



## Brr-r-r-r!

### ■ Northeast Kansas enters 2018 on crippling cold wave

*By Brian Sanders*

The Holton and Jackson County area rode into 2018 on a cold wave that saw wind chills dropping below minus-20 and frozen water lines breaking, leaving some people in the region temporarily without service.

According to the Banner Creek Science Center weather station, the New Year's Day low of 11.7 degrees below zero was aggravated by winds, creating a wind chill that got as low as -25.6 degrees. The day before, the weather station reported a maximum wind chill of -23.6 degrees on a low temperature of -7.9 degrees.

Many cities in northeastern Kansas reported water line breaks due to the cold weather, and as City Manager Kerwin McKee noted, Holton was no exception.

"We've had several," McKee said. "Since the super-cold weather has come, we've had several main breaks. All these breaks were in cast iron pipe, and they were caused by shifting soils due to the dry and cold conditions."

Holton Police Chief Gale

Gakle also noted a few calls to the Public Safety Building about water lines breaking due to the cold weather.

"I think most of them were on the homeowners' side, though," Gakle said. "But it's going to test the water lines when the ground is so cold and dry."

Water lines breaking and freezing have also been keeping Brian Bell of Holton's Bell Plumbing busy with restoring residential water service. In the past two or three days, Bell said, he's been on "about 20" house calls to fix frozen or broken pipes, mainly the former.

Bell and McKee both recommend "winterizing" homes to prevent further pipe freezes or breaks - even after extremely cold temperatures have set in.

"None of the suggestions are easy or fun," Bell said. "But homeowners who are in an area that's prone to freezing need to get some heat under the house, keep their faucets dripping or heat-tape their water lines."

One tip that both recommend when temperatures get down below zero involves letting water

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## All HCH tax credits sold

*By Ali Holcomb*

Holton Community Hospital has sold all of the state tax credits it has received to help remodel and expand the facility's emergency room, according to hospital administrators.

Pam Holaday, HCH Foundation executive director, said that of the \$213,000 in tax credits the hospital received through the Kansas Department of Commerce's Community Service Tax Credit Program, all have been either sold or pledged.

Through the tax credit program, donors, including businesses and individuals, will receive a state tax credit equal to 70 percent of the amount they contribute, it was reported.

"The majority of the tax credits were sold for this tax year, but some were pledged for next year," Holaday said.

Holaday said all the available tax credits were sold within six months.

"I think our community is very supportive of things we want to accomplish at the hospital," she said. "They understand the advantages of available health care and the other benefits we provide to the community."

The \$213,000 tax credit is expected to raise \$305,000 for the proposed emergency room and inpatient care expansion and remodeling project, which includes:

- \* A 2,580-square foot building addition that will include six new patient rooms. The current

patient rooms will become ER treatment rooms, including two private bays.

- \* The number of hospital ER rooms will increase from two to six.

- \* Inpatient bed capacity will remain at 12 beds.

- \* Enhanced patient privacy.

- \* An additional 1,375-square feet to the hospital's ER and outpatient treatment room.

- \* A 2,380-square foot canopy addition.

Carrie Saia, Holton Community Hospital CEO, said there's been a growing need for more privacy in the ER.

"We just have two bays in the ER, and they are not private rooms. Privacy is an issue," Saia said. "We're taking care of ER patients in regular hospital rooms, which isn't ideal by any means. So over the years we've been looking at an expansion."

Saia said she and other administrators have met with architects last month and are meeting with them again soon to discuss preliminary design ideas and pricing options.

"We're busting at the seams right now so we may be doing even more additional work," she said. "We also looking at what additional options would be available if we refinanced our bonds. We want to be thinking down the road."

Saia said there's no set timeline on the expansion project, but she said administrators are

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**A total of 144 families, including 280 children, were served by this year's Jackson County Ministerial Alliance Christmas Store for families in need. In addition, a total of 87 senior citizens or disabled adults received gifts and items from the store. In the top photo, volunteers are shown preparing for this year's event. In the photo above, Samantha Herring, a Holton High School graduate and a senior at Washburn University, volunteered to help people "shop" for gifts and food during the event, held at the First Baptist Church in Holton.**

*Photos by Ali Holcomb*

## U.S. 75 petition hits 10K signature goal

*By Brian Sanders*

An online petition seeking improvements to U.S. Highway 75 north of Holton in the wake of a Thanksgiving weekend accident that claimed the lives of three members of a Sabetha family has reached its goal of 10,000 signatures, it was reported.

That goal was reached at about 5:25 p.m. Thursday, when a Junction City resident became the 10,000th person to sign the petition, according to the petition's organizer, Janie Murk, a former Sabetha resident currently residing in Junction City.

"I have had signatures from all over the United States, and even a couple from different countries," said Murk, who started the petition on Dec. 1 at change.org, where it continues to collect signatures.

Now, she said, the petition will be taken to state officials to remind them that U.S. 75 between Holton's northern city limits and the Nebraska state line is considered by thousands to be a dangerous stretch of

highway that should be widened to four lanes or at least have passing lanes added.

"My next step is to reach out again to all of the officials that I originally contacted, and let them know again that we have a real problem," Murk said. "There are thousands of people that are passionate about getting this highway improved."

The petition was prompted by the Nov. 25 head-on collision that occurred about a mile north of Netawaka on U.S. 75 and resulted in the deaths of Carmen Ukele, 42, Marlee Ukele, 11, and Stephen Ukele, 62, all of Sabetha. Carmen Ukele's husband, Lee Ukele, 59, also was injured in the accident.

The Ukele family was reportedly returning from Sabetha High School's Class 3A state football championship in Hutchinson when the accident occurred. Lee and Carmen Ukele's sons, Tanner and Carson, were members of the championship team, it was noted.

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## 2017 in Review: Events of May through August chronicled

The middle four months of 2017 were a busy time in Jackson County, as this second installment in a three-part series on the year's happenings in Jackson County notes. The events of January through April were recounted in the Dec. 27, 2017 edition, while the months of September through December will be summed up in the Monday, Jan. 8 edition.

### • May

After nearly two years of research, fund-raising and design changes, the Linscott Park monument honoring Jackson County's Purple Heart Medal recipients was unveiled during a dedication ceremony on a picture-perfect Saturday morning. The monument listed the names

of 166 county residents from several different wars who were wounded or killed in the line of duty during wartime.

While a Holton High School student reportedly did make threatening comments at the school two weeks ago, no students or staff members were ever in danger, and the situation has been handled, Superintendent Dennis Stones said. HHS staff reported that high school students overheard other students talking at a lunch table about things they had heard another student say.

May marked a period of transition at Jackson County's schools, with 83 graduating from Holton, 69 from Royal Valley and 25 from Jackson Heights.

The end of the school year also saw the retirement of two local teacher-coaches who had served at least 40 years — Don Swisher at Holton and Lyle Alley at Jackson Heights.

As Holton High School alumni prepared to descend on their former alma mater for the annual Glory Days celebration, the HHS alumni association selected former Jackson County Attorney and District Court Judge Michael "Mike" Ireland the 2017 Alumnus of the Year. Ireland, a graduate of the HHS Class of 1967 who died in 2015, had started his career as a teacher, it was noted.

Holton's school board approved a plan to refinance half the district's 2014 general obli-

gation bonds that were utilized to build the new Holton Elementary School. The bond refinancing plan involves about \$9 million in school bonds and is expected to save the district \$1.6 million, shorten the term of the bonds by three years and lower the interest rate from 4.76 percent to 3.15 percent.

A new case against Jacob Ewing involving charges of "child pornography" was filed in Jackson County District Court. Ewing was charged with 13 counts of sexual exploitation of a child after a search of his cell phone and computer reportedly turned up several images or videos of alleged child pornography, according to Jackson County Attorney Shawna Miller.

Mayetta resident Wilson Noriega was given a prison sentence of more than 20 years for the stabbing death of Leann Sanchez of Mayetta at his parents' home in November 2015. Jackson County District Court Judge Norbert Marek said Noriega's sentence, in which the charge against him was reduced from first-degree murder to voluntary manslaughter, will have him in prison "until he's 75 years old."

After 30 years, expressions flowers & gifts has closed its doors on the east side of the Hol-

ton Square. Business owners Rogette and Jay Branam bought the building, located at 406 Pennsylvania Ave., in 1985 as a real estate office that was moved to the basement two years later, when Rogette opened the retail store on the first floor. Now, she said, "I wanted to retire."

Additional sidewalks will be added to the perimeter of the Jackson County Courtyard following the Jackson County Commission's approval of a \$34,500

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# DISTRICT COURT NEWS

## Criminal Filed

State of Kansas vs. Patricia A. McKinney-Heideman, Holton, two counts of aggravated endangering a child, driving under the influence, transportation of liquor in an open container, driving while license cancelled, suspended or revoked, two counts of transporting a child without a passenger safety restraint.

State of Kansas vs. Karrigan D. Coan, Hoyt, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, no proof of insurance, duty of driver to report accident with an unattended vehicle or property, transportation of liquor in an open container.

State of Kansas vs. Samuel C. Conger, Holton, theft.  
State of Kansas vs. Philip O. Schreiner, Topeka, battery.

## Domestic Filed

State of Kansas, Department for Children and Families and Charles J. Kuhn, a minor child by and through Sherrei Wheeler, grandmother and next friend, and Sherrei Wheeler vs. Devin Kuhn, seeking support judgment.

State of Kansas, Department for Children and Families and Gavin Simpson, Emma Simpson and Chloe Simpson, minor children by and through Kristen

Simpson, mother and natural guardian, and Kristen Simpson vs. Jeremy Simpson, seeking support judgment.

State of Kansas, Department for Children and Families and Alec M. Williams, a minor child by and through Melanie Williams, mother and natural guardian, and Melanie Williams vs. Kerosene Holtz, seeking determination of paternity plus support judgment.

State of Kansas, Department for Children and Families and Zachary Byrd, a minor child by and through Jessica McGee, mother and natural guardian, and Jessica McGee vs. Jimmy Byrd Jr., seeking support judgment.

## Limited Civil Dispositions

Kevin S. Shankland and Carolyn S. Shankland vs. Gary Stone and Aleah Stone, sought immediate possession of premises and court costs; granted.

Pauline Conley vs. Jacob Grant and all other occupants, sought immediate possession of premises and court costs; granted.

**Filed**  
Midland Funding L.L.C. vs. Nita Workman, seeking judgment of \$6,597.50 plus interest and court costs.

LVNV Funding L.L.C. vs. Charles Tonar, seeking judgment of \$594.61 plus interest and court costs.

# Several traffic accidents reported in county

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

■ At 5:47 a.m. on Oct. 23, Heather Stewart, 48, Mayetta, was traveling west on Kansas Highway 16 near V Road when her vehicle was unable to avoid striking a deer in the road. Stewart's 2005 Saturn sustained damage to its passenger side front fender that was listed at more than \$1,000.

■ At 7:24 a.m. on Nov. 11, Caleb Shoptee, 27, Horton, was traveling west on 254<sup>th</sup> Road near H Road when he lost control of his vehicle. Shoptee's 2014 Chevrolet left the road to the right and drove through two barbed-wire fences before coming to a stop. The fences were owned by Leland Niehues of rural Goff.

Shoptee's Chevrolet sustained damage to its front bumper, hood, undercarriage, windshield and front right and left quarter panels that was listed at more than \$1,000. It was towed from the scene. No injuries were reported.

■ At 6:15 a.m. on Nov. 25, Heather Stewart, 48, Mayetta, was driving west on 158<sup>th</sup> Road, east of Q Road, when her vehicle struck a deer in the road. Stewart's 1995 Saturn sustained damage to its front left bumper that was listed at more than \$1,000.

■ At 4:28 a.m. on Dec. 2,

Lucas Stumpf, 24, Mayetta, was traveling on U.S. Highway 75 near 134<sup>th</sup> Road when he swerved his vehicle to avoid striking a deer in the road. The vehicle entered the median and struck several road signs owned by the Kansas Department of Transportation.

The 2017 GMC Stumpf was driving sustained damage to its front bumper, hood and windshield that was listed at more than \$1,000.

■ At 5:20 p.m. on Dec. 5, Grant Romines, 18, Sabetha, was traveling west on Kansas Highway 16 near N Road when his vehicle struck a deer in the road. Romines' 2010 Chevrolet Impala sustained damage to its

front bumper, hood and front right quarter panel that was listed at more than \$1,000.

■ At 6:40 p.m. on Dec. 8, Brielle Hackler, 36, Wetmore, was traveling south on Q4 Road near 278<sup>th</sup> Road when her vehicle struck a deer in the road. Hackler's 2011 Mazda sustained damage to its front bumper and hood that was listed at more than \$1,000. It was towed from the scene.

■ At 5:30 p.m. on Dec. 9, Andrew Jenson, 36, Holton, was traveling west on Kansas Highway 116 near V Road when his vehicle struck a deer in the road. Jenson's 2008 Kia sustained damage to its front bumper, front right quarter panel and hood that was listed at more than \$1,000.

## Police Calls

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

■ 1:41 p.m. Dec. 14, 100 block of New York Avenue, animal control.  
■ 3:30 p.m. Dec. 14, 900 block of Pennsylvania Avenue, suspicious activity.

■ 3:37 p.m. Dec. 14, 400 block of Pennsylvania Avenue, suspicious activity.

■ 11:02 p.m. Dec. 14, Prairie Lake, area check.

■ 8:21 a.m. Dec. 15, 900 block of Iowa Avenue, conducted a walk-through with the Jackson County Sheriff's Office.

■ 8:59 a.m. Dec. 15, 300 block of New Jersey Avenue, welfare check.  
■ 10:04 a.m. Dec. 15, 200 block of Arizona Avenue, suspicious activity.

■ 12:07 p.m. Dec. 15, 400 block of South Arizona Avenue, suspicious activity.

■ 4:10 p.m. Dec. 15, Industrial Park, area check.

■ 5:57 p.m. Dec. 15, 900 block of New York Avenue, non-injury accident.

■ 9:28 p.m. Dec. 15, 300 block of Lincoln Avenue, suspicious activity.

■ 10:06 p.m. Dec. 15, 300 block of New York Avenue, disturbance.  
■ 8:03 a.m. Dec. 16, 200 block of Pennsylvania Avenue, suspicious activity.

■ 9:34 a.m. Dec. 16, 900 block of West Fourth Street, suspect arrested on a charge of pedestrian under the influence.

■ 3:26 p.m. Dec. 16, 500 block of Nebraska Avenue, semitrailer parked in residential area.

■ 3:47 p.m. Dec. 16, Industrial Park, area check.

■ 5:43 p.m. Dec. 16, east of Holton on Kansas Highway 16, car-pedestrian injury accident.

■ 7:18 p.m. Dec. 16, 600 block

of Wisconsin Avenue, illegal burn.

■ 7:53 a.m. Dec. 17, 200 block of Pennsylvania Avenue, suspicious activity.

■ 8:33 p.m. Dec. 17, 200 block of Arizona Avenue, citizen assist.

■ 11:06 p.m. Dec. 17, 200 block of West Fifth Street, alarm.

