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Handbell choir to perform Saturday

By Brian Sanders

The bells of Christmas — namely the Lady Belles Handbell Choir from Holton's First United Methodist Church — will fill the air as part of the Holton/Jackson County Chamber of Commerce's upcoming "Second Saturday" promotion, set for this coming Saturday, Dec. 13, on Holton's Town Square and sporting the theme "I'll Be Home For Christmas."

Dolores Wright, who directs the handbell choir and the Rainbow Connection youth choir at First UMC, will bring both choirs to the meeting hall at Complete Chiropractic Care Center on the east side of the Square for a performance starting at 7:30 p.m. Saturday. The performance will follow a dinner catered by China Restaurant in Holton, starting at 6:30

p.m. in the meeting hall.
"It sounds like there's a lot of fun things going on around the Square," Wright said.

Chamber director Carolyn McKee said a total of 75 tickets will be available at \$20 per ticket for the dinner and performance, part of the third "Second Saturday" event. Several businesses around the Square will be open from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. to participate in the event, which McKee said

has had a positive response so far

"The retailers are so happy. They've been just shocked at how well it's gone over," McKee said. "In the beginning, it was like, 'We'll see how it goes, if people are still there at 7.' But we've had a great turnout

McKee added that one participating business owner was pleased to note that she had enough business to stay open until 8:30 p.m. — an hour and a half after the promotion's end time — on one of the two previous "Second Saturday" events. Still, she said, the promotion is in its early stages, and participants are still looking at what it will take to keep it a regular event.

"We're taking it month by month," she said. "Each month, things are evaluated, and it's still a learning process right now. This first year, we'll be learning what works and what doesn't."

Concerning the music, Wright, who has been directing and performing music at First UMC for roughly half a century with Bob Brown, said the 11-member handbell choir is a fairly recent addition to the church's roster of performing groups.

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Royal Valley High School held its winter music concert on Thursday in Hoyt. The photo above shows John Nottingham (director) leading members of the RVHS band in one of three songs, including "I Saw Three Ships," "Santa Claus Is Comin' To Town" and "Up On A Housetop." A video of the band's performance can be found on *The Holton Recorder* website, www.holtonrecorder.net.

Photo by Ali Holcomb

Calhoun's displays light up the night



Debbie Calhoun shows off a handful of the colorful and bright Christmas light displays at her home near Larkinburg. The displays stretch for one-eighth of a mile and comprise more than 50 individual displays with about 26,000 lights, she said. Photo by Brian Sanders

By Brian Sanders

Ten years ago, in 2004, Debbie Calhoun was feeling a little bit of "empty nest syndrome" as the Christmas season was getting started.

"The kids had moved out and we were on our own," said Calhoun, who lives southwest of Larkinburg with husband Roy. "I used to decorate the inside of the house from stem to stern, and after they left, we had all this great stuff, but nobody came because we were out in the middle of nowhere.'

That inspired Calhoun to take her Christmas lights outside and set them up in her yard.

"I did it mainly for me," she said. "I love the blinky lights and that kind of stuff."

Today, people still drive by the Calhouns' home during the Christmas season and view the holiday light displays in their yard. But the displays have grown from "only about five or six" that were part of the first year's lighting to a series of more than 50 displays that stretch one-eighth of a mile and contain roughly 26,000 lights. "It's still growing," Calhoun

said. "I'm putting out new stuff all the time.

She's also greeting people who come out to view the light display, stopping motorists to chat and hand out candy canes to kids of all ages. It all stems from her younger days, when she and her family would drive around to see Christmas lights on people's

"I always got such a thrill out of it," she said. "I thought, maybe, other people would want to come out and get a thrill, too.'

Calhoun, a woodworker, started out that first year with a handful of her own wood-crafted displays, making a carousel out of a "cable spool table," a sleigh with reindeer and a Ferris wheel. But the one that got the most attention and the most appreciation — was

a "fan swing" crafted out of an old ceiling, a bunch of stuffed animals and a string of candy canes.

"It's everybody's favorite," she said. "I get a lot of people telling me that's the best thing in the yard. And I'm like, 'Really? There's all this other stuff out here!' But everybody loves the fan swing, I guess it's because of the ingenuity of it."

Calhoun's Christmas handiwork inspired people to send her cards of thanks for putting out the light display — and that, in turn, inspired her to make more displays in coming years, depending on whether people would come out to see them. The displays generally draw people from Jackson and Atchison counties, she said, but they also tend to bring in people from the Topeka area — and even from farther out.

"I've had people here from Finland and Switzerland," she said.

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"Deficient" bridges not a problem in county

By Ali Holcomb Jackson County has fewer "deficient" bridges than most other northeast Kansas counties, according to information released by Norm Bowers, Kansas Association of Counties local road engineer.

In a monthly newsletter sent out by the KAC, Bowers outlined the number of deficient bridges in the state and discussed the "off-system bridge replacement program" available to help replace some of those bridges.

Bowers reported that there are a total of 4,041 "deficient" bridges in the state, which are bridges that aren't able to handle their original legal load limits because of their outdated design or deterioration.

There are a total of nearly bridges in Kansas, it was reported. through the off-system bridge re-

bridges in the state are "deficient." Harper County in the southern part

of the state has a total of 155 "deficient" bridges, which is the most out of any county in the state. Additional counties with more than 100 deficient bridges include Sedgwick (147), Jewell (119), Smith (114), Marshall (113) and Butler (102).

While Jackson County has 24 bridges rated as "deficient," it was reported that surrounding counties had more, with 53 in Pottawatomie County, 61 in Nemaha County, 51 in Brown County, 70 in Atchison County, 36 in Jefferson County and 67 in Shawnee County.

This year, the Kansas Departmore than \$10 million in state funds that bridge is estimated at \$4 That means 16.1 percent of the placement program to repair or re-

place deficient bridges in rural parts of the state.

Jackson County administrators applied for the program funds but none of the bridges submitted were selected as one of the 77 rural bridges to receive funding.

To receive "rural" funding, a bridge had to have a daily vehicle count of less than 100 and have a length between 20 and 50 feet.

A total of 71 counties, including Jackson County, applied for the program funds, and bridges in only 56 counties were selected.

One of the bridges submitted by Jackson County for the program was a fracture critical bridge at 324th and ment of Transportation has allocated R Roads. The total cost to replace

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Victim of Denison fire described as a "recluse"

By Brian Sanders

Not much is known about the man tentatively identified by the Jackson County Sheriff's Department as the victim of a Nov. 24 trailer fire southeast of Denison

Sheriff Tim Morse said Timothy W. Michael, 53, had worked for Waste Management and also as a diesel mechanic, and he had some family in the Topeka area, although he was "not close" to them.

"He was kind of a recluse," Morse said of Michael. "There's not much we know about him personally."

Michael was tentatively identified as the victim of a trailer fire that occurred Monday, Nov. 24, on property southeast of Denison. Morse said Michael's identity will likely be confirmed through DNA testing, al-though it may be "weeks or months"

before that testing is complete. "There's no reason to believe it's not him at this point," Morse added.

An Internet search showed that Michael had lived in Meriden, Oskaloosa and Newton before moving to rural Denison. A report on the property he purchased southeast of Denison was printed as part of the "Land Transfers" reports that appeared in The Holton Recorder in the Oct. 22 edition, although further research showed that he purchased the prop-

erty in January 2007.
Denison City Clerk Yvonne Hamer said city officials had "no interactions" with Michael as he lived in a rural area, and she had "never met

The cause of the Nov. 24 fire has yet to be determined, it was re-

Addresses of Christmas lights being compiled

If you or someone you know channels their inner Clark Griswold each Christmas season with hundreds of Christmas lights on their home, we'd The Holton Recorder is compiling a list of addresses in Jackson County

that exemplify the Christmas spirit.

If you know of a brightly decorated home, please call or e-mail the address to the Recorder, 364-3141 or holtonrecorder@embarqmail.com.



TUESDAY'S FORECAST

Look for the complete forecast on page 2.

MOSTLY SUNNY SKIES, HIGH OF 39

Christmas breaks set for schools

Next Friday, Dec. 19, will be the last day of school in 2014 for Jackson County students.

Holton schools will dismiss for winter break after a full day of classes that Friday. Holton High students, however, may be dismissed closer to 1 p.m. once finals are completed, it was re-ported. All Holton students will resume classes Monday, Jan. 5.

At Royal Valley, high school students will be dismissed at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 19, for holiday break, with middle and elementary students being dismissed at the end of the regular school that day. All RV students will return to class Monday, Jan. 5.

All students at Jackson Heights will be dismissed after a full day of classes on that Friday and will return Jan. 5.

Wetmore students will be dismissed for Christmas break at the end of the school day on Thursday, Dec. 18. Classes will resume on Jan. 5.

This week (Dec. 8 - 12) is finals week at **Highland Commu** nity College with winter break to follow. Registration for the spring semester at HCC's Holton site is Jan. 14. Classes resume Jan. 20.



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5:15 p.m. - RISC 6:00 p.m. - Sr. High Youth Other activities available throughout the week.

DISTRICT COURT NEWS

Traffic

Joshua K. Gustafson, driving under the influence of alcohol and/or

Jacqueline K. Hudson, license to be carried and exhibited upon de-

Johnny L. King, no proof of insurance, \$408.

Gary D. Miles, transporting an

open container, \$208. Christopher D. Moser, speeding,

Chad F. Muegge, speeding, \$267. Kyle J. Tyler, transporting an open

container, \$208. Taud A. Vosburg, driving while license cancelled, suspended or revoked, \$289.

Elija Walker, driving while license cancelled, suspended or revoked,

Civil

Dispositions

ing accidents:

In the matter of the name change of Shanelle Rene Varner, sought change of name to Shanelle Rene Lundin;

The Jackson County Sheriff's Department has reported the follow-

■ At 1:30 p.m. on Nov. 9, Brian

Colter, 46, Mayetta, was traveling north on Q Road while Guy Moriella,

79, Mayetta, was driving west on

142nd Road. According to the acci-

dent report, Moriella allegedly failed

to stop his vehicle at the stop sign at

In order to avoid striking Moriella's

1986 Chevrolet, Colter steered his

Chevrolet off the road and into the

ditch. His vehicle sustained damage

to its side fender, grill and hood that

■ At 6:11 a.m. on Nov. 13, Mattew

Probst, 31, Hoyt, was traveling west

on 106th Road near G Road when the

headlights of an opposing vehicle

temporarily blinded him as his vehi-

cle crested a hill. Probst's vehicle en-

tered the north ditch and overturned,

The fence was owned by Ernest

Kratina of rural Delia. Probst's entire

vehicle, a 2001 Chevrolet, was dam-

aged. It was towed from the scene.

At 6:06 p.m. on Nov. 17, Lawrence Holliday, 61, Whiting,

was traveling south on U.S. Highway 75 near 278th Road when his 2006

Chevrolet struck a deer in the road.

Holliday's vehicle sustained damage

partment has reported the following

Mayetta, was arrested on a criminal

warrant on a charge of falsely report-

Topeka, was arrested on a traffic

warrant on a felony charge of driv-

ing under the influence of alcohol

■ On Nov. 21, Timmy Reed, 48,

■ On Nov. 22, William Delay, 41,

Topeka, was arrested on a domestic

■ On Nov. 23, Ella Garcia, 25

■ On Nov. 23, Amy Blazer, 50, Ellis, was arrested on a traffic war-

■ On Nov. 24, Brock Wagner, 22,

■ On Nov. 25, Taud Vosburg, 32,

■ On Nov. 27, a 17-year-old male

On Nov. 29, Tyler Wynkoop, 23, Mayetta, was arrested on a charge of

■ On Nov. 29, Lacy Hug, 20, Hoyt, was arrested on a charge of

■ On Nov. 30, Megan McAtee,

31, Topeka, was arrested on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia,

possession of marijuana, possession

of methamphetamine, possession with intent to distribute drug para-

phernalia, possession with intent to

distribute marijuana and criminal

■ On Dec. 1, Curtis New, 25,

Hoyt, was arrested on a charge of

from Downsville, La., was arrested

on a charge of driving under the in-

fluence of alcohol and/or drugs. ■ On Nov. 27, Wyatt Lickteig, 18, Hoyt, was arrested on a charge of driving under the influence of al-

cohol and/or drugs

domestic battery.

domestic battery.

use of a weapon.

domestic battery.

Mayetta, was arrested on a criminal

rant on a charge of failure to appear

Atchison, was arrested on a charge

Hesston, was arrested on a traffic

warrant on a charge of failure to ap-

of driving while suspended.

warrant out of Shawnee County.

case warrant out of Coffey County.

■ On Nov. 20, Wendi Wahl, 31,

arrests:

ing a crime,

and/or drugs.

warrant.

traveling through a fence.

was listed at more than \$1,000.

the intersection of the two roads.

Small Claims

Dispositions

Mitchell and Janeil Stevens vs. Ed Hrenchir, sought judgment of \$1,625.90 plus interest and court costs; granted judgment of \$1,025.90 plus interest and court costs.

Criminal

County accidents noted

Sheriff's officers make arrests

The Jackson County Sheriff's Depossession of a weapon on school

Dispositions State of Kansas vs. David R. Mc-Coy, Topeka, driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs; sentenced to six months in jail, suspended; placed on six months probation and fined \$750 plus court costs.

State of Kansas vs. Rodney D. Acker, Delia, disorderly conduct; sentenced to 30 days in jail, suspended; placed on six months probation and fined \$100 plus court costs.

State of Kansas vs. Joseph A. Benz, Topeka, violation of a protective order; sentenced to 12 months in jail, suspended; placed on 12 months probation and fined \$100 plus court costs.

