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## AmeriCorps team helping in county

By Ali Holcomb

A group of young adults – complete strangers to Jackson County and Kansas – have volunteered and are working in the community for six weeks, serving older adults through Homestead Affordable Housing and making improvements to Banner Creek Reservoir.

The 11 team members, volunteers through AmeriCorps NCCC (National Civilian Community Corps), arrived in Jackson County on Halloween and will be calling Holton their home through Dec. 18.

Although they hail from every corner of the country, each volunteer shares a common commitment to community service and hard work.

Audrey Snyder of Huntsville, Ala., graduated from high school last May and decided to join AmeriCorps before enrolling in college.

“I wanted to find myself and, at the

same time, help others,” Snyder said. “I love helping, and I didn’t know exactly what I wanted to pursue in college. Hopefully AmeriCorps will help me figure that out.”

Snyder and her team members have been involved with a variety of projects with Homestead Affordable Housing’s new Prairie View Senior Residences in Holton. The new 32-unit complex for seniors is located by the soccer fields in Holton.

The team has built wheelchair ramps, put together exercise equipment and cleared away brush from behind the homes. On Friday, they helped move in the first resident, Lillian Jepson Harris, 86, and are planning to help move in some more residents this week.

“We’re going to work on building garden beds soon,” Snyder said.

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## Mayetta man charged with first-degree murder

By Brian Sanders

A Mayetta resident has been charged with first-degree murder and drug charges following the stabbing death of a Mayetta woman early Saturday on the Prairie Band Potawatomi Reservation, according to the Jackson County Sheriff’s Office.

Jackson County Sheriff Tim Morse said Wilson R. Noriega, 49, was taken into custody on charges of first-degree murder, possession of methamphetamines and possession of drug paraphernalia. The murder charge against Noriega stems from

the stabbing death of Leann M. Sanchez, 49, it was reported.

According to Morse, representatives of the sheriff’s office and the Potawatomi Tribal Police Department responded to a report of a stabbing at 18836 M Road at about 12:45 a.m. Saturday as it was called in by one of Noriega’s parents. Officers arrived at the residence, which Morse said was owned by Noriega’s parents, to find Sanchez stabbed to death.

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## Food items still needed for Thanksgiving dinner

By Brian Sanders

Most of the food items for Thursday’s Community Thanksgiving Dinner have been donated, according to dinner organizer Freda Galer, but many vegetable items are still needed for the dinner.

“We’ve gotten a lot of calls this last week,” Galer said. “We did get quite a bit.”

Galer also noted that she has plenty of volunteer help for the dinner, to be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday – Thanksgiving Day – at Evangel United Methodist Church’s Family

Life Center.

“The first thing I got was the turkey cookers,” she said. “That’s really unusual.”

Food items still needed include six gallons each of green beans, corn, baked beans and sweet potatoes, along with two gallons of instant potatoes, four boxes of stuffing, one fruit salad, two vegetable salads, four pies and 10 cakes.

The annual Thanksgiving dinner, a community tradition since 1985, is

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Holton High School juniors Madi Lira (center) and April Utterback (right) used the Tinkercad computer-aided drawing program to create a Thanksgiving turkey during their participation in a Thursday morning STEM curriculum course at Banner Creek Science Center. Lira said she was “getting a little bit frustrated” that the turkey wasn’t turning out how she expected, but Utterback added, “this is probably one of our better ones.” The course and two others in recent days were presented through cooperative efforts of HHS and the Greenbush Special Education Cooperative, it was reported.

Photo by Brian Sanders

## HHS, Greenbush team up on STEM courses

By Brian Sanders

Holton High School students aren’t the only ones benefiting from a team effort of the Holton school district and the Greenbush special education cooperative of Girard to give students a greater exposure to the STEM curriculum.

On Thursday, HHS students were using computer-aided drawing (CAD) software to create a Thanksgiving turkey during a STEM course at the Banner Creek Science Center and Observatory. Students were also given the opportunity to observe how CAD-created designs can be brought to life through the use of a 3D printer.

But a few other visitors to Banner Creek Science Center that morning were able to see what STEM-based courses could offer students as well as themselves. Mike McManigal, treasurer of the science center’s board of directors, as well as Holton resident Tom Davies and his brother,

Gary, visiting from Texas, were able to experience the 3D printer at work.

“That is too cool,” McManigal said in response to how the 3D printer performed.

Giving HHS students more of an idea of what to expect from STEM – which stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math – is largely the idea behind Holton teaming up with Greenbush for courses held last week and this week at the science center, according to Dr. Joe Kelly, assistant Holton superintendent and Colorado Elementary School principal.

“Right now, the state of Kansas is finding that it’s losing a lot of its engineers out of college,” Kelly said. “There is a renewed effort to boost the number of kids going into engineering and to keep them in the field once they graduate. So with this, hopefully, it sparks an interest with some of the possibilities that are going on with modern technology. It’s

kind of the same goals and objectives of our applied technology class at Holton High School.”

Courses such as those offered during the visit from Greenbush’s mobile science lab – 3D printing, robotics and coding – also provide teachers and other staffers with a learning opportunity, Kelly said. Furthermore, Kelly said he is hopeful that other area schools, including Jackson Heights and Royal Valley, will also team up with Greenbush in the future.

“What I really hope is that we can make it sustainable for all schools in the area,” he said. “Banner Creek is a wonderful facility. It offers not just the telescope, which is a great resource, but they also have a lot of educational opportunities there, and if we can bring the other schools in as well, that just increases the number of opportunities.”

Greenbush program instructor Rich White agreed, noting that the

courses offered by the Greenbush mobile lab are merely “get kids interested in STEM” courses, but they may lead to greater interest in the future.

“It doesn’t go really deep, but it does show them what’s possible using some simple tools,” White said. “Hopefully, with the experience they get from these courses, they’ll come away saying they like it, and they’ll know there are some higher-end tools that they could be using once they see what’s possible.”

Kelly said the Holton district worked with Greenbush in reviewing mobile lab resources available from the latter and determining how those resources could be meshed into Holton’s class objectives to determine which courses the mobile lab would bring to Banner Creek. One such course involves laser-based cutting tools, he said.

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Holton High School’s football players celebrate another playoff win by raising the sub-state championship trophy after Friday’s thrilling 23-22 victory over Columbus. With the win, the Wildcats will advance to the 4A-Division II state title game to face Holcomb at 1 p.m. on Saturday in Salina.

Photo by Kelly Brecknitch

## Holiday Shoppers’ Guide included in today’s issue

By Ali Holcomb

The Holton Recorder’s annual Winter Shoppers’ Guide is included in this edition of the newspaper.

The 2015 Winter Shoppers’ Guide has also been inserted in The Onaga Herald and Valley Falls Vindicator newspapers along with The Jackson County Shopper publication.

A total of 69 area businesses, promoting seasonal products and discounts, are included in this special section.

In addition, information on Christ-

mas activities in Holton, Seneca, Sabetha, Atchison and Horton are outlined in the 10-page section.

Businesses across northeast Kansas will be celebrating Small Business Saturday on Nov. 28, which is the Saturday after Thanksgiving.

The first Small Business Saturday took place in 2010 to encourage people across the country to support small, local businesses. The day was promoted by American Express.

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## Send us your letters to Santa!

To help Santa with his Christmas checklist, The Holton Recorder will publish letters to Santa on Wednesday, Dec. 16.

Due to the large amount of letters we receive each year, please limit letters to no more than 150 words.

Letters may be sent to The Holton Recorder, P.O. Box 311, Holton, KS, 66436; brought to the office at 109 W. Fourth St. between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, or they

can be e-mailed to holtonrecorder@embarqmail.com

Letters can also be dropped off in the mail slot by The Recorder’s front door after business hours.

Please include the child’s name, age and hometown with each letter and submit them no later than 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 9. If their signature is illegible, please print their name to reduce confusion. Thank you.



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# DISTRICT COURT NEWS

## Traffic

Jose A. Galan, speeding, \$183.  
 Bryce W. Harmon, speeding, \$258.  
 Ralph A. Ortega, driving while license cancelled, suspended or revoked, \$423.  
 Robert L. Pyle, driving while license cancelled, suspended or revoked, \$464.  
 Abel Reynoso, failure to yield at stop or yield sign, \$183.  
 James A. Robbins, failure to yield at stop or yield sign, \$183.  
 Deborah L. White, driving while declared a habitual violator, \$423.

## Civil

**Dispositions**  
 Jackson County Sheriff's Department vs. 1998 Dodge Dakota, 1B7GL23X6T500201, settlement agreement granted.  
 Holton Police Department vs. 2000 Ford Explorer, VIN 1FM-DU74EXYZA88496, and \$200 U.S. currency, judgment of forfeiture granted.  
**Filed**  
 Capital One Bank (USA) N.A. vs. Leeanna Acker, seeking judgment of \$1,400.21 plus interest and court costs.  
 Discover Bank vs. Angela E. Evans, seeking judgment of \$5,633.05 plus interest and court costs.  
 The Bank of New York Mellon, formerly known as The Bank of New York vs. Harold D. Stratton, Michele L. Stratton, John Doe and Mary Doe (tenants/occupants) and State of Kansas, Department of Revenue, seeking judgment of \$65,620.12 plus interest, court costs and foreclosure of mortgage.  
 Jackson County Sheriff's Office vs. 1997 Cadillac, VIN 1G6KE54Y-1VU288623, and \$500 U.S. currency, notice of pending forfeiture filed.

## Limited Civil

**Filed**  
 The Farmers State Bank vs. Sandra L. Allen and Scott D. Allen, seeking judgment of \$244.52 plus interest and court costs.  
 The Farmers State Bank vs. Richard R. Stryker, seeking judgment of \$271.58 plus interest and court costs.  
 Stormont-Vail Healthcare Inc. vs. Jeannie M. Howley and Allen Howley, seeking judgment of \$857.68 plus interest and court costs.  
 K&N Pizza Huts Inc., doing business as Pizza Hut 103 vs. Kalena E. Tannahill, seeking judgment of \$505.59 plus interest and court costs.

costs.  
 K&N Pizza Huts Inc., doing business as Pizza Hut 103 vs. Kalena E. Tannahill, seeking judgment of \$696.16 plus interest and court costs.

## Criminal Dispositions

State of Kansas vs. Jeremiah R. Steele, Pueblo, Colo., possession of methamphetamine; sentenced to 13 months imprisonment, suspended; placed on 18 months probation and assessed court costs.  
 State of Kansas vs. Ronald L. Qualls Jr., Topeka, possession of drug paraphernalia, criminal use of weapons, driving while license cancelled, suspended or revoked, no proof of insurance; sentenced to one year in jail, suspended; placed on 12 months probation and fined \$400 plus court costs.  
 State of Kansas vs. Charlotte L. Pemberton, Lawrence, aid and abet criminal trespass; sentenced to six months in jail, suspended; placed on six months probation and assessed court costs.

