outside of the traditional third party payer system. By cutting out a legion of middlemen, DPC is able to provide primary care services at a fraction of traditional prices.

For a low monthly fee, HDC patients have access to one-hour appointments, same-day appointments, urgent after-hours visits, housecalls, medications and labs at more than 90 percent off retail prices, and much more. HDC patients have the ability to communicate directly with their personal physician by phone, e-mail, and text 24 hours a day.

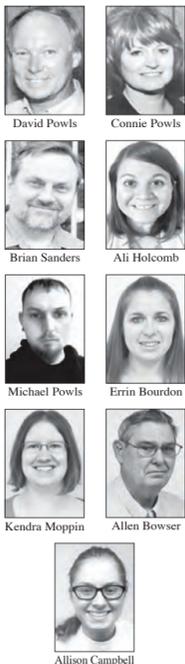
The money saved on prescriptions, labs, or even a single avoided ER visit often pays for DPC membership for years. Coupled with high-deductible, catastrophic, or Christian Health Sharing Ministry plans, DPC patients have realized healthcare savings of 60 percent or more. HDC is at capacity, but has begun construction on a large, new clinic facility three miles west of Holton, and when complete hopefully in early 2020, will add additional staff and plans to have room for at least 600 patients in the Holton community.



Shown with Dr. Lassey is nurse Sharon Wilson

785-DOCTORS • www.holtondirectcare.com

THE HOLTON RECORDER



The Holton Recorder newspaper is currently in its 152nd year of continuous business operation, serving the Jackson County community with local news and advertising, making it one of the oldest local businesses. Just three different families have ever owned The Recorder.

The Recorder publishes print editions twice a week - Mondays and Wednesdays - and also publishes a Thursday advertising shopper publication - The Jackson County Shopper - that is delivered free of charge by U.S. Mail to non-subscribers.

The Recorder also offers some free local news content and photos at its website - holtonrecorder.net - where local businesses also can advertise their services. The Recorder's free online content is updated regularly, especially in the case of local obituaries.

Recorder subscribers can also read the replica-newspaper pages online at the same web site and keep informed of local, breaking news by following The Recorder's Twitter account - @HoltonRecorder

The Holton Recorder was founded by Civil War veteran Moses Milton Beck. Editor Beck guided The Recorder from its early days, into the mid-1920s.

Will Beck, son of M.M. Beck, joined his father in the business in about 1900 and led The Recorder up until 1950 when the Beck family sold the newspaper to John Chandler. Even after he sold the paper, Will Beck continued to write a regular column for the paper into the late 1960s.

John Chandler guided The Recorder from 1950 to 1980, when he died unexpectedly. His daughter, Leslie, and her husband, Bryan McDaniel, then led The Recorder up until 1997 when they sold the paper to David and Connie Powls (the current owners, now in their 22nd year as owners).

The two Becks and John Chandler have all been named to the Kansas Newspaper Hall of Fame for their outstanding contributions to community journalism in the state. When M.M. Beck died, well-known Emporia Gazette newspaper editor William Allen White called him his good friend and "one of the last of the Kansas pioneer newspapermen."

The Recorder staff today values its strong newspaper roots and strives to continue the paper's legacy as one of the leading independent newspaper voices in northeast Kansas and the state. The Recorder is recognized annually in the state's Awards of Excellence contests.

Between The Recorder's two print editions each week, the free shopper and The Recorder's website there have never been more good reasons for local businesses to advertise with The Recorder!

109 W. Fourth St., Holton • (785) 364-3141 • www.holtonrecorder.net



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Together, Kellerman Insurance and Kellerman Real Estate are businesses built on our family serving your family. It is our priority to do business with our clients and support our local economy first. We are proud to sponsor numerous local organizations, charities, and events in Holton and the surrounding communities. We changed our logo, but we are still the same team, here to serve you!



Pictured above, left to right: Kristi Dohl, Kristy Wilson, Rob Wilson, Cindy Weilert, Cindy Hower, Roger Hower, Sydney Bontrager, Craig Fox, Constance Fox and Diana Rieschick.