State of Kansas vs. Joshua R. Cochran, Denison, possession of marijuana, possession of drug parapher-

to its front bumper and hood that was listed at more than \$1,000. It was

towed from the scene.

listed at more than \$1,000.

traveling south on U.S. 75 near

278th Road when her 2010 Chevrolet

struck a deer in the road. The deer

entered the other lane and was also

struck by a 2014 Chevrolet traveling

north. That Chevrolet was driven by

Unger's vehicle sustained damage

all along its left side that was listed at

more than \$1,000. Schuman's vehicle

sustained damage to its front bumper

■ At 6:15 a.m. on Nov. 23, Tina

Watkins, 51, Wetmore, was travel-

ing east on Kansas Highway 9 near

U.S. 75 when her 2010 Honda struck

a deer in the road, which caused

Watkins to drive the vehicle off the

road to the right, striking a ditch. Her

Honda sustained damage to its rear

right quarter panel that was listed at

property. The arrest was made after a

drug dog searched the parking lot at

Royal Valley High School. No threats

had been made with the weapon, the

■ On Dec. 2, Drake Nave Jr., 25,

Topeka, was arrested on charges of

possession of marijuana and posses-

■ On Dec. 3, Theresia Turner, 59

Topeka, was arrested on charges of

driving while suspended, transport-

ing an open container and for ob-

Topeka, was arrested on a traffic warrant on a charge of failure to ap-

■ On Dec. 3, Angela Hadrin, 39,

Topeka, was arrested on a criminal

warrant on a charge of failure to ap-

■ On Dec. 3, a 12-year-old boy from Holton was arrested on a charge

■ On Dec. 4, Dakotah Watkins,

■ On Dec. 4, Dean Moore, 43,

24., Holton, was arrested on a charge

Topeka, was arrested on a charge of

of driving while suspended.

driving while suspended.

of criminal use of a financial card.

■ On Dec. 3, Jacob Hester, 25,

sheriff's office reported.

sion of drug paraphernalia.

struction.

that was listed at less than \$1,000.

Karen Schuman, 55, Netawaka.

nalia, driving while license cancelled, suspended or revoked, defective head lamps; diversion.

Filed

State of Kansas vs. Jerald A. Cadue, Hoyt, possession of marijuana,

possession of drug paraphernalia. State of Kansas vs. Angela K. Masquat, Hoyt, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia.

State of Kansas vs. Simone A. Noriega, Hoyt, possession of marijuana, possession of drug parapher-

State of Kansas vs. Wendi M. Wahl, Mayetta, interference with law enforcement-obstruction of official

duty. State of Kansas vs. Amber N. Carey, Topeka, theft.

State of Kansas vs. Amber N. Carey, Topeka, theft.

State of Kansas vs. Jermaine L. DeShaver, Berryton, possession of stolen property, possession of marijuana, possession of drug parapher-

State of Kansas vs. Douglas M. Hauff, criminal threat, battery. State of Kansas vs. John J. Lenno

Jr., Topeka, possession of methamphetamine, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia.

State of Kansas vs. Megan M. McAtee, Topeka, distribution or possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance, distribution or possession with intent to distribute marijuana, unlawful acquisition of drug proceeds under \$5,000, possession of drug paraphernalia, stop sign violation, failure to maintain a single

State of Kansas vs. Lonnie W. Coker, Fairview, forgery; sentenced to 12 months imprisonment and assessed court costs.

State of Kansas vs. Rodney L. Gruver, Mayetta, possession of marijuana; sentenced to 15 months imprisonment, suspended; placed on 12 months probation and assessed court

Domestic

Robin M. DeVader and Matthew F. DeVader, sought divorce; granted.

Amanda M. Patton vs. Jeremy A. Sporleder, sought protective order; dismissed. Filed

Dispositions

In the matter of the marriage of

Kylie K. Matney vs. David M. Martin, seeking protective order.

■ At 6:33 p.m. on Nov. 18, Terry Harter, 57, Holton, was traveling west on Kansas Highway 16 near S Road when his vehicle struck a deer in the road. Harter's 2002 Chevrolet sustained damage to its front bumper and front right quarter panel that was ■ At 5:07 p.m. on Nov. 20, Merlyn Unger, 66, Zumbrota, Minn., was

■ Hoyt United Methodist Church will host a live nativity scene from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14 on the south lawn of the church at Fourth and Highland streets in Hoyt. Parking and seating will be avail-

■ Trinity Lutheran Church will host a Christmas Boutique from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 13 at the church, 401 Cheyenne Drive. Cookies, candies and crafts will be

■ A "Three-Day Holiday Special" craft and bake sale and silent auction will be held from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, Dec. 11-13, at the Potawatomi Bingo Hall, 162nd and Q roads west of Mayetta. Proceeds will be used to adopt a native family for Christmas. Concessions will be available. Tables are available for \$5 for all three days; to reserve a table, call Sherri Landis at

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

■ "Hospice Angels," made by 'angel ladies" Marlene Shove and Helen Benson, are now available for purchase at Mercer Funeral Home, Denison State Bank and Farmers State Bank. Proceeds will benefit Jackson County Friends of Hospice.

■ The U.S. Marine Corps and Holton VFW Riders and Friends

Sunday, Dec. 14, collecting new and unwrapped toys for children of all ages with a focus on ages 10-16. Jackson County donations may be dropped off at Denison State Bank branches, Farmers State Bank, Holton Country Mart, Holton Farm and Home, Casey's, Walmart and The Chop Shop. For more information call (785) 862-0923, ext. 260, or

■ United Methodist Women will meet at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10 at the home of Thersa Wade in Holton. Pastor Charlotte Milroy will provide the program and devotions

■ A community Bible study on the book of Acts and "God's Work in the Church" will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesdays at 704 Banner Road in Holton. Contact Rhett Totten at 364-2881 for details.

■ Hours at the JCMA New Hope Center Food Pantry, located at Fifth Street and Wisconsin Avenue in the Holton First Christian Church basement, are from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesdays and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursdays. For more information

NEWS BRIEFS

■ 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.

(785) 966-2855 or (785) 554-7060.

or Amy Spiker at 364-3164.

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from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday mation, call 364-5156.

■ Quote of the day: "If we can

connect in some tiny way with a human that doesn't agree with us, then maybe we won't blow up the planet."—Nancy White

■ When submitting items for the News Briefs section, please submit them no sooner than three publications of *The Holton Recorder* for placement. Briefs listings are a free service provided by *The Recorder* as space allows.

visit topeka-ks.toysfortots.org

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

on "The Circle Maker" by Mark Bat-

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lows in the

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Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

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Kansas At A Glance

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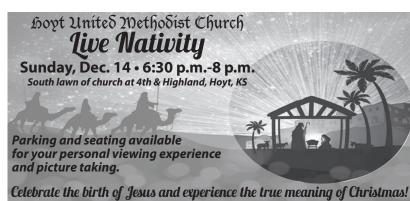
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■ On Dec. 2, Josh Tisdale, 26, Wamego, was arrested on two failure to appear domestic case warrants on charges of failure to appear. ■ On Dec. 2, a 16-year-old male from Mayetta was arrested on charges of possession of marijuana and

MEMORIES

Compiled from the Holton Recorder archives by Kendra McClain

5 Years Ago Week of Dec. 7-13, 2009

Winter arrived two weeks early in northeastern Kansas, bringing the season's first major storm and dumping a foot of snow on the area Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 6 and 7.

Gary Baldridge of Holton has obtained a Class C license from the Kansas State Department of Agriculture to establish a mobile petting zoo. Baldridge said he plans to primarily travel with his petting zoo and not set up something permanent at his home west of Holton. However, he may invite a few local school classes to his home to view the animals.

Wireless Internet service is one of the hottest things going in the world of the World Wide Web, and in Holton and Hoyt, improved service will soon be available throughout the two cities. Giant Communications in Holton has announced that infrastructure updates on their tower-mounted broadband antennas are nearing completion in Holton, and those updates will soon begin in

Holton city employees celebrating employment milestones were honored at the city commission meeting on Monday, Dec. 7. Those employees include Roger McClintock, Larry Hundley, Dennis Klahr, Dennis Ashcraft, Mike Reichle and Rex Hamlin.

10 Years Ago Week of Dec. 7-13, 2004

The City of Holton, the Holton Chamber of Commerce and Friends of Downtown group are sponsoring a holiday lighting contest this year for homes and businesses, it has been announced. Prizes will be monetary amounts off the winner's next city electric bill.

Jackson County Commissioner Lois Pelton has been awarded certification from the Kansas Leadership Academy for County Commissioners for completion of an intensive education program for county commissioners, it has been reported. Pelton joins approximately 50 other county commissioners in Kansas who have earned the certificate.

Bob and Kelly Gay recently opened the Mayetta Outlet and Gift Shop in downtown Mayetta, it was

Strong arguments in support of and against Thunder Hill Speedway were heard Thursday night, Dec. 9, by the Jackson County Planning Commission, but planners decided there was still too much information to review in regard to the race track's attempts to get proper zoning.

Jeanne's in Holton has moved to a new location, it has been reported. The salon and tanning business is now located on the north side of the

25 Years Ago Week of Dec. 7-13, 1989

New regulations regarding underground storage tanks have put the crunch on owners of petroleum stations and other businesses with tanks. All tanks now must be upgraded to include leak detectors, corrosion protection and spill and overflow prevention. As a result, some service stations in Holton have ceased selling gasoline or closed their doors.

Anna Knouft of Holton was recently presented a special award from the National Weather Service. Knouft is the official weather observer for Holton and has served in

this position for the past 10 years, it was reported.

Holton's first Victorian Christmas weekend was put to rest amid cheers of success on Sunday, Dec. 10, it was reported. Features included a Victorian fashion show, Victorian foods, a holiday homes tour, Christmas cantata, Victorian artwork and more.

More than 350 University of Kansas students were honored at a Phi Kappa Phi national honor society fall reception in November. Cheryl Schlaegel of Whiting, senior at the school of nursing, is among the honorees. Cheryl is the daughter of Gary and Marian Schlaegel of Whiting.

United Petroleum Transport, located along U.S. Highway 75 in Holton, was welcomed to the Holton business community last week. Randy Edens and Holton UPT manager Judy Hann accepted a welcome plaque from Holton Area Chamber of Commerce executive director Kathi Kimmi.

50 Years Ago Week of Dec. 7-13, 1964

George Swift, Holton accountant and tax consultant, has a new gadget in his office - a CSM Electrotastic copier. The machine makes a dry copy of almost anything in three seconds, it was reported. Swift said that the machine was installed because of a new ruling that all schedules and supporting information for income tax returns must now be entered on forms furnished by the Internal Revenue Service.

A new business opened its doors on the east side of the Holton Square on Friday, Dec. 4. The Salts Barber Shop is now operating in the King building. Edgar and Dale Salts are the proprietors.

The furniture store Gambles in Holton held a holiday rocker sale that featured a three-position recliner for \$59.95 and a swivel chair for

The Holton FFA chapter took second place in the northeast Kansas FFA Public Speaking Contest, it was

Clarence Schirmer, president of the Jackson County Fair Association, announced on Thursday, Dec. 10, that contracts have been let for the installation of heaters in the large exhibit hall at the Fair Building.



After visiting with Santa Claus at the Jackson County Courthouse on Friday, Nov. 28, kids of all ages were invited to go to Penny's on the west side of Holton's Town Square to decorate some holiday cookies with Mrs. Claus. Shown decorating cookies, from left to right, are Sophia Halton, 6, daughter of Garrett and Jessica Halton of Lawrence; and Ellis Lawson, 4, Lexie Lawson, 7, and Asher Larson, 9, children of Cory and Addie Larson of Holton.

Community HomeHealth honored for eighth year

Community HomeHealth has been nationally honored for top quality care for the eighth year in a row, it has been reported.

This year, Community Home-Health was named one of the top 500 home health agencies in the United States. This prestigious award was won in competition with over 9,000 agencies nationwide.

The merit basis of this prestigious award includes "heart" as well as efficiency and analytics. Quality improvement and consistency measurement are required by a federal mandate called the Home Health Consumer Assessment of Health Care Providers and Systems (HH-CAHPS). HHCAHPS provides the patient experience portion of the na-

"Patient satisfaction is a concern that is close to our hearts," explained JoAnn Mott, manager of Community HomeHealth, for Community Health-Care System, Inc. "Knowing that we are meeting high quality measures and that we are ranked highly by the people we serve, means a lot to us."

Community HealthCare System, Inc. and Community HomeHealth provide health care and home health services to much of northeast Kansas, including Onaga, Blaine, Wheaton, Havensville, Holton, Denison, Hoyt, Mayetta, Whiting, Circleville, Netawaka, Wetmore, Frankfort, Centralia, Corning, Westmoreland, Belvue, Paxico, Alma, Wamego and St. Marys.

"JoAnn and all of her staff continue to do a fabulous job for our patients and our communities," said Greg Unruh, CEO at CHCS, "Our home health associates demonstrate their compassion and skill every day with every patient and we are very proud of them.'

Medicare-Certified Home Health providers across the country are ranked annually by the National Research Corporation and DecisionHealth. Recognized by Modern

Healthcare as the largest patient satisfaction firm in the U.S., National Research is dedicated to representing the true voice of patients and other healthcare stakeholders.

DecisionHealth is the home care industry's leading source for analysis and guidance to help agencies improve performance and regulatory compliance.

Rieschick families gather for holiday dinner at Soldier United Methodist

The Soldier United Methodist Church was full of love, food and fun on Saturday, Nov. 29.