■ 12:55 a.m. Dec. 18, 100 block of Arizona Avenue, suspicious activity.

■ 8:48 a.m. Dec. 18, Prairie Lake, area check.

■ 10:25 a.m. Dec. 18, 400 block of Lowell Drive, tag for tow.

■ 1:47 p.m. Dec. 18, 200 block of New Jersey Avenue, suspicious activity.

■ 10:33 p.m. Dec. 18, Prairie Lake, area check.

■ 8:36 a.m. Dec. 19, Prairie Lake, area check.

■ 8:37 p.m. Dec. 19, 100 block of Arizona Avenue, probation violation.

■ 10:24 p.m. Dec. 19, 400 block of South Arizona Avenue, theft.

■ 5:48 a.m. Dec. 20, 100 block of South Arizona Avenue, open door.

■ 12:53 p.m. Dec. 20, 300 block of South Arizona Avenue, found property.

■ 5:03 p.m. Dec. 20, Southern Heights, suspect arrested on a charge of battery.

■ 5:51 p.m. Dec. 20, 300 block of West Fourth Street, suspect arrested on a charge of probation violation.

■ 4:42 a.m. Dec. 21, 900 block of West Fourth Street, alarm.

■ 11:40 a.m. Dec. 21, 700 block of Idaho Avenue, welfare check.

■ 3:59 p.m. Dec. 21, 400 block of Nebraska Avenue, animal control.

■ 11:28 a.m. Dec. 22, 100 block of Roselawn Drive, welfare check.

■ 5:09 p.m. Dec. 22, 400 block of Nebraska Avenue, suspicious activity.

■ 10:17 p.m. Dec. 22, 200 block

of Arizona Avenue, citizen assist.

■ 1:03 a.m. Dec. 23, 300 block of West Fourth Street, suspicious activity.

■ 7:58 a.m. Dec. 23, 100 block of Vermont Avenue, theft.

■ 11:45 a.m. Dec. 23, 600 block of New York Avenue, citizen assist.

■ 12:50 p.m. Dec. 23, 400 block of Colorado Avenue, unattended death.

■ 6:21 p.m. Dec. 23, 1100 block of Columbine Drive, suspicious activity.

■ 7:32 p.m. Dec. 23, 400 block of New Jersey Avenue, suspect arrested on a Colorado felony warrant.

■ 11:16 a.m. Dec. 24, 200 block of Topeka Avenue, welfare check.

■ 4:47 p.m. Dec. 24, 200 block of Arizona Avenue, theft.

■ 11:35 p.m. Dec. 24, 500 block of South Arizona Avenue, suspect arrested on a charge of driving under the influence.

■ 10:18 a.m. Dec. 25, 300 block of New York Avenue, unsecured building.

■ 3:05 p.m. Dec. 25, Prairie Lake, area check.

■ 6:51 p.m. Dec. 25, 500 block of New Jersey Avenue, alarm.

■ 7:06 a.m. Dec. 26, 900 block of West Fourth Street, alarm.

■ 10:06 a.m. Dec. 26, Industrial Park, area check.

■ 11:47 a.m. Dec. 26, 100 block of South Pennsylvania Avenue, suspicious activity.

■ 2:54 p.m. Dec. 26, 900 block of Oak Street, citizen assist.

## Arrests reported in Holton

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

■ Elija Walker, 37, address unknown, was arrested Dec. 20 on a charge of violating probation.

■ Philip Schreiner, 53, Topeka, was arrested Dec. 20 on a

charge of battery.

■ Kristopher Aleman-Pabon, 23, Holton, was arrested Dec. 23 on a warrant from Pueblo County, Colo.

■ Skylar Nolan, 21, Topeka, was arrested Dec. 24 on charges of driving under the influence and a stop sign violation.

## Auction Calendar

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

• Friday, Jan. 5. Jackson Heights High School FFA hay auction (87 brome bales available), sold between varsity girls and boys games. For more information, call 364-2195 or 364-2604.

• Tuesday, Jan. 30. Starting at 11 a.m. Evelyn L. (Mellenbruch) Lewis estate auction. 13788 K-16 Highway, Holton. For more information, contact Harris Real Estate and Auction Service at 364-7137.

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# MEMORIES

Compiled from the Holton Recorder archives by Kendra Moppin

## 5 Years Ago

Week of Dec. 31, 2012 – Jan. 6, 2013

Holton Community Hospital has purchased the Goff Medical Clinic in Wetmore and will take ownership on Jan. 1, it has been reported. The clinic, located at 323 Second St. in Wetmore, will be renamed Family Practice Associates – Wetmore.

Three new members were recently elected to the Holton/Jackson County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. Victor Chance Harris of Kellerman Real Estate, Gloria Stavropolous of Boomers' and Tammy Elliott of Holton Community Hospital were elected by chamber members earlier this month to serve on the board in 2013.

On Dec. 11, Tanya Ahlgren of Circleville opened itanya, a tanning and hair salon, along U.S. Highway 75 in Holton. Kallie Schumaker is the lead hair stylist in the salon that also offers manicures and pedicures, as well as home décor items for sale.

Starting Monday, Jan. 7, Your Place or Mine Catering in Holton will serve "home-cooked breakfast" from 5 a.m. to 7 a.m. Monday through Friday, it has been announced.

## 10 Years Ago

Week of Dec. 31, 2007 – Jan. 6, 2008

Cathryne Finger of Netawaka was the Grand Prize winner in *The Holton Recorder's* Great Christmas Giveaway Promotion. Finger received a certificate for \$650 that is redeemable at any of the promotion's 14 participating businesses. It was reported that thousands of ticket stubs were collected for the promotion.

Rural Jackson County residents had their power restored just in time to light up their trees on Christmas Day following the Dec. 10 ice storm that swept the area. Downed tree limbs and brush are also being hauled away and burned as cleanup progress continues.

Holton's Russell Riederer, who served as strength and conditioning coach for the National Football League Chicago Bears for 13 seasons, has been nominated for the Kansas Shrine Bowl Hall of Fame, it has been reported.

Also noted this week was Holton resident Tom Davies, who is being honored by the Holton/Jackson County Chamber of Commerce for his volunteer work.



**This week's "Blast From The Past" features a long-time Holton resident and a former Holton City Commission candidate. Can you name her? Be the first to call *The Holton Recorder* office at 364-3141 and name her, just as Ginger Lloyd was first to correctly identify last week's "Blast From The Past" subject, Jackie McAsey.**

## 15 Years Ago

Week of Dec. 31, 2002 – Jan. 6, 2003

California natives Wade Smith and his brother and sister-in-law Chet and Brenda Smith have decided to open an authentic Mexican restaurant in Holton. The restaurant, which will be called La Cocina (Spanish for "The Kitchen"), will serve authentic Mexican food.

The Royal Valley Panthers boys basketball team cleared its first win of the season in the Friday night, Jan. 3, game, giving coach Jeff Moss his 100<sup>th</sup> career victory, it was reported.

Dr. Wesley Clark of Holton recently traveled to Honduras to assist in conducting an eye care clinic for the local people. While there, he donated a trial lens kit to the staff of the medical group, Predisan.

Fifteen of the painted Christmas figurines that grace the Holton Square during the holiday season have been taken down, but not by those in charge of the figurines. Chamber Administrator Dianna Wilson reported to Holton Police Chief David Lanning that the theft occurred

sometime between 5 p.m. on Dec. 27 and 9:30 a.m. on Dec. 29. The stolen figurines were valued at \$1,500.

## 25 Years Ago

Week of Dec. 31, 1992 – Jan. 6, 1993

New members of the Holton Area Chamber of Commerce include Judy Arnold, treasurer; George Gantz, president; Wayne Leiker, vice president; and Dianna Wilson, secretary.

A new printing service has been welcomed to the Holton business community recently. Duane and Kathi Kimmi owners of Kimmi Xpress Printing, received a welcome plaque from Holton Area Chamber of Commerce ambassador Wayne Leiker. The business offers full service printing, including letterhead, envelopes, business cards, carbonless forms and postcards from an operation established in the basement of the Kimmi home at 723 Dakota Ave. in Holton.

Large machinery stood at the ready near the site of Holton's new city hall on Monday morning, Jan. 4. Weather permitting, workers will begin pouring concrete footings this week, after about two weeks of preparation. Construction is expected to be complete in July.

## 50 Years Ago

Week of Dec. 31, 1967 – Jan. 6, 1968

Clarence "Gus" Schulz has announced the opening of an accounting office in Holton on Wednesday, Jan. 3. The office will be housed temporarily at what was formerly The Glass House across from the Arcadia theatre.

As soon as the redecorating is completed, Schulz will move into a permanent location in a newly made office inside the former Holton Recreation Parlor, with an opening onto New York Avenue.

Harold Zibell, who is a new city employee, has begun his work in the Holton safety department as a policeman and fireman, it has been reported.

The Jackson County commission, Holton city commissioners and Holton city manager have announced the negotiation of a contract with Loren Bloom of Holton to operate an ambulance service under private business arrangement. It became effective on Jan. 1.



**Members of Hoyt's United Methodist Church participating in a recent live Christmas nativity scene included, from left, Mose Hamilton, Brad Hamilton, Nathan McAlister, Kim McAlister, Christian McAlister, Tyson Parks, David Parks and Debbie Parks. Other participants in this group not pictured included Delbert Boling, Cassidy Parks and Jim Peterson.**

Submitted photo

## Circleville man recuperating; previous story corrected

A Circleville resident injured in a Dec. 21 accident a mile south of Hoyt has had to undergo a number of surgeries as a result of the accident, according to a family member.

John R. Boyd Jr., 56, was originally taken to Stormont-Vail Regional Medical Center in Topeka before being transferred to The University of Kansas Medical Center in Kansas City, Mo., where he has had at least three surgeries to repair numerous broken bones sustained in the accident, it was reported.

Injuries sustained by Boyd included broken facial bones, broken shoulder bones and upper arm bones, a broken left leg and a broken ankle, among other injuries, and he has been in intensive care at KU Med, the family member said.

The accident occurred early on Dec. 21 when a Kenworth semitrailer driven west on 102nd Road by Ricky L. Dreasher of Hoyt reportedly failed to yield the right of way while turning south onto U.S. Highway 75, striking a Bonneville driven south on U.S. 75 by Boyd.

It was reported that Boyd's car was T-boned and spun around, then rolled twice. It was also re-

ported that the LifeFlight helicopter ambulance was grounded that morning due to bad weather, and Boyd had to be transported by ground ambulance.

*Editor's note: The above article corrects a reporting error that was published in The Holton Recorder's Dec. 27 edition. The Recorder apologizes for the error.*

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# OPINION

## Happy New Year!

Happy New Year!

Are you ready for a great 2018?

A new year, of course, can be symbolic for a new beginning or a new start, if you need it or want it.

It's also a great time to make self-improvement pledges to yourself.

Even if you don't need or want a new beginning or a new start, the beginning of a new year can be a good time to reflect on how your last year went.

And after you do that, then you can determine for yourself how you can make 2018 an even better year.

Personally, some of the lessons learned in 2017 about living well will stay with me the rest of my life and some of the lessons learned in 2017 about death will stay with me, too.

Here's a couple of quotes from unattributable sources that come to mind for me at this time of year:

"Nobody ever looks back on their life and says 'Gee, I wish I would have worked more!'"

"There's no sense in worrying about death because, if you're worrying then you can't be dead and, if you are dead you can't be worrying!"

Here at *The Holton Recorder* we pledge in this new year to continue to do our best to chronicle the life and times of the great people of Jackson County and the important community events of the area.

We're wishing you peace, good health, prosperity and lots of happiness in 2018!

Thank you for your continued support!

David Powls

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear editor,

Regarding the Holton city commission's recent discussion about removal of all the quarter century old trees from the Square's streetscape, I am hopeful they will consider the matter thoughtfully and seek input from building owners and businesses, community members, as well as residents who call the Square home.

Studies and surveys have shown that trees in central business districts improve aesthetics and add to positive customer perceptions by creating an appealing atmosphere where shoppers want to linger longer.

Trees in the streetscape, especially, promote a revitalization effort schema and are considered welcoming by visitors. (Trees Mean Business: City Trees and the Retail Streetscape from The National Trust for Historic Preservation by Kathleen Wolf, PhD).

The trees around Holton's Square certainly accomplish that purpose, as well as creating shade and a canopy for pedestrians. Trees also help reduce storm water runoff, improve air quality, strengthen civic pride, create a mental and physical barrier between the street and sidewalk keeping children and pets out of harm's way, absorb traffic noise, provide a natural habitat for birds and increase revenues in shopping districts. (Benefits of Urban Greening)

Holton's Square is home to many people who live in the loft spaces above the retail businesses. More than 20 renovated loft apartments and numerous businesses are located in second story loft spaces on the four blocks that make up our Courthouse Square, with several others under renovation – an incredibly unique statistic for a town the size of Holton. The Square is a neighborhood and front yard for many of us.

Destroying existing healthy, beautiful, 25-year-old trees is an extreme, costly and controversial measure.

Removing the trees can hardly be called an "improvement" to the Square as touted in *The Holton Recorder* article of Dec. 20, 2017.

While in retrospect a different variety of tree should have been planted when the streetscape was completed 25 years ago to avoid berry droppings, etc., it seems reasonable to wait until those trees die out naturally before replacing them. A new variety of tree could be planted at that time.

As with anything not maintained for 25 years, there is some work to be done. Sidewalks and curbs on all sides are in need of maintenance where the brick has buckled over time and curbing has crumbled due to settling. Another factor for curb erosion on the Square is the tire abuse it takes simply by virtue of being a public parking area.

The Heritage Walk, with period lighting, memorial brick streetscape, benches, bike racks and trees, is located in Holton's central business district – the four blocks making up the Square.

Unlike residential sidewalks, the Square welcomes and promotes tourism traffic throughout the year for everyone to enjoy via art walks, town festivals, shoppers, events, vendors and dining.

This is Holton. It seems reasonable for the city to assist with maintenance of sidewalks in this major business sector of town. It's not practical for 50 property owners to coordinate maintenance of their small strip

of such an important asset.

Perhaps the same approach that is used for the brick street project each summer could be utilized for the sidewalks and curbs on the Square – creating a strong base for the memorial bricks and reconstructing the curbs.

The city has done an excellent job of maintenance, repairing and replacing the curbsides during the street projects, while leaving the many trees that canopy our streets intact.

I applaud the city for looking into grants to reconstruct the curbs and sidewalks, especially needed on the south side of the Courthouse, but uprooting all the trees around the Square to strengthen the city's odds of receiving a federal grant, as mentioned in *The Holton Recorder* article, should not come at the expense of our Square's charm and character.

Removal of all the trees is unnecessary and extreme, especially when there are other measures available to deal with trees in a streetscape. (Sidewalks and Tree Roots: Options for Sidewalk Repair Around Existing Trees).

Further research would be certain to garner innovative methods on how to work with existing trees. Perhaps, by incorporating such methods to preserve our streetscape, the city's grant application would be strengthened.