State of Kansas vs. Racheal K. Dudoit, Holton, domestic battery; sentenced to six months in jail and fined \$200 plus court costs.  
 State of Kansas vs. Jeremiah R. Steele, Holton, possession of morphine; sentenced to 15 months imprisonment and assessed court costs.  
**Filed**  
 State of Kansas vs. Shanika S. Baker, Topeka, domestic battery, disorderly conduct.  
 State of Kansas vs. Albert T. Murata, Horton, aggravated battery, violation of a protective order.  
 State of Kansas vs. Daniel E. Simon Jr., Mayetta, traffic in contraband in a correctional institution or care and treatment facility, possession of hydrocodone.  
 State of Kansas vs. Jason B. Carter, Pawhuska, Okla., aggravated failure to appear.  
 State of Kansas vs. Maurice D. Taylor, Norfolk, Neb., possession of methamphetamine, possession of marijuana, failure to maintain a single lane.  
 State of Kansas vs. Jessica D. Gager, Topeka, traffic in contraband in a correctional institute or care and

treatment facility, possession of Percocet.  
 State of Kansas vs. William M. Lust, Mayetta, aggravated battery, criminal damage to property.  
 State of Kansas vs. Trevon W. Hale, Hiawatha, criminal threat, possession of marijuana, unlawful possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, driving while license cancelled, suspended or revoked.  
**Domestic Dispositions**  
 In the matter of the marriage of Charles L. Elliott II and Tara N. Elliott, sought divorce; granted.  
 In the matter of the marriage of Tayley Dick and Jesie E. Dick, sought divorce; granted.  
 In the matter of the marriage of Joseph Pruet and Deidra Pruet, sought divorce; granted.  
**Filed**  
 Zane Daniel Garcia, by and through his next friend Shania McCullough vs. Brandon Garcia, seeking declaration of paternity plus custody and support judgment.

## Former Holton optometrist killed in Cayman Islands traffic accident

A Wamego-based optometrist who also kept an office in Holton for more than five years was one of two people killed in a Sunday, Nov. 15 automobile rollover accident in the Cayman Islands, it was reported.  
 Dr. Mark Bettencourt, OD, was not found until three and a half hours after the crash occurred, according to a Cayman Islands newspaper. Both Bettencourt, 54, and Topeka construction company owner Douglas Carney, 50, were pronounced dead at the scene of the crash, it was reported.  
 Bettencourt had been practicing in the Wamego area since 1994 after receiving his optometry degree from the University of Houston in 1986. He owned and operated Vision Source offices in Wamego and Manhattan.  
 Bettencourt opened an optometry practice in downtown Holton in 1999, and in June of 2003, Dr. Leslie Gallagher, OD, joined him in the practice. Two years later, in 2005, Gallagher purchased the practice, and it was renamed Gallagher and Bettencourt Eye Care.  
 Bettencourt would continue to



**Dr. Mark L. Bettencourt**  
 work in the Holton office one day per week with Gallagher, it was reported at the time the purchase of his Holton practice was announced. Gallagher and Holton optometrist Nicole Meerpohl merged their practices in 2009 to form Lifetime Eye

Care.  
 According to information from the Royal Cayman Islands Police Service, Bettencourt, Carney and a third man, Robert Barbera, a resident of the Cayman Islands, were in a Honda Odyssey that left a roadway on Cayman Brac on the afternoon of Nov. 15 and rolled. The driver of the Honda has not yet been identified, it was reported.  
 Only Carney and Barbera were initially found at the scene of the crash, but police officers were informed that Bettencourt had been seen with the other two earlier in the day. Officers then re-inspected the crash scene, and later, when the vehicle was lifted, Bettencourt was discovered underneath it.  
 Barbera was taken to an area hospital where he was treated and released, it was reported. Cayman Islands officials noted that the crash was the first time since July 2007 that two people were killed in a single-vehicle accident on Cayman Brac.  
 Bettencourt is survived by his wife, Angie, and four children. An obituary for Bettencourt appears on Page 5 of today's *Holton Recorder*.

## Animals a factor in nine county traffic accidents

The Jackson County Sheriff's Office investigated the following traffic accidents in recent days, including nine involving animals.  
 ■ At 1:52 p.m. on Oct. 2, Patrick Mulroy, 72, Mayetta, was traveling west on 166th Road and stopped at a stop sign at the intersection of R Road. At that time, Mulroy's 2006 International semi was struck from behind by a 2005 Chevrolet driven by Max Martin Jr., 59, Mayetta.  
 Mulroy's vehicle sustained damage to its trailer that was listed at more than \$1,000. Martin's vehicle sustained damage to its front bumper, hood and front right and left quarter panels that was listed at more than \$1,000. It was towed from the scene.  
 ■ At 5:45 p.m. on Nov. 9, Remi Twombly, 40, Holton, was traveling west on Kansas Highway 116 when her 2004 GMC struck an animal crossing the road. Twombly's vehicle sustained damage to its front bumper and front right quarter panel that was listed at more than \$1,000.  
 ■ At 7:50 p.m. on Nov. 10, Nicholas Nelson, 35, Topeka, was travel-

ing south on U.S. 75 near 110th Road when his vehicle struck a deer in the road. Nelson's 1992 Chevrolet sustained damage to its front bumper, hood and front left quarter panel that was listed at more than \$1,000. It was towed from the scene.  
 ■ At 6:52 a.m. on Nov. 13, Patrick Stegman, 30, Hoyt, was traveling south on U.S. 75 near 142nd Road when his 2012 Ford struck a dog in the road. Stegman's vehicle sustained damage to its front bumper that was listed at more than \$1,000.  
 ■ At 6:16 p.m. on Nov. 13, Eugene Matchie, 46, Mayetta, was traveling south on P Road near 214th Road when his vehicle struck a deer in the road. Matchie's 1997 Nissan sustained damage to its driver's side door, window and mirror that was listed at more than \$1,000. Matchie received minor lacerations from the glass, according to the accident report.  
 ■ At 4:30 a.m. on Nov. 15, Jeffrey Peters was driving his 2008 Chevrolet west on 158th Road near U Road when it struck a deer in the road.

Peters' vehicle sustained damage to its front bumper and hood that was listed at more than \$1,000.  
 ■ At 5:50 p.m. on Nov. 15, Charles Renfro, 44, Holton, was traveling east on Kansas Highway 16 near G Road when his vehicle struck a deer in the road. Renfro's 2002 Dodge sustained minor damage to its front bumper and headlight that was listed at less than \$1,000.  
 ■ At 11 p.m. on Nov. 15, Judy Morris, 51, Holton, was traveling west on 198th Road near Q Road when her vehicle struck a deer in the road. Morris' 2011 Subaru sustained damage all along its right side that

was listed at more than \$1,000.  
 ■ At 6 p.m. on Nov. 16, Jamie Edwards, 30, Soldier, was traveling west on 238th Road when her 2016 Ford collided with a deer near F Road. Edwards' vehicle sustained damage to its left side that was listed at more than \$1,000.  
 ■ At 6:24 p.m. on Nov. 16, Todd Breckenridge, 45, Mayetta, was traveling north on K-16 near 214th Road when his vehicle struck a deer in the road. Breckenridge's 2010 Ford sustained damage to its front bumper and front right quarter panel that was listed at more than \$1,000. It was towed from the scene.

## Sheriff's officers note arrests

The Jackson County Sheriff's Office has reported the following arrests:  
 ■ On Nov. 13, Todd Devlin, 50, Mayetta, was arrested on a warrant on a charge of failure to appear.  
 ■ On Nov. 14, Marjorie Heims, 45, was arrested on a charge of pedestrian under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.  
 ■ On Nov. 15, Monique King, 23, Topeka, was arrested on a traffic warrant on a charge of failure to appear.  
 ■ On Nov. 16, Thomas Tipton, 44, Berryton, was arrested on a traffic warrant on a charge of failure to appear.  
 ■ On Nov. 16, Edward Simpson, 26, Seneca, was arrested on charges

of violation of a protection order and obstruction.  
 ■ On Nov. 16, Amy Kelley, 25, Seneca, was arrested on a charge of obstruction.  
 ■ On Nov. 16, James Morris, 49, Roberta, Ga., was arrested on a traffic warrant on a charge of failure to appear.  
 ■ On Nov. 16, Shane Martin, 33, Topeka, was arrested on a traffic warrant on a charge of failure to appear.  
 ■ On Nov. 16, William Lust, 45, Mayetta, was arrested on a criminal warrant on charges of aggravated assault, criminal threat and domestic battery.

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**CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING**  
 The Jackson County Courthouse, the Senior Citizen's Meal Site, the Jackson County Landfill, and the Recycle Center will be closed Thursday and Friday, Nov. 26 & 27, 2015, in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

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<b>59/46</b> Sunshine and clouds mixed. High 59F. Winds SSE at 15 to 25 mph.	<b>59/49</b> Occasional sprinkles. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the upper 40s.	<b>50/28</b> Cloudy with rain. Highs in the low 50s and lows in the upper 20s.	<b>37/24</b> A light mix of wintry precipitation early. Highs in the upper 30s and lows in the mid 20s.	<b>41/27</b> Mostly cloudy. Highs in the low 40s and lows in the upper 20s.
Sunrise: 7:16 AM Sunset: 5:02 PM	Sunrise: 7:17 AM Sunset: 5:01 PM	Sunrise: 7:18 AM Sunset: 5:01 PM	Sunrise: 7:20 AM Sunset: 5:00 PM	Sunrise: 7:21 AM Sunset: 5:00 PM

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# OPINION

## Much to be thankful for at Thanksgiving holiday!

This edition of *The Holton Recorder* includes our annual Winter Shoppers' Guide, our widest circulated advertising product of the year topping 8,000 copies. Besides the Holton and Jackson County trade area, the Shoppers' Guide was also inserted in the Valley Falls and Onaga newspapers. We hope that you will shop with all of the advertisers listed and tell them you read their ads in the Shoppers' Guide!

As the Thanksgiving holiday approaches and will be celebrated on Thursday of this week, we'd like to take this opportunity to say thanks to all of our subscribers and advertisers for allowing us to serve you all throughout the year! Happy Thanksgiving!

We also want to congratulate the Holton High School football team's players and coaches for their successful season up to this point and to wish them the very best of luck in the Class 4A-Div. II state championship game to be played this coming Saturday at Salina!

The Wildcats will be seeking the fourth state football title in the school's history. Saturday's championship game will be between the Holton Wildcats and the Holcomb Titans.

Earning the opportunity to play for a state prep football title is a remarkable accomplishment in itself - an accomplishment that the players, coaches and entire community will long remember with pride! Good luck, Wildcats!

David Powls

## INSIGHT: Some history of turkey day

By John Schlageck  
Kansas Farm Bureau

How did the turkey reserve its place on our traditional Thanksgiving table?

That bird is what the Pilgrims feasted upon, according to fact and fable.

You've all heard how our ancestors hunted this bird. But here is the real story — the turkey scoop.

Seems our forefathers remembered to take their muskets that day, but forgot to take their ammunition. As the men marched toward the woods, they took one addition, an Indian scout.

To take the scout along was tradition. Besides, the pilgrims needed someone who knew where the turkeys were.

As the story played out, the hunters spotted an elk. It was a fine animal for a Thanksgiving feast. It sported a trophy rack no doubt.

Several hunters took aim, pulled back their triggers and clicked. They soon discovered their muskets had no shot.

This realization made them sick to their stomachs.

What could they do?

What would they have for their Thanksgiving feast?

On what would they sup that night?

One wise — or unwise — lad suggested stewing their shoes.

"I'll gobble them up," he said.

Well, the rest of the hunting party was in no mood for jokes. One of the hunters threw the lad's musket into the field just as an old Tom turkey — who had heard the gobble — popped up his head.

The critter's fate was sealed. What senses he had were knocked out that day. The turkey was plucked, stuffed and roasted.

In exchange for his silence, the scout was invited to eat while the hunters boasted and embellished the

story about the day's hunt.

