



Construction of the new elementary school at Holton is set to be completed this summer. During Monday’s Board of Education meeting, members learned that most of the district’s contingency funds were still available to help purchase some additional items, such as locker cabinets for the classrooms.

Photo by Brian Sanders

## Board receives update on school construction

### ■ Holton B.O.E. also moving forward with preschool program

By Kelly Breckunitch

In its first meeting of the New Year, the Holton school board started Monday’s meeting by discussing a district project that now has an end in sight.

With the calendar turning to 2016, that means construction on the new elementary building project will be wrapping up this year with plans to be operational for the 2016-2017 school year.

There is still plenty of work to do, though, and Michael Feamster of Nabholz was on hand at Monday’s meeting to discuss some of the scheduling and continuing work with the school board.

Currently, the builders have been working on six-week look ahead and milestone schedules, but Feamster said a master schedule will be down this week and that will give a better sense of the project timeline, showing what’s ahead of schedule, what’s behind and what’s right on track.

As far as on-site work, Feamster noted utilities like sanitation and water have been set up on the north end with work on electrical and fiber op-

tic to start this week.

Masonry has begun on internal walls and restrooms, while Feamster also said the steelwork on the north stairs is being finalized with the bulk of that work overall being done.

Roofing work was supposed to commence Tuesday and the first sub-task to be handled is the gym because of its perforated sheet roofing, with the goal of wrapping up that project on Jan. 25.

In addition to the progress report, Feamster discussed the commission bidding process with the board and noted that Nabholz is working to clarify the prices and make sure there are no changes made by sub-contractors, something numerous board members raised concerns about.

Attention is starting to turn to what will be going inside the new elementary building as well, with the board discussing alternate bids for other parts of the project. Superintendent Dennis Stones noted that due to the lack of early hiccups with the project, the district has almost all of its contingency funds for the project and can

use that to address some of the items that were cut out during initial planning.

While the board agreed to table most of that discussion until February’s meeting, Feamster said he needed a decision on locker cabinets in the classrooms in order for shop drawings to be made up in order to get those installed on time. The board approved the purchase of locker cabinets for a total price of \$54,455.

Several board members had questions about the moving schedule, asking about priorities for the buildings and how that is being handled. Stones noted teachers at the Colorado school are moving items out of their rooms gradually, using space at the old Jackson County Fair Building for storage, in order to remain on schedule.

“We’re trying to get everything out as the year progresses. We don’t want to hold up the demolition of the place,” Stones said.

That demolition is set to take place in the summer in order to proceed with work on the playground and parking area at the new elementary

building. Stones suggested creating a few extra work days at the end of the year to allow for moving as well as potentially seeking out volunteers to help the district employees.

After focusing on a new building, the board shifted focus to a potential new preschool program in the district, with Stones sharing the information gathered at a recent community meeting.

Following that input, Stones recommended that the board look into starting a district preschool with one classroom for 40 students to meet four days a week and charging \$115/student per month (which includes transportation and snacks).

Students with special education needs could potentially have prorated costs, with the district offering services to those students if they enroll or not, Stones said. In addition, he noted the district is looking into a grant for the program that could provide between \$25,000 and \$200,000 for the new school.

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## Jackson Heights preschool program breaks even

By Brian Sanders

Jackson Heights’ preschool program is expected to break even for the 2015-16 school year, and District Superintendent and Elementary Principal Adrienne Walsh is “very pleased” about it.

During the USD 335 Board of Education’s monthly meeting on Monday, board members heard reports from Walsh about the program’s financial picture and from preschool teachers about upcoming changes to the program — including the possible elimination of the “role model” program in the 2016-17 school year.

Walsh presented board members with information that showed that the district is likely to break even on the program for the current semester and school year. Revenues for the current semester, according to information presented by

Walsh, total \$24,120.93, while expenses for the semester totaled \$24,120.64.

The revenues for the semester included a carryover of \$9,225.93 from the fall 2015 semester, she noted, stemming from revenues of \$22,248.25 and expenses of \$13,022 during the semester. But spring semester expenses cover the first eight months of the year, and teacher salaries, insurance and Social Security payments are double the fall semester expenses, bringing the spring semester totals close to even, she added.

Still, Walsh said, “I’m very pleased with where we’re at right now.”

Last year, the program came up more than \$300 short on the revenue side, it was reported. That prompted the school board to look at revising the “role model” pro-

gram, in which some children who are selected to serve as “models” for other children with special needs receive free tuition for acting in that capacity.

On Monday, early childhood special education teacher Kay Smith said it was likely that “next year, we will not have any role models.” The possibility of getting rid of the “role model” program, Smith said, is based on Jackson Heights and other schools in the Holton Special Education Cooperative not meeting the requirements of the state-mandated “Indicator 6.”

According to Smith, meeting the Indicator 6 standard means “the role model population should have been 50 percent, and we didn’t have room for it because of the size.”

The Kansas State Department of Education defines Indicator 6 as the number of preschool-age children

(ages 3 through 5) with individualized education programs, or IEPs, attending a preschool program “and receiving the majority of special education and related services in the regular early childhood program.”

Smith and fellow preschool teacher Janice Mulroy said they have been “brainstorming different ways” of looking at the preschool program, including a current situation where children with IEPs interact with “typically developing” preschool children throughout the day. Next year, Smith added, “we will intermix the classrooms,” and children with IEPs will be placed in certain classrooms depending on their needs.

“We feel it’s a positive change altogether,” Smith told the board.

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## Sheriff releases year-end report

By Ali Holcomb

The Jackson County Sheriff’s Office has had a busy year, as outlined in a 34-page report presented by Jackson County Sheriff Tim Morse and Undersheriff Darrel Chapman at the Jackson County Commission meeting on Monday.

“Our staff is honored to serve the citizens of Jackson County,” Sheriff Morse said. “They are out there proactively looking for criminals.”

The following are several items of the report highlighted by Morse at the meeting.

### Vehicles

Morse projected that most of the office’s old Crown Victorias will be replaced in 2016 due to high mileage. The Crown Victoria Police Interceptor is no longer being manufactured, and the office has transitioned to other vehicles, including Dodge Chargers, Dodge pickups, Ford Explorers and Chevrolet Tahoes, he said.

“We’re going to start trading in vehicles that have 95,000 miles on them so we can get a better resale value for them,” Morse said.

In the past, Morse said when Crown Victorias were traded in, the office only received \$1,000 per car. By trading them in sooner, Morse said the office is expected to receive as much as \$10,000 per vehicle.

“This will allow us to keep a newer fleet and will reduce repair expenses,” he said.

In 2015, the sheriff’s office purchased a Polaris UTV to use for manhunts, rescue operations and other off-road use. The vehicle was used to patrol the new Jackson County Fairgrounds and has been used extensively during the search

for Joan Rebar, a Mayetta woman who has been missing since September.

### Patrol Division

“The most recent Kansas Bureau of Investigation statistics show that the Jackson County Sheriff’s Office has made more adult arrests than any of the six surrounding county agencies,” Morse said.

In 2015, the patrol division responded to or initiated 846 escorts/ transports, 45 mental/suicidal reports, 2,127 civil process, 842 warrants, 2,811 car stops, 51 driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs, 244 non-injury accidents, 137 injury accidents, eight structure fires, 170 alarm calls, 29 fight calls, 127 domestic calls, 50 assault/battery/harassment incidents, 566 animal calls, 797 citizen assists, 526 911 hang up calls, 106 disturbance calls, 495 suspicious person/activity reports, 99 juvenile calls, 43 sex offenses, 118 welfare checks, 130 theft calls, 837 receive information/service request, 708 traffic problems, 4,158 building/area checks, 26 illegal hunting/criminal trespass calls, 387 back up/assist other agencies, 30 search warrants, 70 vandalism/criminal damage to property calls, 23 illegal trash dumps and 388 calls requesting to speak with a deputy.

### 911 Communications Center

The dispatch center receives all 911 calls from the county and dispatches them for the sheriff’s office, jail, two police departments, the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism, Kansas Highway Patrol, eight fire departments and two ambulance services.

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## Commissioners now meeting twice a week

By Ali Holcomb

In addition to their weekly meetings on Mondays, the Jackson County Commissioners have decided to also meet on Tuesdays for an additional special meeting at the Jackson County Courthouse, it has been reported.

Jackson County Commissioner Janet Zwonitzer said that Tuesday county commission meetings will be spent as a work and research day for commissioners to review information presented to them during Monday’s regular meeting, as well as review other items like economic development, the neighborhood revitalization program and the county employee wage scale.

“The business of running the county has consumed all of our day on Monday so we are temporarily adding a second day,” Zwonitzer said. “People present us with proposals or ideas and we say that we’ll think about it and then it just gets lost in the shuffle.”

The Tuesday meetings are set to be held from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the commission’s chamber, which is located on the second floor of the Jackson County Courthouse.

“We don’t plan to take any official action that day unless it’s a time-sensitive issue,” Zwonitzer said.

All meetings of the Jackson County Commission, regular or special, are open to the public.

This week, the commissioners are also set to meet on Friday, Jan. 15, at the Courthouse to pay county bills.

Any time two of the three commissioners meet to discuss county business, a quorum is met and the gathering is considered a public meeting of the Jackson County Commission.

The commissioners regularly meet on Mondays from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with an hour lunch from noon to 1 p.m.

The commissioners in surrounding counties – Brown, Nemaha, Pottawatomie, Atchison and Jefferson – meet one day a week. Some of those county commissions only meet for half a day.

There are some county commissions, however, that regularly meet twice a week, including Leavenworth, Shawnee, Riley and Butler counties.

In addition, about 30 counties in the state employ a county administrator or coordinator to handle many day-to-day administrative aspects of county operations.

Since Monday is Martin Luther King Jr. Day, a federal holiday, the Courthouse will be closed, and the commissioners will not meet that day.

### Monday is Martin Luther King Jr. Day

The Martin Luther King Jr. Day federal holiday is Monday. Financial and governmental offices will be closed, and the U.S. Postal Service will not deliver or accept mail that day.

All three school districts – Jackson Heights, Holton and Royal Valley – have designated Monday as a staff development day, and

students in those districts will not have classes that day, it was reported.

Most privately-owned businesses, such as *The Holton Recorder*, will be open during regular business hours on Monday.

Some local *Recorder* subscribers may experience a full one-day delay in the delivery of their Monday newspaper.







Does this old brick house look familiar to you? Darlene Noe Hotchkiss of Parma, Idaho, found this photo recently, noting it was likely taken sometime in the 1980s when her parents took a trip back to the Holton and Wetmore areas — hometowns of her father, Darwin Noe, and the house where her great-grandparents, whose last names were Noe or Adams, may have lived. Hotchkiss said she would like to “pinpoint the place,” so if the house looks familiar, contact *The Recorder*.