This is where the families of Claude and Betty Rieschick gathered for their Thanksgiving/Christmas chicken dinner with all the trimmings and desserts.

There were many guessing games played, including how many gum balls are in the jar, the number of popcorn kernels in a spice jar and how many wine corks in a jar. Also, trivia and word riddles were en-

There were presents for all. The five granddaughters, Jenny Horton, Becky Bauman, Kindra Boehm, Lisa Hill and Jill Tuck were given a special gift of embroidered pillowcases from Grandma Betty.

Many canned goods were collected for the food panty, too.

Those attending were Claude and Betty Rieschick, Wayne and Theresa Rieschick and their children and families, LeRoy and Linda Rieschick and their children and families, Claudia and Dale Long and their children and families and Tony Rieschick and his family.

There were several unable to attend. The evening was filled with lots of family laughter, food and fun

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OPINION

Kids say the darndest things in letters to Santa

Radio and television icon Art Linkletter used to say that "kids say the darndest things.

Linkletter was the mischievous host of TV's "People Are Funny" and "House Party" in the 1950s and '60s, delighting viewers with his ability to get kids - and grownups to say the darndest things on national television

In the tradition of Linkletter, what follows below are some of the most memorable lines gleaned from this year's letters to Santa from local children that will be published soon in The Holton Recorder:

"Dear Santa, I refuse to answer if

I've been good or not..."
"Dear Santa, I would like a pink

kitchen, \$5 and a monkey...'

"Dear Santa, I want a real live

"Dear Santa, I have been very good this year, but I have been lazy..."
"Dear Santa, I still need to think

about my presents...'

"Dear Santa, Why doesn't Mrs. Claus come with you to the mall?" "Dear Santa, I have done OK this

"Dear Santa, It's hard to be nice to my little brothers...

"Dear Santa, I have a couple of theories about Christmas...

"Dear Santa, I have changed my attitude..

"Dear Santa, I don't cheat..." "Dear Santa, I have been bad but I

changed my behavior this year...' "Dear Santa, I think I have been

pretty good this year but I am not

By Sandy Praeger

Kansas Commissioner of

Insurance

As I near the end of my steward-

ship as Kansas Insurance Commis-

sioner, I found some interesting sta-

tistics about the insurance industry

in Kansas while cleaning out some

The comparisons below show

old files.

how insurance

in Kansas has

changed over

the past dozen

years. Because

most of the in-

based on fis-

cal years (from

July 1 of one

year to June 30

of the next), I

thought I would

share with you

have available.

is

how the numbers looked in fiscal

year (FY) 2003 compared to the

most current fiscal year numbers we

Money sent to the state general

fund: In FY 2003 the Kansas Insur-

ance Department passed \$94.9 mil-

lion to the state general fund budget

in collected fees and insurance taxes

from companies and agents. In FY

2014, that number was \$173.438

that every year I have been com-

missioner we have had fewer con-

sumer complaints about insurance

issues. In FY 2003 we had 5,757 actual filed complaints. In FY 2013

the number was 2,696. I think our

emphasis on consumer education,

and our advocacy for policyholders

when they had issues with compa-

nies, have contributed mightily to-

ward that decline. Being a savvy

insurance consumer means taking

care of concerns before they become

Recovery of money for consum-

ers: With the number of consumer complaints going downward year af-

ter year, that means that the amount

Consumer complaints: I believe

formation

Praeger proud of stewardship

"Dear Santa, I have been a very good boy, so I hope you can help me

"Dear Santa, I have not gotten any

negative Dojo points at school...' "Dear Santa, When my mom says to clean my room, I do it...

"Dear Santa, I have been a little mean to my sister because she is annoying..

"Dear Santa, I am short and smart...

"Dear Santa, You guys are awesome...'

"Dear Santa, I want a nerf gun

with darts, a cat and \$10... "Dear Santa, How is my

behavior?" "Dear Santa, I want a new Barbie

car. The one you gave me last year, I did not like...

"Dear Santa, Are there Yetis in the North Pole?"

"Dear Santa, Be sure to check your sleigh for loose boards and nails sticking out...

"Dear Santa, How short are the

"Dear Santa, My mommy says if I listen and clean up my room, you will bring me presents...

"Dear Santa, I want a tractor and a baby brother... This year's letters to Santa to be

published in The Recorder soon are just as precious as every other year before. You'll want to read them. They will surely help get you into the Christmas Spirit! David Powls

of money we can recover from

companies goes down too. In FY

2003 we recovered \$7.58 million in

money for policyholders over and

above what the company offered in initial settlements; that number in

FY 2013 was \$3.83 million. Again,

savvy consumers and KID advocacy

stopped concerns from becoming

Number of licensed agents: With

products and markets increasing, the

number of licensed agents in Kan-

sas has boomed during the past 12

years, mostly in the number of non-

resident agents doing business in the

state. In 2003 there were 23,292 resident agents and 33,768 nonresident

agents. As of late November 2014

we had 22,535 resident and 92,284

nonresident agents for a total of

114,819. With that number, I think

you could say the insurance poten-

Number of department employ-

ees: When I began my tenure in 2003

KID had 157 full-time employees.

Presently we have 123 FTEs. We

have been able to reduce the number

of employees because of enhance-

ments to our computerized process-

es, natural job attrition and the hard

work of the long-time employees

state: In 2003 the insurance indus-

try in Kansas was an \$11 billion

economic force. Today that number

stands at \$17 billion. Through care-

ful use of free market principles and

judicious regulation, KID continues

to oversee a vibrant industry that

serves both consumers and compa-

One other growth item: More

than 240 additional companies have

been licensed to do business in the

I'm proud of the accomplishments

of the department and our staff mem-

bers during my tenure. I believe, on

the whole, we have done a good job

of balancing the three-legged stool

of regulation, education and advo-

nies fairly.

state since 2003.

Growth of the industry in the

who absorbed the workload.

tial for agents looks pretty good.

complaints.

PLAINS FOLK: "Seasons of the Tallgrass Prairie"

I know that I don't have the patience or the inclination to be a serious bird watcher, but there are times I wish I had spent more time learning about birds. It would be nice to be able to identify the birds, especially the little ones, that fly up from the prairie grass as I ride through it, or the many varieties that gather around the bird blocks we put in the backyard every winter.

A slight digression in case you're

not familiar with bird blocks: they are a lazy man's bird feeder. Instead of having to keep a traditional bird feeder full, you can just put one of these out in the yard, in essence giving the birds access to a selfservice buffet.

The only place I've ever found them is at Bluestem, the local farm and ranch supply store here in Emporia. They are composed

of seeds and grains pressed into the shape and size of a salt block.

Back to the birds — I have no trouble at all with the cardinals, flickers and blue jays, but most of the others are just birds to me. I also wish I was better at identifying birds by their songs when they are singing. Meadowlarks and quail are no problem, but many pretty melodies float down from our yard trees during the summer, when the leaves obscure the singers. Which I probably wouldn't be able to identify even if I could see

Recently I came across a book that won't help me with identifying either birds or their songs, but it gives a fascinating account of prairie birds, both residents and those that migrate through. The author is Paul Johnsgard, a professor emeritus of biology at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. I should say prolific author, for this eminent naturalist has written more than 60 books of natural history.

In this collection of essays Johnsgard focuses primarily on the birds of Nebraska, but most of those birds can also be found in the other plains states along the Central Flyway. The sandhill crane, for instance, is a bird I have always associated with the huge flocks along the Platte River in Nebraska, because they congregate there in huge numbers, but their annual migrations take them from Siberia in the summer to Mexico for the winter, then back again.

Interestingly, the sandhill crane is one species that seems to have thrived with modern agriculture and its increased yields of corn whereas others, such as the prairie chicken, both greater and lesser, are becoming threatened because of loss of habitat. Johnsgard notes that in the mid-1940s estimates were of 30,000 to 40,000 cranes in the Platte Valley. Today that number is probably half a million.

He also estimates that some 40,000 sandhill cranes are legally shot each year in states that allow it. I wondered about that, since I had never heard of the bird as edible.

As I read, I learned that they are shot not for food but for so-called sport. Johnsgard states that a crane in the Central Flyway has a 50 percent greater danger of being shot

by a hunter than did a U.S. soldier during the 10-year period of the Iraq

I agree with Johnsgard's assessment: "Given that the species does virtually no economic damage to humans and is regarded in many cultures as a symbol of peace, longevity, and fidelity, killing cranes seems better described as a sacrilege than as a sport."

I have dwelt on the sandhill crane, but Johnsgard gives equally fascinating information about dozens of prairie birds ranging from eagles to hummingbirds. Although I still won't be able to identify all the many birds I see out in the countryside and in our backyard, Johnsgard's book will certainly make me appreciate them even more than I already do.

Oh, by the way, the book is entitled 'Seasons of the Tallgrass Prairie,' and it was published in 2014 by the University of Nebraska Press.

NOTE: Jim Hoy is a professor of English at Emporia State University and co-author of the Plains Folk col-

Key Award Winners **Named**

Jackson County 4-H members Michaela Little, Tristan Parks, Jace Nelson, Kassidy Dahl, Elizabeth Roach and Lindsey Bohannon have been selected to receive 2013 Kansas Key Awards, it was reported.

The award is unique to Kansas 4-H and is given to recognize leadership, citizenship and service to 4-H programs and community, states Pamela Van Horn, coordinator of the state 4-H awards program.

"Recipients are selected through an application and evaluation process," said Van Horn, who is a Kansas State University Extension spe-

To be considered for the award, a 4-H member must be at least 16 years old, have been a 4-H member for four or more years, enrolled in the 4-H leadership project for four or more years and clearly have demonstrated leadership, citizenship and concern for others in 4-H programs and their community. The award has been given annually since 1952.

'The goal of the Key Award is to encourage young people to explore opportunities for community service and to begin building leadership skills as they contribute to their community," VanHorn said.

These opportunities can lay a foundation for a lifetime commit ment to citizenship and service to build and improve home communities and the larger world.

The 4-H award is underwritten by the Farm Credit Associations of Kansas and the Kansas 4-H Foundation. Award recipients received their awards at the recent Jackson County 4-H achievement program, held Sunday, Nov. 2 at the Jackson

County Fair Building.

Michaela Little, Delia Early
Birds, is the daughter of Randal and Nancy Little; Tristan Parks, Straight Arrows, is the son of Tim and Dyann Parks; Jace Nelson, Soldier Boosters, is the son of Jerry and JoAnn Nelson; Kassidy Dahl. Hoyt Livewires, is the daughter of Anthony and Cindy Dahl; Elizabeth Roach, Hoyt Livewires, is the daughter of Doug and Annette Roach; and Lindsey Bohannon (Lucky Stars) is the daughter of Donnie and Rhonda Bohannon.



Ken Glennon of Holton National Bank, shown above at right, recently presented \$50 in Chamber Bucks to Mike McManigal of the local VFW Motorcycle Riders group. The VFW Riders group was chosen as the Best Organization entry in the annual Christmas Parade of Lights.

Holiday House Checklist: Work through a few items each day

By Nancy C. Nelson Meadowlark Extension District Agent

Family Life Here's a checklist from the American Cleaning Institute for

getting your home ready for the holidays. Work through few items day. Before you know it, your home will be clean and ready for the holidays!

Put mats and throw rugs

at all entryways. This will help prevent dirt from

being tracked into your home. * Keep a boot tray near the door for rain or snow soaked foot-

* Sort and discard old magazines and newspapers. Save a few interesting ones and leave plies so you don't run out at this them on a table in the guest room busy time or year. for your company's nighttime reading.

* Develop a sorting system for handling the mail so it doesn't accumulate in piles.

* Make room for guest's gear by purging the coat closet of outof-season items and stocking it with hangers sturdy enough for winter coats.

* To avoid beverage rings on your wood or glass top furniture, keep coasters out in plain sight.

* Clean out the refrigerator to make room for holiday goodies. Remove the contents, checking expiration dates and discarding anything whose time is up. Clean the shelves and wipe down bottles and jars before returning items to the refrigerator.

* To cut down on clutter and crumbs, confine snacks to certain areas of the house.

* Inventory your laundry sup-

* Before the holiday rush takes over, give all the bed linens a thorough cleaning.

For some, a holiday present may be a professional cleaning service pre- or post-holiday; just what Santa ordered!

For Christmas...



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OBITUARIES



Mulrov Doris Mae Mulroy, 77, of Goff, died Friday, Dec. 5, 2014, at her home.

She was born Aug. 2, 1937, at Vliets, the daughter of James and Mabel Dailey Hutchinson. She graduated from Centralia High School in 1956.

Doris had worked for South-western Bell Telephone Company, an insurance company, Skaggs and Osco Drugs, all in Topeka. After her first marriage, she became an Air Force wife and lived in numerous places, including Omaha and Germany

She married Eldon Mulroy on Feb. 2, 1985 in Topeka. He survives, of the home. She and Eldon have operated E&L Service in Goff since their marriage.

Doris was a member of St. James Catholic Church in Wetmore and the Altar Society at the church, where she had held all of the officer positions. She was currently the president of the Auxiliary to Levick-Barrett Post No. 282 of the American Legion and was in charge of funeral dinners. Doris helped start and ran the Goff Food Pantry, and was an avid bowler for many years.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Laverne Hutchinson, James Hutchinson, and Lyle Hutchinson, and two sisters, Wilma Jean Hutchinson and Dorothy Lee Hutchinson.