Downtown, we take pride in making attractive storefronts and preserving Holton's history for people to walk by and enjoy.

Please invite us, and the community, to join in your conversations about improvements to our Square, and let us know how we can help.

Thank you, City of Holton, for working with us to maintain our front yard.

Joni A. White  
Holton

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear editor,

I hope this season finds everyone well. I am the mother of inmate #117799, Jacob Ewing.

My son has been accused and convicted of some serious sexually-related crimes in our county. These crimes have been highlighted not just with Jake but with men all over the United States.

These crimes come at an extreme cost and do not require physical evidence to convict. My son was sentenced to 38 years of his life with the most damning evidence being touch DNA on a waistband.

Now, for all of you who don't understand this, this is non-intimate DNA. You are leaving this on your paper right now. This girl admitted changing her clothing in Jake's bedroom or bathroom (she couldn't remember which). She also crawled in bed with him. Two great places to get touch DNA.

She also had three other males' DNA on her waist. All of these accusers were at his house multiple times. One had said possibly five times, once eating breakfast with him and his friends.

One of the girls admitted to being contacted up to 50 times by one of the other accusers. It's

strange to me that seeing that it hadn't been released to the media yet and the fact these girls were not in the same town or age group how they got phone numbers to reach one another.

How would you even know girl "x" existed if it hadn't been made public unless you were told about her by the Sheriff's Department/KBI/County Attorney or rape advocate?

Just saying. Someone had to be sharing information. Two of the girls admitted to being life-long friends. One went in for an interview regarding another girl and came out a victim herself.

I feel these girls were coached from the beginning. I will continue to fight for my son and all men that could just as easily fall victim to this horrible crime.

Talk to your children. Share this story. Was Jake perfect? Probably not, but I know one thing: he is not the horrible monster the media wants people to believe. He's a caring young man who didn't want long-term relations with these girls.

If you would like contact numbers or addresses to voice concerns about this issue, please contact me. Thanks.

Wendy Ewing  
Holton

## HCH board of directors meeting held on Dec. 6

The Rural Health Resources of Jackson County Board of Directors for Holton Community Hospital met on Wednesday, Dec. 6. Board Chair Dick Lake called the meeting to order at 5:47 p.m.

Members in attendance were Lake, Dan Brenner, Mike Mosier, Dr. Clint Colberg and Alex Gilliland. Others in attendance were Carrie Saia (Holton Community Hospital CEO), Bart Kenton and Pam Holaday. Board member Bobbi McGrath participated via phone. Cathleen Reed joined the meeting at 5:52 p.m.

The board approved the hospital's October 2017 financial reports, as well as the medical staff appointments and annual

departmental policy and procedure manuals.

Also during the meeting, the board approved repairs to the emergency entrance driveway.

Members also discussed options for expansion and approved submitting an initial application to USDA for a feasibility study.

Saia presented a management report, and the board discussed exploring opportunities for future partnership for additional surgical coverage. A surgical resident is possibly interested in this model upon completion of his surgical residency training, it was reported.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

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# OBITUARIES



**Coufal**  
John Charles Coufal, 78, Holton, died Friday, Dec. 29, 2017, at the Stormont-Vail Hospital in Topeka.

John was born on March 17, 1939, at Sparks, the son of John and Etta Yost Coufal. He grew up on the family farm south of Troy and graduated from Bendena High School, the second-to-last class to ever graduate from that school. Growing up, John enjoyed fishing and hunting, two activities that he instilled in his two sons as they grew up.

John was a Navy veteran, serving from 1957-1961 with the majority of his enlistment being served at Argentina Naval Base in Newfoundland. When his enlistment was up, he returned to school, earning a teaching degree from Northwest Missouri State University and taught Industrial Arts classes at East Topeka Jr. High. He then went on to earn a Master's Degree from Emporia State University and became an administrator at the Youth Center of Topeka, and eventually finished his educational career at Flint Hills Special Education Coop in Emporia.

John married Marcia Doris Fleck on Dec. 16, 1961, in Clarinda, Iowa. She survives.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Clifford (Bud) Coufal; and a sister, Margaret Marcell.

Other survivors include his two sons, David Coufal (Cynthia), Holton, and John Howard Coufal (Molly), Dover, Fla.; a sister, Ruth Thieler, Michicot, Wisc.; and five grandchildren, Guy Coufal, Ty Coufal, Janelle Hearn (Brandon), Joshua Coufal (Christal), and Jacob Coufal.

John willed his body to the University of Kansas School of Medicine. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 4 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Netawaka. Military honors will be conducted at the church.

Memorial contributions are suggested to Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism (KDWPT), Colmery-O'Neil VA Medical Center (Topeka) or Immanuel Lutheran Church (Netawaka), sent in care of Chapel Oaks Funeral Home, P.O. Box 1034, Holton, KS 66436. Online condolences may be made at chapeloaks-funeralhome.com

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### Mulanax

Jaycob Dalton Mulanax, Pe Nosh Wah, died Sunday, Dec. 24, 2017.

He was born Dec. 14, 1993, in Topeka, the son of Gary and Lori Roberts Mulanax. He graduated from Rossville High School in 2012.

Mr. Mulanax had been a foreman with Luxury Lawn and Landscape in Topeka.

Survivors include his father, Gary Mulanax and wife Shelly, Hoyt; his mother, Lori Roberts, Topeka; grandparents, Kenneth and Marilyn Roberts, Burlingame; two sisters, Madison Mulanax, Topeka, and April Melton, Osage City; two step-brothers, Dalton Quimby and Wyatt Lickteig, both of Topeka; three nieces, Trinity and Caydance Eastman and Kensley McAvoy; and a nephew, Kamdyn Melton. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Irvan and Janet Mulanax; and his great-grandmother, Vena Mae Thompson.

Cremation is planned. A visitation was held Dec. 29 at the Citizens Potawatomi Community Building in Rossville, followed by a memorial service.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Jaycob Mulanax Memorial Fund, sent in care of Envista Credit Union in Topeka. Chapel Oaks Funeral Home in Hoyt is assisting the family.

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### Spetter

Eugene N. Spetter, 92, Delia, died Friday, Dec. 29, 2017, at the St. Marys Health Center.

He was born March 3, 1925, near Topeka, the son of Otis and Sophie Polenek Spetter.

Mr. Spetter retired from Ed Marling's as a TV technician in 1988.

He married Nellie Dain at Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church on May 1, 1950. She died Oct. 13, 2007. He was also preceded in death by his parents; four brothers; four sisters; and two grandsons, Sean Donnelly and John Kochaniec.

Survivors include his children, Judy Cress and husband Verlon, Sarah Bahner and husband Mike Richmond, Cecil Spetter and wife Anna, Ramna Cookie Kochaniec and husband Dan, Patti Jordan and husband Richard and Leo Same Spetter; 26 grandchildren; 46 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren.

Mr. Spetter was cremated. Visitation will begin at 11 a.m. Friday at Penwell-Gabel Parker-Price Chapel, 245 N.W. Independence Ave., Topeka, where funeral services will be held at noon. Family graveside services will be held at West Lawn Memorial Gardens, Interstate 70 and Auburn Road.

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She was born Dec. 30, 1959, at Holton, the daughter of Jack and Mary Ann Servaes Robinson. She graduated from ACCHS at Effingham in 1977.

Kathy was a nurse with Jefferson County Home Health.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Zachary Gilliland, Topeka, and a brother, Joseph Jack Robinson, who died in infancy.

Survivors include two sons, Andy Gilliland (Amy), Berryton, and Jacob Gilliland (Kathleen), Emporia; her significant other, Sam Dillon, of the home; three sisters, Sue Havel (Joe), Larkenburg, Robin Whitten (Mick), Theodosia, Mo., and Becky Robinson, Lawrence; and three grandchildren, Abby Gilliland, Kaylee Gilliland and Blaine Gilliland.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 6 at Chapel Oaks Funeral Home in Holton. Burial will follow in Larkenburg Cemetery. Kathy will lie in state Thursday and Friday at the funeral home, where family and friends will meet from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday.

Memorials are suggested to Friends of Hospice of Jefferson County and may be sent in care of Chapel Oaks Funeral Home, P.O. Box 1034, Holton, KS 66436. Online condolences may be made at chapeloaksfuneralhome.com

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From left to right, Sherry Kuglin, Angie Stark, Judy Jones, Gary Gencauski, Anna Wilhelm, DeeDee Vogt, Cayla Kuglin and Mike Vogt completed orientation and training in July to become mentors with the Jackson County Thrive! organization. December marked their six-month anniversary of working in teams.

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By Jennifer Marek  
*Thrive! Coordinator*  
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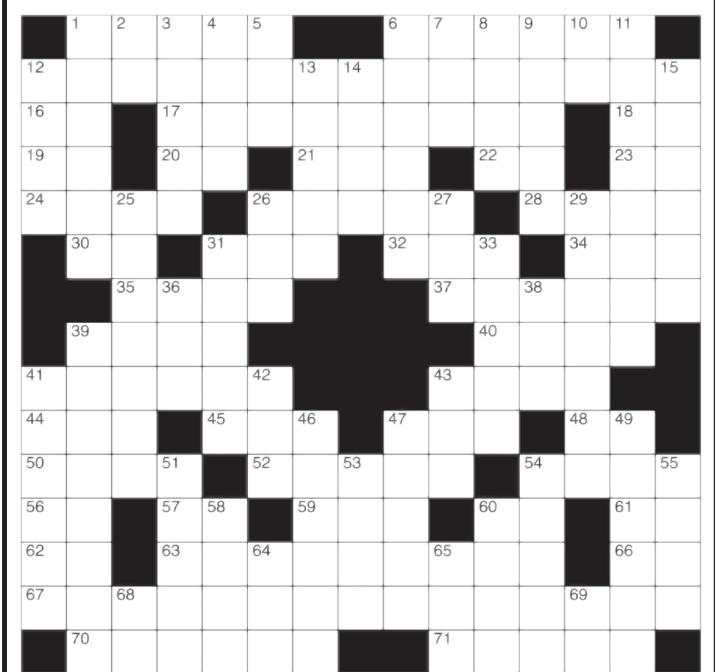
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### CLUES ACROSS

1. Put within

6. Learned person

12. Resistance

16. Female title

17. Logical basis for a belief

18. Of I

19. Indicates position

20. Article

21. Insignificant organizational member

22. \_\_ route

23. Expression of disapproval

24. Microelectromechanical systems

26. Ponds

28. Satisfy

30. Dad

31. Spanish soldier "El \_\_"

32. Pouch-like structure

34. Obscure unit of measurement

35. Okinawa prefecture capital

37. Platforms
39. Jazz singer Irene

40. Benefits

41. Hellenistic governors

43. Brownish-green fruit

44. Needed to see

45. Political action committee

47. Fast plane

48. Bahrain dinar

50. Urgent request

52. Raccoon genus

54. Millisecond

56. Atlanta rapper

57. Rural delivery

59. Intrauterine device

60. The Wolverine State

61. Free agent

62. For instance

63. Reduces

66. Lincoln's state

67. Quit

70. Midsections

71. Bullfighting maneuvers

### CLUES DOWN

1. The arch of the foot

2. Canadian peninsula

3. Koran chapters

4. Abba \_\_, Israeli politician

5. Youngster

6. Burns

7. Comedienne Gasteyer

8. Valley

9. Belongs to sun god

10. Nickel

11. Great in salads

12. Leader

13. Forged through a sieve

14. Entryway

15. Support pillars

25. Aquatic mammal

26. \_\_ Farrow, actress

27. Unhappy

29. Holds molecules

31. Thrifty
33. French dynasty

36. Scottish port

38. Irish militant organization

39. Dawn

41. Musical group of seven

42. Used to fry things

43. Carrot's companion

46. Rough stone landmarks

47. Fourth son of Jacob and Leah

49. Goes against

51. Passion

53. Hard white animal fat

54. Soybean pastes

55. Beckon

58. Mountain and morning are two

60. Self-referential

64. Data executive

65. Retirement plan

68. Star Trek character Laren

69. You and I

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PART ONE

Top local sports stories of 2017 shared

Some of the top local sports stories of 2017 as covered by *The Holton Recorder* in the first six months of the year are listed below.

\*In February, the Holton High School wrestling team won the Big Seven League team title for the second season in a row and for the sixth season out of seven.

\*In March, former Labette County Community College wrestler Aaron Meister was inducted into the National Junior College Athletic Association Wrestling Hall of Fame.

A HHS grad, Meister was a two-time national wrestling qualifier at LCCC and NJCAA National Champion in 2003 in the 170-pound class.

\*The HHS wrestling team qualified six wrestlers for the Class 4A State Wrestling Tournament – freshman Cameron Smith (106 pounds), freshman Taygen Fletcher (113 pounds), freshman Kolby Roush (120 pounds), senior Tyler Price (170 pounds), senior Tel Wittmer (220 pounds) and junior Kyler Tannahill (285 pounds).

\*The RVHS wrestling team qualified four wrestlers for the Class 3A State Wrestling Tournament – junior Dalton Ware (120 pounds), sophomore Brett House (132 pounds), senior Jacob Box (195 pounds) and senior Blake Garrison (220 pounds).

\*Holton’s Tyler Price took second in the Class 4A state tourney in the 170-pound weight class. Royal Valley’s Jacob Box took fourth at state in Class 3A-2A-1A’s 195-pound weight class while teammate Blake Garrison took sixth in the 220-pound weight class.

\*Both HHS basketball teams placed second in the Big Seven League and finished as runners-up at sub-state. In sub-state play, the Jeff West girls beat Holton 56-48 in the title game. The Lady Wildcats finished 17-5. Rock Creek beat the Holton boys in the sub-state title game, 59-29. The Wildcats finished 15-7.

\*The Jackson Heights Cobras boys, defending 2A state champs, lost to Bishop-Seabury in the sub-state title game and finished 15-8.

\*Also in March, the Wetmore Lady Cardinals beat Southern Cloud 39-36 to win the Axtell Class 1A-DII sub-state and qualified for the state basketball tourney for the third straight season. In the first round, Wetmore lost 49-44 but gave Waverly (the eventual state champs) all they could handle.

Named to *The Recorder’s* All-County Boys Basketball Team were – HHS senior Bryson Patch, HHS junior Mason Strader, HHS junior AJ Haussler, HHS junior Mason Chanay, RVHS junior Masen Spoonhunter, RVHS senior Lucas Broxterman, RVHS senior Leondre Hall, JHHS senior Wyatt Olberding, JHHS senior Mason Thomas and JHHS junior Braden Dohl.

\*Named to *The Recorder’s* All-County Girls Basketball Team were – HHS junior Shay Tanking, HHS senior Courtney Boswell, HHS senior Ashlyn Weilert, HHS junior Sarah Lierz, RVHS sophomore Taylor Russell, RVHS sophomore Mary Broxterman, RVHS junior Marliissa Jordan, JHHS senior Hannah Williams, JHHS freshman Kylie Dohl and JHHS senior Alexis Rieschick.