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STEAM POWER

Steam Power Carpet Cleaning is a subsidiary of Basel Cleaning Services Inc.. BCS, Inc. is owned by Donna and Tony Basel.

Beginning in 1999 with commercial office cleaning, the business currently employs 20+ people working across NE Kansas. In 2005, they expanded into the residential market offering carpet cleaning under the name "Steam Power." The business holds certifications in commercial and residential carpet cleaning systems, odor control, and water damage restoration with the IICRC.

In 2010, they expanded into flood damage restoration and in 2018 began to offer air duct cleaning using a unique combination of compressed air, brushes and a truck vac system. While steam cleaning is the choice of most home owners, BCS, Inc. does offer the "dry in an hour" encapsulation system. BCS, Inc. also offers commercial vacuum sales and is a "TORNADO" commercial vacuum/equipment dealer. Visit website for details. In 2018 Tim Basel took over the Topeka operations.

"We have enjoyed working with so many home and business owners through the years," said Tony Basel. "Each day, it seems like we get to meet someone new. That's what we've come to enjoy about our work."

The business deals with a variety of different problems and questions with building maintenance and cleaning. "Our goal is not only to help keep things looking good, but to provide a clean, healthy, indoor environment," Tony Basel said. "Much of our work in carpet cleaning helps save premature replacement resulting in overall savings for the home or business. This type of work has seemed to follow our family."

Many knew Tony Basel Sr., as he worked as the custodian for Jackson Heights from where he retired. Tony Jr's father, Dale, worked in the cleaning industry for 38 years from where he also retired.

BCS, Inc. does not offer general house cleaning to the public.



Pictured above, left to right: Tim Basel, manager, Topeka operations; Donna and Tony Basel, owners; and Riah, mascot.

(785) 364-5021 • SteamPower.squarespace.com

PARALLEL FARMS, INC.



Shown above, front row, left to right: Dylan Folk, Charles Watkins, Luke Cochren, Katy Wessel and Mary Cochren; back row, left to right: Lucas Cochren, Tyler Lowe, Emmett Schumaker and Matt Wessel.

Parallel Farms, Inc., located outside of Whiting, KS, is a three-generation family-owned business. The aim of the business is to provide great quality and friendly service to all farmers and ranchers in the area, which includes a 30-mile radius of the plant.

Parallel Farms was started in February 1981 selling only box chemicals and custom applying liquid fertilizer. The business grew over the years and now sells dry fertilizer, liquid fertilizer, NH3, bulk and box chemicals, seed and fuel.

Services include custom applications, fuel delivery and seed treatment.

Parallel Farms is owned by Bill Cochren. Employees include Luke Cochren, Mary Cochren, Lucas Cochren, Katy Wessel, Matt Wessel, Emmett Schumaker, Dylan Folk, Tyler Lowe and Charles Watkins.

For more information, call 1-800-930-9636 or email parallel@rainbowtel.net

18648 286th Rd., Whiting • (800) 930-9636

HOLTON FARM & HOME

Holton Farm & Home, located at the corner of Sixth Street and U.S. Highway 75 (925 W. Sixth St.), has been serving Jackson County and the surrounding communities for 46 years.

The store provides a wide variety of goods for both farm and home needs, thus its name says it all. The store opened on March 1, 1973, with Frank and Anne Lossman as managers. After the Lossmans, Darlene Meier served as store manager until Wally and Julie Hawthorne purchased the store in 1978.

Holton Farm & Home strives to be "your friendly hardware store." Sales staff members are very knowledgeable and work hard to answer all customer questions and fulfill all customer product needs with a combined work experience of 200 plus years. Their weekly warehouse order is placed every Friday with delivery the following Tuesday, so special orders can be placed for hard-to-find items, if available.

Holton Farm & Home specializes in selling Filson & Tarter Gate cattle equipment, H&H and Behlen mineral feeders, feed bunks by Behlen, bale feeders by B&W, Bextra and Tarter Gate. For your fencing needs, Farm & Home carries Keystone barbed wire, steel fence posts and gates in 16 gauge and 20 gauge weights.

