

## Jackson Heights, Extension team on SPIN program

By Brian Sanders

Jackson Heights is teaming up with the Meadowlark Extension District to kick off a new after-school program, starting this week, designed to get more young people involved in the world of 4-H.

Starting Tuesday, fifth and sixth-grade students at Jackson Heights will have the opportunity to participate in the new, five-week SPIN (SPecial Interest) club at the school, it was reported.

The new club will meet from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. every Tuesday at the school through Tuesday, Dec. 15, on a trial basis, with the possibility of similar groups starting at other schools in the Meadowlark district to be explored.

The program will be managed by Debra Henry, Meadowlark 4-H program manager for Nemaha County in Seneca, who noted that if the pilot program is successful at Jackson Heights, it will likely be expanded into other schools in the Extension district.

"It's something new that's getting started at the state level," Henry said. "It's an opportunity for young people to experience what 4-H is all about, and we're excited about it."

Adrienne Walsh, Jackson Heights superintendent and elementary principal, also said she is elated about starting the SPIN Club for fifth and sixth-graders in the Jackson Heights district.

Walsh said strengthening relations between the school district and the Extension district is one of the district's goals and priorities this year, and the SPIN pilot program provided the school district with the opportunity to do just that.

"I think it's going to be exciting

for everyone," Walsh said.

The purpose of the SPIN Club, it was reported, is expanding opportunities for young people not currently involved in 4-H to participate in activities that are part of the 4-H experience. The program's goal is to encourage participants to learn about subjects of interest to them, have positive interactions with their peers and develop life skills.

Other SPIN Clubs that have started in schools in other parts of the country tend to focus on a single subject during each program's duration, Henry said. But for Jackson Heights, each of the five sessions in the pilot program will focus on one particular activity, starting with rocketry on Tuesday, and participating youths are encouraged to attend every session of the program.

"A lot of times, a program will have six weeks of maybe a reading club, for example, or a unit on bees and collecting honey. Every week, we're going to offer something different," said Henry, who noted that other sessions will focus on photography, Lego robots, Christmas crafts and foods and nutrition.

The SPIN Club sessions also have been designed to run for six weeks, Henry said, but for this pilot program at Jackson Heights, it will last only five weeks. This is due mainly to the short amount of time between Tuesday's kick-off program and the school's Christmas break, she added.

A total of nine children will be participating in the first Jackson Heights SPIN Club, Walsh said.

Henry also noted that there is also some interest in starting a similar program at Wetmore Attendance Center in the near future.



Jackson County Sheriff Deputy Travis DeBarge and his K-9 partner, Benny, are shown above searching school bags placed in the lower hallway at Royal Valley High School on Thursday. The drug dog searches are conducted at the school and the parking lot two to three times a year.

Photo by Ali Holcomb

## Drug dogs used in random searches at RVHS

By Ali Holcomb

At 1:05 p.m. Thursday an announcement went out over the loudspeaker at Royal Valley High School asking students to place their bags, purses and other personal belongings out in the hallways and to remain in their classrooms until further notice.

After the bags and students were in place, two drug-sniffing dogs and their handlers from the Jackson County Sheriff's Office entered the school in Hoyt to perform an unannounced search of the bags, lockers

and parking lot.

After a 55-minute search, that included a 10-minute break for the dogs, no illegal drugs were detected.

"We got a shut out," said building principal Jim Holloman. "That's what you want."

The search was one of two or three conducted at the school on a yearly basis, Holloman said.

"The students are told each fall that we'll do the searches. They just don't know when," he said.

Members of the Royal Valley

Board of Education recently voted down (five votes to two) drafting a policy to randomly test students for drugs. Board members have spent the last two months meeting with parents and district patrons to discuss drug use in the district and how to combat the issue.

Holloman noted that the school already implements a variety of methods to help curb drug and alcohol use in the school, including the drug dog searches.

If a dog detects something in a bag,

locker or car, the student or teacher is approached before the property is searched, it was reported.

"We ask them if there is something we need to be aware of before we open their items," Holloman said.

While there are times, like Thursday, when nothing is detected, there are instances, in the past, when one or more "hits" have been made by the dogs.

Sometimes a "hit" turns out to be

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High winds on Wednesday afternoon kept the flags flying during the Veterans Day Parade around Holton's Town Square. Here, a color guard from Holton's National Guard army carried the U.S. and Kansas flags at the front of the parade. Shown from left in the photo above are Spc. Dustin Feldman, Ssg. Christopher Horns, Sgt. Colton Feldman and SSgt. Duane Forbes.

Photo by Brian Sanders

## Denison senior citizen center may lose meal service unless attendance increases

By Ali Holcomb

Participation numbers at the senior center in Denison have dropped in recent months, and the Jackson County Commissioners have decided that the county will no longer provide senior meals there if the numbers don't increase by the end of the year.

In recent weeks, Amanda Spalding and Cheryl Hamlin, senior services directors, have reported that the number of meals served at the Denison center, located at 203 Central Ave., has dropped to between two to six meals served a day. The Northeast Kansas Area Agency of Aging recommends that a meal site have at least 10 participants to remain open, it was reported.

Spalding said that the numbers at the Denison site began dropping several months ago. While area seniors

are encouraged to eat and socialize at the center during the lunch hour, some seniors pick up their meals and then eat them at home.

"I know they don't want it to close and that it's convenient for them," Spalding said. "This news might be met with resistance, but we'll do what we can to try to bump up the numbers before the end of the year."

An employee with county senior services packages and transports the meals from the Holton senior center to the Denison center Monday through Friday after a headcount is determined.

The county rents the center facility at Denison each month during meal hours, which averages to about \$260 to \$265 a month in county expense, it was reported. The building is owned by the Denison Community Association.

"We want the number of people who eat at the Denison center to get up to 10," said Commissioner Janet Zwonitzer. "There were just two people who ate at the center two weeks ago. Those numbers have to go up."

The commissioners said they will be monitoring the attendance at the Denison center each week for the rest of the year.

Between the cost of gasoline to transport the meals and the cost of renting the building, the commissioners said more participation is needed to warrant the expenses.

"It's not cost efficient to drive there for just two meals," said Commissioner Rob Ladner.

The Jackson County Senior Center in Holton prepares about 100

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## '15 Homes Tour stops announced

Several local homeowners are decking their halls and opening them up to the public during a special Holton Christmas Homes Tour on Saturday, Dec. 12.

Held as a fund-raiser for the Holton/Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, the homes tour has been set for 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. that Saturday.

The tour will include homes owned by Brian and Nicole Meerpohl, Kerwin and Carolyn McKee, Gerald and Cheryl Copeland, Pat and Doyle Spohn and Joy and Dale Clements.

Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at Denison State Bank, Holton National Bank, Farmers State Bank and online at [www.exploreholton.com](http://www.exploreholton.com)

Tickets must be purchased in advance. For more information about the homes tour, call the Chamber office at 364-3963.

## Food, volunteers needed for Thanksgiving dinner

By Brian Sanders

With less than two weeks to go before the Community Thanksgiving Dinner, more donations of food and volunteer service are being sought to make the 30th annual dinner another success, according to dinner organizer Freda Galer.

"Right now, I only need four more turkey cookers," Galer said. "But a lot of the other food items, I don't have a lot of those yet."

Galer also encouraged area people to sign up to help with setting up, serving and cleaning up after the dinner, to be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 26 — Thanksgiving Day — at Evangel

United Methodist Church's Family Life Center. Delivery drivers also are needed for the dinner, she noted.

"I've got plenty of kitchen help," she said. "But we still need people to sign up for the other tasks, and it's also good if they don't wait until the last minute to sign up."

In addition to the four turkeys listed above, the list of food items needed for the dinner includes three 10-pound hams; six gallons each of corn, green beans, baked beans, instant potatoes and sweet potatoes; 26 pounds of stuffing; nine Jell-O salads; 20 vegetable salads; 29 dozen

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# DISTRICT COURT NEWS

## Traffic

Marc N. Allen, speeding, \$207.  
Eugene D. Green, driving while license cancelled, suspended or revoked \$309.  
James L. Hayes, restriction violation, \$338.  
Devin N. Hummer, speeding, \$165.  
Anthony K. Johnson, no proof of insurance, \$428.  
Michael D. King Jr., speeding, improper pedestrian movement in crosswalk, \$218.  
Williamina M. Legon, transporting an open container, \$352.  
Jeffery W. Marshno, driving while license cancelled, suspended or revoked, \$358.  
Juseppe M. Nanne, speeding, \$213.

## Limited Civil

**Dispositions**  
Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Joseph Mullins, sought judgment of \$1,575.75 plus interest and court costs; granted.  
Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Clinton Ellerman and Tiffany Ellerman, sought judgment of \$832 plus interest and court costs; dismissed.  
Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Elicia M. Gomez, sought judgment of \$6,933 plus interest and

court costs; granted.  
Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Eric D. Place, sought judgment of \$2,079.93 plus interest and court costs; granted.  
Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Suzanne R. Booth, sought judgment of \$932 plus interest and court costs; granted.  
Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Vivian E. Mosier and Dawayne Mosier, sought judgment of \$1,107.61 plus interest and court costs; granted.  
Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Russell Plankinton and Amy Plankinton, sought judgment of \$3,268.03 plus interest and court costs; granted.  
Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Bryan K. Fund, sought judgment of \$665.17 plus interest and court costs; granted.  
Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. John M. Morrissey, sought judgment of \$1,129.25 plus interest and court costs; granted.  
Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Kevin G. Smith and Deborah Smith, sought judgment of \$1,112.17 plus interest and court costs; dismissed.  
Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Marquez Collins, sought judgment of \$491.02 plus interest and court costs; granted.  
Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Jessica Cottrill, sought judgment of \$399 plus interest and court costs; granted.  
Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Deborah A. Baker, sought judgment of \$100 plus interest and court costs; granted.  
Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Jeremy J. Andrews, sought judgment of \$230.76 plus interest and court costs; dismissed.  
Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Michael W. Lockhart and Kathryn S. Lockhart, sought judgment of \$264.52 plus interest and court costs; granted judgment of

\$164.52 plus interest and court costs.  
Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Scott Misenhelter and Christina Petree, sought judgment of \$244.14 plus interest and court costs; granted.  
Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Steve Strube and Tiffany Strube, sought judgment of \$255.19 plus interest and court costs; granted.  
**Filed**  
Portfolio Recovery Associates L.L.C. vs. Cassie Crain and Ryan Crain, seeking judgment of \$3,298.92 plus interest and court costs.

## Criminal Dispositions

State of Kansas vs. Kody J. Davis, Topeka, unlawful possession of a controlled substance; sentenced to one year in jail, suspended; placed on six months probation and fined \$200 plus court costs.  
State of Kansas vs. Noel DeJesus-Vasquez, Topeka, criminal deprivation of property; sentenced to one year in jail, suspended; placed on six months probation and fined \$100 plus court costs.  
State of Kansas vs. Rodney W. Johnson, Omaha, Neb., possession of marijuana; sentenced to one year in jail, suspended; placed on six months probation and fined \$200 plus court costs.  
State of Kansas vs. Danny J. Belisle Jr., Topeka, failure to appear; sentenced to six months in jail, suspended; placed on one year probation and fined \$100 plus court costs.  
State of Kansas vs. Jeffrey S. Walz, Topeka, criminal trespass; sentenced to six months in jail, suspended; placed on six months probation and fined \$100 plus court costs.  
State of Kansas vs. Sally R. Brown, Holton, unlawful possession of a controlled substance; sentenced to one year in jail, suspended; placed on 12 months probation and fined \$200 plus court costs.

**Filed**  
State of Kansas vs. Joshua J. Myers, Ozawkie, attempted murder in the second degree.  
State of Kansas vs. Jarrod D. Ogden, Mayetta, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs, speeding.  
State of Kansas vs. Paul G. Tuckwin, Mayetta, domestic battery.  
State of Kansas vs. Gilbert Lopez, Parkers Prairie, Minn., possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, no proof of insurance, driving without a valid driver's license.  
State of Kansas vs. Jordan T. Henderson, Topeka, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, speeding.  
State of Kansas vs. Trevor R. Kelly, Topeka, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia.  
State of Kansas vs. Racheal K. Dudoit, Holton, domestic battery, criminal trespass.  
State of Kansas vs. Derek Gentert, Lincoln, Neb., burglary of a motor vehicle, two counts of theft.  
State of Kansas vs. Ruth E. Reeg, Lincoln, Neb., burglary of a motor vehicle, two counts of theft.  
State of Kansas vs. Debra Carter, Hutchinson, theft of property lost, mislaid or delivered by mistake.  
State of Kansas vs. Raymond P. Mosher, Topeka, criminal hunting, criminal discharge of a firearm.

## Domestic Dispositions

State of Kansas, Department for Children and Families and Chloe Rice, a minor child by and through Emily C. Rice, natural guardian, and Emily C. Rice vs. Blake E. Bausch, sought determination of paternity plus support judgment; granted.  
**Filed**  
In the matter of the marriage of Tracey D. King and David R. King, seeking divorce.