\*In April, HHS senior Sydney Prine was named MVP of an all-star volleyball game sponsored by Highland Community College. Prine had 8 kills, 3 digs and 4 blocks in the exhibition.

\*HHS grad Deandra Schirmer, an assistant coach with the Eckerd Tritons women’s basketball team in Florida, helped guide the team to a No. 17 NCAA, Division II ranking.

\*Mark Summers hit a hole-in-one shot at the Holton Country Club’s par-3, 230-yard, hole No. 18.

\*In May, the HHS baseball team won its regional tournament by beating Santa Fe Trail and KC Bishop Ward to qualify for the Class 4A-DII State Baseball Tourney. It was the first time the HHS baseball program’s 17-year history that the team qualified for state baseball competition. The Wildcats finished their season 6-17 after losing to Holcomb in the first round of the state tourney at Emporia.

\*Also in May, HHS junior AJ

Haussler qualified for the Class 4A State Golf Tourney for the third consecutive season. RVHS sophomore Corey Humpert qualified for the Class 3A State Golf Tourney. Haussler finished 45<sup>th</sup> in 4A while Humpert finished 81<sup>st</sup> in 3A.

\*Seven HHS track and field athletes qualified for the Class 4A State Track Meet. Junior Mason Strader qualified in the 800-meter run, the 1,600-meter run and the 1,600-meter relay. Junior Andrew Harrison qualified in the discus. HHS senior Bryson Patch qualified in the 400-meter run and the 1,600-meter relay, HHS sophomore Regan Baum qualified in the 100-meter hurdles. Other Wildcats qualifying for state in the 400 and 1,600-meter relays were sophomore Jayger Carson, senior Spencer Baum and senior Miles McCormick-Strozier.

\*Thirteen Cobras qualified for the Class 2A State Track Meet. Sophomore Faith Little qualified in the 800-meter run, 1,600-meter run and 1,600-meter relay along with junior Abby Williams, freshman Kylie Dohl and freshman Jodi White.

Dohl also qualified for state track in the 400-meter dash while freshman Grace Roles qualified in the discus and sophomore Sydney Raborn and junior Erika White qualified in the javelin.

Other Cobras qualifying for state track were junior Dalton Chartier (800-meter run and 1,600-meter relay) along with other 1,600-meter relay team members senior Mark Mavrovich, junior Xavier Fritz and freshman Austin Mock.

JHHS senior Wyatt Olberding qualified for state track in the triple jump and junior Evan Fox qualified for state in the pole vault.

\*Four RVHS Panthers qualified for the Class 3A State Track Meet. Senior Lucas Broxterman qualified in the 300-meter hurdles, the high jump and the long jump. Junior Katie Hanshaw qualified in the 3,200-meter run, senior Kenneth Aitkens qualified in the javelin and senior Garrett Hicks qualified in the pole vault.

RV’s Broxterman placed sixth at state in the 300-meter hurdles, fifth in the long jump and fourth in the high jump.

Holton’s Strader took eighth in the 800, second in the 1,600 and fifth with the team’s 1,600-meter relay.

JH’s Dohl placed fourth with the Cobras’ 3,200-meter relay and seventh with the team’s 1,600-meter relay.

Holton’s Spencer Baum took sixth with the 400-meter relay and fifth with the 1,600-meter relay.

JH’s Raborn took seventh in the 2A javelin, while JH’s Chartier took seventh in the 800 and JH’s Olberding took sixth in the triple jump.

The JH girls’ 1,600-meter relay took seventh at state and the JH girls’ 3,200-meter relay took fourth at state.

RV’s Aitkens took eighth in the 3A javelin at state.

\*In June, Kyrstie Miller at Emporia State and Dylan Wheeler at Ottawa University were named Holton Scholar Athlete Award Winners in the third year of the scholarship.

\*Also in June, the Firekeeper Golf Course at Mayetta hosted the Adams Pro Tour Tournament for pro golfers preparing for the Professional Golfers Association (PGA) Tour.

\*Also in June, The Kansas Softball Coaches Association named Holton’s Casi VanAusdall and Royal Valley’s Sarah Beam as All-State players. Beam hit 14 home runs during her senior season and more than 30 in her Panther career and holds the school’s home run single season and home run career records.



The Jackson Heights Middle School Girls A-Team, shown above, won the Northeast Kansas League and then won the NEK League Tournament also, according to Coach Mark Fenton. The Lady Cobras beat Valley Falls in the first round of the tourney at Jackson Heights. The semi-final round and the final round were played at McLouth. The Lady Cobras beat Everest 40-21 in the semifinal game and then beat Pleasant Ridge 33-16 in the finals. The A-Team finished with a perfect 16-0 record for the season. The JHMS Cobras’ B-team also finished up its season with a perfect 12-0 mark and the C-team finished its season with a perfect 7-0 mark. Members of the A-Team were, front row, left to right, Kanyon Olberding, Kylee Dieckmann, Shelby Fox, Sadie Raborn and Mallori Mulroy. Back row, left to right, Coach Kristi Altenburg, Annie Allen, McKenzie McMahon, Megan Meddock, Justina Raye, Kaylee Thompson, Makayla Mock, Rebekah Hutfles and Coach Mark Fenton. Not pictured were Josie Buck, Makenna Rieschick, Bailey Brucken, Taihler Felps and Manager Michaela Hutfles. The JHMS girls basketball team’s amazing season was celebrated at a break in the action at a high school basketball game recently.

Photo courtesy of school

Wildcats win two at Perry-Lecompton

By David Powls

The Holton Wildcat varsity basketball teams started off 2018 last night with a bang at Perry, sweeping the Kaws.

The Lady Wildcats won decisively by the final score of 54-27 to improve their record to 6-1 in the Big Seven League and overall. The Lady Kaws dropped to 2-4 in the Big Seven and 2-5 overall.

The Holton boys knocked off the previously unbeaten Kaws 43-37 to improve their record to 3-4 in the Big Seven and overall. The Kaws dropped to 5-1 in the Big Seven and 6-1 overall, after sitting atop the league standings over the holidays with unbeaten 7-0 Nemaha Central.

The Nemaha Central boys won again last night over league foe Jefferson West, 47-30. Jeff West dropped to 3-3 in the league and 3-4 overall.

The Jeff West girls knocked off the previously unbeaten Nemaha Central girls last night in overtime, 54-45. The win improved the Jeff West girls’ record to 4-2 in the league and 5-2 overall while dropping the Nemaha Central girls team record to 6-1 in the league and 6-1 overall.

The win by the Holton girls

and the loss by the Nemaha Central girls leaves those two teams tied for first place at this time.

The Holton girls made 13 of 32 field goals against Perry and 4 of 12 three-pointers for 38.6 percent overall. The team made 16 of 25 free throws, had 26 total rebounds, 15 deflections, 12 steals, 10 turnovers, 10 assists and 2 blocks.

Shay Tanking, Maleah Price and Lauryn Moore each had five rebounds in the game. Sarah Lierz had four steals.

The Lady Kaws made 8 of 20 field goals and 3 of 10 three-pointers for 36.7 percent and 2 of 5 free throws for 40 percent. They also had 25 rebounds, three steals and 25 turnovers.

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**Holton girls 54, Perry-Lecompton 27**  
Holton – 17-14-11-12—54  
Perry – 10-0-19-7—27

Holton – Shay Tanking 3 (3) 3-4 18, Lauryn Moore 6-0-0-12, Sarah Lierz 4 (1) 1-3 10, Saydee Tanking 2 0-1 4, Maleah Price 0 2-2 2, Tabor Barta 1 0-0 2, Sarah Holaday 1 0-0 2, Mariah Ramierez 1 0-0 2, Danika Hickman 1 0-0 2. Totals 13 (4) 16-25 54.

Perry – Keller 2 (1) 1-2 8, Ball

1 (2) 0-0 8, Paslay 3 0-0 6, Folks 2 0-1 4, Fast 0 1-2 1. Totals 8 (3) 2-5 27.

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In the boys game, the Wildcats led all the way starting with an 11-9 lead after one quarter and a 26-18 lead at halftime and worked hard to slow down and otherwise control the tempo of the game throughout.

The Wildcats were outscored 7-5 in the third quarter and also committed six turnovers in the third quarter.

And in the fourth quarter, the Kaws pulled to within two points (39-37) with 13 seconds left to play.

Senior Wildcat AJ Haussler, playing his first basketball after sitting out early on due a hamstring injury suffered during football season, was then sent to the free throw line two different times, however, and he was able to make all four free throws to bring about the final score.

“We wanted to keep them under 45 points, which we thought was possible with our pace,

grinding defense and winning the rebound battle,” said HHS head coach Ryan Noel. “The players really made it happen! I was pleased with our defensive effort and resiliency down the stretch. AJ’s return was so helpful. He brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the court. He’s a great shooter, a great defender and he’s a hard worker. He provided a great spark!”

**Holton boys 43, Perry-Lecompton 37**

Holton 11-15-5-12—43  
Perry 9-9-7-12—37  
Holton – AJ Haussler 3 (1) 6-6 13, Mason Chanay 3 (1) 6-8 13, Mason Strader 4 0-0 8, Zane Moylan 3 3-4 8. Totals 13 (2) 15-18 43.

Perry – Baker 6 (2) 4-5 18, Daniels 2 (2) 0-0 6, Farmer 3 0-0 6, Anderson 1 3-4 5, Mallonee 1 0-0 2. Totals 13 (4) 7-9 37.

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This Friday, the Wildcats will host the Atchison teams.

UPCOMING PREP SPORTS


THURSDAY, JAN. 4: RVHS Wrestling vs. PRI/Atch/Perry – 5:30 p.m. @ Perry

FRIDAY, JAN. 5: HHS Boys/Girls Basketball vs. Atchison – 4:30 p.m. @ Holton; HHS (JV/V) Wrestling vs. Basehor-Linwood – 6 p.m. @ Basehor; JHHS Boys/Girls Basketball vs. McLouth – 5 p.m. @ Jackson Hts.; RVHS Boys/Girls Basketball vs. Jeff. West – 4:30 p.m. @ Hoyt

SATURDAY, JAN. 6: RVHS (V) Wrestling – Rossville Varsity Tournament – 9 a.m. @ Rossville; RVHS (JV) Wretling – Seaman JV Tournament – 9 a.m. @ Seaman

TUESDAY, JAN. 9: HHS Boys/Girls Basketball vs. Sabetha – 4:30 p.m. @ Sabetha; JHHS Boys/Girls Basketball vs. Jeff. Co. North – 5 p.m. @ Jackson Hts.; RVHS Boys/Girls Basketball vs. ACCHS – 4:30 p.m. @ Effingham

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**ATHLETES OF THE WEEK**

 Jackson Heights senior Lane Thomas led the Cobras in scoring against Valley Falls on Dec. 19. Thomas scored 13 points and also led the Cobras in rebounds with six. The Cobras won the game, 55-38.

 Royal Valley junior wrestler Karsen Smith took an impressive 13-2 record into the Christmas break in the 152-pound weight class.

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Denison Bible

By Esther L. Hall  
On Christmas Eve Sunday, Dec. 24, Pastor Tom preached "The Christ Of The Christmas Season," based on Isaiah 7:10-14.

In the book of Isaiah, the first 40 chapters are about what was "in the now" of that particular time. The remaining 25 chapters line out what was to come. It was the ultimate prophesy of the birth of Jesus Christ – the Lamb of God. It was a historical moment in the lives of the people of Israel.

God spoke to Israel through Isaiah that He would send a sign of salvation to them.

"A young girl is with child and will give birth to a son and he will be called Immanuel, which means 'God-is-with-us.'"

A virgin named Mary would conceive Jesus, who would become the Savior of the world.

The virgin Mary was hand-picked, above all other girls, to be the mother of the Savior, who would be both God's Son and hers. A 375-year-old prophesy was fulfilled.

On Christmas Eve, we celebrate the same Christmas that was celebrated at Jesus' birth. He is the greatest gift that we have ever received. There is no gift greater than Jesus Christ.

The "decider" of the promise is important. The Lord caused the promise to be fulfilled. Mary and Joseph could have said "no" to their rolls in God's promise, but they were faithful to Him and they trusted in Him. We, too, should be faithful and place our trust in Him.

The "difficultly" of the promise is that we can't duplicate what God promised, nor can we explain how it happened. But that doesn't mean it didn't happen. It was strictly a God thing that only He could do. He does so many things that we can only stand in awe of.

The "difference" is that God always keeps His promises. All the promises of God are in Jesus Christ. Before Christ, everyone trusted in God. He was their only salvation. Nowadays, if we know Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, He is in us, too. He is the reality to make a difference in all situations.

Circleville Christian

By Jeannie Arnold  
Carol Fenton served as greeter at the door for the combined service on Dec. 24 at Circleville Christian Church. Brody Bliss gave the welcome and announcements. Tara Ladusch gave the advent reading while Lloyd Ladusch lit the advent candles. The kids of the congregation were so cute as they led the congregation in the first two songs. Music was provided by Lori Thomas, Lyle Alley, Jake Spalding, Travis Self, David Allen, Lori Mellenbruch, Carrie Holliday and Jennifer Winters. Lyle Alley gave the communion meditation on the spirit of Christmas. Communion servers were Mark Fenton, Larry Self Jr., Joe Brucken, Blair Wagner, Tim Boswell, Aaron Allen and Brandon Winters. Lori Thomas provided the lovely piano music by playing Christmas songs as communion was served. The prayer for the offering was given by David Allen. Blair Wagner gave the prayer for concerns and praises.

Brody Bliss used text from Luke 1:57-66 as he gave the morning sermon titled "A Joyous Occasion." His message told how the Christmas story is about God wanting us to be saved. God fulfilled His promise with the birth of Jesus so that we can look forward to the future with hope. We should rejoice over faith, delight in God's mercy and praise God with our obedience. Don't miss the story: Jesus came to save us. This Christmas, take time to praise God.

The service closed with the congregation singing "Joy To The World."

Dec. 31 was fifth Sunday with one service at 10:30 a.m. and a fellowship dinner to follow.



Grants offered for innovative conservation

By Michael Powls  
USDA is offering grants for innovative conservation technologies and tools, it has been reported. USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) plans to invest \$10 million in the Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG) program. Grant proposals are due Feb. 26, 2018.

"I know individual Kansans, non-profits, universities and state partners have great ideas and projects that need funding," said Sheldon Hightower, Kansas NRCS acting state conservationist.

"These grants have tremendous value because the projects are closely tied to practical applications for producers. Last year, Kansas State University received \$672,000 for a project to implement new irrigation technology."

According to Hightower, "The grants are very competitive, so potential applicants need to get started now in preparing their proposal. I encourage potential applicants to sign up for the free webinar in January."

NRCS is hosting a webinar

for potential CIG applicants on Jan. 11, 2018, at 3 p.m. Central. Information on how to join the webinar can be found on the NRCS CIG Webpage.

This year, NRCS is focusing its funding in these areas:

- Grazing Lands: Helping livestock producers make grazing management decisions, encouraging prescribed burning as a grazing management practice and improving access to conservation planning tools used for developing grazing management plans.

