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Central Elementary School third-grade students (from left to right in the top photo) Maverick Hug, Abby Wellman and Addyson Schumaker signed their names on a white steel beam to be placed as the final beam on the structure of the new Holton Elementary School during a “topping off” ceremony on Monday afternoon. In the above photo, Holton superintendent Dennis Stones (second from left) addressed students from Central and Colorado schools before the beam was lifted into place, while former Holton superintendent Nancy Meyer (at left) looked on.

Photos by Brian Sanders

“Topping off” ceremony held at new school

By Brian Sanders

On Monday, more than 500 students and staff from Holton’s Colorado and Central elementary schools and other invited guests left their mark on the new Holton Elementary School by putting their signatures on the final steel beam to be put into place in the new school building.

Jon Pahl, executive vice president of operations for Nabholz Construction, which is building the new school, and other Nabholz representatives were on hand for the “topping off” ceremony on Monday afternoon, and he was pleased to note the students’ enthusiasm for the new school, which is slated to be ready for the 2016-17 school year.

“Who’s excited for a new school?” Pahl asked the congregation of Colorado and Central students gathered for the ceremonial placement of the final beam on the new building. Students responded with cheers, as did their teachers and others present for the ceremony.

After students, teachers and other guests signed their names to the white steel beam with multi-colored permanent markers, Holton Superintendent Dennis Stones explained to those present what a “topping off” ceremony is. A rite of many construction projects, Stones said, the ceremony is often held when the last beam, or its equivalent, is placed atop a structure during construction.

However, that doesn’t mean the new school is anywhere near completion, he said.

“Putting the last beam on doesn’t mean the building’s finished,” Stones told students. “It just means that the structure is becoming complete.”

Following short speeches by Stones and Pahl, a crew from Doherty Steel of Paola attached the signed beam to a crane and lifted it into place, while construction workers atop the structure prepared to fasten the beam to the building. Students chanted “Raise that beam! Raise that beam!” as it was being lifted and erupted in cheers again when that was done.

Next, a small U.S. flag and a cedar tree were mounted on top of the beam.

Stones said that as part of the tradition of the “topping off” ceremony, the placement of the cedar tree was traced to an ancient tradition of appeasing the “tree gods” who were angered by the removal of trees for the construction of a new building. He added that a new cedar tree would be planted somewhere on the school grounds when construction is complete.

Stones also told students that they would not actually be able to see the beam they signed after the new school is ready for occupation. However, it will be the first beam they pass under each day they go to school via its main entrance, he added.

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Chamber seeking more funding from city

By Brian Sanders

In light of the Holton/Jackson County Chamber of Commerce having “taken a loss” on this year’s Jazz on the Square event, the Chamber’s new director asked the Holton City Commission on Monday to consider some extra financial assistance for 2016.

During the commission’s regular meeting that evening, commissioners told incoming Chamber director Elise McLeod, who takes over from current director Carolyn McKee on Nov. 30, that she would have that consideration.

McLeod also told commissioners that with the Jazz on the Square event, she would like to keep supporting acts

for Holton native Jim Seeley “local, meaning the Kansas City area,” where the city “could find some really good talent without having to reach out quite so far.”

Seeley’s opening act at the most recent Jazz on the Square event was rhythm-and-blues musician Kelley Hunt, whom Commissioner Dan Brenner said was a “very expensive act.” Brenner also noted that people who support the event “are basically there to see Jimmy Seeley,” a Grammy Award-winning jazz trumpeter.

McKee, who was also present at Monday’s meeting, said Hunt’s \$8,000 fee to perform at this year’s event was covered by part of a grant awarded to the Chamber. She added that even

with funds provided by an outside source, the event “would have taken a loss, even with that in the equation.”

Holton City Manager Bret Bauer and members of the commission reminded McLeod and McKee that the city had approved a \$7,500 allocation for the Chamber during budgeting for 2016 earlier this year. In previous years, the city had approved a \$5,000 allocation for the Chamber, Bauer said.

The city had also approved a \$10,000 allocation to the Holton Main Street organization as part of a five-year commitment to the organization while it was active. But after the end of 2014, when Main Street was dissolved, the city split that allocation,

giving \$2,500 to the Chamber and \$2,500 to the Jackson County Historical Society, with the remaining \$5,000 “left alone,” Bauer said.

McLeod said the Chamber would like to see a \$10,000 allocation from the city, but not all at once because “it would behoove the city to break that down so that it’s not as much cash outlay at one time.” However, she noted, the Chamber is looking at doing more with the funds than just keeping Jazz on the Square going.

“With the revenue from the city, economic development and local businesses will be able to continue to grow,” McLeod said.

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County shop has new home

■ Commissioners purchase Forrester truck building and land for \$350,000

By Ali Holcomb

In a matter of hours on Friday, the Jackson County Commissioners toured and then agreed to purchase a building to serve as the new home for the county shop.

On Monday morning, the commissioners – Bill Elmer, Janet Zwonitzer and Rob Ladner – signed off on paperwork to purchase a large shop building and seven acres of land currently owned by Forrester Truck Parts & Repair of Holton at a cost of \$350,000.

The building and land are located at 24569 U.S. Highway 75 in Holton, north of the city at the intersection of 246th Road and U.S. 75. The property is about a mile north of Holton Community Hospital.

“We couldn’t pass up that kind of offer,” Zwonitzer said. “And we won’t have to have a bond to pay for it.”

Bob Forrester, who owns the property with his wife, Barbara, approached road and bridge supervisors last Thursday with an offer to sell his property to the county for use as a county shop, Zwonitzer said.

The commissioners, Eric Fritz and Earl Bahret, road and bridge de-

partment co-supervisors, and Terry Mick, bridge and special project manager, toured the facilities the next day. The building, which includes a mechanic shop, inventory area, office and other storage areas is 13,000-square feet.

An hour-long executive session was held from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Friday to discuss the piece of real estate with Bahret, Fritz, Mick and Jackson County Clerk Kathy Mick.

After the executive session, a motion was approved 3-0 to accept the asking price for the purchase of the building and land. The property is being sold by the Forresters, and no real estate agents were involved in the sale, it was reported.

After the motion passed, Zwonitzer, Fritz and Bahret returned to the property to inform the Forresters of the decision.

Portions of the building were built in 1962, with additional improvements made to the business in 1979, it was reported.

Paperwork was finalized Monday, and the funds for the purchase will come from the county’s capital outlay fund.

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Taylor to be inducted into Chamber Hall of Fame

By Brian Sanders

Paula Birkbeck Taylor has loved the art of dance since she was a little girl growing up in the Kansas City area.

“That was my thing,” Taylor said. “I took dance classes all those years, and I loved it.”

When Taylor and her parents, Jim and Mary Lou Birkbeck, moved to Holton, she wanted to continue to take dance lessons, but eventually, she ended up starting a class and giving those lessons. And what she started out of the Birkbeck family garage more than 30 years ago has grown into one of the city’s most popular businesses.

Taylor is being inducted into the Holton/Jackson County Chamber of Commerce this year for her commitment to starting and growing Paula’s School of Dance from the garage into a business that, as she puts it, provides “an avenue for kids to have something to enjoy” and encourages activity and growth at other businesses on Holton’s Town Square.

Even though Taylor sold the business to one of her former students,



Paula Taylor

Heather Carlson, in 1997, the dance school — now known as Studio 1 Dance Center — continues to draw children from all around northeastern Kansas. Being recognized by

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KC and The Sunshine Band to perform at casino Friday

By Ali Holcomb

KC and The Sunshine Band dominated the airwaves in the 1970s with hit single after hit single such as “Get Down Tonight,” “That’s the Way (I Like It)” and “Boogie Shoes.”

Fans of the group can shake their booties during the band’s performance Friday at the Prairie Band Casino & Resort Great Lakes Ballroom in Mayetta.

Doors to the ballroom open at 7 p.m. and the concert begins at 8 p.m. Tickets are available the Prairie Band gift shop during normal business hours, by calling 1-888-727-4946 or online at www.pbpgaming.com.

Harry Wayne “KC” Casey was a pioneer in developing a unique sound in the 1970s that blended R&B and funk, with a hint of a Latin percussion groove. The band has sold more than 100 million records.

The band’s music is still relevant with today’s generation and has been featured in the recent movie “Kings-



man: The Secret Service,” the television show “Scandal” and several advertising campaigns.

“When I wrote these songs, I wasn’t thinking about their longevity,” Casey said in a phone interview Friday. “People enjoy the energy of the music and the fact that it’s upbeat. It’s exciting that they still love the music.”

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THURSDAY'S FORECAST
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Land Transfers

The following land transfers have been filed at the Jackson County Register of Deeds office:

Transfer on Death Deed: Mary F. Lundin, a single person, transfers on death to John Lundin and Denise Lundin, Lot 3, Lunger's 2nd Addition to the City of Mayetta, Jackson County, Kansas.

Joint Tenancy General Warranty Deed: Bronson E. Estes and Dawn M. Estes, single persons, convey and warrant to Douglas L. Stithem and Brittney R. Stithem, Lot 19, Long's 2nd Addition, City of Hoyt, Jackson County, Kansas.

Quit Claim Deed: Dianna L. Davis, spouse of Robert L. Davis, quit claims to Robert L. Davis, a 7.51-acre tract of land in the northeast quarter of Section 22, Township 8 South, Range 15 East of the 6th P.M., Jackson County, Kansas.

Joint Tenancy General Warranty Deed: Travis S. Duncan and Lisa M. Duncan convey and warrant to Valent F. Swanson and Sonia N. Swanson, a tract of land located in the south 50 acres of the southwest quarter of Section 13, Township 8 South, Range 15 East of the 6th P.M., Jackson County, Kansas.

Corrected Kansas Warranty Deed: The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation conveys and warrants to The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 30, Township 7 South, Range 15 East of the 6th P.M., less a one-half interest in minerals, Jackson County, Kansas.

Joint Tenancy General Warranty Deed: Phillip J. Wingender, a single person, conveys and warrants to Michael D. Lovvorn and Kimberly D. Lovvorn, husband and wife, an undivided one-half interest in and to the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 15, Township 7 South, Range 15 East of the 6th P.M., less a tract of land

in the southwest corner of the northwest quarter, Jackson County, Kansas. Joint Tenancy General Warranty Deed: Phillip J. Wingender, a single person, conveys and warrants to James C. Lovvorn and Tamara S. Lovvorn, husband and wife, an undivided one-half interest in and to the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 15, Township 7 South, Range 15 East of the 6th P.M., less a tract of land in the southwest corner of the northwest quarter, Jackson County, Kansas.

Joint Tenancy General Warranty Deed: Stephen F. Morris and Laurita R. Morris, husband and wife; Georgene A. Wilhelm and Kenneth J. Wilhelm, wife and husband; Dennis E. Morris and Tym E. Morris, husband and wife; and Debra Y. Korte and Raymond Korte, wife and husband, convey and warrant to Guy W. Neiswender and Shirley A. Neiswender, Lot 20 on Ohio Avenue, City of Holton, Jackson County, Kansas.

Joint Tenancy General Warranty Deed: Merle G. Morris, a single person, conveys and warrants to Guy W. Neiswender and Shirley A. Neiswender, Lot 20 on Ohio Avenue, City of Holton, Jackson County, Kansas.

Joint Tenancy General Warranty Deed: Ramona S. Wheeler, a single person, conveys and warrants to Jerold D. Wheeler and Annette M. Wheeler, a 14.77-acre tract of land in the northeast quarter of Section 4, Township 7 South, Range 13 East of the 6th P.M., Jackson County, Kansas.

Kansas Special Warranty Deed: The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development of Washington D.C. does sell and convey to James C. Lovvorn and Tamara S. Lovvorn, a tract of land in the northwest corner of the northwest quarter of Section 7, Township 7 South, Range 14 East of the 6th P.M., Jackson County, Kansas.

Kansas Warranty Deed: Tyrone Magers and Jennifer Magers, husband and wife, and Rebecca Magers, a single person, convey and warrant to Dan Barrow Trading Co. Inc., the west half of the southeast quarter of Section 14, Township 8 South, Range 16 East of the 6th P.M., less part of the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter, and a tract of land in the south part of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 14, Township 8 South, Range 16 East of the 6th P.M., Jackson County, Kansas.

Joint Tenancy Warranty Deed: Marvin L. DeVader, a single person, conveys and warrants to Christopher A. Johnson and Amanda L. Johnson, husband and wife, the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 31, Township 8 South, Range 13 East of the 6th P.M., Jackson County, Kansas.

Kansas Transfer on Death Deed: Erryn Langdon transfers on death to Eva Landis, Lot 29 on Pennsylvania Avenue, City of Holton, Jackson County, Kansas.

Joint Tenancy General Warranty Deed: Marlee R. Gilbert, a single person, conveys and warrants to Douglas W. Diekhoff and Belinda R. Diekhoff, a tract of land in the east half of the east half of the southwest quarter of Section 25, Township 9 South, Range 15 East of the 6th P.M., Jackson County, Kansas.

Joint Tenancy General Warranty Deed: David P. McNally, a single person, and Jami Platt, a single person, convey and warrant to Mary S. Fernkopf and Larry D. Savage Jr., a tract of land in the southwest corner of the southeast quarter of Section 33, Township 6 South, Range 13 East of the 6th P.M., Jackson County, Kansas.

General Warranty Deed: Michelle D. Evans and Calvin D. Evans II, wife and husband, convey and warrant to Stacy Lasswell, Lots 4, 5 and 6, Wilson's Addition to the City of Holton, Jackson County, Kansas.

Holidays pose fire dangers

■ Homeowners asked to remember prevention tips

As the holiday season approaches and families gear up for decorating their homes and hosting large gatherings of friends and family, Daniel Thorman of SERVPRO of west Topeka reminds homeowners to take note of some sobering statistics about home fire safety from the National Fire Prevention Association:

* Cooking equipment is the leading cause of home structure fires. The three peak days for home cooking fires are Thanksgiving, Christmas Day and Christmas Eve.

* Candle fires peak in December. The top three days for candle fires are Christmas Day, Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.

"These statistics are a serious reminder of how the excitement of holiday entertaining can quickly turn into a life-altering fire or even a tragic injury or death," Thorman said. "While glowing candles and elaborate meals set the stage for a great holiday get-together, homeowners need to exercise extra care in controlling the dangerous potential for fires."

According to the NFPA, unintended cooking is by far the leading cause of home cooking fires, with frying posing the greatest fire risk and electric ranges posing a higher risk than gas ranges.

Range top cooking in general started the majority of home cooking fires and caused 86 percent of related civilian deaths for the reporting period.

While incidents of candle fires peaked in 2001 and have been falling since, candles are still one of the top 10 causes of U.S. home fires, according to the NFPA.

As with cooking fires, unattended or abandoned candles account for a large portion of candle fires, almost 20 percent, but the most frequent cause of candle fires is placing the candle too close to something that can burn, like curtains, decorations or furniture.

"It's easy to see why cooking and candle fires both peak during the holiday season," Thorman said. "It's also easy to see why homeowners need to take extra care when decorating their homes or entertaining. A moment's inattention at the stove or a guest repositioning a candle on a tabletop may be all it takes to turn the festivities into a fight to save property and lives. While our business is fire and water damage restoration, and we stand ready to help at a moment's notice if disaster does strike, our sincere hope is that our friends and neighbors will enjoy a fire-free and festive holiday season."

For more fire prevention tips and information about fire and water damage restoration services, please visit www.servpro.com

Police Calls

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

- 2:36 a.m. Oct. 29, Prairie Lake, area check.
- 3:04 a.m. Oct. 29, Industrial Park/Hospital, area check.
- 9:02 a.m. Oct. 29, 100 block of Lincoln Avenue, EMS assist.
- 12:55 p.m. Oct. 29, Fourth Street at Cherokee Drive, non-injury accident.
- 2:25 p.m. Oct. 29, 700 block of Colorado Avenue, animal control.
- 7:03 p.m. Oct. 29, Fifth Street at New Jersey Avenue, suspicious activity.
- 9:23 p.m. Oct. 29, Prairie Lake, area check.
- 5:26 a.m. Oct. 30, 900 block of Washington Avenue, EMS assist.
- 1:18 p.m. Oct. 30, 900 block of West Sixth Street, suspect arrested on charges of theft, possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- 2 p.m. Oct. 30, parade escort.
- 2:32 p.m. Oct. 30, funeral escort.
- 4:16 a.m. Oct. 31, 100 block of Nebraska Avenue, alarm.
- 11:45 a.m. Oct. 31, 500 block of New York Avenue, assisted staff.
- 1:55 p.m. Oct. 31, 300 block of Wisconsin Avenue, animal control.
- 6:39 p.m. Oct. 31, 100 block of Nebraska Avenue, citizen assist.
- 7:07 a.m. Nov. 1, 300 block of West Fourth Street, animal control.
- 8:11 p.m. Nov. 1, Prairie Lake, area check.
- 10:37 p.m. Nov. 1, U.S. Highway 75 at Columbine Drive, suspect arrested on four City of Topeka failure to appear warrants.
- 7:16 p.m. Nov. 2, Jackson County Detention Center, assisted staff with an unruly prisoner.
- 9:02 p.m. Nov. 2, Prairie Lake, area check.
- 11:09 p.m. Nov. 2, Industrial Park/Hospital, area check.
- 3:32 a.m. Nov. 3, 400 block of Illinois Avenue, EMS assist.
- 9:15 a.m. Nov. 3, 200 block of Summit Drive, EMS assist.
- 4:37 p.m. Nov. 3, Fourth Street at Nebraska Avenue, non-injury accident.
- 9:12 p.m. Nov. 3, Prairie Lake, area check.

check.

- 1:37 a.m. Nov. 4, 100 block of Pennsylvania Avenue, disturbance.
- 2:19 a.m. Nov. 4, Industrial Park/Hospital, area check.
- 8:47 a.m. Nov. 4, 700 block of Dakota Avenue, identity theft.
- 2:43 p.m. Nov. 4, 800 block of Vermont Avenue, disturbance.
- 3:59 p.m. Nov. 4, 100 block of New Jersey Avenue, animal control.
- 5:12 p.m. Nov. 4, 100 block of Vermont Avenue, disturbance.
- 7:33 p.m. Nov. 4, 400 block of Navajo Drive, disturbance.
- 3:39 a.m. Nov. 5, 600 block of New York Avenue, suspicious activity.
- 11:22 a.m. Nov. 5, 500 block of Nebraska Avenue, non-injury accident.
- 12:27 p.m. Nov. 5, 900 block of New York Avenue, theft.
- 4:50 p.m. Nov. 5, 100 block of Nebraska Avenue, disturbance.
- 4:12 a.m. Nov. 6, 900 block of West Fourth Street, suspect arrested on charges of expired registration, driving while license cancelled/suspended/revoked and possession of marijuana.
- 6:16 a.m. Nov. 6, 500 block of New Jersey Avenue, open door.
- 11:34 a.m. Nov. 6, 200 block of West Fifth Street, suspicious activity.
- 10:03 p.m. Nov. 6, 100 block of Pennsylvania Avenue, disturbance.
- 10:47 p.m. Nov. 6, Prairie Lake, area check.
- 3:39 a.m. Nov. 7, 600 block of Nebraska Avenue, animal control.
- 11:02 a.m. Nov. 7, 100 block of Arizona Avenue, EMS assist.
- 1:25 p.m. Nov. 7, 700 block of New Jersey Avenue, theft.
- 2:11 p.m. Nov. 7, 400 block of Navajo Drive, disturbance.
- 4:12 p.m. Nov. 7, 200 block of West Second Street, theft.
- 5:10 p.m. Nov. 7, 600 block of West Third Street, criminal damage to property.
- 10:13 p.m. Nov. 7, Prairie Lake, area check.
- 11:35 a.m. Nov. 8, 1400 block of West Fourth Street, theft.
- 2:34 p.m. Nov. 8, 700 block of Arizona Avenue, suspicious activity.
- 3:08 p.m. Nov. 8, 500 block of

New Jersey Avenue, suspect arrested on a Shawnee County warrant.