They truthfully said, "We didn't fire a shot."

Those early-day hunters had no need for ammunition. That's why today turkeys are raised on farms — to shoot them would break with tradition.

On a more historical note, Thanksgiving Day is a traditional North American holiday. Although this feast is considered to be the very first Thanksgiving celebration, it was actually in keeping with a long tradition of celebrating the harvest and giving thanks for a successful bounty of crops.

The date and location of the first Thanksgiving celebration is a topic of discussion, though the earliest attested Thanksgiving celebration was on Sept. 8, 1565, in what is now Saint Augustine, Fla. Despite research to the contrary, the traditional "first Thanksgiving" is venerated as having occurred at the site of Plymouth Plantation in 1621.

What foods topped the table at the first harvest feast?

Historians aren't completely certain about the full bounty, but it's safe to say the pilgrims weren't gobbling up pumpkin pie or playing with their mashed potatoes. It's a relatively safe bet the only two items on the menu for sure were venison and wild fowl.

Today, Thanksgiving is celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November. Certain kinds of food are traditionally served at Thanksgiving meals.

First and foremost, baked or roasted turkey is usually the featured item on any Thanksgiving feast table (so much so that Thanksgiving is sometimes referred to as "Turkey Day"). Stuffing, mashed potatoes with gravy, sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, other fall vegetables and pumpkin pie are traditionally part of Thanksgiving dinner.

All of these dishes are native to the Americas or were introduced as a new food source to the Europeans when they arrived.

Have a happy Thanksgiving, and don't forget to count your blessings.

*NOTE: John Schlageck is a commentator on agriculture and rural Kansas.*



## BE CAREFUL: Thanksgiving Day one of busiest travel days of year

Thanksgiving Day is one of the busiest travel days of the year. With increased traffic, the Kansas Highway Patrol, the Kansas Turnpike Authority and the Kansas Department of Transportation focus on multiple safety measures for travelers.

These organizations encourage drivers to take the following tips into consideration:

- \* Check your vehicle's condition: tire tread and pressure, fluid levels and mechanical equipment.
- \* Have an emergency kit, including bottled water, blankets, non-perishable food, chargers and a flashlight with batteries.
- \* Allow plenty of time to arrive at your destination.
- \* Check road conditions before you travel by calling 511 or visiting [kandriv.org](http://kandriv.org), particularly in the instance of inclement weather.
- \* Buzzed driving is drunk driving. Have a designated driver for the ride home.
- \* Buckle up. Every trip. Every time.

Travelers who experience a roadside emergency, can dial \*47 for the Kansas Highway Patrol or \*582 while on the Kansas Turnpike and someone will be sent to assist.

Travelers using the Kansas Turnpike are also reminded that they can save on tolls by using a K-TAG or a PIKEPASS.

Law enforcement agencies across the state will be putting additional officers on the road during the holiday travel period. A grant from KDOT underwrites the Thanksgiving STEP (Special Traffic Enforcement Program) campaign from today (Monday) through Sunday, Nov. 29.

KHP personnel and local law enforcement will work overtime enforcements focused on combating impaired driving and enforcing seat belt and child passenger safety laws.

## MOLLETTE: 8 keys to make life better

By Glenn Mollette

The world in general can be a dim place. However, here are eight keys to making life better.

Key one - Learn new skills. Education and training are a part of life. Do not embrace the "I am stuck" mentality. You can teach old dogs new tricks.

Education does not necessarily mean college, although it may. There are many trades you can learn today via self-study. Community college and vocational schools also offer a lot of learning opportunities you can complete in less than a year. Keep learning.

Key two - Live healthy. A long life is never guaranteed no matter what we do. We can at least do our part by not being stupid. Daily activity and cutting back on food portions are important.

Eliminate smoking and drink only in moderation. Halloween through New Year's is a big health mess up period for many. So now is the time to beware.

Key three - Save money. This is very difficult to do if you are living on a meager income. Even putting a few dollars away each week or month might save you when an emergency arises. Having a little money on hand to pay cash for something instead of using credit will be a relief.

Key four - Live enjoyably. Allow yourself to do something every day that you can really get into. This may be simply reading, listening to music or could be a myriad of hobbies. Enjoy your life.

Key five - Have a plan. Work toward something. Have something to look forward to. Involve your mind in a project or projects that keep you focused each day on moving forward toward accomplishing something. This could be as easy as cleaning out the garage or making a quilt. Have something you are doing today and tomorrow.

Key six - Stay bright on the inside. Don't be negative or bitter about life. Allow yourself to laugh. Enjoy some humor along the way.

Key seven - Real relationships. You need a friend or two. Close relationships whether they are family or friends give us real people to share life with. You probably aren't going to find these on social media. Be careful of too many because a person of too many friends will soon come to ruin.

Key eight - Always vote. Sounds out of place in this column but it's a major factor in bringing about community and society change, which impacts your life greatly.

There is never one silver bullet for making our lives happy. We can't depend on the government or even people to make us happy. We have to take responsibility for ourselves and do the best we can with the lives we have been handed.

*NOTE: Glenn Mollette is an American syndicated columnist and Author. He is the author of 11 books and read in all 50 states.*



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OBITUARIES

**Bettencourt**

Dr. Mark Laton Bettencourt, 54, Wamego, died Sunday, Nov. 15, 2015, in a traffic accident on Cayman Brac in the Cayman Islands.

He was born Dec. 23, 1960, in Oakland, Calif., the son of Lee and Martha Elder Bettencourt. He grew up in Havensville and graduated from Onaga High School in 1979. He received a bachelor of science degree from Kansas State University and his Doctor of Optometry degree in 1986 from the University of Houston School of Optometry.

Dr. Bettencourt practiced in Wichita Falls, Texas, before starting Bettencourt Eye Care in Wamego in 1994. He was the owner and operator of Vision Source offices in Wamego and Manhattan and had also owned and operated an office in Holton from 1999 to 2005.

He was an active member of St. Bernard's Parish in Wamego, a member of the St. Bernard Knights of Columbus, Kansas Director of Vision Source, Manhattan Konza Rotary Club, American Optometric Association, Kansas Optometric Association and a past member of the Wamego USD 320 school board.

He married Angie Lang Bettencourt in 2000 in Wamego. She survives.

Other survivors include a son, Layton, and three daughters, Morgan, Hadley and Grace, all of the home; his parents, Lee and Martha Bettencourt, Wamego; a brother, John Bettencourt and wife Kathy, Wamego; three sisters, Laura Bettencourt, Wamego, Sandra Roberts and husband Tyler, Frisco, Texas, and Linda McDiffett and husband Cole, Wamego; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Funeral services are pending with Stewart Funeral Home of Wamego.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Dr. Mark Bettencourt Educational Fund via Bank of the Flint Hills, sent in care of Stewart Funeral Home, P.O. Box 48, Wamego, KS 66547.

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**Smith**

Ruth Ilene Smith, 89, Whiting, died Friday, Nov. 20, 2015, at the Mission Village Living Center in Horton.

She was born Dec. 19, 1925, in Atchison County, the daughter of William and Elsie Chain Lockwood. Mrs. Smith worked as a bookkeeper for Duckwalls, sold Avon products, wrote Whiting news for area newspapers and helped her husband on the family farm.

She was a member of Whiting United Methodist Church and the Netawaka Saddle Club and was a former 4-H leader.

She married Warren Smith on Jan. 19, 1947, in Holton. He died July 2, 2009.

Survivors include two daughters, Karen Schaefer and husband Mike, Topeka, and Rhonda Cormier and husband Bruce, Soldier; two sons, Stanley Smith and wife Di, Red Oak, Iowa, and Dennis Smith and wife Pam, Whiting; a sister, Helen Diebolt, Atchison; 10 grandchildren; and 27 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Dishon-Maple-Chaney Mortuary in Horton, where family will greet friends from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday. Burial will be held in Horton Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to NEK Hospice, sent in care of Dishon-Maple-Chaney Mortuary, 909 Central Ave., Horton, KS 66439.

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**Colhouer**

Robert W. "Bob" Colhouer, 60, Holton, died Monday, Nov. 23, 2015, at Vintage Park in Holton.

Funeral services are pending with Mercer Funeral Home in Holton.

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Public Notice

(First published in The Holton Recorder, Holton, Kan., on Monday, Nov. 16, 2015.)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY, KANSAS

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

Case No. 2015 DM 117

NOTICE OF SUIT

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

Tessa R. Riggs, Petitioner, Pro Se

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*Magistrate judge candidates named*

The names of 11 candidates for the Kansas Second Judicial District magistrate judge's position in Pottawatomie County have been announced by the State of Kansas Office of Judicial Administration.

Applicants include Sarah S. Barr, Michael L. Clark, Tamara L. Hafenstein and Miranda B. Johnson, all of Wamego; Viven J. Olsen, St. Marys; Erich G. Campbell, Holton; Steven M. Bundy and Eric H. Coleman, both of Manhattan; Stephanie L. Petrie, Pottawatomie County; and Randy M. Barker and Hannah C. Schroll, both of Topeka.

The Second Judicial District Nominating Commission will interview candidates Friday, Dec. 11 at the Pottawatomie County Courthouse in Westmoreland. The district comprises Jackson,

Jefferson, Pottawatomie and Wabunsee counties.

A district magistrate judge must have graduated from a high school, secondary school or the equivalent; be a resident of Pottawatomie County at the time of taking office and while serving; and either be a lawyer admitted to practice in Kansas or pass an examination given by the Supreme Court and become certified within 18 months.

The Second Judicial District Nominating Commission consists of Justice Marla J. Luckert as the nonvoting chair; J. Richard Lake, Holton; Edward W. Pugh and John D. Watt, both of Wamego; Charles W. Waugh, Eskridge; David G. Allen, Circleville; Norma J. Dunnaway, Perry; D. Max Fuller, Maple Hill; and Corwin K. Seamans, Manhattan.

*Myers initiated into Phi Kappa Phi society*

Marie Myers of Hoyt was recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines, it was reported. Myers was initiated at Kansas State University.

Myers is among approximately 32,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation and requires nomination and approval by a chapter.

Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors, having at least 72 semester hours, are eligible for membership. Graduate students

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Arrests...

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■ On Nov. 16, Anthony Leonard, 24, Holton, was arrested on a traffic warrant on a charge of failure to appear.

■ On Nov. 18, Cameron Wilson, 23, Topeka, was arrested on a criminal warrant on a charge of failure to appear.

■ On Nov. 19, Kim Oliver, 51, Holton, was arrested on a traffic warrant on a charge of failure to appear.

■ On Nov. 19, Chris Anderson, 28, Holton, was arrested on a criminal warrant on charges of domestic battery and disorderly conduct.

*Guidelines for obituaries*

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

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MEMORIES

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**5 Years Ago**

Week of Nov. 22-28, 2010

With Holton's win over Buhler on Friday night, Nov. 19, the Wildcats earned their fifth trip to the 4A state championship football game in the last 13 years. This year was also Holton's eighth year of the last nine to make it to at least the sectional round of the playoffs. This is also Holton's fifth trip to the state championship game in school history, with all of those appearances coming since 1998, it was reported.

The finishing touches have been put on the recently built Holton High School football patio, including a stone monument honoring Shannon Zibell for donating nearly \$33,000 to HHS through his estate. That money was used to build the football patio and upgrade the school's auditorium sound system and Channel 19.