Other survivors include three sons, Dennis Guilbault and wife Teresa, Topeka, Patrick "Brian" Guilbault and wife Donna, Marietta, Ga., and Mason Guilbault and wife Denise, Buffalo, N.D.; one stepson, Dennis Mulroy, Soldier; three stepdaughters, Shelle Arnold and husband Randy, Topeka, Judy Mulroy, Aurora, Colo., and Angela Basile and husband Steve. Kearney, Mo.; a sister, Shirley Fisher, Buena Vista, Colo.; 11 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren, two nieces, Tuesday Perkins and Janie Seymour; and two nephews, Bob Hutchinson and Clayton Fisher.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 9 at St. James Catholic Church. Burial will follow in Wetmore Cemetery. Doris will lie in state at Chapel Oaks Funeral Home in Holton, where a Rosary will be prayed at 7 p.m. on Monday, followed by visitation.

Memorials are suggested to the Auxiliary to Levick-Barrett Post No. 282 of the American Legion or Jackson County Friends of Hospice, 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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USD 337 board sets agenda for today's meeting

The Royal Valley USD 337 board of education will meet at 7:30 p.m. today (Monday) at the district office in Mayetta.

Board members are expected to give reports on the recent Kansas Association of School Boards annual convention. The board will also review the status of the district's current transportation fleet.

Superintendent John Rundle is expected to give a preliminary report on Impact Aid funding.

Some of the official action items on the agenda include approving the 2015-2016 school calendar, accepting a Health Habits for Life grant and approving the first payment for the RVHS greenhouse project. The board will also be discussing the district's new logo, which was recently trademarked.

An executive session is planned to discuss non-elected personnel and teacher salary negotiations.

The meeting is open to the public; interested persons are encouraged to attend.



Kendall

Nancy Kay Kendall, 76, of Prairie Village, Kansas, passed away Monday, Dec. 1, 2014, at Brighton Gardens of Prairie Vil-

She was born March 17, 1938 in Everest, Kansas, the daughter of Carleton L. and Hazel Bartlett Gilliland. She married Forrest H. (Skip) Kendall, Jr., M.D., on Aug. 7, 1959, at Holton Methodist Church in Holton.

Nancy was a 1956 graduate of Holton High School, and earned a B.S. in education from the University of Kansas in 1960. She was a teacher at Indian Hills Junior High, and was later a certified paralegal. As a member of Junior League she was instrumental in establishing the first Ronald McDonald House at KU Medical Center in 1981.

Nancy loved animals and had pets her whole life. She was an avid gardener who loved roses and orchids. She enjoyed traveling and went on many wonderful vacations with her husband. She was a loving mother and grandmother and spent many memorable play dates with all of her grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband, Forrest, and three sons, Forrest H. (Trey) Kendall III (Cindy) of Overland Park, Brad Kendall (Kelly) of Prairie Village and Chris Kendall of Winnetka, Ill.; and seven grandchildren, Lauren Barker (Will) of Houston, Texas, Ryan Kendall of Overland Park, Grant, Brooks and Lucy Kendall of Prairie Village, and Charlie and Cody Kendall of Winnetka, Ill.; and her sister, Jeanne (Bryce) Robinson of Cedar Falls, Iowa.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10 at Village Presbyterian Church, 6641 Mission Road in Prairie Village.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions may be directed to Wayside Waifs, 3901 Martha Truman Road, Kansas City, MO 64137 (waysidewaits. org); or Kansas City Hospice and Palliative Care, 10100 W. 87th St., Suite 100, Overland Park, KS 66212 (kchospice.org).

Condolences may be expressed at Villagepres.org. Arrangements: Johnson County Funeral Chapel, 11200 Metcalf Ave., Overland Park. www.johnsoncountychapel. Holton Recorder 12/8/14 ▲

Branam

Louise Branam, 101, Holton, died Saturday, Nov. 29, 2014, at Midland Hospice House in Topeka.

She was born Aug. 13, 1913, in Atchison, the daughter of William C. and Jennie Saggs Ashcraft. Mrs. Branam was a farmwife.

She was a lifetime member of Jackson County Historical Society, Larkinburg Christian Church and a member of Heart of Jackson Humane Society.

She married Truman R. Branam on Oct. 28, 1935, in Oskaloosa. He died Jan. 9, 1991. She also was preceded in death by a son, Monty Branam, in 1964; a granddaughter, Kadi Branam, in 1997; a brother, Raymond Ashcraft; and two sisters, Rosemary Meagher and Virginia Stukenberg.

Survivors include a daughter, Judy Bledsoe and husband Victor, Mayetta; a son, Jay Branam and wife Rogette, Holton; three grand-children, Lesley Harris and husband Dan, Jennifer Swindale and husband Kevin and Brett Branam; six greatgrandchildren, Morgan Thompson and husband Jarrod, Caitlyn and Scott Cashier and Blake, Tyler and Garrett Harris; and two great-greatgranddaughters, Anberlyn and Emmaley Thompson.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Dec. 3 at Mercer Funeral Home in Holton. Burial followed in Denison Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Larkinburg Christian Church, Heart of Jackson Humane Society or Jackson County Historical Society, sent in care of Mercer Funeral Home, P.O. Box 270, Holton, KS 66436. Holton Recorder 12/8/14



Porter

Ruth Arlene Porter, 85, passed away Saturday, Dec. 6, 2014. She was the daughter of Paul and Freida (Cassity) Trimble.

They preceded her in death. Ruth grew up in Wetmore and graduated from Wetmore High School in 1947. She was married to Leland Porter in 1948. After Leland served four years in the Air Force, they settled in Topeka.

She worked at Blue Cross and Blue Shield for more than 25 years, retiring in 1981.

After retirement, Ruth and Leland went back to Wetmore to farm. Ruth enjoyed her cats and raising kittens. They enjoyed the farm for more than 20 years before illness brought them back to their home in Topeka. Leland passed away Nov. 13, 2008. Ruth mentioned numerous times her two cousins and some real good friends helped her so much. She said, "I couldn't have made it without them.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10 at the Mount Hope Chapel, 4700 S.W. 17th Ave., Topeka. Ruth will lie in state from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Tuesday at Penwell-Gabel Mid-Town Chapel, 1321 S.W. 10th Ave., Topeka.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to CAT Association of Ťopeka, 1719 S.W. Gage Blvd., Topeka, KS 66604; or to a charity of the donor's choice. To leave a message for the family online, please visit www.PenwellGabel-Topeka.com.

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Holton school board to meet

The Holton school board will hold meet today (Monday) for its regular monthly meeting.

The new elementary school construction project is a major item on the agenda again with Hollis and Miller, as well as Nabholz, scheduled to present updates on the project.

Other topics on the meeting agenda include insurance policies for the district, with Cindy Hower (of Kellerman Insurnace) presenting to the board, and a report on the KASB meeting from superintendent Dennis Stones.

In new business, the board plans to accept some donations from the Optimist Club, discuss the 2016 fiscal year calendar, discuss and approve updates for technology as well as meet in executive session to discuss teacher salary negotiations and matters pertaining to non-elected personnel.

Holton's board meeting will start at 6 p.m. at the USD 336 office and is open to the public.

Morris

Janene Ellen Morris, 59, Holton, died Saturday, Dec. 6, 2014, at Medicalodges Jackson County.

She was born July 28, 1955, in Holton, the daughter of Forrest Eugene and Berniece Lorene Trimble Morris. She was a lifelong member of the Holton community.

Miss Morris was involved in Special Olympics, participating in discus, shot put, softball and track.

Survivors include two sisters, Georgene A. Wilhelm and husband Ken, Mayetta, and Debra Y. Korte and husband Raymond, Holton; four brothers, Stephen F. Morris and wife Laurita, Holton, Merle G. Morris, Wichita, Harold F. Morris and wife Judy, Holton, and Dennis E. Morris and wife Tym, Topeka; six nephews; seven nieces; five great-nephews; and seven great-nieces. She was preceded in death by her mother, Berniece L. Morris, on Feb. 18, 1977; and her father, Forrest E. Morris, on May 17,

Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Holton Cemetery, with Miss Morris' uncle, Dale Nichols, officiating. Family and friends will meet one hour prior to service time at Mercer Funeral Home in Holton to go in procession to the cemetery. Visitation will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Medicalodges Jackson County Activity Fund or Holton Community Hospital Hospice, sent in care of Mercer Funeral Home, P.O. Box 270, Holton, KS 66436.

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SPORTS Monday



Cobra Korby Strube (shown above, middle) knifes through the lane to lay in a basket during Friday's home game against Immaculata. Strube and his JHHS teammates seemed to make all the right decisions on offense as they cruised to a 50-27 victory over the Raiders.

Photo by Kelly Breckunitch

Jackson Heights boys shoot lights out in opening victory

Early on in the Cobras' opening game of the basketball season against Immaculata on Friday, it seemed like the Jackson Heights boys could do no wrong on offense.

Jackson Heights hardly missed any shots on the offensive end and built up a large halftime lead on the way to a 50-27 victory over the Raiders to start the season.

"I thought we shot lights out in the first half and that helps when the ball goes in. We were able to go on a couple 8-0, 9-0 type runs and that's big for us because that's what we do,' JH coach Chris Brown said. "We've got a lot of great shooters and when they put it in like that we're going to be tough to beat."

One player in particular seemingly couldn't (and didn't) miss in the first half as Zane Richter was on fire and torched the Raiders with three three-pointers in the opening quarter alone on the way to a game-high 25

All of those threes came as part of a 14-0 first quarter run that helped the Cobras open up the game after holding a slim one-point lead early. It was 19-7 in favor of Jackson Heights

heading into the second quarter. From the opening tip, it was clear the Cobras were dictating the pace of the game. Brown noted before the season they would be an uptempo team and Jackson Heights delivered on the coach's promise in the opening game. Though playing that fast comes with some downsides, the Cobras made it work in their favor for the most part.

"We were sloppy, but when it's a frantic game I think that suits us," Brown said. "They had a couple big kids. We didn't want them to be able to slow down and walk it up.'

The strategy worked as the Raiders' 6' 6" forward, Conner Goetz was almost a non-factor in the game as Immaculata could not utilize his size advantage through most of the

While the Raiders tried to adjust and slow the Cobras down in the second quarter, it was a futile effort as Jackson Heights just adapted with its opponent.

After Richter opened the quarter with a steal and a basket, Goetz tried to draw a charge on a possession shortly after that, but the Cobra instead pulled up for a short jumper that illustrated one of the keys to the team's success on Friday.

"I'd say nine out of 10 of our shots in the first half were good shots, good to great shots even. We were making the extra pass, we were



finding Zane," Brown said.

In addition, Brown said he challenged his team to up its defense after a timeout with five minutes left in the second quarter. While the Raiders had been hanging around, the Cobras really snuffed out any attempt at a rally following the challenge and went on an 11-0 run before the Raiders got one final basket just before the end of the first

"That's what really gets me excited. Shots are going to go in or they're not going to go in. Who knows? You play solid defense every second of a quarter, that's tough to deal with,"

As hot as the Cobras started the game, there was sure to be some letdown in the second half. While there was, holding a 30-11 lead to start the third quarter put the Cobras in good position to close out the

While the offense cooled off early, with Richter missing his first shot of the game in the third quarter, the Cobras still did a good job adjusting and Brown pointed to Richter as an example of that.

"He's shooting the three and he's doing all these things and I think you saw him in the second half defer a little bit. I'd like to see him have a little killer instinct and really just go after it, but I thought he did a great job of playing a team game in the second half," Brown said.

Wyatt Olberding also poured in 11 points for the Cobras on Friday, while Lane Slocum picked up six points and six rebounds in the post. While the team stalled a little bit in

moments, like a block by Braden Dohl fueling the team late in the third quarter. Brown noted the energy the Cobras played with in the first half might have caught up with them a

little in the second half. "They played so hard in the first half that we got a little tired and we were playing in foul trouble and it just got a little sloppy. They still made plays, just not quite as many," Brown said.

Cooling off didn't hurt the Cobras in the end, though, as they cruised to the victory over the Raiders and will now get ready for a tough early test against a strong Maur Hill team.

While Jackson Heights wasn't perfect, Brown said the team played well in its debut and can get better. With a week off before their next game, that's what the Cobras will try to do preparing for a tough road contest in Atchison next Friday with

games starting at 4:30 p.m. Dec. 5, 2014 Immac.: 7-4-7-9—27 JHHS: 19-11-12-8—50 <u>Individual statistics:</u>

JHHS: Richter 9 (4) 3-3 25, Olberding 3 (2) 3-4 11, Slocum 3 0-2 6. Strube 1 2-2 4, Jacobsen 1 2-3 4, Keehn 0 0-1 0. Totals- 17 (6) 10-15

Immac.: Goetz 5 (1) 0-2 11, Varney 2 (1) 0-0 5, Thibault 2 0-1 4, Hibib 1 (1) 0-0 3, Hernandez 0 2-2 2, Keys 0 2-2 2. Totals- 10 (3) 4-7 27. Team statistics:

Rebounding: JH- 23 (Richter 7, Slocum 6, Jacobsen 3); Immac.- 18

(Downing 6). Assists: JH-7 (Strube 3, Jacobsen

2); Immac.- 4 (Torres 3).

Defense fuels Lady Cobras to opening win over Immaculata

If there was one word to summarize the Jackson Heights girls basketball team in their opening game, a 48-32 victory, at home against Immaculata, "intense" would certainly fit the bill. At the very least, it was an adjective head coach Dan Shupe was very happy to use in describing his team's performance on Friday night.

"The kids came out and really played with intensity at the start of the game. That's the thing that I really tried to instill in them this last year and a half is I wanted to make it more of a pressure type game and making the other team have to work to make decisions," Shupe said. "Win or lose, that's the type of game I'd like to see our kids play day in and day out."