The store carries Stihl outdoor power equipment and employs a Gold Certified mechanic to service and repair your Stihl product.

The store also carries and services Kansas manufactured Hustler Mower line with financing available at 0 percent for 48 months, with approved credit.

Holton Farm & Home also provides work clothing lines from Levi Strauss, Wrangler, Carhartt and Key Industries and work boot lines from Muck Boots, H&H Boots and Carolina.

The store also handles a full line of pet foods and supplies, and farm animal feeds, as well as animal salts and mineral supplements.

Holton Farm & Home carries a full line of Van Sickle paint with custom coloring, painting supplies, as well as a full line of general plumbing, electrical and miscellaneous hardware items.

Holton Farm & Home's 12 employees look forward to assisting you with your next hardware purchase! The store is open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Contact the store at 785-364-2162.

925 West Sixth St., Holton • (785) 364-2162 • holtonfarmandhome.com

Holton Dental



Shortly after graduating from Indiana University in May of 2007, Dr. Alex Gilliland and his wife, Taige, opened Holton Dental. In 2013, Dr. Samantha Rieschick joined Holton Dental as a full-time dentist and part owner. Samantha graduated from the University of Nebraska and made her home in Holton with her husband, Ross. Holton Dental, which is located on the main level of the Holton Medical Center, connected to the Holton Community Hospital, serves Jackson County's dental needs by using the latest technology available.

"We pride ourselves in investing in technology and equipment commonly found in larger cities, but still maintain our small town feel," Gilliland says.

Procedures performed at Holton Dental include crowns, bridges, dentures, root canals, fillings, partials, extractions and clear aligner orthodontics. Just this year, new services have been added such as in-office teeth whitening and implant placement.

"Offering implant services allows us to provide the highest level of tooth replacement options to our patients without needing to refer to specialty providers. Whether it's single tooth replacement or full-mouth, implants are a long-lasting and durable option to consider," Rieschick says.

Holton Dental's latest advancement in technology is a 3D Cone Beam CT machine that digitally captures an image of your teeth and jaw to aid in the predictable planning of implant surgeries as well as identify any possible disease processes present. This equipment also communicates with a crown milling machine that can fabricate a crown or bridge in one appointment while the patient waits in the chair. This eliminates the "goop" used to take a dental impression that so many people dread, as the teeth can simply be scanned and a crown made using the digital image.

"We are a 100-percent digital dental office," says Dr. Gilliland. "All x-rays are done digitally, which allows the doctor and patient to see their x-ray instantly." Digital x-rays are a vital tool that allows your dentist to better communicate with other medical professionals about your specific needs.

Just recently, Holton Dental has launched a new membership program. For those that have no insurance or are not satisfied with the limitations of their current insurance, the new membership program offers the best preventative services at discounted prices along with a discount on any additional restorative treatment needed.

"This eliminates the hassle of dealing with an insurance company," says Dr. Rieschick. "It's straightforward, it's simple, and it's becoming very popular."

Holton Dental's patient base ranges from infant to elderly. They also welcome handicapped adults and children. Being located in the Holton Medical Center, parking and handicap entrances make it very easy for patients to visit Holton Dental. While visiting the dentist, you also have the convenience of having your physician close by as well as a locally-owned pharmacy next door.

Holton Dental's orthodontist, Dr. Mark Underwood from U-Smile Orthodontics, sees patients in the office every Tuesday. By coming to Holton every week, orthodontic trips to Topeka are nearly eliminated.

Holton Dental accepts all insurance plans with electronic filing so there is no paperwork for patients. They have "no interest for 12 month" payment plans available through Care Credit to help finance care.

Holton Dental is open Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Tuesday and Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The business phone number is 785-364-3038. You can also visit their website at www.holtondental.org or email them at office@holtondental.org.