- Organic Agriculture Systems: Helping organic producers develop innovative cropping and tillage systems, edge-of-field monitoring, crop rotations and intercropping systems.

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Potential applicants should

review the announcement of program funding available at <https://www.grants.gov/> which includes application materials and submission procedures.

All U.S.-based entities and individuals are invited to apply, with the sole exception of federal agencies.

Up to 20 percent of CIG funds will be set aside for proposals from historically underserved producers, veteran farmers or ranchers, or groups serving these customers.

CIG is authorized and funded under the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). Projects can last up to three years.

The maximum award amount for any project this year is \$2 million.

For more information, go to the Kansas NRCS Web site or visit your local U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Service Center. To find a service center near you, go to [offices.usda.gov](https://offices.usda.gov).

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Netawaka United Methodist

By Mary E. Edwards  
Dec. 24 was as beautiful morning with an inch or two of snow covering our world. The lines on the road couldn't be seen on our journey to Netawaka to church, but by 9:30 a.m., the road was almost clear.

Everett and Frederika Mullins were greeters at Netawaka United Methodist Church, and "Lo, How A Rose E're Blooming" (recorded music) played as Frederika lighted the altar candles. Everett was offering usher.

Worship leader Marilyn Banaka gave the welcome and announcements. It was a joy to see five pews filled with members of the Jones family. They were here to honor Jim and Patsy Jones' 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Pastor Young gave a special blessing on the occasion.

The fourth Advent candle was lighted. Steve Banaka, Marcia Robertson and Mary Edwards were the readers.

Songs sung were "Light The Advent Candle," "Joy To The World," Emmanuel, Emmanuel," "Care Chorus" and "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice." Verona Grannell was in charge of recorded accompaniment.

Pastor Younghwan Won had an interesting children's message which demonstrated the difference between asking someone to do a certain thing and showing them how and helping them accomplish the task.

"The Incarnation" was the title of Pastor Young's sermon. The Advent season is a time of waiting. Why do people wait for Christmas? Is it only tradition? To fill the time of waiting, what do we do besides see how many ornaments we can put up, make elaborate plans and shop?

"God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have everlasting life," says John 3:16. God's love for His people is not just history, but is still an active love.

Jesus performed miracles of healing and taught the love of all people by His words and his actions. Christians celebrate because Jesus saves. We share the good news, show kindness and good will. God incarnates in us still.

On Sunday evening, a special Christmas Eve service was held at Netawaka UMC. A good group of people attended from

Whiting. There were quite a few Edwards, Grannell and other family groups attended, making a well-filled church.

Shirley Myers from Horton was pianist for the celebration, opening with the prelude "Joy To The World/Unspeakable Joy." Everett and Frederika Mullins were the principle readers of the story of Jesus' birth.

Special numbers were sung by Young and So-Jin Won, Kenny Thomas and Jon Yingst and Shirley Myers. Many favorite Christmas hymns were sung by the congregation.

Pastor Young served Holy Communion, and was assisted by Mary Edwards. "Silent Night" was sung as light from the Christ candle was passed to each person who held a candle. This reminds us of the light that shines in the darkness and the darkness does not overcome it (Jesus).

Pastor Young gave the blessing and dismissal. Shirley played the postlude "Mary, Did You Know?"

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## Dolezilek honored with lodge award

Robert Dolezilek (shown above at left) of Holton received the Moravan Lodge #128 Fraternalist of the Year Award.

"Robert has been instrumental in every aspect of the resurgence of our Lodge," said Doug Martinek (shown at right), Lodge president.

Dolezilek was elected Lodge vice president and he and his wife, Diana, have helped accomplish the goals that Lodge members have set, Martinek said.

The Lodge achieved the Level One Award from Western Fraternal Life Association last year, and Robert was a big part of the Lodge receiving this award, Martinek said.

Robert's oldest son, Shawn, is working on preserving the history of the Lodge. Christopher, another son, has made signs, framed artwork and made business cards for the Lodge.

Robert is the son of two Czech descendant families, his dad, Frank Dolezilek, and her mom, Cecilia Besta.

## Senior Menus

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**Tuesday, Jan. 9:** Roast beef, mashed potatoes, green beans, pineapple, poke cake and bread and margarine.

**Wednesday, Jan. 10:** Chicken enchilada, Mexican rice, chuckwagon corn and tropical fruit.

**Thursday, Jan. 11:** Barbecue pork on a bun, scalloped corn, winter mix vegetables and fruit pie.

**Friday, Jan. 12:** Chili, cheese cubes, dill pickle, orange, cinnamon roll and crackers.

## School Menus

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**Monday, Jan. 8:** Breakfast – Nutri-grain bar, yogurt, juice, fruit and milk; Lunch – Barbecue beef on a bun, tater tots, sliced cucumbers, fruit and milk.

**Tuesday, Jan. 9:** Breakfast – Bacon, potato and cheese omelet with tomato salsa, graham cracker, fruit, juice and milk; Lunch – Pepperoni pizza, lettuce salad, carrots and cucumber slices, fruit and milk.

**Wednesday, Jan. 10:** Breakfast – Breakfast pizza, fruit, juice and milk; Lunch – Chili, baby carrots, cinnamon roll, fruit and milk.

**Thursday, Jan. 11:** Breakfast – Whole-grain cereal, yogurt, fruit, juice and milk; Lunch – Pork rib sandwich, sweet potato fries, lettuce salad, sliced tomato, fruit and milk.

**Friday, Jan. 12:** Breakfast – Biscuit with sausage gravy, fruit, juice and milk; Lunch – Chicken wrap, Sun Chips, tossed salad, broccoli florets, fruit and milk.

### Holton

**Monday, Jan. 8:** Breakfast – Breakfast pizza or cereal, choice of fruit and/or juice and milk; Lunch – Mini meatball sub or fruit yogurt parfait, french fries, tossed salad, fresh fruits and vegetables and milk.

**Tuesday, Jan. 9:** Breakfast – Pancake on a stick or cereal, choice of fruit and/or juice and milk; Lunch – Barbecue chicken or fish nuggets, whole-wheat roll, baked beans, creamy coleslaw, fresh fruits and vegetables and milk.

**Wednesday, Jan. 10:** Breakfast – Homemade cinnamon roll or cereal, choice of fruit and/or

juice and milk; Lunch – White chicken chili and cornbread or deli sub, grape tomatoes and cucumbers, fresh fruits and vegetables and milk.

**Thursday, Jan. 11:** Breakfast – Sausage biscuit or cereal, choice of fruit and/or juice and milk; Lunch – Grilled chicken sandwich or pizza, broccoli florets, fresh baby carrots, fresh fruits and vegetables and milk.

**Friday, Jan. 12:** Breakfast – Star spangled pancakes and sausage or cereal, choice of fruit and/or juice and milk; Lunch – Biscuits and gravy with sausage patty (6-12) or pizza, hash browns, fresh fruits and vegetables and milk.

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treat, fruit and milk.

**Tuesday, Jan. 9:** Breakfast – Sausage breakfast sandwich, fruit and milk; Lunch – Spaghetti with meat sauce, breadstick (6-12), green beans, fresh broccoli, fruit and milk.

**Wednesday, Jan. 10:** Breakfast – Star spangled pancakes, fruit and milk; Lunch – Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes with gravy, fresh carrots, roll (9-12), fruit and milk.

**Thursday, Jan. 11:** Breakfast – Breakfast burrito, fruit and milk; Lunch – Hamburger on a bun, french fries, salad, fruit and milk.

**Friday, Jan. 12:** Breakfast – Breakfast pizza, fruit and milk; Lunch – Corn dog, baked beans, potato wedges, fruit and milk.

### Wetmore

**Monday, Jan. 8:** Breakfast – Cereal or cinnamon pastries; Lunch – Ranch beef wrap, tater tots, fresh broccoli and cauliflower, mandarin oranges and milk.

**Tuesday, Jan. 9:** Breakfast – Biscuits and gravy; Lunch – Chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, corn, pears, whole-grain roll and milk.

**Wednesday, Jan. 10:** Breakfast – Syrup Day; Lunch – Tomato soup and toasted cheese sandwich, rabbit food and pickle spears, banana and milk.

**Thursday, Jan. 11:** Breakfast – Sausage or egg biscuit sandwich; Lunch – Corn dog, baked beans, X-ray vision tots, grapes and milk.

**Friday, Jan. 12:** Breakfast – Breakfast pizza; Lunch – Chicken, broccoli with cheese, carrot crunchies, rosy applesauce and milk.

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# County, city discusses south sidewalk

*By Ali Holcomb*  
Improvements to the curbing and parking area on the south side of the Jackson County courtyard, along with laying a new sidewalk, were discussed recently by Jackson County and Holton city officials.

During a county commission meeting, the commissioners met with Kerwin McKee, Holton city manager, and Greg Tanking, city street supervisor, who updated the commission on plans to rebuild the curbing and parking area along the perimeter of the south side of the courtyard.

Earlier this year, new eight-foot wide sidewalks were added to the north, east and west sides of the courtyard using special county parks and recreation funds. Those funds are generated through county taxes on alcohol sales in the county.

While the south side of the courtyard is adjacent to Kansas Highway 16, which is also referred to as Fourth Street, it was reported during the meeting that the Kansas Department of Transportation only maintains the 24-foot driving lanes of the highway and that the city and county would be responsible for the cost of the curb and sidewalk work.

Tanking said that while researching the issue, he learned that the city and county could apply for a Transportation Alternatives grant through KDOT to assist with the costs associated with completing the work.

Tanking said that this type of grant could also be applied for to help with costs of a possible walking trail connecting the city to Banner Creek Reservoir, if the county is interested.

In other business, according to the approved minutes from Dec. 11, the commission:

- \* Met with Dan Barnett, road and bridge supervisor, who discussed concerns with residences who tear up or go “mudding” on minimum maintenance roads in the county.

- Barnett proposed adding additional signage to some minimum maintenance roads to remind the public that the county has a resolution against the public damaging roads.

He explained that labor, equipment, materials and the time taken away from other projects to repair a minimum maintenance road would be in the thousands of dollars, as opposed to the hundreds that most people caught have been responsible to pay in restitution.

Jackson County Sheriff Tim Morse and Undersheriff Darrel Chapman joined the discussion and explained that their office is writing citations for these offenses, which are Class C misdemeanors.

Many times the county is

unable to identify those who have damaged a minimum maintenance road, it was reported.

Once the citation is given, it is then up to the county attorney to prosecute.

The commissioners decided to discuss the issue with County Counselor Alex Morrissey.

- \* Learned from Chad Phillips, Courthouse custodian, that he plans to repair and update the plumbing and fixtures in the restrooms on the first floor and second floor of the Courthouse. The current plumbing is dated and does not always drain properly.

Phillips reported that he is also looking into replacing the fencing around the furnace/AC unit located on the southeast corner of the Courthouse. Other projects he would like to complete include servicing the elevator and updating the office lighting from fluorescent to LED.

- \* Heard a weekly report from John Kennedy, Banner Creek Reservoir director. Kennedy reported that he is gathering information about transitioning the bathrooms/bathhouse to solar power.

The reservoir received its second payment from the Community Fishing Assistance Program (CFAP) in the amount of \$9,691.78, Kennedy said. Staff attended a CFAP meeting in Horton recently to discuss the 2018 program.

Kennedy said the program will require reporting twice per year instead of four times and has a possibility for an increase in payment for each local program participant in 2019.

- \* Met with Barbara Brockman who expressed concerns about people speeding in her neighborhood on O Road north of Banner Creek Reservoir.

Brockman said she rarely sees any patrol vehicles on her road and that she is also concerned about how the road comes to an abrupt stop before it joins Kansas Highway 16.

She said some drivers have missed the stop sign and have driven into the embankment south of the highway.

Brockman said she would also like to see U.S. Highway 75 north of Holton widened to four lanes

for safety reasons.

The commissioners said they would contact the sheriff’s office regarding her request for more patrol near her residence.

- \* Received a letter of resignation from Jeffrey M. Warner DC, MPH as a board member for the Northeast Kansas Multi-County Health Department.

- \* Signed a payroll change notice for Mandy Dishong, a new hire at the corrections department.

- \* Adjourned the meeting at 4:15 p.m. Commissioner Janet Zwonitzer was absent from the meeting.

Due to the holidays, the Jackson County Courthouse will be closed on Monday, Dec. 25, and Tuesday, Dec. 26. The commissioners have decided to hold their weekly meeting next week on Friday, Dec. 29, in order to pay monthly bills.

The commissioners’ next weekly meeting will be Tuesday, Jan. 2, it was reported.

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

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

Menus listed for the week of Thursday, Jan. 4 through Friday, Jan. 12 are as follows:

**Thursday, Jan. 4:** Sloppy joes, Brussels sprouts, dessert and fruit.

**Friday, Jan. 5:** Salmon patties, rice peas, bread and butter and fruit.

**Monday, Jan. 8:** Sack lunch, sandwich, chips and fruit.

**Tuesday, Jan. 9:** Chicken stir-fry, rice, Caribbean blend and fruit.

**Wednesday, Jan. 10:** Cheeseburgers, baked beans, potato salad and fruit.

**Thursday, Jan. 11:** Ham and beans, corn-bread, carrots and fruit.

**Friday, Jan. 12:** Stuffed shells, garlic bread, salad and fruit.


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# Immanuel Lutheran Church

*By Esther L. Ideker*  
The third mid-week Advent worship service at Immanuel Lutheran at 7 p.m. on Dec. 20 was preceded by a fellowship supper served by Gerald and Stacy Amon at 6 p.m. The opening hymn was “The Word Of God Incarnate.”

The invocation and call to worship was based on 2 Corinthians 13:14 and John 1:1-18. Following the confession and absolution, verses seven and eight of “Savior Of The Nations Come” was sung.

Elder Topher Dohl read the Old Testament lesson from Isaiah 43:1-7 and the Epistle lesson from Ephesians 1:3-8. Pastor Michael Van Velzer read the John 1:10-13. The congregation professed The Apostles’ Creed.

The sermon theme was “Your Heavenly Father Comes Looking For You.” That’s the message John 1:12 gives, that he was His chosen and baptized child forevermore.

Reference was made to the existence of the “orphan train” from New York City in the 1920s when children were placed on a train to be delivered to whomever would adopt them on the way west. If they were not chosen, they got back on the train and continued the journey until someone claimed them.

Do you feel that you are stuck

on an orphan train? Your Father in heaven is looking for you – He cares for you. When you were baptized, you were made a new creation – a new you. God has adopted you into His family and we call him “Abba Father.” You are chosen!

The offering ushers were Doug Amon and Topher Dohl. In the prayers of the church, thanksgiving was given to our Heavenly Father in His giving and authority, for our baptism and that we are His chosen children. The congregation joined in The Lord’s Prayer.

The closing hymn was “Christ, The Word Of God Incarnate.”

Many family members joined to attend Christmas Eve services at Immanuel Lutheran Church beginning at 6:30 p.m. Acolyte Grant Amon lighted the four Advent candles and the Christ candle. Pastor Michael Van Velzer greeted everyone as the service began.