Construction work at Wetmore Attendance Center is expected to be completed in early February, it has been announced. The school will receive a new addition, and older parts of the current building are being renovated and expanded to include handicap accessible restrooms and larger classrooms on the third floor.

Jackson County 4-Hers Zackery Dahl and Alex Little have been selected to receive a 2010 Kansas Key Award. The award is unique to Kansas 4-H and is given to recognize leadership, citizenship and service to 4-H programs and community, said Pamela Van Horn, coordinator of the state 4-H awards program. Zackery is the son of Anthony and Cindy Dahl, and Alex is the son of Randal and Nancy Little.

**10 Years Ago**

Week of Nov. 22-28, 2005

The Netawaka Fire Station has been completed, it has been announced. The 2,800-square-foot building contains a bay area for trucks, meeting and training space, an office with a new computer system that firefighters can use for making reports and a bathroom. It sits on donated property that was once the site of a filling station. The station was built with grant

funds, local funds and contributions and labor from the city and local residents, it was reported.

Four Holton city employees were recently honored for reaching employment milestones with the city. Honored employees included Rick Johnson (20 years in the city's electrical department), Randy Shields (15 years in the water and sewer department), Michelle Raaf (10 years at City Hall) and Brent Huyett (10 years of service in the street department).

The Holton Wildcats claimed their second Class 4A state football championship on Saturday afternoon, Nov. 26, with a thrilling 28-27 double overtime victory over the Ulysses Tigers. A crowd estimated at between 4,000 and 5,000 fans turned out to watch the game. With the victory, the Wildcats wrapped up an undefeated 14-0 season and the school's second state football title in the last three years. It was Holton's first undefeated season since the 1949 team went 9-0, it was reported.

**25 Years Ago**

Week of Nov. 22-28, 1990

With little fanfare, the name of the Holton City Hospital was changed to Holton Community Hospital on Monday evening, Nov. 19, it was reported. The board of trustees approved the name change to reflect the hospital's expanded tax support.

Faced with recent voter rejection of the city hall bond issue proposal, Holton's city commission has begun formulating a new plan for construction of a new city hall in Holton. One option that's favorable among residents is converting the former Ogilvie Drug Store building into a city hall.

Rogette Branam, Holton realtor, has been awarded the Certified Residential Specialist (CRS) designation by the Residential Council of the Realtors National Marketing Institute, affiliated with the National Association of Realtors, it has been announced. The designation is a symbol of excellence in residential sales. Branam is the broker for Branam's Inc. Real Estate and has been in the real estate profession for 14 years.

She is also president of the Northeast Kansas Board of Realtors and a member of the National Association of Realtors.

If laughter is the best medicine, the "Pet Connection" at a local nursing home may well be the best therapy. The Pet Connection brings scampering kittens and tail wagging pups to visit residents at Jackson County Nursing Home each week. It has been a regular weekly program at the nursing home for about three months. Therapy aide Amy Spiker's four-month-old dachshund, Zeke, is always a big hit. Merry Manor in Holton offers a similar activity in which a wide variety of pets and animals is brought to the nursing home on special occasions.

Gerald Sadowski, who spent the entire 1980s as Holton's wrestling coach, retired at the end of last season. One of the state's most successful and respected coaches, Sadowski closed the door on 39 years of coaching - and opened the door for his replacement, Gus Suarez.

**50 Years Ago**

Week of Nov. 22-28, 1965

Harold and Bernadine Bohannon of Holton were numbered among the 3,000 Mobil dealers, wives and oil company marketers attending the 1965 Mobil Dealer Convention in Las Vegas, Nev., from Nov. 16-18, it was reported.

The 4-H clubs of Jackson County have been given an award for outstanding achievement in the National 4-H Safety Program, it has been announced. County 4-H clubs have received a bronze plaque from the General Motors Corporation as state winners for Kansas in the project.

The Mayetta Masonic Lodge recently presented 25-year pins to four members: Amos Chase, Myron Wells, Shelby Campbell and Luther Jacobs. Also honored was J.J. "Shorty" Hewitt, who received his 25-year pin from the Hoyt Lodge.

A drive to collect clothing for distribution to Vietnam refugees has been initiated by Kansas State University students. Leland Singer of Holton is chairman of the project.

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# SPORTS Monday



HHS running back Spencer Baum (shown above, at right) holds off a defender to gain some extra yards at a key point late in Friday's sub-state game against Columbus. This run set up the game-winning drive, in which Baum scored the two-point conversion to wrap up a 23-22 victory for HHS.

Photo by Kelly Breckunitch

## HS state championship weekend set for football

The second to last weekend of the high school football season in Kansas did not disappoint, as there were plenty of action-packed games to go around in all of the classes.

A handful of area teams punched their tickets to the state championship game, while eight-man football crowned its champions a week early.

Taking the Eight-Man Division I title was Spearville, which blew past Hanover on the way to a 62-16 victory.

While the Wildcats tied the game early in the second quarter, Spearville ripped off 46 unanswered points after that to capture the first state championship in the program's history.

In Eight-Man Division II, it was a repeat of last year's championship match-up as Victoria and Attica-Argonia squared off again.

The result was the same, too, with Victoria securing its second straight state championship with a 36-28 victory.

While Attica-Argonia tied the game with less than three minutes left, Victoria quarterback Brady Dinkel broke off a 55-yard touchdown after that to secure the win. Dinkel scored five touchdowns and racked up 245 yards of total offense in the championship effort.

Derby will be going for its second state championship in three years as the Panthers handled Lawrence Free State in one of the Class 6A state semifinals on Friday.

Quarterback Brady Rust accounted for four of the five Derby touchdowns, as well as 331 total yards of offense in the 35-14 victory.

Awaiting the Panthers in the title game is Blue Valley, as the Tigers stormed back for a 43-19 victory over Olathe North in the other sub-state game.

Trailing by five in the third quarter, Blue Valley managed to score 29 unanswered points to punch its ticket to Emporia, where the Tigers and Panthers will face off for the 6A state title at 1 p.m. on Saturday.

The top team in Class 5A had no problems making its way to championship Saturday, as Mill Valley easily dispatched perennial power St. Thomas Aquinas 45-28 in a rematch of a regular season contest in the sub-state round.

Logan Koch and Christian Jegen each accounted for nearly 300 total yards of offense to help the Jaguars earn the program's first ever trip to the state championship game.

Mill Valley will face a team with plenty of recent championship experience, facing a Bishop Carroll team that was the ultimate victor in 5A a season ago.

Carroll had no trouble handling Goddard-Eisenhower in the other semifinal, picking up a 34-7 victory for the chance to repeat as 5A state champions. The Golden Eagles and

Jaguars will face off at 1 p.m. in Pittsburg this Saturday.

In Class 4A-DI, Andover Central put up a dominate defensive effort in its sub-state match-up, which happened to be a rematch against district foe Hayden.

With the exception of a late safety, Andover Central kept Hayden completely in check and turned the tables in the rematch on the way to a 28-2 victory.

The team will now face defending champion Bishop Miege, which rolled to a 50-22 victory over Eudora in the other semifinal, in the state title game in Topeka at 1 p.m. on Saturday. It is Andover Central's first title game appearance.

Awaiting Holton in the 4A-DII title game is Holcomb, which will also be making its first championship appearance this weekend.

The Longhorns took down defending champion Andale to get there and made the most of four Indian turnovers to pick up a 26-13 victory in Friday's semifinal contest.

In class 3A, shutouts were the name of the game as both Rossville and Wichita Collegiate blanked their sub-state foes to set-up a showdown in Hutchinson this Saturday at 1 p.m.

Defending champion Rossville rolled once again, clipping the wings of the high-flying Wellsville Eagles on the way to a 49-0 victory.

Tucker Horak had another big night for the Bulldogs, accounting for 410 yards of offense and all seven touchdowns. That performance helped him become the first player in state history to rush for 2,000 yards and throw for 2,000 yards in the same season.

Horak and Rossville will now prepare for a Wichita Collegiate team coming off its lowest scoring game of the season after averaging 43.1 points a contest in the previous 12.

Still, Collegiate managed to build up a 14-0 lead and hold off the Dragons of Halstead on the way to a 21-0 victory.

Finally, in Class 2-1A action, Troy managed quite the comeback to earn its first state championship appearance as the Trojans erased a 13-0 deficit against Olpe in just a few minutes.

After falling behind in the second quarter, the Trojans reeled off 30 points before halftime and then held off the Eagles for a 30-21 victory. Cutter Huss came up big again for Troy, scoring two touchdowns in that stretch, including a 50-plus yard interception return for the second week in a row.

With the win, Troy will now prepare to face a Phillipsburg team that stifled Smith Center 40-6 in the other sub-state game. The teams will face off in Hays at 1 p.m. this Saturday with each looking to capture their first state title.

## Holton earns spot in 4A-DII title game

Nobody can say Friday's 4A-DII sub-state contest between Holton and Columbus was lacking for drama, as for the second year in a row one yard and one point were the only things separating the winner and the loser.

The stakes were admittedly higher this time around, with a spot in the state championship game on the line, but once again the home team advanced as Holton scored and managed a successful two-point conversion with 31 seconds left to secure a 23-22 victory over the Titans.

"Statistically, the odds with the way things were going, the best thing was to go for two at that point," HHS coach Brooks Barta said. "I think what goes around comes around. We had two stops late in the game against what I thought was a really good offense. We kind of turned up the volume on defense and I think we'd kind of wore them out just a little bit."

"The two stops at the end of the game were something that we didn't get done early in the season," Barta said.

It appeared that those hardships paid off in the end, though, for the Wildcats. Close calls against Silver Lake and Maize South prepared Holton to deliver when given another chance with its season on the line and the players were certainly motivated on that game-winning drive.

"It was our last game that we could play at home and we wanted to give it our all," senior fullback Mason Barta said. "We huddled up and we told each other it was right now. We had to do it right now. Everybody stepped it up, we all played our hardest and we just kept running it."

Late in the game, it looked like the Wildcats' shot at state slipped away as Spencer Baum tried to convert a first down to keep a drive alive, but ended up fumbling the ball. The

Titans recovered. It was Holton's first and only turnover of the game and came with just over three minutes remaining in the fourth quarter. Baum and the rest of his teammates didn't lose faith, though.

Baum, a junior, was starting in place of the injured Will Wright and he noted the senior running back was key in helping him stay upbeat for a second chance the defense would deliver.

"That was the turning point in my head. Will Wright really rebuilt my motivation after that because I was really upset in myself," Baum said. "The team then helped build me back up. They had faith in me and I had to do it for them."

After the defense forced a three and out, Baum got the ball back on the very first play of the Wildcats' next drive and immediately paid that faith forward as he ripped off a 32-yard run that put Holton deep in Titan territory.

"He was the best guy for the play that we were running. He runs that play well. That was what we had to do and he got it done," coach Barta said.

The Wildcats then continued to grind out yards and eventually got a one-yard touchdown run from Mason Barta on third and goal with seconds remaining in the game. After a timeout to talk things over, coach Barta then decided to go for two and the win.

Forcing an offside by the defense helped put Holton in even better position and Baum then punched in the game-winning two-point conversion for good measure, though he again gave credit to his teammates.

"Anybody could've done that, it just happened to be me," Baum said. "Anybody could've done it because the line and all the blockers did such

a good job. A truck could've drove through that hole."

Had the Wildcats scored in the red zone a little more consistently, the theatrics would've been unnecessary. Holton was turned away inside its opponent's 20-yard line four times on Friday night. That included an opening 15-play drive that was stopped short at the Titans' 11-yard line after a botched snap on a field goal attempt.