## Fort Riley man injured in attempt to flee officer

A Fort Riley man suspected of driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs was caught and arrested after fleeing from local law enforcement here, according to Jackson County Sheriff Tim Morse.  
At 11:57 p.m. on Thursday, Jackson County law enforcement were dispatched to the area of 150<sup>th</sup> and Q Roads on a report of a possible intoxicated driver.  
A Potawatomi Tribal Police officer had attempted to stop a 2009 Ford Escape that was headed westbound on 150<sup>th</sup> Road when a pursuit ensued.  
Deputies from the sheriff's office assisted in the pursuit, which continued east on 150<sup>th</sup> Road. The chase ended when the Escape continued east through a road closed sign and rolled onto its side, landing up against a tree, it was reported.  
The driver, Christopher Lee Cronin, 30, of Fort Riley was extricated from the vehicle by emergency responders, Morse said.  
Cronin was evaluated at a local hospital and booked into the Jackson County Jail. He was arrested on charges of felony flee and elude, driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs and driving while suspended.  
Jackson County EMS, Mayetta Fire Department, Hoyt Fire Department and Potawatomi Tribal Fire Department also responded to the incident.

## Sheriff's officers note recent arrests

The Jackson County Sheriff's Office has reported the following arrests:  
■ On Nov. 6, James Anctil, 39, Topeka, was arrested on a criminal warrant on two charges of theft.  
■ On Nov. 8, Jessica Gager, 23, Topeka, was arrested on charges of trafficking contraband into a correctional facility, distribution of a controlled substance, possession of a controlled substance and interference with law enforcement.  
Gager was also arrested on Nov. 9 on a warrant on a charge of motion to revoke probation.  
■ On Nov. 8, Tracy Williams, 52, Sedan, was arrested on a charge of driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.  
■ On Nov. 9, a 14-year-old male from Mayetta was arrested on charges of rape, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, aggravated assault, two counts of battery and intimidation of a witness.  
■ On Nov. 12, Regina Sackrider, 42, Hoyt, was arrested on a limited action warrant on a charge of failure to appear.

## Business Women table Web page plans

The Nov. 2 meeting of the Holton Business Women's Club was held at 6:30 p.m. at Trails Café. The program committee chairperson was Connie Brown, and other members were Heather Deneault and Debbie Knouff.  
The program was given by Cindy Stavropoulos, owner of Trails Café, about the restaurant and catering services they offer.  
Discussion about development of a club Web page is being deferred until such time as more members attend meetings and income from

club dues increases. Web page sponsors usually have a monthly fee, and more members need to pay dues yet for this club year.  
Members are also mailing out pre-printed post cards to any women in the area they are aware of who are involved in local businesses as a way of inviting new people to join the club.  
Members agreed to continue a practice of each person ordering off the restaurant menu, and then paying for their meal on their own for the rest of the club year.

Club members are reminded to bring canned goods to the December meeting for donation to the local food pantry.  
Door prizes were won by Sandy Studebaker-Gilbert, Gretchen Snavelly, Carrie Saia and Kim Tegethoff. The next meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 7, at Trails Café.  
The program committee chairperson will be Sandy Studebaker-Gilbert, and other committee members will be Suzanne Misenhelter, Tara Milburn and Lili Early.

## Action taken on utilities for new Hoyt clinic

The Hoyt City Council met in special session on Oct. 13.  
Those present were Mayor Debbie Dresher, council members Nathan McAlister, Lana Dillner and Leonard Allen. Council member Ed Ryan was absent, and council member Farrell Holthaus arrived at the meeting at 8:15 p.m.  
Dresher called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.  
The council discussed the building permit for Doug Hug. The fire board approved the property variance on Oct. 8. The council passed a motion to approve the building permit.  
D.J. Chance and Doug Hug were present at the meeting and discussed their concerns with the waterlines and supply at the new health clinic. Additionally, Chance discussed his concerns regarding the sewer supply.

The council approved a motion for the city to pay for the connection of the sewer from the property line to the main line.  
This will involve street demolition and repair. Chance will connect the sewer to the eight-inch line at the west edge of the property. A meter will be ordered that will work with the one and a half inch line to the building.  
The council discussed having the city clerk bill Holton Community Hospital for the sewer and water connection fees.  
The council discussed wanting the city clerk to contact Bartlett & West regarding updating the water and sewer line maps.  
Dresher updated the council on accounting services.  
The council discussed the concern

from Bronson Esters regarding ordinances pertaining to property owner responsibility concerning sewer lines. The clerk sent him a copy of ordinance 120.  
The council discussed the mouse problem at the community building. Additionally, the need for inventory and updates were discussed. The council approved a motion to contact Ozark Pest Control to complete an inspection and provide mouse control.  
Dillner discussed a trash service problem at the park by the restrooms. The council approved a motion to get rid of the bin by the park restrooms and purchase locks and keys, as necessary, to secure the bin by the community building.  
The council approved a motion to pay bills, and then adjourned the meeting at 8:36 p.m.

## Arrests reported by Holton police

The following arrests were reported in recent days by the Holton Police Department.  
■ Alec Freeman, 21, Highland, was arrested Nov. 6 on charges of expired registration, driving while license cancelled/suspended/revoked and possession of marijuana.  
■ Patricia Lewis, 26, Mayetta, was arrested Nov. 8 on a Shawnee County warrant.  
■ Racheal Dudoit, 25, Holton, was arrested Nov. 8 on charges of domestic battery, criminal trespass and criminal deprivation of property.  
■ Jose Veloz, 54, Holton, was arrested Nov. 10 on charges of driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs, driving while license cancelled/suspended/revoked, transportation of an open container and littering.

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# MEMORIES

Compiled from the Holton Recorder archives by Kendra McClain

## 5 Years Ago

Week of Nov. 15-21, 2010

Starting next year, Jackson Heights middle school students will have the opportunity to participate in cross-country events in the fall, it has been announced. The USD 335 Board of Education voted on Monday, Nov. 15, to approve Jackson Heights High School cross-country coach Lyle Alley's proposal to start a middle-school cross-country program, beginning with the 2011-2012 school year.

Annette Roach, Royal Valley fourth-grade teacher, has been nominated for the VFW teacher of the year. The VFW Teacher's Award recognizes teachers who actively participate in their community and teach citizenship in the classroom, as well as having a strong sense of patriotism.

Forrest Fernkopf of Holton is a retired elementary school principal who created the "Learning Alphabet" VHS series in 1994 to help teach four, five and six-year-olds how to read successfully. Fernkopf has sold several hundred copies of the set, and is now offering it for free. Fernkopf served as a school principal for more than 40 years and was named a National Distinguished Principal, it was reported.

Phyllis Twombly, director of the Vintage Park at Holton care center, was among those recognized by Kansas Gov. Mark Parkinson at a recent ceremony honoring nationally-recognized health care facilities in Kansas.

## 10 Years Ago

Week of Nov. 15-21, 2005

Although winter doesn't officially begin until mid-December, a wintry storm front moved through the Jackson County area on Tuesday, Nov.

## Becoming a long-distance caregiver

By Nancy C. Nelson  
Meadowlark Extension  
District Agent  
Family Life

Anyone can be a long-distance caregiver. Your gender, income, age, social status or employment doesn't matter. If you live an hour or more away from the person who needs your help, you're probably a long-distance caregiver.



Caring for an older family member often requires teamwork. While one sibling might be local and take on most of the everyday responsibilities, a long-distance caregiver can also have an important role.

The National Institute on Aging says that when getting started to ask the primary caregiver, if there is one, and the care recipient, how you can be most helpful.

Talk to friends who are caregivers to see if they have suggestions about ways to help. Find out more about local resources that might be useful. Develop an understanding of the person's health issues and other needs.

As you visit as often as you can, not only might you notice something that needs to be done and can be taken care of from a distance, but you can also relieve a primary caregiver for a short time.

How to be most helpful during your visit? Talk to the care recipient ahead of time and find out what he or she would like to do during your visit.

Also, check with the primary caregiver, if appropriate, to learn what he or she needs, such as handling some caregiving responsibilities while you are in town. This may help you set realistic goals for the visit and decide on priorities.

Remember to actually spend time visiting with your family member. Try to make time to do things unrelated to being a caregiver, like watching a movie, playing a game or taking a drive. Finding time to do something simple and relaxing can help everyone as it can be fun and build family memories.

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15, and presented Holton with its first snowfall of the season, a harbinger of things to come.

The Sac and Fox Casino has reopened The Chop House Fine Dining Room under the direction of food and beverage manager Rose Souter, the casino has announced. Diners will be treated to specially selected beef, pork and seafood. The menu also includes appetizers, desserts and a selection of wines and cocktails.

Colorado Elementary School second-grade teacher Carolyn Bell and Holton High School industrial arts teacher Bob Phillips were named the recipients of this year's "Teacher of the Year" awards from the Holton Optimist Club.

A crowd estimated at 7,000 fans attended the sub-state champion football game between Holton and Topeka-Hayden on Friday night, Nov. 18. The Wildcats were victorious with a 41-0 shutout, which ended Hayden's 26-game winning streak. This showdown was between what most prep polls called the top two teams in Class 4A, it was reported.

Two local businesses are celebrating anniversaries in conjunction with holiday specials for the upcoming Christmas season. Kathy's General Store, located five miles south of Holton on U.S. Highway 75, is celebrating its 15-year anniversary, while Tony's Tire and Service Center at Sixth Street and U.S. Highway 75 in Holton is celebrating 10 years.

## 25 Years Ago

Week of Nov. 15-21, 1990

Gas wars along U.S. Highway 75 have shut down one Holton gas station, and curtailed operations at another. A sign on the pumps at the National Marketing Fina station south of Holton told the story of these local gas wars. The station closed on Wednesday, Nov. 14, after owner Harvey Sides decided he could no longer compete with nearby stations that do not charge sales tax.

Longtime USD 335 District Superintendent Bob Clark surprised Jackson Heights school board members on Monday, Nov. 12, by submitting his letter of resignation due

to retirement at the board's monthly meeting. Clark is only the second superintendent in district history, and has been a Jackson Heights administrator for 22 years, it was reported.

Holton senior quarterback Brian Meerpohl has earned first-team all-league honors at two different positions, it has been announced. Meerpohl is the only local player to earn this honor.

A new piece of equipment is now being used by farmers - the computer. Many area farmers, including Ralph Herbers and Richard Featherston, are using computers to better manage their farms from data to financial records. In Herbers' case, a computerized feed system determines how much feed to give a cow based on its milk production. Featherston analyzes productivity of each of his hogs as well as breeding dates and what the offspring bring on the market.

## 50 Years Ago

Week of Nov. 15-21, 1965

Construction began last week on a new 20-unit motel south of Holton on U.S. Highway 75. The motel is being built by Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Dodds, and will be known as the Dodds House. The building will be approximately 310 feet long and will include 20 motel units, a lobby and the Dodds' home.

Jerry Clemetson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Clemetson of Holton, has been chosen for membership in the University of Kansas concert choir, it has been announced.

Lelah McKinsey has retired and closed her beauty shop at 115 New York Ave. in Holton. McKinsey opened her shop in 1950 and has enjoyed 15 very successful years of business since that time, it was reported.

The new "in" design for telephones is now available at United Telephone Company of Kansas. The Ericofon is an extension phone that features the rotary dial beneath the base that doubles as the speaker, while the attached receiver allows for an ergonomic grip. The lightweight phone is available in many different colors.

## Parent-teacher conference attendance increasing in Royal Valley school district

By Ali Holcomb

Attendance at Royal Valley parent-teacher conferences this fall was up at the elementary and high schools.

At the grade school, conferences were held from 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on both Oct. 28 and 29 and the turnout was 85 percent.

Last year, an 83 percent turnout was noted.

"My goal is 100 percent," said Noah Slay, RVES principal. "We had teachers call parents who missed the conferences. We want every parent to be involved in their child's education."

The high school and middle school had conferences from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Oct. 28 and 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Oct. 29.

The middle school had 45 percent of its parents participate in conferences, which compares to 57 percent last year and 54 percent in the 2013-2014 school year.

At the high school, 37 percent of parents attended the conferences, which is above last year's 30 percent

and 33 percent the year before that.

In other business, the board:

- \* Approved consent items.
- \* Distributed superintendent evaluation form documents.

- \* Approved a trip request from Bailey Marable, RVHS art teacher, to allow the art club to take a trip to Chicago May 20-23 to visit several art museums and take an architecture boat tour.

- \* The board also approved a trip request from Anita Evans, one of the Native American Singers and Dancer sponsors, for permission for the club to travel to a competition in Bartlesville, Okla. in January.

- \* Reviewed the Kansas Association of School Boards delegate assembly legislative committee report.

- \* Approved regalia purchases totaling \$1,750 for the Native American Singers and Dancers. These items are paid with Impact Aid funds.

- \* Received an academic progress monitoring report from Susan Pfrang, director of curriculum and instruction. Pfrang outlined the new moni-

toring reports and how they measure a student's learning. Students will be tested three times this year. The results are broken down very specifically so teachers can understand what areas their students need to review more closely.

Pfrang also discussed the state assessments and explained the new reports in regards to college and career readiness.

- \* Heard a report from Pfrang on the staff development day held Monday, Nov. 9. The focus of the day was on technology integration in the classroom, and many staff members taught each other how to incorporate different technology into lesson plans.

- \* Received a bi-monthly budget update from Superintendent John Rundle.

- \* Reviewed a preliminary calendar for the 2016-2017 school year. On the draft calendar, the first day of school is Aug. 17 and the last day of school is May 18.