Submitted photo

## Land Transfers

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

Kansas Warranty Deed: William J. Baumchen and Terriann Baumchen, husband and wife, convey and warrant to William J. Baumchen and Terriann Baumchen, trustees of the William J. and Terriann Baumchen Trust, the north half of the northeast quarter, the northwest quarter and the west half of the southwest quarter of Section 25, Township 8 South, Range 12 East of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., as well as the south half of the southwest quarter of Section 24, Township 8 South, Range 12 East of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., all in Jackson County, Kansas.

Trustee's Deed: Ronald D. Lutz and Joyce M. Lutz, co-trustees of the Ronald D. Lutz Revocable Trust, grant, sell and convey to James L. Dagenais and Therese M. Dagenais, a parcel of land located in the northeast quarter of Section 23, Township 9 South, Range 13 East of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Jackson County, Kansas.

Joint Tenancy General Warranty Deed: Jerry D. Lutz and Jana J. Lutz, husband and wife, convey and warrant to James L. Dagenais and Therese M. Dagenais, a parcel of land located in the northeast quarter of Section 23, Township 9 South, Range 13 East of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Jackson County, Kansas.

Trustee's Deed: Mary Jo Albright-Peterson, G.M. Albright and William Albright, trustees of the Virginia R. Albright Trust, grant and convey to G.M. Albright, the southeast quarter of Section 22, Township 9 South, Range 14 East of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Jackson County, Kansas.

Trustee's Deed: Mary Jo Albright-Peterson, G.M. Albright and William Albright, trustees of the Virginia R. Albright Trust, grant and convey to Mary Jo Albright-Peterson, Debbie Simecka and William Albright, all of Section 26, Township 9 South, Range 14 East of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Jackson County, Kansas.

Trustee's Deed: Mary Jo Albright-Peterson, G.M. Albright and William Albright, trustees of the Virginia R. Albright Trust, grant and convey to Steve Albright, the southeast quarter of Section 14, Township 9 South, Range 14 East of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Jackson County, Kansas.

Executrix's Deed: Laura Schreiber, executrix of the will of Lester Arnold, does grant and convey to Curtis Dreasher, Lot 21 located on Clark Street, Shumway's Addition, City of Mayetta, Jackson County, Kansas and a vacated portion of Second Street adjacent to the northwest corner of Lot 21.

Kansas Joint Tenancy Warranty Deed: Orville L. Dodson and Melba Dodson, husband and wife, convey and warrant to Orville L. Dodson and Melba I. Dodson, the north half of the northwest quarter of Section 27, Township 7 South, Range 16 East of

the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Jackson County, Kansas.

Transfer on Death Deed: Orville L. Dodson and Melba I. Dodson, husband and wife, transfer on death to the trustee of the amended and restated Dodson Living Trust, the north half of the northwest quarter of Section 27, Township 7 South, Range 16 East of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Jackson County, Kansas.

Joint Tenancy Warranty Deed: Russell H. Riederer and Mary Ann Riederer, husband and wife, convey and warrant to Russell H. Riederer and Mary Ann Riederer, the north 40 acres of the southeast quarter, a 115.47-acre parcel of land in the southwest quarter and a 31.13-acre parcel of land located in the northwest quarter of Section 1, Township 7 South, Range 15 East of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Jackson County, Kansas.

Transfer on Death Deed: Russell H. Riederer and Mary Ann Riederer, husband and wife, transfer on death to the Riederer Family Joint Revocable Trust, the north 40 acres of the southeast quarter, a 115.47-acre parcel of land in the southwest quarter, a 31.13-acre parcel of land located in the northwest quarter, another 40.96-acre tract of land in the southwest quarter and the south 120 acres of the southeast quarter of Section 1, Township 7 South, Range 15 East of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., as well as the southwest quarter, the west half of the northwest quarter and the west half of the southeast quarter of Section 32, Township 6 South, Range 16 East of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., all in Jackson County, Kansas.

General Warranty Deed: Michael J. Andrews and Michelle L. Andrews, husband and wife, convey and warrant to Michael Eastwood, a tract of land located in the west half of the southwest quarter of Section 21, Township 8 South, Range 16 East of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Jackson County, Kansas.

General Warranty Deed: Jean E. Rutz, a single person; Gwen J. Chrisman and Gary F. Mutschelknauf, wife and husband; and Vickie D. Claycamp, a single person, convey and warrant to Marie V. Gunther, Lot 2 and the south 45 feet of Lot 4, Montana Avenue, Park Addition to the City of Holton, Jackson County, Kansas.

General Warranty Deed: Aaron J. Mull and Christie Mull, a married couple, convey and warrant to Corey A. Brady and Samantha A. Brady, the north 65 feet of Lots 55, 57 and 59, Fifth Avenue, Town of Hoyt, Jackson County, Kansas.

Quit Claim Deed: Elizabeth Wabaunsee, a single person, conveys and quit claims to Elizabeth Ann Wabaunsee-Tye, Lots 103 and 105 on Wisconsin Avenue, City of Holton, Jackson County, Kansas.

General Warranty Deed: John K. Coleman and Mandy K. Coleman, members/managers of Holton I LLC, convey and warrant to Rural Community Adult Care Inc., Lots 95 and

97, Iowa Avenue, City of Holton, Jackson County, Kansas.

General Warranty Deed: Robert D. Forrester and Barbara Forrester, husband and wife, convey and warrant to Jackson County, a parcel of land located in the northwest quarter of Section 32, Township 6 South, Range 15 East of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Jackson County, Kansas.

Quit Claim Deed: Robin Marie Oehrlein, a single person, conveys and quit claims to Matthew F. DeVader, a tract of land located in the south half of the southeast quarter of Section 26, Township 9 South, Range 13 East of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Jackson County, Kansas.

Special Warranty Deed: SHG Resources LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, does grant, bargain, sell and convey to CPF Landlord LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, a tract of land in the northeast corner of the northeast quarter of Section 9, Township 7 South, Range 15 East of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Jackson County, Kansas.

Transfer on Death Deed: Ron Kierk de Reus, a single person, transfers on death to Susan Marie McIver, a tract of land in the southeast quarter of Section 11, Township 9 South, Range 15 East of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Jackson County, Kansas.

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If you or a family member received a recreational drone — a small unmanned aircraft — as a holiday present, Ken Selzer, CPA, Kansas Commissioner of Insurance, has words of caution for you: Check your insurance policy and register the drone with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

“Estimates show that between 700,000 and 1.6 million drones were purchased during 2015,” Selzer said, “meaning that the possibility of insurance claims concerning them is likely to increase. I urge Kansans who have them to check with your insurance agents or companies. See whether your homeowners or renters policies will cover losses or damages done by the drones to buildings and vehicles, as well as bodily injuries to people.”

The FAA also began requiring registration of new drones before their initial flight use as of Dec. 21, 2015. The registration is free until Feb. 19, 2016, after which a \$5 fee will be charged. Only the smallest toy drones — weighing 250 grams or less (a little more than half a pound) — are exempted from the registry.

Go to <https://www.faa.gov/uas> for registration information.

“Using a private drone as a hobby is generally covered under a homeowners insurance policy, which usually covers radio-controlled model aircraft,” Selzer said. “Look at your policy, or talk to your agent to see if your drone will be covered if it is lost, stolen or damaged. The policy will also typically be subject to a deductible.”

The FAA urges all drone users to follow these guidelines:

- Fly below an altitude of 400 feet (that is 1 1/3 times the length of a football field).
- Always keep your unmanned aircraft in sight.
- Never fly near manned aircraft, especially near airports.
- Never fly over groups of people, stadiums or sporting events.
- Never fly near emergency response efforts.

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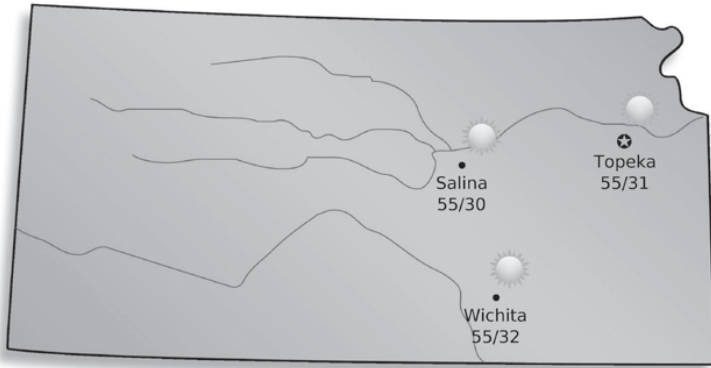
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### Local 5-Day Forecast

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 <b>54/31</b> Abundant sunshine. High 54F. Winds SW at 10 to 20 mph. Sunrise: 7:42 AM Sunset: 5:22 PM	 <b>35/18</b> More sun than clouds. Highs in the mid 30s and lows in the upper teens. Sunrise: 7:41 AM Sunset: 5:23 PM	 <b>31/5</b> Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 30s and lows in the mid single digits. Sunrise: 7:41 AM Sunset: 5:24 PM	 <b>17/10</b> Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper teens and lows in the low teens. Sunrise: 7:41 AM Sunset: 5:25 PM	 <b>28/19</b> Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 20s and lows in the upper teens. Sunrise: 7:40 AM Sunset: 5:26 PM

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Low's	73.28	+0.60
Target	73.38	+0.96
Hershey	85.00	+0.75
Walmart	63.61	-0.61
Phillips 66	77.83	+1.65
US Bancorp	40.61	+0.75
Pfizer	31.01	-0.06
Deere & Co.	74.53	+0.38
United Parcel	93.05	+1.39
Apple	99.96	+1.43
Facebook	99.37	+1.86
Westar Energy	41.57	-0.68
Goodyear	29.12	+0.53

Source: Edward Jones Investments,  
Shannon Wright, financial advisor.  
Prices listed at close of trading on  
Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2016.

### GRAIN

Description	Price at Close
Wheat	\$3.83
Corn	\$3.38
Milo	\$3.16
Soybeans	\$8.19

Source: Jackson Farmers Co-Op,  
Holton. Prices listed at close of trading  
on Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2016. Grain buying  
hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mon-  
day through Friday. Cash bids subject to  
change without notice.

### FUEL PRICES

	Current	Last Mo.	Last Year
Kansas Average	\$1.72	-\$0.076	-\$0.107
National Average	\$1.97	-\$0.038	-\$0.156
Holton Average	\$1.77		

Source: GasBuddy.com. Current prices  
listed as of Sunday, Jan. 10, 2016.





## Holton FFA officers visit South Africa

Kansas state FFA officers — including recent Holton High School graduates Karl Wilhelm (second from left in the photo above) and Dean Klahr (at right in the photo above) — were among 75 FFA officers from 23 states traveling to South Africa, visiting farms, agribusinesses and historical sites, such as the monument to former South African President Nelson Mandela, shown in the photo at right. The officers also had the opportunity to immerse themselves in local culture.

State FFA officers participating in the trip, from left to right in the photo above, included Lane Coberly, Chapman, treasurer; Wilhelm, president; Bailey Peterson, Buhler, vice president; Gabby Gilliam, Washington County, sentinel; Kyler Langvardt, Chapman, reporter; and Klahr, secretary.