The invocation and call to worship was from 2 Corinthians 13:14 and John 1:1-18. The processional hymn was “Once In Royal David’s City,” with crucifer Brantley Dohl carrying the cross. Following the confession and absolution and prayer of the church, Pastor Van Velzer read the Old Testament lesson from Isaiah 40:1-5, the Epistle lesson from 2 Corinthians 4:13-18 and

the gospel lesson from John 1:1-18. The congregation professed a “Christmas Creed.”

“I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, who sent His Son as my Savior on Christmas. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, announced by the angels, worshiped by the shepherds and adored by the wise men; who lived to suffer, die and rise again to free me from sin, death and the power of the devil. I believe in the Holy Spirit, who has brought me to faith in the Christ of Christmas and by whose work in my heart I am led to lay before the feet of Christ the treasures of my love and live under Him as my King both now and forevermore. Amen.”

The sermon hymn was “From Heaven Above To Earth I Come.” Pastor Van Velzer’s sermon theme was “The Word Became Flesh” (John 1:1-8) and “We Have Seen His Glory!” (John 1:14b). If you need a Savior from sin, a friend who loves at all times and a redeemer who restores and renews, it’s time to open your eyes and this night join the faithful in saying, “We have seen His glory!”

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God. John’s purpose was to testify. Verse 15 says, “This was He of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me is preferred before me, for He was before me.’ And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace.”

Let us declare His glory! The offertory played during the offering was “Immanuel” with ushers Topher Dohl and Tex Manuel II. In the prayers of the church, each petition was responded to with “But, now I see!” The congregation joined in The Lord’s Prayer.

Pastor Van Velzer sang the first verse of “Silent Night” with the congregation following during the lighting of the candles while remembering and worshipping our Savior, God’s light of love.

The benediction stated, “May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi and the peace of the Christ Child. And may the Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless you now and forevermore!”

The recessional hymn was “Joy To The World.”



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## Buck’s Grove

*By Betty Bernritter*  
Dec. 24 was a beautiful Christmas Eve day. A light snow coated everything but probably was not appreciated by those who were scraping and sweeping all the steps and ramp at Buck’s Grove United Methodist Church.

Donna Ashcraft lighted the altar candles as the recorded music played the prelude.

Lay pastor Charlotte Milroy led the congregation in the call to worship, opening prayer and Psalter, Canticle of Mary. She read scripture from 2 Samuel 7:1-11-16 and Romans 16:25-27.

Joyce Immenschuh, with assistance from Abby Milroy (granddaughter of Charlotte), gave the Advent message.

Hymns sung with Donna leading were “The Faith We Sing,” “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel,” “It Came Upon The Midnight Clear” and “There’s A Song In The Air.”

The gospel reading was Luke 1:26-38 and Pastor Charlotte’s message was titled “Chosen.”

The Bible claims that Mary is the most blessed and respected of all women, but we seem to have an aversion to talk about her, the mother of our Lord Jesus Christ. Mary was a 13-year-old girl when her father arranged for his daughter to be engaged to a young carpenter by the name of Joseph. The engagement was to last one year as they built on their relationship and prepared for their wedding.

God chose Mary, a common

and ordinary person, to give birth to the Messiah, the anointed one. Mary was the only human being with Jesus throughout His whole earthly life. Mary loved Jesus before He was born and at the foot of the cross. She loved Him from the beginning to the end.

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Don Boling and LeRoy Rieschick were the offertory ushers and the service closed by singing “Silent Night.”

It was a full church on Christmas Eve that enjoyed the beautiful Christmas program. The Wisemen were there to present candy and fruit to all.

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**Bucks Grove UM Church**  
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Southern Heights Clubhouse  
Pastor Jon Hanna  
Information 364-3468  
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9 a.m. Worship  
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11 a.m. Worship service  
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1:15 p.m. Afternoon Service  
**Evangel United Methodist Church**  
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Pastor - pastor@evangelumc.org  
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404 Juniper, 364-3423  
Sr. Pastor: Tim O’Byrne  
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Sunday: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Worship Services  
5:15 & 6 p.m. Youth Groups  
Wed.: 10 a.m. Bible Study • 6:30 p.m. Choir  
Friday: 7 a.m. Women’s Breakfast  
6:45 a.m. Men’s Breakfast  
**First Baptist Church of Hoyt**  
Pastor David Burnworth • 986-6446  
Wednesday night prayer: 7 p.m.  
Sunday: 9 a.m. Sunday school  
10 a.m. Worship service  
7 p.m. Sunday evening worship

**First Christian Church**  
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Sunday: 9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. Worship  
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**Larkinsburg Christian Church**  
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Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Sunday school  
10:30 a.m. Church service  
**Mayetta Christian Church**  
Ernest Coleman - Pastor  
Sunday: Fellowship & Waffles:  
8:15 a.m.-8:45 a.m.  
Sunday school: 8:45 a.m.-9:30 a.m.  
Prayer Circle: 9:30 a.m.-9:50 a.m.  
Worship service - 10 a.m.-11:15 a.m.  
Wednesday: Bible Study - 6 p.m.-7 p.m.  
**Mayetta United Methodist**  
Rev. Howard Sudduth  
Sunday: 9 a.m. Morning worship service and Sunday school  
**Netawaka United Methodist**  
Rev. Youngwan Won  
Sunday: 8:15 a.m. Worship  
**Onaga New Hope Lutheran Church, ELCA**  
Rev. Charlene Banas, Pastor  
Sunday: 9 a.m. Worship  
10:15 a.m. SS. Adult Bible Class  
Bible Study: Tuesday @ 7 p.m.  
Holy Communion 1st & 3rd Sunday  
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1st, 3rd, & 4th Sunday Mass 8:30 a.m.  
2nd Sunday Mass 1 p.m.  
**Potawatomi Pentecostal Church**  
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Rev. Marcia Potts  
Sunday: 10 a.m. Sunday school  
10:45 a.m. Worship service  
**Potawatomi United Methodist**  
Rev. Howard Sudduth  
Sunday: 9:50 a.m. Sunday school  
10:30 a.m. Worship  
**St. Dominic Catholic Church**  
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Saturday: 5:30 p.m. Mass  
Sunday: 10:30 a.m. Mass  
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**St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church**  
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Luke Schreiber: Youth Minister  
Sunday: Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.  
Church Services: 10:30 a.m.  
Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group: 5 p.m.  
**St. James Catholic Church**  
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Saturday Mass: 6:30 p.m.  
Confessions: 30 min. prior to mass  
**Trinity Lutheran Church**  
401 Cheyenne  
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Sunday School: 9 a.m. • Worship: 10 a.m.  
**Wetmore Bible Church**  
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Pastor Gary Heitz • 866-2444  
Sunday: 10 a.m. Sunday school (for all ages)  
11 a.m. Worship Hour  
11:30 a.m. Children’s Church  
7 p.m. Adult Bible Study  
Tuesday: 1:30 p.m. Women’s Bible Study  
Wednesday: 7 p.m. Youth Group (Jr. High & HS Ages)  
8 p.m. Bible Study  
**Wetmore United Methodist**  
Pastor Jessie Zimmerman  
(785) 866-2512 Parsonage • 866-5556 Church  
Sunday: 10 a.m. Worship service  
**Whiting Baptist Church**  
Dan Burns, Pastor  
Sunday: 9 a.m. Sun. school  
10 a.m. Worship service  
**Whiting United Methodist**  
Rev. Youngwan Won  
Sunday: 10 a.m. Education • 11 a.m. Worship  
**New Hope Family Church**  
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### Soil Health Workshop

**Monday, January 22, 2018; 9:30 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.**  
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Her current focus is to address current and future agricultural needs by exploring the similarities between the soil and gut microbiomes.  
At the workshop she will be discussing farm management impacts on soil biology for soil regeneration to build resilience and improve nutrient density.

Lance Gunderson, is the Director of Soil Health and New Text Development at Ward Laboratories in Kearney, NE.  
Lance will explain what the Haney test is and what we can learn from it. He will introduce the different components of the test along with how producers can use some of these measures to help make impactful management decisions of their farms.

Jimmy Emmons is from Lansing, Oklahoma. He and his wife, Ginger, operate a third-generation family farm. They have a 2,000 acre diverse operation that includes wheat, soybeans, cover crops, irrigated dairy alfalfa hay, wheat, canola rotation and a cow-calf operation. They started no-till about 15 years ago and are doing on farm research of cover crops. He serves on the Dewey County Conservation Dist. Board since 2007 and serves on the board of the Oklahoma Association of Conservation Districts.

**Agenda:**  
9:00 a.m. - Doors Open - Coffee and Refreshments  
9:30 a.m. - Erika Nichols "Soil Biology Regenerates Soil to Improve Resilience and Human Health"  
10:30 a.m. - Jimmy Emmons - No-till, Cover Crops, and Companion Systems.  
11:30 a.m. - Lunch (Free--Need to make meal reservation by January 17, 2018.)  
12:15 p.m. - Lance Gunderson - The Haney Test: What is it and what can we learn?  
1:15 p.m. - Erika Nichols - Continued  
2:15 p.m. - Jimmy Emmons - Grazing and why we need animals in the system.  
In order to know how much food to prepare, please call for your seating and meal reservation (785)364-3325, ext. 136 by January 17, 2018.  
  
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# County trailer purchase tops \$52k

By Ali Holcomb

Two belly dump trailers were purchased for the county road and bridge department and other equipment purchases were considered at a recent Jackson County Commission meeting.

Dan Barnett, road and bridge supervisor, presented a purchase order to the commissioners for two belly dump trailers from Capital Trailer Sales at a cost of \$52,854.

Belly dump trailers have a clam shell-type dump gate that releases material, such as rock, underneath the belly of the trailer. This type of trailer lays material in a windrow (a long line) as opposed to an end dump trailer which dumps material in a large pile.

These new trailers will replace two of the county's current trailers, which have rusted and are in poor condition, it was reported.

Barnett also reported that a county dump truck has a broken frame which no longer allows the bed to be raised for hauling rock. It can still hold salt and sand, however.

Barnett is also interested in purchasing a pneumatic roller, stating that it would be more cost effective for the county. Currently, the county rents a roller each year. No decision was made on that potential purchase.

The commissioners discussed completing the tire shop and plans to eventually have a wash bay at the road and bridge shop for cleaning trucks and equipment.

They are also interested in seeking bids to add a lean-to onto the south side of the shop for storage and sheltering equipment during inclement weather.

In other business, according to the approved minutes from Dec. 4, the commissioners:

- \* Learned from Mixie Vance, noxious weed and environmental services director, that Sullivan Construction has completed repair work at the recycling building.

Through the years, the building's support beams have been pushed out from the ground due to equipment scooping materials up against the building and then loading them into the bailer.

Vance said that Sullivan Construction positioned the existing beams back to square and then installed steel posts in front to protect the building from further movement.

The commissioners are also looking into installing some concrete barriers in order to give the skid-steer something to press against when loading materials.

- \* Accepted the 2018 county holiday schedule as presented.

- \* Learned from John Kennedy, Banner Creek Reservoir director, that the south side camping areas have been winterized and closed. He is also actively seeking estimates for a basement to be placed beneath the proposed community building.

- \* Met with Moni El-Aasar of BG Consultants who reported that he dropped off plans for the bridge at 129<sup>th</sup> and D Roads at the road and bridge office.

- \* Learned from Jackson County Clerk Kathy Mick that the county has been asked to provide address information for the 2020 census.

Mick has been working with the appraiser's office to determine how the county wants to receive the census addresses to verify.

- \* Met with Kristi Roush, web solutions representative, who discussed making adjustments to the county's website.

- \* Met with Brooke Smith, juvenile intake director, who reported that she is seeking bids to trade in and replace her office's Ford Fusion.

Commissioner Bill Elmer suggested she wait to see if the vehicle could be used to transport youth in the event that her office is awarded a grant. The commissioners and Smith also discussed potential candidates to appoint to the Juvenile Corrections Advisory Board. No decision was made.

- \* Approved a motion to accept the 2018 contract with KANZA Mental Health and Guidance Center, Inc. at a cost of \$64,974. This amount is the same as last year's contract.

- \* Agreed to have maWebCenters make improvements to the county's website at a cost of \$2,400.

- \* Adjourned the meeting at 3:45 p.m. All commissioners were present.

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bid from Eisenbarth Construction of Holton to add sidewalks to the north, west and east sides of the courtyard. The new sidewalks will be identical to one built the previous fall on the east side of the courtyard by KC Concrete of Delia.

• **June**  
Longtime Holton resident Dan Mehringer, known for his volunteer work and community service, was identified as the victim in a drowning accident at Banner Creek Reservoir. Mehringer, 78, was pronounced dead at the scene after officers responded to a 911 call reporting a body found in the water on the northwest side of the reservoir where Mehringer was reported to have been boating in a kayak.

Holton city commissioners questioned the plan for the Elkhorn Lake spillway repair project after EBH Engineering of Great Bend negotiated about \$25,000 off the contractor's bid for the work. Commissioners said the final negotiated price of \$92,500 was far more than the engineers' original estimate of \$52,000 for work needed to replace the concrete spillway at the Elkhorn dam in Rafter's Park.

Assessed valuations on real estate and personal property in Jackson County have been certified and it's good news for the county, its cities and school districts. The value assessed on all real estate and personal property in Jackson County increased by \$5.47 million this past year, up to \$113,748,048, up five percent from last year's \$108,275,877.

A rural Hoyt man was killed when a tractor he was driving at his home rolled over. Ethan A. Everts, 42, was pronounced dead at the scene of the accident, which occurred at his home south of Hoyt after his tractor rolled over on him. Everts was pulling out tree stumps with the tractor when the accident occurred.

The Jackson County Commission discussed with road and bridge administrator Dan Barnett several future road projects, including one that Barnett suggested should be paid for from the county's special 0.4-percent sales tax for road and drainage structure work. The suggestion

led to a discussion of whether chip-and-seal projects were the best uses for funds generated by the special sales tax.

Jackson County Sheriff Tim Morse requested a 2018 budget increase for his office, communications center and jail — an additional \$133,487 for a \$600 raise per employee and an offset in technology expenses. The sheriff's office is exempt from new tax lid restrictions, it was noted, and to help save the county one mill last year, Morse said he utilized more revenue generated by the jail to fund his office.

A Jackson County District Court jury convicted Jacob Ewing on 11 of 12 charges, including two rape charges and four charges of aggravated criminal sodomy, after a week-long trial that had gained national attention. Sentencing was set for later in the summer following the trial on charges that had stemmed from two different cases against Ewing that were combined into a single trial.

The Jackson County Commissioners, however, stated concern with the amount of county funds used to employ special prosecutor Jackie Spradling throughout the Ewing trials, noting that the county had to date paid Spradling \$50,000 in that capacity. Appropriations for special prosecutors are not considered salaries under the county attorney's budget but are to be paid from the county's general fund.

• **July**  
Good financial management and a seven-percent increase in property valuation are contributing factors in a possible reduction in Holton's property tax mill levy for next year, the Holton City Commission noted this month. The proposed budget for 2018, which auditor Mike Peroo said would include an ad valorem tax levy of 57.729 mills, down from the 2017 levy of 58.132 mills.