- \* Approved the purchase of a convection steamer for the middle school kitchen from Sunflower Restaurant Supply Inc. of Salina at a cost of \$13,512.

- \* Declared various office equipment as surplus property in order to be listed for sale.

- \* Accepted the resignation of John Laudick as a middle school football coach.

- \* Met in executive session for 10 minutes to discuss a personnel matter with Rundle, Pfrang and Jeff Gustin, athletic director.

- \* Back in open session, the board voted to offer fall coaching contracts to the licensed coaches, with the exception of the third volleyball coaching position. Board members will wait on participation numbers in the fall to determine if a third coach is needed.

- \* Adjourned the meeting at 9:15 p.m. All board members were present.

## Food and Nutrition

### Some tomatoes can't be canned

By Cindy Williams  
Meadowlark Extension  
District Agent  
Food & Nutrition-FNP

As the garden season comes to an end this year, some tomato vines may still have tasty tomatoes for you to harvest. If the vines have been through a frost or freeze, do not use those tomatoes for any type of canning. The acidity of those tomatoes has changed too much making them unsafe for canning.

The tomatoes can still be eaten fresh, cooked or frozen for later use. Leave tomatoes on the vine until they reach maturity or until a frost is forecast.

**Caramel Apple Safety**  
Last year, a foodborne illness outbreak occurred from caramel apples contaminated with listeria. This was a baffling connection because of the hot caramel coating and high acid apples, which should reduce the risk of listeria growth.

Research conducted at the University of Wisconsin Food Research

Institute recently concluded that the source of contamination was the dipping sticks inserted into the apples and storing the finished apples at room temperature.

When the stick was inserted into the apple, the apple juice leaked in between the apple and caramel coating creating an ideal condition for bacteria to grow. This growth was accelerated by storing the apples at room temperature.

Therefore, keep caramel apples refrigerated, whether purchased or made at home, until ready to eat them. Warm gently in the microwave just before eating to soften the coating for easier eating.

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### AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

Please report any changes in service or personnel to the Recorder at 364-3141. Thank You.

<p><b>Bethany Baptist Church</b> 821 New York • 364-4533 • Pastor Ron Sellens Youth Minister David Noland Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Sunday school 10:15 a.m. Worship service 1 p.m. Sunday afternoon service Wednesday: 7:15 p.m. Prayer meeting</p> <p><b>Bucks Grove UM Church</b> Pastor: Charlotte Milroy • 234-4243 Sunday: 9 a.m. Church service</p> <p><b>Christ's Church</b> Southern Heights Clubhouse • Pastor Jon Hanna Information 364-4029 Sunday: 8:30 a.m. Fellowship 9 a.m. Worship</p> <p><b>Church of the Nazarene</b> 209 New York Ave. 364-3642 • Rev. Kevin Kneisley Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Sunday school 10:45 a.m. Worship service</p> <p><b>Circleville Christian Church</b> 7701 254th Rd., Circleville Alicia Spalding, Youth Leader Sunday School: 9:15 a.m. Sunday Worship: 8 a.m. Traditional Service 9:15 a.m. Cowboy Church 10:45 a.m. Contemporary Worship Website - circlevillechristian.com Email - circlevillechristian@yahoo.com</p> <p><b>Circleville United Methodist</b> Pastor: Charlotte Milroy 234-4243 Sunday: 10 a.m. Worship Service</p> <p><b>Community of Christ Church</b> 512 Wisconsin • Pastor Dean Sharp Sunday 10 a.m. Worship service</p> <p><b>Delia Presbyterian Church</b> 514 Jackson St. • Rev. Doug Phenix Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Morning worship Check sign board for other events.</p> <p><b>Denison Bible Church</b> Pastor Tom Fraunfelder Sunday: 10 a.m. Sunday School • 11 a.m. Worship 7:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting <a href="http://www.denisonbible.org">www.denisonbible.org</a></p> <p><b>Denison Reformed Presbyterian</b> Rev. J. Edward Hindman • 935-2348 Sunday: 10 a.m. Bible class 11 a.m. Worship service Lunch following the service 1:15 p.m. Afternoon Service</p> <p><b>Evangel United Methodist Church</b> 227 Pennsylvania Ave. • 364-3834 Sun.: 8:50 a.m. Life Journey (contemporary service) 10 a.m. Sunday school 11 a.m. Traditional worship service Church - office@evangelumc.org Pastor - pastor@evangelumc.org</p> <p><b>First Baptist Church of Holton</b> 404 Juniper, 364-3423 • Sr. Pastor: Tim O'Byrne Director of Discipleship - Rhett Totten Sunday: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Services 5:15 &amp; 6 p.m. Youth Groups Wed.: 10 a.m. Bible Study • 6:30 p.m. Choir Friday: 7 a.m. Women's Breakfast 6:45 a.m. Men's Breakfast</p> <p><b>First Baptist Church of Hoyt</b> Pastor David Bumworth • 986-6446 Wednesday night prayer: 7 p.m. Sunday: 9 a.m. Sunday school 10 a.m. Worship service 7 p.m. Sunday evening worship</p>	<p><b>First Christian Church</b> 5th and Wisconsin • 364-2545 Dr. Jim McCollough, Pastor Sunday: 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Worship</p> <p><b>First United Methodist Church</b> Pastor Nancy Crowl • 1401 W. 4th • 364-3275 Sunday Schedule: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Worship <a href="http://firstumc@giantcomm.net">firstumc@giantcomm.net</a></p> <p><b>Holton Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses</b> 12350 214th Rd., Holton • 364-4279 Sunday Public Talk: 10 a.m. • <a href="http://www.jw.org">jw.org</a></p> <p><b>Hoyt United Methodist Church</b> Rev. Bev McCurdy • (c) 785-220-0711 Sunday School: 9 a.m. • 10 a.m. Worship <a href="http://www.hoytunitedmethodistchurch.com">www.hoytunitedmethodistchurch.com</a></p> <p><b>Immanuel Lutheran Church, Netawaka</b> Pastor Jeffrey Geske • 785-340-5635 9 a.m. Sunday Worship 10 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Adult Bible Class</p> <p><b>Lakeview Faith Chapel Pentecostal Church</b> 3.5 miles south of Holton on U.S. 75 Pastor Steve Cappelman • 364-2416 Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Sunday school 10:15 a.m. Worship service</p> <p><b>Larkinsburg Christian Church</b> Rev. Mark Armstrong Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Sunday school 10:30 a.m. Church service</p> <p><b>Mayetta Christian Church</b> Ernest Coleman - Pastor Sunday: Fellowship &amp; Waffles: 8:15 a.m.-8:45 a.m. Sunday school: 8:45 a.m.-9:30 a.m. Prayer Circle: 9:30 a.m.-9:50 a.m. Worship service - 10 a.m.-11:15 a.m. Wednesday: Bible Study - 6 p.m.-7 p.m.</p> <p><b>Mayetta United Methodist</b> Rev. Howard Sudduth Sunday: 9 a.m. Morning worship service and Sunday school</p> <p><b>Netawaka United Methodist</b> Rev. Caren Loper Sunday: 8:15 a.m. Worship</p> <p><b>Onaga New Hope Lutheran Church, ELCA</b> Rev. Charlene Banes, Pastor Sunday: 9 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. SS, Adult Bible Class Bible Study: Tuesday @ 7 p.m. Holy Communion 1st &amp; 3rd Sunday</p> <p><b>Our Lady of the Snows Church</b> Fr. Marianand Mendem 166 and "I" Road, Mayetta, Kan. • 597-5656 1st, 3rd, &amp; 4th Sunday Mass 8:30 a.m. 2nd Sunday Mass 1 p.m.</p> <p><b>Potawatomi Pentecostal Church</b> 4.5 miles west on 134th Rd., Mayetta Rev. Marcia Potts Sunday: 10 a.m. Sunday school 10:45 a.m. Worship service</p> <p><b>Pottawatomie United Methodist</b> Rev. Howard Sudduth Sunday: 9:50 a.m. Sunday school 10:30 a.m. Worship</p> <p><b>St. Dominic Catholic Church</b> Pastor: Fr. Marianand Mendem 416 Ohio, Holton, 364-3262 Saturday: 5:30 p.m. Mass • Sunday: 10:30 a.m. Mass Confessions 30 minutes before mass. <a href="http://www.jaccatholics.org">www.jaccatholics.org</a></p>	<p><b>St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church</b> Pastor: Fr. Marianand Mendem 3rd &amp; James, Mayetta, 966-2690/364-3262 Sunday Mass: 8 a.m. Confessions 30 minutes before mass. <a href="http://www.jaccatholics.org">www.jaccatholics.org</a></p> <p><b>St. Thomas Episcopal Church</b> 512 Wisconsin, Holton • Rev. Ray Hartjen Services on 2nd &amp; 4th Sunday Sunday Services: 9 a.m. Post Service Fellowship Breakfast 785-224-8798 <a href="mailto:stthomasholton@holtonmail.com">stthomasholton@holtonmail.com</a></p> <p><b>Soldier Christian Church</b> 834-5750 Ron Ahlgren, Minister Luke Schreiber, Youth Minister Sunday: Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Church Services: 10:30 a.m. Jr. &amp; Sr. High Youth Group: 5 p.m.</p> <p><b>St. James Catholic Church</b> 306 5th St., Wetmore • Pastor Father Hammes Saturday Mass: 6:30 p.m. Confessions: 30 min. prior to mass</p> <p><b>Trinity Lutheran Church</b> 401 Cheyenne Pastor Brian Stark 364-2206/364-2029 Sunday School: 9 a.m. Worship: 10 a.m.</p> <p><b>Wetmore Bible Church</b> 217 Iowa St., Wetmore Pastor Gary Heitz • 866-2444 Sunday: 10 a.m. Sunday school (for all ages) 11 a.m. Worship Hour 11:30 a.m. Children's Church • 7 p.m. Adult Bible Study Tuesday: 1:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study Wednesday: 7 p.m. Youth Group (Jr. High &amp; HS Ages) 8 p.m. Bible Study</p> <p><b>Wetmore United Methodist</b> Pastor Seong Lee (785) 866-2512 Parsonage • 866-5556 Church Sunday: 9 a.m. Sunday school 9:40 a.m. Worship service</p> <p><b>Whiting Baptist Church</b> Seth Montgomery, Pastor Sunday: 9 a.m. Sun. school • 10 a.m. Worship service</p> <p><b>Whiting United Methodist</b> Rev. Caren Loper Sunday: 10 a.m. Education • 11 a.m. Worship</p> <p><b>New Hope Family Church</b> 515 Iowa, Holton Interim Pastor: Sterling Hudgins Wednesday Meal: 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Service: 7:15 p.m. Sunday Worship: 6:30 p.m.</p>
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# OPINION

## Two parades, two successes!

The community hosted two parades in four days last week and the turnout for both of them was tremendous!

The Veterans Day parade on Wednesday was tremendous because of the number of local veterans who participated.

It was also great to have the Royal Valley High School and Holton High School and Middle School marching bands in the parade, along with many school children walking in the parade with their veteran relatives.

The many people who lined the Hoton Town Square to honor the veterans, and the many grade school school children on hand to watch the parade, also combined to make it a great success.

And what can you say about the Christmas Parade of Lights on Saturday? It was simply the biggest Christmas parade in the community in at least two decades!

This edition of *The Recorder* features some photos from the Veterans Day parade. In the Wednesday edition, we'll publish photos from the Christmas parade.

I would personally like to thank all of the local church groups who participated in the Christmas parade. The church groups always make the Christmas parade a success!

This year, there were more church floats in the parade than ever before and every one of them was spectacular!

While no Christmas parade is complete without the arrival of Santa Claus, for the benefit of children, likewise no Christmas parade is complete without a celebration of the real reason for the season!

Thanks to all who made the Parade of Lights at least five city blocks long!

David Powls

## Volunteers needed for boards

By Ali Holcomb

Volunteers are needed to serve on the Jackson County Planning Commission and the Jackson County Zoning Appeals Board, county commissioners were told several weeks ago on Oct. 26.

Jackson County Appraiser Jason Claycamp told county commissioners that, due to upcoming retirements from board members, there are open positions on both the planning commission and the appeals board.

Claycamp said he has advertised for the positions in *The Holton Recorder* and applications are available in the appraiser's office and are due Dec. 21.

To obtain a balanced representation of board members, applications are encouraged from the southwest parts of the county, however, all applications will be considered.

The Jackson County Planning Commission and the Jackson County Zoning Appeals Board meet every second Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. and 8 p.m., respectively.

For more information, call the appraiser's office at 785-364-2358.

In other business, according to the minutes from Oct. 26, the commission:

\* Met with resident Pauline Conley who discussed her concerns with roads in the Delia area.

Conley said that the two approaches on either side of the bridge at E and 102<sup>nd</sup> Roads are very rough. She noted that the road in this area is quite worn out.

Conley also said that she was told that the commission is working on making E road a hard surface road past 134<sup>th</sup> Road up to 150<sup>th</sup> Road.

Commissioner Bill Elmer said he wants to start where the chip-and-seal ends at 134<sup>th</sup> Road and eventually reach 158<sup>th</sup> Road, but nothing is slated for the immediate future.

\* Met in executive session for 20 minutes to discuss a personnel matter. No action was taken back in open session.