Right out of the gate, the Cobras cranked up the intensity on the Raiders early and forced some turnovers to get some points in transition, leading to an 8-0 run to start the game.

By the end of the first quarter, the Raiders might have been feeling a little dizzy as the Cobras had already built up a double-digit lead, 12-2.

Immaculata got its bearings in the second quarter and started to answer back, but Jackson Heights kept its foot on the gas defensively and continued to work well in transition. The Cobras smothered the Raiders on that end of the floor and that is part of the tough mentality Shupe said he wants his players to have.

Another thing the coach wants from his team is a balance in the roles. While Jessica Keehn was a go-to player a season ago (and one of four Cobras to score nine points in Friday's win), he wants that burden to be spread out and other players to be able step up, which happened in the opening game.

The Raiders hung around and threatened to make it a tight game going into halftime before Taylor Abel hit a long three with just over two minutes left to push the Cobras'

lead back to double digits. The Cobras then took a 24-15 lead into the locker room at halftime. Abel was also one of the four players to finish the game with nine points.
"I feel more comfortable than I

have in a lot more people who can have the confidence to take that outside shot, which is going to take the pressure off Jessica where defenses can't just key in on Jessica. They're going to have to play those other kids on the perimeter and that's big," Shupe said.

Immaculata would not go away, though, and in response the Raiders ramped up their own defensive intensity in the second half to try and make a comeback. While Shupe said his team tried to rush things at times reacting to that defense, he said the Cobras handled it well for the most

The Raiders did draw some fouls and take advantage at the free throw line, with five of their eight points in the third quarter coming from the charity stripe, but the Cobras responded when needed as Keehn was the one to hit a big three this time, draining one halfway through the third quarter to maintain that double-digit lead.

Fouls did pile up on Jackson Heights Friday, but it is something Shupe said he will not worry too much about just yet. The players are still getting their bearings in the extended pressure defense he implemented last year and he knows increasing the depth and rotation of the Cobras' will only help with that.

Trying to make a run in the fourth quarter, the Raiders continued to press and while the Cobras had a few too many turnovers they got through it and continued to soak in that basketball knowledge regarding situations like playing with a lead.

"These kids are figuring it out, there's just a learning curve to get through," Shupe said.

Eventually, the Cobras did exactly

what they needed to and milked the clock in the final minutes as well as sinking their final seven free throws to secure the 48-32 victory over the eighth-ranked team in Class 1A-Division I.

It was a good win that shows the improvement of the team in one year's time as well as builds confidence heading into another tough match-up next Friday at Maur Hill, according to Shupe.

Jackson Heights picked up the win by rebounding well and playing strong defense throughout, especially on the perimeter.

"I don't know what their shooting percentage was, but it couldn't have been very good for them outside. They hit some inside shots, but I can't remember too many perimeter shots out of them," Shupe said.

In fact, the Raiders made no threepointers in Friday's game as Jackson Heights knocked off one of the teams predicted to challenge for an NEKL title. There are still things to learn and ways to adjust (like handling defensive switches), so the Cobras will go back to work in preparation for a tough game in Atchison next Friday starting at 4:30 p.m.

Dec. 5. 2014 Immac.: 2-13-8-9—32 JHHS: 12-12-13-11—48 <u>Individual statistics:</u>

JHHS: Abel 4 (1) 0-0 9, Allen 3 3-3 9, Keehn 3 (1) 2-4 9, Strube 4 1-2 9, Wareham 1 (1) 2-2 5, Thomas 1 1-2 3, Gibson 0 2-2 2, Cattrell 1 0-0 2. Totals- 17 (3) 11-15 48.

Immac.: Wolk 4 5-6 13, D. Sachse 3 1-4 7, Wolken 2 1-1 5, Parker 2 0-0 4, Vardiman 0 2-2 2, Schubert 0 1-2 1, Campbell 0 0-3 0. Totals- 11 10-19 32.

Team statistics:
Rebounds: JH- 27 (Allen 8, Strube 6, Wells 4, Gibson 4); Immac.- 18 (D. Sachse 4, Parker 4).

Assists: JH-8 (Abel 3, Gibson 2); Immac.- 2 (Parker 1, Wolk 1).

Turnovers: JH- 19; Immac.- 15.

RV basketball teams can't quite pull off late rallies in Meriden

In the two varsity contests for the Royal Valley basketball teams on Friday, both teams were hindered by some shooting woes in the final quarter that prevented them from picking up two wins to start the season.

The Panther boys fell to Jeff West on the road by a final score of 47-43 and free throws, according to RVHS coach Keith Pelton, were the story of

the game late. While Royal Valley started the game with some hot shooting, including at the free throw line, the roles were reversed late and the Tigers were able to ice the game late at the charity

"It came down to them making their free throws at the end and we didn't again. That's one area that we have to get better at," Pelton said.

Early on, the Tigers gave up some easy shots to the Panthers and Royal Valley took advantage. Pelton said in the second quarter as they started settling for shots while Jeff West's offense came alive and made it a tighter contest.

Royal Valley's lead was three points at halftime, but the second half was the dogfight Pelton was projecting heading into the contest. In the back team may have learned a valuable lesson about execution.

"We have to be patient on offense and make sure we get what we want,"

That will come with some young, inexperienced varsity players getting more time on the court, but Pelton noted this group has already done a lot well that is hard to coach, like making

some hustle plays in Friday's game. "I think that sparked a lot. We had a lot more people diving on the floor. Those are the intangible things, the hard work things and it's hard to teach them and this group seems to have it," Pelton said.

Now, the Panthers seemingly have some depth that they weren't expecting, too. With players like sophomore Ian Lee and freshman Masen Spoonhunter seeing time on the court against Jeff West, the key now is for all those players to keep pushing each other in practice to help make the games become easier through the course of the season.

The competition in the Big Seven won't let up, though, and Royal Valley will now prepare to host ACCHS in its home opener with games starting at 4:30 p.m. in Hoyt on Tuesday.

Dec. 5, 2014 RV: 14-9-10-10—43 JW: 6-14-15-12-47

<u>Individual statistics:</u> RVHS: N. Rottinghaus 4 (2) 0-1 10, Barger 3 (2) 1-2 9, Spoonhunter 2 (1) 1-2 6, Cullen 2 1-3 5, Roy 1 3-9 5, Tessendorf 2 0-1 4, J. Rottinghaus 1 0-0 2, Lee 0 2-2 2. Totals- 15 (5) 8-20 43.

Dickey 6 (1) 6-9 19, JWHS: Middendorf 3 (2) 1-2 9, Mickens 2 2-3 6, Schmidt 3 0-0 6. Totals- 15 (4)

Meanwhile, the Lady Panthers and Tigers battled back and forth from the get-go on Friday night.

Foul trouble is something RV coach Corey Katzer said plagued his team in the game and forced the Panthers to get away from their defensive game plan, but he said the players did well in adjusting to a zone defense to battle the foul trouble.

In the end, the Panthers just couldn't make enough shots to pull off the road

'We had plenty of shots. We had plenty of opportunities. It was just one of those nights that the ball didn't go in the hole," Katzer said.

After a sloppy start with a lot of fouls called on both teams, Royal Valley eventually settled in and was in the end.

Unfortunately, the Panthers gave up a couple baskets over the top of that defense that proved to be the difference despite a 16-point outburst on the offensive side of the ball in the final quarter. Kate Hanson played a big roll in that

final push, finishing the game with 16 points and 12 rebounds and helping limiting the damage from Jeff West's Olivia Brees (who scored 15 points in the game). Free throw shooting also hurt the Lady Panthers, as Royal Valley was

just 12 of 26 from the free throw line, yet despite the struggles Katzer said he was pleased that his team stayed in the game the whole way. "They battled and battled. Even

when they fell behind, they didn't put their heads down. They kept grinding and grinding at it," Katzer said. Players like Leslie Schuetz may not have scored, but still contributed with

seven steals, seven rebounds and in other ways. While the Panthers are still getting their feet under them while learning the new coach's offense and defense, there could be some growing pains, but the are driven and ready to get

back out on the court after a 42-38

loss to start the season. "They're still hurt by it and that's good to see, but like I told them, it's time to get over it and let' get to work. Let's come in Monday, get back to work and get focused on Atchison County," Katzer said.

The Panthers are set to host the Tigers in their home opener this Tuesday with games starting at 4:30

Dec. 5, 2014 RV: 6-5-11-16—38 JW: 7-8-8-19-42 **Individual statistics:**

RVHS: Hanson 64-11 16, Worrell 1 (1) 6-9 9, Baker 2 (1) 0-0 5, Biggoose 1 0-0 2, Dahl 1 0-2 2, Putnam 1 0-1 2, Thomas 0 2-2 2. Totals- 12 (2) 12-26

JWHS: Brees 5 5-11 15, Biggs 2 3-4 7, Slimmer 3 0-2 6, Miller 2 0-0 4, Becker 0 4-7 4, Metzger 1 (1) 0-03, Broxterman 1 0-0 2, Murdie 0 1-3 1. Totals- 14 (1) 13-27 42.



Jackson Heights' Katelin Strube (shown above, middle left) fights off an Immaculata player to secure a rebound in the first game of the season. The Cobras came out with some intensity and led start-to-finsh in their 48-32 victory over the Raiders.

Photo by Kelly Breckunitch

Wildcats, Panthers pick up big wins in dual tournaments to start wrestling season

Holton and Royal Valley both started the wrestling season over the weekend in some tough dual tournaments, with both getting some positive results on the mats.

The Wildcats headed east to Spring Hill and held their own against several larger schools, getting wins over four Class 6A schools at the tournament. Holton's only loss in the Friday tournament was to fellow 4A squad (and top-ranked team in the class) Chanute.

In a tight dual with the Blue Comets, Holton came up a few points short of another perfect record in the Spring Hill dual tournament.

Over in Atchison, Royal Valley competed in a dual tournament of its own and lost some close matches but still finished 3-2 overall and took fifth. Individual results were not received, but team results are listed

Royal Valley will return to action in a dual at Topeka High on Tuesday, while Holton will host a double dual with De Soto, Jeff West and Santa Fe Trail on Thursday.

Spring Hill Dual tournament

Team results: Holton 70, Blue Valley 7 Holton 47, Olathe South 24 Holton 43, Olathe Northwest 32 78, Shawnee Mission

Chanute 42, Holton 40 <u>Individual results:</u>

Holton

(106): Arturo Reveles had an open

round. (113): Coulter Bisel had an open round

(120): Ace Eisenbarth had an open

(126): Noah Schlick (BV) won by major decision, 10-2, over Jameson

(132): Justin Pool won by fall over Gage Cook (BV).

(138): Tyler Price won by major decision, 13-2, over Ryan Madden

(145): Justin Rieschick won by

fall over Dillon Grantham (BV). Sam Grandon (BV) won by decision, 9-5, over Trey

Haverkamp. (160): Lucas Lovvorn won by fall over Jake Schram (BV).

(170): Mason Baum won by fall over Sam Bagby (BV).

(182): Kyler Tannahill had an

(195): Brandon Lehnherr won by fall over Andy Carillo (BV).

(285): Kegan Meister had an open

(220): Nathan Shields had an open

vs. Olathe South

(106): Jace Koelzer (OS) won by

fall over Arturo Reveles. (113): Coulter Bisel had an open

(120): Ace Eisenbarth won by fall over Nate Henson (OS).

(126): Jameson Lutz won by fall

over Jeff Molina (OS). (132): Both teams were open.

(138): Justin Pool won by fall over Yetbarek Abera (OS).

(145): Justin Rieschick had an open round.

(152): Nicholas Jouret (OS) won by fall over Trey Haverkamp.

(160): Lucas Lovvorn won by tech fall, 16-0, over Patrick Haase (OS). (170): Mason Baum won by fall

over Tyler Crumine (OS). (182): Tyler Jouret (OS) won by

fall over Kyler Tannahill. (195): Pearce Kinzer (OS) won by fall over Brandon Lehnherr.

(220): Nathan Shields won by fall over Enrique Cabrera (OS).

(285): Kegan Meister won by fall over Cruz Martin (OS).

vs. Olathe Northwest (106): Will Whitaker (ONW) won by fall over Arturo Reveles. Coulter Bisel won by

decision, 5-4, over Eric Chang

(120): Taylor Jokerst (ONW) won by fall over Ace Eisenbarth. (126): Kavian Kalantari (ONW)

won by tech fall, 18-3, over Jameson

(132): Doug Newcomb (ONW) won by decision, 11-5, over Justin

(138): Tyler Price won by fall over Anthony Macaluso (ONW).

(145): Justin Rieschick won by major decision, 13-3, over Evan Pardue (ONW).

(152): James Macaluso (ONW) won by fall over Trey Haverkamp. (160): Logan Cannon (ONW) had an open round.

(170): Lucas Lovvorn won by fall over Luke Middleton (ONW). (182): Mason Baum won by fall over Mason Collins (ONW).

(195): Chase Hartquist (ONW) won by fall over Brandon Lehnherr. (220): Nathan Shields had an open

(285): Kegan Meister won by fall over Sam Stone (ONW).

vs. SM South

round.

(106): Arturo Reveles had an open

(113): Isaias Olson (SMS) won by fall over Coulter Bisel.

(120): Ace Eisenbarth won by fall over Owen Swanburg (SMS).

(126): Jameson Lutz had an open round (132): Justin Pool had an open

(138): Tyler Price and an open round. (145): Justin Rieschick won by

fall over Lewis Smith (SMS). (152): Trey Haverkamp had an open round.

