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Wildcat defenders (shown above, from left to right) Kaden Brandt, Dylan Aeschliman and Austin Frakes combine for a tackle in Saturday's 4A-DII state championship game against Holcomb. The defense held its own, but the offense had a hard time gaining any traction given the icy field conditions and Holton finished runner-up to the Longhorns, who won 21-0.

Photo by Kelly Breckunitch

New burn permits to be issued here starting Jan. 1

By Ali Holcomb

Burn permit holders in Jackson County – which currently includes more than 3,200 residents – will be required to apply for a new permit in person by Jan. 1.

Pat Korte, director of emergency management for the county, said the new burn permits will be available at all fire department offices in the county starting Jan. 1 and will now expire Dec. 31 of every odd year.

The county's current burn permit, which was revised in 2008, is based on each resident's telephone number. As long as the number didn't change, the permit didn't expire. Prior to 2008, burn permits expired every year.

Over the summer, the Jackson County Commissioners decided to update the current permits so they expire every two years, as well as increase the fines associated with burning when it is banned.

Korte said that requiring the permits to be reissued every two years

will help the county keep up to date on each permit holder's phone number and address.

"We've had issues with duplicate phone numbers in our permit system," Korte said. "When someone cancels service with a carrier and switches phone numbers, that number is reassigned to someone else in the county."

Korte said the new burn permits will also allow the county to have current records of where people are living, which is important if emergency personnel must be dispatched to a fire.

At the first of the year, the new permits, which are free, will be available at any Jackson County fire department; however, the Holton Fire Department is the only department open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Burn permits must be applied for in person.

Prior to burning, permit holders must call the Holton Public Safety

Office at 364-3123 to get permission to conduct an open burn. Open burns must be ignited within one hour after the permit holder receives approval from the safety office since the weather can change quickly in Kansas.

The National Weather Service Rangeland Fire Danger Index issues fire conditions for Jackson County three times a day. Previously, the index was consulted just once a day.

According to the NWS, the index is calculated by computing the moisture content of dead fuels, sky cover, temperature and wind speed.

The county's previous burn resolution stated that no burning was allowed when wind speeds exceeded 15 miles per hour. Those parameters have been outlined more specifically in the new burn permit application.

Now, burning is not allowed when the fire danger index indicates:

- * "Low" fire danger with a sustained wind speed of 15 miles per

- hour or greater.
- * "Moderate" fire danger with a sustained wind speed of 15 miles per hour or greater.
- * "High" fire danger with a sustained wind speed of 15 miles per hour or greater.
- * "Very High" fire danger and a sustained wind speed of 10 miles per hour or greater.
- * Any time when there is "Extreme" fire danger for the county.

County residents are permitted to burn household trash with their burn permit, but it must be covered with a wire top or some type of other covering to keep the trash contained, Korte said.

The fines for burning have also increased as part of the new permit. Violating the burn resolution is a class A non-person misdemeanor and the violator is subject to a jail term of up to one year and/or the following fines:

- * No less than \$500 for the first

- conviction.
- * No less than \$1,000 for the second conviction.
- * No less than \$1,500 for the third conviction.

The previous fines were between \$100 and \$500 for a first violation, \$500 to \$1,000 for a second and \$1,000 to \$2,500 for a third.

All fines are paid to the resident's specific fire district through the clerk of the district court. The new resolution also states that a conviction or diversion under the resolution may result in a resident being banned from any burning for up to five years.

It was noted that after a fire is out, residents must call and report that information to the Holton Public Safety Office. It is also recommended that residents notify their neighbor, before and after the burn, in order to reduce any false fire alarms.

In any fire emergency, residents need to call 911, not the Holton Fire Department, Korte said.

Community dinner feeds 291 people

By Brian Sanders

The number of dinners served at Thursday's annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner was closer to the average than previous Thanksgiving dinners, although a bigger chunk of those dinners were served by delivery drivers, according to dinner organizer Freda Galer.

"It must have been the weather," Galer said. "A lot of people who usually come, I didn't see."

Of the 291 total dinners served, she noted, 90 dinners were deliveries, with the remainder coming to the EUM Family Life Center for a sit-down dinner. Thursday's total was above last year's count of 250 total dinners, the 2013 dinner's total of 255 and the 2012 total of 262; the average number of dinners served is about 300, she said.

Galer and others involved with the dinner are hopeful for a high turnout at the annual Community Christmas Dinner, to be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 25 at the Family Life Center. Donations of food and volunteer help are being sought for that dinner, she said.

"I've already got two of my turkey cookers for that day," Galer said. "I've got quite a bit of stuff already that people have brought in."

Food items needed for the Christmas dinner include 13 cooked and deboned turkeys, five 10-pound hams, three gallons of corn, four gallons of baked beans, 30 pies, 10 cakes, four other desserts such as cheesecakes, 10 Jell-O salads, 15 fruit or vegetable salads and seven gallons of sweet potatoes, the last item being a popular item at Thursday's dinner.

"We almost ran out of the sweet potatoes, which is very unusual," Galer said.

There was also no shortage of help for this year's Thanksgiving dinner, and Galer cited members of the AmeriCorps team who are in the middle of a two-month stay in Holton for their volunteer service.

"Those kids are really good workers," Galer said. "But we appreciated everybody's help."

More volunteer help is needed for the Christmas dinner, including kitchen workers, servers and people to set up the Family Life Center, both on Christmas Eve and the morning before the dinner.

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Schools announce Christmas concerts

The start of December may mean that things are about to get chilly, but students at schools in the Jackson County area are warming up their voices and musical instruments for a month of Christmas concerts, it was reported.

Several holiday-themed concerts have been scheduled at Holton, Jackson Heights, Royal Valley, Wetmore and Effingham (Atchison County) schools. The concert schedule is subject to change; contact individual schools for more information.

- **Tuesday, Dec. 1:** Holton High School Winter Vespers band concert, 7 p.m., HHS auditorium. The HHS Jazz Ensemble will perform at 6:45 p.m. in the HHS commons area.
- **Tuesday, Dec. 1:** Wetmore High School concert, 7 p.m., Wetmore Attendance Center.
- **Tuesday, Dec. 1:** Atchison County winter vocal concert for grades 6-8, 7 p.m., ACCHS auditorium, Effingham.
- **Wednesday, Dec. 2:** Royal Valley High School band and vocal concert, 7:30 p.m., RVHS gym in Hoyt.
- **Thursday, Dec. 3:** Jackson Heights Elementary School Christmas concert for kindergarten through sixth grade, 7 p.m., Jackson Heights High School auditorium.
- **Thursday, Dec. 3:** Atchison County winter band concert for grades 6-12, 7 p.m., ACCHS auditorium, Effingham.
- **Saturday, Dec. 5:** Jackson Heights High School variety show, 7 p.m., JHHS auditorium.
- **Monday, Dec. 7:** Wetmore Elementary School concert, 7 p.m., Wetmore Attendance Center.
- **Tuesday, Dec. 8:** Colorado Elementary School kindergarten music program, 7 p.m., HHS auditorium.

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Tuesday is Winter Weather Awareness Day

By Ali Holcomb

Northeast Kansas residents received their first taste of winter alongside their pumpkin pie on Thanksgiving, as rain turned into ice that evening and continued on and off throughout the weekend.

To help Kansans prepare for more winter weather in the proceeding months, Tuesday of this week has been designed at Winter Weather Awareness Day.

Each year, the National Weather Service selects a day to remind Kansans of the risks associated with winter weather.

While many state residents think that tornadoes pose the greatest safety risk in Kansas, the biggest risk actually is driving in snow and ice, according to the NWS.

Although numbers are largely underreported, here in Kansas at least 15 to 20 people lose their lives every year in automobile accidents where ice and snow played a role, and that number may be much higher, NWS reports. By comparison, tornadoes kill around two people each year in Kansas and injure far fewer.

According to the weather service, the most important rule when driving in bad conditions of any kind is to slow down and relax.

Hitting your gas pedal, slamming your brakes or cranking your wheel too quickly is a surefire way to lose traction on an icy or wet road, the organization reports.

If your vehicle starts sliding, the NWS recommends turning slightly into the skid and pumping your brakes. Once you're already sliding, your tires have lost traction with the road.

It seems counterintuitive, but in order to avoid a spinout you need to turn slightly into the skid, slowly let off the gas and start pumping the brakes.

Yanking the wheel in the other direction and locking the brakes will stop your tires from turning, but you'll lose all hope of regaining traction with the road surface.

According to NWS, Topeka averages 17.8 inches of snow per winter season. Last winter, Topeka was below average and only received 10.3 inches of snow.

During the 2011-2012 snow season, Topeka experienced its driest winter with only 3.1 inches of snow.

December tends to be the snowiest month for the capital city, which averages 5.2 inches, according to the NWS.

The greatest yearly snowfall in

Kansas was in 1984, when the city of McDonald received 103.6 inches of snow. The greatest accumulation of snowfall that occurred in 24 consecutive hours was 30 inches in Pratt on March 28, 2009.

During the 1992-1993 winter, Hays had 152 days of snow on the ground, which is a state record.

The coldest temperature ever recorded in Kansas was negative 40 degrees at Lebanon on Feb. 13, 1905.

To be prepared for the cold and snow, the NWS recommends preparing an emergency supply kit for your car that includes the following items:

- * Blanket
- * Boots, mittens and warm clothes
- * Flashlight
- * Water, snacks
- * Cell phone charger
- * First aid kit
- * Jumper cables
- * Tire chains or snow tires
- * Flares
- * A full tank of gas
- * Bag of sand or cat litter
- * A shovel, ice scraper and snow brush
- * Tow rope

The NWS and other organizations have developed apps that can be downloaded onto mobile phones to help residents get the latest local weather forecast.

In addition, for up to date weather information, visit weather.gov/topeka. For latest road conditions, call 511 in Kansas.

TUESDAY'S FORECAST
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Sundays

9:15 a.m. - Sunday School
10:30 a.m. - Worship
5:00 p.m. - RISC
6:00 p.m. - Sr. High Youth
Other activities available throughout the week.



Brandon Neely

Champion auctioneer to visit Holton Livestock Exchange on Tuesday

Brandon Neely, 2015 World Livestock Auctioneer Champion, will visit Holton Livestock Exchange on Tuesday for its 64th Anniversary Calf and Yearling Auction, it has been announced.