Submitted photos



## Hoyt council handles various items

The Hoyt City Council met in regular session on Dec. 1, 2015.

Those present were Mayor Debbie Dreasher, council members Lana Dillner, Leonard Allen, Ed Ryan and Farrell Holthaus. Council member Nathan McAlister was absent. Also present were City Attorney Lee Hendricks, Samantha Hancock, Kenny Bryan, Trevor Bausch and Chief of Police Dan Wentling.

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

Council member McAlister arrived at the meeting.

The council was previously provided minutes to review from the Nov. 3 meeting. Holthaus made a motion to approve the minutes. Ryan seconded, and the motion carried.

Bryan met with the council to discuss the recent meeting with Bartlett & West of Topeka regarding updating the city's mapping. No decisions were made.

Bryan also discussed the recent issues at the pump stations. With regard to the east pump station, it is believed the issue may be with the control box. Bryan would like to troubleshoot a few ideas to determine for sure whether that is the issue before purchasing a new box.

Bryan discussed the upkeep of the sewer valves at the lagoons.

Bryan discussed the recent estimates from Foley Equipment of Topeka for maintenance on the generators. The estimate for maintenance on the mobile generator is \$887.36. The estimate for maintenance on the city building generator is \$861.76. The estimate for maintenance on the community building generator is \$861.76.

After discussion, Ryan made a motion to have Bryan change the fluids for all generators barring any voiding of warranty with Foley Equipment. Allen seconded, and the motion carried.

Bryan discussed recent issues with the maintenance truck. Bryan believes the fuel pump needs replaced. Council members agreed to have Bryan replace the fuel pump.

Bryan discussed needing a new chainsaw. He discussed pricing options for \$300, \$500 or \$750 he received from Tarwater Farm & Home of Topeka. Dillner made a motion to allow Bryan to purchase a new chainsaw he deems appropriate for city use. Ryan seconded, and the motion carried.

Bryan discussed the recent FEMA flood zone discovery meeting he attended. The city of Hoyt is not in the flood zone. Bryan said he visited with a representative about the drainage issues on Central Avenue. They will review the issue and, depending on the review, may provide assistance for solutions or troubleshooting ideas. The representative also mentioned

grant money that may be available for help with expenses.

The cleanup at Fifth Street and Kansas Highway 214 was discussed.

Bausch met with the council to discuss the building permit for Carolyn Hudson to add a carport on her property. McAlister made a motion to approve the Hudson building permit. Ryan seconded, and the motion carried.

Bausch further discussed updating the current building permit. Possible changes were presented and discussed. Bausch also discussed needing to update the zoning maps. Ordinances will need to be reviewed to address any zoning changes. Mapping companies can be contacted for estimates.

Hendricks presented the Jackson County Rural Water #1 extension contract. The mayor signed the document.

Hendricks discussed the possible special use permit at 112 W. Second St. Documentation relating to a special use permit or an agreement regarding special use cannot be located at this time. The clerk will continue to look for such documentation, however, it will likely be necessary to send the owner a letter regarding same.

City Clerk Shawna Blackwood discussed needing to renew the license for selling cereal malt beverages for Calderwood's Grocery.

Blackwood discussed the outstanding deposit for a utility customer. The customer will be given notice the water will be shut off if the deposit is not paid.

Blackwood discussed the advertisement for the property at Fifth Street and Kansas Highway 214. Bids

would be accepted until Jan. 4, 2016.

Blackwood provided a status update on the work done with the new accountant. She also presented salary information for all employees.

Chief of Police Wentling provided the monthly police report. A concern with a vehicle illegally parked in front of the post office was discussed.

Council discussed the status on repainting the stalls in front of the new business on Fourth Street.

Holthaus provided an update on streets. Approximately one load of sand/salt was used on the recent ice storm. The city is able to borrow from Auburn if needed.

The council members discussed the timeline for trimming trees by Westar Energy.

McAlister reported no other sewer issues other than what was previously discussed by Bryan.

Ryan had nothing to report on water and Dillner had nothing to report on parks.

The pest control situation at the community building was discussed. Ozark Pest Control of Topeka had addressed the problem and it seems to be better since the pest control was done.

Mayor Dreasher discussed needing to do inventory and address repairs needed at the community building. The council will plan on having the February or March council meeting at the community building and this can be addressed at that time.

Ryan discussed raises for the city clerk and city maintenance positions. The council discussed in length raises for all employees. Allen made a motion

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## Jackson Heights library to receive grant from author James Patterson

Jackson Heights has received a grant from bestselling author James Patterson to support its school libraries, it has been reported. In addition, Scholastic Reading Club will match each dollar of Patterson's donation with "bonus points" that teachers can use to acquire books and other materials for their classrooms. Jackson Heights was selected from 27,924 applications for funding grants.

As part of an ongoing effort to keep books and reading a number one priority in the United States, bestselling author James Patterson, together with Scholastic Reading Club, made

a commitment to help save school libraries nationwide. This year alone, Patterson personally donated \$1.75 million to school libraries nationwide, with grants ranging from \$1,000 to \$10,000 allocated to each of the 467 selected schools.

"We are committed to helping our students become lifelong readers. It's critical that they read for information — and also for enjoyment. We'll use the grant money to update our library collections and to support new and existing book clubs and events," said school librarian Jessica Karns.

"These grants are my humble ac-

knowledge of some of the terrific work taking place in libraries," says Patterson. "Here's to communities supporting school libraries. Here's to a country that makes reading a priority. Here's to flourishing libraries and to a joyful holiday season!"

"It continues to be inspiring and motivating to work with James Patterson to support school libraries across the country," said Judy Newman, president of Scholastic Reading Club. "Jim's unwavering commitment to helping children lead better lives rich with books is transformative. Scholastic is thrilled to be working in such an effective partnership."

In the first-ever partnership of its kind, Patterson joined forces with Scholastic Reading Club to administer funding applications to their network of 62,000 schools and 800,000 teachers. Applicants were asked to fill out an online application posing the question, "What would your school library do with \$1,000 to \$10,000?" The full list of grant recipients is available online at [www.scholastic.com/pattersonpartnership](http://www.scholastic.com/pattersonpartnership)

Any U.S. school with students from pre-kindergarten to 12<sup>th</sup> grade was eligible for a grant. To learn more, go to [mediaroom.scholastic.com/scholasticreadingclub](http://mediaroom.scholastic.com/scholasticreadingclub) and follow #PattersonPledge on social media.

## Jackson County Seniors

By Dan Mehringer

On Dec. 7, Phyllis Campbell and Irene Rethman were back at the Jackson County Senior Center again after illness. We are happy for Mary Lou Stous, as she won the quilt from the bazaar. Also, the Bonjour Brothers provided us with music after lunch.

On Dec. 8, Ellen Durst played Christmas music for us. On Dec. 14, the Holton High School Notables sang Christmas music for us.

On Dec. 15, Billy and Doris De-therage were guests of Dorothy Lawrence. Doris is Dorothy's sister. Sandy Gilbert also had a guest on Dec. 15. Jare Beckwith was her guest.

On Dec. 16, Marlene Putnam was a guest at the center for lunch. We had our annual Christmas dinner on Dec. 17. We always look forward to it, as we have traditional Christmas food. We are so fortunate to have such good food. Sheriff Tim Morse and County Commissioners Janet Zwonitzer and Rob Ladner were also there. We were pleased that they could see what a great facility that we have here in Holton. Irene Underhile won the Christmas wreath which was raffled off.

On Dec. 18, Marianna Jim was at the center for lunch. She is the granddaughter of Mary May and the daughter of Lea Jim. Each year, John and Tammy Hill donate fruit to the senior citizen center. We always appreciate their donation. It is so special to receive the oranges, apples and grapefruit.

Also on Dec. 18, the Royal Valley Soundations provided Christmas music after lunch at the center. We appreciate their efforts, and the music adds to our joy at that special time of the year.

On Dec. 22, we were glad to see Virginia Thornburg back at the center after her illness. On Dec. 23, we had our Christmas brunch. Guy and Shirley had guests on that day. Their great-grandchildren, Whitney and Jaimon Benjamin, were there.

On Dec. 29, Sonja Bleier was a guest of her grandmother, Marjane Bleier. Also on that day, Liam Robinson was the guest of his great-grandmother, Cory Jager.

On Dec. 30, we learned that Rita Jenkins died. She was the former director of Senior Citizens here in Jackson County. Also, Al Richardson had guests on Dec. 30. His guests included his daughter, Linda Richardson. Linda's great-niece, Sierra Visocky, was also a guest.

## Kitrell, New earn Wesleyan honors

A total of 190 Kansas Wesleyan University students, including two from Holton, were named to the Dean's Honor Roll for the Fall 2015 semester. Full-time students with a semester grade point average of 3.25-3.74 and no incompletes are listed on the Dean's Honor Roll at the end of each semester.

The following local students were named to the Fall 2015 Dean's Honor Roll at Kansas Wesleyan University: Alexa Kitrell and Brylee New.

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# OPINION

## Adding more structure to county commission meeting agendas may help

Jackson County’s three county commissioners have announced that one day-long county commission meeting per week is not enough for them to cover the county’s business.

The Jackson County Commission meets at 9 a.m. each Monday at the Courthouse for meetings and on most meeting days the county commission is convened all day until about 4:30 p.m., except for a lunch break.

Now the Jackson County commissioners are meeting even more - each Tuesday starting at 9 a.m., too, for at least the next few months. They may choose to start the meetings at 8 a.m.

The commissioners say they need more meeting time to discuss important county issues such as economic development, employee pay and the neighborhood revitalization plan. The commissioners have also not been able to approve the minutes from their previous county commission meetings for about the past month.

It is appreciated that the three Jackson County commissioners here are willing to hold two lengthy county commission meetings per week, but what about those in the future? Will the potential county commission candidates in the future want to do that?

More county commission meetings may cost the county more money, as staff will be required to be on hand to record meeting minutes for two days instead of one. The county may need to hire additional staff to accommodate a second county commission meeting day.

Certainly, since meeting times are an issue, the Jackson County Com-

mission should choose now to establish more formal meeting agendas and set deadlines for people to be included on the weekly meeting agendas. School boards and city commissions have had such common sense meeting policies for decades.

The long tradition of “open agendas” at the Jackson County Commission meetings that allow people to just show up at the meetings to address the commissioners without an appointment should be ended.

New obligations, expanded budgets and a growing county workforce have led 25 to 30 county governments in Kansas to create full time county administrator or county coordinator positions.

Is it time for Jackson County to consider hiring a full time county administrator? The main objectives of a county administrator include preparing the county budget, preparing the county commission weekly meeting agendas, acting as a liaison between other local governments and other county departments and agencies and coordinating administration.

From 1993-1998, 52 county commissioners in Kansas - who served in counties that employed a full time county administrator - were surveyed for their assessment of the position. A total of 94.1 percent of those county commissioners surveyed said they agreed that “the benefits derived from the appointment of a county administrator in their county outweighed the cost.”