(160): Lucas Lovvorn won by injury default over Bryce Lantz (SMS)

(170): Mason Baum won by fall over Danny Ruiz (SMS).

(182): Kyler Tannahill won by fall over Daz Stripling.

(195): Brandon Lehnherr had an open round.

(220): Nathan Shields had an open (285): Kegan Meister had an open

vs. Chanute

round.

(106): Hunter Schwegman (Chanute) won by fall over Arturo Reveles.

(113): Sam Wehlage (Chanute) won by fall over Coulter Bisel. (120): Gage Leedy (Chanute) won

by fall over Ace Eisenbarth. Leland VanWinkle (Chanute) won by fall over Jameson

(132): Justin Pool won by fall over Matt Devoe (Chanute).

(138): Tyler Price won by fall over Ty Clements (Chanute).

(145): Justin Rieschick won by fall over Kolby Lewis (Chanute). (152): Trey Haverkamp won by fall over Kaine Moore (Chanute). (160): Lucas Lovvorn won by

major decision, 11-1, over Brady Vogel (Chanute). (170): Mason Baum won by fall

over Jodie Murphy (Chanute). (182): Ethin Van Anne (Chanute) won by fall over Kyler Tannahill.

(195): Alex Son (Chanute) won by fall over Brandon Lehnherr. (220): Nathan Shields won by fall

over Dylan Phillips (Chanute). (285): Will Christiansen (Chanute) won by fall over Kegan Meister.

Worley/Tilton Memorial tournament

Team results: ACCHS 54, Royal Valley 24 Royal Valley 64, Riverside 16 Royal Valley 72, Maur Hill 6 Pleasant Ridge 40, Royal Valley

Royal Valley 60, Atchison 27

Jackson Heights' Lane Slocum (shown above, left) looks on

as teammates Austin Sauvage (middle left) and Braden Dohl (middle right) go up for a rebound early in Fríday's game against Immaculata. The Cobras negated the Raiders' size by pushing the tempo on the way to a victory.

Photo by Kelly Breckunitch

Area wrestling teams earning recognition

While Holton and Royal Valley will certainly have some experienced wrestlers back in 2014-2015, they won't be the only ones.

The Wildcats and Panthers finished at the top of the Big Seven last season and it looks likely that the teams will have the same competition for the top spots as a year ago, especially with Atchison County bringing back almost the same numbers as both of those squads.

ACCHS enters the season ranked fifth in Class 3-2-1A for a good reason. The Tigers have six state qualifiers returning to the team and four wrestlers are ranked individually already.

Last year's state runner-up at 106 lbs., Hunter Ostertag is the first of those ranked wrestlers starting out at #2 in Class 3-2-1A as per the Kansas Wrestling Coaches Association rankings.

Next up are three seniors, including nultiple-time state qualifiers (and state placers) Logan Bowen and Willy Dieckmann, who are both ranked third in their weight class (132 lbs. and 138 lbs., respectively). The third senior, Dillon Weaver, enters the winter ranked fourth at 182 lbs., while state qualifiers Jordan Herman (113 lbs.), Jacob Handke (220 lbs.) and Bratton Forbes (285 lbs.) are also back.

With Royal Valley retaining four state qualifiers and two stateranked wrestlers and Holton getting five ranked wrestlers and six state qualifiers back, that trio of teams could be hard to unseat in the Big Seven League.

The rest of the league competition isn't quite as loaded, with Sabetha (Jacob Leuthold) and Jeff West (Sam Shenk) each returning one state qualifier of their own and no other teams being able to boast the same.

Leuthold is also the only other league wrestler who enters the reason ranked (#6 at 285 lbs. in Class 3-2-1A), so the rest of the Big Seven could be a bit of a question mark while the Wildcats and Panthers and Tigers (oh my!) look poised to remain atop the standings.

Also of note is some returning talent in the Northeast Kansas League. While Jackson Heights and a handful of other NEKL schools don't field a wrestling team, a small group of schools do and some of those teams will be getting some strong competitors back this winter.

While the NEKL schools compete in a difficult region, one team will see two wrestlers returning with state tournament experience this winter as both Mark Nickels and Dusty Bammes are back for the Oskaloosa

Several other area teams, like Silver Lake, Rossville, Doniphan West and Troy, have state-ranked wrestlers who will make northeast Kansas a very highly competitive region for high school wrestling once again.

Holton, Royal Valley and the rest of the league teams will likely see those squads in tournaments as well this season and will hope to be pushed to their best and breakthrough for some

Holton falls to tough Sabetha squads

Never a team to back away from a challenge, starting off the season against a loaded Wamego team the last several years, the Holton girls basketball team jumped into another challenging game to start the season

The Wildcats welcomed in the Sabetha Blue Jays and the defending league champions looked the part early while Holton looked like the team from this same time a year "We played scared. We got that

wide-eyed look we had in our eyes that we had a year ago at this point in time. Hopefully we can overcome that," HHS coach Jon Holliday said.

It was a symptom shared by all members of the team, but the Wildcats got over that in the second half only to have a rally fall short as Sabetha prevailed 44-30 on Friday night.

The Blue Jays dictated the style of play early and the Wildcats were in shock as Sabetha put up 17 points in the first quarter. They continued doing what they wanted and getting the shots they wanted in the second quarter, but the Wildcats also started to find their footing late in the second

By the second half, Holton was able to bring the deficit down to single digits by the end of the third quarter after trailing by 17 points and Holliday was looking to get a basket and a timeout after that, but the Wildcats never got closer.

"That's what good teams do to you. They don't let you back in the ball game. They kept in the driver seat and never let us back in and made good decisions down the stretch," Holliday said.

of this team.

'We had a great test early. We

While the Wildcats showed flashes of that characteristically strong defense in the second half, it wasn't quite enough to overcome a tough offensive night as Holton barely shot over 20 percent from the field. Still, the adversity the Wildcats saw did some things to highlight the potential

knew they were going to be a good basketball team and we were going to find out what we have to do to get better and I think we did," Holliday said. "It showed that maybe we can be a decent defensive team. That's a pretty good team we held to 44 points. The bad thing is offensively we're going to have to get better. We're going have to find a way to score some baskets.

The team might have looked like the first half version of last season's squad, but that was a team that improved each game to play its best basketball by the end and Holliday believes this group has the same potential. They just have to go back to work in practice and transfer what they've been doing there to game action, which next will see them take on Perry-Lecompton at home on Tuesday. Ğames will start at 4:30

Dec. 5, 2014 Sab.: 17-8-8-11—44 HHS: 4-6-14-6—30 <u>Individual statistics:</u> HHS: Boswell2 (1) 4-4 9, Tanking 2 (2) 1-27, Moore 2 1-45, A. Weilert

Sub-state, regionals set

While the winter sports season is just getting under way, teams already know their postseason fates as the sub-state and regional assignments were recently announced by the Kansas State High

School Activities Association. Last week, KSHSAA released the pairings, which held very little surprises for Jackson County teams.

In basketball, Holton and Royal Valley will be in almost the exact same substate bracket only with Perry-Lecompton being switched out for Atchison this season and RVHS hosting the Class 4A-DII sub-state tournament. Jeff West will be the fourth member of the

Meanwhile, Jackson Heights will be headed back to Valley Falls to face much of the same competition as well, with Bishop Seabury, McLouth, Heritage Christian, KC Christian, Maranatha Academy, Troy, host Valley Falls and

JCN all in the field. For the area teams, not much changes either as ACCHS will be back at a Class 3A sub-state featuring Maur Hill, Hiawatha, Horton, Marysville, host Sabetha, Nemaha Central and Riverside, while Wetmore will compete in the same Class 1A-DII sub-state field in Randolph (Blue Valley) as a year ago only with the addition of one team (Southern Cloud) to

Other team's in Wetmore's sub-state include Axtell, Junction City-St. Xavier and Linn.

On the wrestling mats, both Royal Valley and Holton will stay a little closer to home this season as they will make the trip to Baldwin for regional competition in late February.

Competition the Wildcats and Panthers will see includes the likes of Atchison, host Baldwin, Basehor-Linwood, Bonner Springs, De Soto, Eudora, Holton, Royal Valley, KC Bishop Ward, KC Piper, KC Sumner, Jeff West, Perry-Lecompton, Santa Fe Trail Bishop Miege and Tonganoxie.

On the flip side, the ACCHS wrestling team will see much of the same competition at a Class 3-2-1A regional in St. Mary's, including teams from Maur Hill, Burlingame, Council Grove, Pleasant Ridge, Mission Valley, Hiawatha, Doniphan West, Immaculata, Marysville, McLouth, Onaga, Osage City, Oskaloosa, Riley County, Rossville, Sabetha, Silver Lake, host St. Mary's, Troy, Wabaunsee, Riverside and

Look for more information on the substate brackets (including seedings) later 20-04, T. Weilert 11-13, Thompson 1 0-0 2. Totals- 10 (3) 7-11 30. SHS: McAfee 3 (1) 6-6 13, Schuette 2 (1) 1-5 6, Becker 2 1-1 5,

Winkler 2 (1) 0-0 5, Heiniger 1 0-0

2, Meyer 1 0-1 2. Totals- 11 (3) 8-13 The Holton boys, similarly, had to open against the defending Big Seven League champion and while the Wildcats built up a one-point halftime lead, a poor third quarter

doomed the team's chances of victory on opening night. "I was very pleased with our effort. We knew defensively that we'd asked an awful lot of them and I thought, especially in the first half, they worked awful hard and tried to get in spots. Our defensive intensity was pretty good and we held a pretty good team to 20 points in the first

half," HHS coach Ryan Noel said. An 8-0 run to end the second quarter helped give the Wildcats that halftime lead, but the team played into Sabetha's hands in the first quarter as the offense lost some fire and the Blue Jays slowed the pace to take control

"We need to push the pace. We need to get up and down the floor and move quickly and we were stagnant offensively in the third quarter," Noel said.

The slow pace played to the

the Blue Jays outscored host Holton 18-5 in that critical third quarter. While Sabetha maintained that lead through the end of the game, Noel noted his team never showed any signs of quitting, which made him They didn't give up. They didn't

advantage of Sabetha's offense as

throw the towel in. They continued to try and get up and down the floor. They guarded the ball hard. Every kid that suited up played and I thought we got great effort out of all

of them," Noel said.

Many of those players saw their first significant varsity minutes and Noel knows it will take more than one game for them to adapt to those roles. The key is to strive to get better, which the Wildcats will try to do heading into Tuesday's home game against Perry-Lecompton. Action will start at 4:30 p.m.

Dec. 5, 2014 Sab.: 11-9-18-14—52 HHS: 8-13-5-13-39 <u>Individual statistics:</u>

HHS: Beecher 9 (4) 0-0 22, Tanking 3 (1) 1-1 8, Bergsten 2 0-1 4, Frakes 0 3-3 3, Wright 1 0-0 2. Totals- 15 (5) 4-5 39.

SHS: Keehn 6 1-1 13, Frey 5 (2) 0-0 12, Schumann 4 3-4 11, Plattner 3 1-3 7, Russell 3 (1) 0-0 7, Cox 1 0-1 2. Totals- 22 (3) 5-9 52.

UPCOMING PREP SPORTS

TUESDAY, DEC. 9: HHS Boys Basketball vs. Perry-Lecompton – 4:30 p.m. @ Holton; HHS Girls Basketball vs. Perry-Lecompton - 4:30 p.m. @ Holton; RVHS Boys Basketball vs. ACCHS - 4:30 p.m. @ Hoyt; RVHS Girls Basketball vs. ACCHS - 4:30 p.m. @ Hoyt; RVHS Wrestling vs. Lawrence Free State - 5:30 p.m. @ Topeka

THURSDAY, DEC. 11: HHS Wrestling vs. De Soto/JW/SFT – 5 p.m. @

FRIDAY, DEC. 12: HHS Boys Basketball vs. ACCHS – 4:30 p.m. @ Effingham; HHS Girls Basketball vs. ACCHS – 4:30 p.m. @ Effingham; HHS Wrestling – Santa Fe Trail Inv.t – 4 p.m. @ Carbondale; JHHS Boys Basketball vs. Maur Hill - 4:30 p.m. @ Atchison; JHHS Girls Basketball vs. Maur Hill – 4:30 p.m. @ Atchison; RVHS Boys Basketball vs. Hiawatha - 4:30 p.m. @ Hiawatha; RVHS Girls Basketball vs.

Hiawatha - 4:30 p.m. @ Hiawatha SATURDAY, DEC. 13: HHS Wrestling – Clay Center Invit. – 9 a.m. @ Clay Center; HHS Wrestling - Olathe NW Tourn. - 9 a.m. @ Olathe; RVHS -S. Heights JV Tourn. – 9 a.m. @ Tecumseh; RVHS Wrestling SMNW Varsity Tounr. – 9 a.m. @ Shawnee

MONDAY, DEC. 15: HHS Boys Basketball vs. Hayden – 3:30 p.m. @

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Jackson Heights junior Zane Richter got off to a hot start this basketball season as he didn't miss a shot in the first half of action in the Cobras' opening game against Immaculata. Richter hit three threepointers in the opening quarter and also helped Heights push the pace on offense on the way to a team-high 25 points in addition to the seven rebounds he collected in the team's 50-27 home

Royal Valley junior Kate Hanson also got the basketball season started with a bang. While the Panthers lost a tough one on the road, falling 42-38 to Jeff West, it was not for a lack of effort on Hanson's part. The junior forward started this season where she left off last winter, going to work in the post and recording a double-double with 16 points and 12 rebounds, both of which led the team on Friday night.



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Case No. 14 PR 39

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/s/ Roland Dean Williams, Jr. Roland Dean Williams, Jr.