Neely will be in the auctioneer's seat, selling livestock and showing off the chant that earned him the world title, during the day's action, which begins at 11 a.m. with a customer appreciation meal and sales starting at noon. Consignments for the auction may be viewed at www.holtonlivestock.com

Neely defeated 29 other contestants to win the World Livestock Auctioneer Championship (WLAC) in Clifton, Texas. The WLAC was created and is conducted by the Livestock Marketing Association (LMA), a national trade association for progressive livestock marketing businesses. During his year as champion, Neely will travel across the U.S. with appearances at LMA member-markets and industry events.

Local livestock markets across the country work diligently to bring in multiple buyers on sale day, increasing competition with more bids. This provides true price discovery of the value of all types of livestock, maximizing returns to the seller. In turn, markets provide buyers a centralized location with a ready supply of livestock in the offering.

In June 1963, the LMA held the first annual WLAC event at the Cosmopolitan Hotel in Denver, Colo. The purpose was spotlighting North America's top livestock auctioneers and to salute their traditionally important role in the competitive livestock marketing process. That year, 23 auctioneers from the United States

and Canada sold the same 20 head of cattle over and over again.

The contest was conducted at hotels until 1967, when it traveled to its first LMA member market. Since then, the WLAC has been in conjunction with the LMA Annual Convention at member markets around the U.S. and Canada. Recent locations include California, Texas, Alabama, Tennessee, Kansas, South Dakota and Alberta, Canada.

Though the rules have changed, the enthusiasm for the competition hasn't. On average each year, nearly 100 auctioneers enter the qualifying events and only 31 (10 from each qualifying event and one from the auctioneering competition at Calgary Stampede) are selected to compete in the WLAC.

The championship consists of three stages — the regional qualifying events held at different markets around the country, followed by the semi-finals and the finals that are held each June in conjunction with the LMA Annual Convention. Contestants competing for the World Champion title must be 18 years old, employed as a livestock auctioneer and sponsored by a local auction market that shares in the favorable publicity generated by the winners.

The LMA, headquartered in Kansas City, Mo., is North America's largest membership organization dedicated to supporting, representing and communicating with and for the entire livestock marketing sector. LMA has more than 800 member businesses across the U.S. and Canada, who in turn serve farmers, ranchers and rural communities. For more information, visit www.LMAWeb.com

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Traffic

Lindsey D. Barnes, speeding, \$171.
Dylan K. Camper, speeding, \$165.
Keeley S. Cowley, speeding, \$222.
Seth D. Hefner, speeding, \$183.
Jessica M. Meyer, failure to yield at stop or yield sign, \$183.
Douglas D. Oshlo, speeding, \$303.
Curtis L. Shirley Jr., license to be carried and exhibited upon demand, \$158.

Limited Civil

Filed
Jefferson Capital Systems L.L.C. vs. Cynthia M. Wilson, seeking judgment of \$660.97 plus interest and court costs.

Criminal Dispositions

State of Kansas vs. Christian Martinez, Topeka, possession of drug paraphernalia, driving while license cancelled, suspended or revoked; sentenced to one year in jail, suspended; placed on six months probation and fined \$100 plus court costs.
State of Kansas vs. Earnest T. Johnson, Manhattan, driving under

the influence of alcohol and/or drugs, DUI test refusal, circumvention of ignition interlock, transportation of liquor in open container; sentenced to one year in jail, suspended; placed on 12 months probation and fined \$2,700 plus court costs.

Filed

State of Kansas vs. Michael E. Meier, Topeka, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs, transportation of liquor in open container, driver's license restriction violation.

Domestic

Filed

In the matter of the marriage of Tessa R. Riggs and Bryan P. Riggs, seeking divorce.

Marriage Licenses

Steven R. Belcher, 44, Chapman
Lorissa L. Ridley, 47, Chapman

Kendra L. McClain, 28, Holton
Troy Moppin III, 30, Leavenworth

Joseph L. Holt, 37, Hoyt
Brittany J. Scott, 20, Hoyt

Dean A. Gideon, 38, Maple Hill
Sarah A. Larison, 37, Holton

Extension schedules land leasing workshop

Leasing land for farming and ranching has become a necessity to grow and stay competitive in today's commercial agriculture. As a result, understanding how to negotiate effectively and equitably a land lease has risen in importance for both land-owners and tenants.

An upcoming Kansas State University Extension workshop in Valley Falls is designed to help both land-owners and producers consider the factors that affect lease rates, contract terms and risk exposure. The workshop will include explaining differences and similarities of various leasing arrangements such as crop share, fixed cash rent and flexible leases.

The second part of the evening will be presented by Andrew Ellis, an attorney with the Arthur Green Law practice in Manhattan. Ellis will outline the beginning steps needed to prepare an estate plan suitable for their situation.

The workshop will be held Tuesday at the Jefferson County Fair Building, located at 605 Ratz St. in Valley Falls, starting with registration at 6 p.m. The first presentation by Dr. Mykel Taylor will begin at 6:30 p.m. There is no fee to attend.

This workshop is sponsored by Extension councils in Atchison, Brown and Doniphan counties and the Meadowlark Extension District.

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MEMORIES

2010 – 5 Years Ago

The Beck-Bookman Library Board of Trustees and staff recently honored library employee Sharon Lane for her 22 years of service to library patrons and the community.

Kansas City Chiefs' cheerleader Tracy Bowman, daughter of Dale and Pam Bowman of Holton, recently posed for pictures and signed autographs on the concourse at the Chiefs' recent home game against the Arizona Cardinals. Bowman is a 2003 graduate of Atchison County Community High School.

A total of \$435 was raised for the proposed Banner Creek Science Center through the Parade of Wreaths silent auction, it was reported. Ten wreaths were designed and donated for the event's silent auction. The wreath submitted by Lee's Flowers took first place, Holton National Bank took second and The Farmers State Bank took third.

Toys for tots were collected this year, but the Circleville Saddle Club put a unique twist on it. On Saturday, Nov. 20, the club collected the toys on horseback along Holton's streets and Square before taking them to the JCMA Christmas Store.

2005 – 10 Years Ago

The Farmers State Bank has named Greg Harry as its executive vice president, it has been announced.

Another shelter house will be built at Banner Creek Reservoir next spring, following action taken on Monday, Nov. 28, by the Jackson County Commission.

Alamo Group Inc. announced on Monday, Dec. 5, plans to permanently close its Holton manufacturing facility at 1000 Vermont Ave. on April 28, 2006. Ted Anderson, operations manager, said production operations at Holton will be moved to Alamo's Gibson City, Ill., plant, which is the headquarters for Alamo's agricultural division.

Work has begun on improvements at the baseball-softball facility in Hoyt. The Royal Valley Recreation Association has been planning the improvements for about three years. A new concession stand and storage building and parking is being constructed on a tract of land that the City of Hoyt has leased to the recreation association. Ground presently used as a parking area will be converted into a new field.

1990 – 25 Years Ago

On Nov. 19, the Jackson County Commission pulled all road equipment from the Potawatomi Indian Reservation. On Monday, Nov. 26, that decision was rescinded. Tax issues have prompted the formation of a group of reservation landowners to meet with the council. On Dec. 31,

the commission expects progress toward an agreement with the tribe to be made.

A Kansas Farm Bureau Insurance agent from Jackson County recently won a six-day, expense-paid trip for two to Bermuda. Warren Baum, career agent, was one of 66 sales representatives to win the trip, which was the prize for the firm's largest annual sales contest, the "All American" Contest. Baum's wife, Carla, accompanied him on the trip.

Denison State Bank's new drive-up branch on South U.S. Highway 75 in Holton will open on Monday, Dec. 3, it has been announced. This new facility will include a drive-up window teller, night depository and a 24-hour ATM machine.

A new construction company was welcomed to the Holton business community recently. The office of J&S Construction, owned by Jerry Niebrugge, is located on the north side of the Square in Holton.

Six local puppies may be on their way to stardom. Leonard and Cora McDaniel of Circleville recently took six of their 16 Dalmatian puppies to Hallmark Cards in Kansas City, where the pups posed for more than 100 photos that may appear on a Christmas card as early as next year.

1965 – 50 Years Ago

The Rev. Richard Humstron and his wife, Winona, have recently accepted the pastorate of the Holton Church of the Nazarene.

Don Swisher has joined Holton High School as a member of the coaching staff. Swisher also teaches two classes of shorthand, one of bookkeeping and physical education of eighth grade and high school boys.

John R. Mercer assumed the position of city manager for Holton on Wednesday, Dec. 1, it was reported.

The "Talking Chair" is being featured this week at the Padden Furniture Store in Holton, owned by Therill and Neva Heiselman. This prototype will be available in a few years, and will play up to three hours of taped stereo music. The chair tells the person sitting in it how to adjust to its rocking, TV and reclining positions, it was reported. It is the only one on display in this part of the state, it was noted.

---Compiled by Kendra Moppin

Netawaka United Methodist

By Mary E. Edwards

Nov. 22 was a cold, clear morning. The drive to Netawaka was pretty and pleasant in the cheery sunshine. Steve Banaka lit the altar candles as recorded music played "He Leadeth Me" at Netawaka United Methodist Church.

Marilyn Banaka gave the welcome and announcements. Advent study will begin next afternoon at 2 p.m. at Jon and Cheryl Yingst's home. Horton's Festival of Lights will be held on Dec. 6 starting at 5:30 p.m.

Pastor Caren attended the Bishop's Roundup for Hunger at Lawrence on Saturday. She said it was a joyous occasion. It was reported that the benefit supper for Daryl Wilson was successful and a joyful event of community spirit and fellowship. Steve B. and Marcia R. are celebrating birthdays.

In concerns, Fredrika Mullins asked for prayers for her mom, Beaulah Drews, who is at Kansas Rehabilitation. Doris Oxandale's niece is also there after breaking a hip. Prayers of sympathy are for the family of Ruth Smith, as Ruth died Friday.

The Rev. Caren Loper led the call to worship and the psalter, Psalm 132, the prayer of confession followed by silent prayer, the pastor's prayer and the Lord's Prayer.

Hymns were "Rejoice, The Lord Is King," "We Gather Together" and "Jesus Shall Reign." Marilyn Banaka was in charge of music.

Scripture lessons were 2 Samuel 23:6-7 and John 18:33-37. Pastor Caren's message was "Jesus Christ's Kingdom." In John 18, Pilate asked Jesus, "Are you the king of the Jews?" Jesus answered with the question, "Is that your idea, or did others talk to you about me?"

Pilate told Jesus that it was the Jews who turned Jesus over to him. Then Jesus said that His kingdom is not of this world but from another place. Pilate offered to release Jesus, as it was the custom to release one prisoner at the time of Passover. Instead, the crowds demanded he release Barabbas.