- 4:22 p.m. Nov. 8, 100 block of South Pennsylvania Avenue, found property.
- 6:57 p.m. Nov. 8, 800 block of Wisconsin Avenue, suspect arrested on charges of domestic battery, criminal trespass and criminal deprivation of property.
- 7:32 a.m. Nov. 9, 700 block of Idaho Avenue, citizen assist.
- 8:43 a.m. Nov. 9, 900 block of New York Avenue, child in need of care.
- 9:40 a.m. Nov. 9, Fourth Street at Montana Avenue, non-injury accident.
- 10:49 a.m. Nov. 10, 600 block of Arizona Avenue, suspicious person.
- 9:42 p.m. Nov. 10, 200 block of Arizona Avenue, suspect arrested on charges of driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs, driving while license cancelled/suspended/revoked, transporting an open container and littering.
- 1 p.m. Nov. 11, parade escort.
- 8:59 p.m. Nov. 11, 800 block of Wisconsin Avenue, suspicious activity.

Holton Post Office recommends certain dates for holiday mailing

Encouraging customers to mail early this holiday season, the Holton Post Office has released suggested mail-by dates to ensure holiday cards and packages reach their destinations in time.

Holiday cards and packages destined for military addresses in Iraq, Afghanistan or the Middle East should be in the mail no later than Dec. 3. The mail-by date for all other military addresses is Dec. 10. To help the families and friends of U.S. military personnel, the USPS offers a \$2 discount on its largest priority mail flat rate boxes.

For international destinations, mail-by dates range from Dec. 1 to Dec. 11 depending on the destination, with Global Express Guaranteed service available through Dec.

19 for most countries.

Suggested mail-by dates for cards and packages destined for U.S. addresses are Dec. 15 for standard post, Dec. 19 for first-class mail, Dec. 21 for priority mail and Dec. 23 for priority mail express.

The postal service expects to deliver more than 15 billion cards, letters and packages this holiday season, including nearly 600 million packages – a 10.5 percent increase compared to 2014.

"Customers can count on the postal service and our more than 600,000 dedicated employees to deliver their holiday gifts, cards and letters on time this holiday season," said Holton Officer-In-Charge Lanette McKee.

McKee also noted that a special red mailbox is located at the Holton Post Office counter for letters to Santa.

Hoyt Livewires install officers

By Karlie Albright

At the October meeting of the Hoyt Livewires 4-H Club, members started with the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was called to order by President Garrett Pruyser. Roll call was, "What is your favorite fall activity?" It was answered by 20 members. There were seven guests present at the meeting that are interested in 4-H.

Next, there was the installation of officers: Garrett Pruyser, president; Mary Broxterman, vice president; Alyssa Gooderl, secretary; Emily Albright, treasurer; and Karlie Albright and Megan Fenske, reporters.

Members also talked about the upcoming 4-H county achievement and officer training. The meeting was concluded by saying the 4-H pledge.

Congratulations Cheryl!

On a wonderful job you have done at the Jackson County Senior Center. With the help of others, you have left a lovely legacy for the future seniors of Jackson County. I wish you and Dick some well-deserved days of retirement.

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Watch out for fake RV sales on Craigslist: BBB

Better Business Bureau (BBB) serving Nebraska, South Dakota, Kansas and southwest Iowa is warning consumers who are shopping for vehicles on Craigslist that scammers are posing as vehicle sales companies and touting fake escrow services in an effort to defraud them out of thousands of dollars.

The scammers are using phony or stolen company names and often claim to be located in Midwestern communities - luring consumers to purchase RVs and trucks online.

Recent reports to BBB indicate that escrow fraud scammers are taking increasingly sophisticated steps to instill a sense of trust in their potential victims. Over the past several weeks, BBB has received inquiries and complaints about scammers using the name "Mayer Auto Center."

Consumers state that they are advertising trucks, recreational vehicles and heavy equipment on Craigslist.

Consumers, who have responded to their advertisements, relate having received responses by email with photo attachments of the vehicle in which they expressed interest. Emails from the phony business state that since "Mayer" is a trucking company and that they will deliver the "unit."

As the sales transaction proceeds, buyers are informed that they should pay by wiring money to Spain where their money will be held for five days in an escrow account managed by JP Morgan while they inspect the vehicle. Buyers are assured that if the "unit" does not meet what was represented, they will get their money back.

Although "Mayer Auto Center" states it is located at 3914 W. Jewell St. in Wichita, BBB's investigation has verified that no such business is located at this address.

One prospective customer from Iowa reported to BBB that he had driven to Wichita to check out an RV he saw advertised on Craigslist, only to learn that the business does not exist.

Another potential buyer was sent an email with two options for purchase. The first was, "You must come down to our dealership and purchase directly." The same Wichita address was given.

Four other consumers from Missouri, Illinois and two from California also called BBB, inquiring about "Mayer Auto." None of them sent money, but the Iowa consumer lost personal time and travel expenses on

a useless trip to Kansas.

"When shopping on Craigslist, always meet the seller in a public place and see the item for sale before purchasing. Following this one rule will help you avoid most scams on Craigslist," stated BBB President and CEO Jim Hegarty.

BBB offers these tips when shopping for vehicles online to help avoid a scam:

* Beware of sellers who want to conclude a transaction as quickly as possible. Scammers want to get your money before you have time to think or have a professional examine the deal.

* Watch out for sellers who want you to wire money or use prepaid credit cards instead of a traditional check or credit card.

* Call the seller to establish phone contact. If they neglect details agreed to via email or are unable to answer questions about their location, it is likely to be a scam.

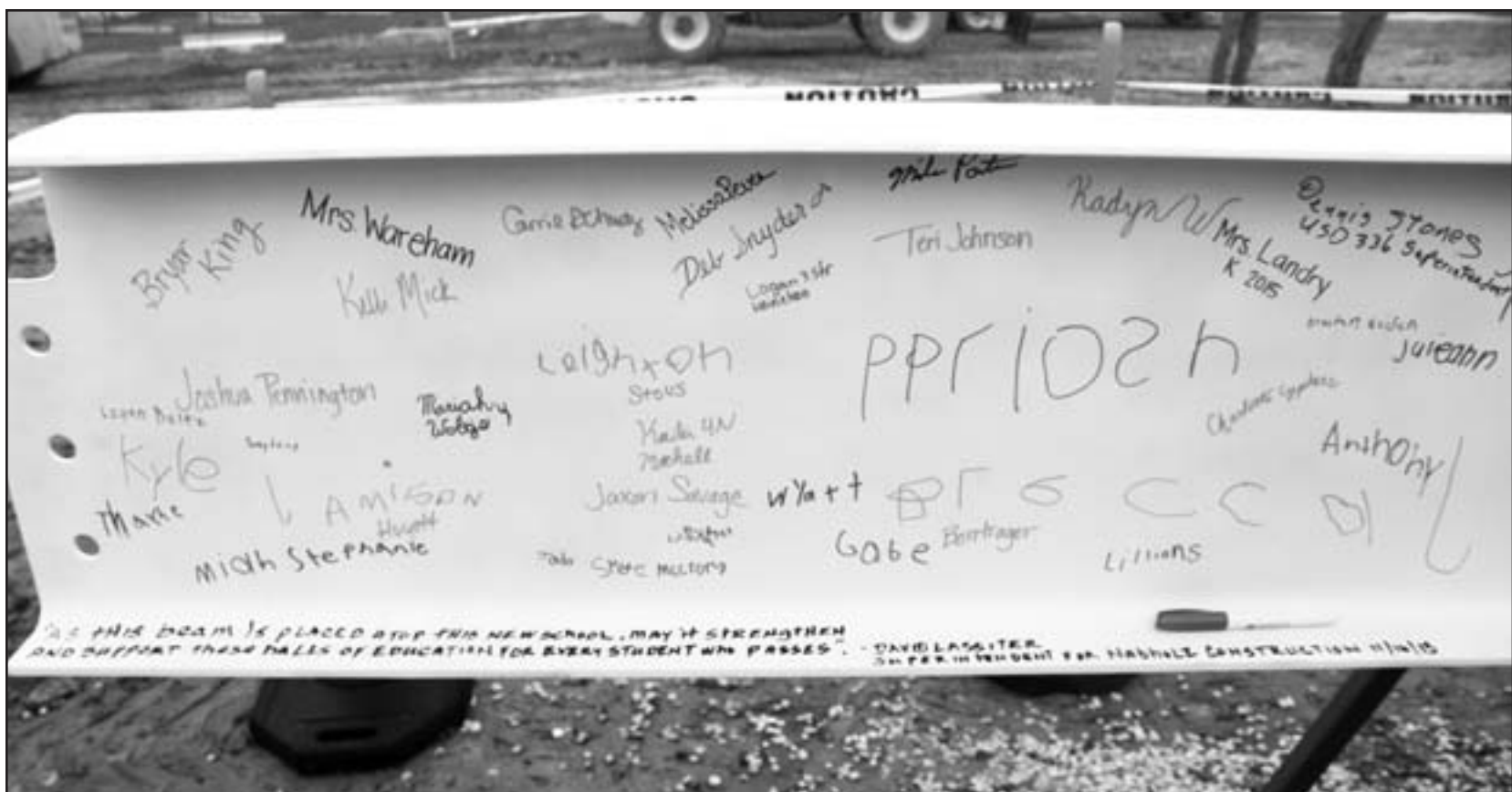
* Make sure websites are secure and authenticated before you purchase an item online. Look for "https" before the web address and online seals that ensure your credit card and/or banking information is secure.

* Use only well-known escrow services. As mentioned above, some fake car dealer websites use escrow services controlled by scammers. Go offline and contact the escrow service through a phone number you've determined is legitimate. Make sure they are aware of the transaction you are considering.

* If the price seems too good to be true, there's probably something wrong. Be wary if the vehicles price is significantly lower than what you've seen elsewhere.

* Do not open email attachments and links included in emails from senders you do not know. This may expose your personal computer to security vulnerabilities such as malicious malware and viruses. If you have clicked on attachments or links, you may wish to have your personal computer thoroughly evaluated by a professional.

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A Piece of History

Students from Holton's Colorado and Central elementary schools, along with teachers, school staffers and others, signed a white steel beam that was placed as the final beam on the new Holton Elementary School on Monday afternoon. The beam, shown in the photo above, also bears the inscription of Nabholz Construction superintendent David Las-siter: "As this beam is placed atop this new school, may it strengthen and support these halls of education for every student who passes." In the photo at left, construction workers prepare to attach the white beam to the building, much to the delight of onlooking students. Nabholz officials said construction of the school is moving along on schedule, and Jon Pahl, executive vice president of operations for Nabholz, told students, "You'll be in your new school before you know it."

Photos by Brian Sanders

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, Nov. 19

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

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

*NEK-CAP board of directors meeting, 7:30 p.m., NEK-CAP administrative office, 1260 220th St., Hiawatha.

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*12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m., retirement party for Cheryl Hamlin, Jackson County Senior Citizens Center, 312 Pennsylvania Ave. in Holton. Everyone is invited.

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Monday, Nov. 23

*The Jackson County Board of County Commissioners meet at 9 a.m. each Monday at the Jackson County Courthouse in Holton. All meetings are open to the public. To address the county commissioners, contact the county clerk's office at 364-2891 to have your name place on a meeting agenda.

*The Harvesters Food Group will stop at the Hoyt Community Building parking lot at 9 a.m. on every fourth Monday of every month. Please enter from West Drive on Kansas Highway 214.

*4 p.m. Holton varsity Scholars Bowl at Onaga.

*3:30 p.m. RVHS basketball pictures.

Tuesday, Nov. 24

*Meadowlark Extension District open house from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at

the Holton office (114 W. Fifth St.).

*RVMS Jump Day #1.

*11 a.m. Royal Valley senior composite pictures.

*3:30 p.m. RVHS cheer, dance and wrestling pictures.

Wednesday, Nov. 25

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

*Thanksgiving break begins for all area schools.

Auction Calendar



Auctions advertised in *The Holton Recorder* qualify to be included in this free auction calendar. Call Shannon or Errin at 364-3141, email us at holtonrecorder@embarqmail.com or visit 109 W. Fourth St. in Holton for details.

* Saturday, Nov. 21. Starting at 10 a.m. Richard Bluhm estate gun and coin auction. Fisher Center, 201 East Iowa St., Hiawatha. For more information, call Hartter Auction Service at (785) 284-2590 or (785) 284-2643.

* Saturday, Nov. 21. Starting at 10 a.m. Arthur and Esther Cottrell

absolute land auction. Corning Community Center, Corning. For more information, contact Ash Realty and Auctions at (785) 547-5034.

* Saturday, Nov. 28. Starting at 1:30 p.m. Regis and Evelyn Heiman family trust auction. Onaga Senior Center, 200 Bypass Rd., Onaga. For more information, contact Cline Realty and Auction at (785) 889-4775.

* Saturday, Dec. 5. Starting at 10 a.m. Huge auction located at 17047 206th St., Tonganoxie. For more information, contact Sebree Auction at (816) 223-9235.

MARKETS

STOCKS

Description	Price at Close	Change
AT&T	33.27	+0.23
CenturyLink	28.13	-0.35
Lowe's	72.84	+1.20
Target	72.97	+0.66
Hershey	83.58	-1.18
Walmart	59.93	+2.06
Phillips 66	91.15	+0.08
US Bancorp	43.03	-0.08
Pfizer	32.88	-0.28
Deere & Co.	73.80	-0.91
United Parcel	103.14	+0.00
Apple	113.69	-0.49
Facebook	105.13	+1.09
Westar Energy	41.04	-0.51
Goodyear	32.49	+0.18

Source: Edward Jones Investments, Shannon Wright, financial advisor. Prices listed at close of trading on Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2015.

GRAIN

Description	Price at Close
Wheat	\$3.76
Corn	\$3.46
Milo	\$2.92
Soybeans	\$8.29

Source: Jackson Farmers Co-Op, Holton. Prices listed at close of trading on Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2015. Grain buying hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday. Cash bids subject to change without notice.

FUEL PRICES

Description	Current	Last Mo.	Last Year
Kansas Average	\$2.02	-\$0.256	-\$0.746
National Average	\$2.16	-\$0.114	-\$0.721
Holton Average	\$2.09		

Source: GasBuddy.com. Current prices listed as of Sunday, Nov. 15, 2015.

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OPINION

Christmas Parade of Lights revisited

The Christmas Parade of Lights around the Holton Town Square last Saturday was enjoyed by a big group of participants and an even bigger group of parade-watchers. Practically every parking stall around the town square was taken and people also stood to line all four sides of the square to watch the parade and welcome Santa to town.

After the parade, the Christmas lights that outline the town square buildings were turned on and parents with their children made a line extending from the north side Courthouse door all the way to the street and beyond waiting for their turns to visit with the jolly old elf.

The \$50 Chamber Bucks prize from The Farmers State Bank for the top religious float in the parade will be awarded to the Soldier Christian Church for their elaborate float with the theme “What Does Christmas Mean To You?”

The \$50 Chamber Bucks prize from Holton National Bank for the top business float in the parade will be awarded to Mick’s Tree Service with their brightly decorated pickup.

The \$50 Chamber Bucks prize from *The Holton Recorder* for the top orgnization float in the parade will be awarded to Fresh Start for their brightly-decorated ATV with music.

All of the floats were great and everyone’s efforts were appreciated. I want to take this opportunity again to thank everyone who helped make this year’s Parade of Lights the biggest and best one yet!

A list of those participating in the Christmas Parade of Lights last Saturday is listed below. If I have left anyone out, I am sorry. Please let me know so I can give you and your group credit.

*Holton Police Chief Gale Gakle and Police Department led the parade and helped with securing streets

*Holton Fresh Start - Carolyn Cochren and daughters

*Highland Community College- Stephanie Goodman and friends

*Holton Pizza Hut - Mason Alford and friends

*New Hope Family Church

*Developmental Services of Jackson County float pulled by Brent and Beth Nelson

*Potawatomi Tribal Fire

*Jackson County Sheriff’s Office - multiple vehicles

*Holton Fire Department Aerial 360

*Holton Fire Department’s newest county pumper 340

*More Than Lemons on float with Washburn Tech

*Jackson County EMS 754 - First Unit - Jeremy Andrews (paramedic) and Chris Boyer (EMT)

*Christ’s Church with float depicting First Christmas

*Evangel United Methodist Church - horse-drawn buggy with Gene and Sandy Williams

*Soldier Christian Church with float “What Does Christmas Mean To You?”

*Giant Communications - Chris York, Bryson York and Jan Charles

**The Holton Recorder* - Shannon Schmile and Errin Edwards

*Mick’s Tree Service - Shayne and Kelli Mick

*Buck’s Grove United Methodist Church

*First United Methodist Church with float theme “Follow The Star To Jesus!” - Carol McManigal and Karen Stous, designers

*American Legion Riders including Mike McManigal, Dan and Sarah Degenhardt, Ricky Moore and James Moore

*Jackson Farmers, Inc. with Jarrod Schreyer

*Jackson County Commissioners Janet Zwonitzer and Rob Ladner

*Holton Lions Club

*Mayetta United Methodist Church

*Ameri-Corps (NCCC) National Civilian Community Corp group of volunteers

*John Chiles in a Chevrolet convertible delivering Santa Claus to the Town Square

*Dan Brenner, city commissioner, served as announcer for the parade

*Connie Powls served as co-parade organizer

*Carolyn Koger served as co-parade organizer and Santa Claus deliverer

*Holton/Jackson County Chamber of Commerce organized the Second Saturday events

*Local businesses stayed open late for the parade crowd and other shoppers

David Powls



The Holton Recorder was represented in the Parade of Lights with, left to right, Shannon Schmile and Errin Edwards, along with a 7-ft. tall inflatable Waving Santa. Photo by David Powls



Denny Ashcraft drove the pickup that pulled the Buck’s Grove United Methodist Church’s float in the Parade of Lights. The float is shown above. The theme of the float was “Jesus is the reason!”

Photo by David Powls



The Potawatomi Tribal Fire Department participated in the Christmas Parade of Lights last Saturday with its 2005 100-ft. Aerial Platform Ladder Truck, which is shown above.

Photo by Kelly Breckunitch

PLAINS FOLK: Legends of troubled lovers

By Jim Hoy

In my last column, I wrote about El Cuarteletejo (also spelled El Cuarteletejo), the only Indian pueblo in Kansas and the farthest northeast of any known pueblo.