> /s/ Clarence Leroy Williams Clarence Leroy Williams

Submitted and Approved:

/s/ J. Richard Lake J. Richard Lake, #06661 Attorney at Law 110th West 5th Street Holton KS 66436

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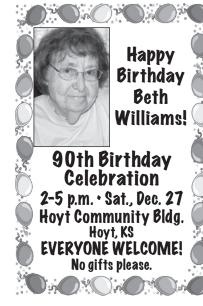
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Royal Valley High School Christmas Concert

In the photo above, members of the Royal Valley School band performed during the school's holiday concert last week. At left, the school's jazz band also performed one song, "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree." Shown are two members of the jazz band, Eugene Masquat (left) and Jack Kutina. The middle and elementary schools will hold their holiday concerts this week.

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Monday, Dec. 15: Breakfast - Oatmeal breakfast round, yogurt, orange wedge, milk and juice; Lunch - Macaroni and cheese, meatballs, seasoned peas, baby carrots, apple, wheat bread (5-12) and milk.

Tuesday, Dec. 16: Breakfast Whole-grain cereal, fruit, cheese stick, milk and juice; Lunch -Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes and gravy, fresh broccoli, orange slices, wheat bread (5-12) and

Wednesday, Dec. 17: Breakfast Breakfast pizza, fresh fruit, milk and juice; Lunch – Chili, crackers, cucumbers and green peppers, fresh grapes, cinnamon roll and

Thursday, Dec. 18: Breakfast – French toast sticks with syrup, sausage link, fruit cocktail, milk and juice; Lunch - Baked ham, scalloped potatoes, green beans, wheat roll, fruit salad, cake and milk.

Friday, Dec. 19: Breakfast –Bis-

cuit with sausage gravy, fruit, milk and juice; Lunch – Hamburger on a bun, lettuce and tomato, whole-grain sunchips, baby carrots, fruit cocktail, graham snack and milk. *Holton Unified*

School District No. 336

Monday, Dec. 15: Breakfast - Biscuit and gravy, pineapple tidbits, milk choice and fruit juice choice; Lunch – Hamburger on a bun, dark green leaf lettuce, tomato slice, oven fries, applesauce, fresh fruit choice and milk choice.

Tuesday, Dec. 16: Breakfast Pancake on a stick, sliced pears, milk choice and fruit juice choice; Lunch – Chili, tortilla chips (9-12), red bell pepper strips, fresh bananas, cinnamon roll, canned fruit choice and milk choice.

Wednesday, Dec. 17: Breakfast Breakfast pizza, sliced peaches, milk choice and fruit juice choice; Lunch - Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes and gravy, tossed salad, whole-wheat roll and jelly, fresh grapes, canned fruit choice and milk choice.

Thursday, Dec. 18: Breakfast Sausage breakfast sandwich, mandarin oranges, milk choice and fruit juice choice; Lunch – Baked ham, apple glazed sweet potato, green beans, whole-wheat roll and honey, fresh grapes, cherry crisp, canned fruit choice and milk choice.

Friday, Dec. 19: Breakfast -French toast with syrup, applesauce, milk choice and fruit juice choice; Lunch – Country style beef patty, mashed potatoes and gravy, steamed broccoli, whole-wheat roll and jelly, fresh banana, canned fruit choice and milk choice.

Royal Valley Unified School District No. 337

Monday, Dec. 15: Breakfast -French toast sticks, fruit and milk; Lunch – Crispitos with salsa, refried beans, corn, fruit and milk.

Tuesday, Dec. 16: Breakfast Cereal, fruit and milk; Lunch Hot ham and cheese on bun, potato wedges, fresh broccoli, fruit and milk.

Wednesday, Dec. 17: Breakfast Pancakes, fruit and milk; Lunch Chicken leg, mashed potatoes with gravy, baked beans, roll, fruit and milk.

Thursday, Dec. 18: Breakfast -Breakfast pizza, fruit and milk; Lunch - Italian pasta bake, green beans, salad, breadstick (9-12), fruit and milk.

Friday, Dec. 19: Breakfast -Biscuit and gravy, fruit and milk; Lunch – Pizza, pepper strips, fresh carrots, muffin (9-12), fruit and

> Prairie Hills Unified School District No. 113

Monday, Dec. 15: Breakfast Cereal or cinnamon pastries; Lunch – Grilled chicken wrap with spinach, carrot crunchies, tater tots, sunshine slices and milk.

Tuesday, Dec. 16: Breakfast Biscuits and gravy; Lunch - Baked ham, cheesy scalloped potatoes, seasoned green beans, rosy applesauce, whole-grain cornbread and

Wednesday, Dec. 17: Breakfast – Syrup Day; Lunch – Cook's choice.

Thursday, Dec. 18: Breakfast Sausage or egg biscuit sandwich; Lunch – Peanut butter and jelly Uncrustable, baby carrots, baked chips, apple, Chips Ahoy cookies and milk.

Friday, Dec. 19: No School.

School Calendars

Jackson Heights Unified School District No. 335 Monday, Dec. 15: 7 p.m. Grades PreK-6 Christmas concert.

Thursday, Dec. 18: 7:30 p.m. Grades 7-12 Christmas concert. Friday, Dec. 19: End of second quarter.

Holton Unified School District No. 336 Sunday, Dec. 14: 5 p.m. Post Prom Committee meeting @ HMS.

Monday, Dec. 15: 6:30 p.m. HMS band/vocal concert. **Tuesday, Dec. 16:** 6:30 p.m.

Grades 6-12 vocal concert @ HHS. Wednesday, Dec. 17: 6:30 p.m. Grades 6-2 band concert @

Friday, Dec. 19: End of second quarter.

Royal Valley Unified School District No. 337
Wednesday, Dec. 17: RVHS finals

1A-2A-4A. Thursday, Dec. 18: RVHS finals 1B-2B-4B.

Friday, Dec. 19: RVHS "Jump Day" #2; RVHS finals 3A-3B; 11 a.m. RVHS classes dismiss; end of

Prairie Hills Unified School District No. 113

Monday, Dec. 15: 7 p.m. SHS winter band/vocal concert @ SMS. Wednesday, Dec. 17: 7 p.m. Wetmore Booster Club meeting.

Thursday, Dec. 18: 2:30 p.m. SES Christmas party.

Friday, Dec. 19: End of second nine weeks; ½ in-service morning; ½ teacher work day afternoon.

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Menus listed for the week of Monday, Dec. 15 through Friday, Dec. 19 are as fol-

lows:

Monday, Dec. 15: Lasagna, lettuce salad, broccoli, applesauce and French bread and margarine.

Tuesday, Dec. 16: Roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, peas and carrots, pineapple, lemon bars and bread and margarine.

Wednesday, Dec. 17: Taco bake with biscuit crust, chuckwagon corn, strawberry and banana cup and cake.

Thursday, Dec. 18: Turkey and dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, cranberry sauce, pumpkin pie and hot roll and margarine.

Friday, Dec. 19: Broccoli cheese soup, chicken salad, apricot crisp, ice cream and bread and crackers.



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Report given for Hoyt City Council November meetings

The Hoyt City Council held a special meeting on Nov. 12.

Those present were Mayor Debbie Dreasher and council members Guy Cumpton, Nathan McAlister, Ed Ryan, Lana Dillner and Leonard Allen. Also present were Mike Peroo, Theresa Hannigan, Bruce Rinkes and Bill Jacobs.

Mayor Dreasher called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

Rinkes and Jacobs gave a presentation on their proposal for work at Fourth Street and Highland Avenue. The council asked if Rinkes and Jacobs could attend the Dec. 2 meeting with two options for correcting

the issues relating to the streets. A motion was made and carried to sign a contract with King & Associates for engineering services and/or professional services relating to the downtown issues and Fourth Street and Highland Avenue.

Peroo, the city's auditor, discussed general financials with the mayor and council.

There was additional discussion with Peroo regarding amending the city's 2014 budget. A budget hearing

will be held at 6 p.m. on Dec. 17.

Rvan discussed the amount offered from Tarwater Farm & Home for the city mower. The offer was \$3,100 for a trade-in and \$7,900 for a new mower. Ryan will speak with Tarwater representatives to see if this deal can be pushed until January 2015.

Mayor Dreasher stated that Police Chief Jon Brown has given his resignation effective immediately.

The board met in executive session for 15 minutes to discuss a personnel matter. The closed session extended for 15 minutes.

was made and carried to appoint Dan Wentling as Chief of Police. The council discussed an ordinance

Back in open session, a motion

regarding driving "Gators" in town. The city clerk notified the council and mayor that Lee Matthews will complete maintenance work on the city's sewer pumps on Nov. 18 and 19. Because of this, Kenny Bryanwill not be able to attend the KRWA

class on Nov. 19. The city clerk discussed the conversation with Kellerman's Insurcost to repair the siding to the city building. The council would like to get three quotes to repair the siding.

The city clerk and mayor discussed correspondence received from The International Leagues of Cities. The council is not interested in being published in this directory.

The council discussed the status of the city website.

A motion was made and carried to pay bills. The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.



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The Hoyt City Council met in regular session on Nov. 4. Those present were Mayor Debbie Dreasher and council members Guy Cumpton, Nathan McAlister, Ed Ryan, Lana Dillner and Leonard Allen.

Also present were Lee Hendricks, Larry Valdez, Mike Brookshire, Janelle Kent, Dee Olson, Jerry Thornburg, Heather Stewart, Edward Kester and Corky Milroy.

Mayor Dreasher called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

Ā motion was made and carried to approve the minutes from the Oct. 7

and Oct. 20 meetings. Stewart requested that the council waive the rental fee for the community building for a Boy Scout "Leave No Trace" class being held on Nov. 30 at the park. The community building will only be used for the class if the shelter house is being used or is the weather is bad.

A motion was made and carried to waive the deposit and rental fee for the community building for the Boy Scout class.

Cumpton and Kester discussed the tornado siren pole at the bank. Cumpton reported that he has spoken with Westar Energy and will follow up with Bob Ehrhart regarding repairs on the pole.

Brookshire requested that the council extend the number of hours the community building is open to people who want to walk for exercise. There was further discussion regarding the current schedule, and council members agreed to discuss the issue at a later date.

Kent met with the council to discuss the prior agreement that was made with Bob Ehrhart regarding the drainage issues behind Slocum's property.

The May 2014 minutes accurately reflect that agreement and invoicing that followed. Kent also thanked Hendricks for his help in getting the lines painted at the city building parking lot.

The council and mayor discussed utility billing software over the phone with Linda Windler of Thoroughbred Systems Inc. of Topeka.

McAlister discussed the proposals he received from the engineering firms regarding the issues and improvements needed at Fourth Street and Highland Avenue. The proposals only include the cost to provide the city with their recommendations for

the improvements needed. The proposals included \$12,800 from CFS Engineers, \$2,700 from Sunflower Design and \$3,400 from Schmidt, Beck & Boyd.

Bruce Rinkes from King & Associates will meet with the council to discuss his proposal on Nov. 12. A special meeting was scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Nov. 12.

McAlister told council members that Lee Matthews will be coming soon to perform maintenance on the lift stations.

The council discussed the billing agreement for services completed by Bob Ehrhart for work done at Fifth Street and Highland Avenue.

Dillner updated the council on the landscaping at Robinson Park. She said that the disc golf baskets have been installed at the park.

Cumpton discussed the need for additional lighting at the community

McAlister discussed the current state of the lawnmower. Ryan will discuss this with Kenny Bryan and get an estimate of value from Tarwater Farm & Home.

Hendricks discussed the monthly police report and resolution of tickets. There was further discussion on the status of the new police car.

Hendricks presented an ordinance to the council for review relating to water deposits. A motion was made

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and carried to approve the ordinance relating to water deposits.

Mayor Dreasher discussed a \$1,640.05 payment offered from Scottsdale Insurance Company for the siding damage to the city building caused by the business fire. Council members would like to discuss this with Kellerman's Insurance before signing anything.

Kester discussed the status of clean

up at Toolworks. Dreasher discussed the multi-jurisdictional hazard mitigation plan received from Jackson County Emergency Management. A motion was made and carried to approve the

Dreasher read the thank you note received from RVHS publications. She also discussed a phone call she received from Brian Boeckman with Homestead Affordable Housing. The council suggested having Boeckman come to the council's December meeting to discuss the building home program.

Dreasher discussed a request by Mr. and Mrs. Oshel to have their ditch dug out to help with drainage. Cumpton will discuss this with Bob Ehrhart and ask him to provide an estimate of cost for completing this

Dreasher also discussed the need to amend the 2014 budget. She will contact the accountant, Mike Peroo, to ask him to attend the special meeting on Nov. 12.

McAlister discussed the status of the sister city project.

At 8:49 p.m., the board met in executive session for 20 minutes to discuss a matter of attorney/client privilege. The executive session extended for 15 minutes. No action was taken back in open session.