Jesus is the king of our lives, but we have to let go of the world's idea of kingdom. Jesus is our good shepherd.

There is much in the news about refugees and where they will go. Most of our ancestors came to this country as refugees from bad living conditions, evil rulers, famines, etc. Mary and Joseph and Jesus were refugees in Egypt when the terrorist Herod ruled.

We understand that Christians should lead the world in hospitality to strangers. That is hard because we are afraid. The enemy wants us to be afraid. Shall we choose fear or faith? Perfect love casts out fear.

vice closed with the hymn "Crown Him With Many Crowns."

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

Guests, Alice and Ken Lauritzen of Weeping Water, Neb., Brenda and Linda Smith of Salina and Betsy Schlossman of Topeka were welcomed to the service.

Adult Bible class was led by Pastor Geske following the service while the youth of the church and leaders were preparing a Thanksgiving meal at the Netawaka Community Building. Those in attendance were treated to a bountiful meal with the benefit for our youth to attend the National Youth Convention next summer.

On Monday, Nov. 23, Thrivent Action Team Training was held at Immanuel with a light meal at 6 p.m. Midweek Advent Services will be held on Dec. 2 and continue on Dec. 9 and Dec. 16 at Immanuel at 7 p.m.

The LWML Christmas party for the entire congregation and guests will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 12. On Dec. 13, an open house will be held at the home of Pastor and Tricia Geske and Jacob from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Immanuel Ladies met at the church at 1:30 p.m. on Nov. 19. Esther Ideker led the devotions and topic, "Sister of the Heart," from the Lutheran Woman's Quarterly written by Marilyn McClure and Melissa Solomon. Projects were planning the program for 2016, care packages for our college youth, plans for the Blessings and Brunch event on Dec. 12 and gift to KAIR Radio for Trinity Lutheran radio broadcast.

A soup supper benefit was held on Saturday evening at the Netawaka Community Building for Daryl Wilson and was well attended by the community.

New Life Church of the Nazarene

"Think and Thank" was the message for church members who attended services on Sunday, Nov. 22 at New Life Church of the Nazarene.

Pastor Kevin Kneisley started his Sunday sermon by talking about events in the Old Testament, such as the Israelites' journey out of Egyptian slavery, which eventually led them into the Promise Land.

"The Israelites had seen God do some amazing things. They saw God part a sea, and they witnessed God's cosmic GPS system as he guided them by a cloud by day and a fire by night," Kneisley said. "They also received manna falling from the sky. But instead of thanking God, they

were negative, pessimistic and ungrateful."

He asked the congregation to put the spotlight on their own life and weigh what occupies their thoughts, pessimistic ungrateful thoughts or thoughts of gratitude.

Kneisley cited the Gospel of Luke, chapter 17, which speaks of leprosy and 10 lepers who were cured. But only one went back to where Jesus was and knelt down to say thank you.

Kneisley said that as you read the Gospel of Luke, you can feel the hurt in Christ's heart because Jesus looked down at the one leper and asked, "Where are the other nine?"

Kneisley said, especially during

this time of Thanksgiving when so often everyday life of preparing food, shopping and getting ready for the next holiday, the thankful attitude is just a passing thought.

God, Kneisley said, wants us to live with an attitude of gratitude.

"We are going to meet Jesus face to face one day, and the Bible says when we meet Him, we are to say thank you," Kneisley said. "We will have an attitude of gratitude. But for some, Christ will look back and say 'Why did you wait till now to thank me? What happened to thanking me when you were on planet earth?'"

Collision sends four people to hospital

A head-on collision early Friday morning in northern Jackson County sent four people to the hospital and closed a portion of the highway for a period of time, according to Jackson County Sheriff Tim Morse.

The Jackson County Sheriff's Office 911 Center received a report at approximately 1:44 a.m. of a head-on vehicle accident at the Muddy Creek Bridge north of 318th Road on U.S. Highway 75.

Morse reported that Saul Hernandez Castoreno of Harlingen, Texas, was driving northbound in his 2000 Ford Mustang when he lost control on the icy bridge, and his vehicle struck a southbound 1996 Acura driven by John Curtis Owens of Topeka.

Owens had to be extricated from the vehicle by responders, it was reported.

The highway was closed for a period of time until it was cleared and the ice on the bridge was treated. Netawaka, Whiting and Holton Fire Departments responded to the scene.

Jackson County EMS transported four patients from the accident with non-incapacitating injuries to Topeka hospitals, it was reported.



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Immanuel Lutheran Church By Esther L. Ideker

The last Sunday of the church year was observed at the early morning worship service of Immanuel Lutheran Church on Nov. 22. It is all about Jesus. It's only about Him. Sunday's service helps us to focus upon the one who came once to save us and will come again to claim us as His own forever.

The last Sunday of the church year is a day to worship our reigning and coming King. As we will see, He is not a detached King, keeping a safe distance from His people. No, He is a King who loves to come near and show us that our righteousness and salvation are in Him alone. It's all about Jesus and what He has done, is doing and will do for you!

The opening hymn was "Thy Strong Word." Following the invocation, opening sentences and confession and absolution, the congregation sang one verse of "Lo, He Comes With Clouds Descending." Elder Topher Dohl read the Old Testament lesson from Isaiah chapter 51 and the Epistle lesson from Jude chapter 20. Psalm 93 was read responsively by women and men. Before the reading of the Holy Gospel from Mark 13:24-37 by Pastor Jeff Geske, "Glory Be to God the Father" was sung.

In the children's message, Pastor Geske shared the Gospel lesson with the children, which tells us to "Stay Awake." This means at the last days to be alert and ready. Who is coming? Our Lord and Savior has promised to return on the last day. We need to band our lives on Jesus.

Pastor led the children in singing "The Wise Man Built His House Upon A Rock." "The blessings come down and the prayers go up – so build your life on our Lord."

The sermon hymn was "To God Be The Glory." Pastor Geske's sermon was titled "Built Up In Faith," based on the Epistle lesson. The past few Sundays, we have been focusing on the end times and being ready

for the coming of Christ. St. Jude encourages us to "build yourselves up upon your most holy faith." That is, simply, to "hang in there" with the means of God's grace, staying in connection and clinging to the preaching of God's Word and receiving His sacraments. For it is Christ who gives and sustains the faith that keeps hope alive for the last day, the day of resurrection and the life of the world to come.

While believers have already received His mercy, they must wait for the consummation of that mercy when their salvation will be made complete. They must know, without any doubt, that their Savior will soon return for them. Nothing can and nothing will separate us from the love of Christ. Be built up in faith, encourage others, and joyfully look forward to the day when God will say, "Welcome home!"

The congregation professed The Nicene Creed. Following the gathering of the offering by ushers Topher Dohl and Travis Amon, the following prayers were brought to our merciful God.

For the advancement of Christ's kingdom that we may share the gifts of our Savior in both our words and actions; for all those who are united to Christ by Holy Baptism, that they may walk in newness of life; for all pastors, teachers, missionaries and other servants of the church, that they may both be taught by our Savior and teach others His love; for our congregation, that we may work together in unity for the sake of Christ and His mission; for all who serve in positions of leadership in our government and military, that the Lord would always be their refuge and strength; and for all who are broken in heart, mind and body, that they may know the healing of Jesus in body, mind and spirit. The congregation joined in singing The Lord's Prayer.

Following the benediction, the ser-

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OPINION

School bus safety back in the news

The Nov. 18 school bus accident in neighboring Brown County, in which the driver and 22 Hiawatha school district students required treatment at local hospitals after the bus left the roadway, went down an embankment, and then rolled over once before coming to rest back on its wheels, is a reminder that these kinds of accidents can and do occur.

Luckily, in this case, no one received life-threatening injuries.

Most school buses in the United States don't have seat belts or similar restraints to protect children in case of accidents, it has been reported.

Federal law requires them in buses under 10,000 pounds, but that's only a small proportion of the school buses in use. The 6 to 12-seater buses are treated like cars, light trucks and passenger vehicles because of their similar low weight and center of gravity.

But larger buses — like the standard long yellow school bus that makes up about 80 percent of the nation's fleet — weigh in much heavier, and their passengers sit much higher, making them safer in collisions, experts says.

For those, federal education and transportation agencies leave the decision up to the states. And so far, only six states require seat belts to be installed.

You might wonder that if cars have seat belts, then why aren't they generally required in school buses?

The stock school bus industry answer is that modern school buses are already remarkably safe, and because seat belts don't work the same way in buses as they do cars. Numerous federal and academic studies have concluded that school buses are the safest form of ground transportation of all, in fact. The National Safety Council says they're about 40 times safer than the family car.

About 440,000 public school buses carry 24 million children more than 4.3 billion miles a year, but only about six children die each year in bus accidents, according to an-

nual statistics compiled the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Designers of modern school buses reportedly use a passive system called compartmentalization. Bus seats aren't packed closely together just to maximize capacity (although that's one reason); they're spaced tightly and covered with 4-inch-thick foam to form a protective bubble.

In a crash, "the child will go against the seat, and that will absorb most of the impact," said John Hamilton, transportation director for the Jackson County, Fla., school board. "Plus, it's a safety device so that they won't be projecting through the air."

Cost and room are two other main reasons for declining to install seat belts:

- *Cost. It would add \$8,000 to \$15,000 to the cost of a new bus while having little to no impact on safety, it has been reported.

- *Room. Seat belts would also take up room that's now used for seats, meaning "fewer children can be accommodated on each row," according to an Alabama study.

Some groups, like the National Coalition for School Bus Safety, say the evidence is incomplete and unconvincing, and they argue that skepticism over seat belts is driven by "an economically driven industry."

Many other organizations dedicated to school transportation also oppose mandatory seat belts, including the National Association for Pupil Transportation, the National School Transportation Association and the National Association of State Directors of Pupil Transportation Services.

The fact that six of the 50 states have decided to require seat belts on the larger school buses is interesting and begs the question: Are we really doing enough in Kansas to protect children traveling in school buses?

David Powl

LETTER: Remembering how the community meals got started

Dear editor,

Her name was Edna and she was a small frail woman who in 1985 did something that has affected the Holton community in a positive way ever since.

On Thanksgiving Day in 1985, Edna held the first community dinner at St. Dominic's Hall with no more than 20 people in attendance. As each year passed, the attendance has grown to an average of 250-300 people each year, with 350 served at the largest dinner.

In 1989, Edna and her husband, Francis, started a dinner at Christmas also. Each year those in attendance are fed Christmas dinner with all the fixings, but Francis wanted

to do more. As they leave the dinner, each family is given a bag full of fruit, candy, peanuts and popcorn so they go away with something for Christmas.