The remains of El Cuarteletejo are located on the south shore of Scott State Lake, just west of U.S. Highway 83 between Scott City and Oakley.



The pueblo was home to small groups of Taos and Picuris Pueblo Indians in the late 1600s and early 1700s.

After the Picuris were forced back to New Mexico in 1706, the structure was probably occasionally used as temporary shelter by small parties of Plains Apache, Comanche and other nomadic Indians, although there are no written records of such occupation.

Nor are there written records of the legends of troubled lovers at El Cuarteletejo, but that doesn’t stop the stories from being passed down.

Two such stories were reported by Bill Boyer in the Scott City newspaper celebrating the diamond anniversary of Scott State Lake. Here

is the first.

The bluff rising above Ladder Creek as it winds by El Cuarteletejo was known to the Indians as Apparition Mound. It was here that a beautiful Indian maiden (was there ever any other kind?) and her brave young warrior would meet and pledge their undying affection. But the chief of the band, who also loved the maiden, sent the young brave on a venture from which he never came back.

But the chief’s attentions to the maiden were spurned, and she spent the rest of her life high on the mound, waiting for her lover who never returned. When the moon rose, she could be seen by the people below, dancing wildly and cursing the chief.

She aged with the years, growing weak and emaciated, and finally threw herself off the cliff to die on the rocks below. But even today, so they say, she can be seen in her frantic dance and her screams can be heard.

The second story is, in a way, even more fanciful because it posits that the Spanish moved north to colonize El Cuarteletejo, which they never did. But why should that negate a good story?

It seems that two young Spaniards, Garcia Roderique and Juan Fererro, loved the same woman, the

beautiful (of course) Angela Bernado, whose affections tended toward the latter. One night as she and Juan were strolling in the moonlight, Garcia hid in the bushes watching the young lovers, jealous rage growing in his heart.

Juan saw his rival and accused him of spying. Garcia angrily denied the charge, which caused Juan to slap him. Garcia then lunged at Juan with a knife, but Juan grabbed Garcia’s wrist with an iron grip that sent the knife flying into the bushes.

“You are a cur,” said Juan. “By all the laws of El Cuarteletejo I should kill you with my knife, but gentlemen reserve the knife for battle. An hour hence I will be at Apparition Mound with my sword.”

Now Juan spoke rashly, for Garcia was the best swordsman in the village, while Juan was mediocre at best. In the ensuing duel Garcia was easily besting his opponent. But just as he was about the deliver the killing thrust of his blade, he heard a long, loud, mournful cry coming from high atop Apparition Mound.

Garcia paused, as if hypnotized, and Juan’s sword pierced his heart. The Indian maiden’s curse upon the unjust was once more made manifest.

Note: Jim Hoy of Emporia is co-author of the Plains Folk column.

AG WEEK: Lower livestock futures

By Matt Hines

There were sharply lower livestock futures on Friday, with light cash feedlot trade late Friday also lower than a week ago. Trade in Nebraska was reported at \$198 to \$202 on a dressed basis and \$126 live, which is \$1 to \$4 lower than the previous week.

The only friendly news for cattle and hogs may have been that new contract lows were set midweek and not yet tested again. End-of-week short covering late in the session lifted prices from their lows, but the market still closed weak.

For the week, Friday to Friday, December live cattle were down \$4.25, February was down \$4.50, November feeders were down \$6.55, January was down \$7.47, December lean hogs were down \$.20 and February was down \$1.25. Boxed Beef, Choice was down \$6.36 at \$209.30, Select was down \$8.20 at \$199.05 and Pork Carcass Cutout was down \$1.92 at \$73.36. The CME Feeder Index was down \$10.82 at \$177.65 and the Lean Hog Index was down \$5.57 at \$56.98.

Cattle slaughter from Friday was estimated at 94,000 head, down 2,000 from a week ago and down 15,000 from a year ago. For the week, the total was 556,000 head, down 7,000 from a week ago and down 8,000 from a year ago. The year-to-date difference continues to decrease though, now at 5.6 percent less than a year ago.

Hog slaughter from Friday was

estimated at 433,000 head, up 1,000 from a week ago and up 20,000 from a year ago. For the week, the total was 2,388,000 head, up 28,000 from a week ago and up 166,000 from a year ago. The year-to-date difference remained the same though at 7.9 percent more than a year ago.

So we open this week with yet another limit move in livestock, the fifth day in a row that the cattle market made a limit move either up or down! The market opened lower and moved to limit lower pulling lean hogs down as well. The latest monthly trade stats report showed beef production at 468.8 million pounds — that’s up 2.5 percent from last year at this time.

For the first time in 22 years, it appears fourth quarter beef production will exceed third quarter production. We’ll get a Cattle on Feed report after the close this coming Friday. The trade is expecting 103 percent on feed, placed at 98 percent and marketed at 96 percent.

The entire commodity markets are weak except for a select few after spending these past few years at historical highs. The surprisingly bearish crop report that was issued by the USDA last week is just one of the many stories that now appear to be spreading fear among other markets with the belief that the sagging fortunes in the commodity world are a reflection of the stagnant global economy and could even be signaling deeper underlying problems.

The copper market has pressed

down to the lowest level in six years, and crude oil inventories continue to swell. Both markets are treated as barometers for the global economy and, combined with the negative action in the ag markets and other metals and energies, we have seen commodity indexes press down to the lowest level this year and back to within striking distance of the lows posted back in 2009 at the height of the “great recession.”

On the flip side, with the masses now talking about commodities now, we may be just about ready to stabilize this slide, because historically, the masses become bearish at the bottom and bullish at the top.

Export sales were not too far from expectations reported on Friday. Wheat sales at 8 million bushels (MBU) included 3.5 MBU hard wheat, 900,000 bushels soft red, 1.3 MBU spring and 2.9 MBU white. Total year-to-date sales are now at 480 MBU vs. 581 last year.

Corn sales totaled 24 MBU taking year-to-date totals to 542 MBU vs. 777 MBU last year. Sorghum sales were 4 MBU with year-to-date now at 153 MBU vs. 137 last year. Soybean sales were 48 MBU with year-to-date now at 1.07 BBU vs. 1.35 last year. China added 16.2 MBU and moved 26.7 MBU from unknown taking total Chinese purchases to 590 MBU vs. 843 MBU last year.

Note: There is risk of loss in trading commodity futures and options. Matt Hines is a licensed commodity broker specializing in grain and livestock operations as well as commercial consulting clients since 2004. Hines can be reached at (785) 289-0036. Matt and his family live west of Holton.

LETTER

Drug testing policy at RV would be good idea

Dear editor,

I would like to address an issue that was brought up at the recent Royal Valley school board meeting.

The issue of random drug testing for students participating in extracurricular activities has apparently been a topic of discussion at the board meetings for the last four months.

Board member Jeff Stithem brought the issue forward out of his concern for the growing drug problem in our county and the Royal Valley school district.

The RV school board, however, has failed to take up this issue in any official capacity until the meeting on Monday, Nov. 9 when they promptly voted 5 to 2 to do nothing. Jeff Stithem made a motion and Ann Kelly seconded, that the board draft a policy for random drug testing which could then be amended and voted on at a later date.

The five members of the board who voted against even considering a drug test policy were Pat Luck, Cindy Broxterman, Boone Smith, Linda Hegemann, and Jim O’Toole.

Apparently these five people think that the drug problem, a problem that all the board members agreed was real, is not important enough to do anything about.

No other suggestions were made to address the problem, no other solutions to this problem were offered by these five board members, who apparently feel drug testing too draconian to even consider.

Instead of offering solutions, they agreed to become more familiar with the existing drug policy, something Jeff Stithem pointed out should have taken place over the last four months.

One thing became crystal clear in the meeting on Monday night. On the issue of the drug problem in the RV district, the five board members who voted against considering a drug test policy do not reflect the people of their district, indeed of Jackson County, or the State of Kansas.

On this issue, these five people are among the most liberal and left leaning people in our county. To not even consider and evaluate a policy that may act to deter many children from a self-destructive, and illegal, course in life is tantamount to gross negligence.

According to the National Drug Threat Assessment Summary, composed by the DEA, drug use is a growing and menacing threat to the fabric of our society. According to this survey almost a third of our country’s high school students use marijuana. An increasing number of students do not think marijuana abuse is harmful.

From 2004 to 2011, there has been a 62 percent increase in marijuana related emergency room visits. The potency of THC related drugs has increased over three fold since 1995.

These startling facts should impress upon our elected officials the urgent need to deter the young people of this county from casual or abusive drug use.

Instead, it seems these five board members have taken a lenient attitude, at best, on this issue. I witnessed one board member asleep 35 minutes into the meeting, suggesting that the apparent lack of willingness to address the serious problems of our youth is pervasive.

Voting against even the contemplation of a drug testing policy seems to display a pusillanimous contempt for the problems of our county.

If we do not try to take back the future of our children from the liberal and politically correct cabal that permeates our country, and indeed our county, we have only ourselves to blame.

It is time for more common sense at the local level of our government. If we cannot get more common sense from those already in office then it is time for change.

Keith Croze
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OBITUARIES



Fouts

Justin G. Fouts, 86, Westmoreland, died Monday, Nov. 16, 2015, at Wamego City Hospital.

He was born July 22, 1929, in Bigelow, the son of Smith L. and Rebecca L. Coffey Fouts. He graduated from Rossville High School in 1947.

Mr. Fouts had lived in the Topeka/Dover area for several years and later moved to the Westmoreland/Onaga area, where he owned and farmed his own ranch.

He volunteered with a number of youth organizations and supported FFA, 4-H and Boy Scouts, serving as a scout leader. He was a former member of Lane Chapel in Topeka.

He married Willa Geraldine Vance on Oct. 4, 1958, in Topeka. She survives.

Other survivors include a son, Bruce Fouts and wife Roberta, Westmoreland; a daughter, Kimberly Wright and husband Chad, Westmoreland; two sisters, Theodosia Douglas, Topeka, and Rebecca Barber, Shawnee Mission; and two grandchildren, Wyatt and Hannah Fouts. He was preceded in death by five sisters, Marion Boydston, Elizabeth Tolliver, Constance Holliday, Smithena Thomas and Patricia Fouts-Lee; two brothers, Glenn Fouts and Lewis Fouts; and a grandson, Levi Fouts.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at Mercer Funeral Home in Holton. Burial will follow in Buck's Grove Cemetery. Family will greet friends from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Rock Creek FFA, Onaga Community Hospital or American Heart Association, sent in care of Mercer Funeral Home, P.O. Box 270, Holton, KS 66436.

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Kientz Corner

By Beverly Ramey Newell

On Nov. 8, the Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church congregation opened its worship service by singing "Lord, Speak To Me."

On Nov. 28 at 1 p.m., the congregation is invited to help the worship committee prepare the church for the Advent season. All are welcome.

On Nov. 29, the congregation will have only the 11 a.m. worship service. The youth will have a fundraising event following the service. They will serve an Italian dinner. Be sure to sign up for this.

The youth will also have a slave auction. They will sell hours of their labor. Make plans to come to the worship service, stay to eat and purchase labor to complete your to-do list.

The birthdays for Nov. 8 through Nov. 14: Billie Winsor, Nov. 9; Thera Boyles, Joy Chapman, Betty Domer, Linda Sowards and Hayleigh Watson, Nov. 10; Larry Marney and Austin Marteney, Nov. 11; Glen Smith, Nov. 13; and Mary Absher, Nov. 14.

The anniversaries for the week were R.E. and Roberta Henley, Nov. 8; Gregg and Roxann Williams, Nov. 12; and Chris and Karla Savoie, Nov. 13.

The children's story was given by Kevin McDowell. He asked all the veterans to come forward and sit with the children. Kevin told the children that Veterans Day, which is celebrated on Nov. 11, is when we honor all veterans of the armed forces. These veterans have served with honor and love for their country and their fellow men. We thank these veterans for serving for our freedom.

The prayer concerns were for Carol Steward, who had a stroke, and for the family of Mike Crosby.

The chancel choir sang "When Morning Lights The Eastern Skies."

Those singing were Janet Baldwin, Kristy Beatty, Jenny Christman, Betty Domer, Linda Griffiths, Kay Jones-Ray, Annie McDowell, Billie Winsor, Gary Domer, Ron Griffiths, Clifford Hurst and John Wilson. Greg Baldwin directed them while Mary Smith accompanied them on the piano.

Brian Smith read the scripture 2 Timothy 3:16-17.

The sermon "Making Sense of the Bible: Is the Bible Ever Wrong?" was given by the Rev. Hyun-Jin Cho. Some people may believe the Bible comes from heaven. It is the word of God.

There have been a few authors of the Bible. They have different versions of some of the stories of the Bible. Each author has their story to tell.

The scriptures are inspired by God. The word of God is our tool to use to inspire others and change their lives, as well as our own lives. May we understand God's love and share it with others.

The closing hymn was "Take Up Thy Cross." Those assisting with the service were Brian Smith, liturgist; Marty Ransdell, organist; Joy Jepson and Deb Mannell, sound system; John Wilson, song leader; Brayden and Hailee Gower, acolytes; and Norm and Tina Davis, Larry Miles and Val Warkentine, usher team.

On Nov. 5, 13 people attended the Pleasant Hill coffee group for breakfast at Perkins Restaurant in Topeka.

On Nov. 7, Karen Burns, Sharon Monhollon, Beverly Newell, Garrie Oppitz, Susan Welborn and John Swain attended the friendship meeting of Beulah Chapter 34, Order of the Eastern Star, in Topeka. Virginia Wilkinson-Johnson, worthy matron, and Tom Johnson, worthy patron, presided over the meeting. It was a fun afternoon. Everyone enjoyed the great fellowship and the good food.

On Nov. 7, Ken, Bridgett, Justin, Caley and Hannah Bates; Brian, Jill, Logan and Dylan Dierking (from Fort Worth, Texas); Mike and Chris Farmer; Dick and Beverly Newell; Rusty and Monica Newell; and Ryan, Amanda, Madalyn and Maycie Newell ate supper at Reed's Ringside Bar and Grill in Topeka.

On Nov. 8, Dick and Beverly Newell hosted a family dinner. Those attending were Brian, Jill, Logan and Dylan Dierking; Kenny, Yvonne, Audrey and Cara Etzel; Kylene Etzel; Mike and Chris Farmer; Jessica Heinen; Rusty, Monica and Brent Newell; Ryan, Amanda, Madalyn and Maycie Newell; and Mackenzie Swanson. Everyone enjoyed the good food and being together. We all enjoy seeing the Dierkings from Topeka.

*In Loving Memory
of my
dear husband
and our dad,
Kenneth Hamlin
05-29-1929 – born
10-20-2002 – died*

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God was going to call your name.
A million times I've needed you,
a million times I've cried.
In life I loved you dearly,
in death I love you still.
In my heart you hold a special
place no one else can ever fill.
It broke our hearts to lose you,
you didn't go alone,
for part of me went with you,
the day God called you home.
Although we cannot see you, you
are always by our side.
You left us beautiful memories of
the wonderful person you were.
Your love for us is still our guide.

*We miss you every day,
Your wife Geraldine, children
Martin, Joan, Charles and Bruce*



A wide variety of lighted vehicles made their way around Holton's Town Square in Saturday night's Parade of Lights. In the top photo, Gene (right) and Sandy Williams took a "trot" around the Square for Evangel United Methodist Church. It was one of Gene's last public appearances before his death on Monday. In the photo above, the best organization float award went to this decorated all-terrain vehicle driven by Carolyn Cochren of the Fresh Start Learning Center in Holton.

Photos by David Powls

Circleville

By Jeannie Arnold

Deloris Beam and her daughter, Denise Wheeler, and Dianna Wilson and her daughter, Donna Pool, took their annual mother/daughter trip to Kansas City and Olathe on Nov. 7 and 8. They spent the weekend shopping and had a wonderful time.

Denise and Dennis Morarity and Shelby and Kylie Moore of Hoyt and Doug Hutchinson of Mission brought dinner to the Hutchinsons on Sunday, Nov. 8. Dennis and Barbara thought it was a treat to have such a "surprise" meal.

Ellsworth and Sandra Hewitt attended the URA finals rodeo in Topeka on Sunday, Nov. 8. They were joined by their granddaughters, Cheyenne and Lakota Hewitt, while dad, Scott, was helping behind the scenes.

On Tuesday, Nov. 10, Thersa Wade hosted AYLI Club. They had their business meeting, and a delicious dessert of pumpkin pecan cake and played bridge. Evelyn Spencer got high and Thersa Wade got second high. Next month, on Dec. 8, they will meet at Beth Mitchell's home.

On Wednesday, Nov. 11, Thersa Wade hosted UMW with eight members and one guest in attendance. The program was each one giving a summary of a reading from the Upper Room Publication. There was a variety of topics. Roll call was "what we are doing for Thanksgiving Day celebration" and also "what is our favorite Thanksgiving food." The next meeting will be held Dec. 9 at the Circleville UMC with Thelma Dick and Evelyn Spencer as hosts.

Some members of the HHS class of 1957 went to Lawrence on Wednesday, Nov. 11, for lunch. They ate at the 23rd Street Brewery. The men were treated to beer samples and the ladies each received a beautiful rose. Thank you Coach Lewelling!

Those also attending were L. D. Fletcher, John McGrath, Carl Bruce, Don Figgins, Clayton Lang, Peggy Sumners, Donna Larison, Connie

Chatham, Judy Thompson and Beverly Kranz. Everyone really enjoyed the food and there was a lot of visiting.

I went to Topeka on Saturday, Nov. 14, for the 90th birthday celebration for my aunt, Winnie Krueger. It was hosted by her sons, Steve and wife Mary of Topeka and Terry and wife Anita of Tampa, Fla. There were also cousins from Oklahoma and Pennsylvania.

After a wonderful catered dinner, they surprised Winnie with the arrival of a barbershop quartet. They sang a few songs and ended with "Happy Birthday," where all joined in. We also enjoyed watching Winnie open her gifts and ice cream and cake along with a lot of visiting.

Don and Deloris Beam spent Sunday afternoon, Nov. 15, with Mike and Lesa Beam and family, celebrating the November birthdays of Garin Beam and Kason Steiner. They also celebrated the birth of our new great-grandchild, Cannon Steiner.

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Williams

Clarence Eugene "Gene" Williams, 67, Holton, died Monday, Nov. 16, 2015, at Stormont-Vail Regional Medical Center in Topeka.

He was born June 4, 1948, in Holton, the son of Boyd Isaac and Florence Viola Hiner Williams. He graduated from Holton High School in 1966 and also attended Vo-Tech in Kansas City and Highland Community College.

Mr. Williams joined the U.S. Army Signal Corp, serving in Vietnam, Korea and Germany from 1969 to 1971. Prior to his military service, he had worked for Jackson County Farmer's Co-Op, was a diesel mechanic for Al Hann and was a ranch-hand for Massey Ferguson Dealership- Wilbur Cox, all in Holton.

After his Army discharge, he worked for the City of Holton as production superintendent, city manager and utilities manager, retiring after almost 40 years as production superintendent, and was the longest-term employee for the city. He also worked for King of the Road as a charter bus driver in Topeka. After retirement, he was a school bus driver for USD 336 and a farmer.