This year's Jackson County Fair will feature slightly more exhibits than last year's fair, according to Cara Robinson, 4-H program manager for Meadowlark Extension District. Ray Foster of Holton, former owner of Foster Ford and a longtime supporter of 4-H in Jackson County, has also been selected to serve as

grand marshal of this year's fair parade.

New Holton USD 336 superintendent Bob Davies held his first meeting with the Holton school board this month, taking the opportunity to get acquainted with members of the board and surveying board members for their views on what he called "a school vision" for the district. Rex Frazier was selected as the board's president for the 2017-18 school year.

A child sex charge against Joshua Barnes, former Holton resident and assistant chief of the Kickapoo Tribal Police Department, has been dismissed. Barnes had been charged in district court with aggravated indecent liberties with a child less than 14 years of age, reportedly stemming from incidents in 2015 and 2016, but the charge was dropped under terms of a dismissal agreement.

A July 21 accident involving fireworks and other minor explosive devices at a rural Mayetta residence resulted in the death of Colby Harris, 11. Harris, who would have been a sixth-grader this fall at Royal Valley Middle School, called 911 to report the accident but was found dead at his home shortly after an apparent explosion occurred there.

Before the end of this year, a pair of Holton High School alumni are planning to open Cecil K's Hometown Market in the former Ron's IGA building. Carly Whorton, a 2006 HHS graduate will own and operate the new market with cousin Chad Bontrager, a 2000 HHS graduate. Ron's IGA had closed at the end of March 2016, while Holton Country Mart had closed earlier this year.

Two of the criminal cases involving rape charges against Holton resident Jacob Ewing were dismissed and the number of charges in a third case involving alleged possession of child pornography reduced from 13 to 10 this month in Jackson County District Court. The dismissed cases eliminated three charges of rape and three charges of aggravated criminal sodomy against Ewing and cancelled a five-day jury trial set for the end of August.

• **August**

Rain couldn't put a damper on the ribbon-cutting and dedication at the new Dogwood Park, as more than 30 dog lovers braved the rain to honor the late Judy Hann of Holton, whose donation made the new park possible. A sign honoring Hann is in place, along with a storage building and concession stand, in addition to play equipment at the park that features separate areas for small and large dogs.

Topeka resident Deborah Mitchell, 57, was killed in an early Aug. 7 accident that occurred half a mile north of Kansas Highway 16 on M Road. Mitchell's car appeared to have been traveling northbound on M when it reportedly crossed over to the west side of the roadway, rolled and landed back on its wheels. Upon arrival, Jackson County deputies found Mitchell deceased, Sheriff Tim Morse said.

Initially charged with first-degree murder in the November 2015 death of her infant son, former Holton resident Alicia Whipple-Decker was cleared of all charges against her in the

matter, according to district court documents. Whipple-Decker was currently charged with attempted unlawful abortion in the death of her son, but prosecutors said there was insufficient evidence to convict her of any wrongdoing.

Jackson County's schools proposed mill levy decreases in their 2017-18 budgets. At Holton, the tax levy fell by about half a mill to 58.379 from last year's levy on a \$47,642,359 total property valuation; at Jackson Heights, the \$22,697,606 valuation produced a 52.819-mill levy; and at Royal Valley, the 45.158-mill levy, nearly 2.25 mills less than the previous year, was noted on a \$31,858,524 valuation.

The late Frances Tutt, a former rural Denison resident who was one of the founders of the Heart of Jackson Humane Society, was remembered this month for her love of animals and her generosity. Tutt, who died in 2015 at the age of 91, and her husband Don had made a donation of \$100,000 to the humane society from a family trust, it was reported.

Thousands of motorists came to and through Jackson County

on Aug. 21 to witness the total solar eclipse and were underterred by cloudy, rainy skies that cleared just enough so that sun-watchers could view the once-in-a-lifetime event. Students at Jackson Heights, which was just inside the eclipse's area of totality, enjoyed the eclipse, and Holton businesses benefited from the extra traffic coming through town on U.S. Highway 75.

The 2016 state study of Jackson County's residential real estate appraisals determined that local appraisals "met the statistical performance standards established" for that class, County Appraiser Jason Claycamp told the Jackson County Commission. County appraisal offices are required by state law to stay between 90 percent and 110 percent of actual residential sale prices; the county was at 93.4 percent in 2016.



Come celebrate  
Mary Heugle's Birthday -  
Sunday, Jan. 7 • 3 p.m.  
Medicalodges  
Community Room

*Thank You*

Francis Devader, Freda Galer and Tammy Elliott would like to thank everyone who worked, cooked or furnished food for the community holiday dinners. To everyone who joined us for a meal and who ordered carry-outs — you all helped make this year's dinners a great success. We appreciate each and every one's participation.

*Happy  
New Year!*

## City Commission closes '17 books

The Holton City Commission met briefly on Friday to handle year-end business, it was noted.

The special meeting's sole agenda items included approving minutes from the commission's Dec. 18 meeting, approving budget appropriations made by the city since that meeting and "closing the books" on 2017 records while "opening the books" on 2018 records. All three actions were approved unanimously.

Commissioners present included Mayor Robert Dieck-

mann, Dan Brenner, Tim Morris and Twila White. Commissioner Mike Meerpohl was absent from the special meeting.

The commission's first regularly scheduled meeting of 2018 will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 8 at Holton City Hall to allow for oaths of office for Dieckmann and White, who were re-elected to their commission positions in the November general election.

Because of Kansas' new election laws that moved all elections

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

The commission regularly meets at 7 p.m. on the first and third Mondays of the month at City Hall.

Holton American Legion Post #44

## GUN SHOW

**Saturday & Sunday, Jan. 6 & 7**  
**Sat.: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. • Sun.: 9 a.m.-3 p.m.**  
**NE KS Heritage Center**  
(New Fairgrounds — 1 1/2 mile south of Holton, KS on 75 Hwy.)  
**Public Invited • \$5 Admission**  
**LEO, Active Duty Military & Under 14 — FREE**  
(Under 16 years old must be accompanied by an adult)  
**Dealer Display Area — 8-ft. Frontage • \$25 for Both Days**  
**For reservations contact: Duane Clemons — (785) 383-3237**  
*Advertising paid in part by Jackson County Tourism.*


**PROFESSIONAL**  
HEARING AID ASSOCIATES  
**Holton Community Hospital**  
(Located in the lower level)

*Harry has been helping patients in Holton for 36 years.*

Come and see Harry every 2nd Tuesday of the month

**Next date:**  
**10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on January 9, 2018**

- Free Hearing Evaluations -  
- Repairs on all brands -  
- Most repairs done while you wait -  
- Hearing aids to fit any budget -



**5101 SW 21st, Topeka 785-271-6966** **Harry Hilderman**



## Enroll Now at the Holton Center

### Enrollment/Payment Day

### Thursday, January 11, 2018

### 11:00 am – 6:00 pm

From Here You Can See Anywhere!

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## WIX FILTERS

## 78

## FILTER SALE '18

January 15 - 24, 2018

Join us for a

## Customer Appreciation Meal

**Wednesday, Jan. 17**  
**11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**

408 Pennsylvania Ave., Holton • 785-364-3583

## BUMPER TO BUMPER

*Bumper to Bumper of Holton*

## Winners of our 12 Days of Giving

Day 1 - Dan Shupe  
Day 2 - Amy Holthaus  
Day 3 - Bob Vincent  
Day 4 - Donna Gilliland  
Day 5 - Steve Schreiber  
Day 6 - Darrell Damman  
Day 7 - Terry Bueker  
Day 8 - John Boyd  
Day 9 - Lana Sheldon  
Day 10 - Debbie Woods  
Day 11 - Janene Falley  
Day 12 - Grand Prize Winner - Linda Wenger



**Thank You**  
*We would like to thank each and every one of our customers in 2017 for letting us serve you!*  
*Thank you to all of the participants in our '12 Days of Giving' drawing.*

**Happy New Year!**

### HOLTON MEAT PROCESSING

*Try our locally-raised Flint Hills Beef & Pork!*  
Hours: 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon.-Fri. • 8 a.m.-Noon-Sat.  
**785-364-2331**

## JACKSON COUNTY, KANSAS

## REAL ESTATE AUCTION

**Tuesday, January 30, 2018 • 11 a.m.**  
**Auction Location: Holton Livestock Exchange, Inc.**  
13788 K16 Hwy., 1/2 Mile East of Holton, KS on 16 Hwy.  
63 Acres m/l of Jackson County, KS Farm Ground  
North edge of Holton, Kansas on Q4 Road (Vermont Street)

### TO BE SOLD TO HIGHEST BIDDER

**Legal: 63 acres m/l Located in Sections 3 & 34 T6&7 R15, Jackson County, Kansas**  
**49.67 TILLABLE ACRES BOTTOM GROUND**  
**BASE ACREAGE: CORN 18.99, SOYBEANS 19.2**  
**Borders paved road.**

TERMS: 10% down day of sale. Buyer will be required to sign a real estate sales contract day of sale. Closing shall be on or before February 28, 2018, with balance due in certified funds. Sale is not subject to financing. 2017 Taxes (\$1686.12) will be paid by Seller. 2018 taxes to be the responsibility of Buyer. Seller's title policy fee and closing fee will be split equally between buyer and seller. Any inspections Buyer's deem necessary will be paid for and ordered by Buyer. Harris Real Estate & Auction, LLC and its agents are representing the Seller. Property will sell as is, where is, in its present condition with no warranties or survey provided by seller or auction company.

**SELLER: Evelyn L. (Mellenbruch) Lewis Estate**  
**Loy Mellenbruch, Executor • 785-383-9419**

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Special Notice

\*ALCOHOL PROBLEM with family member or friend? Holton AI-ANON family group, Wednesdays, 7p.m., Evangel United Methodist Church, East door, go to Library, Rm.104.

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

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Payless Auto - CARS FOR SALE

2017 FORD TAURUS LIMITED - Leather, electric everything, Back-up Camera, Automatic, 10,000 miles – NICE CAR – \$22,000

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Shop 785-364-2353 or cell 785-221-6036  
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Adopt: Nurturing couple will provide a stable, secure home, full of unconditional love for your baby. Expenses paid. Call/Text 646-983-1623. Lisa and Brian

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Bathe safely and stay in the home you love with the #1 selling Walk-in Tub in North America. For an in-home appointment, call: 844-873-7650

Special Notice

\*The Heart of Jackson Humane Society shelter is located at 414 E. Eighth St. in Holton and is open from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday and at other times by appointment. For more information, call 364-5156.

Antiques

The doors will be open for our December sale at Phoenix Rising Antiques and Collectibles, 108 E.4th St./Hoyt, starting Thursday, Jan.4-Saturday, Jan.6 from 10am-6pm. We have a wide variety of merchandise including glassware, furniture, vintage Christmas decorations, pictures, and much more, all priced to sell!

Hay

FOR-SALE: Small square bales of straw and prairie hay. 785-364-7109.

Lost & Found

FOUND: Grey, neutered, male adult cat near Circle Drive/4th Street in Mayetta. Call Banner Creek Animal Hospital, 364-4560.

MISSING: Ceramic Nativity set, signed by artist, thought to be bought out of storage in Holton. Precious to original owner. Call 785-305-1093.

Wanted

The Heart of Jackson Humane Society is seeking donations of several items for continued operations, as well as more volunteers to walk dogs at the shelter. For more information, call the shelter at 364-5156 or stop by the shelter at 414 E. Eighth St. in Holton.

WANTED:  
2018 Season White Tail Deer Hunting Lease. Timber, crops & CRP, 200+ Acres, CASH. Call Jim, 952-292-4660.

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Diagnosed with Mesothelioma or Asbestos Lung Cancer? If so, you and your family may be entitled to a substantial financial award. We can help you get cash quick! Call 24/7: 855-510-4274

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**Misc.**  
VIAGRA and CIALIS USERS! There's a cheaper alternative than high drugstore prices! 50 Pills SPECIAL \$99.00 FREE Shipping! 100% guaranteed. CALL NOW! 855-850-3904

Employment

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

- Machinists
- General Laborer

Qualified individuals should apply in person at 401 Central Ave., Horton, KS or at 1000 Vermont Ave. Holton, KS

Employment

HELP-WANTED: We have two openings for a Housing Advocate. Starting salary is \$11.78, adjustable by education and experience. Please go to [www.nekcap.org](http://www.nekcap.org) for job description and application. NEK-CAP, Inc. is an equal opportunity employer.

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FOR-SALE: Washer/dryer, \$200/OBO, works good. 785-966-2306 or 785-851-1792.

We have appliance parts in stock. Call Jayhawk TV & Appliance at 364-2241.

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COAST-TO-COAST: Carports (order early before spring!), garages, storage sheds, barns, livestock shelters, motor home carports, commercial buildings. Dealer: George Uhl, Sr. 785-969-9167/Holton.

Miscellaneous

FOR-SALE: PlayStation-3, in good condition, \$50. 785-966-2306 or 785-851-1792.

WOOD STOVE FOR SALE: Large fire box, \$50/firm; rocker recliner, good shape, \$50/firm. 785-364-3263.

Firewood

FOR-SALE: Seasoned firewood, 20-cords hedge, 9-cords oak, 10-cords hackberry. 785-933-2171.

Employment

The way you want to live™  
Topeka Presbyterian Manor

### RN

We are currently accepting applications for a Part-Time - 2 p.m.-10:30 p.m.

**\$1,000 Sign-on Bonus**

Applicants must be available to work every-other weekend and some holidays. Applicants must have good work history and be able to pass criminal background check and a drug screen.

We offer great benefits and a wonderful working environment!

*Come join our team today!*

**Topeka Presbyterian Manor**  
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The way you want to live™  
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### LPN

We are currently accepting applications for a 3 part-time LPNs.

(1) 6 a.m.-2:30 p.m.  
(2) 10 p.m.-6:30 a.m.

Applicants must be available to work every-other weekend and some holidays. Applicants must have good work history and be able to pass criminal background check and a drug screen.

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### CMA

Full-time on the evening shift 12 p.m.-8:30 p.m. in Healthcare.

**\$500 SIGN-ON BONUS**

Applicants must be able to work every-other weekend and some holidays, have good work history and be able to pass a criminal background check and a drug screen. We offer great benefits and a wonderful working environment.

**Come join our team today!**

Please apply at:  
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Firewood

SEASONED ash, oak, hackberry, hedge, locust, mulberry, mixed woods, 40lb. bags coal \$15, barrels. 785-969-9167.

Want To Rent

Young farmer in search of pasture to rent. Will maintain fences and good steward of the land. Call 402-540-7733.

No Trespassing

TRESPASSING WITHOUT permission. Notice is hereby given by the undersigned residents of Jackson County that hunting, fishing, trapping, or shooting, or trespassing day or night is positively forbidden on all land owned, or rented or occupied by us, or on roads adjacent to lands at any time of the year, licenses or no licenses. April 1, 2017-2018. Phil and Colene Gutierrez, Roger Ackeret, Jay Gilliland, BFD Inc., Joseph B. Nick, Harold Knouft, and Joyce DeVader.