As the years passed, Edna's health became a concern, and ironically, she died on Thanksgiving Day 1997 with the family she loved so much by her side.

When Edna could no longer go on, many people stepped up to help and continue the dinner. In 1999, Freda Galer took over as coordinator for the dinner and has been there ever since.

I just want to say thank you to the people of Holton who over the years have given so much of their time and resources to help, Ron's IGA,

Country Mart and Wal-Mart for the supplies.

Thanks for all the volunteers over the years who have helped cook, serve, clean and deliver meals. To Francis DeVader for his leadership and always making sure everything that was needed was there.

I especially want to thank Edna DeVader for her compassion to serve. Through all the doubt and challenges she had to face, the legacy she left is still alive today due to her obedience to God.

I remember well the first dinner. I asked her why she was doing this, and she said "God told me to."

You see it is by the love of Christ that this woman shared with others that is still with us today. Her influ-

ence in my life has had a profound effect on who I have become.

Every year at the Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners, we get to witness the love of Jesus Christ carried out through the obedience of a small woman named Edna.

I think the following verse is truly her heart for she just wanted to help others. "I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus," Philippians 3:14.

Thanks mom for your heart. Not a day goes by that I do not think about you. I love you, and I miss you.

Marty DeVader
Holton

PLAINS FOLK: Remembering Wounded Knee

By Tom Isern

There comes,

Christmas week, this year, an anniversary to be observed with remembrance rather than celebration.

On Dec. 29, it will be 125 years from the day of the tragic carnage at Wounded Knee, South Dakota.

Once called a battle, it is generally today termed a massacre - a word that I use sparingly, but recognize as appropriate in this case.

How many Lakota people - mostly Mnikhowozu, some Sichangu, some Hunkpapha, maybe others - died that day and the days just after?

Two hundred or more, a large percentage being women and children. It is not good to quibble over the number. Names are good to note, numbers not so much; it's more the character of the action that merits the word "massacre" than a number.

When I was going to college way back in the last century, the hot book title in American Western studies was Bury My Heart at Wounded



Knee, by Dee Brown.

Nowadays we look back and say, it's too bad Brown made his native subjects into victims of violence, rather than developing human portrayals with aspirations and agency.

Still, Brown's book was important. It compelled more Americans than just wonky historians to face up to the violence done in the name of progress.

Wounded Knee long has held a certain cachet with Western historians because it took place in the year 1890.

That was the year, of course, demarcated by Frederick Jackson Turner as the symbolic end of the American frontier.

1890 was not, really, the end of the frontier, and it wasn't really the end of anything particular for American Indians of the plains, but focusing on a date sometimes throws things into better relief.

More than a decade before Wounded Knee, generally, Plains Indians had gone onto reservations and commenced living on government provisions. They continued to do so after 1890.

What the episode at Wounded Knee made plain, however, was that the drive to eradicate tribal cul-

tures and to make Indians behave like white settlers was not a matter of choice, but one of continuing coercion backed up by military force. Just a reminder.

The University of Oklahoma Press published a good book about Wounded Knee last year - American Carnage: Wounded Knee, 1890, by Jerome A. Greene.

This is an excellent study that, while empathetic to those both native and white who suffered and died, works methodically through the documentation to reasoned conclusions.

I have one quibble with Greene's book. In constructing his narrative of what went down in South Dakota in 1890, he relies on what I call the "blue line" sources, the reports of army officers and federal officials.

Then he circles back to consider what the Indians remembered about the same events. The result is something less than an integrated story.

Still, reading Greene in this year of remembrance, I take several important points. First, the Lakota people involved were neither deluded nor passive.

Second, the army officers on the scene, who were supposed to contain and disarm a displaced band

with chief Bigfoot, bungled the affair badly. They positioned their forces such that, if there should be a struggle over giving up the guns - which there was - there would be blood, lots of it.

Third, there is no evidence that the elements of the 7th Cavalry on the scene murdered Indians as a matter of revenge. That's just an irresistible story, it seems. And fourth, once the shooting started, the affair turned into a massacre, with soldiers shooting women and children indiscriminately.

I make these observations not to inspire white guilt, because that does no one any good. I make them in recognition that the plains folk who suffered such trauma, at Wounded Knee and elsewhere, went on with life, raised their children, and persisted as people and peoples.

Dee Brown notwithstanding, what is called for is not pity, but respect.

Note: Tom Isern is professor of history and university distinguished professor at North Dakota State University. He is also director of the Center for Heritage Renewal there.

Guest Commentary

For a well-functioning Congress, they must spend more time at Capitol Hill

By Lee Hamilton

When Paul Ryan became House Speaker a few weeks ago, he made it clear that he has no intention of spending too much time in Washington. His wife and children are in Wisconsin, he pointed out, and he plans to commute, as he's done since he got elected to Congress

"I just work here," he told CNN. "I don't live here."

I have great sympathy for Ryan's urge to strike a balance between family and work. It is very, very tough for every member, let alone the Speaker, to live and work far from home, and to weigh constantly whether to be in Washington or back in the district.

I remember that when I served in Congress, I felt I was in the wrong place wherever I happened to be. If I was home in Indiana, I missed important meetings on Capitol Hill. When I was in Washington, the calendar in Indiana was filled with events I should have been attending.

Yet while we should sympathize with the compromises members of Congress have to make between their duties in Washington and their responsibilities back home, there's no question where they must be to discharge their public responsibilities. If we want a well-functioning Congress, they need to be in Washington more.

When I first got elected to Con-

gress in 1964, members didn't have to split time between their colleagues on Capitol Hill and their families back in the district, because most of us moved our families to Washington. But over the years, the politics of the country have grown strongly anti-Washington.

Members of Congress do not want to be associated with the city. They want to show they haven't been seduced by the lifestyle of the Nation's Capital or adopted an - inside-the-beltway - mindset. They take pride in rejecting the elitism of Washington. Today's politics make it hard to argue that members should be spending more time on Capitol Hill.

Yet as Washington Post newspaper writer Dana Milbank noted recently in an insightful column on the topic, "It's no mere coincidence that in the time this trend has taken hold, much of what had previously existed in Washington disappeared: civility, budget discipline, big bipartisan legislation and just general competence. In place of this have come bickering, showdowns, shutdowns and the endless targeting of each other for defeat in the next election."

Expanding the Capitol Hill work-week, in other words, isn't just a symbolic gesture. It's one of the keys to reversing congressional dysfunction.

For starters, you have to get to know your colleagues in order to do business with them. The amenities are crucial in politics, even more than in most spheres of working life. In any Legislature, whether it's on Capitol Hill or in a state capital or in City Hall, the very nature of the job is going to involve disagreement. Yet everyone there is there to solve problems together; they have

no choice but to work together. It's hard to attack a person you know well, but even more important, getting to know one another - and one another's families - is an essential lubricant for resolving the issues you confront together.

Second, drafting legislation is highly demanding, because the core of it involves building consensus. This takes time. It can't be forced. Members have to have the time and room to consider the options, look for common ground, and think through alternatives. Politicians, in other words, need sufficient time to be good politicians and good legislators. The array of tough issues that face Congress can't be dealt with by part-time legislators.

Which is what they are right now. Members of Congress work hard, but they do not work hard at legislating. They work hard at constituent relations and raising money and campaigning. Legislating, whether we like it or not, takes a five-day week, not the three they put in at the moment.

What I'm arguing for here will not be popular with members of Congress, and it certainly won't get a warm reception from their families. But they are elected to do the job of legislating. For the good of the institution they serve and the work product they owe the nation, members need to spend more time in Washington.

Note: Lee Hamilton is a distinguished scholar at Indiana University School of Global and International Studies; and a professor of practice at the IU School of Public and Environmental Affairs. He was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives for 34 years.



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OBITUARIES



Lowry

Leon E. Lowry, 86, Holton, formerly of Wetmore, died Sunday, Nov. 29, 2015, at Medicalodges Jackson County in Holton.

He was born May 11, 1929, at Soldier, the son of Arthur and Gladys Thomas Lowry. He graduated from Soldier High School in 1948.

Mr. Lowry served in the U.S. Army in Japan from 1951 to 1953. He worked for the Wilson Packing House in Kansas City for 20 years. In 1975, he and his wife moved to Wetmore and he worked at Wilde Tool Company in Hiawatha, then BMB Manufacturing in Holton and later for Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company in Topeka. He retired in 1991.

He was a member of First Baptist Church in Holton and Holton VFW Post 1367.

He married Shirley M. Pidock on March 17, 1957, at Paola. She died Oct. 8, 2006. He also was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Delbert Lowry and Noel Lowry.

Survivors include two sisters, Betty Wheeler, Holton, and June Anderson, Netawaka; and nieces and nephews.

Cremation is planned. Graveside services with flag presentation will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday in Wetmore Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Medicalodges Jackson County Activity Fund, sent in care of Chapel Oaks Funeral Home, P.O. Box 1034, Holton, KS 66436.

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Levier

Sharon Levier, 72, Topeka, died Sunday, Nov. 29, 2015, at Stormont-Vail Regional Medical Center in Topeka.

She was born Feb. 3, 1943, on the Potawatomi Reservation at Mayetta, the daughter of Oliver Peter and Mary Moore Levier.

Ms. Levier worked as a housekeeper for Highland Homes in Topeka, retiring in 2002.

She was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church.

She married Milford Gibson. He survives.

Other survivors include sons, Theodore Gibson and wife Teresa and Robert Gibson, all of Topeka, and Simion James Oliver Gibson, of the home; a granddaughter, Lena Gibson, of the home; a sister, Bernadette Lewis, Topeka; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and siblings, Albert Moore, Martha Valdivia, Geneva Upton and Glenn Levier.

Cremation is planned. Mass of Christian burial will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church. Burial will follow in Shipshew Cemetery. A visitation will be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday at St. Theresa Klepac Hall at the church, with a rosary prayed at 7 p.m. A register book will be available to sign at Chapel Oaks Funeral Home in Hoyt. *Holton Recorder 11/30/15*

Martin

Leroy P. Martin, 83, Holton, formerly of Topeka, died Monday, Nov. 30, 2015, at Medicalodges Jackson County in Holton.

Funeral arrangements are pending with Chapel Oaks Funeral Home in Holton. *Holton Recorder 11/30/15*

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Kientz Corner

By Beverly Ramey Newell

On Nov. 22, the Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church congregation opened its worship service by singing "For The Beauty Of The Earth."