The Jackson County commissioners are doing a good job. Adding more structure to their meeting agendas could be a good thing.

David Powl

## Editorial contest targets distractive driving dangers

The Kansas Press Association, local Kansas newspapers including The Holton Recorder and AT&T are joining together to conduct an “It Can Wait” editorial contest to raise awareness about the dangers of smartphone-related driving distractions.

The contest, which kicks off today, is open to middle school and high school students from across Kansas and provides students with the opportunity to win a \$500 prize for a column or editorial that best answers the question: “Why is it important to take the It Can Wait pledge to keep your eyes on the road, not on your phone?”

“We’ve decided to participate with AT&T in this program because we’ve unfortunately become far too accustomed to reading stories about how dangerous texting while driving and other smartphone activities can be,” said Doug Anstaett, KPA executive director. “We want to do our part to help raise awareness and stop this dangerous behavior.”

Anstaett said by hosting the It Can Wait editorial contest with AT&T and our local member papers, KPA hopes to provide students with a meaningful learning experience and “help make our Kansas roads safer by reinforcing the message ‘Keep your eyes on the road, not on your phone.’”

Texting while driving is involved in more than 200,000 vehicle crashes each year, often involving injuries and death. New research shows seven in 10 people engage in smartphone activities while driving. Texting and emailing are still the most prevalent.

But other smartphone activity use behind the wheel is now common. Among social platforms, Facebook tops the list, with more than a quarter of those polled admitting they use the app while driving. About one in seven said they’re on Twitter behind the wheel.

Despite knowing the risk, 43 percent of teens admit to texting while

driving. However, there is an opportunity to change this behavior as 90 percent of teen drivers say they would stop if a friend in the car asked them and 78 percent say they are likely not to text and drive if friends tell them it is wrong.

“I want to thank the Kansas Press Association and its members for their efforts to help raise awareness about the dangers of smartphone driving distractions,” said Molly Kocur Boyle, director of public affairs for AT&T Kansas. “Local newspapers play a powerful role in educating their communities about important public safety issues. By encouraging participation in the It Can Wait editorial contest, the KPA and local newspapers are providing a great public service and we are proud to have them help us spread the word that no text, photo, video or email is worth a life – it can wait.”

The It Can Wait editorial contest is open to students enrolled in any Kansas public or private middle school or high school.

All entries will be submitted to It Can Wait Essay Contest, Kansas Press Association, 5423 S.W. 7th St., Topeka, KS 66606. The contest entry deadline is Feb. 25. Entries may also be sent by email to danstaett@kspress.com.

KPA will announce the winning statewide entries for the middle school and high school categories on Feb. 29, 2016. As part of the contest, AT&T and KPA will award the winners of each category a \$500 prize and host them and their parents at the annual KPA convention April 22 in Overland Park.

AT&T launched the It Can Wait awareness campaign in 2010. To date, more than 2,500 organizations and tens of thousands of individuals have helped champion the It Can Wait cause. And the It Can Wait pledge campaign has inspired more than seven million personal commitments to never text and drive – many among friends and family who pledged to keep each other accountable.

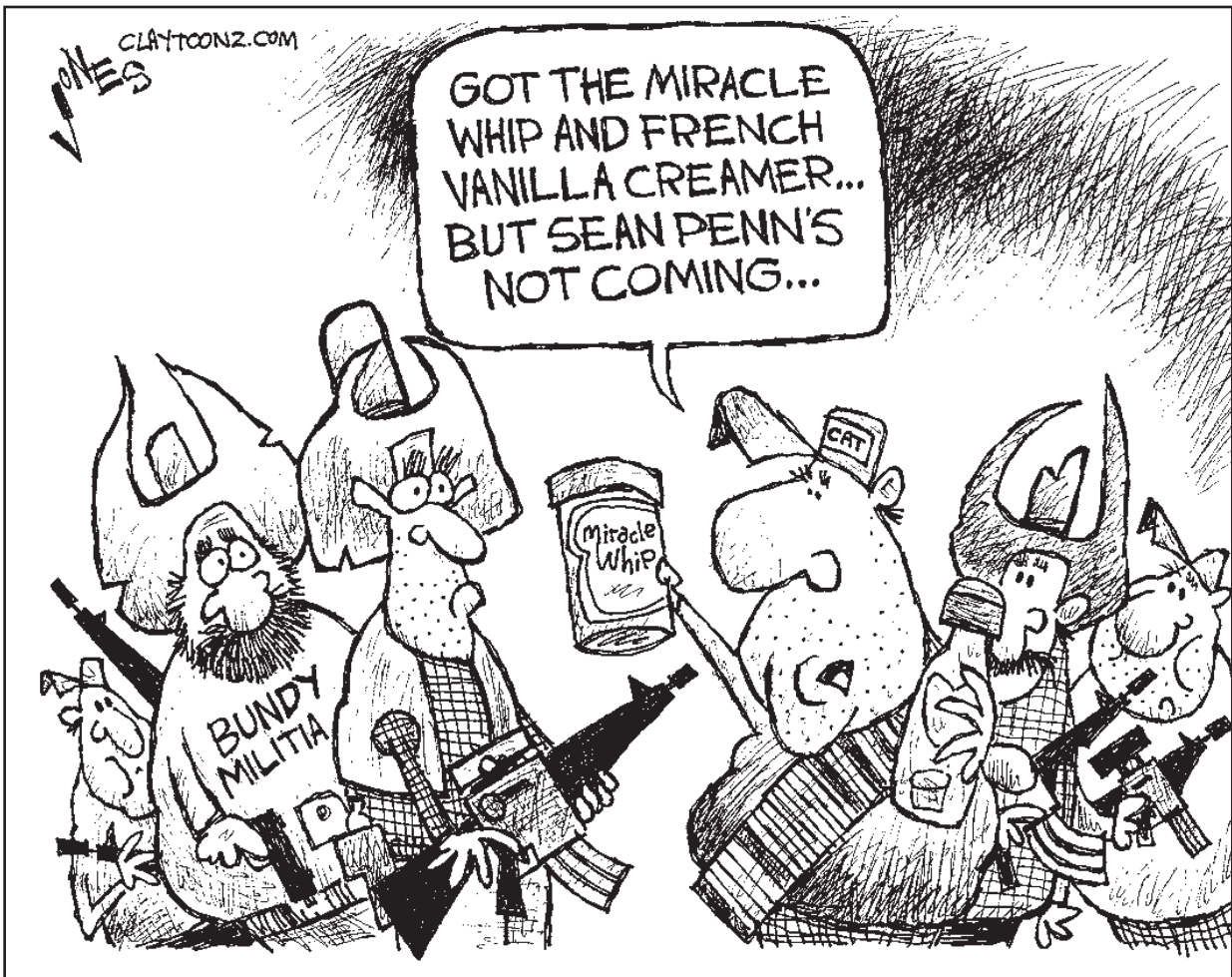
To take the pledge and see a list of supporters, visit [www.ItCanWait.com](http://www.ItCanWait.com). For additional information and resources, visit [www.att.com/itcanwait](http://www.att.com/itcanwait).

County Farm Bureau has collegiate scholarships available in the amount of \$500 for two individuals who have completed 72 college credit hours in pursuit of a degree in agriculture. College students pursuing a degree in agriculture who have completed or who will be completing 72 college credit hours this spring are encouraged to contact the Jackson County Farm Bureau for information concerning eligibility and for an application.

High school students or parents may also contact the Jackson County Farm Bureau concerning the four scholarships available to high school seniors. The website address is: [www.jacksoncountymbf.org](http://www.jacksoncountymbf.org)

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## A savings plan is always a good idea

By Glenn Mollette

Most Americans rely heavily on Social Security, but it’s not enough to retire on.

There are numerous stories and statistics about worrisome Americans and retirement. The average American is not saving enough for retirement.

Millions who are in low wage jobs are barely able to survive. There is simply not enough income in many instances to even cover life’s necessities.

You can’t save money when you are barely making it. However, there are also plenty of stories of Americans who simply will not try to save any money.

I am amazed at what even saving a small amount will do. Even if you can put just a few dollars aside every month, the amount will grow at least some.

Here is a case in point. About 40 years ago, I was a teenage preacher



boy. Liberty Baptist Church outside of Paintsville, Ky. hired me to be their pastor. I know that’s hard to believe, but it’s true.

Harold Rice was the only deacon in the church and he was a very kind and wise man. The church paid me \$60 a month but Rice insisted that my salary package included the church paying \$6 a month into a retirement fund administered by the church’s denomination.

I could not have cared less about retirement. I was age 17. The salary arrangement probably lasted about 18 months because I moved on to attend college. This means the church might have paid into the fund about \$108.

I actually never thought anything about it except reflectively. I was always appreciative of Rice and the church.

For some reason last week I researched the status of that little fund and was shocked. I learned that those handfuls of \$6 contributions had grown and would pay our family about \$250 or more a month at age 65. I couldn’t believe it.

A total of \$250 a month could pay for a trip to the grocery store or buy

a couple of tanks of gasoline. Who knows? However one thing I know is that over 20 years those small \$6 contributions could pay out about \$60,000 or more of retirement income.

We need to keep trying to save a few dollars whenever we can. Pay into a 401k or put some into an IRA. Do something.

Try to put some into a bank account just to have in case you need it. Also, don’t feel too bad about all those Social Security taxes you pay.

One husband and wife I know collect more \$6,000 a month in Social Security pay. Plus they had extensive medical treatments performed a couple of years ago that cost Medicare over \$400,000. The average American could never pay that kind of medical bill.

Start as young as you can but even seniors can save. Put a little money aside and don’t touch it. Your money will grow. Sometimes, even when it’s only \$6 a month.

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

## AG WEEK: Cattle markets down

By Matt Hines

The equity market collapse worldwide was finally too much for the cattle markets, pushing fats and feeders limit down on Thursday. They stabilized Friday, though, and live cattle futures were up triple digits at one time. Feeders kept the selling on and touched expanded limits lower at one point, but settled above that while fats were down less than \$1.

When everything was said and done last week, the cash fed cattle market ended up trading \$130 to \$133 live and \$2.08 to \$2.10 on a dressed basis, which would be a couple dollars lower when compared to the previous week. A big shift in basis and a sharply lower futures market late in the week led to the lower cash trade despite a sharply higher boxed beef trade throughout the week.

I suspect we will see a similar market this week as showlists are likely to be larger due to the low volume of trade last week, and the futures market is probably going to remain on the defensive. I don’t think the market will fall apart, but it seems we might have given the packer a little leverage again in weekly price negotiations.

For the week, Thursday, Dec. 31, to Friday, Jan. 8, February live cattle were down \$3.92, April was down \$4.15, January feeders were down \$8.92, March was down \$8.37, February lean hogs were up \$.05 and April was down \$.72. Boxed Beef, Choice was up \$19.61 at \$232.20, Select was up \$21.76 at \$226.98 and Pork Carcass Cutout was up \$1.12 at \$69.95. CME Feeder Index was up \$2.05 at \$165.82 and CME Lean

Hog Index was up \$.86 at \$53.73.