The defense then forced the Titans' lone turnover of the night, as Justin Pool intercepted a pass and returned it to the Columbus 17-yard line before the offense came up short again.

With those two failed drives, it left the door open for Columbus to steal the momentum and the visitors did just that, driving 92 yards on the ensuing possession and capping it with a one-yard touchdown run by Ethan Martin to take a 7-0 lead.

Holton responded by going to the air and getting big receptions by Austin Frakes (27 yards) and Baum, who scored his one touchdown of the night on a 14-yard pass, tying the game at 7-7. He also finished the night with 129 rushing yards on 18 carries.

The teams remained tied at halftime after the Wildcats' last heave came up a little short, but Columbus wasted no time retaking the lead in the third quarter.

An encroachment call on Holton kept the Titans' drive going early and then Columbus running back Jace McDown, the state's leading rushing, started to gain some steam. McDown broke free for a 46-yard run after that penalty and then sprinted into the end zone from 12 yards out to finish the drive and put the Titans ahead 15-7.

Following a turnover on downs, the Wildcats showed their resilience once again as Frakes came up with a big tackle for loss on defense to force a punt and Holton responded with a big play as Justin Rieschick weaved his way through the Columbus defense on the way to a 57-yard touchdown run.

"We felt like we needed to play four quarters of football and I felt like we did. I think we still made some mistakes through the game, but played hard for four quarters of football," Barta said.

If not for some of those mistakes, Barta noted the team could've broken even more big plays, but the Wildcats had trouble containing a pair of strong linebackers for Columbus and he noted the red zone struggles came from Holton not executing against some minor defensive shifts by the

Titans. Holton seemed to make plays when it needed to and after McDown's second touchdown of the night, a 40-yard run, the defense really cracked down for the Wildcats.

Trailing 22-15 at that point, the HHS defense then forced two punts and a turnover on downs on the Titans' final three possessions as the Wildcats hustled around and made Columbus earn everything it got on offense. The Titans were held relatively in check, as the offense averaging more than 500 yards a game could only manage 274 against Holton on Friday.

After the second defensive stop, the Wildcats went on their game-winning drive and put on full display the evolution of the team that has pushed HHS to the brink of its fourth state title in school history.

"I think the win in that situation is a culmination of everything this team has been through this season, continuing to focus on not what you can't control but what you can control and wanting to improve," Barta said. "I thought down the stretch we were the better conditioned and more physical football team when it mattered the most."

"I'm just really excited for them, everything they've been through. I said in the locker room after the Nemaha Central game, I felt like this team can play in a state championship game and I felt that way going into this game and now we're here."

The Wildcats (9-3) will now prepare to take on the Longhorns of Holcomb (10-2) at 1 p.m. on Saturday in Salina with a 4A-DII state title on the line.

Nov. 20, 2015

Col.: 0-7-15-0-22

HHS: 0-7-8-8-23

Team statistics:

HHS: 64 plays, 382 total yards, one turnover and three penalties for 15 yards.

Col.: 56 plays, 274 total yards, one turnover and five penalties for 37 yards.

Individual statistics:

Rushing: HHS- Rieschick (11-82-1 TD), Pool (9-41), Barta (22-90), Baum (18-129), Zeller (1-0); CHS- McDown (25-163-2 TDs), Robinson (6-32), Morrill (6-16), Martin (2-10-1 TD), Hale (1-5).

Passing: HHS- Rieschick (2-3-41-1 TD); CHS- Robinson (10-16-48-1 INT).

Receiving: HHS- Frakes (1-27), Baum (1-14-1 TD); CHS- Morrill (6-41), Martin (2-7), Babbitt (1-2), Smith (1--2).

Defense: HHS- Frakes (11 tackles, 1 TFL), Aeschliman (13 tackles), Zeller (10 tackles, 1 TFL), Barta (9 tackles), Haussler (7 tackles, 1 TFL), Pool (4 tackles, INT), Rieschick (5 tackles), Lehnher (5 tackles).



Wildcat defensive back Justin Rieschick (shown above, at right) wraps up Titan running back Ethan Martin and halts his progress with some help from his teammates in Friday's sub-state game.

Photo by Kelly Breckunitch



The Holton offensive line fires off the ball in the second half of sub-state action against Columbus on Friday. While the line had its hands full against the Titans, the team eventually wore them down to pick up the win and earn a spot in the 4A-DII state championship game.

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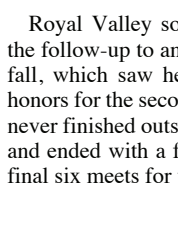


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Holton junior Spencer Baum came through in the clutch for the Wildcat football team in its sub-state contest against Columbus on Friday. Starting in place of the injured Will Wright, Baum made the most of the opportunity and led the Holton offense with 129 rushing yards and one touchdown on 18 carries. More importantly, the junior running back recovered from a late fumble to help set-up the game-winning drive and Baum scored the two-point conversion that sealed a 23-22 victory and a spot in the 4A-DII state title game for HHS.



Royal Valley sophomore Katie Hanshaw had quite the follow-up to an impressive freshman campaign this fall, which saw her earn All-League and All-County honors for the second year in a row. The Panther runner never finished outside the top 30 in any race this season and ended with a flourish, placing in the top 15 of the final six meets for the girls team.



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# Deep RV wrestling team looks to bounce back this winter

Given the way the last few seasons have played out for the Royal Valley High School wrestling team, head coach Jason Puderbaugh knows better than to count his chickens before they've hatched.

However, with a good batch of veteran wrestlers, senior leaders and impressive freshmen coming together on this season's roster, it'd be hard for Puderbaugh to not feel at least cautiously optimistic.

"I'm feeling a little bit better than what I've felt the last couple of seasons just because we've been blessed this year with not having as many injury worries to start out the season," Puderbaugh said.

Considering the team lost only one senior to graduation last spring, experience seems to be in the Panthers' favor as well since RVHS will have nearly its entire varsity roster back this winter.

Puderbaugh noted the Panthers are still a little low in numbers, with 20 wrestlers out currently, but they are lucky enough to be spread out at all the weight classes. Royal Valley can fill all weights at this point of the season and the team is even three-deep in some classes.

"Those are the kinds of lucky breaks Puderbaugh said he's learned can be a factor in a team's success in any given season. It didn't go Royal Valley's way last winter, but with the current outlook and the switch in classes (from 4A to 3-2-1A) this season, the coach is hoping that will lead to a dynamic shift for the Panthers.

"We're hoping with all these adjustments and how things are looking right now with our roster, we're hoping to just completely turn that around and have a great season," Puderbaugh said.

Having a couple of senior leaders like Noah Hart and Zack Lux, couldn't hurt, either. Both are determined wrestlers looking to close out their high school careers with a bang.

Lux is a two-time Big Seven League runner-up looking to make it to the state tournament for the first time, while Hart has qualified twice and will be looking to capture a state medal in his final year of high school wrestling. Puderbaugh said the drive of both of them comes through in the practice room and is a benefit for all.

"Those are both good seniors to have on the squad. They're good kids. They're hard workers. They take care of business on and off the mat," Puderbaugh said. "They work hard, do what they're supposed to and don't say a lot. The other kids can kind of look up to that and have an example to follow. That's always

good."

With wrestlers like Jacob Box (state qualifier last season), Blake Garrison and Lance Bailey looking strong after breakthrough seasons a year ago, the Panthers would already be in good shape. Then, there are the freshmen.

In this year's freshman class, Puderbaugh pointed out at least three wrestlers who could make an impact on the varsity squad, including Nate Buchtel and Garrett Pruyser.

Buchtel is coming off an eighth-grade season in which he was undefeated, while Pruyser (the son of a former RVHS state qualifier) will be returning from injury, but was strong in his seventh-grade year and is coming off an impressive debut with the cross country team this fall.

That's not even including Karsen Smith, who Puderbaugh said has been one of the hardest working wrestlers in the practice room and puts in a lot of mat time, helping add to the depth of the team.

"Individually this may not be the best freshman class that I can say I've ever had since I've been here, but in terms of numbers of good kids, this is the best freshman class," Puderbaugh said.

Outside of the wrestlers already on the roster, the coach noted a few other athletes are trying to work things out and get back on the mat to help strengthen the team even more.

That could prove necessary as this season will be full of some unknowns as Royal Valley transitions into competition in Class 3-2-1A. It will be a bit of a learning curve for both wrestlers and coach alike, but Puderbaugh noted that hasn't tempered the Panthers' lofty goals as the team wants to finish highly at the regional tournament and qualify several wrestlers for state competition.

While Royal Valley has routinely competed against Silver Lake the past few seasons, the team has shifted its schedule a little more this year and added more duals and more smaller school tournaments to get a better feel of the new classification.

Puderbaugh noted he is also making some adjustments to the way he prepares his wrestlers, given the setbacks the team faced last year. He noted it is a calculated move to help keep the Panther wrestlers fresh so that the depth and energy that are current strengths for the team will hold up over the course of the season.

Fundamentals will still be an important part of the progression as well, but with the mix of wrestlers on this roster, Puderbaugh said he feels there is real potential to succeed as a

team because of the Panthers' current balance between the individual and team aspects of the sport.

"I think right now we've got a pretty good mixture of that where we have kids who have some high individual goals, but right now I'm liking what I see as far as everybody sticking together as a team and working hard together. We want to keep everybody on that same page," Puderbaugh said. "I like to think our guys are pretty tight knit, that we have a good group together that are close and that are going to support each other as a team."

Royal Valley will start its path towards team and individual success at a dual tournament in Burlington on Friday, Dec. 4 at 3 p.m.

**Returning starters and letter winners:**

- Dalton Ware, so., 106 lbs.
- Ethan Ashley, so., 113 lbs.
- Lance Bailey, so., 120 lbs.
- Zack Lux, sr., 145 lbs. (2X League runner-up)
- Noah Hart, sr., 152 lbs. (2X state qualifier)
- Blake Garrison, jr., 182 lbs.
- Jacob Box, jr., 195 lbs. (state qualifier)



Royal Valley's Lance Bailey (shown above, front) works on his "tripod" form while trying to escape the grasp of teammate Brett House during wrestling practice last week. Bailey and House are just two of several young wrestlers helping add to the depth of the Panther team this season.

Photo by Kelly Brecknitch

## 2015-16 ROYAL VALLEY HS WRESTLING

**2015-16 Royal Valley High School wrestling schedule**

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Dec. 4	Burl. Dual Tourn.	Burlington	3 p.m.
Dec. 8	Topeka, Free State	Lawrence	5:30 p.m.
Dec. 11	SFT JV Tournament	Carbondale	4 p.m.
Dec. 12	Anderson Co. Tourn.	Garnett	9 a.m.
Dec. 18	C. Grove JV Tourn.	Council Grove	3 p.m.
Dec. 19	P. Ridge Dual Tourn.	Easton	9 a.m.
Jan. 7	P. Ridge, Atch., PL	Hoyt	5:30 p.m.
Jan. 9	Seaman Dual Tourn.	Topeka	9 a.m.
Jan. 9	Seaman JV Tourn.	Topeka	9 a.m.
Jan. 14	Eudora, S. Lake	Silver Lake	5:30 p.m.
Jan. 15	St. Marys Tourn.	St. Marys	3 p.m.
Jan. 16	St. Marys Tourn.	St. Marys	9 a.m.
Jan. 22	Holton JV Tourn.	Holton	3:30 p.m.
Jan. 23	Piper Tourn.	Kansas City	8 a.m.
Jan. 28	ACCCH, Holton	Hoyt	5:30 p.m.
Jan. 30	P. Ridge JV Tourn.	Easton	9 a.m.
Jan. 30	Baldwin Tourn.	Baldwin	9 a.m.
Feb. 4	Onaga, Sabetha	Sabetha	5:30 p.m.
Feb. 13	Big Seven Tourn.	Elwood	9 a.m.
Feb. 19-20	321A Reg. Tourn.	TBA	TBA
Feb. 26-27	321A State Tourn.	Hays	TBA

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# Wildcat wrestlers in prime position again

By now, Holton High School wrestling coach Cullen Jackson is used to the football season spilling over into wrestling. It may sound odd, but he admits he's come to prefer things that way.