Remember the church conference at 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 1 in the sanctuary, and the cookie exchange from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Dec. 12 at the church.

From 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Dec. 5 at the church, Jim and Jeanetta Boughn will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary at an open house. No gifts, please. Come and help them celebrate this special occasion.

A prayer concern was for Ariya, who is four years old and is in the

University of Kansas Medical Center in serious condition.

The birthdays for Nov. 22 through Nov. 28: Carrie Michaelson and Larry Miles, Nov. 22; Larry Wilson, Nov. 24; Murel Brandenburg, Nov. 26; and Don Old, Nov. 27. The anniversary for the week was Darrell and Marilyn Colhouer, Nov. 27.

The children's story was given by Kevin McDowell. He asked, "What is a harvest?" The answer is, "It is the time of the year when matured grain, fruit, vegetables, etc. are reaped and gathered in. The gathering in of a crop."

Brian Smith, Kevin and the chil-

Give with caution on 'Giving Tuesday': BBB

Charities across the country will be seeking to capitalize on the holiday spirit by promoting "Giving Tuesday" on Dec. 1 as an opportune time to make donations, according to the Better Business Bureau.

For many Americans, giving to charities is almost as important during the holidays as celebrating with family. As a result, mailboxes often are stuffed with charitable solicitations as well as catalogs this time of year. Whether you celebrate or not, giving before Jan. 1 means your gifts will be deductible on your 2015 tax return.

Giving Tuesday is an idea that began three years ago with the 92nd Street Y in New York. Since then, it has grown to include more than 27,000 partners nationwide. Last year, more than \$26.1 million was given online through Blackbaud, a company that processes online donations of charities listed on the Giving Tuesday Web site.

BBB tips to increase your confidence that your donation will be used wisely:

- If you are unfamiliar with an organization, don't hesitate to ask the charity for written information about its programs and finances.

- Don't succumb to pressure to give money on the spot. A charity that can use your money today will welcome it just as much tomorrow. Watch out for appeals that bring tears to your eyes, but tell you nothing about how your donation will be

used.

- Before making online donations, determine whether the charity's Web site is secure and that it has a privacy policy concerning the use of your name, email address or other personal facts. (Secure site URLs begin with https://.)

- When considering support for a cause-related marketing campaign, find the answers to these questions: What portion of the purchase price will benefit the charity? What is the duration of the campaign? What is the maximum or minimum total contribution? If the information is not on the item, check the organization's Web site.
- Before donating used items, make sure they are in good shape to reuse. Donating junk puts an undue burden on the charity and could do more harm than good. You may want to consider selling the item and donating the proceeds to a charity.

- Seek professional advice if you are in doubt about the deductibility of contributions.

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dren gathered in the congregation "Harvest of Blessings" for the church. This is a time when we may give back to the church.

The chancel choir sang "A Psalm Of Thanks." Those singing were Janet Baldwin, Kristy Beatty, Betty Domer, Kay Jones-Ray, Annie McDowell, Sandy Old, Gayle Smith, Billie Winsor, Gary Domer, Clifford Hurst, Ron Griffiths, Bruce Lanning, Bruce Tomlinson and John Wilson. Greg Baldwin directed them while Mary Smith accompanied them on the piano.

Kay Jones-Ray read the scriptures Psalm 23 and I Peter 2:9-10, 25.

The sermon "Savior, Like A Shepherd, Lead Us" was given by the Rev. Kevin Rea, Forest Park Director. What dictates your daily life? How do you live your life? We should try to do whatever we can to please God. At times, we may stray away from God.

David, a shepherd, wrote Psalm 23. Sheep are loyal and trusting. They know their shepherd will take care of them. If we are afraid and are in turmoil, we feel badly. We have a hunger for peace.

Our church is a sanctuary for us to come and feel safe. Let us listen for God's voice, calling us to return to Him. God is like the "Good Shepherd;" He will take care of us.

The adult bell choir played "With Pearls Of Thanks And Praise." Those playing bells were Kristy Beatty, Betty

Domer, Kay Jones-Ray, Danette Martin, Kyle Marakas, Annie McDowell, Kelly Neiman, Anna Risinger, Kyle Risinger, Barbara Slimmer and Val Warkentine. They were directed by Greg Baldwin.

The closing hymn was "We Gather Together." Those assisting with the service were Kay Jones-Ray, liturgist; Greg Baldwin, organist; Deb Mannell, sound system; Hailee Gower, acolyte; John Wilson, song leader; and Norm and Tina Davis, Larry Miles and Denis Warkentine, usher team.

On Nov. 22, Greg and Janet Baldwin, Kay Jones-Ray, Vicki Knapp and Gary and Barbara Slimmer ate lunch at Puffy's Steakhouse in Maple Hill.

On Nov. 19, Larry and Barbara Hanson, Clifford and Alice Hurst, Dick and Beverly Newell, John and Dorothy Holt and Phil and Marguerite Pond ate lunch at Old Chicago Restaurant in Topeka.

On Nov. 20, Beverly Newell, Garrie Oppitz and Dee Smith attended District 3 School of Instruction, Order of the Eastern Star, at Evangeline Chapter 162 in Baldwin City. Claudia Hey, district aide, presided over the school while Pam Abel, worthy grand matron of Kansas, conducted the school. Richard Short, worthy grand patron, was in attendance, along with six other grand officers. There were a total of 50 members present for the school. It was a very good school.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Russian rulers (alt. sp.)
6. Swedish krona
9. Apothecaries' unit
13. MN 55121
14. Longer forearm bone
15. Prosperous state of well-being
16. Largest Czech city (alt. sp.)
17. Moss genus larger than Bryum
18. ___ Marie Presley
19. White native of Cape Province
21. Took the same position
22. About Sun
23. Respectful (abbr.)
24. Southeast
25. Rocket launching platform
28. Stake
29. Innermost parts
31. Bowfin genus
33. Past it's prime
36. Valleys on moon
38. Cheer
39. Abrupt response
41. Leave in disgrace
44. Israeli politician Abba
45. Of an ecological sere
46. Former Kansas Sen. Dole
48. Very fast airplane
49. Blood group
51. This moment
52. Body cavity
54. Patrician
56. Exposing to ridicule
60. Beowulf's people
61. Gooseberry genus
62. Ali ___ & the Forty Thieves
63. A French abbot
64. In a way, nailed
65. His equation predicted antimatter
66. Smaller quantity
67. Danish krone
68. Heartbeat

CLUES DOWN

1. Used for insect sterilization
2. Arabian coffee cup
3. Culture medium & a food gelling agent
4. Finger millets
5. Tin
6. More guileful
7. Tree gnarl
8. Force into place
9. Drawn
10. Sudden attack
11. Donkeys
12. George Gordon ___
14. Behaving in an artificial way
17. Moundbird
20. Orange-brown antelope
21. Flocks of mallards
23. Hall of Fame (abbr.)
25. Golf score
26. Friends (French)
27. Pickling herbs
29. In a way, dwelt
30. Pierces forcefully
32. Estranges
34. Shooting marble
35. Amounts of time
37. Register formally
40. Explosive
42. Kanza people, ___ Nation
43. Symbolize Shakti
47. Burdock seed vessel
49. Wild sheep of central Asia
50. Am. naturalist Charles Wm.
52. A fencing sword
53. Romanian city straddling the Cîmbin River
55. Small talks
56. Not well
57. Astronomer Sagan
58. Overgarments
59. Twist together
61. Radioactivity unit
65. Double play

SPORTS *Monday*



Wildcat running back Justin Pool (shown in left photo, at right) tries to bounce to the outside for a long run early in Saturday's 4A-DII championship game against Holcomb. Later, teammate Bryson Patch (shown above, at right) breaks up a pass on defense. Holcomb still made a few big plays, though, and HHS was slowed down by the icy field conditions in a 21-0 loss.

Photos by Kelly Breckunitch

Holton offense frozen out in 4A-DII state title game against Holcomb

In more ways than one, Holton was in a familiar position in Salina on Saturday in the Class 4A-Division II state championship action.

The Wildcats were making their seventh state title game appearance over the weekend, but some bad habits from earlier in the season came back to bite the team against a stout foe from Holcomb, which claimed its first state title in football with a 21-0 victory.

Conditions were certainly not ideal during the game, with the field coated in ice and looking like a literal frozen tundra on Saturday afternoon. While both teams had to deal with it, the icy field seemed to affect Holton more as the game progressed.

"I think, number one, it was hard for us when we got to the perimeter to make the cut and go and made it a little easier for them to tackle in the open field. When we did break them, we had a couple of times where we overcut," HHS coach Brooks Barta said. "We just couldn't hit it quite as fast and it gave them a better chance

to make a play down the field. They were really athletic. It wouldn't be a stretch to say they were a more athletic team than we were."

Early on, it looked as though Holton would take the first lead of the game. The offense stalled on the first two drives, but was warming up, and the defense held the Longhorns in check.

After pinning Holcomb deep in its own territory after their second drive, the Wildcats then got the first big play of the game as AJ Haussler picked off a pass by Longhorn quarterback Trey Teeter on third down.

That set up the Holton offense at the Longhorns' 40-yard line, but the Wildcats proceeded to immediately turn the ball over on downs and Holcomb quickly made them regret that missed opportunity.

Teeter went right back to the air and connected with two big pass plays, including one to Brandon Stegman that set Holcomb up at the Wildcats' two-yard line. Running back Dillon Williams then finished the job with a touchdown run that gave the

Longhorns a 6-0 lead four minutes into the second quarter.

Following that score, the teams traded punts and Holton got the ball back with a chance to even things up with a little over three minutes left until halftime.

With the pressure on, the Wildcats started to get into a rhythm on offense in the tough, icy conditions as Mason Barta, Spencer Baum and Justin Pool all had key runs in the series.

Holton was on the cusp of a score with the ball at the Holcomb 12-yard line, but Barta noted poor clock management hindered the Wildcats in the waning seconds of the first half and quarterback Justin Rieschick was forced to heave a pass towards the end zone that was broken up and fell to the ground.

"That's been kind of our story this year. We get in the right position with some good plays, then we have a bad play," Barta said. "That had a lot to do with the quality of team we were playing also."

After halftime, the Longhorns broke a big run to keep their momentum rolling as they caught Holton out of position and quickly got into scoring range once again.

The Wildcats buckled down on defense and forced a fourth and goal scenario, but the play that ensued was indicative of how the day went for Holton.

Will Wright (playing with a cast on his right arm) stepped in front of a pass in the end zone, but he couldn't haul in the interception and the ball ended up bouncing off of his shoulder pads and into the hands of Holcomb receiver Braden Showalter for a touchdown.