He was an active member of the Evangel United Methodist Church, where he had served in many capacities and was currently serving on the Youth Leadership Team. He was also a member of Holton VFW Post 1367. He was a former Holton volunteer fire fighter and a former member of Holton Lions Club, Holton Rotary and Holton Country Club.

He married Kristen E. Rhule on April 7, 1972, in Holton. They divorced, and she died April 27, 2012. He married Sandra Lee "Sandy" Hanenkrat-Roush on July 12, 2008, in Holton. She survives.

Other survivors include a daughter, Shelby Patch and husband Troy, Holton; three stepchildren, Brian Roush, Circleville, Michael Roush and wife Kristi, Holton, and Alison Olson, Topeka; a sister, Mary McCrory and husband Jim, Mayetta; two grandchildren, Bryson and Macey Patch; and six stepgrandchildren, Kolby, Christopher and Dalton Roush, Kreighton Roush and Kevin and Brody Olson.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Evangel United Methodist Church in Holton. Burial with military honors will follow in Holton Cemetery. Family will greet friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday evening at Mercer Funeral Home in Holton.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Patch Children's Education Fund or EUM Church, sent in care of Mercer Funeral Home, P.O. Box 270, Holton, KS 66436.

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SPORTS *Wednesday*



Holton linebacker Dylan Aeschliman (shown above, second from left) backs up teammate Mason Barta (#21, prone) as he makes a tackle in an early round of the 4A-DII playoffs. The HHS defense may face its toughest task this week, as they try to shut down a high-powered Columbus offense in Friday's sub-state game.

Photo by Kelly Breckunitch

Paxton forges strong bond with his football family

By Kelly Breckunitch

While Holton continues its playoff push in Class 4A Division II football, the future could hold many different options for this team.

The Wildcats will have one last home game, one last chance for the seniors to play on their home field. From there, some players will continue to compete on the gridiron in college, others may continue down a different athletic path, but for one particular player the end of this season will bring an end to a unique career.

Early in his childhood, HHS senior Peyton Paxton suffered a seizure and was then diagnosed with Lennox-Gastaut syndrome, a rare disorder mostly affecting boys that can lead to individuals suffering from four different seizure types. Paxton's mother, Jennifer, noted that with medication the syndrome and seizures can be well-controlled.

In addition to being diagnosed with the seizure disorder, Peyton was also recognized as being on the autism spectrum at an early age.

Because all of this happened while Peyton was so young, Jennifer noted no questions were raised about his potential participation in sports. When he was getting ready to enter middle school, though, Jennifer and her husband, Kevin, put a plan in motion to get their son involved in football.

With a name like Peyton, it seems Paxton was destined to suit up for the Holton football team (Jennifer met her son's namesake, NFL QB Peyton Manning, while working as a flight attendant and traveling with the University of Tennessee football team from Memphis to Nashville), though his career got off to a rather innocuous start.

In the spring of Peyton's sixth-grade year, Jennifer noted she first broached the subject with former Holton athletic director Mark C. Wilson. Wilson thought it was a good idea and both Randall Bond and Kurt Haussler, the middle school football coaches at the time, were equally receptive.

"We really had no clue what to expect," Jennifer admitted.

First and foremost, the idea behind getting Peyton on the football team was to get him more involved in the school community because there were no after-school programs for kids with special needs.

"He just needed to practice those social skills. He needed to belong," Jennifer, the autism specialist in the Holton school district, said. "He wanted something to do and we didn't want him to go home and just retreat into his own world."

Jennifer noted that Peyton had always enjoyed football and kicking in particular, something his cousin, Mason Strader, seconded.

"Whenever we go to my grandma's house, he always has a football tee and he kicks non-stop wherever he goes," Strader said.

That was the role Peyton took to in middle school and while his mother worried about the logistics, it wasn't too long before those concerns were alleviated by the bond forged between her son and his teammates.

In Peyton's seventh-grade season, Jennifer served in a support role on the sideline, but his teammates were quick to take on more responsibilities

from helping him participate to learning to communicate with him.

"The kids have always known Peyton and they were very good with him, but this just really solidified it," Jennifer said. "They wanted to do it. They wanted to know what they could do to help."

With his classmates as a constant, the opportunities continued as he kept kicking for the team in eighth-grade and as a freshman as well, even getting the opportunity to score a touchdown in a game against Jeff West that season.

Being exposed to the other classes in high school just allowed Peyton to form more bonds with older players. Two in particular, Drake Ewing last season and Jordan Booth this fall, have even come back to help out and serve as Peyton's support person on the sideline during games.

In Peyton's freshman season, in which Holton claimed a state title, Jennifer said the fruits of this effort to get him involved paid off as her son got to learn and experience the process of the state championship game with his peers.

Through it all, his class has remained invested, from Mason Barta and Justin Rieschick helping him on the field for his first kickoff in seventh-grade to kicker Arturo Reveles working with him during practices on Tuesdays and Wednesday (when Peyton works with the team) and forming a special bond.

Every one of the seniors pushed for Peyton to get his chance to kick off in a varsity game, too, and that opportunity came about a few weeks before the end of the regular season against Atchison County, with his classmates making that push at halftime of the game.

"The seniors came to me and they wanted that to happen and obviously we were going to let that happen if the opportunity came up and then they all felt like they wanted to be on the field with him when he did that. That's something that was important to them that they were all out there with him," HHS coach Brooks Barta said.

"I know that he loves kicking and he wants to be a part of our family. I'd love for him to kick more. I'm just glad that he's out here with us and he's just like everybody else on the team. He's like a brother to me," Rieschick said.

Family has been a key theme for Holton throughout Barta's coaching tenure and it resonated even more against ACCHS as Strader got to take the field with his cousin as well for one of his two kickoffs in the game. Strader said that meant a lot to him not only for the chance to take the field with his cousin, but to see his grandfather Ron's joy in celebrating that moment as well.

Reveles was injured during that game, but he too wished he could've been on the field to experience that special moment with Peyton. Rieschick, in fact, didn't want to come off the field initially, but eventually realized the special opportunity available to Strader. The senior got back in on Peyton's second kickoff, a moment Jennifer said she won't soon forget.

"It was just so great to see all the senior boys out there in that line-up with him and the kids cheering him

on from the sideline," Jennifer said.

"It just culminated everything that those guys have taught each other. They've learned so much from Peyton. I see these big old tough boys and then when they're around Peyton, they're just these gentle giants and they are so good with him and that carries off the field."

"Our kids have done, I think, a really good job of taking care of Peyton and Peyton likes to be there and support those guys. That's the definition of family right there and that's what we like to see," Barta said.

Given the tendency of parents with children suffering from severe disabilities to "live behind closed doors," Jennifer noted the Paxtons' initial goal was simple, especially with their active lifestyle and another child (Paige), who is now competing in middle school athletics at Holton.

Keeping Peyton active was the primary objective. The reaction and commitment from both coaches and players has just been like the cherry on top.

"Everybody has really made an investment in him and we just really appreciate that, what they've done," Jennifer said. "It's not about kicking or anything. It's just the fact that he got to be a part of something, which we appreciate."

Peyton's teammates, Rieschick said, want him to be a part of something more, too, as the Wildcats aim to get back to the state championship game and get Peyton one last opportunity to kick off to end his high school career.



Holton senior Peyton Paxton (shown above, at right) suits up for a game earlier in his high school career with assistance from his grandfather, Ron Strader (left).

Submitted photo

Wildcats set for rematch against Titans in sub-state

It would be hard to forget the last time Holton and Columbus met on the football field, given that the teams clashed in the sectional round of the Class 4A-Division II playoffs just a season ago.

The uncharacteristic way in which the Wildcats lost in the waning seconds after having a chance to put the game away makes the memory even tougher to erase, so the team will likely be highly motivated going into Friday's rematch against the Titans.

"It's been something I've been really looking forward to all year and last year," senior Justin Pool said. "I've been wanting to get back at them because I knew that we had them beat last year."

Given the dramatic finish of last year's game, the stakes were already going to be thoroughly raised when Holton and Columbus met again. The fact that the teams are playing for a spot in the 4A-DII state championship game should only add fuel to that fire, according to HHS coach Brooks Barta, and could bring the anticipation of this Friday's contest to a fever pitch.

"This is the chance to play in the state championship, so I don't know how you can be any more excited than that. I think that excitement is good and it should motivate us as we go through the week," Barta said.

After making it to the state title game a season ago and falling short, it looks as though Columbus has found its motivation as well, so this will be no cakewalk for Holton.

Following that deep playoff push last season, the Titans have taken things to the next level, going from averaging 30 points and 350 yards per game in 2014 to 50 points and 521.5 yards per contest this fall.

Columbus plays in the same grueling league as Frontenac, Holton's opponent in the sectional round, and came out unscathed this season. In fact, the Titans took down CNC playoff qualifiers Galena (3A), Girard (4A-DII), Pittsburg Colgan (3A) and the aforementioned Frontenac (4A-DII) by an average margin of victory of 21.5 points.

Individually, running back Jace McDown is a prime example of the team's titanic shift forward, as he spring-boarded from a 112-yard, one touchdown performance in last year's meeting between HHS and Columbus to lead the state in rushing (2,504 yards) this season.

While McDown has erupted since last year's success, coach Dan Grundy noted it benefitted the entire

team as well and made the Titans even deeper this fall.

"Getting the experience last year was a good thing, getting the experience in the playoffs. We're actually starting five sophomores on defense right now and that's all because of how much better they got in November last year, not necessarily playing in games, just the extra practices and things like that," Grundy said. "That really helped us tremendously."

Like Osawatomie, Columbus returns a majority of its skill players this season besides McDown and Barta noted his team will have to be wary of them as well.

Quarterback Trey Robinson and receiver Javohn Morrill are big play threats as well, according to Barta, with Robinson passing for nearly 1,500 yards this season and recording 17 touchdowns compared to only two interceptions (one in last week's 36-27 sectional win over Santa Fe Trail).

Morrill, meanwhile, has racked up the yards like McDown. He currently ranks 11th in the entire state with 916 receiving yards this season. Grundy said his status for Friday's game is uncertain after getting banged up early against SFT, but even if Morrill is not 100 percent he should still be a threat, as Grundy said he has produced for the Titans while battling ankle injuries all season.

"We can't let them have a big play. We have to make it hard and we have to be patient on defense," Barta said. "At the same time with them, it's kind of like playing against us. You can't be too patient or, before you know it, they're down in the red zone."

The goal is to force the Titans into third and long situations, but with the number of options they have, Barta noted even stopping them in those situations will be no easy task.

Grundy noted Holton's offense presents some of the same challenges, because just getting the Wildcats to a third and long is a chore. With a balanced rushing attack (averaging 327.5 yards per game) led by a power runner like Mason Barta (895 yards), the Columbus coach noted keeping Holton in check on first down could be the key.

Quarterback Justin Rieschick is another player Grundy feels his team has to keep an eye on because of his energy and intensity on both sides of the ball. He is one of five Wildcats with at least 500 rushing yards this season, too, which means the Titans could have their hands full.

"It's going to be hard for us to win on first downs, but that's going to be our game plan, try to hold them to two yards at the start instead of four," Grundy said. "I think, you get to that four yard mark and you're going to start having a hard time getting them off the field."

"I'm expecting a really competitive game that's going to come down to the fourth quarter. Holton probably does as good a job as I've ever seen with any team of limiting how many possessions you're going to have and just taking care of the ball and putting drives together," Grundy said. "We're really trying to prepare our kids for a four-quarter battle."

If the Wildcats don't want their season to end, they will have to do the same as Barta said the team still has too many relaxed moments and has yet to play a strong four quarters in one game.

Senior Austin Frakes noted it is advice Barta relays to the team every day, to play focused. While that may not have held up for Holton through every quarter yet, it has brought the team and the defense a long way, as the Wildcats enter Friday's sub-state contest having allowed an average of 7.33 points in the last six contests (and 12 points per game overall this season).

The Wildcats are coming off a 22-7 victory against the teams' only shared opponent, Frontenac, who Columbus beat in a 54-43 shootout earlier this season. While contrasting in style, both impressive wins point towards another classic battle between Columbus and Holton this Friday.

Going into the game the roles have been somewhat reversed, as Holton has been dealt some blows through a grueling schedule this year and flown under the radar, much like the Titans a year ago. According to Frakes, though, those setbacks were an important part of getting back to this point.

At the very least, Holton is now prepared for the next challenge and motivated going into the rematch against Columbus.

"It's hard to hold the leading rusher in the state to under 100 yards, but I think that's something we're looking forward to," Pool said. "Our defensive play has really been a key factor stopping teams. We haven't put up a shutout yet, but we're still trying to get that."

Holton (8-3) will try once again in a sub-state contest against Columbus (11-0), which will be played here on Friday and start at 6 p.m.

Big 12 teams look to crash CFP

By Kelly Breckunitch

In what must feel like an annual tradition by now, allow me a moment to rail against the powers that be on the college football playoff committee, who the NCAA put in charge of determining the four football teams that compete for the national championship at the end of the season.

By this point, saying that there's a flaw

in the system sounds much like a broken record. Whether it's a committee of people or a group of computers running algorithms to try and determine the most worthy teams, there will never be a truly perfect selection method.

Once the mega-conferences finally align and the Division I teams are split into regions, forcing the NCAA to mirror the NFL's playoff system, it might come closer.

What continues to be most irksome about the process, though, is not the limitations of the current system, but rather the means by which the "Final Four" teams are decided.

Say what you want about the Bowl Championship Series, the fact of the matter is that the computers dealt in numbers and raw data, not loose ideas like a team's "legacy."

Even with that system, there were human members of the BCS committee who ultimately decided which teams played in what prestigious bowl...and set up certain by-laws dictating that "mid-major" teams (i.e. Boise State, Utah, etc.) finish within a certain range in the final standings before even being considered for a BCS bowl.

Currently, it feels like the Big 12 has been granted mid-major status as Baylor, TCU and Oklahoma State have been left out in the cold through the College Football Playoff's first two polls.

Two weeks ago, when the first playoff poll was released, all three of those previously mentioned teams were still undefeated. In the first three playoff polls, though, none of those teams have been able to crack the top four.

Instead, a one-loss Alabama team snuck in, then one-loss Notre Dame entered the fray last week, even though the Bears and Cowboys remained undefeated. The top four remained unchanged in the latest poll, released on Tuesday.

Sometimes, in determining the most deserving teams, a "what have you done for me lately" mentality can be applied, but that shouldn't extend past the current season.

While there were some reservations about Florida State's spot in the playoffs a year ago, no one is questioning the ACC team at the top of the polls this year, as Clemson has been on a tear. Defending champion Ohio State similarly seems at home in the top four, despite some interesting close calls.

The inclusion of the Crimson Tide and Fighting Irish should raise some eyebrows, though, especially with three other undefeated teams (Oklahoma State, Iowa and Houston) remaining in Division I football.

Late-season pushes certainly have an effect on teams' rankings, but let's not overlook a loss in week three to Ole Miss just because this is Alabama. That game sticks out like a sore thumb the more the season progresses and the more erratic the Rebels begin to look. That's not even mentioning narrow escapes against sub-par squads from Arkansas and Tennessee that the playoff committee appears to be glossing over.

Given that the Crimson Tide are unlikely to be challenged again until the SEC championship game (likely against Florida), it looks like Alabama may have a vice-grip on its playoff spot.

Less of a sure thing is a one-loss Notre Dame team that still has to play at Stanford to end the regular season. In addition, the Fighting Irish have not been too impressive in their marquis match-ups, with contests against ranked opponents (including a loss to Clemson) being decided by a total of 14 points.

Compare that to an Oklahoma State team that doesn't have a much better schedule, but has failed to top 30 points in a game just once this season and the Cowboys are two weeks removed from a 49-29 romp of the previously unbeaten Horned Frogs.

Last week, the four teams from the Big 12 still in playoff contention (Oklahoma State, Oklahoma, TCU and Baylor) combined to put up 156 total points in two games, wins for the Cowboys and Sooners.

Each of those teams still has to play at least two of the other three to close out the season, so it could be a wild finish. Yes, the Big 12 teams have beat up on each other about as much as the Pac-12 teams (who are all but eliminated from the playoff push), but the fact that four teams still remain with one or fewer losses should say a lot.

Unfortunately, what it says is seemingly going unheard, but the college football playoff won't be able to ignore the shouting match that is about to begin over the final three weeks.

Oklahoma State took one of the top four spots in the most recent Associated Press and Coaches polls, so now it remains to be seen if they can break ranks in the college football playoff poll as well.

Big 12 football fans have been privy to some exciting games this fall, with some featuring an electric, almost playoff-like atmosphere. Whichever team is left standing would certainly provide a boost of energy to the college playoffs this year, but it remains to be seen if that boost can rouse the playoff committee from its antiquated way of thinking.



Members of *The Holton Recorder's* All-County girls cross country team are pictured above, including (front row, left to right) Katie Hanshaw (RVHS), Faith Little (JHHS), Hanna Davault (JHHS), (back row, left to right) Alexis Coverdale (HHS), Kaytlyn Gooderl (RVHS), Kiikto Thomas (RVHS) and Brianna Cattrell (JHHS).

Photo by Kelly Breckunitch

All-County girls CC peppered with highly decorated runners

There is strength in numbers. Unfortunately, that is not a strength the girls cross country teams in Jackson County could rely on this fall as Royal Valley was the only school to field a full five-member team throughout the entire season.

While the Cobras, Panthers and Wildcats may have been relatively small in numbers compared to years past, the individual runners still displayed their might with two county runners qualifying for state competition and six earning All-League honors.

All of those runners are represented on *The Holton Recorder's* All-County cross country team for 2015 and the full roster is listed below.

Faith Little, JHHS, Fr.— It's never an easy task for a freshman to adjust to high school competition coming from the middle school level, but this year the transition was tougher for Little and other freshmen across the state as the Kansas State High School Activities Association adopted a new uniform race length for both boys and girls competition starting this fall.

That meant all female runners would be running a 5K (3.1-mile) race this season instead of the 4K (2.5-mile) race of years past. It didn't seem to bother Little, however, who finished outside of the top 10 just once this season...and that was an 11th-place medalist performance at the 2A state meet in Wamego.

In fact, taking the state meet out of the equation, Little never finished lower than fifth in any race this season and won three of the nine in which she competed. She claimed the Northeast Kansas League individual girls title along the way, earning All-League honors in the process, and is making her first appearance on the All-County team.

Hanna Davault, JHHS, So.— Some sage sports advice notes that how you start is not as important as how you finish, and Davault was a prime example of that this fall.

The sophomore runner opened the season with a solid top-15 finish at the Holton Invitational, but she missed the next two meets due to illness.

When Davault returned to action, it took a couple of weeks for her to find her groove again, but when she

did she locked in and finished in the top 15 three straight times going into state competition. That included a sixth-place finish at the NEKL meet, earning her All-League honors.

At state, Davault finished 49th individually, but outside of that she never finished lower than 30th in a race this season. This marks her first appearance on the All-County cross country roster.

Katie Hanshaw, RVHS, So.— Another runner who got off to a slow start, it didn't take Hanshaw long before she found the form that earned her All-League and All-County honors in 2015.

Hanshaw missed the first meet of the season due to injury and returned with a 27th-place finish at the Holton Invitational before really picking up steam.