1100 Columbine Dr., Holton • (785) 364-3038 • www.holtondental.org



Employees shown in the photo above include, front row, left to right, Chris York, Ben Jepson and Jamika Teel. Second row, Brent Swingle and Mark Wade. Third row, Susan McGhee, Judy Sextro, Marc Crites, Taelor Delany and John Aoki. Fourth row, Lynette Dennis and Amanda George. Fifth row, Diane Thompson, Lori Larsh, Rita Davis and Janet Curtis. Back row, Jay Stewart and Austin Taylor.

JBN Telephone Company, Inc., an Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC), was incorporated under the laws of Kansas on March 30, 1955 as a telephone public utility. Prior to incorporating, founders J.C. Carson, Mary Jane Carson, and Robert C. Carson compiled many years of telephone experience in the ownership and operation of the Netawaka Mutual Telephone Company. By virtue of acquisitions and mergers, JBN now operates 15 telephone exchanges offering both telephone and high speed internet services. JBN introduced Fiber to the Home in 2012, providing the most advanced technology available and the opportunity for expanded service offerings. JBN became a wholly owned subsidiary of Lynch Corporation in 1993.

Seeing an opportunity to provide communication services to neighboring communities, Giant Communications was established by JBN as a Competitive Local Exchange Carrier (CLEC) in 1997. What began as a resale telephone operation quickly expanded into a wide range of communication and entertainment services including local telephone, digital telephone, long distance, and cable television, and high speed broadband services. Combined, the two companies serve more than 27 communities in northwest Kansas, and share a primary office in Holton.

Continuing its tradition of providing communication solutions to its customers, Giant expanded into hosted business telephone services in 2012, operating its sales office out of Wichita. Giant Communications' capacity to enter into this market is made possible through its part ownership in the Kansas Fiber Network, which provides our fiber optic backbone and fully survivable rings architecture network.

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www.giantcomm.net • (785) 362-9331

DAIRY QUEEN OF HOLTON



Pictured above, left to right: Becky Moran, assistant manager, and Alyssa Jones, store manager.

There have been a lot of changes taking place at our local Dairy Queen over the past three years! Some of them, like the remodel, have been obvious, but a great deal of effort has been taking place behind the scenes.

In any business, the people you employ are the keys to your success. We continue to make investments in hiring the best people we can find and we're very proud of all of our crew members, shift leaders and managers. There's actually a lot more complexity to running a DQ than most people would realize, and our store manager, Alyssa Jones, and assistant manager, Becky Moran, are up to the task.

Becky has worked at this DQ for more than five years now and during that time she's worked as a grill cook, kitchen leader and shift leader. She also has many years of food service experience prior to DQ. In March, Becky took a big next step in her career and was promoted to Assistant Store Manager. Since we purchased the DQ about three years ago, Becky has been a key member of the management team and a constant force for improvement. We've relied heavily on her ability to drive quality and consistency in our kitchen and we're thrilled that she will now have an even broader impact on the business. Becky has been a long-time member of the Holton community and we're so glad she's part of our team.

As one of the newest members of the Holton DQ management team, Alyssa recently stepped up and took on the role of general manager back in March. Alyssa also has more than five years of DQ experience managing our sister store in Missouri. She came to Holton for the first time in January on a temporary assignment. After getting familiar with our crew and members of the Holton community, she agreed to relocate to Holton as a permanent member of the management team. A couple of months later, we had an opening for a general manager and Alyssa was up for the challenge. Alyssa says she was amazed at how friendly and welcoming everyone in town has been. It's never easy moving away from your home and family members, but she's enjoyed making Holton her new home.

When Alyssa was asked what has been the most rewarding aspect of taking on this new role, she said, "Seeing our customers (we call them Fans) having a great experience. There's something about creating a place where families can come in and connect over a meal or just a treat. This DQ has been here since 1974 and most people in town have memories of birthdays, celebrations and other occasions. Our job here is to be at our best so we can keep delivering those great experiences and memories."