\* Heard a weekly report from Eric Fritz and Earl Bahret, road and bridge department co-supervisors. The men reported that 142<sup>nd</sup> Road and E Road need replaced.

\* Learned from Fritz that that department is completing a list of projects that will be funded by the Federal Emergency Management Association.

\* Learned from Commissioner Elmer that he noticed that 190<sup>th</sup> and V Roads is washing out. There is a concrete box at this location, and he thinks it should be replaced sometime in the future.

Elmer also noted another washout area on 190<sup>th</sup> Road, just west of T Road, that could be filled with rock or dirt.

\* Accepted the low fuel bid submitted by Haag Oil Company at a cost of \$15,178.45. Jackson Farmers bid \$15,380.

\* Learned from Commissioner

Elmer that contractors recommend man-sand, a very fine rock substance that is a leftover product of crushed rock, for building the pad for the new proposed county shop.

\* Met in executive session for 15 minutes with Fritz and Bahret to discuss a personnel matter. No action was taken back in open session.

\* Received a call from a representative from E-Civis, a web-based grant company that offers its database and organizing capabilities to the county for grant application purposes. No decision was made on the issues.

\* Discussed the 2016 employee benefits budget with Jackson County Clerk Kathy Mick. Mick recommended that the commission require the department heads to request to add all newly created positions with the commissioners first to see if the budget allows for the extra benefits. The commission agreed.

\* Heard a weekly report from John Kennedy, Banner Creek Reservoir director. Kennedy reported that revenues for the week of Oct. 18 totaled \$3,120, which included \$2,435 from hay ground lease payments.

\* Approved a motion to renew the hayland rental agreements with Charles Kennedy and Gary Zibell at a cost of \$22.50 per acre.

\* Learned that the Kansas Department of Agriculture Division of Water Services sent the commission a letter about a discovery meeting for the watershed that will be held in Topeka on Nov. 19. This meeting pertains to mapping and flood mitigation. Pat Korte, emergency management director, will attend.

\* Received an invitation to attend the Jackson County 4-H Achievement Program.

\* Met with Claycamp to discuss the possibility of having a representative from the Kansas Department of Agriculture Division of Water Resources give a free class on floodplain management. Claycamp said he could reserve a class for 20 people.

\* Met in executive session for 15 minutes to discuss a matter of client/attorney privilege. No action was taken back in open session.

\* Met in executive session for 25 minutes to discuss a personnel matter. No action was taken back in open session.

\* Met with County Counselor Alex Morrissey to discuss the research she has completed pertaining to the Jackson County Tourism Board. She stated she will have the research finished in time for the next tourism board meeting set for Nov. 17.

\* Met in executive session for five minutes to discuss a personnel matter. No action was taken back in open session.

\* Signed a payroll change notice for new employee Lisa Hyten, who was hired through a grant to serve as a victims service coordinator for the county.

\* Adjourned the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

## Jackson County Commission

# Accepts bids for heating, insulating shop at lake

By Ali Holcomb

Projects at Banner Creek Reservoir are moving forward, the Jackson County Commissioners learned at a recent meeting.

John Kennedy, Banner Creek Reservoir director, presented bids for several projects at the Nov. 2 meeting, two weeks ago.

The first set of bids were for heating and insulating the maintenance shop at the reservoir.

Arnold's Refrigeration of Holton bid \$3,646.55, and Don Ash and Son of Holton bid \$2,245. Kennedy recommended the bid from Don Ash and Son, which includes a 70,000 BTU unit. Rental for a propane tank is \$60 annually. The propane company will provide service from the tank to the building.

Kennedy also presented bids to install spray-in-place polyurethane foam insulation to half of the maintenance structure's inner walls. A poly wall will separate the cold storage area.

The bids included \$5,310.63 from ADS Distributing of Holton and \$8,773 from Black Gold of Topeka.

Kennedy recommended the bid from ADS. The commissioners agreed to accept the low bids for both projects.

Kennedy said he is hosting Ameri-Corp volunteers at the reservoir a few days during the next month.

Some of the work he has scheduled for them includes painting, trail clearing, picnic table maintenance, adventure playground construction cleaning and a variety of other projects.

In other business, according to the approved minutes from Nov. 2, the

commission:

\* Heard a weekly report from Earl Bahret and Eric Fritz, road and bridge department co-directors.

The commissioners discussed the rock budget with the directors, and Jackson County Clerk Kathy Mick stated that the Federal Emergency Management Agency projects fund can run negative because it will be reimbursed by the state.

Mick stated that if the directors were hauling to stockpile rock, the cost would have to come from the .04 percent budget.

Commissioner Janet Zwontitzer asked how much rock the county needs for mud spots. Fritz stated he didn't think much but that he would have to do some research.

The directors said they only have their crews hauling to FEMA sites right now in order to close out the sites for approval and reimbursement.

\* Met in executive session with Fritz, Bahret and Terry Mick, bridge and special project manager, for five minutes to discuss a personnel matter. No action was taken back in open session.

\* Met with resident Viviane Graham who said that the county does not provide enough senior citizen transportation for the seniors in the county. Currently, the senior center provides transportation two days a week to appointments and other errands.

Graham said it is inconvenient for the seniors to have only two days a week to run their errands, and she said she heard that Brown County had received a grant to run transportation five days a week.

\* Received a 2016 contract from KANZA Mental Health and Guidance Center. The commissioners have decided to have County Counselor Alex Morrissey research whether the county can legally give the \$7,000 of the alcohol tax monies that the county currently allocates to KANZA, to the jail, instead, whose current medical health program, Advanced Healthcare, can also provide mental health, substance and alcohol abuse services and counseling.

\* Met in executive session with Tammy Moulden, register of deeds, for five minutes to discuss a personnel matter. No action was taken back in open session.

\* Met in executive session with Linda Gerhardt, treasurer, for five minutes to discuss a personnel matter. No action was taken back in open session.

\* Met in executive session with Pat Korte, emergency management director, for five minutes to discuss a personnel matter. No action was taken back in open session.

\* Met with Dan Robinson, noxious weed director and solid waste manager, to discuss Tracy Harris Construction beginning work on the renovation to the department office and bathroom.

Robinson said that the renovation of the office, along with the FEMA disaster areas, would cost \$3,500 with \$2,500 received from the insurance company and \$1,000 from FEMA reimbursements.

\* Met in executive session with Chad Phillips, Courthouse custodian, for five minutes to discuss a personnel matter. No action was taken back in open session.

\* Met with Bret Bauer, Holton city manager, and Kerwin McKee, assistant city manager, to discuss the progress on the construction of the new Wal-Mart and the industrial area of the city.

\* Met in executive session with Kennedy for five minutes to discuss a personnel matter. No action was taken back in open session.

\* Accepted the hayland rental agreements between Duane Klahr, Greg Young and Gregg Watkins at the reservoir at a cost of \$22.50 an acre.

\* Met in executive session with Jackson County Sheriff Tim Morse for five minutes to discuss a personnel matter. No action was taken back in open session.

\* Met in executive session for 10 minutes with Morrissey to discuss a matter of client/attorney privilege. No action was taken back in open session.

\* Met with Morrissey to discuss a drafted agreement between the county and the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation that would give the tribe permission to replace the bridge at G and 205<sup>th</sup> Roads.

Morrissey stated a resolution would need to be passed to give the county authority to enter into a cooperative agreement with the tribe, which, in turn, creates an agreement giving the tribe authority to do maintenance and inspection of the bridge.

\* Met in executive session with Jackson County Clerk Kathy Mick and Deputy Clerk Sally Jo Alley for five minutes to discuss a personnel matter. No action was taken back in open session.

\* Adjourned the meeting at 12:27 p.m. All commissioners were present.

## County bridges topic on Oct. 30

By Ali Holcomb

County bridges were the topic at a special meeting of the Jackson County Commissioners on Friday, Oct. 30.

Terry Mick, bridge and special project manager, reported to the commissioners that Shawnee County Commissioners are moving forward with replacing the bridge on U.6 Road and 94<sup>th</sup> Street. The bridge sits on the county line.

This will be cost-share project between the two counties, and Mick said Jackson County is expected to fund just six percent of the project, which he estimated to be \$12,900.

Shawnee County has received a grant from the Kansas Department of Transportation to replace the bridge in 2017. The bridge crosses Little Soldier Creek.

The bridge was first constructed in 1930 and was rebuilt in 1965. It is a fracture critical bridge.

The agreement with the bridge grant notes that Jackson County is responsible for any utilities and/or right-of-ways in the county that have to be moved or occupied during the bridge replacement project.

Mick stated that there is a power line that will need to be removed if the engineering company leaves the bridge where it currently sits.

If the bridge is moved when it's rebuilt, the power line may not need to be moved. Mick said he will know more information when the bridge

plans have been drawn up.

Regarding the bridge at U and 195<sup>th</sup> Roads, Mick said that replacing the bridge is going to cost the county an estimated \$94,792.87. Mick also said that the county already paid another \$44,000 for preliminary engineering work.

Mick reported that the county did not get selected for the off-system bridge grant that the county applied for to fix the bridge at D.1 and 144<sup>th</sup> Roads. He said it was probably because the county received this bridge grant last year.

Mick also discussed the process of deciding which county is responsible for maintenance and road work on bridges located on county lines.

There are two on the Nemaha County line and two on the Shawnee County line that Mick would like to make an agreement that stipulates which county will take care of the maintenance and/or roadwork of each bridge.

Mick said he would like to discuss drawing up those agreements with County Counselor Alex Morrissey, and the commissioners agreed.

The commissioners also discussed the bridge at G and 205 Roads. The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation is asking for permission to replace this bridge. The commissioners discussed writing up an agreement that says the tribe has permission to replace the bridge.

In other business, according to the

approved minutes, the commission:

\* Met with Eric Fritz, road and bridge co-director, to discuss an accident involving a county vehicle.

A vehicle was crossing the south-bound lane at 162<sup>nd</sup> Road and U.S. Highway 75 when ladders and boxes fell from the vehicle, it was reported.

A different vehicle in front of a county truck then stopped suddenly to avoid the debris, and the county vehicle, which was following, clipped the end of the bumper of the other vehicle. A report has been filed.

\* Met in executive session for 30 minutes to discuss a personnel matter. No action was taken back in open session.

\* Adjourned the meeting at noon. All three commissioners were present.

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Maxine, Debbie and Dennis Schumaker

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# OBITUARIES



## Ashley

Sammy L. Ashley, 89, Denison, died Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2015 at Midland Care Hospice House in Topeka.

He was born Aug. 3, 1926, in Topeka, the son of Moorman and Myrtle Orrick Ashley. He attended Topeka High School and received an honorary diploma in 2004.

Mr. Ashley joined the U.S. Navy and served for three years during World War II, then joined the U.S. Air Force and served from 1948 to 1952. He was an "atomic veteran" who was exposed to ionizing radiation at the Nevada Test Site during operation Tumbler-Snapper in May of 1952. He later was a sheet metal worker with McElroy's in Topeka for 35 years. After retiring, he mowed for Holton USD 336 for 21 years.

He was a member of Sheet Metal Union Local 2 and a member of Holton VFW Post 1367.

He married E. June Herring on June 27, 1953, in Tucumcari, N.M. She survives.

Other survivors include three sons, Randall Ashley and wife Jennisse, Poway, Calif., Sammy K. Ashley and wife Fe, Denison, and Tim Ashley and wife Leslie, Apple Valley, Calif.; a daughter, Jana Harrison and husband Roger, Leavenworth; a sister, Norma Tsukamoto, San Jose, Calif.; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a sister, Helen Parks; and three brothers, L.D., Glen and Joe Ashley.

Funeral services were held Monday morning at Mercer Funeral Home in Holton. Burial with full military honors followed in Valley Falls Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Salvation Army or Heart of Jackson Humane Society, sent in care of Mercer Funeral Home, P.O. Box 270, Holton, KS 66436.

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## Ryan

Thomas J. Ryan Jr., 82, Valley Falls, died Saturday, Nov. 14, 2015, at his home.

He was born Sept. 30, 1933, at Kansas City, Mo., the son of Thomas J. (Sr.) and Mary Elizabeth King Ryan. He graduated from Bishop Hogan High School at Kansas City, Mo.

Mr. Ryan served in the U.S. Army from 1957 to 1958 and was stationed in Tokyo, Japan. He also farmed in the Valley Falls area with family, and in 1986, he became an innkeeper along with his wife at the family's bed and breakfast inn, The Barn, at Valley Falls.

He was a founding member of the Kansas Bed and Breakfast Inn Association, former president and board member of Jayhawk Area Agency on Aging and a member of many community organizations and committees.

He married Marcella Rose Lickteig on Oct. 12, 1963, in Topeka. She died Sept. 6, 2014. A nephew, James Meiners, also preceded him in death. Survivors include three daughters, Mary Ryan and Catherine Pusich and husband Dave, all of Juneau, Alaska, and Patricia Miller and husband Mike, Valley Falls; a son, Thomas J. Ryan III and wife Gina, Valley Falls; six grandchildren; a sister, Mary Ann Ryan Meiners, Kansas City, Mo.; and two nieces.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 21 at The Barn Bed and Breakfast Inn south of Valley Falls. Visitation will be held from 9:30 a.m. until service time.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Valley Falls Food Pantry and sent in care of Mercer Funeral Home, P.O. Box 6, Valley Falls, KS 66088.