Cattle slaughter from Friday was estimated at 102,000 head, compared to 97,000 a year ago. Weekly totals were at 550,000, compared to 439,000 the week previous and 542,000 a year ago.

Hog slaughter from Friday was estimated at 433,000 head, compared to only 368,000 a year ago. Weekly totals were at 2,375,000, up 348,000 from the week previous and up 227,000 from a year ago.

The cattle futures market collapsed at the end of last week on outside market influences and commercial selling. Someone or some entity had a huge agenda to sell the market at the 100-day moving average of \$137-\$137.50 on the February live contract all last week, and finally the market just fell apart on Thursday and Friday. We were on a massive \$15 rally in just two short weeks so I guess we should have expected to see some sort of correction.

Support for the February live cattle contract will be found back at \$130 this week, which would also be a 50 percent correction from the Christmas rally. Similar support should come into play at \$131 in the April live contract.

The official start of the Goldman Roll is this week, which means they will be selling February live cattle and buying April, and this probably keeps the market on the defensive early this week. Late last week for feeders was ugly, losing more than a third of the rally since mid-December. \$169.57 is the first line of resistance for the January contract with support at \$152.75 and then a gap down to \$148.75.

There was short covering to end

the week in the grains, with soybeans and wheat finishing the week higher but corn still lower for the week. Wheat crop concerns in the Ukraine are being talked about again with U.S. futures rallying. One report has exports down as much as 8 million metric tons (MMT) or 294 million bushels (MBU) due to a huge amount of unplanted acres. There are also reports that India will not be exporting wheat this year and possibly have to import three to four MMT.

For the week, Thursday, Dec. 31, to Friday, Jan. 8, March corn was down \$.01¾, December was unchanged, March soybeans were up \$.01, November was down \$.04¼, March KC wheat was up \$.04¼, July was up \$.03½, March Chicago Wheat was up \$.08½ and July was up \$.07.

China’s stock markets moved to a new four-year low overnight Sunday with the Shanghai Composite showing a loss of 5.3 percent overnight.

USDA announced this week a private sale of 120,000 metric tons (MT) or 4.4 MBU of soybeans sold to China and 248,000 MT or 9.1 MBU sold to unknown destinations for this crop year. They also announced a private sale of 152,400 MT or 6 MBU of corn for unknown destinations for this crop year.

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

PLAINSFOLK

## Horse training near Cassoday

By Jim Hoy

Drop-in visitors aren’t nearly as common today as they were half a century ago, but a while back, as I was turning the horses out after their afternoon oats, a car I didn’t recognize came down our driveway. The woman got out and said her name, which I didn’t quite catch but it sounded like “Miller.” The man got out and as soon as he started talking, I recognized the voice, although it took just a bit longer to recognize the face. Forty years since the last visit sometimes has that effect on you, doesn’t it?

It was Rick Rose and his wife Roberta, whose maiden name, Diller, sounds like Miller. They had been up at Alma visiting one of their children, had stopped to eat in Emporia, and thought they’d try to find our house on their way home to Montgomery County.

As we reminisced, Rick recalled the time my sister Rita and I were riding with Rick and his dad on the Henley Ranch out east of Cassoday. We were probably in our late teens at the time and looking for strays belonging to the Vestring Ranch that Bill was working for at the time. We came onto a big steer (close to 900 pounds, Rick said) with a good set of horns. He wasn’t very cooperative; in fact he was downright troublesome. Rick and I thought he needed roping so he could learn some manners. Bill said go ahead.

I was riding a young bay gelding, about 100 pounds heavier than the steer, pretty nice looking, with some white in his head, I think. Dad had probably traded for him; he was not one we raised, I’m sure of that. The horse wasn’t green, but he wasn’t all that well broke, either. Well, he was broke to ride without giving any trouble, but he didn’t know much about cows.

Anyway, I caught the steer right at the edge of some brush and timber, but the horse wasn’t paying any kind of attention to him. The steer had stopped and wasn’t fighting the rope, maybe because the other three riders were spaced around him and he didn’t have a clear escape route.

Anyway, I was kind of mad at the horse because he was bonking around instead of paying attention to business, so I decided to just get off and let the steer teach the horse how to watch a rope. I don’t remember this, but Rick said Rita really protested, afraid that the horse would get hurt and Dad would be unhappy. In my youthful rashness, I thought (and probably said) that the horse wasn’t worth a damn the way he was. Besides, I had heard Dad and Uncle Marshall talk about doing the same thing. So I stepped off and pulled off the bridle. I was tied on hard and fast, of course, as we all did back in the late ‘50s.

As I recall, the steer was facing me and the horse, but the horse had turned part way around, the rope was slack, and he reached down to take a bite of grass. At that point I picked up a rock and threw it at the steer, who took off when it hit him, jerking the horse down. The horse jumped up and started heading off in a different direction.

As I recall, there was a partial trunk of a dead tree between them, not too big around and about five feet high. It got snapped off as the steer jerked the horse hard again, but he kept his feet this time. Old Bay checked out what was on the other end of the rope and faced up to the steer. He kept facing him as I remounted, and his eyes and ears stayed on the steer until we turned him loose.

That’s not the recommended method of horse training these days. But it was a good lesson, and he was a lot better horse after that.

*Note: Jim Hoy is a retired professor of English at Emporia State University and co-author of the Plains Folk column.*



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# OBITUARIES



## Crismas

Rebecca Lynn Crismas, 37, Wetmore, died Thursday, Jan. 7, 2016, as a result of a traffic accident.

She was born Aug. 13, 1978, in Yuba City, Calif., the daughter of David and BobbyJean (McLennan) Smith. She graduated in 1996 from Marysville High School in Marysville, Calif., and attended Fleet Training School in San Diego, Calif., from 1997 to 1998.

Mrs. Crismas served in the U.S. Navy as a sonar tech from 1997 to 2002. She was presently a homemaker. She had lived in the Wetmore community for five years and previously lived in Holton and Norfolk, Va.

She was a former member of Wave Church in Norfolk, Va., and First Baptist Church in Holton. She was currently a member of Wetmore Bible Church in Wetmore.

She married Aaron Clarence Crismas on Aug. 11, 1999, in Norfolk, Va. He survives.

Other survivors include her seven children, Myrna, Alvana, Juliana, Malinda, Jonas, Joshua and Jebidiah, all of the home; her mother, BobbyJean McLennan-Smith, Topeka; her stepmother, Margie Smith, in California; father and mother-in-law, Ted and Sylvia Wilson, Wetmore; a sister, Sarah Smith, Houston, Texas; and two brothers, Jonathan Smith, Fallon, Nev., and Chad Smith, Woodland, Calif. She was preceded in death by three infants and her father, David Smith.

Celebration of life services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at First Baptist Church in Holton. Family will greet friends from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday at Mercer Funeral Home in Holton. Private family inurnment will be held at a later date.

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

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## Richards

Lloyd Eugene "Gene" Richards, 74, Berryton, died Thursday, Jan. 7, 2016, at his home.

He was born Oct. 23, 1941, the son of James E. and Bertha Ann Ruse Richards. He had attended Topeka High School.

Mr. Richards served in the U.S. Navy. He worked for Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company for 30 years, retiring in 1992.

He was a member of American Legion Post 400.

Survivors include his mother, Bertha Ann Richards, Topeka; and a brother, Bryan L. "Buzz" Richards.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Mercer Funeral Home in Holton. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery at Goff.

Memorial contributions may be made to a humane society of the donor's choice and sent in care of Mercer Funeral Home, P.O. Box 270, Holton, KS 66436.

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## Rupnicki

Joseph Rupnicki, 87, Mayetta, died Monday, Jan. 11, 2016, at F.W. Huston Senior Care in Winchester.

He was born Sept. 13, 1928 in Village Green, Aston Township, Pa., the son of Peter and Frances Luczowska.

Mr. Rupnicki participated in rodeo in Pennsylvania and Florida before eventually coming to the Mayetta area. He and his wife operated a ranch in Arizona and later moved back to Kansas, farming and ranching near Soldier.

He married Mamie Wahwassuck in January 1956 in Topeka. She died Dec. 1, 2015. He was also preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Walter Rupnicki, in Pennsylvania; and three sisters, Victoria Proffitt and Laura Neugebauer, both in Pennsylvania, and Nellie Wakefield, in Delaware.

Survivors include his children, Joseph "Zeke" Rupnick and wife LeAnne, Delia, Royetta Rodewald, Hoyt, John Rupnicki Sr., Mayetta, Rachel Wamego, Las Vegas, Nev., and Jesse Rupnicki, Soldier; two sisters, Stella Warwick, Gradyville, Pa., and Sophie Locke, Media, Pa.; 21 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mr. Rupnicki will lie in state at Chapel Oaks Funeral Home in Hoyt, where visitation will be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. today. Family and friends will meet by 10 a.m. Thursday to go in procession to the Wah-waksum Cemetery for graveside services.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, sent in care of Chapel Oaks Funeral Home, P.O. Box 280, Hoyt, KS 66440.

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## Gas price drop continuing

Fuel prices in Kansas continue to drop lower, with the state average on Monday being the sixth lowest in the nation, according to AAA.

The national average for regular unleaded gasoline held steady below \$2 per gallon on Monday morning, at \$1.97 per gallon, and the Kansas average was 24 cents under that mark, at just under \$1.73 per gallon, ranking sixth lowest average of any state in the country. Missouri and Oklahoma remain the cheapest, respectively.

The discount between last year and this year is shrinking, as the strong move to lower gas prices was well under way a year ago at this time. Monday's Kansas average was only 6 percent less than a year ago, or 12 cents different. You have to go back 12 years, to Jan. 11, 2004 (\$1.50), to find the Kansas average lower on Jan. 11 than it was this year.

Of the metropolitan areas in Kansas, Wichita had the lowest prices, at \$1.61 per gallon on average, 8 cents less than a month ago and 9 cents less than a year ago, or 11 percent lower. Pittsburg was second lowest. Garden City continued with the sharpest contrast in gas prices compared to a year ago, enjoying a 24-percent discount now compared to 2015.

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# Slimmer family holds annual get-together

The Slimmer family reunion was held Oct. 4 in the community room at the Homestead Senior Residence in Holton. There were 15 in attendance. Don Slimmer led a prayer of thanks prior to the potluck luncheon.

Following the luncheon, Don Slimmer, president, called the business meeting to order. Carol McManigal, secretary/treasurer, read the minutes from the previous reunion and gave a financial report stating that a collection was not needed this year. There were corrections to the minutes of last year's reunion. Gale Karns was also in attendance. Births that need added are the following:

Sawyer Mae McGee was born to Meghan and AJ McGee of Manhattan on March 31, 2014.

Porter Richard Olson was born to Trent and Amy Olson of Emporia on July 7, 2014.