"There was just a lot of really close, pivotal plays and it seems like most of them fell in their favor," Barta said. "That was one of those pivotal plays. There were two or three fourth down situations on both teams that were pivotal and you felt like it just wasn't in the cards after you watched all those things happen."

Barta noted his team had been looking forward to the game with the originally predicted forecast of rain, wind and bitter cold, but the unexpected field of "sonic ice" continued to wreak havoc on Holton as the game progressed.

Along with not being able to gain traction or reverse direction, the ice also limited the impact of the

Football champions crowned on Saturday

This Thanksgiving weekend, the stuffing wasn't only being done at the dinner table, but on the football field as well as six state champions were crowned and given the opportunity to stuff their trophy cases a little fuller.

In Class 6A action, one player in particular stuffed the stat sheet as Derby quarterback Brady Rust's big day helped the Panthers claim their second state title in three years.

Blue Valley initially took a quick 7-0 lead in the championship game, but that's when Rust went to work for Derby, answering with an 80-yard touchdown run. The Panthers then took 13-7 lead in the second quarter thanks to a 20-yard touchdown pass from Rust to Kenyon Tabor.

That lead stood until halftime and Derby added two more scores in the second half to ice the game, so to speak. Rust finished with more than 400 yards of total offense and had a hand in all four Panther touchdowns in the 27-14 victory.

Bishop Carroll was looking for a repeat in Class 5A, but top seed Mill Valley spoiled that outcome quickly as the Jaguars scored three times in the first five minutes to set up its championship performance.

Mill Valley quarterback Logan Koch had another big game, rushing for 79 yards and three touchdowns while passing for 200 yards and another score.

A couple of big passing touchdowns (55 and 23 yards) helped Carroll get within striking distance, 28-14, but the Mill Valley defense was more than up to the task of stopping the Golden Eagles' rushing attack. The Jaguars held them to 11 total yards in the 5A championship game.

Mill Valley then had the only score of the second half to seal the 35-14 victory and its first state title in program history.

One of two repeat champions this weekend, Bishop Miega had no trouble defending its title in 4A-Division I as the Stags rolled up 48 straight points to start the game before Andover Central was even on the scoreboard.

Miega maintained that momentum

Big Seven All-League Football (Defense)

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

DE/OLB:

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

ILB:

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

DB:

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

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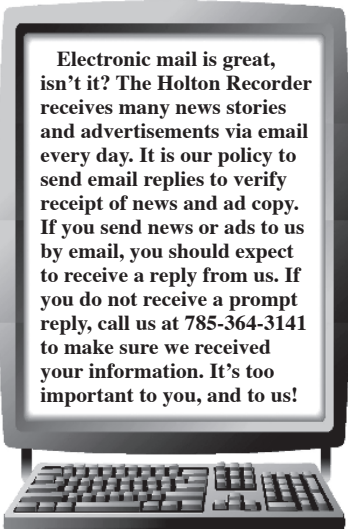
Alec Kirwan (1 st)	Sabetha	Sr.
Seth Bembrick (HM)	Riverside	Sr.
Mitchell Bond (HM)	Perry-Lecompton	Sr.



Royal Valley's Noah Rottinghaus (shown above, middle) goes up for a put back as the Panthers run through their full court offense at a recent practice.

Photo by Kelly Breckunitch

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Determined Cobras eyeing another state basketball run

For a team featuring a lot of first-year starters last season, the Jackson Heights boys basketball team sure didn't look like an inexperienced and tentative bunch in 2014-2015.

Given that the Cobras went on to claim a share of the Northeast Kansas League title and make it to the Class 2A state tournament, it's safe to say that is even less so the case this winter.

"They're not afraid of anything. They're ready to roll," JH coach Chris Brown said of his team. "They would have played the first game last week if it was out there. They're ready to get going and they have that one goal in mind to make it back to the state tournament and then advance in that tournament."

Jackson Heights will not be short on confidence or momentum this season, it seems, as the Cobras followed up that state tournament experience with an extended run in the playoffs this football season.

Brown noted he gave his players an opportunity to take some time off after that prolonged playoff run in football, but that was never really an option for this group of players as they were ready to get back to work.

With a lot of experience and leadership back this season, the Cobras are in prime position to follow through on some lofty goals. Brown noted there are still a few things to figure out despite the veteran feel of this team, but so far having so many experienced players back to contribute has been the biggest advantage for JHHS.

"It's probably the best leadership from a group that I've been around. They're going after each other. They're competing in practice, but they're doing it the right way," Brown said. "Every second of practice is competitive and they're really pushing each other to succeed."

"Sometimes it's like we have five or six coaches because we have my assistant coach and I and then we have three or four other guys all making sure people know what they're doing and that they're in the right spots, that they're going hard enough," Brown said. "It's just been such a great thing so far for us that hopefully can continue once the games start and I totally anticipate that it will."

At the forefront of that is quite the tandem, as All-League players Zane Richter and Wyatt Olberding

are returning for the Cobras after averaging a combined 38 points per game last season. Richter was an All-State selection as well and the scary thing, according to Brown, is that he expects both to be even better in 2015-2016.

"It's very likely that Zane could score less this year and have a better season because I see somebody like Wyatt potentially coming on and scoring more," Brown said. "I'm really hoping we have a Batman and Robin there where it's a definite two-headed monster, either one of them can give you 30 on any given night. They've both improved their games from last year and they both play so well together."

Westin Jacobsen and Braden Dohl will also bring back some experience as they step into starting positions this year, but Brown noted that fifth starting spot is still up for grabs.

Players like Mason Thomas, Austen Sauvage and Brady Holliday could fill that role and may be key to helping the Cobras maintain their high level of play. What Jackson Heights does this season won't change drastically, but Brown noted having a third player who can score in double digits could lead to more postseason success.

Those players may not average double digits on the season, but Brown said he sees the potential for all five to fill that role by committee.

Right now, those players and several more are fighting for playing time on a very competitive team, one that is set on making it back to state. Brown noted that can't be the team's only goal, though, and he is trying to get this group to take care of some unfinished business as well, setting their sights on winning the league outright, winning the midseason tournament and advancing at state this year.

To do all of that, it could come down to how the Cobras play on the defensive end of the floor. While the team's defensive pressure served it well over most of last season, Brown noted Central Plains was not thrown off in a first round match-up at the 2A state tournament.

Now, with Brown in his second year at JHHS and most of the Cobras in their second year of varsity basketball, the team will try to push the envelope to intensify that pressure in its quest for more success.

"Those three seniors we lost last year (Korby Strube, Lane Slocum, Seth Holliday) were as good of defenders as you'll see in this league. Replacing them on that end of the floor is not going to happen over night," Brown said. "I'm anxious to see if we can just really turn the pressure up defensively and make things really hard on other people. I think we're going to be okay scoring the basketball. We've got 40 points a game coming back. I'm anxious to see how we defend and if we can really make things easy on ourselves."

Offensively, this is a team that looks to shoot the three and will continue to do so this season. With such strong guard play, Brown said he feels that should play into the Cobras' favor this winter.

Who else factors onto this team is still in question, but the double round robin league schedule will give the Cobras a chance to work things out and get set by the midseason tournament, according to Brown.

By then, Jackson Heights could be well on its way to even more postseason success, something all preseason indicators are pointing to.

"The potential is to win it all. I think that potential is there. I couldn't have higher expectations for them as a coach and I think they're fairly realistic expectations," Brown said.

Heights will start working towards that potential in the season-opener this coming Friday against Immaculata starting at 4:30 p.m.

Returning starters/letter winners:
Zane Richter, 6' 3", guard, sr.- 27 ppg, 8 rpg, All-League and All-State in 2014-2015

Wyatt Olberding, 6' 2", guard, jr.- 10.5 ppg, All-League in 2014-2015
Westin Jacobsen, 5' 8", guard, sr.- 3 ppg in 2014-2015

Mason Thomas, 5' 10", guard, jr.
Austen Sauvage, 5' 10", guard, sr.
Braden Dohl, 6' 2", forward, so.
Lane Holliday, 6', guard, sr.
Brady Holliday, 6', guard, so.
Kaleb Keehn, 6', forward, jr.

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Welcome





Panther Kwaki Spoonhunter (shown above, middle) drives to the basket during an offensive drill at a recent practice. Spoonhunter is one of several veterans returning to the team this season, which hopes to build off a solid 13-8 campaign in 2014-2015.

Photo by Kelly Breckunitch

RVHS boys basketball looks to build on recent success

After losing only two seniors to graduation following a 13-8 season that saw the Panther boys finish fourth in the Big Seven League, it's safe to say Royal Valley won't be sneaking up on anybody this basketball season.

With a strong nucleus of experienced seniors back to lead the way in 2015-2016, head coach Keith Pelton noted his team should certainly be able to build on that.

"I think we took a step forward last year. Some kids grew up a little bit and we were pretty young. We only had two seniors last year, so we have a lot of experience coming back, but we have to gear up for that best team on our schedule," Pelton said. "If we do that night in, night out during the season, hopefully we can do pretty well."

That "best team on the schedule" is hard to pinpoint, given the overall toughness of the Big Seven, but that illustrates a familiar philosophy for the Panthers going into this season.

Given the number of veterans in this group, Pelton noted he won't look to change much this winter, but the graduation of forwards Tristan Tessendorf and Joe Cullen, in particular, could lead to some

shifting dynamics.

"I think the guards were able to go out and kind of gamble a little bit on occasion and put a little extra pressure on the perimeter knowing that Joe was back there," Pelton said. "Now, we have to make sure that we're a little bit more solid. Not that we won't have people back there to help, but it's a little different when you have the league's leading blocker back there."

With the departure of those strong forwards, Pelton noted that will put more of an emphasis on team play, especially on the defensive side of the ball.

That is not something that the Royal Valley has been lacking, according to the coach, as veterans and young players alike put the time in over the summer and have been working to bring each other along in the first few weeks of practice.

So far, the upperclassmen have been working to help the younger players understand the Panthers' team concepts, while Pelton noted those players can instill some confidence in the veterans if they take what they are working on and push those players in practice.

There is some talent in those sophomore and junior classes, Pelton noted, given what they accomplished at the freshman and JV level last season. That was based more on their athleticism, though, and taking the next step will mean learning the Panthers' system, something the entire team will need to do a better job of executing this winter.

"They're all competitive. We just have to get to the point where we're relying on the team things that we want to do," Pelton said. "That's the main thing we have to do because, like I said, they're competitive, but we have to do that at both ends of the floor. We have to take away what the other team wants offensively and then, against their defense, we have to be patient and get what we want and not settle."