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## Bleier

Jere P. Bleier, 81, Holton, died Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2015 at Medicalodges Jackson County in Holton.

He was born Nov. 17, 1933, in Topeka, the son of George C. and Marguerite Beseau Bleier. He graduated from Seaman High School in 1953.

Mr. Bleier served in the U.S. Army in Korea from 1953 to 1955. He worked as a meat cutter after his discharge from the Army, and he and his wife owned and operated Jere's Thrif-Tee grocery store in Nortonville from 1972 to 1996, moving to Holton after their retirement.

He was a member of St. Dominic Catholic Church in Holton and Holton Knights of Columbus Council 4219.

He married Marjane Tyner on Nov. 8, 1958, at Assumption Catholic Church in Topeka. She survives.

Other survivors include two sons, Scott Bleier and wife Ampera, Mason City, Iowa, and Ben Bleier and wife Karen, Kansas City; two daughters, Jeanie Lollar, Oskaloosa, and Joni Bleier, Kansas City, Mo.; three grandsons; two granddaughters; and three great-grandsons. He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers, George B. Bleier, Bill Bleier and Larry Bleier.

Mass of Christian burial was held Monday morning at St. Dominic Catholic Church in Holton. Burial will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to Beck-Bookman Library or the Nortonville Library, sent in care of Chapel Oaks Funeral Home, P.O. Box 1034, Holton, KS 66436.

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## Delia council lacks quorum

The Delia City Council meeting scheduled for Monday, Nov. 9 was not called to order due to a lack of quorum, it was reported. Only Mayor Don Trimble and council member Donna Knehans were in attendance for the regular monthly meeting.

In addition to Trimble and Knehans, those present for the meeting included City Attorney Scott Hesse, City Clerk Isabel Bogowith, City Treasurer Nikki Dohrman, Lyle Setwyn of Indian Health Services, and Chris Gordon and Travis Green of Delia Fire. Not present were council members John Nitsch, Denise Meltz and Molly Robb.

Bogowith read the minutes from the October meeting, and Dohrman presented the monthly financial report, but no action was reportedly taken on either due to the lack of a quorum. Setwyn also spoke to those present and answered questions about how Indian Health Services may assist the city in replacing water lines.

The next regular council meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 7. The meeting is open to the public.

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Brad Stauffer (right) and Norm Jepson, both of Holton, attended the "Vietnam Veterans Welcome Home" event held last Friday at Fort Riley. The event was organized by 1st Infantry Division and Fort Riley commanding general, Maj. Gen. Wayne W. Grigsby Jr., to honor American troops who fought in the Vietnam War but did not receive a hero's welcome upon returning home.

*Submitted photo*

## Importance of hospices noted this month

November is National Hospice and Palliative Care Month, and hospices across the country — including Jackson County Friends of Hospice and Holton Community Hospital Hospice — are reaching out to raise awareness about the highest quality care for people coping with life-limiting illness.

"Every year, more than 1.5 million people living with a life-limiting illness receive care from hospice and palliative care providers in this country," said J. Donald Schumacher, president and CEO of the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization. "These highly-trained professionals don't only provide quality medical care. They work to make sure patients and families find dignity, respect, and love during life's most difficult journey."

Hospice is more than traditional healthcare. Hospice and palliative care programs provide pain man-

agement, symptom control, psychosocial support, and spiritual care to patients and their families when a cure is not possible. Hospice and palliative care combines the highest level of quality medical care with the emotional and spiritual support that families need most when facing the end of life.

Through this specialized quality care, many patients and their families have the opportunity to experience more meaningful moments together. Hospice helps them focus on living despite a terminal diagnosis.

"If someone were to ask me why I spend time volunteering for hospice, I would reply, 'because hospice was there for my family at a difficult time in our lives, and because hospice professionals provide the highest quality of medical care when people need it most,'" said Susan Foster, a hospice volunteer for Jackson County Friends of Hospice. "Why

do I volunteer for hospice? It must be love!"

Throughout the month of November, Jackson County Friends of Hospice will be joining organizations across the nation to spread the word that will help the community understand how important hospice and palliative care can be.

More information about hospice, palliative care and advance care planning is available from Holton Community Hospital Hospice Director Mandy Bontrager, RN BSN, at 364-9617.

Stories showing the many ways hospice makes more special moments possible can be found at [www.momentsoflife.org](http://www.momentsoflife.org)

The mission of Jackson County's hospice organizations is to provide physical, spiritual, emotional and social support to enable people to live with hope and dignity while coping with terminal illness and loss.

## Circleville

By Jeannie Arnold

Gwendolyn Hare Sigmund Kottman was born on Halloween, Oct. 31, 1915, and celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday Saturday, Oct. 31, 2015. Family members who shared the day with her included Derick, Teagan, Taelynn and Tylie Shupe of Parkville, Mo.; Darren, Stephanie, Braxton, Evan and Gavin Shupe of Tonganoxie; and Darryl and Pearl Shupe, Phyllis Shupe and Dan, Jodi, Brynn and Sawyer Shupe, all of Circleville.

Floye Knouft of Holton came by to visit and reminisce about birthdays past celebrating with weiner roasts either at Prairie or Elkhorn lakes with their club (GFRK) friends.

Later in the day, Channel 27 News visited and interviewed Gwen. It was such a surprise to her. It aired that evening at 10 p.m.

Deloris and Don Beam made a trip to Manhattan on Tuesday, Nov. 3, to see their new great-grandchild, Cannon Michael Steiner, who was born Nov. 2. Cannon's parents are Megan and Weston Steiner. Sister is Macy and brother is Kason. Grandparents are Mike and Lesa Beam and Dale and Ilah Rose Askren.

Dennis and Barbara Hutchinson attended the Hoyt Methodist Church on Tues, Nov 3, and were joined by

Denise Morarity and Shelby Moore of Hoyt for a delicious turkey dinner with all the trimmings.

Lori, Bailey and Afton Burdick were at our house on Tuesday evening, Nov. 3, to celebrate a belated birthday for Bob. Lori fixed a nice supper for us, and rather than the standard ice cream and cake, we enjoyed a variety of yummy cheesecakes.

Dennis and Barbara Hutchinson went to Emporia State University to the alumni center on Thursday, Nov. 5, for a program and meeting. It was called "Tea and Talk" and was basically for retired alumni of the university.

The program was a power point presentation by Tyler Curtis, Alumni Association executive director, on the June trip to Ireland that the Hutchinsons went on with the alumni group.

There was a large crowd of supporters at Jackson Heights on Friday evening, Nov. 7, for the football game against Jeff County North. Jackson Heights won 24-14.

Several from Circleville went to Soldier Christian Church on Saturday evening, Nov. 7, for a wonderful dinner of turkey and dressing and all the trimmings. They had a large crowd for the delicious meal.

## Guidelines for obituaries

When submitting obituaries to *The Holton Recorder*, please remember that survivors listed in free obituaries are limited to those who are related to the deceased either by blood or by marriage. "Companions," "special friends," "life partners," pets and godparents do not fit into either category. However, if you would like the names of non-relations to be printed with the obituary, call *The Recorder* at (785) 364-3141 to make arrangements for a paid obituary.

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BEFORE THE JACKSON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL PARTIES CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that the Jackson County Planning Commission will meet at 7:00 pm on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2015 at the Senior Citizens Building located at 312 Pennsylvania Ave, Holton, Kansas. The following

application will be discussed.

Applications filed by Michael Area, requesting a Change of Zoning District to B4 Highway Service District on the following described Property:

A tract of land in the North 110 acres of the Southwest Quarter of Section 13, Township 8 South, Range 15 East of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Jackson County, Kansas, described as follows: Beginning at the Southwest corner of the North 110 acres of the Southwest Quarter of Section 13, Township 8 South, Range 15 East, thence North along the West line of the Southwest Quarter 331.49 feet,

thence east 2,628.72 feet to the East line of the Southwest Quarter, thence South along the East line of the Southwest Quarter 331.49 feet, thence West along the South line of the North 110 acres 2,627.00 feet more or less.

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The public is invited to the hearing to express their opinion on the application.

Jason Claycamp  
Zoning Administrator  
Jackson County, Kansas

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## Public Notice

(First published in *The Holton Recorder*, Holton, Kan., on Monday, Nov. 2, 2015.)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY, KANSAS Proceedings filed pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59

In the Matter of the Estate of MARJORIE P. BRUNS, deceased.

Case No. 15 PR 32

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO

## Public Notice

(First published in *The Holton Recorder*, Holton, Kan., on Monday, Nov. 9, 2015.)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of Bernice E. Simpson, deceased.

Case No. 2015 PR 36

NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on November 5, 2015, a Petition for Probate of Last Will and Testament and Issuance of

ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 2015, a petition was filed in this Court by Larry Bruns, an heir, devisee and legatee of Marjorie P. Bruns, deceased, requesting a Determination of Descent.

/s/ Larry Bruns  
Larry Bruns

Submitted and approved:

/s/ J. Richard Lake  
J. Richard Lake #06661  
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Letters Testamentary was filed in this Court by Robert Simpson, executor named in the Last Will and Testament of Bernice E. Simpson, praying the Will filed with the Petition be admitted to probate and record; petitioner be appointed as executor without bond; and petitioner be granted Letters Testamentary.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before December 3, 2015 at 9:00 o'clock a.m. in the District Court of Jackson County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to

All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate within the latter of four months from the date of the first publication of this notice under K.S.A. 59-2236 and amendments thereto, or if the identity of the creditor is known or reasonably ascertainable, 30 days after actual notice was given as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

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# SPORTS *Monday*

## Wildcats pick up steam in road victory over Raiders on Friday

Going on the road is never easy and that challenge is only amplified in the playoffs, making what the Holton High School football team did in Frontenac on Friday night all the more impressive.

Holton rallied on the way to a 22-7 road victory, setting up a rematch against Columbus at home in the sub-state round this coming Friday.

In sectional action, the host Raiders got rolling on their first drive and took an early 7-0 lead, but that turned out to be the lone bright spot for Frontenac as Holton quickly took control after that.

"They came out with a really good game plan. They were really sharp," HHS coach Brooks Barta said of the Raiders. "We kind of made a mistake on the touchdown, but after that we just really made them earn everything. Sometimes you just have to play through that against a spread team."

Raider quarterback Brandon Mlekus was crisp early, converting nine of 10 passes in the first half, but he was only able to connect on three more for the rest of the game.

Holton's opportunistic defense struck again after that, as the offense turned the ball over on downs, but the Wildcat defense got it right back when Justin Pool forced a fumble on Frontenac's next possession.

The Wildcats took advantage of that turnover and got going on offense, with Mason Barta scoring on a three-yard run just over two minutes into the second quarter to tie up the game at 7-7.

Both defenses held the rest of the way in the first half, but given the grueling schedule Holton has faced this season, Barta felt his team was in pretty good shape going into the locker room at halftime.

"I thought it really benefited us in that game because I didn't sense any panic," Barta said. "Defensively, it's not that we were doing a lot wrong.

They were just doing a lot right and sometimes you just kind of have to survive that."

Survive...and advance, and that's just what Holton did in the second half. The Wildcat defense put the pressure on immediately after the break, as Tyler Price sacked Mlekus in the end zone for a safety to put HHS ahead for good.

If not for a late touchdown against Osawatomie last week, the Holton defense would be going into sub-state competition having allowed only one score in the last six games. The defensive line has been a key factor in that revamped performance, with players like Price coming back from injury in recent weeks.

"It really comes down to our front five figuring out that they can be playmakers and they're making a lot of plays for us now," Barta said.

Barta also noted the ends did a good job containing the athletic Mlekus on some roll outs, as Parker Zeller led the team with 14 tackles in the game.

Offensively, the Wildcats spread the production around again, but a pattern has started to form there as well, with Mason Barta leading HHS with 24 carries, 97 yards and two touchdowns in the game, including one late in the third quarter that made it 16-7 in favor of Holton.

While Mason Barta has been the workhorse recently, his production has also opened up some opportunities for the rest of the backfield.

"I think our offense has truly had to run through our fullback this year. He's kind of been our between the tackles guy," coach Barta said, "but we did a nice job the other night keeping balanced with the option and the counter game and really spread our running out and took what they gave us."

That came through as Spencer Baum broke free midway through the fourth quarter, picking up 62 of

his 83 rushing yards on one play that ended in a touchdown and sealed the 22-7 victory for the Wildcats.

For the second week in a row, Holton corralled an explosive offense, limiting Frontenac to 219 total yards and forcing three turnovers. The Wildcats seemingly continue to get better deeper into the playoffs and the team will certainly be motivated this week as they prepare for a rematch against Columbus.

"We found a way to survive and advance and we have a big game this week that they've been looking forward to," Barta said.

That highly anticipated game between Holton (8-3) and Columbus (11-0) will start at 7 p.m. this Friday here in Holton, with the winner advancing to the Class 4A-Division II state championship game in Salina.

**Nov. 13, 2015**  
HHS: 0-7-9-6—22  
Fron.: 7-0-0-0—7

**Team statistics:**  
HHS: 69 plays, 300 total yards, one turnover and three penalties for 15 yards.

Fron.: 54 plays, 219 total yards, three turnovers and two penalties for 15 yards.