Back in open session, a motion was made and carried to pay bills. The meeting adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

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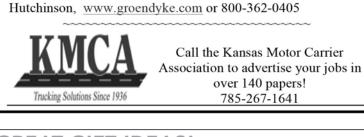
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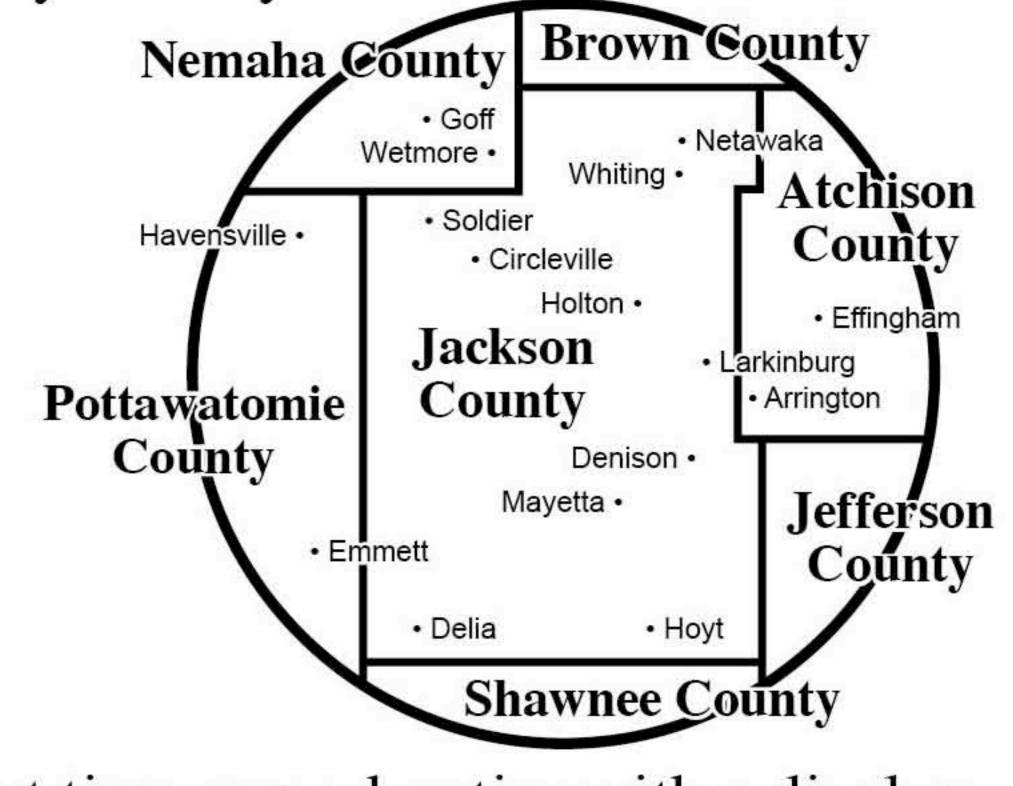




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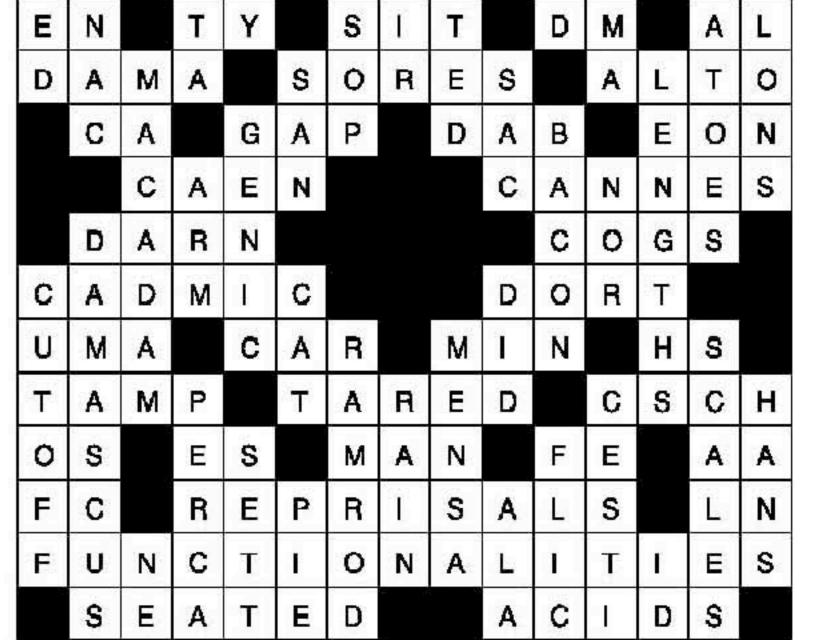
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Soldier Boosters 4-H Club reports activities

By MaKenzie Kennedy Senior Reporter

The Soldier Boosters' monthly 4-H meeting was held Sunday, Nov. 9 at the Soldier Hall. The meeting was brought to order at 6:06 p.m.

Club members said the flag salute, then the 4-H pledge. Roll call was "A Thanksgiving Traditional Food," and then the club had the reading of the minutes. In communications, the club seal was read, where members learned that their club had received a purple seal. Next the club had the reporter's report.

During the leader's report, club members talked about the upcoming council meeting, new 4-H club shirts that they were going to order and the farm sale that the club had just helped with the morning and afternoon before the meeting.

During new business, the club elected a new junior vice president and new council member. The club also discussed Christmas baskets, caroling and Santa activities that the club would be doing for the next meeting. In a parents' meeting after the club meeting, parents discussed ordering fruit from local FFA chapters.

Also in new business, the club had special guests, the Lena Hughes family, including Robert, Leann and George, past members of the Soldier Boosters. They donated money to the club from their mom's memorial for special club events.

The club then had project talks by Brianna and Savannah Cattrell. After that, club members sang to those with November birthdays. The next meeting will be held at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14 at the Soldier fire station, followed by the club hosting Santa for the communities around 2



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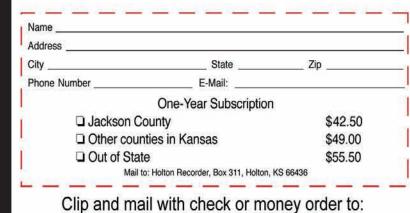


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Second Saturday...

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However, the Lady Belles make music not only for those willing to listen, but in memory of those who helped make the group what it is.

The English handbells we use are memorial bells," Wright said. "On each bell, there's an inscription of a family or group in the church or someone who gave us the money to pay for that bell. We have three octaves of those.

The 18 members of the Rainbow Connection youth choir, spanning second through sixth grades, also perform with a four-octave set of hand chimes, Wright said, but only a few of the hand chimes will be used in Saturday's performance.

"The children have one number where they'll be using the chimes," Wright said, noting the Rainbow Connection's three songs are being used as a warm-up for their Christmas concert on Sunday morning at First UMC. The Lady Belles will follow with a performance lasting 40 to 45 minutes, she added.

As for the dinner, McKee said China Restaurant proprietor Kirk Liu is "going all out" with a "gi-gantic" buffet-style dinner that includes cashew chicken, pepper steak, sweet and sour chicken, sesame chicken, chicken with broccoli, black pepper chicken, triple delight with garlic sauce, crab rangoon, egg rolls, fried rice and lo mein. "It's a great opportunity for a night out," she said.

And, of course, there will be plenty to look at around the Square, including a display at the Jackson County Museum on the southwest corner of the Square. The display will have a theme of "Changing Christmas Tra-

ditions: When The Old Becomes New Again," it has been reported.

The Gossip, located in the former Bell Graphics building, will host artists Katie Morris, Michael Mize, the Sew Sisters and Totten Art, along with Red Rock Ranch Vintage Jewels and holiday goodies provided by J's Delightful Desserts.

On the west side of the Square, Penny's will offer live music and drink specials, Koger Variety will host a Christmas cookie demonstration and J&M Sewing Center will show off its new location.

On the south side of the Square, Heart to Home will offer wine tasting and gourmet food samples. Meanwhile, on the north side of the Square, Start to Finish will hold a winter gift clearance sale and Hotspot will offer stamped metal jewelry by imPress'em of Topeka along with specials on hot chocolate and pumpkin spice frappés.

In addition to the dinner and performance that evening, Complete Chiropractic will offer Silpada Jewelry, Christmas décor and refreshments. Elsewhere on the west side of the Square, expressions, Quilting on the Square and Uptown Treasures also will be offering specials to those who visit. Farmertown Antiques on U.S. Highway 75 will also be open, offering deals on vintage Christmas

Advance tickets for the dinner and entertainment are available at all area banks. For more information, call the Chamber office at 364-3963 or visit www.exploreholton.com

The event is sponsored in part by the Jackson County Tourism Coun-



The Royal Valley High School Soundsations sang three songs during the school's concert last week. Pictured above are (front row, from left) Karrigan Coan, Annie Wiese, Shianne Gonzalez, Morgan New, Danielle Stithem, (back row, from left) Spencer Estes, Jerry Coan, Max Hennis, Chance Clement and Alex Rodvelt.

NEKLS reports on funding for Beck Bookman

Members of the Northeast Kansas Library System recently shared an annual report of services and funding for Holton's Beck Bookman Library with the Jackson County Commission.

The NEKLS is a library service district serving 14 regional counties. There are seven regional library systems in the state that were created by Kansas lawmakers to improve and extend library service to all Kansans.

The NEKLS is primarily funded by a property tax levied on all property that is not within a local library district. In addition, the system receives state aid and other grants and fees.

In 2014, system services provided to the Beck Bookman Library and the residents of Jackson County:

* Free use of all participating libraries in the 14-county region, including such major libraries as the Johnson County, Kansas City, Kan., Leavenworth, Lawrence and the Topeka/ Shawnee County libraries.

* Grants totaling \$18,230.

* A shared regional online catalog that provides county residents with access to a collection of more than one million items.

* Online access to digital content including e-books, digital audiobooks, movies and music.

* Subsidies totaling \$2,600 for interlibrary courier service to deliver more than 5,500 items to the Beck Bookman Library and the Royal Valley and Holton school libraries.

* Continuing education scholarships to library staff.

* Coordination and training for the

children's summer reading program.

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* Computer technical support and Internet security, content filleting and business applications software and services.

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ing for library programs.

It was reported that the city of Holton budgets 5 mills for the Beck Bookman Library each year.

NEKLS is based in Lawrence and has 10 staff members. It is governed by an executive board. Kim Beets was appointed as the director of NEKLS last month following the retirement of James Minges.

For more information, visit www.

Bridges...

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Although the county was not selected for that special program, Jackson County regularly receives other state funds and grants to repair some of the county's bridges, it was

Jackson County has 196 bridges, which includes four "fracture critical" bridges.

A fracture critical bridge is a steel structure that is designed with little or no load path redundancy, according to the Kansas Department of Transportation. This means that if key supports fail, the bridge would be in danger of total collapse.

not mean a bridge is unsafe, only that there is a lack of redundancy in its design, it was reported.

The county is required by federal regulations to inspect every bridge in the county every two years. Additional regulations took effect recently that requires the county to inspect all "fracture critical" bridges

annually. During a recent Jackson County Commission meeting, it was reported that KDOT has reduced the weight limit on the Iron Banister bridge north on old highway 75 from 13 tons to 9 tons. Signs have been installed to note the change.

A fracture critical designation does Calhoun's Lights...

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The growing interest in Calhoun's light displays continues to draw people out to her home to view them, and people have noticed some changes in the displays through the years. One particular change that has benefited her, she said, involved switching to low-power LED lights.

"I used to have a lot of lights, but that made the light count and the electricity bill go up something fierce!" she said. "But over the years, I've been leaning a lot toward LED lights. It helps with the sticker shock."

Calhoun accepts free-will donations to help offset the cost of powering up all those lights, but anyone who's willing to do-nate more Christmas lights to her for future holiday displays is certainly welcome to do that as

"All my birthday and Christmas money goes for Christmas

lights," she said. "Everybody asks me what I want for Christmas, and I always say, 'More

Christmas lights.

The light displays will remain on every night through Friday, Dec. 26, between 5:30 p.m. and 9:15 p.m. Motorists may also pull into Calhoun's driveway to chat with her when they visit.

"I'm the official elf," she joked.

To visit Calhoun's Christmas light displays, take Kansas Highway 116 east from Holton to Larkinburg, turn south on Z Road/Allen Road (the Jackson-Atchison county line) in Larkinburg and drive one mile toward 222nd Road, then go west on 222nd Road about a quarter of a

The displays are open to the public. You really can't miss















Circleville City Council holds November meeting

By Dawn Duryea City Clerk

The Circleville City Council met on Nov. 5 with Mayor Ed Rostetter presiding. Present were council members Roy Kranz, Leroy Shupe, Eric Deneault and Mike Hare, city treasurer Heather Deneault and city clerk Dawn Duryea. Also present were Allen and Mary Jo Fernkopf, Keith Wilson and Judy Olson.

Duryea read the minutes from the October meeting. Hare made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Kranz seconded and the motion passed 4-0.

Allen Fernkopf agreed to be the hearing officer for matters concerning the water utility. Deneault made a motion to pay the bills. Hare seconded and the motion passed 4-0.

Olson is organizing Christmas activities in Circleville. Hare made a motion to donate \$100 for candy. Deneault seconded and the motion passed 4-0.

Rostetter talked to Mary Tessendorf about property that Harold Askren is buying on contract. Tessendorf said she is trying to get him out and will have the lot cleared once he is out, it was re-

ported.
Connie Richter has had an injury to her leg. Hare made a motion to spend up to \$50 on flowers for Richter. Shupe seconded and the motion passed 4-0. Duryea will take care of getting the flowers to

The city received a resolution from Jackson County Emergency Management to participate in the Multi-Jurisdictional Mitigation Plan. Kranz made a motion to accept the resolution, seconded by Hare and passed 4-0.

In other business, Hare will work on getting a 100-150 gallon fuel tank for storing gas needed by the mower. He is also considering having Kevin Campbell work on the tractor. It was decided to spend up to \$1,000 on repairs.
Shupe will take care of snow

removal this winter. Kranz will get an estimate on a block heater for the motor grader. Rostetter and Olson will put up Christmas

Hare's motion to adjourn was seconded by Deneault and passed 4-0. The meeting was ad-

The next meeting was scheduled for 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 3.