With the shift to Class 3A competition starting this postseason, Royal Valley will get a hint of what to expect thanks to league competition and Pelton said his team needs to use that to influence its process in working towards team goals.

No matter the goals, the coach said

the players have to identify what it will take to accomplish those and practice towards that each day.

It's about the journey and Pelton said the first game of the season against Jeff West this coming Friday will be a telling sign for the Panthers about how that could go.

The Tigers will test how the Panthers match-up right out of the gate, but Pelton noted he feels strongly with starting senior guards Noah Rottinghaus, Derrick Barger and Kwaki Spoonhunter all back this season.

While Royal Valley won't have the same height inside this season, those posts can stretch the perimeter and, Pelton hopes, the team overall can shoot better from the outside to work some match-ups to its advantage.

If Royal Valley can ratchets up the defense and play within itself offensively, then Pelton predicts the team can make some good things happen this winter.

"Those are the two key things we need to do is just pick up our defense, do even better than last year, and then on the offensive end just be more patient and make sure that everybody's touching the ball," Pelton said. "If we have confidence in what we do on the offensive end, things slow down quite a bit. If we're trying to create too much, I think we're going to be stagnant and struggle a little bit."

After the success the Panthers had last year, spending the latter half of the season ranked in the top 10 of 4A-DII as well, Pelton told his team to expect everybody's "A" game this year. This competitive group should be ready for that as the players continue to put all their effort in at practice and come together leading into the first game against Jeff West this Friday, Dec. 4 starting at 4:30 p.m.

Returning starters/letter winners:
Derrick Barger, 5' 11", guard, sr.- 6 ppg, 4.2 apg in 2014-2015

Noah Rottinghaus, 6' 3", guard, sr.- 9.8 ppg, 5.6 rpg in 2014-2015

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Jarrett Roy, 6' 1", forward, sr.- 8.3 ppg, 4.05 rpg, All-League in 2014-2015

Nick Ehrhart, 5' 10", guard, sr.

2015-16 JHHS BOYS BASKETBALL

2015-16 Jackson Heights HS boys basketball schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Dec. 4	Immaculata	Leavenworth	4:30 p.m.
Dec. 11	Maur Hill	J. Heights	5 p.m.
Dec. 15	Pleasant Ridge	J. Heights	5 p.m.
Dec. 18	Oskaloosa	Oskaloosa	5 p.m.
Jan. 5	Valley Falls	J. Heights	5 p.m.
Jan. 8	McLouth	J. Heights	5 p.m.
Jan. 12	JCN	J. Heights	5 p.m.
Jan. 15	Horton	Horton	5 p.m.
Jan. 19-23	N. Central Tourn.	Seneca	TBA
Jan. 29	St. Marys	J. Heights	5 p.m.
Feb. 2	Immaculata	J. Heights	4:30 p.m.
Feb. 5	Maur Hill	Atchison	4:30 p.m.
Feb. 6	JV Tournament	J. Heights	10 a.m.
Feb. 9	Pleasant Ridge	Easton	5 p.m.
Feb. 12	Oskaloosa	J. Heights	5 p.m.
Feb. 16	Valley Falls	Valley Falls	5 p.m.
Feb. 19	McLouth	McLouth	5 p.m.
Feb. 23	JCN	Winchester	5 p.m.
Feb. 26	Horton	J. Heights	5 p.m.
Feb. 29-Mar. 5	2A Sub-State	TBA	TBA
Mar. 9-12	2A State Tourn.	Manhattan	TBA

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Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Dec. 4	Jeff West	Hoyt	4:30 p.m.
Dec. 8	ACCHS	Effingham	4:30 p.m.
Dec. 11	Hiawatha	Hoyt	4:30 p.m.
Dec. 15	Riverside	Elwood	4:30 p.m.
Dec. 18	Santa Fe Trail	Hoyt	4:30 p.m.
Jan. 5	Nemaha Central	Seneca	4:30 p.m.
Jan. 8	Sabetha	Sabetha	4:30 p.m.
Jan. 12	Perry-Lecompton	Hoyt	4:30 p.m.
Jan. 15	Holton	Hoyt	4:30 p.m.
Jan. 21	Panther Classic	Hoyt	3:30 p.m.
Jan. 22	Panther Classic	Hoyt	3:30 p.m.
Jan. 23	Panther Classic	Hoyt	12 p.m.
Jan. 29	Jeff West	Meriden	4:30 p.m.
Feb. 2	ACCHS	Hoyt	4:30 p.m.
Feb. 5	Hiawatha	Hiawatha	4:30 p.m.
Feb. 9	Riverside	Hoyt	4:30 p.m.
Feb. 13	JV Tournament	Hoyt	9 a.m.
Feb. 16	Nemaha Central	Hoyt	4:30 p.m.
Feb. 19	Sabetha	Hoyt	4:30 p.m.
Feb. 23	Perry-Lecompton	Perry	4:30 p.m.
Feb. 26	Holton	Holton	4:30 p.m.
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Jackson Heights' Lane Holliday (shown above, middle) comes down with a rebound between teammates Braden Dohl (left) and Brady Holliday (right) at a recent practice. Competition has been intense in practice so far, according to coach Chris Brown, as several Cobras (including these three) fight for varsity playing time.

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UPCOMING PREP SPORTS

THURSDAY, DEC. 3: HHS Wrestling vs. Tonganoxie – 6 p.m. @ Holton

FRIDAY, DEC. 4: RVHS Wrestling – Burlington Dual Tournament – 3 p.m. @ Burlington; RVHS Boys Basketball vs. Jeff. West – 4:30 p.m. @ Hoyt; RVHS Girls Basketball vs. Jeff. West – 4:30 p.m. @ Hoyt; JHHS Boys Basketball vs. Immaculata – 4:30 p.m. @ Leavenworth; JHHS Girls Basketball vs. Immaculata – 4:30 p.m. @ Leavenworth; HHS Wrestling – Spring Hill Dual – 2 p.m. @ Spring Hill; HHS Boys Basketball vs. Sabetha – 4:30 p.m. @ Sabetha; HHS Girls Basketball vs. Sabetha – 4:30 p.m. @ Sabetha

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Jackson Heights senior Wyatt Roles capped off a pretty impressive season recently for the Cobra football team by being selected to the Northeast Kansas All-League first team offense and defense. He was one of only six players to earn first team honors on both sides of the ball. Roles was an anchor on the offensive line, even helping the Cobras rack up nearly 300 rushing yards in their season-ending loss to Olpe in the sectional round of the Class 2-1A playoffs, while causing havoc across the defensive front as well.



Royal Valley senior Kate Hanson had a stellar final campaign for the Lady Panther volleyball team, which earned her All-League as well as All-County honors recently. A dominant force in the middle, Hanson racked up 238 kills and 164 blocks for Royal Valley this fall. That block total was tops in the Big Seven League, while her kills ranked fourth overall this season.



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Corn row spacing demonstration results

By David G. Hallauer
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Crops and Soils/Horticulture

In my last column, I shared data from the last two years of corn row spacing work we've done in the district. Both years showed an advantage to the narrower row spacing. 2015 data showed differences of 16 bushels per acre (204 vs. 188) at 26,000 plants per acre and 11 bushels per acre (206 vs. 195) at 30,000 plants per acre.



Is two years enough data to bank on? Maybe... maybe not! To determine the value of the data, we first have to understand how the plant responds differently in narrow versus wide rows.

Sunlight drives plant growth and water is needed to then convert sunlight to biomass. If we are managing everything else as we should (weed

control and nutrients), light and water tend to be our limiting factors — two factors that row width affect.

For example, gaps within or between rows equals wasted energy, which equals less efficient photosynthesis and the misuse of energy to be captured and utilized by weeds. Research shows that narrow row spacing crops intercept more light energy earlier in the growing season. The hope is that we provide enough ground “cover” to keep moisture loss to a minimum as well. In addition, early canopy closure helps to minimize herbicide applications (input cost).

So why aren't narrow rows a no-brainer? For starters, the advantage to light interception appears to be gone by the V12-V14 growth stage (approximately two to four weeks before flowering). If we were sunlight-limiting, it might be an issue. We tend not to be!

Second, by flowering, corn roots have expanded to span the distance between 30-inch rows. In other words, our root “space” advantage tends to be gone by that stage in

most years.

Third, we just don't seem to see consistent data favoring narrowing row spacing — in most environments. This data encompasses one site over two years (and hopefully more!) with excellent yields.

To continue to sort out the differences over a longer range of yield environments (yields have averaged near the 200 bushel mark the last two years), we have to look at longer term plot work and references to other data. KSU data from the late 1990s showed an advantage to narrow rows at yield levels nearing the 200 bushel mark, so this data isn't necessarily out of line with previous data. Other states haven't necessarily seen the same.

Where do narrow rows fit? We'll wrap this up next week with some suggestions!

Keep Compost Pile Moist

If you've been putting off starting a compost pile — wait no longer! Between leaves and other yard and garden waste, there's definitely no shortage of material available this time of year.

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The goal: keep the pile moist, but not waterlogged. Edges will dry out the quickest and may need a light sprinkling from time to time.

If you are interested in composting but don't know how it is done, check out a K-State Research and Extension video at tinyurl.com/c8aw6lk and/or our publication at www.hfr.ksu.edu/doc1757.ashx — also available via your District Office.



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Area lease, sheep meetings set

By Jody G. Holthaus
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Livestock/Natural Resources

Gosh, the vows really get tested, especially the “in sickness and in health” part.

First, a round of the flu for the guy who's first in line to get a flu shot, then a broken tooth, all because of my “boneless chicken” entree. Then a loopy husband insists he can feed hay to the cows. I agree



so he will be quiet. The next minute, he wakes up saying “is the skid loader running?” At that point, I told him to take a nap, we can handle it without you!

Now, back to work. I don't make a very good nurse.

Coming up is a lease meeting for tenants and landowners at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1 at the Fair Building in Valley Falls. We are pleased to have two great experts, Dr. Mykel Taylor, KSU Ag Economist, and an attorney from Arthur Green LLC. We will be talking about equitable farm leases and some information on estate planning. There is no registration fee for this event.

Secondly, a sheep and goat meeting will be held for the northeast Kansas area at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 14 at the fair building in Valley Falls. Dr. Deb Mangelsdorf from the Wamego area will be talking about general care and the use of antibiotics for sheep and goats. Dr. Mangelsdorf is a renowned specialist of small ruminants and a contributing author to the Dairy Goat Journal.