**Individual statistics:**  
Rushing: HHS- Barta (24-97-2 TDs), Baum (7-83-1 TD), Rieschick (20-51), Wright (5-34), Pool (9-29), Zeller (2-6).

Passing: HHS- Rieschick (0-2-0-1 INT).

Defense: HHS- Zeller (14 tackles, fumble recovery), Price (6 tackles, two sacks, two pass deflections), Barta (6 tackles, 1 TFL, forced fumble), Nelson (4 tackles, sack), Wells (3 tackles, forced fumble), Brandt (4 tackles, fumble recovery), Rieschick (3 tackles, pass deflection), Pool (INT, forced fumble), Frakes (6 tackles).



Cobra Zane Richter (shown above, front right) hauls in a pass in the end zone for the team's first and only score in a sectional playoff game at Olpe on Friday. That score got JHHS within one possession going into the fourth quarter, but that's as close as the team could get as Olpe pulled away late to win 26-6, ending the Cobras' season.

Photo by Kelly Breckunith

## Heights offense rolls, but lack of points dooms team at Olpe

At first glance, the score of Friday's Class 2-1A sectional contest between the football teams from Jackson Heights and Olpe tells a one-sided tale.

For much of the game, however, the Cobras and Eagles were locked in a back and forth battle in Olpe and Heights was within striking distance of the defending state champions going into the fourth quarter.

"If you would've told me that going into the fourth quarter it would be a 13-6 game, I would definitely take that with our group of boys that we have," Wick said. "They (Olpe) were just better than us there in the fourth quarter."

While Jackson Heights continued to struggle converting long drives into points, the Eagles padded their lead with two more scores in that final quarter to secure a 26-6 victory and a spot in the sub-state round.

Starting out, the Cobras found themselves in a good position to begin the game, as JHHS took the opening kickoff and marched down the field and inside Olpe's 10-yard line on its first drive.

Mason Hamilton jump-started the offense with an 18-yard run after Heights was facing a third and six early in the drive and quarterback Wyatt Olberding then converted on two crucial fourth down plays to keep the drive alive.

That promising drive ended abruptly, though, as Olpe's Damon Schmidt intercepted a pass at the Eagles' six-yard line to swing the momentum at a crucial point early in the game.

In Wick's mind, there was no doubt the game's outcome would have been much different had the Cobras put six points on the scoreboard following that first drive.

On the following drive, though, Olpe returned the favor as the Eagles proceeded to move the ball deep into Cobra territory before Brady Holliday picked off a pass in the shadow of his own end zone to get the ball back for Jackson Heights.

The physicality that Olpe coach Chris Schmidt noted he was worried about going into the game was on full display for Jackson Heights in the first half, as the Cobras continued to

grind out drives. Execution was the difference in the end, though, as Olpe followed its game plan on both sides of the ball to hold off the Cobras.

On defense, the Eagles varied their pressure with five, six, seven, eight and even nine-man fronts, with linebacker blitzes added into that mix as well. While JHHS could methodically move the ball all night, Olpe always seemed to get the one stop it needed to keep the Cobras out of the end zone.

After one such stop on fourth down on Jackson Heights' side of the field, Olpe proceeded to take advantage of the good field position and turned it into a 12-yard touchdown pass from Ryker Schmidt to Damon Schmidt. That score put Olpe ahead 7-0.

Jackson Heights' next drive ended in the team's lone punt of the night, but it also pinned the Eagles deep in their own territory and kept them from adding to their lead before halftime.

After the break, Wick noted his team was focused on sticking to its game plan and wearing down Olpe with its physicality. Conlan Bruggeman set the tone right away with a bruising hit on the opening kickoff of the second half, but the Eagles were sticking to their guns, too.

"We played great the first half. Our defense was key. I don't think their running backs wanted to run between the tackles," Wick said. "Credit to Olpe, they had a great game plan and their game plan worked. They got into space. They weren't going to just run between the tackles."

The Eagles moved the ball throughout the game on sweeps, screen passes and quick outs, while that also opened up some counter plays inside later in the game. Olpe presented a lot of new formations out if its spread package, Wick admitted, but the Cobras were still able to get a big stop and force a punt to start the third quarter.

What followed next may have been the turning point of the game, as Jackson Heights took over at its own 20-yard line and proceeded to fumble the ball away on the first play of the drive.

A comedy of errors ensued, as the Cobras and Eagles fumbled on three of the next four plays, but Olpe

recovered its own fumble the final time in that wild stretch and Dylan Redeker then ran the ball in from 12 yards out to put the Eagles up 13-0.

"We kept reiterating to the kids that turnovers are going to be the name of the game and turnovers ultimately ended up killing us in that game," Wick said.

Despite the bleak scenario that string of turnovers created, the Cobras did not back down. The team took possession after Olpe's second score and went to work again.

Fullback Adam Brey had a big 12-yard run on a fourth and short play early in the drive, while Hamilton and Olberding also had some key runs. Olberding then found tight end Zane Richter in the end zone for a four-yard touchdown pass at the end of the third quarter to make it 13-6.

"That's been the mantra of this whole team and I really think this team is the epitome of that "never give up" mentality because through the course of this year we've been in situations where we easily could've just quit," Wick said. "It's just the players buying in, the players saying, 'hey, it's not over yet.'"

The Cobras kept pushing after that, but the Eagles pushed a little harder, with Redeker scoring again on a one-yard touchdown run and Andrew Burenheide adding a 34-yard score late to put the game out of reach.

Jackson Heights was still driving on offense at the end of the game, still trying, but mistakes like penalties and some coaching decisions, Wick admitted, prevented the team from capitalizing when it had the chance.

The loss brought an end to the season, in which Jackson Heights finished 8-2 overall. Wick noted he was proud of what his players accomplished and the excitement they generated this fall.

"This senior class and really everybody has done so much for the program. I'm so proud of them, so proud of the community," Wick said. "Everybody was excited. Everybody was part of the journey. Everybody was wanting to go."

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Olpe: 0-7-6-13—26

## Area football teams closing in on state championship goals

With state championship games drawing closer, some area football teams kept that dream alive over the weekend, while it became a reality for others. Below is a look at what other Big Seven, Twin Valley and Northeast Kansas league schools did in the latest round of the playoffs.

One team has already punched its ticket to the state title game, as Hanover will be making a repeat trip this season after finishing runner-up in Eight-Man Division I a year ago.

Following an onside kick that was recovered by Burlingame, Hanover was looking up at an 8-0 deficit almost immediately in its sub-state contest last Friday.

While the Bearcats converted that recovery into a touchdown, it only seemed to fuel the Wildcats as Hanover reeled off 28 straight points and went into halftime with a 36-16 lead.

Matthew Whiter returned the ensuing kickoff 77 yards for Hanover's first score and quarterback Will Bruna then found Trey Lohse for a pair of touchdowns on the team's next two drives, part of a 334-yard and six touchdown performance for Bruna. With that performance, Bruna broke the state record for most touchdown passes (56) in a season.

Hanover sealed the 56-32 victory with two scores in the final quarter to pull away from Burlingame and advance to the Eight-Man DI title game for the second year in a row. The Wildcats (12-0) will now face

Spearville for the championship at 11 a.m. in Newton this coming Saturday.

Another TVL squad from Axtell was looking to make a championship appearance in Eight-Man Division II, but those hopes were dashed by a dominant foe from Attica-Argonia.

Four first half turnovers doomed the Eagles and the Titans could not be slowed on offense on the way to a 52-0 victory and a spot in the Eight-Man Division II state championship game. Axtell finished the season 10-2 overall.

The final representative of TVL football still in the playoffs, meanwhile, now stands one game away from playing for a state championship, as Troy advanced to the sub-state round for the second year in a row in Class 2-1A following a 52-21 victory over Lyndon.

After falling behind 7-0 early in the game, the Trojans went to work with just over five minutes left in the half. Troy got a touchdown run from Kortin Blevins to take an 8-7 lead and the defense then went to work, scoring two more touchdowns to break the game wide open.

Cuttar Huss returned an interception 51 yards for Troy's second score and the team added to its lead by returning a fumble for a score on Lyndon's next possession.

While Lyndon cut into that lead and made it 22-15 going into halftime,

the second half belonged to Troy. The Trojans scored four more times while holding the Tigers to just one more score in the victory.

Troy (9-1) will now get set to host defending state champion Olpe in the sub-state round in a rematch from last year's playoffs. That contest will start at 7 p.m. this Friday.

Finally, Sabetha was representing the Big Seven in the Class 3A playoffs and looking to keep its momentum going after a huge victory over Silver Lake in the regional round.

Unfortunately for the Blue Jays, they were running into an equally hot squad from Wellsville. While Sabetha brought the Eagles' offense back down to earth after they had scored at least 50 points in five consecutive games, the Blue Jays still couldn't keep pace in a 31-14 loss.

Senior running back Brock Frey carried the load offensively, finishing with 126 rushing yards and both Sabetha touchdowns, including one late in the third quarter that made it a one-possession game, 21-14.

However, Wellsville tacked on 10 more points in the final quarter to pull away for the victory and get the chance to take on undefeated defending state champion Rossville in the sub-state round. Sabetha finished the season 7-5 overall.

## Williams signs with KSU

Topeka's Peyton Williams, of Cair Paravel High School, recently signed a letter of intent to play basketball and volleyball at Kansas State University starting in the fall of 2016 (likely red-shirting her first season), it was reported.

Williams signed last Wednesday and will be on scholarship as a member of the KSU women's basketball team and reportedly is the first Topekan to be on the roster in 25 years. The 6' 3" senior is rated the 64<sup>th</sup>-best prospect in the class of

2016 according to Prospects Nation, an on-line recruiting website.

In her high school career, Williams has scored more than 1,200 points and averaged 19.3 points and 13.1 rebounds per game last season, earning All-KCAA honors three out of four years in basketball and all four years in volleyball.

She is the daughter of Holton High School graduate Eric Williams and Heidi Holle-Williams, as well as the granddaughter of Holton residents Carroll and Sandra Williams.

## Rhule named All-State

In addition to All-League honors, the Kansas Volleyball Association announced its All-State teams recently and one Holton player made the cut in Class 4A-Division II.

Holton's Megan Rhule was

selected to the All-State second team in 4A-DII in addition to making first team All-League in the Big Seven this past week. Full rosters for the All-League teams are listed elsewhere on the sports pages.



Jackson Heights fullback Adam Brey (shown above, middle) tries to plow forward through an Eagle defender in Friday's sectional playoff game against Olpe. Brey had a big night, but turnovers and other mistakes held JHHS back in the game and prevented the team from moving on to sub-state competition.

Photo by Kelly Breckunith



# All-League teams announced

## Big Seven All-League Football (Offense)

Name	School	Year
<b>QB:</b>		
Ryan Hasenkamp (1 <sup>st</sup> )	Nemaha Central	Jr.
Zack Lux (HM)	Royal Valley	Sr.
Justin Rieschick (HM)	Holton	Sr.

<b>RB:</b>		
Derrick Barger (1 <sup>st</sup> )	Royal Valley	Sr.
Mason Barta (1 <sup>st</sup> )	Holton	Sr.
Brock Frey (1 <sup>st</sup> )	Sabetha	Sr.
Hunter Ostertag (1 <sup>st</sup> )	ACCHS	Jr.
Kyle Rethman (1 <sup>st</sup> )	Nemaha Central	Sr.
Bryer Miller (HM)	Riverside	Sr.
Cole Kellum (HM)	Perry-Lecompton Jr.	

<b>TE:</b>		
Gaige Olivero (1 <sup>st</sup> )	Riverside	Jr.
Trent Terrel (1 <sup>st</sup> )	Royal Valley	Sr.
Austin Frakes (1 <sup>st</sup> )	Holton	Sr.
Calder Keehn (1 <sup>st</sup> )	Sabetha	Sr.
Kaden Brandt (HM)	Holton	Sr.

<b>WR:</b>		
Tristan Allen (1 <sup>st</sup> )	Nemaha Central	Sr.
Nathan Bays (1 <sup>st</sup> )	Perry-Lecompton Sr.	
Grant Shue (HM)	Riverside	Sr.
Quentin Guerra (HM)	Jefferson West	Jr.

<b>OL:</b>		
Winston Meyer (1 <sup>st</sup> )	Nemaha Central	Sr.
Jarrett Roy (1 <sup>st</sup> )	Royal Valley	Sr.
Josh Bjelland (1 <sup>st</sup> )	Holton	Sr.
Brandt Rose (1 <sup>st</sup> )	Holton	Sr.
Braden Johanning (1 <sup>st</sup> )	Perry-Lecompton Sr.	
Greg Remmers (1 <sup>st</sup> )	Sabetha	Jr.
Jared Ice (1 <sup>st</sup> )	Jefferson West	Sr.
Kurtis Niehues (HM)	Nemaha Central	Sr.
Dalton Resler (HM)	Riverside	Sr.

<b>K:</b>		
Luke Herring (1 <sup>st</sup> )	Jefferson West	Sr.
Alec Kirwan (HM)	Sabetha	Sr.

## NEKL All-League Football (Offense)

Name	School	Year
<b>QB:</b>		
Nick Holmes (1 <sup>st</sup> )	Pleasant Ridge	Sr.
Bryce Noll (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	JCN	Sr.
Cameron Smith (HM)	Horton	Sr.