Employment

### Koch Carriers

**Position Available:**  
Driver for OTR deliveries.  
Week day schedule will vary

**Requirements**  
1 Year of OTR experience  
Valid Class A CDL, at least 21 years old

**Drivers are paid:**  
A Per Diem is paid per night • By the mile  
• Guaranteed pay scale • Per cabinet hauled  
**\$2000 Sign on Bonus**

**Benefits Include:**  
• 401K • Vacation • Holiday pay • Life Insurance  
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• Flexible spending cafeteria plan  
• Blue Cross Blue Shield Health insurance  
• Short term & long term disability insurance

Call 785-336-6022 for an appointment - EEO  
Online Application: <http://kochandco.com/employment/>  
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### HICKORY POINTE CARE AND REHAB

Full-Time and Part-Time Positions

## RN and LPN

Strong management and clinical skills, positive attitude. Knowledgeable in passing medications, Kansas license in good standing.

## CNA

Must be a team player, reliable and dependable. Compassionate for the elderly. Multi-tasking skills required.

**Apply at: Hickory Pointe Care and Rehab**  
**700 Cherokee Street, Oskaloosa, KS 66066**  
**Please contact Director of Nursing Jeanie Burk**  
**Phone 785-863-2108 or Fax resume to 785-863-2735**

### HICKORY POINTE CARE AND REHAB

## MAINTENANCE DIRECTOR

Currently taking applications for an experienced maintenance director to perform the essential duties in a nursing home environment. Must be able to plan, coordinate and perform repairs. Knowledge in plumbing, electrical, building and grounds maintenance with some IT knowledge. Ability to interpret manuals, life safety/state regulations. Must be a team player with good communication and organizational skills.

**Apply at: Hickory Pointe Care and Rehab**  
**700 Cherokee Street, Oskaloosa, KS 66066**  
**Please contact Jim Mercier, administrator**  
**Phone 785-863-2108 or Fax resume to 785-863-2735**

## RN/LPN

The Holton Clinic, a department of Community Health-Care System (CHCS), is seeking a compassionate individual with outstanding communications and customer services skills to work for us as a RN/LPN.

This is a 34-hour/week position with the following schedule Tuesday 8 a.m.-4 p.m.; Wednesday 8 a.m.-7 p.m.; Thursday 8 a.m.-2 p.m. and Friday 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

CHCS offers a complete benefits package and competitive salary. For more information and to apply go to [www.chcsks.org](http://www.chcsks.org) and click on “Careers” or contact Human Resources at 785-889-5030. EOE

## ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES TECH

The St. Marys Manor, a department of Community Health-Care System (CHCS), is seeking an individual with a strong work ethic and a compassion for the elderly, to work for us as an Environmental Services Tech.

CHCS offers a complete benefits package and competitive salary. For more information and to apply go to [www.chcsks.org](http://www.chcsks.org) and click on “Careers” or contact Human Resources at 785-889-5026. EOE





# Kellerman Real Estate



Roger Hower, Auctioneer  
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Craig M. Fox  
305-1636



Diana Rieschick  
364-0267



Constance Fox  
851-1310

**832 New Jersey Ave., Holton**

**\$54,900**  
2 BR, 1 BA  
**Roger Hower**  
#196115

**RENTAL POTENTIAL!**

**427 W. 5th St., Holton**

**\$149,500**  
5 BR, 2 BA  
**Roger Hower**  
#198414

**Lots of Nice Improvements!**

**717 Idaho Ave., Holton**

**\$159,000**  
3 BR, 2 BA  
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**\$334,900**  
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**Diana L. Rieschick**  
#197558

**Morton Building!**

**18626 158th Rd., Denison**

**\$520,000**  
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**Craig M. Fox**  
#196293

**160 AC M/L!**

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**\$64,900**  
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**Roger Hower**  
#195695

**1405 W. 6th St., Holton**

**\$154,000**  
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**Roger Hower**  
#192304

**4.9 AC M/L!**

**28857 US 75 Hwy., Netawaka**

**\$220,000**  
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**Roger Hower**  
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**807 Colorado Ave., Holton**

**\$425,000**  
5 BR, 3 BA  
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**Building Only**  
**Roger Hower • \$300,000**  
**301 Dakota Ave. • #193554**  
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**Roger Hower • \$370,000**  
**405 New York • #198075**  
**On Holton Square**  
**Roger Hower • \$180,000**

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Office: 785-364-3366 Fax: 785-364-3365

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LOOKING FOR SOMETHING ELSE? CALL US! WE'LL HELP YOU FIND IT!

Terry Bottom, Broker 834-5545 or 364-7357  
Tim Schlodder, Salesman 221-7973 or 364-4368  
Christina Murphy, Sales Agent 383-0033

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## Rental Property

**1 - BED ROOM APARTMENT:** Furnished, deposit required, no pets. 785-364-4676/785-408-3261.

**1 - OR - 2 - BED ROOM APARTMENT** with stove, refrigerator, new flooring/paint. Outside porch, laundry available on-site. \$450/rent, includes heat/water bill. No smoking/pets. 785-341-8198

**FOR-RENT:** 80-acres of brome hay land in southwest Jackson County. 785-608-4005.

**NEW 2-BEDROOM** Mobile home in Holton. Never lived in! Appliances, trash paid. \$550/deposit, \$550/rent, 785-383-6683.

**SOUTHVIEW APARTMENTS of Holton**  
2 & 3 BR Available.  
Please call Donna (785) 364-5074.



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AMERICAN HOME  
THE SARA FOX TEAM

## Top Area Producer: Coldwell Banker Griffith & Blair



### NEW ON MARKET!

**13218 246th Rd., Holton**  
4BR/3BA, 4.6AC m/l



**12837 Country Club Dr., Holton**  
5 BR/4 BA, 3-car Garage, 5500 sq. ft.



**24042 V Rd., Holton**  
6 AC m/l, 3 BR/1 BA



**11904 142nd, Valley Falls**  
78 A m/l, Income Producing, 5BR/2 BA



**5225 NW 62nd St., Topeka**  
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Applications are available at [www.jasoks.org](http://www.jasoks.org) or at the Jackson County Sheriff's Office at 210 US Hwy. 75, Holton, Kansas. This position will remain open until filled.

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Holton High School students Tabor Barta (left) and Lauryn Moore placed stickers on cereal malt beverage products at Walmart on Friday morning to remind people not to buy those products for minors as part of the Jackson County Youth Coalition’s annual “Sticker Shock” campaign. Deb Harshaw, who oversees the campaign, said nine local businesses agreed to participate in the campaign this year.

Photo by Brian Sanders

# CALENDAR

**Thursday, Jan. 4**

\*The City of Holton will pick up discarded Christmas trees from curbs and street edges. Please have your tree out to the curb or street edge by 7 a.m. (Christmas trees only, no brush, leaves or trash).

\*10 a.m. Northeast Kansas Area Agency on Aging meeting, held at the Area Agency on Aging office, 1803 Oregon, Hiawatha. The meeting is open to the public.

\*School resumes for Holton and Wetmore students.

\*4:30 p.m. JHMS boys basketball vs. Everest at JH.

\*4:30 p.m. RVMS 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys basketball at HMS.

\*4:30 p.m. RVMS 7<sup>th</sup> grade boys basketball at HES.

\*Thrive! Jackson County introductory class, held at EUM Church in Holton. Dinner at 5:45 p.m., class from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

\*WMS basketball at Nemaha Central, time TBA.

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

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

**Friday, Jan. 5**

\*The City of Holton will pick up discarded Christmas trees from curbs and street edges. Please have your tree out to the curb or street edge by 7 a.m. (Christmas trees only, no brush, leaves or trash).

\*3:40 p.m. RVMS boys basketball pictures.

\*Royal Valley baseball fundraiser dinner.

\*WHS basketball at Onaga, time TBA.

\*Narcotics Anonymous meeting from 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in the library room (room 104) at Evangel United Methodist Church, 227 Pennsylvania Ave. in Holton.

**Saturday, Jan. 6**

\*9 a.m. HHS and WHS Var-

sity Scholars Bowl at Wetmore.

\*9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Holton American Legion Post 44 gun show, held at Northeast Kansas Heritage Complex. For more information, contact Duane Clemmons at 785-383-3237.

\*10 a.m. to noon Holton Community Theatre open auditions for two plays that will be held in March. Auditions will be held at Penny’s in downtown Holton. For more information, contact Shannon Wittmer at s.wittmer@holtonks.net

\*KMEA All-State band and choir auditions.

**Sunday, Jan. 7**

\*Attend the church of your choice.

\*9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Holton American Legion Post 44 gun show, held at Northeast Kansas Heritage Complex. For more information, contact Duane Clemmons at 785-383-3237.

**Monday, Jan. 8**

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

\*4 p.m. HHS Varsity Scholars Bowl at Jeff West.

\*4:30 p.m. JHMS boys basketball at McLouth.

\*4:30 p.m. HMS boys basketball vs. Sabetha at Holton.

\*4:30 p.m. RVMS 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys basketball vs. Perry-Lecompton at RVMS.

\*4:30 p.m. RVMS 7<sup>th</sup> grade boys basketball vs. Perry-Lecompton at RVES.

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

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

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

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

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

\*7:30 p.m. Royal Valley USD

337 Board of Education meeting.

**Tuesday, Jan. 9**

\*9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Topeka farm show, held at Kansas Expocentre, One Expocentre Dr., Topeka. For more information, contact Tradexpos at 800-949-3976.

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

\*WHS basketball vs. Axtell, time TBA.

**Wednesday, Jan. 10**

\*9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Topeka farm show, held at Kansas Expocentre, One Expocentre Dr., Topeka. For more information, contact Tradexpos at 800-949-3976.

\*10:30 a.m. Wetmore TVL meeting.

\*11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Free-will soup luncheon, held on the first floor of the Jackson County Courthouse, Holton, to benefit Team Schnak.

\*HMS boys basketball pictures.

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

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

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

## Cold...

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trickle from faucets in kitchen and bathroom sinks overnight, with cabinet doors under the sinks remaining open to allow warm air to circulate.

Temperatures below freezing are expected to continue throughout the week, although highs in the upper 30s are expected on Saturday and Sunday — with a chance for some wintry precipitation on Sunday — before another round of cold weather moves into the area. For more information, see the weather forecast on Page 2 of today’s *Holton Recorder*.

## U.S. 75 Petition...

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According to the Kansas Highway Patrol, Carmen Ukele was driving a minivan with her family as passengers north on U.S. 75 when she attempted to avoid colliding with a SUV driven south on U.S. 75 by Maria Perez-Marquez, 48, of Omaha, Neb., who was attempting to pass another southbound vehicle.

Both drivers attempted to avoid a collision by swerving toward the east shoulder, where the collision occurred, it was reported. Perez-Marquez and a passenger in her SUV were also injured in the accident.

Murk said she has traveled that section of U.S. 75 at least three times since the Nov. 25 accident — and every time, she has seen evidence that some-

thing needs to be done.

“Every single time, I have witnessed a near head-on collision,” she said. “I challenge our elected officials to drive this stretch of highway on any given day, on any given time. To my knowledge, (Kansas Sen. Dennis) Pyle is the only one that travels this road.”

That particular section of U.S. 75 goes through Jackson, Brown and Nemaha counties, with daily traffic ranging from more than 4,500 vehicles near Sabetha to more than 8,000 vehicles just north of the Holton city limits, according to Kansas Department of Transportation data.

A spokesperson for KDOT previously stated that the Nov. 25 accident and resulting petition have prompted the depart-

ment to review that section of the highway to determine what changes would be appropriate, if any.

Murk said a significant number of signatures on the petition came from people who, like her, may not currently live in Jackson, Brown or Nemaha counties.

“The petition now has more signatures than one county that is affected by this stretch of highway,” she said. “I am guessing that the other signatures are from people who have grown up or lived in the three-county area, but have since moved away, like myself.”

The petition may be found online at [www.change.org/p/kansas-state-house-make-highway-75-between-holton-and-sabetha-a-four-lane-highway](http://www.change.org/p/kansas-state-house-make-highway-75-between-holton-and-sabetha-a-four-lane-highway)

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hoping to begin construction before June 2019.

“Our outpatient and radiology services have really grown,” Saia said.

The hospital recently began offering nuclear medicine in-house at the facility instead of on a mobile unit, which came just on Thursdays.

“We no longer have to take people outside in the cold weather to the mobile unit, and we can now provide that care more than once a week,” she said.

The hospital also received a pulmonary function machine as a donation, and the hospital had to find space to house that

equipment, she said.

On Jan. 3 (today), the hospital began offering a Senior Life Solutions program, which offers mental health services for patients 65 years of age or older.

“It’s for people who may be dealing with grief, depression or anxiety,” she said. “We’re really excited about the program, but we just have to find a place to put everyone.”

In 2010, the hospital was awarded a \$99,120 tax credit to offer to donors to help raise funds for surgical equipment, Holaday said.

“We were successful in selling all those tax credits as well,” Holaday said.

The Holton Community Hospital Foundation was established to help support the hospital and has been a not-for-profit 501(c)3 organization since December 2016, Holaday said.

“We can continue to accept donations for the project even though we’ve sold all the tax credits,” she said. “There’s other financing and fund-raising that will need to take place to complete this project. We appreciate any donation someone can make outside the tax credit program.”

For more information, contact Holaday at 364-9660 or by email at [pamela.holaday@rhrjc.org](mailto:pamela.holaday@rhrjc.org)

## Postal Service announces rate increases

Starting Jan. 21, the United States Postal Service will be increasing its postal rates, it has been announced.

The new prices include a one-cent increase in the price of a first-class mail Forever stamp.

Postcard stamps and metered letters will also have a one-cent increase.

The increases raise mailing service product prices by 1.9 percent, and most shipping services products are averaging a 3.9 percent price increase.

The new mailing services rates include:

- \* Letters (one ounce) – will increase from 49 cents to 50 cents.
- \* Letters (additional ounces) – will stay at 21 cents.
- \* Letters (metered) – will

increase from 46 cents to 47 cents.

\* Outbound international letters (one ounce) – will stay at \$1.15.

\* Domestic postcards – will increase from 34 cents to 35 cents.

The new domestic priority mail flat rate retail prices include:

- \* Small flat rate box – will increase from \$7.15 to \$7.20.
- \* Medium flat rate box – will increase from \$13.60 to \$13.65.
- \* Large flat rate box – will increase from \$18.85 to \$18.90.
- \* APO/FPO large flat rate box – will increase from \$17.35 to \$17.40.
- \* Regular flat rate envelope – will increase from \$6.65 to \$6.70.

\* Legal flat rate envelope – will increase from \$6.95 to \$7.

\* Padded flat rate envelope – will increase from \$7.20 to \$7.25.

Periodicals, such as *The Holton Recorder*, will see above average price increases (1.9 percent or more), it was reported.

For more information about the postal rate changes, visit [www.usps.com](http://www.usps.com)

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