"Definitely we're excited about the momentum from the football season and getting these guys coming in with a lot of winning behind them this fall," Jackson said. "That's a great aspect to what we do."

"I truly feel that it's an advantage for us not to have our guys on the mat for this last week and a half, just for the simple fact that by the time we get to February they're still hungry and they're still excited about what we're doing on a daily basis," Jackson said.

Some of the success of the football program has seemingly started to spill over, too, as the Wildcat wrestlers have now captured state trophies in three consecutive seasons after last year's third-place finish (following back-to-back state titles in Class 4A).

While the Holton wrestling team is blazing its own trail and has earned its own strong reputation, Jackson noted the program has a ways to go before catching up with Wildcat football.

In a similar vein, though, the HHS wrestling squad is starting to reload instead of rebuild, and that starts with the senior leaders.

For the third year in a row, the Wildcats will be headed up by an experienced pair of wrestlers who cracked varsity as freshmen and have only seen their stock rise in the following seasons. This year, those roles belong to Justin Rieschick and Justin Pool, both third-place medalists at the 4A state tournament a season ago.

"It's great to have those two guys coming back. They've got a lot of matches under their belt, have been in the heated matches and know what it takes to be champs. So, yeah, we're definitely excited to have those guys," Jackson said. "They're two different types of kids, so they're going to be two different styles of leaders, but their performance is definitely something that our younger guys can look to emulate and try to live up to that."

Add in fellow fourth-place state medalist from last year Tyler Price (junior) and it looks like the Wildcats will have another strong core, this year in the middleweights. If the Wildcats want to get over the bar of high expectations their recent success has created, though, the performance in the rest of the weight classes will be even

more important.

In the upper weights, Jackson noted some upperclassmen (like Brandon Lehnerr and Tel Wittmer) will have to prove themselves and have breakthrough seasons to help the team excel, while several young wrestlers could be counted on in the lower weights and go through a trial by fire early.

"We're going to rely on those young guys and hopefully they can step up to the challenge," Jackson said. "That can be a positive thing if we can kind of manage those young kids and get them going in the direction that we'd like to see them develop."

Ace Eisenbarth and Kyler Tannahill are a couple of wrestlers who could be looked upon to make significant strides in their sophomore seasons, while Jackson noted the team is a little low in numbers this year and that could force some freshmen into the starting line-up early on this season.

"That's going to be a little hurdle that we're going to have to get over and get those guys accelerated quickly," Jackson said.

If the Wildcats manage to do that and get at least .500 winning percentages from some of those freshmen, Jackson said the Wildcats could be in business.

While Holton's performance the last few seasons will certainly heighten expectations, success does tend to breed success. The few veterans the Wildcats have coming back want more, while the younger wrestlers have watched the previous teams and waited for their shot, and some of them will get their chance right away.

The Wildcats' schedule should help them ease into that a little, as Jackson noted he frontloads competition with duals to gradually bring the wrestlers who just concluded a long football season back up to speed, limiting their matches early before pushing hard in January to get ready for the "playoff stretch" (league, regionals and state).

It may be another late start, but that shouldn't slow the Holton wrestlers down as they aim to regain the Big Seven League title and keep adding to the wrestling team's own strong tradition.

**Returning state qualifiers:**  
Justin Pool, sr., third at 132 lbs. in 2015

Justin Rieschick, sr., third at 145 lbs. in 2015

Tyler Price, jr., fourth at 138 lbs. in 2015.



RVHS wrestler Jacob Box (shown above, front right) works the legs of teammate Brian Shane (left) to get a takedown while sparring during the first week of practice. Box is one of several returning varsity wrestlers who coach Jason Puderbaugh hopes to see keep pushing forward to help Royal Valley achieve more team success this season.

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Panther wrestlers (shown above, from left to right) Karsen Smith, Brandon Rodewald and Nate Buchtel hone their escape technique against the wall in the RVHS wrestling room at a recent practice.

Photo by Kelly Brecknitch

## 2015-16 HOLTON HS BOYS WRESTLING

**2015-16 Holton High School wrestling schedule**

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Dec. 3	Tonganoxie	Holton	6 p.m.
Dec. 4	Spring Hill Dual	Spring Hill	2 p.m.
Dec. 10	Jeff West/SFT	Carbondale	5 p.m.
Dec. 11	SFT Tournament	Carbondale	4 p.m.
Dec. 12	Clay Center Tourn.	Clay Center	9 a.m.
Dec. 12	O. Northwest Tourn.	Olathe	9 a.m.
Dec. 17	Sabetha	Sabetha	6 p.m.
Dec. 19	Ottawa Tournament	Ottawa	9 a.m.
Jan. 7	Basehor-Linwood	Basehor	6 p.m.
Jan. 9	Spring Hill	Holton	6 p.m.
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Jan. 23	Sadowski Invit.	Holton	9:30 a.m.
Jan. 28	ACCCH/RV	Hoyt	5:30 p.m.
Jan. 30	Baldwin Tourn.	Baldwin	9 a.m.
Jan. 30	P. Ridge JV Tourn.	Easton	9 a.m.
Feb. 4	Wamego/R. Creek	Wamego	5:30 p.m.
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# Mayetta Methodist Church

By Shirley Stauffer  
Church services on Sunday, Nov. 15, the 25th Sunday after Pentecost, began at Mayetta Methodist Church with a prayer by Pastor Sudduth. Concerns were expressed for the citizens of Paris, and our joy was that we had entered a float in the Parade of Lights in Holton on Saturday night. Caliber Miller was the acolyte and Cody Smith was our bell ringer.

The call to worship came from Psalm 133. Hymns for the service were "How Great Thou Art," "Where He Leads Me" and "Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling." Karen Burns read scripture from Hebrews 12:28. For the special, the congregation sang, "The Church's One Foundation" after we had prayer from the American Cathedral in Paris.

The pastor's message was from the text of 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 and was "A Godly Imitation." The children's message was "God Looks in the Heart." Jonathan Wimer and David Oakley took up the offering. We closed with the circle of friendship.

Upcoming events include the Hanging of the Greens at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 24, with a potluck meal; and the Christmas program at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 6 at Potawatomi UMC.

Mary Anderson accompanied Lisa and Kevin Smith to Kansas State University, where they attended the induction of MaRyka into the Veterinary Scholars Early Admission program. A total of 27 students were inducted this year.

On Friday night, Lisa, Kevin and MaRyka Smith and Mary Anderson attended the performance of the Royal Valley High School play, "Cooking Can be Murder." Karsen Smith played Howie Didot. The students did a very good job of acting.

Floyd and June Schlodder drove

to Manhattan on Wednesday to be with Gene and Brenda Hallauer while Gene was having surgery. It was a very windy fall day to be traveling. We were sorry to hear of the death of Brenda's mother on Thursday.

On Tuesday evening, Nov. 3, Karen Burns traveled to Auburn to enjoy a turkey dinner sponsored by the Auburn United Methodist Church. Individual members of the church chose a table to decorate, so there was a birthday table for each month of the year. The food was good and the decorations were very nice. The church family went to a lot of work for the event.

Karen Burns attended the Royal Valley play on Friday evening. It was very well done. On Saturday evening, she went to the parade in Holton. There seemed to be a large crowd. On Sunday, Nov. 15, Karen went to Northern Hill Baptist Church for their annual Thanksgiving dinner.

Bud and Shirley enjoyed pizza at the Darrel Morgan home on Friday evening, Nov. 13. On Sunday evening, they attended the Thanksgiving and volunteer dinner, held at the Hoyt Community Building and sponsored by the Hoyt Baptist Church.

Jeff and Melissa Stauffer, Aidan and Brenna, were Sunday luncheon guests of Bud and Shirley Stauffer.

On Nov. 8, the 24th Sunday after Pentecost and organ and tissue donor Sunday, the members of Mayetta Methodist Church gathered for services. Tim Smith was the bell ringer and Cody Smith and Caliber Miller were the acolytes. Beautiful prelude music was played by Sharon Gabriel.

The only announcement was about where to meet to put together the float for the Parade of Lights in Holton on Saturday, Nov. 14.

The pastor had a pastoral prayer and call to worship was taken from Ephesians 4:3-6. Hymns of the day were "I Surrender All," "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" and "Faith of our Fathers." The special song by the congregation was "The Family of God." Karen Burns read from Jeremiah 23:5.

Two new members were welcomed into Mayetta United Methodist Church. Congratulations to them.

The children's message was titled "Jesus our Guardian." The pastor's message was titled "What Christ Offers the Faithful" from the text of Ephesians 1:15-23.

Elaine Hubach was honored on her birthday with the congregation singing "Happy Birthday" to her. Bud Stauffer and Randy Rickel took up the collection. All joined in the circle of friendship at the end of services.

June Schlodder, Karen Burns and Diana Keith recently attended the Meriden OES meeting.

On a beautiful fall day, Saturday, Nov. 7, Virgil and Anna Jo Hallauer, Robinson, hosted a family fish fry. There were 24 in attendance to enjoy the fish and potluck meal and conversation.

Caliber Miller and his dad went fishing on Saturday. They caught four fish.

Dinner guests of Wanda and Stan White on Saturday were Don and Barb White. They enjoyed playing cards.

Caliber and Karlie Miller attended the Royals World Series parade celebration. It was a fun time for all.

Karen Burns celebrated her birthday the evening of Oct. 30 at the home of Matthew and Rhonda Burns in Topeka. There was a lovely family dinner attended by Daniel and Nancy Burns, Becky and Tom Neely and Carol and Allan Just. Grandchildren James Burns, Aaron Neely and Leanna Just and

friend Brady Strecker were also present.

On Oct. 27, Karen Burns joined her sister, Elva Shepherd, and their niece, Virginia Stambaugh of Topeka, for a visit and lunch at the Whistle Stop in Mayetta.

Overnight guests of Karen on Oct. 31 were Daniel and Nancy Burns of Horton. On Saturday, Karen Burns visited her dear friend, Lois Anderson, who hasn't been feeling well.

A nice crowd gathered at Mary Anderson's home on Friday, Nov. 6, for our annual potluck and year-long planning meeting. A good time was had by all.

## Card Shower



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## Kientz Corner

By Beverly Ramey Newell

On Nov. 15, the Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church congregation opened its worship service by singing "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling."

The announcements were: at 1 p.m. on Nov. 28, the congregation is invited to help the worship committee prepare the church for the advent season; on Nov. 29, there will be only one worship service at 11 a.m., and following the service, the youth will serve an Italian dinner and have a slave auction; at 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 1, there will be a church conference in the sanctuary; and from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Dec. 12, there will be a cookie exchange (bring two dozen cookies and take home a different two dozen cookies).