In the final six meets of the season, Hanshaw finished no lower than 12th place in any of the races. She cracked the top 10 three times in that stretch and took 12th in the Big Seven girls race, earning All-League honors again. In addition, this is the second straight year Hanshaw has found her way onto the All-County team.

Kaytlyn Gooderl, RVHS, sr.— Like her entire career, Gooderl's senior season was a testament to her consistency as the veteran runner was a rock for the Panthers once again this fall.

Gooderl came out strong, placing 15th in the season-opening Jeff West Invitational, and she carved out a home there as she finished outside the top 15 just twice this season.

Throughout the fall, Gooderl finished no lower than 20th in any race and placed in the top 10 three times. One such performance came at the Big Seven League meet, where she took 10th to make the All-League team for the third year in a row. Gooderl is also being featured on the All-County roster for the third year in a row.

Brianna Cattrell, JHHS, sr.— One of the few seniors on Jackson Heights' entire cross country team, Cattrell was a reliable leader for the Cobras throughout the 2015 campaign.

If not for the JHHS girls lacking one team member, Alley noted Cattrell would have been making a trip to the state meet with the younger Cobra

runners at the end of the season.

As it stood, though, the senior had a strong individual performance throughout the fall to close out her high school cross country career. In six of seven races this season, Cattrell finished 33rd or better.

Like Davault, the JHHS girls' lone senior saved her best for last as she placed in the top 30 at the final three meets of the season, including a 14th-place finish at the Northeast Kansas League meet. That performance placed Cattrell on the All-League team for the second year in a row. She is making her debut on the All-County team this year.

Kiikto Thomas, RVHS, Fr.— The final in a trio of All-League runners for Royal Valley this fall, Thomas had a strong first season on the high school varsity squad.

Outside of the first race of the season, Thomas never finished lower than 20th in a race this fall and she was constantly nipping on the heels of the Panthers' established runners, making for a competitive atmosphere that kept all three at the top of their game.

Thomas finished in the top 15 four times this season, with one such instance being a 14th-place finish at the Big Seven meet that earned her a spot on the All-League team. This is her first selection to the All-County squad.

Alexis Coverdale, HHS, So.— Despite plenty of setbacks for the Holton cross country team this season, Coverdale was one of the few Wildcat runners who managed to plow through to the end of the season.

While Coverdale wasn't immune to the bumps and bruises that plagued the Wildcats this fall, the sophomore managed to miss only one meet this season and she finished in the top 35 at four of the other seven meets.

Coverdale just missed the cut for All-League, placing 21st at the Big Seven meet, but did make it on the All-County roster for the first time in her career.

Honorable mention selections for the All-County team include Alexis Rieschick (JHHS) and Abbigail Hundley (HHS).

First-time selections dominate All-County boys cross country

Cross country competition for the Jackson County boys this season was defined by team success as none of the three teams had a true "front-runner," but the Cobras and Panthers in particular showed a penchant for being able to "pack it in" no matter the size of the race.

In Jackson Heights' case, it was truly a sight to behold as the Cobras' top five runners were rarely separated by more than a minute in their final times, sometimes the JH boys even finished within 30 seconds of each other from one through five.

With that balance, there were plenty of deserving runners to choose from for *The Holton Recorder's* All-County team. Listed below are the seven athletes who made the final cut.

Garrett Hicks, RVHS, So.— While there may not have been a true front-runner on any of the county teams, Hicks was as close as any squad got this fall. He was the top runner for the Panther boys in six of the nine races this season.

That feat is made all the more impressive when you consider this was Hicks' first season running cross country for Royal Valley (he competed in the distance races for the track team last spring).

A model of consistency in 2015, the sophomore Hicks evolved into a leader for the team over the course of the season and finished outside of the top 20 just once this fall.

Twice Hicks finished in the top five at a meet this season and he also took 10th at the Big Seven meet to make the All-League team for the first time. This is also his first selection to the All-County squad.

Dalton Chartier, JHHS, So.— Equally as consistent as Hicks, Chartier produced eerily similar results for the Jackson Heights boys in 2015.

Coach Brad Alley said he believed Chartier would be up there and leading the Cobra boys even before the season began and the young runner didn't let those words ring hollow.

Of the eight meets the JHHS boys competed in this fall, Chartier was the top runner for the team in five of them and he never finished lower than 25th in any race.

Chartier's top finish was placing 14th, which he did at two meets this fall. One of those was the Northeast Kansas League meet and that finished earned him All-League honors. His performance this season also earned him his first appearance on the All-County roster.

Kwaki Spoonhunter, RVHS, Sr.— After a rocky start to the 2015 campaign, this senior got back into the swing of things and delivered for the Panthers all season long.

Spoonhunter missed the first meet of the season, but he quickly jumped right into mix with Royal Valley's talented young runners (Hicks and Darius Frisby) when he returned.

While a scheduling conflict (ACT testing) prevented Spoonhunter from competing in the regional meet, he put together a nice highlight reel to end the season as he finished in the top 10 twice in the final three meets of his high school career. He finished ninth at the RV Invitational and took eighth at the Big Seven meet.

That showing put him on the All-League team for the second year in a row and he is also the only repeat selection to the All-County team this year.

Xavier Fritz, JHHS, So.— Part of a strong sophomore class for Jackson Heights, Fritz was one of many young runners to deliver for the Cobras this fall.

After missing the second meet of the season, Fritz came back and threw his hat into the ring with Chartier and Andrew Pino as one of the top performers as he closed the season with six straight top-30 finishes.

Fritz was a solid number two behind Chartier for the latter half of the season and managed to break into the top 20 at both the league and regional meets. His best finish was taking seventh at the JH Invitational. This is the first year Fritz has been featured on the All-County roster.

Darius Frisby, RVHS, So.— Thrown into the fire from the start, as many experienced Panthers were sidelined at the beginning of the season, Frisby immediately rose to the occasion for Royal Valley.

Frisby finished 16th, right behind Hicks, in the first meet of the season and didn't slow down from there.

He finished outside the top 25 once this season and had five top-20 performances for the RV boys.

Included in that was an 11th-place showing at the Big Seven meet, which earned him All-League honors in his sophomore season. He is making his debut on the All-County team this year.

Westin Jacobsen, JHHS, Sr.— A late-bloomer, once Jacobsen got his chance he took hold and didn't let go, putting together an impressive finish to his high school cross country career.

Jacobsen pulled double duty for the cross country and football teams at Jackson Heights this fall, starting out running for the JV squad and claiming a runner-up finish and individual title in the two races of that variety in which he competed.

Early on during football, though, Jacobsen suffered a shoulder injury and that turned into a boon for the cross country team as he turned his full attention to running and quickly moved up the ranks for the varsity squad.

After getting his bearings, Jacobsen closed the season with three top-20 finishes and led the Cobra boys in two of the final three meets. He just missed making All-League with an 18th-place finish at the NEKL meet, but he came back with his best showing of the season by taking fourth at the Cobras' home meet. This is Jacobsen's first appearance on the All-County squad.

Andrew Pino, JHHS, So.— Pino was among those in the mix to lead a young Cobra team this fall and through most of the season he wasn't far off the pace of Chartier.

A reliable number two, Pino stayed at the front of the pack for the JH boys through most of the fall and routinely finished in the top 30.

Four times this season, Pino finished in the top 20 and he also put together his best showing at the JH Invitational, taking sixth in that race. He is a first-time selection to the All-County team this year.

Honorable mention selections to the All-County team include Ethan Fund (JHHS) and Wyatt Marriott (HHS).



Cross country runners selected to the All-County boys team are pictured above and include (front row, left to right) Garrett Hicks (RVHS), Westin Jacobsen (JHHS), Andrew Pino (JHHS), (back row, left to right) Darius Frisby (RVHS), Kwaki Spoonhunter (RVHS), Xavier Fritz (JHHS) and Dalton Chartier (JHHS).

Photo by Kelly Breckunitch

County MS teams going strong

In the heart of the season, the middle school wrestling and girls basketball teams are not letting up for Holton, Jackson Heights or Royal Valley. The teams continue to put forth spectacular efforts and have turned those into impressive results.

Among those performances, the Jackson Heights Middle School girls basketball team has certainly stood out as the Cobras continue to roll through Northeast Kansas League competition.

This past week saw the JHMS A team remain undefeated with a pair of lopsided wins over Everest (20 points) and Xavier (33 points), and Xavier currently sits fourth in the league standings.

Both B and C teams also tallied wins and the Cobras will now get a week off before returning to action in a home contest against McLouth starting at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 23.

The Holton Middle School girls were equally impressive on the basketball court last week, picking up wins against Hiawatha and Atchison County Community Junior High School.

Against ACCJHS, the seventh-grade rolled to a victory and then both the seventh and eighth-grade teams had no trouble dispatching the Red Hawks of Hiawatha on the road last Thursday.

In the seventh-grade game, the Wildcats picked up a 10-point win while the eighth-grade team was in even better shape on the way to a 28-point victory.

Coach Brian Hickman said the continued improvements on offense served Holton well in its win at Hiawatha.

"Our post play continues to improve. They are moving more and gaining better timing with their guards," Hickman said. "We are continuing on focusing on improving every day and finding more continuity on offense."

Four different players (Faith Haussler, Isabell Watkins, Olivia Yingst and Addie Degenhardt) scored at least six points in the win over the Red Hawks.

Currently, Holton is getting set to host Riverside for its next contests, which will be held at HMS starting at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday.

Royal Valley started out last week with a tough match-up against Jeff West, with the Panthers only able to pick up one win (in the seventh-grade B game), but the teams came back strong and were able to sweep ACCJHS at home last Thursday.

Next up, RVMS will head to Perry for a set of games starting at 4:30 p.m. this Thursday.

Scores
Nov. 12, 2015
Holton 8A 37, Hiawatha 8A 9
Holton 7A 31, Hiawatha 7A 21
JHMS A 41, Xavier A 8
JHMS B 38, Xavier B 20
RVMS 7A 24, ACCJHS 7A 5
RVMS 8A 26, ACCJHS 8A 19

Nov. 9, 2015
Holton 7A 26, ACCJHS 7A 15
JHMS A 39, Everest A 19
JHMS B 22, Everest B 14
JHMS C 18, Everest C 7
Jeff West 8A 44, RVMS 8A 28
Jeff West 8B 17, RVMS 8B 7
Jeff West 7A 21, RVMS 7A 15

RVMS 7B 34, Jeff West 7B 8

Middle school wrestlers in the county stayed busy last week also, with Royal Valley hosting a home dual last Friday.

While the Panthers had to deal with a few injuries, the team still had some highlights, as Will Heavner saw his first action of the season and went undefeated in the matches against Oskaloosa and Sabetha.

Maya Ogden and Zach Burger also picked up wins for the Panthers and the wrestlers will look to add to those totals as the team gets ready to travel to Wabunsee for competition starting at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday.

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Marching music

Marching bands from Royal Valley (top photo) and Holton schools (above) participated in last week's Veterans Day parade around Holton's Town Square. Photos by Brian Sanders

Public Notice

(First published in The Holton Recorder, Holton, Kan., on Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2015.)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of Daryl L. Tolin, deceased.

Case No. 2015 PR 19

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition for Final Settlement has been filed in this Court by Julia A. Tolin, duly appointed, qualified and acting Executrix of the Estate of Daryl L. Tolin, deceased, praying Petitioner's acts be approved; account be settled and allowed; the heirs be determined; and the Estate be assigned to the persons entitled thereto; the Court find the allowances requested for attorney are reasonable and should be allowed; the costs be determined and ordered paid; the administration of the Estate be closed; upon the filing of receipts the Petitioner be finally discharged as the Executrix of the Estate of Daryl L. Tolin, deceased, and the Petitioner be released from further liability. 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 Holton, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

Julia A. Tolin, Petitioner

Alexandria S. Morrissey #23966 111 W. 4th, PO Box 366 Holton, Kansas, 66436 785-364-0158 Attorney for Petitioner

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Immanuel Lutheran

By Esther L. Ideker

During these last few weeks of the church year, our hearts and minds are again pointed to that last great day when our Lord and Savior returns in all His power and glory. Many around us fear the thought of this world coming to an end.

Yet our readings today, and the Spirit-given faith clings to that Word centered in Christ and His promises, gives us the assurance that our Lord's coming will be a time of joy. We remain confident, and we have nothing to fear as we are promised that those who endure to the end will be saved.

The worship service at Immanuel Lutheran Church on Nov. 15, the 24th Sunday after Pentecost, opened with the hymn "The Lamb." Psalm 16 was read responsively. Before the readings of the lessons, the first verse of "Wake, Awake, for Night Is Coming" was sung. Elder Topher Dohl read the Old Testament lesson from Daniel 12 and the epistle lesson from Hebrews 10. The Holy Gospel from Mark 13:1-13 was read by Pastor Jeffrey Geske.

The children's message followed the sermon theme of "Encourage Others in the Faith." Pastor Geske shared with the children that he had seen signs on U.S. Highway 75 encouraging the football players of our area on their way to the games; encouragement from the fans, cheerleaders and parents.

As the body of Christ, we need to encourage others who are hurting in this world with the encouragement of God's love. Pastor and Tricia Geske led the children in a closing song. The sermon hymn was "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less."

In his sermon, Pastor Geske asked that we think about people who have encouraged us... parents, teachers, pastors, coaches, bosses and the list can go on and on. We think about the people who have gone before us as Hebrews reminds us, "Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us."

When strength fails and we grow weary and discouraged, we need someone to come alongside us, show understanding, cheer us up and inspire us to have the strength and commitment to move on. Encouragers bring a beautiful gift, often a spiritual gift, when they bring

renewal through encouragement.

A word of encouragement offered at the right moment can be the difference between finishing well or collapsing along the way. Encourage others in the faith, just as Jesus continues to encourage you because of how much He loves you!

The congregation professed the Nicene Creed. The gathering of our gifts followed with Gerald Amon and Topher Dohl as ushers.

In the prayers of the church, these petitions were offered: For Pastor, Tricia and Jacob, our church family and for the whole church on earth, for our leaders both on the national and state level and for those in the Armed Forces and their families. Remembered were all those who need healing from illnesses and hospitalizations. The congregation commended to all in need of His care. The congregation joined in the Lord's Prayer.

In the celebration of the Lord's Supper, Elder Topher Dohl assisted Pastor Geske with the distribution. The distribution hymns were "Thine the Amen" and "How Great Thou Art." Following the benediction, the service closed with the hymn "Sent Forth by God's Blessing."

Serving Sunday were Topher Dohl, elder; Abby Brey, acolyte; Joyce Peterson, organist; and on the altar committee, Stacy Amon and Janet Amon.

Announcements included the community Thanksgiving dinner sponsored by the church's youth to be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 22. A free-will offering will be received for their trip to the National Youth Gathering in July. A soup supper fund-raiser for Daryl Wilson will be held from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21 at the Netawaka Community Center.

Thrivent Financial will be hosting an educational event to talk about the ABCs of generosity at 6 p.m. Monday, Nov. 23 at Immanuel Lutheran Church. A light meal will be provided.

Bible class and Sunday school classes were held after the church service.

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Wilsons to celebrate 50th anniversary

Willy and Dianna Wilson of Holton will be honored with a celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary on Friday, Nov. 27, with a come and go reception at the Veterans Club, 926 W. 6th St. (north of Farm & Home) in Holton.

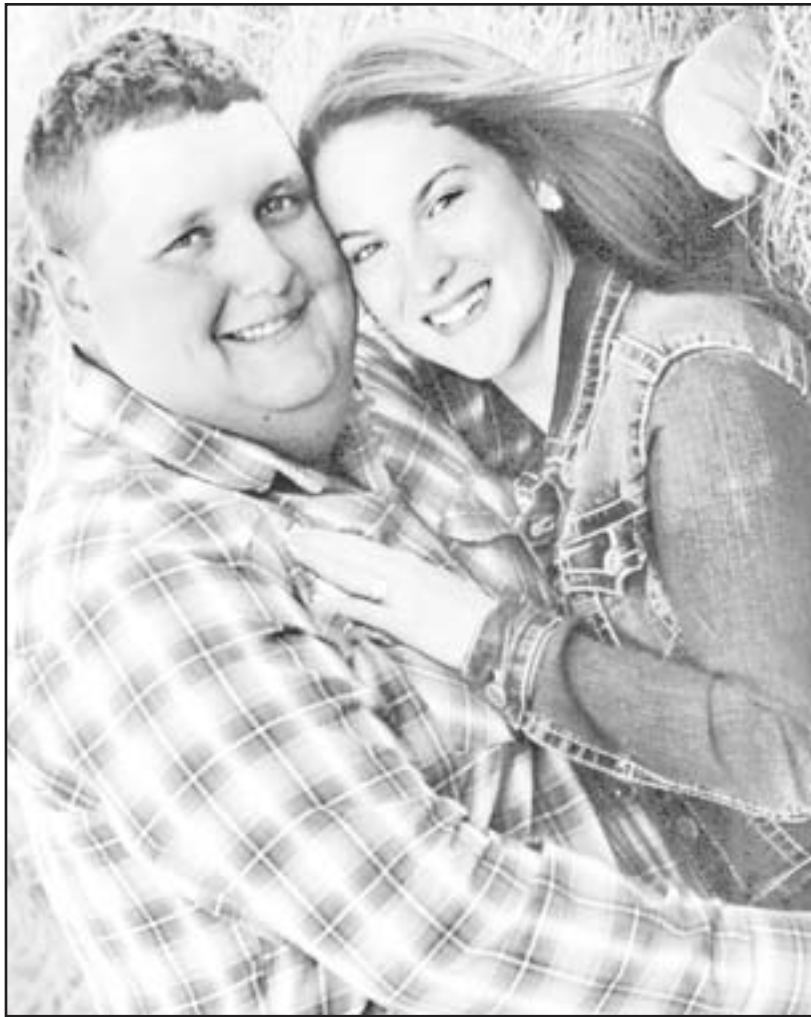
Their children are hosting the special celebration, and friends and family are invited to attend between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. to share in the love, laughter and fun.

Willy and Dianna were married

Nov. 27, 1965, in the Soldier Christian Church and live in Holton.

The couple has seven children, Tim Wilson and his wife, Jeanette, of Olathe; Tom Wilson and his wife, Sally, of Holton; Rob Wilson and his wife, Kristy, of Holton; Donna Pool and her husband, Randy, of Circleville; Kristi Ricks of Lakeland, Fla.; Matt Wilson and his wife, Sharon, of Holton; and Terry Wilson of Holton.

The couple also has 21 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.



Boyden - Hug

Dwayne and Pauletta Hug and Rich and Misti Boyden are proud to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their children, Chance Layne Hug and Alexia Kathleen Boyden.

The future groom farms and is employed by Dwayne Hug Trucking

and Excavating.

The bride-to-be is a certified nursing assistant and is pursuing a career in nursing.

The couple will be married on April 23, 2016, at Holy Name Catholic Church in Topeka and will reside on their farm outside of Mayetta.

Netawaka UMC

By Mary E. Edwards

Nov. 15 was a cold and blustery day as the congregation gathered for praise at Netawaka United Methodist Church. Jack and Verona Grannell were the greeters. Verona lit the altar candles as recorded music, "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" played.

Marilyn Banaka gave the welcome and announcements. Joys and concerns were shared. Neva Douglas shared that the "Douglas Family Last Hoo-rah" was attended by 60 people on Oct. 31 at the campground on the farm. It was a great day.