Both Sawyer and Porter are the grandchildren of Jerry and Joan Ol-

son of Emporia; the great grandchildren of Eddie Mae and Dennis Versch of Council Grove; and the great-great grandchildren of the late Mack and Bernice Slimmer of Circleville.

It was moved and seconded to accept the reading with the modification of the minutes and financial report.

It was moved and seconded to change the officers for next year to the following: Don Slimmer, president; Steve Slimmer, vice president; and Carol McManigal, secretary/treasurer.

It was decided that we keep the reunion in the community room at the Homestead Senior Residence and have it beginning at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 2, 2016.

Carol asked who were the oldest and youngest family members attending the reunion. Wanola Buss stated that she is 90 years young. Carly Raney is the youngest being 15 years old.

It was determined that Don Slimmer

traveled the farthest to the reunion. He came from Augusta. Wanola Buss was the closest. She came down one floor of the apartment complex.

David Buss married Wendi Myers on Aug. 31, 2015 in California. David is the son of the Rev. Larry and Jeannie Buss of Council Grove and grandson of Wanola Buss and the late Dale Buss of Holton.

Calvin Patrick Reynolds was born to Deb and Kevin Reynolds of Wichita on Feb. 3, 2015. Calvin is the grandson of Steve and Sylvia Murphy of Alta Vista and the great-grandson of Dorothy Slimmer of Manhattan and late Gordon Slimmer of Holton.

Milan Rose Williams was born to Haley Slimmer and Nino Williams on July 31, 2015. Milan is the granddaughter of Chris and Christina Slimmer of Topeka; the great-granddaughter of Steve and Sherry Slimmer of Holton; and the great-great-granddaughter of the late Lawrence and LaVerna Slimmer of Holton.

Scarlett Rae Webber was born to Jennifer Olson and Eric Webber on March 17, 2015. Scarlett is the granddaughter of Jerry and Joan Olson of Emporia; the great-granddaughter of Eddie Mae and Dennis Versch of Council Grove; and the great-great-granddaughter of the late Mack and Bernice Slimmer of Circleville.

Raegan Grace Adler was born to Trent and Kay Andler on Sept. 28,

2015. Raegan is the granddaughter of Greg and Kathy Andler of Hoyt and great-granddaughter of Shirley and Bill Slimmer of Hoyt.

Dennis Slimmer retired from KDOT after working there for 45 years.

There were no deaths to report for this year.

Rebecca Karns graduated from Washburn Rural High School in May 2015. She is now attending K-State. Rebecca is the daughter of Philip and Tina Karns of Auburn. She is the granddaughter of Gale Karns of Holton and the great-granddaughter of the late Lawrence and LaVerna Slimmer of Holton.

Danielle Slimmer graduated from Jeff West High School in May 2015. She is now attending K-State. Danielle is the daughter of Devin Slimmer of Oak Grove, Mo., and the granddaughter of Gary and Barbara Slimmer of Topeka.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn the business meeting. The meeting was adjourned.


The following attended this year's reunion: Don Slimmer of Augusta; June Jepson of Soldier; Gary and Barbara Slimmer of Topeka; Brian Cramer of Shawnee; Steve and Sherry Slimmer, Barbara Slimmer, Wanola Buss, Gale Karns, Leon and Betty Cramer, Carly Raney and Chris and Carol McManigal, all of Holton.

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Cobra Mason Thomas (shown above, at left in both photos) drives in and draws a foul in the second half of Tuesday's home contest against JCN. The JHHS offense kept attacking over the final two quarters and proved too much for the Cobras to handle in a 63-36 Cobra victory.

Photos by Kelly Breckunlith

## Turnovers plague Lady Cobras in loss to visiting Chargers

While the Jackson Heights girls asserted themselves early in Tuesday's basketball game against Jefferson County North, the Chargers made the adjustments they needed to while the Cobras struggled to adapt late in an eventual 39-29 loss on their home court.

"It just comes down to executing things and they just executed things better than we did," JH coach Dan Shupe said.

Early on, the Cobras did execute and relied on their strength inside to take a lead. Taylor Abel got a quick two points to start the game and Heights then fed the post offensively, with Katelyn Strube and Hannah Williams both contributing to help the team go ahead 7-3 in the first quarter.

The Chargers followed with a 7-0 run to take the upper hand before the teams traded the lead back and forth in the second quarter.

Strube went on the attack for Jackson Heights to start the second period, driving hard to the basket for two points to put the Cobras back ahead, 11-10. That was just a small part of Strube's major contributions, as it gave her 10 points and 10 rebounds in the first 10 minutes. She finished with a game-high 15 points and 21 rebounds for the Cobras.

As the game progressed, Heights seemed to have more trouble with the Chargers' pressure defense, though, and the visitors used that to retake the lead. The team got a key press break late and Strube finished with a lay-up to give JHHS a 15-14 advantage, but JCN answered back immediately and took a 17-15 lead into the locker room

at halftime.

Strube and Hannah Williams did some good things inside for Heights in the first half, but there was no balance on the outside and the Cobras also could not take advantage of the foul situation after getting into the single bonus with three minutes left in the first half.

"We could've got to the free throw line all night, but we just couldn't get the ball into the interior," Shupe said.

As the Cobras struggled to find balance on the offensive end and handling JCN's press, the team also gave up its stranglehold on the post. The Chargers picked up their inside scoring, with Annabelle Vaughn and Rayven Jobbins scoring 11 of their 18 combined points in the second half, while Strube and Williams started to slow down on the other end.

Until Heights can hit some shots outside the post, Shupe said that pattern could continue as the Cobras' opponents will likely keep packing it in defensively in the post.

Cobra Marley Wareham hit a three with two and a half minutes left in the third quarter, giving JHHS a 24-23 lead, but that was the only three of the game for the team. It was also the last lead Heights would hold in the game, as the Chargers immediately answered with a three of their own and built their lead back to 30-24 by the end of the period.

At the start of the fourth quarter, Strube drove to the basket and was fouled, which put Heights in the bonus for the rest of the game, but again the team could not take advantage. Alexis Rieschick followed with a basket that got the team within three points, but

the Cobras were constantly taking one step forward and two steps back on Tuesday night.

Turnovers were at the center of that and while the team used good ball movement to break the press to start the second half, the team also failed to convert on offense and couldn't keep up in the end, with 24 total turnovers hurting their prospects.

"You can't win games against teams that are comparable to you when you have that many turnovers," Shupe said.

Moving forward, Shupe said he needs to find away to help his team correct that and help them succeed, which the Cobras (3-4) will try to do when they return to the court Friday to face Horton. Games will start at 5 p.m. in Horton.

**Jan. 12, 2016**  
**Varsity**  
JCN: 10-7-13-9—39  
JH: 9-6-9-5—29  
**Individual statistics:**  
JH: Strube 7 1-2 15, H. Williams 2 1-2 5, Rieschick 2 0-1 4, Wareham 1 (1) 0-0 3, Abel 1 0-0 2. Totals: 13 (1) 2-5 29.

JCN: Jobbins 5 0-0 10, Seichepine 4 (1) 0-0 9, Vaughn 3 2-4 8, Weishaar 2 0-4 4, Schrick 1 (1) 0-2 3, Ellis 1 1-3 3, George 1 0-0 2. Totals: 17 (2) 3-13 39.

**Team statistics:**  
Rebounding: JH: 38 (Strube 21, H. Williams 9, Gibson 4); JCN: 25 (Seichepine 7, Jobbins 7, Vaughn 4).  
Assists: JH: 4 (Gibson 2); JCN: 7 (Jobbins 3).

Turnovers: JH: 24; JCN: 13.

## JH boys pour on offense in second half to take down JCN

Jackson Heights' formula for success presented itself early on in Tuesday's Northeast Kansas League basketball contest against visiting Jefferson County North, but the Chargers weren't going to make it easy.

After using a 21-point outburst to take a nine-point lead through one quarter of play, the Cobras saw multiple defensive looks from JCN that slowed the team down in the second quarter. Once JHHS got back into attack mode on offense though, with 25 points in the third quarter, the team raced ahead in the second half on the way to a 63-36 victory.

"When you score 21 and 25 in those two quarters, it doesn't matter what you do in the second or the fourth when you have quarters that good. I'm just happy with the patience in those quarters to get good shots," Cobra coach Chris Brown said.

Last season, Heights' Zane Richter and JCN's Bryce Noll had quite the showdown in Winchester and it was shaping up to be another good one early on Tuesday. The duo combined for 17 of the 33 total points in the first quarter.

Noll is the spark plug for the Chargers offensively and the Cobras knew that, which is why the team cracked down defensively after that opening period.

"We lost him twice and the two times we lost him he hits an open three," Brown said. "From that point on, I don't think there was ever a time we lost him. We forced him inside, forced him into tough shots. He still got his 10, but he worked for them."

Throughout the night, defense was a constant for Jackson Heights. Even when JCN turned the game into a physical slugfest in the second quarter, holding the Cobras to seven points, Brown had faith in his team's defensive play.

Playing physical, man-to-man defense can take its toll on a team as well as create foul issues, something the Chargers struggled with on Tuesday. It's a hard style to maintain, Brown said, whereas the Cobras' zone press and outside shooting puts less strain on his team and wins out in the end.

Richter then dealt JCN a big blow as the Chargers had held their opponent to four total points in the second quarter until Richter drained an NBA range three to beat the buzzer and put his team ahead by eight, 28-20, at halftime.

"The ball didn't go in for us that second quarter, no matter what we did. At the end of the day, we didn't score. Then, you see that go in after you've completely botched a play you're trying to run," Brown said. "It's kind of deflating for them and gives us a boost. We certainly used it because that 10-0 run to start (the third quarter) I think pretty well ended the game right there."

After that 10-0 run, the Chargers responded with a 7-0 run of their own that cut the deficit to 11 points, but the Cobras' pressure defense was unrelenting. Following back-to-back steals that ended in lay-ups at the other end, Heights was quickly back up by 15 and had a 53-31 lead by the end of the quarter.

With the JHHS boys being outmatched in height and rebounding most nights, Brown said that team's defense helps even things out as those steals the Cobras rack up provide the same benefit of an offensive rebound, giving Heights an extra possession.

Against JCN, Westin Jacobsen created a lot of those extra possessions for the Cobras. With teams keying on Richter and Wyatt Oelberding, Brown noted that should give Jacobsen the chance to exploit some things on offense, which he did against the Chargers.

"He got to the basket and finished and did the things that we needed him to do. That's the Westin Jacobsen I saw all summer, that exact game he played Tuesday night, and that's what we need from him," Brown said.

In addition, Mason Thomas hit some threes that helped Heights build its lead early, while Richter finished with a double-double, scoring 25 points and grabbing 10 rebounds.

The Chargers continued to keep the Cobras on their toes in the final period with a half court trap defense. While the team was a little more relaxed with a big lead, not attacking as much, JHHS still got to the free throw line and started to pull away and give the team a little more cushion at the top of the league standings.

Brown was quick to point out his team that it doesn't get any easier, though, as the Cobras will now head on the road to take on another NEKL contender. JHHS (7-0) is set to play at Horton on Friday with games starting at 5 p.m.