While new to their positions, both Alyssa and Becky are excited about DQ's future and are committed to delivering an experience as good as our ice cream. We're so happy for the opportunities these two have and we're confident they'll continue to help us improve and evolve the experience here. We wouldn't be here if it wasn't for our "Fans," so a big thanks to this community for helping make this DQ a success.

915 West Fourth St., Holton • (785) 364-3110

VILLAGE CLEANERS

Village Cleaners has been family owned since 1979 by the DeShazer family. The business has been a staple in Northeast Kansas in many ways.

Living by the motto "We clean, you live," Village Cleaners offers a wide variety of cleaning services. Environmentally friendly dry cleaning, laundering and alteration services are available, as well as free pickup and delivery. Village Cleaners serves both residential homes as well as commercial and office buildings, and also offers hotel services.

Village Cleaners also operates a sister company, DTRS (Disaster Textile Restoration Specialist). This company has been in operation for 17 years. When there is a personal disaster or large scale disaster, DTRS will many times provide clothing to victims with little to nothing after an event such as a flood or fire. The company is currently working with many tornado-stricken families in Northeast Kansas.

Coupons are available at www.myvillagecleaner.com. Hours are 7 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday.

Several drop off and pickup locations are available, including DJ's Sewing, Cleaning and Gifts in Holton (108 W. Fifth St.), Cecil K's in Holton (423 Arizona Ave.), 2940 SW Wanamaker and 2033 SW Seabrook in Topeka, Hy Vee in Topeka and Onaga, 5730 S. Topeka Blvd. in Pauline and Jerry's in Osage City.

Holton locations • (785) 272-5263 • www.myvillagecleaner.com

EDWARD JONES INVESTMENTS



Tracing its roots back to 1922, Edward Jones, headquartered in St. Louis, Mo., has more than 14,000 offices across the United States and Canada. The firm's philosophy is that service to the individual is of utmost importance.

Shannon L. Wright has been the Financial Advisor in the Holton office, located on the north side of the Town Square at 118 W. Fifth St., since it opened in 1998.

Shannon provides the firm's personal brand of service by discussing the clients' individual investment needs in a one-on-one basis.

He provides predictable, long-term investment opportunities that include a broad mix of fixed income investments, mutual funds, common stock, 401(k) options, IRAs, Business Retirement plans and tax advantaged securities.

Also insurance licensed, Shannon offers investments in life insurance, annuities and long-term care.

Kathy Rose, the Senior Branch Office Administrator, began working in the Holton office in February 2000. Kathy handles the daily operations of the office, which includes client service and marketing support.

The regular office hours for Edward Jones are 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Evening and Saturday appointments are available by calling the office at 785-364-4662 or 1-800-569-5198.

You may also visit Edward Jones online at www.edwardjones.com and Shannon can be reached via the "contact me" link on the website or by e-mail at shannon.wright@edwardjones.com Member SIPC.

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The agency offers all lines of insurance, including auto, home, life, business and farm.

Come see Marcia at 307 Montana Ave. in Holton from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday or by appointment in the evenings and on Saturday. You can also reach Jager Insurance Agency by phone at 785-364-0124 or by email at marcia@jagerinsurance.com.

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FARM BUREAU FINANCIAL SERVICES



Farm Bureau Financial Services Agency serves the area community by offering Farm, Home, Auto, and Life Insurance. Agents are Rob Wareham and Mitchell Nicol along with Sales Associates Casey Patterson, Bridget Fulkerson and April Vogel. The Federal Crop Insurance Program is represented by Kathy Wheeler.

The Kansas Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company was founded in 1938 – 81 years ago, offering Farm, Home, and Auto Insurance.

In 1948, the Kansas Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company was founded. Today, Farm Bureau Property and Casualty Company provides insurance protection to members in eight states. Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company offers insurance and financial services to 14 states in the Midwest.

Farm Bureau Financial Services is located at 521 Arizona Ave. in Holton. You may contact them by calling (785) 364-2111.

521 Arizona Ave., Holton • (785) 364-2111

MEDICAL PHARMACY



Since 1976, Medical Pharmacy has served the Holton and Jackson County area as its locally-owned community pharmacy, offering the special care and service its customers can only get from a member of the community.