On Nov. 19, Kristy Beatty celebrated her birthday.

The children's story was given by Kevin McDowell. Signs tell us many things such as "beware of dog," "high voltage," "keep out" and "wet floor." These signs help us to stay safe. We don't want to be misled. Let us put our faith and trust in God.

A joy was that Devin Slimmer and Jennifer Groff were married on Nov. 11.

The concerns were prayers for the family of Eric Crosby; the family of Sandra Moran; and the family of Meg Skinner.

Linda Lanning read the scripture of John 1:1-5.

The sermon "Making Sense of Challenging Passages" was given by the Rev. Hyun-Jin Cho. The Bible is the word of God. It tells us many things.

The Old Testament has 39 books. The New Testament has 27 books. The Old Testament books are confusing and have many stories of violence.

Exodus 32:27 says, "He said to them, 'Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, 'Put your sword on your side, each of you! Go back and forth from gate to gate throughout the camp, and each of you kill your brother, your friend and your neighbor.'"

Jesus came to us to teach us God's ways. Jesus did not use violence. Jesus taught us to love God and love our neighbor. Let us love one another.

The bell choir played "O Store Gud." Those playing bells were Kristy Beatty, Betty Domer, Kyle Marakas, Annie McDowell, Kelly Neiman, Danette Martin, Anna Risinger, Kylee Risinger, Barbara Slimmer and Val Warkentine. Greg Baldwin directed them.

The closing hymn was "When Our Confidence Is Shaken." Those assisting with the service were Linda Lanning, liturgist; Marty Ransdell, organist; Joy Jepson, sound system; John Wilson, song leader; Oliver and Will Davis, acolytes; and Norm and Tina Davis and Denis and Val Warkentine, usher team.

During Veterans Week (Nov. 9-13), Gary and Barbara Slimmer spent time in Branson, Mo. They were joined by Barbara's aunt, Myrtle Barker, from Mesa, Ariz.; Barbara's brother, John Brown, and his wife, Linda, from Albuquerque, N.M.; and Barbara's niece, Darla Kelly, and her family from New Baden, Ill. They all had a great time.

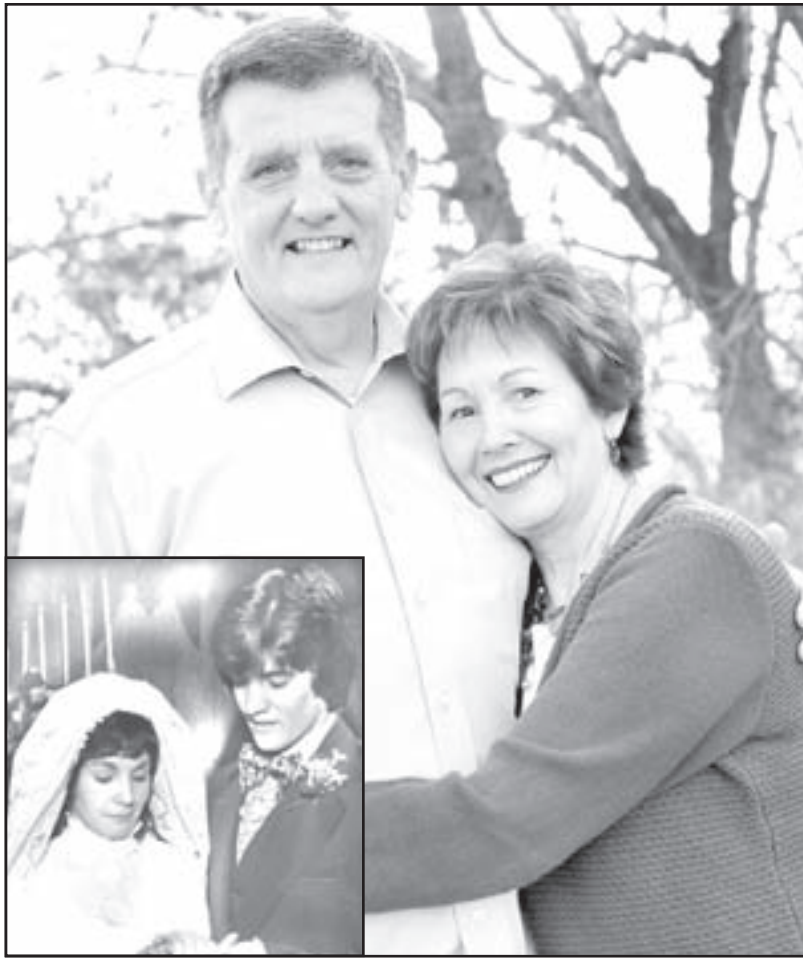
On Nov. 12, Jill and Logan Dierking from Fort Worth, Texas, stayed with Dick and Beverly Newell. They returned home on Nov. 14.

On Nov. 13, Betty Ann Anderson, Micki Bratton, Vicki Gilliland, Beverly Newell, Garrie Oppitz, Dee Smith and Susan Welborn attended District 5, School of Instruction, Order of the Eastern Star, at Loyal Chapter 176 at Silver Lake. Linda Jolly, district aide of District 5, called the school to order. Pam Abel, worthy grand matron, conducted the school. Richard Short, worthy grand patron, and eight other grand officers were in attendance. There were 71 members present. This was a very good school.

They will celebrate with their children and grandchildren: Nathan and his wife, Becky, and children, Taylor (and his fiancée, Laeny), Brooklyn and Marcus, of Sabetha; Scott and his wife, Aubrey, and son, Noah, of Dublin, Ohio; and Alison Anderson and her husband, Ian, and children, Porter, Meyer and Ransom, of Sterling.

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## Baumans to celebrate 40th anniversary

Ben and Marj Bauman of Holton will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary on Nov. 29. The couple was married on Nov. 29, 1975, at the Reformed Presbyterian Church in Denison.

They will celebrate with their children and grandchildren: Nathan and

his wife, Becky, and children, Taylor (and his fiancée, Laeny), Brooklyn and Marcus, of Sabetha; Scott and his wife, Aubrey, and son, Noah, of Dublin, Ohio; and Alison Anderson and her husband, Ian, and children, Porter, Meyer and Ransom, of Sterling.

## Buck's Grove

By Betty Bernitter

After a wonderful evening preparing a float and participating in the Parade of Lights, members of the Buck's Grove Methodist Church were again ready to worship the Lord on Sunday, Nov. 15.

Mary Ringle lighted the altar candles as Denny Ashcraft provided the recorded music. Donna Ashcraft led the congregation in singing hymns, "O God, Our Help In Ages Past," "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" and "Marching to Zion."

Beginning with announcements, call to worship and the opening prayer, Lay Pastor Charlotte Milroy read scripture from 1 Samuel 1:4-20 and Hebrews 10:11-18. Psalms 113 and the affirmation of faith were recited.

The special was a veterans' poem by Lance Corporal Schmidt, read by Althea Fordham. The Gospel reading was from Mark 13:1-8.

The pastor's message was titled, "Is It God?" Charlotte gave insight about the temple in Jesus' time. The temple was central to the peoples' faith. Churches were considered God's

house, but the sense of God's presence within the temple far exceeds our notions.

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God's glory and God's future are not contained within walls of a building. God's promises are bigger than our experiences of life and faith. We are called to keep our hearts and our minds open to what God may be doing. Whatever the future may hold, the gift of God's love and grace are always present.

After the offertory prayer, Wayne Rieschick and Jack Bernitter received the offering.

Pastor Charlotte served communion to all, with the assistance of Donna. The service ended by singing "Let There Be Peace on Earth." Bible study was conducted by Donna immediately after worship service.

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COREFIRST BANK & TRUST, f/k/a COMMERCE BANK AND TRUST,

Plaintiff,

vs.

TERRY D. TOOMEY;  
MARILYNN R. TOOMEY;  
CARL R. CLARK, TRUSTEE OF THE BANKRUPTCY ESTATE OF TERRY DEAN TOOMEY AND MARILYNN RUTH TOOMEY;

Defendants.

*Tim Morse*  
Sheriff of Jackson County, Kansas

Case No. 2015-CV-54  
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## Public Notice

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

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

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

Case No. 2015 PR 36

**NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

**THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:**

You are hereby notified that on November 5, 2015, a Petition for Probate of Last Will and Testament and Issuance of Letters Testamentary was filed in this Court by Robert Simpson, executor named in the Last Will and Testament of Bernice E. Simpson, praying the Will filed with the Petition be admitted to probate and record; petitioner be appointed as executor without bond; and petitioner be granted Letters Testamentary.

You are required to file your writ-

ten 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 to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

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## Public Notice

(First published in *The Holton Recorder*, Holton, Kan., on Monday, Nov. 23, 2015.)

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY, KANSAS PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 59, K.S.A.**

In the Matter of the Estate of Richard P. Featherston, Deceased

Case No. 2015 PR 38

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

**THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:**

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Opal K. Featherston, wife and heir of Richard P. Featherston, deceased, praying: Descent be determined of the following described real estate situated in Atchison County, Kansas:

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**CLUES ACROSS**

- And so forth (abbr.)
- Used to be United
- Upper left keyboard key
- Inevitable ruin
- Consumed
- N.H. Maine river
- Sen. Thurmond
- More (Spanish)
- Oh, God!
- Designed chairs
- Insect living in organized colonies
- Anglo-Saxon theologian, c.700
- Ecclesiastics
- Magic incantation
- Swan Lake and Don Quixote
- Affirmative
- Conspiracy
- Citizen of Stockholm
- Light brown
- Roman judge
- Sonny & Cher classic
- Chopped mixture for stuffing
- Am. Nobel physicist Isidor
- Maya of Vietnam Veterans Memorial
- Expressed pleasure
- In bed
- Finnish
- Canacol Energy stock symbol
- Leather strap for hawks
- UA fraternity est. 3-9-1856
- Low, sideless cart
- They
- Single Lens Reflex
- Point that is midway between N and NE

**CLUES DOWN**

- Murrow, Sullivan & Koch
- Carrying bag
- Countess of Grantham
- Key fruit
- One kept in readiness
- Bring back to normal
- Avid
- Lots of
- Formal close (music)
- Dad's partner
- Point that is one point E of SE
- Myself
- Minor disagreement
- Promotional materials
- Bahama capital
- Rudiments of a subject
- Bleat
- Right linebacker
- Flower petals
- Early culture of Gr. Britain
- Worldwide internet
- 7th Greek letter
- When born (abbr.)
- Before
- Existing forever
- About name
- Myanmar monetary unit
- Island north of Guam
- Soft
- Castell, makers of pens
- Excessively fat
- Eliminates
- A Hindu prince or king in India
- Carrier's invention
- Possessed
- Deserve through action</



# Jenkins reports from Congress

By Lynn Jenkins  
U.S. House of Representatives  
R-Kansas

I am pleased the Court recently upheld the United States Constitution in ruling against President Obama's executive overreach on immigration. There is no doubt our immigration system is broken, but unilateral and unconstitutional action by the president cannot be the way forward. We are a nation of laws, but President Obama's plan would reward people who came here illegally.



I will keep fighting to curb President Obama's continued executive power grabs and remind him that he cannot govern through executive actions with his pen and phone.

Recently, I sent a letter, along with Congressman Mike Pompeo, to Secretary of Defense Ash Carter regarding the Obama administration's apparent misguided effort to move the world's most dangerous terrorists at

Guantanamo Bay to sites around the United States, potentially including Fort Leavenworth.