<b>RB:</b>		
Harry Trotter (1 <sup>st</sup> )	Maur Hill	Sr.
Kyle Hopkins (1 <sup>st</sup> )	Oskaloosa	Sr.
Jager Haack (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	Pleasant Ridge	Sr.
Brady Holliday (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	Jackson Heights	So.

<b>Slot back:</b>		
Brandon Broddle (1 <sup>st</sup> )	Pleasant Ridge	Sr.
Mason Hamilton (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	Jackson Heights	Jr.

<b>WR:</b>		
Brayden Summers (1 <sup>st</sup> )	JCN	So.
Brennen Hollinger (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	Pleasant Ridge	Sr.
Jarett Wildeman (HM)	Valley Falls	Sr.

<b>TE:</b>		
Zane Richter (1 <sup>st</sup> )	Jackson Heights	Sr.
Elliot Clay (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	Pleasant Ridge	Jr.

<b>OL:</b>		
Dustin Graham (1 <sup>st</sup> )	Pleasant Ridge	Sr.
Wyatt Roles (1 <sup>st</sup> )	Jackson Heights	Sr.
Cole Harris (1 <sup>st</sup> )	Maur Hill	So.
Cooper Thurston (1 <sup>st</sup> )	Oskaloosa	Jr.
Elijah Meyer (1 <sup>st</sup> )	JCN	Sr.
Auston Sauvage (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	Jackson Heights	Sr.
Kevin Lykins (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	Maur Hill	Jr.
Will Douthitt (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	Pleasant Ridge	Jr.
Kyle Noll (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	JCN	Sr.
Blake Shipley (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	Valley Falls	Sr.
Caleb Sullivan (HM)	Jackson Heights	Sr.

<b>Offensive Specialist:</b>		
Derek Richardson (1 <sup>st</sup> )	Horton	Sr.
Cole Bryant (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	JCN	Sr.

<b>Returner:</b>		
Sergio Hernandez (1 <sup>st</sup> )	McLouth	Sr.
Nick Holmes (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	Pleasant Ridge	Sr.

## Big Seven All-League Football (Defense)

Name	School	Year
<b>DL:</b>		
Dalton Resler (1 <sup>st</sup> )	Riverside	Sr.
Kurtis Niehues (1 <sup>st</sup> )	Nemaha Central	Sr.
Brandt Rose (1 <sup>st</sup> )	Holton	Sr.
Michael Majors (1 <sup>st</sup> )	Jefferson West	Sr.
Kaid Allen (1 <sup>st</sup> )	Sabetha	Sr.
Torin Van Nest (HM)	Perry-Lecompton Jr.	
Jarrett Roy (HM)	Royal Valley	Sr.
Josh Massey (HM)	Jefferson West	Sr.
Dalton Hiltbrand (HM)	Nemaha Central	Sr.

<b>DE/OLB:</b>		
Winston Meyer (1 <sup>st</sup> )	Nemaha Central	Sr.
Austin Frakes (1 <sup>st</sup> )	Holton	Sr.
Caleb Strahm (1 <sup>st</sup> )	Sabetha	Sr.
Trent Terrel (HM)	Royal Valley	Sr.
Paul Deters (HM)	Nemaha Central	Sr.
Jacob Box (HM)	Royal Valley	Jr.
Landon Jamison (HM)	Perry-Lecompton Sr.	
Keaton Young (HM)	Jefferson West	Sr.
Chase Kramer (HM)	Nemaha Central	Sr.

<b>ILB:</b>		
Gaige Olivero (1 <sup>st</sup> )	Riverside	Jr.
Derrick Barger (1 <sup>st</sup> )	Royal Valley	Sr.
Mason Barta (1 <sup>st</sup> )	Holton	Sr.
Chance Liggett (HM)	ACCHS	Jr.
Nick Quinlan (HM)	Perry-Lecompton Jr.	
Neil Sudbeck (HM)	Nemaha Central	Sr.

<b>DB:</b>		
Tristan Allen (1 <sup>st</sup> )	Nemaha Central	Sr.
Zack Lux (1 <sup>st</sup> )	Royal Valley	Sr.
Justin Rieschick (1 <sup>st</sup> )	Holton	Sr.
Mitchell Bond (1 <sup>st</sup> )	Perry-Lecompton Sr.	
Keishon Brown (1 <sup>st</sup> )	Jefferson West	Sr.
Jonah Montgomery (1 <sup>st</sup> )	Sabetha	Sr.
Hunter Ostertag (HM)	ACCHS	Jr.
Lane Bowen (HM)	ACCHS	Jr.
Leroy Watson (HM)	Riverside	Sr.
Dylan Steinlage (HM)	Nemaha Central	Sr.
Will Wright (HM)	Holton	Sr.
Joseph Kunkel (HM)	Hiawatha	Jr.
Nick Ehrhart (HM)	Royal Valley	Sr.

<b>P:</b>		
Alec Kirwan (1 <sup>st</sup> )	Sabetha	Sr.
Seth Bembrick (HM)	Riverside	Sr.
Mitchell Bond (HM)	Perry-Lecompton Sr.	

## NEKL All-League Football (Defense)

Name	School	Year
<b>LB:</b>		
Harry Trotter (1 <sup>st</sup> )	Maur Hill	Sr.
Jared Schmalsteig (1 <sup>st</sup> )	Pleasant Ridge	Sr.
Kyle Hopkins (1 <sup>st</sup> )	Oskaloosa	Sr.
Jager Haack (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	Pleasant Ridge	Sr.
Wyatt Olberding (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	Jackson Heights	Jr.
Nick Bridges (HM)	Pleasant Ridge	Jr.
Ben Harvey (HM)	Oskaloosa	Sr.

<b>DL:</b>		
Nick Stiver (1 <sup>st</sup> )	Pleasant Ridge	Jr.
Wyatt Roles (1 <sup>st</sup> )	Jackson Heights	Sr.
Kyle Noll (1 <sup>st</sup> )	JCN	Sr.
Cole Wolf (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	Horton	Sr.
Justin Cross (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	Oskaloosa	Sr.
Will Douthitt (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	Pleasant Ridge	Jr.

<b>DE:</b>		
Elijah Meyer (1 <sup>st</sup> )	JCN	Sr.
Dustin Graham (1 <sup>st</sup> )	Pleasant Ridge	Sr.
Kevin Lykins (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	Maur Hill	Jr.
Ty Gatzemeyer (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	Valley Falls	Sr.
Ricky Morris (HM)	McLouth	Jr.

<b>CB:</b>		
Jacob Gum (1 <sup>st</sup> )	Pleasant Ridge	Sr.
Scott Coates (1 <sup>st</sup> )	Oskaloosa	Sr.
Mason Thomas (1 <sup>st</sup> )	Jackson Heights	Jr.
Brady Troupe (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	McLouth	Jr.
Brandon Broddle (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	Pleasant Ridge	Sr.

<b>S:</b>		
Zane Richter (1 <sup>st</sup> )	Jackson Heights	Sr.
Marty Gatzemeyer (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	Valley Falls	Sr.
Nick Caudle (HM)	Maur Hill	Jr.
Ridge Robertson (HM)	JCN	So.

<b>Defensive Specialist:</b>		
Brennen Hollinger (1 <sup>st</sup> )	Pleasant Ridge	Sr.
Jake Brickell (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	JCN	Sr.

<b>P:</b>		
Bryce Noll (1 <sup>st</sup> )	JCN	Sr.
Arthur Rocha (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	Maur Hill	Jr.

<b>K:</b>		
Arthur Rocha (1 <sup>st</sup> )	Maur Hill	Jr.
Tommy Molder (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	Oskaloosa	Sr.

## Northeast Kansas All-League Volleyball

Name	School	Year
<b>First Team</b>		
Carly Taylor	Maur Hill	Sr.
Ally Campbell	Immaculata	Jr.
Sidney Gish	Valley Falls	Sr.
Amanda Wistuba	JCN	Sr.
Rachael Frakes	Valley Falls	So.
Ravyn Jobbins	JCN	So.
Avery Lewman	Maur Hill	Sr.
Callie Watson	Valley Falls	Sr.
Mallory Burns	Valley Falls	Jr.
Morgan Heim	Pleasant Ridge	Sr.
Daspin Bruning	Horton	So.
Jentry Seichepine	JCN	Jr.

<b>Honorable Mention</b>		
Ali Brown	Valley Falls	Sr.
Katie Gill	McLouth	Jr.
Shelby Wright	Oskaloosa	Jr.
Kaylee Page	JCN	Jr.
Lauren Vardiman	Immaculata	Sr.
Hannah Williams	Jackson Heights	Jr.
Abby Ross	Horton	Jr.
Hana Ronnebaum	Maur Hill	Jr.

## Big Seven All-League boys cross country

Name	School
Gavin Lierz	Hiawatha
Keegan Cox	Sabetha
Brandt Houk	Hiawatha
Cole Hinton	Riverside
Tristan Hinton	Riverside
Braeden Cox	Sabetha
Josh LeClair	Perry-Lecompton
Kwaki Spoonhunter	Royal Valley
Dexter Campbell	Hiawatha
Garrett Hicks	Royal Valley
Darius Frisby	Royal Valley
Jordan Peterson	Nemaha Central
Will Jernberg	Jefferson West
Henry Glynn	Sabetha
Bjorn Funk	Perry-Lecompton

## Big Seven All-League girls cross country

Name	School
Elizabeth Kettler	Hiawatha
Lexia Jamison	Perry-Lecompton
Beba Scholz	ACCHS
Taryn Schuette	Sabetha
Megan Meyer	Sabetha
Makenzie Tucker	Jefferson West
Aly Shamburg	Hiawatha
Kailey Davis	Hiawatha
Madison Bissell	ACCHS
Kaytlyn Gooderl	Royal Valley
Emma Williams	Hiawatha
Katie Hanshaw	Royal Valley
Mary Rosa	Hiawatha
Kiikto Thomas	Royal Valley
Emily Strathman	Sabetha

## NEKL All-League boys cross country

Name	School
<b>First team</b>	
Luke Oatney	Pleasant Ridge
Jack Siebert	Maur Hill
Ronny Jarred	Pleasant Ridge
Braeden Pfau	Oskaloosa
Gabe Younger	Pleasant Ridge
Tristan Funk	McLouth
Jordan Butler	Oskaloosa
<b>Second team</b>	
Evan Weishaar	Jefferson Co. North
Noah Tattershall	Pleasant Ridge
Clayton Price	Pleasant Ridge
Thomas Steichen	Jefferson Co. North
Dayton Flack	Pleasant Ridge
Ayden Black	Maur Hill
Dalton Chartier	Jackson Heights
Garrett Silvers	Pleasant Ridge

## Big Seven All-League Volleyball

Name	School	Year
<b>First Team</b>		
Anna Johnson	Royal Valley	Sr.
Rachael Baumgartner	Nemaha Central	Sr.
Sara Boyden	Perry-Lecompton Sr.	
Mallory Eckert	ACCHS	Sr.
Kate Hanson	Royal Valley	Sr.
Bailey Harvey	Jefferson West	Sr.
Delaney Koerperich	Hiawatha	Jr.
Jenna Macke	Nemaha Central	Sr.
Sam Mallonee	Perry-Lecompton Sr.	
Alexis McAfee	Sabetha	Sr.
Emily Meyer	Sabetha	Jr.
Megan Rhule	Holton	Sr.
Hayley Thompson	Holton	Sr.
Kaileigh Wright	Jefferson West	Jr.

<b>Honorable Mention</b>		
Joelle Schifflbein	Perry-Lecompton Sr.	
Kalli Broxterman	Sabetha	Sr.
Laura Macke	Nemaha Central	So.
KayCee Mundhenke	Jefferson West	Jr.
Mariah Murdie	Jefferson West	So.
Lauren Leavendusky	Holton	Jr.
Rayme Butts	Riverside	Jr.
Kaitlyn Schmilke	Riverside	Jr.
Macy Putnam	Royal Valley	Sr.

## Twin Valley All-League Volleyball

Name	School
<b>First Team</b>	
Cassidy Haufler	Centralia
Courtney Heinen	Axtell
Courtney Moore	Washington County
Elizabeth Nobert	Clifton-Clyde
Emilee Ebert	Frankfort
Hanna Bott	Linn
Katelyn Jueneman	Hanover
Katie Glatczak	Centralia
Kayla Smith	Valley Heights
Kiersten Talbot	Axtell
Kyla Hardwick	Frankfort
Mayda Stallbaumer	Centralia
Morganne Zabortsy	Hanover

<b>Second Team</b>	
Annie Ottot	Washington County
Ashton Jueneman	Hanover
Bradie Schmitz	Axtell
Cammie Miller	Washington County
Chelsea Huerter	Centralia
Drew Kramer	Centralia
Jo Roepke	Valley Heights
Megan Buessing	Axtell
Rebecca Adams	Frankfort
Riley Doebele	Hanover
Taylor Feldkamp	Axtell
Tessa Henry	BV-Randolph

## NEKL All-League girls cross country

Name	School
<b>First team</b>	
Faith Little	Jackson Heights
Carissa McAfee	Jefferson Co. North
Ceara Funk	McLouth
Grace Siebert	Maur Hill
Bridget Howard	Pleasant Ridge
Hanna Davault	Jackson Heights
Grace Dedeke	Pleasant Ridge
<b>Second team</b>	
Megan Goracke	Maur Hill
Kaylie Warden	Pleasant Ridge
Dorothy Hoopes	Maur Hill
Taylor Satre	Pleasant Ridge
Cassandra Thompson	Pleasant Ridge
Sara Noonan	Pleasant Ridge
Brianna Cattrell	Jackson Heights
Grace Wagner	Pleasant Ridge



Jackson Heights cross country runner Andrew Pino (shown above) competes for the Cobras at a meet earlier this season. Several Jackson Heights, Holton and Royal Valley athletes earned All-League honors recently and those teams are listed above.