Marcia Robertson told of visiting Jeanette and Bret and family at Basehor. They are thankful for Zach's growth improvement. Mary Edwards had a surprise visit by David and Jan Beightel from Eureka, Mo., on Saturday afternoon. Other blessings included mending family ties and changing seasons.

The Rev. Caren Loper led the call to worship adapted from 1 Samuel 23:3-4, and the psalter, Psalm 16:5-11. Jordyn Banaka joined Pastor Caren for the children's message about thankfulness. It is interesting how children grow and mature so quickly.

Songs on Sunday were "Shine, Jesus Shine," "Alleluia" and "We've A Story To Tell To The Nations." Marilyn played the recorded music.

The affirmation of faith was the Apostles' Creed followed by silent prayer, meditation, the pastor's prayer and the Lord's Prayer.

Jack Grannell collected the offering. A special offering was taken for the Bishop's Roundup For Hunger.

Pastor Caren's sermon was "Jesus, The Rock Of Our Salvation." In Mark 13, Jesus spoke to His disciples about the destruction of the temple and events leading to the end of the age. The men wanted to know when that would be and what signs to watch for. Jesus said to watch for those who would deceive and lead them astray. We must be faithful to the end.

People around the world are shocked and saddened by the mass killings in France on Friday. We pray for those who are hurt, those who lost family and friends and all the world's leaders in their efforts for peace. We look to the scriptures for words of encouragement, assurance and hope. God is with us, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

After church, several of the group attended the Firemen's Pancake Breakfast at the Netawaka Fitness Center.

Netawaka Fitness Center announces new logo

The Netawaka Fitness Center has announced its new logo, and NFC staff said the public will be seeing the new logo a lot in the years ahead.

It'll be seen at the bottom of ads, on posters and brochures and on the large sign now being prepared for the junction of U.S. Highway 75 and Kansas Highway 9 just west of the small town that's experiencing a burst of enthusiasm along with a bit of revival.

The new logo wasn't chosen by the center's staff. It was selected by its 300-plus members and readers of *The Holton Recorder*.

With so many things to do after the 30,000-square foot facility opened, the staff never got around to seeking a distinctive logo fitting for the facility.

So three professional artists were recently commissioned to come up with suggested designs.

By researching the history of Netawaka, they learned the town was founded by Potawatomi Native Americans in 1866 and that Netawaka means "Grand View" or "Grand Plains."

That background inspired one of the artists to incorporate a "swirl of green" into his design to represent the area's rolling hills, a gold circle for the "setting sun" and a "rich blue" for the sky. Another added a bit of Native Indian flare into her design.

The center also encouraged talented locals to create a logo design to add to the choices. Katie Morris, art teacher at Jackson Heights High School, used the challenge

as a class project, and several of her students produced professional designs.

Other area artists who came up with promising logos included Lark Burnham of Horton, Casey Frey of Morrell, Kerry Wright of Whiting and Ty Davis, Trevor Heitz, Rachel Bloom and Jennifer Masterson, all of Wetmore.

The NFC staff couldn't narrow down the logo choices, so they decided to conduct a logo contest.

The five designs were posted at the center and *The Holton Recorder*.

Readers were asked to vote for their favorite by e-mail, regular mail or by stopping at the center. Voting ended Nov. 1.

Voters were told to be sure to include their name and address with their vote because if the logo they voted for proved to be the winner, they'd be able to stop by the center later to pick up a free T-shirt adorned with the logo they helped select.

The votes were tallied, and the clear winner was the logo with the swirl of green, setting sun and blue sky created by one of the professionals. That logo is already appearing in ads and is now being applied to the new highway sign.

The staff filed all the names and addresses of voters at the center, so they know who voted for the winning logo and is qualified to receive the free T-shirt. The shirts will be printed soon; winners should contact 785-933-2616 to see when they're available.



This logo received the most votes by members and area readers in the contest held by the Netawaka Fitness Center. Those who voted for it will receive a free shirt.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY, KANSAS

Wells Fargo Bank, NA
Plaintiff,

vs.

Cole C. Bond, et al.,
Defendants.

Case No. 15CV44
Division 0
K.S.A. 60
Mortgage Foreclosure
(Title to Real Estate Involved)

NOTICE OF
SHERIFF'S SALE

Under and by virtue of an Order of Sale issued by the Clerk of the District Court in and for the said County of Jackson, State of Kansas, in a certain cause in said Court Numbered **15CV44**, wherein the parties above named were respectively plaintiff and defendant, and to me, the undersigned Sheriff of said County, directed, I will offer for sale at public auction and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand at **09:00 AM, on 12/14/2015, at the front door of Jackson County Courthouse**, the following described real estate located in the County of Jackson, State of Kansas, to wit:

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PBP Elder Center Menu

Meals at the Prairie Band Potawatomi Elder Center are served from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The menu is subject to change.

The center is open 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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

Reservations are required if you are in a large group. The center is located on K Road, about one-half mile south of 158th Road. For more informa-

tion about the program, call (785) 966-0040.

Menus listed for the week of Monday, Nov. 23 through Friday, Nov. 27 are as follows:

Monday, Nov. 23: Beef stew, buttered noodles, tossed salad and tropical fruit.

Tuesday, Nov. 24: Spaghetti, green beans, garlic bread and fruit.

Wednesday, Nov. 25: Sack lunches.

Thursday, Nov. 26: Closed – Thanksgiving.

Friday, Nov. 27: Closed – Black Friday.

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Menus listed for the week of Monday, Nov. 23 through Friday, Nov. 27 are as follows:

Monday, Nov. 23: Beef and noodles, mashed potato, seasoned carrots, tropical fruit and bread and margarine.

Tuesday, Nov. 24: Taco soup, broccoli-cauliflower salad, peaches, brownie and taco chips.

Wednesday, Nov. 25: Chicken potpie with biscuit topping, Harvard beets, mandarin oranges and cookie.

Thursday, Nov. 26: Closed – Thanksgiving.

Friday, Nov. 27: Closed – Black Friday.



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Holton First Baptist

By Shirley M. Cameron

On Sunday, Nov. 15, it was a joy to gather in The Lord's House with our church family for Sunday school and worship services at Holton First Baptist Church.

The song "People Of The Good News" was the song the choir presented. Singing the hymns and choruses blessed us, too.

Missionaries David and Mary Hupp asked for prayer as they will be serving the Lord in a new capacity in various countries. Pastor Tim, Pastor Rhett and the deacons prayed for them.

Announcements brought to the congregation's attention were: This week, other churches and individuals will be dropping off the boxes for Operation Christmas Child through Nov. 23. Plastic toothbrush holders and ones for bar soap are suggested to include with other items. Pastor Tim has asked for volunteers this week to assist him.

A Thanksgiving potluck meal is scheduled following the worship service on Nov. 22 at noon. Drinks and table service will be provided.

Come and help decorate the church at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 28. Bring a snack item to share and enjoy the fellowship.

A video presentation by Franklin Graham on "The Value of a Soul" was shown on Sunday. He began with the question, "What is of the utmost importance in your life?" What would happen if you lost it?

Franklin used the true accounts of three individuals in their journey of life.

1. One fellow went to church as a young person, and in his adult years, thought rap music, drugs and things that money could buy were most important in his life. Each of these brought only temporary satisfaction. He found there was a void in his life. It was not until he knew he needed

the Lord to be most important.

2. Scotty and his wife were not even married one year when he was called to serve in the military in Iraq. He was so lonely on that first anniversary away from his wife.

While on a normal patrol, he was severely injured and blinded by an explosion. In the hospital, anger and depression set in and he turned his back on the Lord. He kept up the hard work in therapy. Later, when out of the hospital, he cried out to the Lord for grace and help to deal with the struggles in his life. He went on to finish the Iron Man Triathlon, even though blind.

3. A young 16-year-old girl found herself pregnant and had an abortion. She tried to go on but all her pursuits to bury this pain (after she realized how wrong a choice she made) were effortless. After two divorces, she set out on her motorcycle, leaving her two young daughters with family. She felt so guilty and desperate to find meaning in her life. She got a job in another state and through the witness of a Christian man, she found true meaning in her life. She now helps others deal with pain in their lives, with God's help. She is married and has her girls with her again.

The value of a soul is worth more than all the riches of the whole world. Why? We are bought with a price – the precious blood of Christ who has redeemed our souls. Our souls are eternal. Do we want to be separated from God for all eternity or in His presence in heaven forever? Is your soul secure in the Lord? These were the final questions to ponder, that Franklin asked at the end of the video.

Our hope as Christians is built on nothing less than His righteousness. Titus 3:5 says, "Not by works of righteousness, but according to God's mercy He saved us."

Card Shower



Maxine Lewis

Maxine Lewis of Holton will celebrate her 90th birthday on Saturday, Nov. 28.

Friends and family are invited to attend a celebration at the Circleville Christian Church from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Cards may be sent to her at 400 Banner Rd., Holton, KS 66436.



Members of the Sawyer Custom Building and Remodeling "Storm Chasers" soccer team included (front row, from left) Alexa Rash, Joely Shupe, Zoe Schuetz, Kason DeDonder, Landon Sawyer, Colden Peek, Enoc Avalos, (back row, from left) Clete Wray, Jaxon Carlson, Kinsley Ingels, coach Michael Sawyer and Olyvia Kimberlin. Not pictured is Gracie White, Taylor Osceola Jr. and coach Sarah DeDedonder.

Submitted photo

Denison Bible Church

By Esther L. Hall

On Nov. 15, Denison Bible Church welcomed Calvary Bible College's music ministry team, Evidence. It was good to see Judy H. and the Joel Dodson family Sunday.

Sing a song when life gets tough. When God brings us through the trials in our lives, that's when it's time to sing Him a song – sing Him songs of praises.

There is only one God; one Savior. There's power in the name of Jesus who is the Almighty. He is the King of Kings and is never failing. He alone is worthy of our praises.

Christ died on the cross for our sins. We are saved through the power of His blood. As Christians, we are alive because He lives. Christ took all our sins away and because Christ lives, we don't have to be afraid of what tomorrow brings. He holds our lives and our future in His hands.

We should give thanks with grateful hearts. We may feel unlovable and unworthy, but God loves us. Those are the times that God wants us to lean on Him and to trust in Him.

Give thanks for everything the Lord has done for you and for everything He has given you.

Psalms 95:2 says, "Let's come to Him with thanksgiving, let's sing songs to Him." Psalm 100:1-2 says, "Shout to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with singing." Philippians 4:6-7 says, "Do not

worry about anything, but pray and ask God for everything you need, always giving thanks."

Never give up when the road gets rough, when the harvest comes, you see – you'll taste the joy of your reward. The fruit of your labors will come back to you.

You may not believe in God, but He believes in you. God is the Great I Am. Who is worthy to stand in His presence? No one! But Christ made a way for all of us to stand in God's presence – we only have to trust in Jesus.

Whose love is mighty and strong? The king of glory, the king above all kings. He laid down His life for us so that we could be free. He has unending love – love so great that He took our place upon the cross so that we can be free. That is amazing

grace!

He is forever alive! When Christ took His final breath on the cross, the heavens (God) looked away, and when He rose from the grave, the ground shook and the stone rolled away. God's perfect love couldn't be overcome. Forever He is glorified. That's amazing grace!

"What we sow we will reap and what we reap we will sow. Whatever we plant in the kingdom will surely grow. Whatever we grow in love will surely bloom and the fruit of the spirit will come back to us."

This means that the one who is taught the word is to share all good things with the one who teaches him. The one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.

Don't ever tire from doing good to and for others and never give up when the road gets rough. Some day, you'll receive great rewards for the good you're due when the harvest comes.

Always give thanks with a grateful heart. Give thanks to the Holy One. Give thanks just because He is Jesus Christ.

Unbelievers often look at us to see how we react through the tough times. When they can see us peaceful and not falling apart, they'll see evidence in our beliefs in Christians.

If you've found your song – today's the day to get right with God. If you've never accepted Christ, then today needs to be the day you become saved. The Lord will give you great blessings and will put a song in your heart.

Prepare your fridge for the holidays

By Nancy C. Nelson
Meadowlark District Agent
Family Life

Begin "the season of entertaining" with a clean fridge. If you have the owner's manual, follow the refrigerator cleaning instructions. If you don't have the manual, just follow the steps below from the American Cleaning Institute.



Note to self: it's always a good idea to do this before going to the grocery store for your weekly shopping.

• **Interior:** Unplug the refrigerator and slide a coil brush under the unit's kick plate to remove dust. Empty the contents of the entire fridge. Toss anything past its prime.

Remove the drawers and scrub with a sponge, warm water and liquid dish soap.

Spray the now empty interior with a multi-surface spray and wipe down the walls and each shelf. You can use an old toothbrush and cleanser to remove grime from the cracks. Plug the fridge back in and return the drawers and food while wiping down bottles and jars. Place a small box of baking soda in the door or in the back of the fridge to keep odors at bay.

• **Exterior:** For stainless steel, use a microfiber cloth and stainless steel surface spray, and rub in the direction of the grain. For enameled steel, use a multi-surface spray and paper towels.

The above may seem like a once-a-year job, but the truth is, you can work towards keeping a clean fridge every day. Wipe up spills with a paper towel and warm water as they occur. Keep baking soda in the refrigerator year-round. And every week, do a quick purge of food that has expired or gone bad.

New Life Church

Kevin Kneisley, pastor of the New Life Church of the Nazarene, wrapped up a four-part series entitled "No Fear November" on Sunday, encouraging members of the church to "go all in" when it comes to their relationship with God.

"Fear is a powerful force in our lives. It can keep you in a corner and can cause you to cower," Kneisley said. "Too often, it drives you away from experiencing the path God has intended for you. You must commit to God to experience the blessings He has in store for you."

Kneisley cited the current culture as examples of non-commitment, from 30-day leases, to free agency in athletics, to prenuptials in marriage, and noted that they all lack that "all in" commitment that God wants.

Psalms 37:5 "Commit your way to the Lord. Trust also in Him, and He will do it."

When we commit to God, it means to pledge ourselves to a stance no matter the circumstance, Kneisley said.

"God is fully committed to you, He gave His best – a total commitment in the name of Jesus who lived and died and rose again. He was 'all in,'" he said.

He further explained that when we commit to God, we become a part of the body of God and of the church, which means to be an active 'body part' by serving, sharing the gospel and discipleship.

Then, he said, God can truly move in the church and reach those who do not have a personal relationship with God.

"When we abandon commitment to God, we abandon intimacy. Commit to God and be 'all in,'" he said.

On Sunday, Nov. 29, New Life will celebrate the Advent season with "Our Coming Savior."

New Life Church of the Nazarene Sunday services start each week with Sunday school at 9:30 a.m., followed by worship service at 10:45 a.m.

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From left to right, Holton High School students Sydney Snyder, Anne Bowser, Jonah Torres, Taylor Stevens and Sonora Sheldon recently rehearsed a scene from the musical “Anything Goes,” which was presented this past weekend on the HHS stage.

Photo by Brian Sanders

Potawatomi United Methodist

By Ilene Dick

We drove to Potawatomi United Methodist Church on Sunday, Nov. 15, in the typical Kansas wind and hoping the promised rain will soon arrive.

A candle was burning at the front of the church for all of those in Paris, France, affected by the horrific terrorist attack and in memory of lives lost.

Pastor Howard opened the service with scripture and prayer. Announcements included a report on items needed for the Jackson County Christmas Store. The church is collecting 50 cans of pork and beans, along with other items that have been donated. Please bring donations to the church by next Sunday (Nov. 22) if possible.

Sign-up sheets were passed for U.M.W. members to go to the Christmas party. Members and guests may pay Betty Bowser or Ilene Dick for the meal before Dec. 1.

Next Sunday, members and friends will have a potluck meal following church service, followed by the hanging of the greens.

The Christmas program for Mayetta/Potawatomi churches will be held at Potawatomi at 4 p.m. on Dec. 6. Tina Pugh and Laura Schreiber are the committee and are seeking volunteers to sing in a choir. The first practice will be next Sunday after decorating the church. Another practice will be announced later. Those willing to take part are asked to contact Tina Pugh.

Prayers are requested for the family of Sammy Ashley in his death. It was good to have Judy Thoman back to church and doing well following shoulder repair surgery on Tuesday. We are also glad to learn Steve Schreiber is doing well following gallbladder surgery on Thursday. Keep them both in prayers for fast healing.

Martha Roush and Ronald and I enjoyed the Parade of Lights in Holton on Saturday evening.

Lily Hall was acolyte for the service. Judy Thoman read the scripture from Hebrews 12:28-29.

Soldier Boosters hold meeting for October

By MaKenzie Kennedy

The Soldier Boosters monthly 4-H meeting was held on Sunday, Oct. 4. The meeting came to order at 6:10 p.m. Club members first said the flag salute and the 4-H pledge. Roll call was answered by, “Name A Pet Peeve of Your Parents.”

Club members introduced the new members of the club. Then, minutes from last month’s meeting were read. Next, club members had the treasurer’s report and the reporter’s report.

During the leader’s report, record books, national 4-H week, judging record books and planting trees at the fairgrounds were discussed.

The next council meeting was to be held on Nov. 12, and Achievement Day was to be held on Nov. 4. Online enrollment was discussed.

Afterwards, club members had new business, where they talked about paying bills, wearing shirts for 4-H week, handing out Smarties and installing officers. Next, Joel and John Kennedy presented programs. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

As a part of 4-H Week, club members hosted a hay rack ride and invited the North Jackson Jets 4-H Club. Both clubs shared chili dogs and s’mores together.

School Lunch Menus

Jackson Heights

Monday, Nov. 23: Breakfast – Whole-grain cereal, cheese stick, applesauce, juice and milk; Lunch – Pizza, tossed salad, sliced peaches, graham snacks and milk.

Tuesday, Nov. 24: Breakfast – Breakfast pizza, fruit, juice and milk; Lunch – Vegetable beef soup, crackers, carrots and celery, cinnamon roll, fruit and milk.

Wednesday, Nov. 25: No School – Thanksgiving Break.

Thursday, Nov. 26: No School – Thanksgiving Break.

Friday, Nov. 27: No School – Thanksgiving Break.

Holton

Monday, Nov. 23: Breakfast – Whole-grain cereal, string cheese, fresh orange, fruit juice and milk; Lunch – Pork rib on a bun, leaf lettuce and tomato slice, french fries, fresh

baby carrots, fresh apple, canned fruit choice and milk choice.

Tuesday, Nov. 24: Breakfast – Pancake on a stick, fruit cocktail, fruit juice and milk; Lunch – Corn dog, green beans, tater tots, fruit cocktail, Snickerdoodle, fresh fruit choice and milk choice.

Wednesday, Nov. 25: No School – Thanksgiving Break.

Thursday, Nov. 26: No School – Thanksgiving Break.

Friday, Nov. 27: No School – Thanksgiving Break.

Royal Valley

Monday, Nov. 23: Breakfast – Pancakes, fruit and milk; Lunch – Burrito with salsa, refried beans, fresh carrots, fruit and milk.

Tuesday, Nov. 24: Breakfast – Cereal, fruit and milk; Lunch – Turkey and cheese on a bun, potato wedges, fresh broccoli, fruit and milk.