That's a statement that owner Joseph Gilliland is proud to make.

"We recognize that everyone has unique health care needs and concerns," Gilliland said. "That's why we take the time to get to know you, not just as a customer but also as a patient and a person. We feel we are

service driven and provide service on a personal level. We are not just selling a product. Because of that, we've been able to thrive and grow, especially in an unstable market."

Medical Pharmacy, which is located next door to Holton Community Hospital at 1100 Columbine Drive, takes "a proactive approach to supporting your health and wellness," Gilliland said.

Furthermore, members of the pharmacy's staff "truly look forward to serving you each and every time you walk through our door. Trust us to answer your questions, counsel you on products and offer you the latest information staying healthy," Gilliland said.

Gilliland is the second generation of his family to own and operate the pharmacy, which was started by his father, Frank Gilliland, 43 years ago in the old HCH building. The pharmacy moved to its new location next door to HCH in 1999, shortly after the hospital relocated to its present position north of Holton.

Joseph purchased the business from his father in 2009.

Beyond filling prescriptions, the nine members of Medical Pharmacy's staff assist patients with durable medical equipment, diabetic testing, ostomy and urological supplies. Members of the staff will take time to give each of the pharmacy's customers the personal attention they deserve.

"We serve you quickly and efficiently, with no long waits to meet with a pharmacist," Gilliland said.

Medical Pharmacy offers custom compounding, as well as consultation for those in assisted living/nursing home care, hospice care, Home Health care and IV infusion, with consultation services provided to several local care facilities. Most prescription plans are accepted at the same co-pay level as national pharmacy chains, and the pharmacy provides free in-town prescription delivery.

All pharmacists at Medical Pharmacy are members of the Kansas Pharmacists Association, and they assist in the training of new pharmacists by serving as a clerkship site for the University of Kansas Pharmacy School. Also, due to its close proximity to HCH, pharmacists serve as consultants, attend various committee and staff meetings and provide the hospital with 24-hour access to pharmacy services for in-patient needs.

"Pharmacists are one of the most accessible health care professionals," Gilliland said. "They are an essential part of the health care team, as they serve as the conduit between patients and doctors."

Additional services offered include text and email alerts when a prescription is ready and a mobile app for easy ordering.

For better compliance, the pharmacy uses medication synchronization, which matches all prescriptions so they refill on the same day and require just one trip to the pharmacy.

"We feel fortunate to not only work in the community we live in but provide a service which benefits the community," Gilliland said.

The pharmacy is open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday. Its local telephone number is 364-2114, and the pharmacy may also be reached by fax at 364-4501.

Medical Pharmacy also has additional locations at:

* Tallgrass Pharmacy in Topeka, purchased by Joe Gilliland, Johnny Schlotter and Lesley Harris in 2011.

* The West Pharm in Westmoreland, purchased by Gilliland and Schlotter in 2016.

* Onaga Pharmacy, purchased by Gilliland and Schlotter in 2017.

Employees of Medical Pharmacy are: Pharmacists: Joseph Gilliland, Lesley Harris and Jeff Tobae; Pharmacy Techs: Ginger Prine, Jodi Fox, Brooke Doyle, Sydney Prine and Christa Hill; Pharmacy Student at The University of Kansas: Dalton Colhouer; High School Students - Pharm Tech/Delivery: Emma Gilliland, Blake Harris, Lauryn Moore and Kaden Watkins.

* Other location employees: Pharmacist: Johnny Schlotter (Onaga Pharmacy); Heath Eisenbarth (West Pharm) and Rachelle Iverson (Onaga Pharmacy and West Pharm).

* Pharmacist Frank Gilliland continues to work part-time at all locations as needed.

1100 Columbine Dr., Holton • (785) 364-2114 • Fax (785) 364-4501

A.D.S. DISTRIBUTING, INC.