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# Hoyt Council discusses water service

The Hoyt City Council met in regular session on Oct. 6.

Those present were Mayor Debbie Dreasher, council members Nathan McAlister, Lana Dillner, Leonard Allen and Farrell Holthaus. Council member Ed Ryan was absent.

Also present were City Attorney Lee Hendricks, City Clerk Shawna Blackwood, Samantha Hancock, Lisa Wege, Larry Valdez, Edward Kester, Greg Drinovsky, Bonnie Clelland, Sharon Gabriel, Trevor Bausch, Ernie DeBusk, Jeremy Andrews and Chief of Police Dan Wentling.

Dreasher called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Council members were previously provided with minutes to review from the Sept. 1 meeting. Corrections were discussed, and the minutes were approved with the corrections. Minutes from the Sept. 21 meeting were also approved as presented.

Wege met with the council to discuss a water leak at her property and the very high water bill. She was charged for 18,750 gallons of water and sewer. Council members approved a motion to charge Wege for just 3,000 gallons for sewer and waive the remaining charges.

Kester met with the council to discuss a scout leader project at Robinson Park. Kester asked for permission to build a gravel walking path from the parking lot to the front door of the historic jail. He also discussed donations for the projects.

ADA standards for the proposed path were discussed, and Hendricks said he would look into the requirements. The council approved a motion to build the walking path with ADA standards and agreed to donate up to \$200 in materials for the project.

Clelland and Drinovsky from Rural Water District No. 1 met with the council to discuss the city's current contract with the district, which expires Jan. 6. The district is looking into entering into a new contract with SN Rural Water District No. 4 as the organization can offer better rates than the city of Topeka.

However, the contract between Rural Water District No. 1 and Topeka does not expire for three years.

RWD No. 1 offered the city of Hoyt a cost break (\$5 for every 1,000 gallons) if the city will extend its current contract for an additional three years.

After the three years, RWD No. 1 representatives will have a better idea of wholesale rates and they can work on a new contract with the city council. Council members agreed to discuss the issue at a later time.

Gabriel met with the council to discuss the approved price for memorial trees at the park. The council approved a motion to set the prices for memorial trees, including the plaque, at \$140. Dillner said she would check on tree prices at a local nursery. Gabriel also stated the park bathrooms will be closed for the winter on Oct. 30.

Council members then met with DeBusk to discuss his property at Fifth Street and Kansas Highway 214. DeBusk said the representative he was working with at the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks has retired. He also stated that the property is not worth the hassle or the money and offered to give the property to the city.

Bausch met with the council to discuss the building permit for the new health clinic. There were no issues with the permit. He also discussed a building permit for Doug Hug. Before the permit can be approved, a variance needs to be approved by the fire department to allow for building within eight feet of the property line.

Bausch said he will inform the city of the decision made by the fire board. The council will plan to meet again before the next regular meeting to vote on the permit.

Bausch also discussed numerous inquiries relating to rezoning the property at Seventh Street and Central Avenue from commercial to residential and the need to get updated zoning maps.

The council met with Valdez who discussed a concern by his neighbor

relating to a mowing nuisance.

Hendricks discussed compliance with the election law changes with the council.

Kester and Hendricks discussed the burn resolution and the fines related to it. Until the new code is passed, the county should be contacted with any concerns.

The council discussed the property at 506 Kansas Highway 214. The clerk will send a mowing/weed letter to the property owner. The council also discussed the property north of the city building. The clerk will send a junked/abandoned letter to the property owner.

Council members would also like a status letter sent to the property owners at 108 W. Third St. regarding the removal of the junk/abandoned vehicles from the property.

Dillner said the recycling bin has been moved to the high school parking lot and can now be used by the community.

McAlister discussed the upcoming League of Kansas Municipalities conference.

Blackwood presented different bids and options from the accounting firm Berberich & Trahan. A motion was approved to hire the firm as the city's accounting firm at a cost of \$900 a month.

Blackwood also presented the wastewater treatment facility inspection report from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. No issues or deficiencies were noted. The representative did recommend checking with the city's insurance company regarding liability where the high school cross country course is within the facility fence.

Blackwood discussed some recent confusion regarding the deposit and rent payment due for renting the community building. As such, a revised contract was presented that will hopefully eliminate any confusion in the future. Council members agreed with the revised contract.

Blackwood presented the membership renewal notice from the Kansas

Rural Water Association. A motion was approved to renew the city's membership.

Blackwood presented information from a website design company called Love Small Town America.

Hendricks discussed sending a letter to the former city treasurer and clerk regarding city records.

Wentling gave the monthly police report. There was additional discussion regarding fines in school zones and school zone signs. Wentling also discussed the recent repair of the police car.

Holthaus stated that the pothole at Fourth Street and Highland Avenue has been repaired. He would like to wait until spring to address the sinkhole on Eastern Avenue. It was also reported that the street lights at Fourth Street and Highland Avenue and Fifth Street and Kansas Avenue have been replaced.

McAlister discussed the upcoming annual pump maintenance to be completed by Lee Matthews.

Dillner provided an update on parks. It was necessary to purchase more mulch to be used at the city park. There is edging that needs to be completed at Robinson Park. She also discussed needing a liner, gravel and sand before planting the log planter. Dillner also noted that the exterior of the jail is cracking. The cost of clear sealant was discussed.

McAlister discussed the research completed by Dennis Kester and Marvin Criqui relating to the jail. The goal is to restore the interior to its original state.

Dillner discussed purchasing chairs to be rented out for events at the gazebo. She also discussed wanting to put up a sign at Robinson Park.

McAlister discussed a request to have the "no parking" sign in front of 108 E. Fourth St. moved from the middle of the sidewalk. McAlister will discuss the matter further with the property owners.

The council approved a motion to pay bills, and adjourned the meeting at 9:38 p.m.



## Halloween Fun

A Halloween party was held recently at the Jackson County Senior Center in Holton. Those pictured in costume are (front row, from left) Jenny Wells, Susan Dallman, Amanda Spalding, (back row, from left) Irene Underhile, Darla Hanks, Suzy Mehninger and Mary Jo Fernkopf.

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## Veterans On Parade

Despite high winds on Wednesday afternoon, Holton-area military veterans and their supporters lined the Town Square for the annual Veterans Day Parade, one of a handful of activities planned to show support for military veterans past and present. In the photo above, a group of military veterans supporting local veterans groups, including Holton's American Legion Post 44 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1367, rode around the Square, some having their children and grandchildren along for the ride for support. In the photo at left, SSgt. Will Holle of the Kansas Army National Guard armory in Holton rode atop a HIMARS (High Mobility Artillery Rocket System) vehicle in Wednesday's parade, which also included appearances from the Holton Lions Club, marching bands from Holton and Royal Valley and a group from Holton's Central Elementary School.

Photos by Brian Sanders

## Drug dogs...

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unmerited, like the instance when ice melt in the back of a teacher's vehicle triggered a dog, Holloman said.

Thursday's search was conducted by Benny and his handler, Deputy Travis DeBarge, and Bak and his handler, Deputy Travis Spiker. Both Benny and Bak are German Shepherds, and they are between two to three years old. Their services are provided for free by the sheriff's office.

The dogs and their handlers spend five weeks training with the Kansas Highway Patrol and they must be certified once a year, DeBarge said.

"They are very smart, and they have this hunting drive," DeBarge said. "When they're working, they're working, but they are also very social dogs."

Holloman said the dogs are an effective tool for the district.

"The kids are used to the searches, and it's just one of the things we do

to help keep the kids accountable," he said.

During the 2014-2015 school year, the high school reported two student suspensions involving illegal drug use and five student suspensions involving alcohol use, according to a report Holloman submits to the state each year.

The report reflects the number of individuals suspended and not the number of incidents, Holloman said.

"One incident can result in multiple suspensions," he said. "So the report is not a true reflection of how many drug and alcohol incidents we have."

In the 2013-2014 school year, there were five student suspensions for drug use on school grounds and no suspensions involving alcohol.

It was reported that drug dog searches have been conducted in the past at Holton High School and that searches are not regularly conducted at Jackson Heights High School.

## Meal services...

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meals Monday through Friday, and residents from all areas of the county are invited to eat there.

"Our other small towns take advantage of the center in Holton, and Denison seniors can too," Zwonitzer said. "We want to give the Denison seniors until the end of the year to get their numbers up, otherwise we'll have to close the site."

The Denison Senior Center opened in 1979 with a dedication ceremony that featured Gov. John Carlin. The

center was established with a grant from CETA (Comprehensive Employment Training and Administration) program, which was a state program.

Once the grant ended in 1983, the county commissioners agreed to fund the senior meal program, it was reported.

Holton and Denison are the only two towns in Jackson County that have senior centers that serve residents Monday through Friday with county funds.

## Thanksgiving dinner...

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rolls; 14 cakes; and 19 pies.

Galer and others involved with the annual Thanksgiving dinner — which is open to everyone, regardless of their age, income, residence or religious affiliation — also are hopeful for a better turnout than in previous years.

In the past, the community events had averaged about 300 dine-in, carry-out and delivery dinners served per year. But in 2012, the numbers began to decline, with fewer than

265 dinners served that year; last year, the total fell to about 250.

To make a food donation or pledge volunteer services for the upcoming Christmas dinner, or to reserve a delivery meal, call Galer at 364-4160. Those seeking delivery meals are strongly encouraged to call Galer in advance of the meal, it was reported.

Monetary donations also are being accepted for the dinner; contact Francis DeVader at 364-2507 for more information.

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## Kansas House Speaker ousts opponents of recent block grant school finance bill

### Holton's Hutchins named as committee replacement

House Speaker Ray Merrick (R-Stilwell) on Wednesday removed two members from the House Education Committee who voted against the block grant school finance bill and replaced them with members who voted for it.

Off the committee are state Reps. Diana Dierks (R-Salina) and John Ewy (R-Jetmore).

Rep. Willie Dove (R-Bonner Springs), who also serves as House Majority Whip, was also taken off the Education Committee, but he was promoted to vice chairman of the House Health and Human Services Committee. Dove voted for the block grant bill.

Put on the House Education Committee were three members who voted for the block grant bill — Becky Hutchins (R-Holton), Kasha Kelley (R-Arkansas City) and Kevin Jones (R-Wellsville). The block grant bill essentially froze the level of school funding for two years and has been ruled unconstitutional by a three-judge panel, a ruling that is now before the Kansas Supreme Court.

In an email sent to House members, Merrick didn't say why he made the changes on the House Edu-

cation Committee.

Dierks told the Wichita Eagle newspaper, "They're taking key people and putting us on committees where we can't, as they say, stir the pot. But trust me... my voice will be heard."

Ewy told the Hutchinson News paper that he was baffled and disheartened by the move. He said he is concerned about how rural schools will fare in the next legislative session with the state looking close a budget gap.

"I don't want western Kansas to come up on the short end of the stick," Ewy told the paper.

This isn't the first time Merrick has removed a member from the House Education Committee. In 2014, he removed Rep. Melissa Rooker (R-Fairway), a public school advocate, who had fought several House leadership-backed proposals including the use of tax subsidies to private schools.

On Wednesday, Merrick also removed from the House Health and Human Services Committee three members who supported expansion of Medicaid. Merrick and Gov. Sam Brownback oppose Medicaid expan-

sion.

"Kansans oppose expanding Obamacare, a program that has busted budget after budget in states that have expanded it. I will continue to fight to protect Kansans from the disastrous effects of Obamacare," Merrick said.

Taken off the health committee were retired physician Barbara Bollier (R-Mission Hills), Susan Concannon (R-Beloit), who had been vice chair and had a rural health care background, and Don Hill (R-Emporia), a pharmacist.

## Public Notice

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

In the Matter of the Marriage of TESSA RENE' RIGGS And BRYAN PATRICK RIGGS

Case No. 2015 DM 117

### NOTICE OF SUIT

The State of Kansas to Bryan Patrick Riggs and all other persons who are or may be concerned. You are hereby notified that a Petition for Divorce has been filed in the above District Court by Tessa R. Riggs. You have until on or before Dec. 1, 2015 to file your answer with the District Court, in Holton, Jackson County, Kansas. If you fail to file an answer, judgment and decree will be entered against you based upon the Petition filed with the Court.

Tessa R. Riggs, Petitioner, Pro Se

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## Thank You!

A big thank you to all participating restaurants and everyone involved in making Veterans Day a wonderful day!

Also thank you to those who organized and walked in the parade — such as the RVHS Band, Holton's Middle and HS Bands, Holton Central School kids, Veterans Riders groups, Holton Police Dept., Ja. Co. Sheriff's Dept., Chad Phillips, Dan Brenner, the Army National Guard Color Guard and veterans organizations, auxiliaries, Grand Marshal Gary Jackman and those in Rotary who lined up the parade.

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