We asked the secretary to arrange for a group of local lawmakers to visit GTMO and get a better idea of what we are dealing with. It is pivotal that the administration breaks from their norm and is open and honest with every person who might be affected by this dangerous proposal.

Happy 240th birthday to the U.S. Marine Corps — Semper Parati! Throughout history, Marines have risked their lives to keep our country safe. You are the few and the proud, and every American owes an unbelievable debt to each and every one of you for your service. It was an honor to speak to veterans of the Marine Corps in Lawrence recently to celebrate the birthday milestone.

I had a great time visiting the Midland Care Connection Residential Program. It was great to meet and say thank you to some of our amazing veterans while visiting.

Thank you to Waverly Wind Farms for inviting me to visit and showing me around the site. It was fascinating to learn more about all of the hard work you do!

## YWCA increases office hours

The YWCA Center for Safety and Empowerment provides advocacy, counseling and case management free of charge to individuals and families struggling with intimate partner/family violence and sexual violence.

The center has been serving Kansas communities in this capacity for more than 30 years. In 2014 alone, the YWCA Center for Safety and Empowerment sheltered 116 women and 34 children because they were not safe in their homes.

The YWCA Center for Safety and Empowerment recently had a change in the staff who serve Jackson and Wabaunsee counties.

Heather Blanton, YWCA CSE Rural Project Coordinator, who has been with the agency for seven years, and Jennifer Nobo, YWCA CSE Rural Advocate, are both now here to help.

In addition to an increase in the number of advocates serving this county, the YWCA CSE office, located at 107 E. Fifth St. in Holton, has extended its business hours. The office hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Curbing this violence and offering help for victims requires support from the entire community. The YWCA Center for Safety and Em-

powerment is committed to working with agencies in Shawnee, Jackson and Wabaunsee counties to improve access to resources for victims of violence in the community.

Staff members can offer presentations, training and consultations on domestic violence or sexual assault, as well as provide brochures and pamphlets for any facility.

In addition to offering prevention services such as training for professionals and classes for youth and community organizations, staff members also offer crisis and support services to individuals and families affected by domestic violence and sexual assault.

Crisis services include access to a 24-hour toll free hotline, accessible emergency shelter and help filing protection from abuse/stalking orders.

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Members of the AmeriCorps team serving in Jackson County until Dec. 18 include (front row, from left) team leader Julian Jordan, Barrie Schmitt, Linna Bounxayavong; Audrey Snyder, (back row, from left) Steve Phillips, Alec Bandemier, Amanda Iscoa, Isaac Dahl, Katie Olson and Jesse Mitts (inset). Not pictured is Erica Blue. Photo by Ali Holcomb

## AmeriCorps...

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At Banner Creek Reservoir, the team members have painted bathrooms and the office. They are also working with John Kennedy, Banner Creek Reservoir director, to design a natural playground at the facility with recycled and natural materials. "Everyone has been very generous and very sweet," Snyder said. "We've had community members come up to us and ask what we're doing, but, overall, everyone has been amazing."

In addition to the work at the reservoir and Homestead Affordable Housing, the volunteers are gaining independent service hours by working with other non-profits some evenings and weekends in the community.

So far, members have worked with the Heart of Jackson Humane Society, Banner Creek Science Center and the Jackson County Kid's Closet. The volunteers have also spent time searching for Joan Rebar, the woman missing from Mayetta. They are expected to help prepare and serve at this year's Jackson County Christmas Bureau.

"They have plenty to keep them busy," said Tom Bishop, president and CEO of Homestead Affordable Housing. "I think they are doing a great job. These are pretty amazing young adults."

Bishop said one of the goals of

AmeriCorps is to strengthen leadership and volunteerism among the residents in the communities that team members serve.

"More and more local people are approaching them and offering to help alongside them," Bishop said.

The team is staying in the apartments above Homestead Affordable Housing on the south side of the Holton Square.

Snyder said that team members are up and off to their work sites by 8 a.m. each morning and are usually split into smaller teams to work on various projects. The volunteers take an hour-long lunch, which they pack themselves, and then continue working until 4 p.m. or 4:30 p.m.

Team members partner up and take turns making dinner for the group each evening. The group spends most of their nights recharging for the next day.

"We're all pretty big readers. We got library cards here," Snyder said. "We really just relax in the evenings. Some people go on walks or runs."

The team started their 10-month stint with the federally funded AmeriCorps program on Oct. 7 with training in Denver, Colo. After the group members finish their six-week "spike" or project in Holton, they'll head back to Colorado for Christmas break and additional training before they start a 12-week "spike" at a new location.

"We switch teams each spike," she said.

AmeriCorps NCCC members are young men and women, ages 18 to 24, who serve 10 months to a year on projects throughout the country. Some members have just completed high school, while others have completed college or are taking a year off from college.

Team members receive an education award of \$5,775 per person that will enable them to continue their education or reduce any educational debt. They also receive a \$4,000 living allowance.

Team leader Julian Jordan said that AmeriCorps focuses on youth development, infrastructure, sustainability efforts and other community needs. They are also available to respond to a national disaster.

"We appreciate the opportunity to work alongside everyone in the community," Jordan said.

Snyder said she encourages anyone considering a stint with AmeriCorps to pursue it.

"Definitely do it because you won't regret it. Not only are you helping others and helping them grow, you are helping yourself grow," she said. "It's like a year you can take off and focus on you and building relationships with other people and communities. It's an amazing opportunity, and I'm really fortunate to be a part of it and be with these people."

Jordan agrees.

"It really challenges you," Jordan said. "We have great diversity on our team and that always expands your mind and opens you up to new ideas."

Bishop has applied to have another AmeriCorps team serve in Jackson County from January to April, and he said he will be notified on Wednesday if his request has been granted.

Local community members who may need help with a service project can contact Bishop at Homestead Affordable Housing to request assistance from AmeriCorps members while they are working in the county.

Team members include Julian Jordan of Olympia, Wash.; Barrie Schmitt of Birmingham, Ala.; Linna Bounxayavong of Everett, Wash.; Audrey Snyder of Huntsville, Ala.; Steve Phillips of Rochester, N.Y.; Alec Bandemier of Wheaton, Ill.; Amanda Iscoa of Orlando, Fla.; Isaac Dahl of Madison, Wisc.; Katie Olson of San Luis Obispo, Calif.; Jesse Mitts of Hollis Center, Maine; and Erica Blue of Norwalk, Conn.

## Noriega...

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Officers then arrested Noriega at the residence and took him to the Jackson County Detention Center, where he currently remains with bond set at \$1 million. The incident remains under investigation by sheriff's officers and Potawatomi police, it was reported.

Morse said that it was believed that Sanchez and Noriega were both living at the residence where the incident occurred. The Kansas Bureau of Investigation's offender database, which lists Noriega as a registered violent offender, listed the address as Noriega's residence as of Nov. 10.

Noriega also has multiple previous criminal charges and convictions in Jackson and Shawnee counties, it was reported. Most recently, he was charged in Jackson County District Court with possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia this past August and was released Aug. 14 on bond.

A Kansas Department of Corrections criminal database listed a number of offenses reportedly committed by Noriega over a 30-year period. His first conviction reportedly occurred in May of 1985 on a charge of attempted burglary related to an incident occurring in August of 1983

in Shawnee County.

In August of 1985, he was reportedly convicted on charges of robbery, obstruction of official duty and unlawful possession of firearms and sentenced to imprisonment but was paroled in October 1990 before absconding in May 1991 and resented in September 1991 on a Jackson County burglary conviction and other parole violations.

Noriega was reportedly paroled again in August 1994 but returned to prison in February 1995 to finish out his sentence after violating the conditions of his parole. He was paroled again in March 1998 but again absconded and returned to prison in June 1999, released in July of 2002 and paroled again in April 2003. He reportedly returned to prison after being sentenced in June 2005 on Shawnee County charges of criminal threat and fleeing or attempting to elude police and was paroled in May 2006.

Then, in March of 2011, he was reportedly sentenced on Shawnee County aggravated battery charges, was paroled a year later, returned to prison in April 2012 on a parole violation, released that September and absconded again shortly after that. That particular sentence ended in August of 2013, it was reported.

## Holiday Shoppers' Guide...

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It's estimated that 88 million people spent \$14.3 billion at small, independent businesses on Small Business Saturday last year.

It's been reported that 68 cents of every dollar spent at a small business stays within the community. Larger retail chains keep 46 cents of every dollar within the community, it's been reported.

According to the Small Business Administration, there are 23 million small businesses in the country, and small businesses have increased by 49 percent since 1982.

It is reported that 54 percent of U.S. sales occur at small businesses.

A total of 170,489 businesses registered with the Kansas Secretary of State's office in 2014. This is the second-largest increase in a decade. Of those businesses, 15,780 were new filings, it was reported.

In 2013, a total of 160,736 businesses were registered with the state, and 152,908 business owners registered in 2012.

Check out The 2015 Winter Shoppers' Guide to find special deals on Small Business Saturday, as well as throughout the Christmas season.

## Albin family holds reunion

The Albin family reunion was held Sunday, Sept. 13 at noon at the Circleville Lodge. Kenny Wykert was the host for the day.

Those in attendance included, from Delia, Ron and Donna Myers and Ron and Mary Chris Myers and children, Mary Leigh, Hanna and John Henry; from Circleville, Kenny Wykert; from Topeka, Amanda and Brian Moore and children Amber and Jeffrey, Sara LaClair and Donna

Baxter; and from Holton, Raymond Fairbanks, Wayne and Kristi Springstead and daughter Bailey, and Leonard and Rose Myers.

After a lovely meal and lots of catching up with all the families, Sara LaClair was in charge of a drawing. Everyone had a great time, it was reported.

It was mentioned that the family might have the next reunion, in 2017, in Topeka.

## STEM courses...

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"Our ag classes are going to go check that out in January," Kelly said. "That's something they're using up there at Schenck Process in Sabetha. That would be neat if they had that exposure before they got into any career or technical training, or if they thought about becoming an engineer."

Even though White said the two 3D printers used during Thursday's class were "already obsolete," they still can be utilized to wow not only students who are unfamiliar with the technology, but teachers and other members of the community as well.

"These students are really super-engaged with these subjects," White said. "My background is in working with middle schoolers, and when it comes to keeping them engaged, they're just a different breed. But when you're working with high schoolers, you find they're willing to get engaged in the class and work

with the tools you give them."

It also gives older visitors to the courses an insight of just how much education has changed.

"A long time ago, it used to be that you would work individually a lot," Kelly said. "A lot of this new technology and science requires that you work together and use the scientific method for things that may happen that are unexpected. There's a lot of trial and error and thinking about your own thinking that comes

up, and that's really what's important about this — the transferrable skills."

The Holton district was able to make use of Greenbush's mobile labs through a donation from the district's Parent-Teacher Organization that covered half of Greenbush's \$5,000 costs for this week's visit, Kelly said. Banner Creek Science Center is also looking to cover part of those costs through donations from the science center's supporters, he added.

## Thanksgiving dinner...

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open to everyone, regardless of their age, income, residence or religious affiliation.

To make a food donation or pledge volunteer services for Thursday's dinner or the upcoming Christmas dinner, or to reserve a delivery meal

on Thursday, call Galer at 364-4160. Those seeking delivery meals are strongly encouraged to call Galer in advance of the meal, it was reported.

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