**Jan. 12, 2016**  
**Varsity**  
JCN: 12-8-11-5—36  
JH: 21-7-25-10—63

**Individual statistics:**  
JH: Richter 9 (2) 5-5 25, Jacobsen 7 5-8 19, M. Thomas 2 (2) 2-8 8, Oelberding 3 (1) 1-2 8, Dohl 1 0-0 2, Brey 0 1-6 1. Totals: 22 (5) 14-27 63.

JCN: B. Noll 3 (2) 2-6 10, Bryant 1 4-4 6, Meyer 2 1-3 5, Noll 2 0-0 4, Schneider 2 0-0 4, Summers 2 0-2 4, B. Weishaar 1 0-0 2, Lane 0 1-2 1. Totals: 13 (2) 8-19 36.

**Team statistics:**  
Rebounding: JH: 22 (Richter 10, Oelberding 4); JCN: 30 (Summers 7, Meyer 6, B. Noll 6).  
Assists: JH: 7 (Richter 3, Dohl 2); JCN: 1 (Brickell 1).  
Turnovers: JH: 8; JCN: 22.

## Holton teams tested in Hiawatha

In a high-octane game in which the Holton and Hiawatha girls battled neck-and-neck for four quarters, the pace played to the Lady Wildcats' favor and ultimately allowed the team to pick up a 72-65 victory on the road on Tuesday night.

"It was an up tempo game and I think that suited us more than it suited them. Over four quarters, I think that just played out," HHS coach Jon Holliday said.

With Holton pushing the pace throughout the game, Holliday believes that took its toll on the Red Hawks' star forward, Emily Gartner. She still finished with 21 points in the game and Hiawatha may have finished with 65 overall, but Holliday said he felt it was a good defensive performance for his team.

Every HHS player who stepped on the court produced on the defensive end, including Sarah Lierz coming in to spell some of the starting guards in the second half due to foul trouble.

Holton ultimately won that battle as well, though, with the Wildcats converting 13 of 17 free throws in the final quarter in which they outscored Hiawatha by 10 points to secure the victory.

"We can do that, get fouled and go to the line and keep the pressure on them, that's obviously a huge advantage," Holliday said.

Additionally, the HHS girls were balanced on offense in general as four starters scored in double figures, led by Ashley Weillert's 20 points. Hayley Thompson added 18 for Holton and Shay Tanking finished

with 16 in the game, which saw the Wildcats take a step forward on an offensive end.

"Obviously, I thought our sets were much better, much crisper," Holliday said. "The ball was moving and not sticking and our timing just continued to get better."

Holliday noted he was pleased with his team's performance against a quality Hiawatha squad on the road and will look for the Wildcats (5-3) to keep making strides as they get ready for a county rivalry game against Royal Valley this Friday. Games will start at 4:30 p.m. in Hoyt.

**Jan. 12, 2016**  
**Varsity**  
HHS: 13-21-10-28—72  
Hiaw: 17-16-14-18—65

**Individual statistics:**  
HHS: Weillert 20, Thompson 18, Tanking 16, Boswell 13, Moore 4, Holaday 1.

Hiaw: Kunkel 28, Gartner 21, Barbary 10, Overdick 4, Kettler 2.

While the Lady Wildcats seemed to figure out their offensive issues on Tuesday against Hiawatha, the boys couldn't quite break out of their funk and that is ultimately what sunk the team in a 53-45 loss to the Red Hawks.

"They (Hiawatha) were able to penetrate our zone and get to the basket. We were not able to do that and that's where the game was won," HHS coach Ryan Noel said. "We're frustrated. That's a game that we thought we could go up there and

win."

Getting Will Wright back from an injury that kept him on the bench in the 2015 portion of the season helped a little bit, but Noel noted the team is still struggling collectively to create offensive opportunities.

After tying the game up going into halftime, the coach said the goals were to beat the zone and knock down Hiawatha's high post scorer, Ethan Pierce. Holton struggled to do both of those things, but it was Red Hawk point guard Joseph Kunkel who may have struck the final blows.

Noel said the plan was to force Kunkel into more outside shots, but he made himself at home in the paint for a stretch in the fourth quarter that allowed Hiawatha to extend its lead and pull away for the victory.

With more tough battles ahead in Big Seven League play, Noel said his team has to focus on controlling what it can control to give Holton a chance moving forward in the competition. Next on the schedule, Holton (2-6) will travel to Royal Valley for league competition beginning at 4:30 p.m. on Friday.

**Jan. 12, 2016**  
**Varsity**  
HHS: 6-18-6-15—45  
Hiaw: 14-10-9-20—53

**Individual statistics:**  
HHS: Patch 16, Haussler 11, Bain 7, Wright 6, Frakes 4, Brandt 1.  
Hiaw: Kunkel 15, Pierce 12, May 10, Nolt 5, Elffier 4, Lierz 3, Bigham 2, Tollefson 2.



Jackson Heights' Alexis Rieschick (shown above, at right) takes aim and fires towards the basket in the second half of Tuesday's game against JCN. Rieschick hit some, but the Cobras couldn't hit enough outside shots to keep pace with the Chargers in the end.

Photo by Kelly Breckunlith

## Panthers sweep Perry-Lecompton

After a slow start, the Panther boys got a big boost in the second quarter and then gradually pulled away for a 45-33 victory over Perry-Lecompton at home on Tuesday.

Kwaki Spoonhunter came back with a big game for Royal Valley, finishing with a game-high 18 points, while Jarrett Roy chipped in 14 points to help the team's winning effort.

Now, Royal Valley (7-1) will get ready for a rivalry game this Friday as the team is set to host Holton with games starting at 4:30 p.m.

**Jan. 12, 2016**  
**Varsity**  
PL: 10-9-9-12—33  
RV: 8-16-9-12—45

**Individual statistics:**  
RV: K. Spoonhunter 7 4-5 18, Roy 5 4-5 14, M. Spoonhunter 2 0-3 4, Barger 0 3-5 3, Rottinghaus 1 1-2 3, Ehrhart 1 (1) 0-0 3. Totals: 16 (1) 12-19 45.  
PL: Kellum 4 0-0 8, Bays 2 (1) 2-4 7, Bond 2 0-0 4, Johannung 2 0-0 4, Sproer 1 (1) 1-2 4, L. Christman 1 (1) 0-0 3, Daniels 1 (1) 0-0 3. Totals: 13 (4) 3-8 33.

Following an up and down game offensively against Sabatha the last time out, the RVHS girls found a little more consistency when facing Perry-Lecompton at home on Tuesday night. The Lady Panthers started strong again, building a five-point lead by

halftime, and maintained from there on the way to a 38-31 victory.

Kate Hanson led Royal Valley with a game-high 10 points while three other RV players chipped in at least six points in the win. Now, the Panthers (4-4) will get set to take on Holton at home on Friday. Games will start at 4:30 p.m.

**Jan. 12, 2016**  
**Varsity**  
PL: 14-5-6-6—31  
RV: 10-13-7-8—38

**Individual statistics:**  
RV: Hanson 3 4-4 10, T. Thomas 3 (2) 1-2 9, Baker 3 (1) 0-1 7, K. Thomas 2 (2) 0-2 6, Schuetz 1 0-0 2, Thompson

1 0-0 2, Johnson 1 0-0 2. Totals: 15 (5) 5-9 38.

PL: Mallonice 1 6-7 8, Folks 3 2-2 8, Fast 4 0-0 8, Easum 2 0-1 4, Jamison 1 (1) 0-0 3. Totals: 11 (1) 8-10 31.

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# Panther wrestlers pushed at dual tournament in Topeka

In Royal Valley High School wrestling coach Jason Puderbaugh’s mind, there was no question that Saturday’s dual tournament at Topeka Seaman would be the toughest challenge of the regular season for his team.

While the Panthers held their own against much larger 5A and 6A schools, going 2-3 and placing fourth, Puderbaugh said he felt his team easily could’ve been leaving Topeka 5-0 with a tournament title if some things went differently.

“I felt like while our finish was okay, I think that we could’ve done better. I just don’t think that we responded as well as we could have to the challenge that the tournament brought,” Puderbaugh said.

Early on, RVHS started strong, but Puderbaugh noted the team slowed down and wasn’t finishing as well as it could despite winning some of its later duals.

The match-up with KC Turner was a prime example, as it was the final dual for the Panthers and their most lopsided loss of the day. On top of not matching up well with Turner, Royal Valley also dropped some close decisions that could’ve gone either way.

Top wrestlers like Jacob Box weren’t immune either, as Box faced the top-ranked 182-lb. wrestler in 5A in Turner’s Jacob Smith. He was just one of several Panthers to face some of the top competition as Dalton Ware faced number one Dawson Podlena (Class 5A, 106 lbs.) in the dual with

Seaman, while Noah Hart dropped a close decision to Blue Valley’s Tanner Madl, ranked number one at 152 lbs. in Class 6A.

Charles Todd was the only wrestler to best his ranked opponent, as the Panther closed the opening dual against Topeka Seaman with a bang, pinning top-ranked Ian Hall (Class 5A, 285 lbs.) in just over 30 seconds.

Despite that impressive performance, Todd could not escape the rollercoaster nature of the tournament either. Puderbaugh admitted he wasn’t sure about putting Todd in that position against Hall with his recent return to the mat, but facing Seaman first meant the wrestler would be fresh and it would be a good measuring stick.

Conditioning issues did take their toll, though, as Todd was held out of the final two duals because of a muscle strain, according to Puderbaugh.

Still, Todd’s win over Hall was impressive, as was Brett House’s overall performance as the freshman collected three wins, including a dramatic overtime win in the Panthers’ first dual victory against Hays.

Trailing 7-4 with 15 seconds remaining in the third period, Puderbaugh said he signaled for House to allow an escape to give himself a chance. The freshman did and then proceeded to quickly score a takedown and two-point nearfall that tied the match, going on to win

10-8 in sudden victory.