Wednesday, Nov. 25: No School – Thanksgiving Break.

Thursday, Nov. 26: No School – Thanksgiving Break.

Friday, Nov. 27: No School – Thanksgiving Break.

Prairie Hills

Monday, Nov. 23: Breakfast – Cereal or cinnamon pastries; Lunch – Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, mandarin oranges and milk.

Tuesday, Nov. 24: Breakfast – Biscuits and gravy; Lunch – Chicken nuggets and nachos, seasoned green beans, carrot crunchies, peaches, cook’s choice dessert and milk.

Wednesday, Nov. 25: No School – Thanksgiving Break.

Thursday, Nov. 26: No School – Thanksgiving Break.

Friday, Nov. 27: No School – Thanksgiving Break.

Note: Menus subject to change.

Honor roll announced at WHS

The following students have been named to Wetmore High School’s honor roll for the first nine weeks of the 2015-2016 school year.

High Honor Roll (4.0 GPA)
Eighth Grade: Savannah R. Bryant.

Seventh Grade: Alyssa Kay Bloom.

Sixth Grade: Campbell Ashton Brown, Braden John Henry and Kenzie Anne Strathman.

Principal’s Honor Roll (3.5-3.99 GPA)
Eighth Grade: Shayla Marie Ball.

Seventh Grade: Zachariah Lee Cole, Alvana Helene Crismas, Shayla Marie Hughes, Jasmine Johnson, Kael McQueen, Reagan Elizabeth Osterhaus, Kaitlyn Grace

Juniors: Aaron Achten, Kyle Bloom, Rachel Bloom, Garret Evans, Dakota McQueen and Walker Uhl.

Sophomores: Newt Smith.

Freshmen: Curtis Bloom and Seth Shumaker.

Honorable Mention (3.0-3.4999 GPA)

Seniors: Trey Craig, Rylan Martin and Bryanna Morfitt.

Juniors: Steve Brooks, Desiree Fund, Mariah Jones, Alex Potter, Robyn Potter and Trenton Rowland.

Sophomores: Jill Henry, Ethan Osterhaus and Josephine Shumaker.

Freshmen: Noah Ball, Amy Fund, Orion Martin, Alyssa Montgomery, Mariah Ramirez and Lauryn Scott.

come.

Martha Roush watched Kolby and Chris Roush wrestle on Tuesday, Nov. 10, at Jeff West and Thursday, Nov. 12, at Perry. The boys did well at both matches.

Dorthea and Keith Bell spent Saturday, Nov. 14, with their son, Jim, in Kansas City.

Ronald and I visited Jim Dick and Aimee Voss in Topeka on Saturday afternoon, Nov. 14.

Betty Bowser accompanied family members to the Holton High School play, “Anything Goes,” on Saturday night. Betty’s granddaughter, Anne Bowser, participated in the play. She reported it to be an enjoyable evening and an excellent performance.

Karla Segenhagen and I accompanied Sandee Morris to Topeka on Thursday, Nov. 12, to visit Edith Blodgett and her sister, Margery Wilson. Sandee, Karla, Edith and I taught together for many years at Royal Valley. We had an enjoyable visit of school memories.

Lily Hall enjoyed attending the Royal Valley High School play, “Cooking Can Be Murder,” on Saturday. Her granddaughter, Erica Knight, was one of the actors.

Benefit Soup Supper for Daryl Wilson Saturday, Nov. 21, 2015 • 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. Netawaka Community Building

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Benefit for Daryl Wilson who suffered a severe back injury following an accident and will be unable to work for several months.

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STATE OF KANSAS LEVIES			
KANSAS EDUCATIONAL BUILDING	75-6001	1.000	
STATE INSTITUTIONS BUILDING	75-6004	0.500	
TOTAL		103,898,161	1.500

COUNTY LEVIES			
JACKSON COUNTY			
General	KSA 79-1945	33.377	
General - Corrections (combined w/ Sher.)	KSA 79-1945	0.000	
General - Sheriff's Department	KSA 79-1945	18.261	
Road & Bridge	KSA 68-5.101	20.641	
Noxious Weed	KSA 2-1318	0.560	
Elderly Services	KSA 12-1680	1.000	
TOTAL		103,898,161	73.839

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DELIA		6,236,542	0.457
DENISON		4,082,492	0.971
HOLTON		32,835,472	2.000
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WHEATLAND	Brown County	486,577	1.524

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General	KSA 12-101a	8.139	
Building	KSA 79-5032	4.000	
TOTAL		499,848	12.139
DENISON			
General	KSA 12-101a	16.836	
TOTAL		512,840	16.836
HOLTON			
General	KSA 12-101a	46.341	
Bond	KSA 10-113	1.098	
Library	KSA 12-1220	5.000	
Liability Insurance	KSA 75-6110	1.118	
Industrial Revenue	KSA 12-1617h	1.004	
TOTAL		19,523,243	54.561
HOYT			
General	KSA 12-101a	41.827	
TOTAL		2,974,937	41.827
MAYETTA			
General	KSA 12-101a	37.927	
Bond	KSA 10-113	22.527	
TOTAL		1,203,490	60.454
NETAWAKA			
General	KSA 12-101a	13.455	
TOTAL		619,941	13.455
SOLDIER			
General	KSA 12-101a	16.015	
TOTAL		283,117	16.015
WHITING			
General	KSA 12-101a	7.509	
TOTAL		875,938	7.509
OTHER DISTRICTS			
NORTHEAST KANSAS LIBRARY Douglas County			
General	KSA 12-1234	1.248	
Employee Benefit	KSA 12-16.102	0.130	
TOTAL		84,374,918	1.378
STRAIGHT CREEK DRAINAGE			
General	KSA 24-302	0.000	
TOTAL		378,241	0.000
ONAGA HOSPITAL #1 Pottawatomie Co.			
General	KSA 12-183	5.436	
Bond	KSA 10-113	1.564	
TOTAL		5,600,680	7.000
MEADOWLARK EXTENSION DIST #7			
General		1.884	
TOTAL		103,898,161	1.884

I, Kathy L. Mick, Jackson County Clerk, hereby certify that the above is a true and correct statement of 2015 levies for Jackson County.



Kathy Mick

The Immanuel Lutheran Church Youth will serve a

FALL DINNER

from **11 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 22**
at the **Netawaka Community Center**

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Lunch 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

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Taylor...

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the Chamber Hall of Fame for planting the seeds of that success in the mid-1980s, she said, is a humbling thing.

“I was completely surprised, but I’m really glad... I’ve known the rest of this year’s honorees since I was a kid, and I’ve always looked up to them,” Taylor said, referring to fellow honorees Dianna Wilson, Jan and the late Harold Hodge and Dorothy and the late Joe Rogers.

Paula’s School of Dance began in 1984 as “a family affair,” Taylor said. At that time, she was taking dance classes at the Institute of Performing Arts in Topeka, now known as The Dance Factory, and felt a need to bring what she was learning there back home.

“When I was in high school, I kept hearing people say, ‘We wish somebody would teach dance lessons here, because we can’t get down to Topeka to do that,’” Taylor said. “At the same time, my dad was building a garage behind our house, and I said, ‘Can I take part of that? I’d like to make that a practice area and teach a few lessons, and it would just be a few kids.’”

Taylor received her father’s blessing to turn part of the garage into Paula’s School of Dance, and in the first class, she had 30 students. The next year, in 1985, the school put on the first of its popular dance recitals, and she noted that there were 55 dance students participating in that first show.

“We started out with just a few students, and every year, it just kind of grew,” Taylor told *The Holton Recorder* last year on the 30th anniversary of the school’s founding. “First it was 30, then it was 50, and it just kept on growing.”

It didn’t remain “just a few students” for very long, however, even when she was coming home on summers from Kansas State University, where she was active as a Pridette dancer, to teach classes. She switched to the University of Kansas in 1988 and was able to take up teaching dance classes full-time at that point.

It did, however, remain “a family affair,” with Taylor noting the help of her parents in getting the dance classes up and running, her brother Patrick acting as “curtain boy” for recitals, and her husband, Matt Taylor, in moving props and performing various other duties for classes and recitals.

By the time Taylor moved back to Holton in 1993, she was able to rent a studio space upstairs from the family business — Denison State Bank — and remodel it into a contemporary dance studio that would average more than 200 students — sometimes even as much as 300 — from as far away as Onaga, Sabetha and Hiawatha. It was that year that she took a dance group to a national competition in Las Vegas, Nev., and won it.

“We were just so excited that we’d won it,” she said. “It’s amazing how you go to competitions, and there’s studios from Kansas City and Wichita, and some of those kids are taking a lot more dance lessons, too... What’s neat about the kids from Holton who are taking dance, and they’re involved in sports and the high school musical — they may not have all their time to devote to one thing, but they still do very well.”

With the number of students growing, Taylor brought in other dancers to help teach them, and one of them was Carlson, who had, like Taylor, studied under Lisa Michaelis at the Dance Factory. Carlson, who said she had danced from the age of five until she was “20-ish,” was assisting Michaelis, who recommended her to Taylor, it was reported.

Taylor made the decision to sell Paula’s School of Dance to Carlson in 1997, noting that she wanted to get involved in the bank and start her own family. After Carlson took it over, the dance school’s name was changed to Studio 1 Dance Center.

“It was a transitional period,” Taylor told *The Recorder* last year of the change of name and ownership. “I wasn’t involved in it a lot after that. I wanted it to be hers. But I was there

for her if she needed any help, and because she had worked for me, it made for a smooth transition.”

Taylor continued to lend her support to Studio 1, and she still gets a kick out of hearing kids running up the stairs to take classes.

“I still love it,” she said. “I still get a big chuckle when I’m working downstairs, and I hear the tap shoes upstairs. It doesn’t bother me a bit!”

Taylor also noted the school’s ability to maintain a strong storefront presence on the west side of Holton’s Town Square, not only in its windows glowing into the night after most of the businesses on the Square have shuttered for the day, but also in its ability to encourage parents who bring their children to classes to visit other locations on the Square while waiting for their children.

“They come from Onaga, Sabetha and Hiawatha, and they do their shopping,” she said. “Usually, downtown shuts down at around 5 p.m., and classes are still going, sometimes until about 9 p.m. or 9:30 p.m. But being able to spread things around while the lessons are going on is still good for the city.”

But most importantly, she said, it’s important to provide a wide variety of activities for young people in this community.

“With the kids, I think the more opportunities and experiences we can give them, the better, and I was glad that I was lucky to have that experience where I was able to go to Topeka and have the dance experience that I could bring back to Holton. It was another avenue for kids to have something to enjoy,” she said.

Last year, Taylor and Carlson celebrated 30 years of the existence of that “avenue” in Holton, getting some of the school’s former students back together to take part in the annual recital at Holton High School. “It was so much fun,” Taylor said.

Today, Carlson continues to take Studio 1 students to competitions across the country. Taylor said students this year are looking forward to a national competition in Galveston,

Texas, and she’s hoping for some of the same success that her class experienced more than two decades ago in Las Vegas.

Taylor’s also proud of the legacy that’s grown out of the classes she taught in the school’s early years.

“In school, a teacher has students for a year, and then they move on,” she said. “I got to watch a lot of these kids grow up, and it is so much fun to see so many of my students who are adults now and see what they’re doing, and maybe still have a little part in their life.”

And she’s also passing along her love of dance to her eight-year-old daughter, Amanda, who takes classes at Studio 1.

“I’m still there, just in a different way,” Taylor said.

New School...

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“It will always be sitting right there, and hopefully it’ll be there for the next 60 to 100 years,” Stones told students. “You’re part of a time capsule. You’re name’s on this beam, and it will always be there with your name on it.”

Those present for the raising of the beam expressed their elation at the progress that has been made on the new school building, including former Holton Superintendent Nancy Meyer, whose work during her time as superintendent here played a major role in getting the new school built.

“It’s looking so good,” said Meyer, who is currently serving as interim superintendent at Riley County USD 378. “I’m so excited at the progress that’s being made.”

Noe Turrubiarres of Nabholz Construction concurred, saying that construction of the new building is “right on schedule.”

None, however, were apparently happier to see the last beam go up than the students.

“If you’ve been at Colorado School, you’ve been able to watch things as they come out of the ground and start up,” Stones said.



Strubes to celebrate 50th anniversary

Paul and Helene Paradis Strube will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with family and friends. They were married in La Puente, Calif., on Nov. 20, 1965.

The couple has three children, Steven of Topeka, Scott and his wife, Jocylene, of Holton, and Lina of Winter Park, Fla.

They also have four grandchildren, Megan Wesson and her husband, Nick, of Yakima, Wash., Joe Strube of Topeka and Nick Mallot of Chapel Hill, N.C.; and three step-grandchildren, Brittanie, Gunnar and Adam McKenna.



Circleville Christian

By Jeannie Arnold

Carol Fenton served as greeter at the door for Cowboy Church at Circleville Christian Church on Sunday, Nov. 15. Dale Askren gave the opening prayer.

Music was provided by the praise team of Dale and Ilah Rose Askren, David Allen, Max Lierz and Paul and Sue Davault. Mike Cochren gave the announcements of upcoming events and David Allen gave the prayer for concerns and praises.

Our morning sermon was brought to us by Trevor Crawford, who is a student at Manhattan Christian College. He used text from Hebrews 2:1-4 and Matthew 5:43-45 as he gave his message, “Paying Attention.” He told how we have a clear set of instructions in the Bible and we need to pay attention to what it is telling us. Pay attention to what Jesus says because nothing is more important that our foundation in Jesus Christ.

Our salvation is powerful and is dependent on Jesus Christ; we can not afford to ignore it. God testified to great salvation through His son. It is through Jesus that we see the heart of God, and when we do, it changes our lives forever. Pay attention to the fact that we can go home to Heaven when this time on earth is through; pay attention to the great salvation and share it with others.

Paul Davault gave the communion meditation and prayer. Communion servers were Don Askren, Donnie Askren, John Ray and Jeremy Kennedy. Hannah Davault provided the piano music as communion was served. David Allen gave the prayer for the offering and the service closed by singing “Happy Trails To You.”

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Jackson County Arts holds meeting

Jackson County Arts met Monday, Nov. 16, at the Beck-Bookman Library. Those present were Sandy Studebaker-Gilbert, Katie Morris, Linda Brownlow, Marilyn Spiker, Mary Schock, David Schock, Kathleen Cobb and Fred Appelhanz.

The minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

Arts members discussed the art show and “suitcase sale” during the November Second Saturday event.

In the future, members agreed to make sure the set up times for the exhibit are advertised correctly. Members planned to set up at 3 p.m., but due to a miscommuni-

cation, people were dropping off work several hours earlier.

The members approved a motion to make a donation for the use of the Hutchins building.

Members were reminded to drop off their Christmas cards for recovering soldiers at Morris’ house sometime this month.

Appelhanz suggested sponsoring a photography-only show during a Second Saturday event next year.

Brownlow will display artwork at the Beck-Bookman Library in Holton during the month of January.

Members voted on officers for 2016. Those elected were Morris, president; Appelhanz, vice president; Brownlow, program chair;

Suzette McCord-Rogers, treasurer; and Mary Schock, secretary.

Members then adjourned the business portion of the meeting and continued to show and tell.

Cobb showed a painting she’s been working on based on a photo she took of a building in Missouri.

Studebaker-Gilbert presented a program on using chicken wire for sculpting large forms.

The next meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 11, at the Beck-Bookman Library. Members will bring snacks to the meeting to kick off the New Year and encourage area residents interested in the club to attend.

Public Notice

(Published in The Holton Recorder, Holton, Kan., on Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2015.)

City of Holton

CITY TREASURER'S REPORT

State of balance on hand September 30, 2015 the collection and apportionments made, warrants and bonds paid and the amount remaining at hand at the close of the quarter ending September 30, 2015 in each and all of the accounts and funds of the City of Holton, Kansas

	Balance 6/30/15	Disbursements	Receipts	Balance 9/30/15
Denison State Bank				
Money Market	1,152,969.84		593.95	1,153,563.79
Time Deposit	150,000.00			150,000.00
Farmers State Bank				
Money Market	354,739.68		178.86	354,918.54
Time Deposit	150,000.00		0.00	150,000.00
Holton National Bank				
Money Market	3,108,553.97	2,951,818.10	2,622,626.35	2,779,362.22
Time Deposit	315,000.00			315,000.00
Cash	400.00			400.00
Totals	5,231,663.49	2,951,818.10	2,623,399.16	4,903,244.55
FUNDS				
General Oper	551,394.63	413,107.21	176,589.78	314,877.20
Water	103,361.13	297,186.47	271,416.38	77,591.04
Light	1,305,547.79	1,360,712.15	1,397,857.51	1,342,693.15
Deposit	57,543.68	7,026.87	9,810.59	60,327.40
Sanitary Sewer	873,728.56	300,026.06	212,149.00	785,851.50
Bond & Int.	36,597.69	0.00	1,514.47	38,112.16
Library	45,996.84	39,759.80	5,969.41	12,206.45
HOME Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Police Seizure	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Twp. Fire	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Chevis	967.36	0.00	0.00	967.36
Spec. Park & Rec.	32,714.37	16,285.58	16,004.89	32,433.68
Alcohol Prev.	453.61	0.00	0.00	453.61
Industrial	686,058.53	111,216.93	1,194.36	576,035.96
Sp. Street	79,630.04	103,408.73	70,842.44	47,063.75
Payroll	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Insurance	61,757.49	195,207.67	145,344.27	11,894.09
Liability Ins.	4,056.81	0.00	1,257.37	5,314.18
Water Bond	37,500.00	0.00	0.00	37,500.00
Money Market Int.	3,953.34	0.00	1,818.60	5,771.94
LIEAP	14,599.83	79.90	4,860.69	19,380.62
Trash	14,270.93	21,417.00	32,914.46	25,768.39
Equip. Reserve	264,010.85	13,987.00	23,902.06	273,925.91
92A Prin. & Int.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Municipal Court	7,131.71	4,678.50	3,047.00	5,500.21
2004 Prin. & Int.	185,984.58	0.00	82,500.00	268,484.58
2013 Special Sales Tx	398,572.48	67,718.23	98,410.88	429,265.13
Capital Improv.	461,654.40	0.00	65,995.00	527,649.40
Clock Fund Int.	114.71	0.00	0.00	114.71
2009 El. Prin. & Int.	4,062.13	0.00	0.00	4,062.13
Totals	5,231,663.49	2,951,818.10	2,623,399.16	4,903,244.55

	Outstanding	Canceled	Issued	Outstanding
Warrants	192,166.02	2,951,818.10	2,880,539.51	120,887.43
Bonds	2,366,293.12	0.00	0.00	2,366,293.12
KDHE Revolving	229,721.67	229,721.67	0.00	0.00
WW Plant	3,740,967.82	206,319.25	0.00	3,534,648.57
Lease Purchase	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

State of Indebtedness for the City of Holton, Kansas for the Quarter

	Outstanding	Canceled	Issued	Outstanding
Warrants	192,166.02	2,951,818.10	2,880,539.51	120,887.43
Bonds	2,366,293.12	0.00	0.00	2,366,293.12
KDHE Revolving	229,721.67	229,721.67	0.00	0.00
WW Plant	3,740,967.82	206,319.25	0.00	3,534,648.57
Lease Purchase	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

I, Laura Stauffer, Treasurer of the City of Holton, Kansas, do solemnly attest that the above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that the several amounts are now in the hand or held on deposit as a public fund for the City of Holton.