A question and answer session will follow her presentation, so your topics can be discussed. The event is free and open to anyone interested.

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Residential Property

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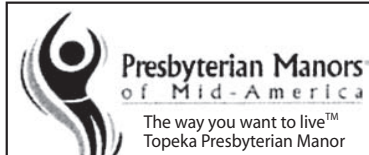
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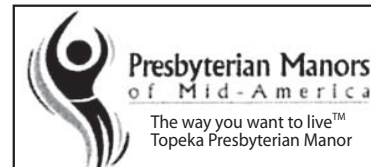
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Students at Jackson Heights grade school sang several patriotic songs during a special Veterans Day program held at the district on Nov. 24. About two dozen local veterans were recognized at the event.

Photo by Brian Sanders

Make meal prep easier for the holidays

By Cindy Williams
Meadowlark Extension District
Foods and Nutrition

The holidays are a busy and hectic time for all of us. Consider using some of the following tips to help make your meals a little easier and yes, less stressful for you!



- Make and freeze your pies. For a fruit pie, you can make the whole pie, then freeze it unbaked. The day before your meal, take it out of the freezer and expect to bake a whole (frozen) pie for 20-45 minutes more than the recipe specifies, depending on the temperature of your freezer and the amount of filling. For a single crust pie like pumpkin or pecan, make the bottom crust, put it in the pie dish, wrap and freeze, then fill and bake the day before the holiday.

- Get your knives professionally sharpened. Cooking is easier and more fun when your knives are sharp.

- Roast a chicken for dinner a couple of times before the holiday to practice your poultry carving skills. Carving a turkey and carving a chicken are exactly the same.

- Read the recipes you picked very carefully to make sure you have the equipment you need... for instance, do you have a pan big enough to roast a turkey? A rack for the pan? Food processor? Vegetable peeler?

- Be sure you have an instant read thermometer so your "bird" isn't undercooked or overcooked. These thermometers are available at most stores that sell kitchen gadgets.

- Split your grocery shopping into two strategic trips. The first trip, which you should do a full week before the holiday (before the supermarkets get crowded), is for nonperishables — canned things, flour and sugar, spices, paper towels, foil — anything on your list that doesn't need to be super fresh. Then make a second smaller and easier trip the day or

two before the holiday to just pick up things like salad greens, any fruit you still need, milk, cream, etc.

- Make a big batch of turkey stock and gravy now and freeze it. Defrost in the refrigerator two days before the holiday.

- Same goes for the cranberry sauce. This kind of sauce freezes very well. Begin thawing in the fridge two days before the holiday.

- You can make the puree part of any casserole in advance and freeze it. Any time you bake and mash up a vegetable with dairy (puree) and use that as the base of a casserole, you can freeze that base. Thaw it in the fridge a few days before the holiday so you can finish your casserole. Sweet potato casserole could be prepared this way.

- Plan your day of cooking timeline in advance. Write it down and tape it somewhere easy to ready/check off. Steps to include might be when to make the stuffing, make pie, prep the turkey, when to start cooking the turkey, make the gravy, carve the turkey etc.

To do this, get your recipes printed out, then go through them and figure out what order everything needs to happen. Establish a time and work backwards to establish the starting time from when you plan to serve this meal. If needed, practice this with a couple of meals several days ahead of your holiday meal to get the "hang of it" and have everything done at the right time.

- Know how long it will take your turkey to thaw; you might need to start early. Be sure to thaw in the refrigerator and place on lowest shelf to avoid cross contamination with other foods. An 8-12 pound turkey needs two to three days; 12-16 pounds needs three to four days and a 16-20 pound turkey needs four to five days. Never thaw a turkey on the kitchen counter or leave it out more than two hours at room temperature.

- Move your prepped frozen foods from the freezer to the refrigerator to thaw.

- Toast any nuts you need to toast; grate any cheese you need to grate. Often salads, stuffings or casseroles call for nuts to be toasted before they're mixed in. This is

a step you can take care of early and then store in an airtight container for up to a week. Same goes for the grated cheese you need to sprinkle on top of a casserole or mix into a side dish.

- Use a cooler to brine your turkey so that it doesn't take up your entire refrigerator, or just use it as an extra fridge. Before you go grocery shopping, take all nonessentials out of your fridge and store them in a cooler filled with ice packs.

- Get the mashed potato prep done the day before. You can peel, cut and soak them overnight in the refrigerator. Be sure potatoes are covered with water so they don't turn brown.

- Wash, trim, and chop your vegetables the day before then store in plastic storage bags in the refrigerator.

- You can even saute your stuffing ingredients the day before. Let them cool, put them in a plastic storage bag and put in the refrigerator. Then tomorrow you can heat them back up quickly and finish making your stuffing without all the chopping and mess.

- Designate your serving plates and utensils; put labels in them the night before the meal.

- Set the table the day before.

- The day of the holiday, use a slow cooker to keep your mashed potatoes warm. To keep them warm, butter your slow-cooker insert, add a little cream or milk and spoon in the potatoes. Set the temperature to low and remember to give them a stir every 30 minutes.

- If part of the turkey starts to brown too quickly or burn, don't panic, just cover that part with a sheet of foil. This is called "tenting" and can be used for other foods that tend to brown too quickly like pie crusts and breads.

- Know where to put the thermometer to tell if your turkey is really done. Most turkeys have a plastic pop-up device to help you tell if your turkey is done; however, these are only guidelines and to really tell if your bird is done, use a thermometer! It is important to think about where you need to place the thermometer in order to get an accurate reading.

When it's time to get a read on your turkey, stick the thermometer down into the fleshiest part of the thigh, where it attaches to

the drumstick. Don't let the thermometer touch the bone. When the temperature reaches 165 degrees Fahrenheit for at least 15 seconds, pull the turkey out, tent it with foil and let it sit for 30 minutes before carving. This resting step will help to redistribute the juices and make for a juicier, moister bird.

- Revive dry turkey meat with a little warm stock. One of the best things you can do while you're cooking the day of the holiday is have a pan of turkey or chicken stock on the back burner. You can use it to thin gravy, moisten sides or revive the overcooked turkey.

I hope that you will consider using some of these "tips" to help you enjoy this special meal with your family and friends.

Smith, Schneider graduate from certified public manager program

The University of Kansas Public Management Center has announced the 2015 graduates of the Kansas Certified Public Manager (CPM) program. The graduation ceremony took place at 10 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 20, in the House Chamber at the Capitol in Topeka.

Area graduates include Macie Smith of Hoyt, who is employed by Youth Encounter, and Wade W.G. Schneider of Mayetta, who is employed by the Prairie Band Potawatomi Tribal Police Department.

The 55 graduates, who began their coursework in January, represent local, county, state or federal agencies, as well as utilities, from across Kansas. They participated in classes in Topeka, the Kansas City area and southwest Kansas.

This year, an additional 17 graduates of the Law Enforcement Leadership Academy (LELA) Command School completed their CPM certification through classroom instruction and online work, and they were included in the graduation ceremony. Starting in 2016, LELA Command School students will earn their CPM certification simultaneously with the Command School program.

The Kansas CPM program is a professional education opportunity for managers working in government agencies, nonprofits and organizations that contract to provide public services and meet community needs.

The CPM program is a nationally accredited management program and certification in which participants develop and strengthen their management skills through a competency-based curriculum. Close to 1,600 CPM graduates have earned the nationally recognized emblem of management excellence through the Kansas program.

The CPM program can fill a training gap for staff with significant technical expertise who seek to further their knowledge of current management practices. The Kansas program offers a blended learning approach of classroom hours, online learning and outside assignments to meet 300 hours of structured learning.

The curriculum addresses personal and organizational integrity, managing work, leading people, developing self, public service and leadership during times of change. Along the way, participants complete a capstone project focused on an opportunity for cost savings, revenue generation, process improvement or innovation in their workplace.

Participants meet in the classroom two days per month for one year, starting in January. In 2016, CPM will be offered in three locations: Topeka, the Kansas City metro area and Hays. For more information or to apply, visit the KU Public Management Center's website or contact Callahan by email or at 785-864-6864.

Santa letters due here Wednesday, Dec. 9

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. Mon-

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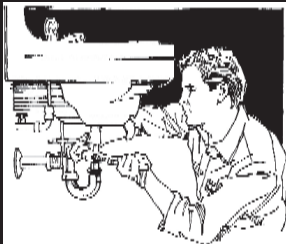
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Please include the child's name, age and hometown with each letter and submit them no later than 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 9. If their signature is illegible, please print their name to reduce confusion. Thank you.

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Edward Hindman • 935-2348 Sunday: 10 a.m. Bible class 11 a.m. Worship service Lunch following the service 1:15 p.m. Afternoon Service Evangel United Methodist Church 227 Pennsylvania Ave. • 364-3834 Sun.: 8:50 a.m. Life Journey (contemporary service) 10 a.m. Sunday school 11 a.m. Traditional worship service Church - office@evangelumc.org Pastor - pastor@evangelumc.org First Baptist Church of Holton 404 Juniper, 364-3423 • Sr. Pastor: Tim O'Byrne Director of Discipleship - Rhett Totten Sunday: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Services 5:15 & 6 p.m. Youth Groups Wed.: 10 a.m. Bible Study • 6:30 p.m. Choir Friday: 7 a.m. Women's Breakfast 6:45 a.m. Men's Breakfast First Baptist Church of Hoyt Pastor David Bumworth • 986-6446 Wednesday night prayer: 7 p.m. Sunday: 9 a.m. Sunday school 10 a.m. Worship service 7 p.m. Sunday evening worship	First Christian Church 5th and Wisconsin • 364-2545 Dr. Jim McCollough, Pastor Sunday: 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Worship First United Methodist Church Pastor Nancy Crowl • 1401 W. 4th • 364-3275 Sunday Schedule: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Worship firstumc@giantcomm.net Holton Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses 12350 214th Rd., Holton • 364-4279 Sunday Public Talk: 10 a.m. • jw.org Hoyt United Methodist Church Rev. 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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY, KANSAS

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

Case No. 2015 DM 117

NOTICE OF SUIT

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

Tessa R. Riggs, Petitioner, Pro Se
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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:

The Southwest Quarter of Section 21, Township 5, Range 16, all in Jackson County, Kansas and all personal property and

other Kansas real estate owned by decedent at the time of death. And that such property and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by the decedent at the time of death be assigned pursuant to the laws of intestate succession.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 17th day of December, 2015, at 9:00 a.m. o'clock a.m. in the City of Holton, in Jackson County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

Opal K. Featherston, Petitioner

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