A.D.S. Distributing Inc., owned and operated by Dean and Karen Stous, was incorporated in 1980 and employs up to five people. Their son, John Stous, serves as the primary sales manager and installer.

Work is performed at each job site, but the primary in-home office is located at 21085 O Road, Holton, KS. To reach A.D.S. call: 785-364-2364 or 785-770-7530. A.D.S. may also be reached via email at adsdistinc@gmail or at its website: adsdistributingks.com.

A.D.S. began waterproofing buildings using Conklin roofing products over built-up roofs, walls and masonry

walls. In 1981 the business incorporated urethane foam along with coatings.

A.D.S. is the most experienced Spray Polyurethane Foam roofing and insulation contractor in NE KS. We are a Q1 qualified contractor of BASF Foam Enterprises. We offer spray-foam open and closed cell options for insulation, and spray-foam roofing is offered with either acrylic or urethane coatings. For insulation, A.D.S. uses BASF foam. For coatings, we use ERSYSTEMS and 838 Coatings.

Customer service, for the past 38 years, continues to be most important to us. A product that fits the customer's need is A.D.S.'s priority.

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ARNOLD'S REFRIGERATION, INC.



Arnold's Refrigeration Inc. was established in 2004 in Centralia by owner Rick Arnold.

The business relocated to Holton in 2012 at 24690 U.S. Highway 75, just north of Holton, in what formerly was Henry Brothers Implement, and has experienced substantial growth since then.

While the primary focus of Arnold's Refrigeration Inc. is heating and cooling, the business also specializes in commercial refrigeration, heating and cooling, hearth products such as fireplaces, wood stoves and gas and wood inserts, plus geothermal heating and cooling.

"We service all makes of HVAC and hearth equipment," Rick Arnold said.

Office hours for the business are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Contact the business by phone (785-364-4700), fax (785-364-4101) or by e-mail (rick@arnoldsrefrigeration.com or geri@arnoldsrefrigeration.com)

The website for the business is arnoldsrefrigeration.com

Now in its 15th year, the business employs three associates – Geri Flowers, Kelly McDonald and Mike Puchalla.

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Fax (785) 364-4101 • arnoldsrefrigeration.com



The First Baptist Church is located at 404 Juniper Dr. in Holton, next to Vintage Park. First Baptist has two services on Sunday mornings. The first service at 8:25 a.m. is a traditional worship service. A variety of Sunday school classes are offered for all ages at 9:30 a.m. The 10:30 a.m. service features contemporary worship and children are invited to attend Children's Church for a lesson, singing and activities.

First Baptist welcomes new pastor John Wisdom. Everyone is excited to have John, his wife, Vanessa, and their four children as part of the community.

Visit www.fbcholton.com to see Bible studies available, youth activities and other events. Also follow the church on Facebook and Instagram.

404 Juniper Dr., Holton • (785) 364-3423 • www.fbcholton.com

THE-GOLDEN-FLEECE



Paul Abell opened The-Golden-Fleece in January 2015 on the Holton Square.

The-Golden-Fleece offers and specializes in all things yarn and fiber-related, including classes for weaving and knitting.

Services offered at the shop, located at 413 New York Ave., include crocheting, knitting, spinning and weaving and dyeing yarns and fiber. Consignments are also accepted.

Products featured at the store include Cascade, Berroco and Euro yarns, Ashford and Kromski looms and spinning wheels and locally produced Alpaca.

On Tuesdays, a Sit 'N Stitch class is held at the shop from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Fiber Fun is held on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. A potluck lunch is offered on the first Saturday of every month. Everyone is invited to join.

Store hours are 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday. For more information, call the shop at 785-362-7490, visit the website at www.the-golden-fleece.com or find us on Facebook.

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The Nation stands at nearly 5,000 members with a permanent reservation located in southern Jackson County, Kansas, and lands in Illinois.



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The Nation has advanced this goal through its operation of the Prairie Band Casino & Resort, the largest employer in Jackson County, and the Prairie Band, LLC, a diverse company responsible for increasing economic opportunities for the PBPB.



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