/s/

Laura A. Stauffer, Treasurer

/s/

Teresa Riley, City Clerk

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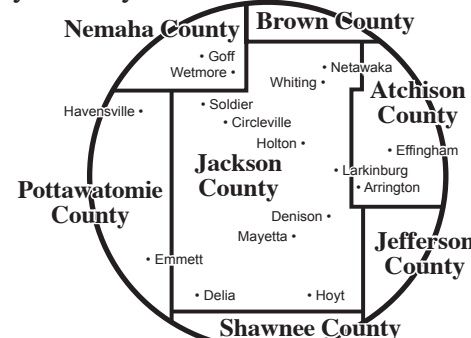
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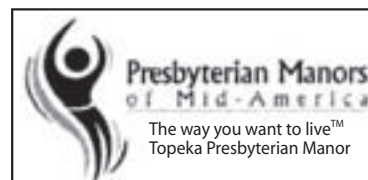
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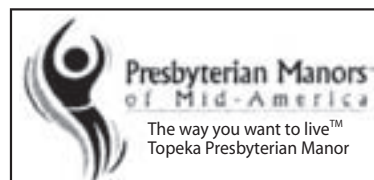
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Bid in for face-to-face mental health counseling for county jail inmates

By Ali Holcomb

Mental health services provided at the Jackson County Jail were a topic at a recent Jackson County Commission meeting.

The Jackson County Commissioners met with Jackson County Sheriff Tim Morse to discuss the county's current contract with KANZA Mental Health & Guidance Center to provide mental health counseling to inmates.

The contract with KANZA is funded with monies out of the county alcohol tax fund.

Morse said there isn't any face-to-face counseling happening in the jail under the current contract with KANZA. Counseling is all conducted through video chat.

Morse said that out of the current inmates at the county jail, about 90 percent of them suffer from some sort of addiction. Mental health counseling is of great importance to the inmates, he said.

Morse said he is not promoting any specific mental health counseling company but noted that it is a vital component of the penal system in the county.

Upon request, Morse presented a bid from Advanced Correctional Healthcare for three mental health staffing options to hire a QMHP (Qualified Mental Health Professional).

The bids were:

- * Three hours weekly (in person) at a cost of \$7,709.12.

- * Four hours every other week (in person) at a cost of \$5,177.74.

- * Five hours every other week (in person) at a cost of \$6,443.43.

No decision was made on the bids.

The commissioners, Morse and Undersheriff Darrel Chapman also discussed a letter from a resident who recently visited the jail and was unhappy with the video visitation system.

Morse said that the video visitation, which was extended from two days to seven days, gives inmates the capability to visit with anyone across the United States.

It has improved security, reduced contraband and eliminated staff having to schedule visitations and shuttle the inmates from their pod to the visitation room, Morse said.

Morse said he was unaware that anyone was having difficulties with the system.

In other business, according to the unapproved minutes from Nov. 9, the commission:

- * Met with Evelyn Allen, the county's representative on the Silver Hair Legislature.

Allen requested that \$250 be appropriated to the Silver Hair Legislature for 2016. The commissioners agreed.

Allen is serving her first term on the legislature and elections are held through the Northeast Kansas Area Agency on Aging.

- * Met with Pat Korte, director of emergency management, to discuss the requested bids to purchase seven AED (Automated External Defibrillator) machines. The bid total was \$9,720.55.

Commissioner Janet Zwonitzer suggested having two AEDs in the Courthouse and then one at the road and bridge shop, the senior center, the sheriff's office, the recycling center, the juvenile detention center and Banner Creek Reservoir. No action was taken on the bid.

- * Received an update on the new burn permit forms from Korte, and she discussed the inability to delete permit holders from the old site. Korte requested information from the website representative on how to delete all burn permit holders off of the old website.

- * Appropriated \$1,000 in alcohol tax funds to Royal Valley High School's post prom.

- * Met in executive session for 10 minutes to discuss a personnel matter. No action was taken back in open session.

- * Heard a weekly report from John Kennedy, Banner Creek reservoir director. The commissioners signed off on hayland rental agreements with Landon Bagby and John Wayne Gillsford at the reservoir.

- * Learned from Kennedy that Trade Winds Distributing has received the contract for the purchase of the new docks at the reservoir. The Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks has reviewed and approved the contract. He said he will start the construction of abutments for the dock gangways soon.

- * Learned from Kennedy that he has completed all required documentation and was set to meet with representatives from the Federal Emergency Management Agency on Thursday morning to review the disaster projects.

- * Discussed work completed at the reservoir by 11 AmeriCorp volunteers. The volunteers have competed some painting and have assisted in the planning of the new nature playground.

One of the volunteers created a possible logo to be placed on the water tank located at the fish cleaning station on the north side of the lake. The commissioners took no action on having it painted on the tank.

- * Met with Bret Bauer, Holton city manager, and Kerwin McKee, assistant city manager, to discuss work progress at the industrial park.

- * Met with County Counselor Alex Morrissey to discuss the bridge at G and 205th Roads that the Prairie Band Potawatomi Tribe wants to replace.

Morrissey stated that Vivian Olsen, attorney for the tribe, was set to present the memorandum of understanding to the tribal council on Tuesday.

- * Met in executive session with Morrissey and Mick for 20 minutes to discuss a matter of attorney/client privilege. No action was taken back in open session.

- * Met in executive session for 13 minutes with Jackson County Attorney Shawna Miller to discuss a personnel matter. No action was taken back in open session.

- * Met in executive session for five minutes with County Attorney Shawna Miller to discuss a matter of client/attorney privilege. No action was taken back in open session.

- * Met with Jerry Nelson and Aaron Allen from the Jackson County Fair Association to discuss options for heating and cooling the main portion of the existing heritage building at the new fairgrounds.

The men said that fair association members are researching installing two two-ton mini splits into the back portion of the building.

- * Learned from Cindy Hower of Kellerman Insurance that Travelers Insurance is very interested in working with the county and would like to submit a revised bid for property and liability insurance. The commissioners denied the request.

Hower also explained to the commission how an insurance pool works and that the county could possibly be assessed additional pool expenses even years later. Commissioner Zwonitzer stated that they are still reviewing the submitted bids for insurance and have not reached a decision.

- * Signed a payroll change increase for Kylie Matney with the dispatch department.

- * Adjourned the meeting at 4:45 p.m. All three commissioners were present.

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A private donor to the KANZA Mental Health Foundation is challenging the community to pull out their pockets to help provide more mental health services.

The donor will match every dollar donated to KANZA Mental Health and Guidance Center up to \$10,000, it was reported.

This is an opportunity for the community to raise \$20,000 to help expand mental health services in the area. The deadline for this giving opportunity is Dec. 31, 2015.

"It is exciting to see one of the Foundation's longtime donors offer to support the development of KANZA's facilities in Jackson County," said David Elsberry, CEO.

The challenge is coming at a great time for KANZA, Elsberry said, as the company is moving all its services to one location to better serve its customers.

KANZA has recently purchased the Moser building (the old Holton Community Hospital Building). The new building gives the center 13,500 square-foot of space, whereas KANZA has outgrown its current building at the Idaho Street location, which caps off at 2,000 square feet.

This opportunity allows the center the ability to provide better comprehensive care for clients and to continue to work as part of the community's safety net system, Elsberry said.

KANZA offers a wide variety of out-

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KANZA's fund-raising goal for 2015 has been focused on the center's growing facility needs in Jackson County. The Moser building will allow KANZA to expand its services and staff to meet the growing needs of its clients, Elsberry said.

With your help and the matching of the Secret Santa, KANZA can continue to work towards its mission of "Offering Hope for a Better Tomorrow" for the residents of Jackson County.

"Having all of our staff working from one central location will improve our internal efficiencies and improve our overall communication and response to the Jackson County communities," Elsberry said.

All donations for this challenge are tax deductible and must be received before the ringing of the New Year. Donations can be mailed to the KANZA Mental Health Foundation, Attn.: Jackson County Challenge, PO Box 319, Hiawatha, KS 66434.

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DOB xx/xx/2000 A male

Case No. 2015-JC-000050

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Date and time of hearing: Thursday, January 21, 2016, at 09:30 AM

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Chamber Funding...

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McKee also noted that Jackson County is providing a \$20,000 allocation to the Chamber for 2016, stating that part of the county's allocation comes from its "bed tax" gleaned from hotel room revenues. That amounts to \$2,500 quarterly, she added, noting that "it doesn't matter if they collected \$2,000 in a quarter, or if they collected \$30,000 in a quarter."

Commissioner Tim Morris said that he would prefer that the city "continue on the path we're on" with the Chamber, taking periodic looks at "where we're at financially" in the coming year.

"I would not be opposed to helping out the Chamber if we see that we're going to have some monies available for it," Morris said. "But I don't think I could actually promise at this point in time."

McLeod told commissioners that was fine, noting that she was not expecting a decision on increased funding right away — just "your consideration" of the Chamber's financial situation, which she added involves "increasing expenses."

"You definitely have that," Mayor Robert Dieckmann told McLeod.

In other business, commissioners expressed favor toward potential action that would result in the creation of a "dog park" for city residents and their canine companions. Bauer said the first step in that action — according to a "guideline" recommended by Parks and Recreation director Mike Reichle — involved forming a committee to discuss options for a dog park.

There are "a lot of different variables" that go into the creation of a dog park, Bauer told commissioners. A "non-binding" committee — meaning one that would make recommendations to the city commission without having any "voting authority" in commission action — would review those "variables," including where a dog park would be located, he said.

It was reported at a previous commission meeting that a financial donation had been pledged to the city to be used toward the development of a dog park. Bauer confirmed the donation had been received by the city as of Friday.

Commissioners also:

■ Approved minutes from the Nov. 2 meeting and financial appropriations made since that meeting.

■ Met with Holton Community

Hospital administrator Carrie Saia to discuss making a request to the Kansas Department of Transportation to reduce the speed limit on U.S. Highway 75 near the entrance to the hospital at Columbine Drive (see related story).

■ Met with Lee Doyle to discuss the commission's decision at the Nov. 2 meeting to cap a manhole at the end of an abandoned city sewer line located on property owned by Doyle. Bauer told Doyle that the city filled the manhole with concrete. Doyle also said he made no repairs to the abandoned sewer line and that breaking the line to alleviate flooding in his field did not constitute "a modification" to the line.

■ Discussed Christmas bonuses for city employees.

■ Heard a report from Bauer that the final phase of the Holton Industrial Park road reconstruction project was complete and that all roads in the industrial park are open. Commissioners also restated a suggestion to hold a public ribbon-cutting ceremony at an entrance to the industrial park.

■ Heard a comment from Brenner about street lamps being placed at certain locations in the city. Holton City Clerk Teresa Riley said that in one case, "it may be a yard light" that is being rented from the city, adding that the city only installs street lamps on corners.

■ Heard a comment from Brenner lauding Holton Street Superintendent Rex Cameron, who took time on Veterans Day — which Cameron and other city employees had off — to remove a fallen tree on Iowa Avenue.

■ Met in executive session for 10 minutes to discuss land acquisition matters. No action resulted from the session.

■ Adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m. All commissioners were present.

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City concerned with intersection at U.S. 75 and Columbine Drive

By Brian Sanders

The potential for — and the occurrence of — traffic accidents at the intersection of U.S. Highway 75 and Columbine Drive near Holton Community Hospital has resulted in a recommendation to the Holton City Commission to work with hospital and Jackson County officials to get the Kansas Department of Transportation to take action on that intersection.

During the city commission's regular meeting on Monday, hospital CEO Carrie Saia made a formal request to send letters from city and hospital officials to KDOT to have the speed limit reduced at that intersection. The speed limit there is currently 65 miles per hour, it was noted.

The addition of a southbound turn lane at that intersection also was suggested on Monday. Currently, there is a turn lane from northbound U.S. 75 onto Columbine Drive from the highway, commissioners noted.

The impetus for Saia's request was a two-vehicle traffic accident at that intersection in October that resulted in injuries to both drivers, including a Holton resident. The accident, involving a pickup and a United Parcel Service-owned semitrailer, "could have been worse than it was," Saia said.

"One of our patients was coming in," Saia said of the October accident. "When you go up against a UPS semitrailer, you usually don't win."

Other traffic accidents have occurred at that intersection in previous years, with one particular accident occurring in January 2014. At that time, it was reported, a passenger car crossed the center line of U.S. 75 into the path of a semitrailer, and the

car's driver received severe injuries.

Saia said she had talked with Holton City Manager Bret Bauer about writing letters on behalf of the city and the hospital to KDOT officials in regard to reducing the speed limit at the intersection to 45 miles per hour.

"If we write a formal letter, would you write something in conjunction with that?" she asked commissioners. "I've had a lot of comments from the community about that intersection. We want to be proactive in trying to make it safer for our community."

Commissioner Erich Campbell, noting that he would also like to see extra turn lanes from southbound U.S. 75 onto Columbine and from the highway into the nearby Holton Industrial Park, said the city has no jurisdiction on that particular stretch of U.S. 75.

"We get blamed for everything on that highway, but we have no authority to do anything," Campbell said. "But since I've been here, we've discussed that issue... Whatever you need, I'm pretty sure we will agree to assist you in any way possible."

Also lending support was Commissioner Dan Brenner, who noted that KDOT had also taken action to reduce the speed limit on Kansas Highway 4 through Meriden due to fatality accidents along that road. Brenner also noted that Meriden city officials had "some political support" in getting K-4's speed reduced and pledged to contact state legislators toward getting U.S. 75's speed reduced at Columbine Drive.

"We want to be proactive, not reactive," Brenner added. "We don't want to wait for a traffic fatality to happen... We're on your side."

Brenner also suggested getting Jackson County officials involved

in the drive to reduce the speed on U.S. 75 in front of the hospital — a suggestion backed up by Holton attorney J. Richard Lake, who is a member of the Holton Community Hospital board of directors.

Lake noted that if a petition drive were started to get KDOT to perform a traffic study there, more signatures on the petition, particularly at the county level, would be helpful.

"If we're working in conjunction, rather than separately, your letter and our letter, that brings more strength to it," Lake said. "The more names you have on something, the more votes we're talking about... It's Holton citizens and Jackson County citizens who are being endangered."

Lake also offered to "put something together" and review it with Jackson County Counselor Alex Morrissey, with the city's blessing. However, Saia reminded commissioners that she would prefer action being taken as quickly as possible, and commissioners asked whether they should take binding action prior to the next commission meeting, set for Monday, Dec. 7.

Bauer said city staff could draft a letter of support for Saia's suggestion on behalf of the commission, adding that such a letter would not necessarily require the commissioners' signature.

Assistant City Manager Kerwin McKee also added his support to getting KDOT to conduct a traffic safety study on U.S. 75 at Columbine Drive, citing another study conducted at Banner Road at the entrance to the new Walmart, currently under construction. That particular study resulted in changes to the speed limit along U.S. 75 at the southern edge of Holton, it was reported.



Jackson County recently purchased Forrester Truck Parts & Repair (shown above) for use as the county's shop for road and bridge department equipment and other county vehicles. The business and seven acres of land were purchased for \$350,000. The property is located at the intersection of 246th Road and U.S. Highway 75, just north of Holton.

Photo by Ali Holcomb

County Shop...

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The county does not have any outstanding indebtedness, and the commissioners said this purchase will keep the county debt-free. The county has been debt-free since the end of 2013, when final payments used to purchase new heating and air conditioning systems for the Courthouse were paid off.

"This purchase gives us the acreage to expand if we need to do so in the future, and it's a great location," Ladner said. "It's not landlocked, and it's right off the highway."

The Forresters have operated a semi truck repair business at the location for 17 years, and Bob is preparing to retire and close the business, it was reported.

Since the Forresters used the shop building to repair semis, the building is large enough for the county's road and bridge equipment to fit

into the shop bays, which is a problem at the current shop on Lowell Avenue in Holton.

The commissioners said that only minor renovations will have to be made to the new shop before the county can occupy the building.

"It's in great shape," Elmer said. "It's already zoned, and the infrastructure is there. It's a move-in ready facility. We didn't want this offer to get away from us."

For the past several months, the commissioners have been evaluating the county's current shop, located at 525 Lowell Ave. in Holton. The current county shop was originally constructed in 1927, with an addition built in the 1930s.

The original building constructed in the 1920s totals 5,742 square feet. With the additions and the storage sheds, the total square footage nears 12,000 square feet.

KC and The Sunshine Band...

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For more than 40 years, the band topped the charts with seven number one singles and three triple platinum albums. They've won three Grammy awards, including Album of the Year for the Saturday Night Fever soundtrack.

In 2001, Casey was honored with the National Association of Recording Arts and Sciences Governor's Award, the highest honor given by a chapter of the Academy.

In March, the band released an album of cover songs from the 1960s called "Feeling You! The 60s." KC and The Sunshine Band pays tribute to several 60s legends, including Bob Dylan, Ben E. King,

The Kinks, The Righteous Brothers, Jackie DeShannon and Aaron Neville.

"I know people have done tribute albums in the past, but I wanted to do my take," Casey said. "These are the classics. It's the kind of music that I grew up listening to."

Casey said the music of the 1960s was inspired by the cultural events happening at that time.

"The music had more depth and more innocence," he said. "The music had messages back then - messages of peace and love. That's what we picketed for. We need those messages today now more than ever."

KC and The Sunshine Band became the first act since The Beatles to score four number one pop singles in one 12-month period in 1976.

The commissioners said that the older buildings were not designed to maintain larger, modern pieces of equipment and that about 50 percent of the county's current fleet of road and bridge equipment cannot fit through the bay doors and must be worked on outside.

In recent weeks, the commissioners have advertised that they were accepting bids to construct a 125-foot long by 80-foot wide, all metal, pre-engineered building to serve as the new shop. Contractors were also contacted to submit bids. Preliminary bids were due the first week of December.

The commissioners said they were expecting to pay between \$600,000 to \$800,000 to construct a new shop.

The commissioners originally planned to construct the new shop between the county recycling cen-

ter and the bridge yard on the east edge of town.

Zwonitzer said the county is expected to move into the new facility in late March or April of next year.

After the new shop is opened, the Jackson County Sheriff's Office is expected to utilize the former shop facility as an impound yard and to store some of its larger equipment.

"They will make very good use of it," Zwonitzer said.

According to county records, the land and building at Forrester Truck Parks & Repair has an appraised value of \$222,250 for tax purposes. The property served as a John Deere dealership for many years before it was purchased by the Forresters.

Once the purchase is finalized, the property will be taken off the tax roll.

tribute album to the 60s, the band also recently released its first Christmas album, "A Sunshine Christmas."

The album includes classic Christmas songs, such as "The Little Drummer Boy" and "Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas," as well as several original Christmas songs with their signature sound.

"It's really fun, and I think it came out great," he said. "It's definitely a KC and The Sunshine Christmas album."

Casey said in the phone interview that he was unsure at that time whether Friday's set will include Christmas songs, but fans will hear many of the band's hits, as well as songs from the recent cover album.

"We're going to have a great time," he said.

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