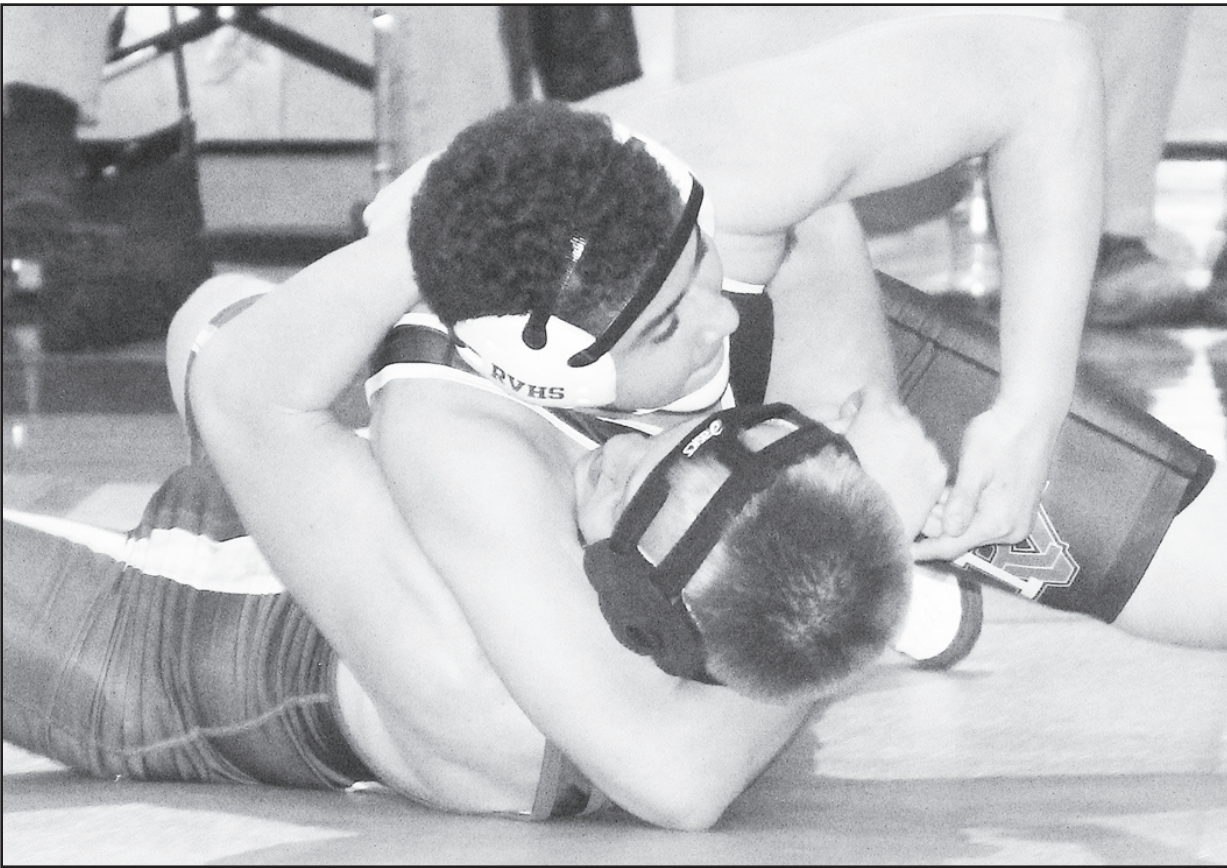
In the end, the Panthers couldn’t get enough victories like that, despite having similar opportunities in multiple matches and Puderbaugh noted that is a teachable moment for his team.

“I think our young team needs to understand that while we’ve got the potential, there’s other good teams out there and if we’re going to win the big ones, the tough ones, it takes everybody gutting it out to get the job done,” Puderbaugh said.

Lance Bailey is another wrestler who had a strong day and could’ve gone undefeated, but he also lost a match by close decision. Todd suffered a similar fate, as getting out of position prevented him from going 3-0, which illustrated the slight margin of error if the Panthers want to compete at a consistently high level.

“We just have to get a little bit better, in a little bit better shape, a little bit mentally tougher and just continue to improve. We’re not where we need to be, but we’re getting there. We’re making strides,” Puderbaugh said. “One of the things I say in practice all the time is hard work pays off. I think that they’re seeing that.”

Royal Valley will try to see a little more payoff with more upcoming duals, as the team travels to Silver Lake for a double dual Thursday before heading to St. Marys for a two-day dual tournament starting at 3 p.m. on Friday.



Royal Valley’s Marshall Stewart (shown above, top) gets a pin in one of his many matches last week. The busy schedule continues for RVHS this week, as the team has a double dual in Silver Lake on Thursday and will compete in another dual tournament this coming weekend.

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## Jackson County area scoreboard

### Boys basketball

Jan. 12, 2016

#### Big Seven

Hiawatha 53, Holton 45  
Riverside 52, ACCHS 38  
Royal Valley 45, Perry-Lecompton 33  
Sabetha 46, Nemaha Central 44  
Wamego 72, Jeff West 52

#### NEKL

Heritage Christian 68, McLouth 45  
Immaculata 49, Oskaloosa 40  
Jackson Heights 63, JCN 36  
Maur Hill 49, Pleasant Ridge 37  
Valley Falls 46, Horton 34

#### TVL

Axtell 73, BV Randolph 44  
Centralia 60, Frankfort 45  
Doniphan West 40, Wetmore 29  
Troy 56, Onaga 40  
Valley Heights 74, Clifton-Clyde 61  
Washington County 72, Linn 22

#### Other area

Concordia 73, Marysville 63

Jan. 8, 2016

#### Big Seven

Hiawatha 47, ACCHS 31  
Nemaha Central 52, Holton 32  
Riverside 60, Jeff West 58 (OT)  
Sabetha 42, Royal Valley 31

#### NEKL

Horton 54, Pleasant Ridge 50  
Jackson Heights 85, McLouth 24  
JCN 42, Maur Hill 39  
KC Christian 75, Oskaloosa 39  
Valley Falls 58, Immaculata 28

#### TVL

Axtell 65, Frankfort 33  
Centralia 61, BV-Randolph 30  
Doniphan West 56, Clifton-Clyde 32  
Hanover 59, Valley Heights 58  
Washington County 49, Troy 42  
Wetmore 40, Linn 38

#### Other area

Abilene 63, Marysville 43  
KC Sumner 56, Atchison 54

### Girls basketball

Jan. 12, 2016

#### Big Seven

ACCHS 52, Riverside 32  
Holton 72, Hiawatha 65  
Jeff West 42, Wamego 26  
Royal Valley 38, Perry-Lecompton 31  
Sabetha 60, Nemaha Central 41

#### NEKL

Heritage Christian 70, McLouth 54  
Immaculata 39, Oskaloosa 25  
JCN 39, Jackson Heights 29  
Maur Hill 42, Pleasant Ridge 28  
Valley Falls 58, Horton 25

#### TVL

Axtell 68, BV Randolph 50  
Centralia 51, Frankfort 44  
Troy 52, Onaga 30  
Valley Heights 63, Clifton-Clyde 38  
Washington County 58, Linn 41  
Wetmore 43, Doniphan West 25

#### Other area

Marysville 67, Concordia 56

Jan. 8, 2016

#### Big Seven

Hiawatha 52, ACCHS 22  
Jefferson West 56, Riverside 22  
Nemaha Central 52, Holton 44  
Sabetha 51, Royal Valley 38

#### NEKL

Jackson Heights 53, McLouth 24  
Maur Hill 36, JCN 21  
Oskaloosa 34, KC Christian 15  
Pleasant Ridge 50, Horton 42  
Valley Falls 48, Immaculata 17

#### TVL

Axtell 65, Frankfort 47  
Centralia 59, BV-Randolph 30  
Clifton-Clyde 42, Doniphan West 31  
Linn 45, Wetmore 39  
Valley Heights 69, Hanover 67

## Dual results for RVHS wrestling

### Seaman Dual tournament

#### Team results:

Blue Valley 39, Royal Valley 30  
Royal Valley 54, Hays 24  
KC Turner 50, Royal Valley 24  
Royal Valley 39, Lansing 36  
Topeka Seaman 47, Royal Valley 27

#### Individual results:

##### vs. Blue Valley

(106): Dalton Ware won by decision, 7-4, over Ethan Meuret (BV).  
(113): David Kim (BV) won by fall over Garrett Pruyser.

(120): Lance Bailey won by fall over Nick Lester (BV).

(126): Ethan Ashley had an open round.

(132): Brett House had an open round.

(138): Alex Totta (BV) won by decision, 6-0, over Caleb Burnworth.

(145): Garhett Hurst (BV) won by decision, 6-1, over Zack Lux.

(152): Tanner Madl (BV) won by decision, 6-1, over Noah Hart.

(160): Connor McCarrick (BV) won by fall over Karsen Smith.

(170): Brady Sloan (BV) won by fall over Marshall Stewart.

(182): Jacob Box won by decision, 5-0, over Gabe Morgan (BV).

(195): Blake Garrison won by fall over Cameron Frank (BV).

(220): Baker Lister (BV) won by fall over Brian Shane.

(285): Brendan Fletcher (BV) won by fall over Charles Todd.

##### vs. Hays

(106): Dalton Ware won by fall over Corey Hale (Hays).

(113): Garrett Pruyser had an open round.

(120): Lance Bailey won by fall over Tadin Flinn (Hays).

(126): Nate LaPorte (Hays) won by fall over Ethan Ashley.

(132): Brett House won by sudden victory, 10-8, over Kyle Casper (Hays).

(138): Payton Garrison (Hays) own by fall over Caleb Burnworth.

(145): Conrad Vajnar (Hays) won by fall over Zack Lux.

(152): Noah Hart won by decision, 5-2, over Austin Dale (Hays.).

(160): Karsen Smith had an open round.

(170): Marshall Stewart had an open round.

(182): Jacob Box won by fall over Brayden Dorzweiler (Hays.).

(195): Blake Garrison had an open round.

(220): Braydon Delzeit (Hays) won by fall over Brian Shane.

(285): Charles Todd won by fall over Trey VanPelt (Hays).

##### vs. KC Turner

(106): Garrett Pruyser had an open round.

(113): Jose Nevarez (KCT) won by decision, 14-8, over Dalton Ware.

(120): Corbin Clark (KCT) won by decision, 4-0, over Lance Bailey.

(126): Nick Arzola (KCT) won by fall over Ethan Ashley.

(132): Tanner Sutton (KCT) won by fall over Brett House.

(138): Cameron Bates (KCT) won by fall over Caleb Burnworth.

(145): Zack Lux won by fall over Robert Magill (KCT).

(152): Noah Hart had an open round.

(160): Juleain Winters (KCT) won by fall over Karsen Smith.

(170): Ricardo Yanez (KCT) won by fall over Marshall Stewart.

(182): Jacob Smith (KCT) won by tech fall, 15-0, over Jacob Box.

(195): Dakota Bates (KCT) won by decision, 4-2, over Blake Garrison.

(220): Brian Shane had an open round.

(285): Arnez Dowdy (KCT) had an open round.

##### vs. Lansing

(106): Clay Howard (Lan.) won by fall over Dalton Ware.

(113): Joseph Irwin (Lan.) won by fall over Garrett Pruyser.

(120): Lance Bailey won by fall over Desi Felix (Lan.).

(126): Jacob Lillich (Lan.) won by fall over Ethan Ashley.

(132): Brett House won by fall over Ben Curny (Lan.).

(138): Caleb Burnworth won by fall over M. Marquez (Lan.).

(145): Zack Lux won by decision, 4-3, over Zach Caracillo (Lan.).

(152): Noah Hart won by decision, 10-3, over Luke Wagner (Lan.).

(160): Karsen Smith won by decision, 2-0, over Dalton Runnebaum (Lan.).

(170): James Schafer (Lan.) won by fall over Marshall Stewart.

(182): Jacob Box had an open round.

(195): Blake Garrison had an open round.

(220): Brian Orkwis (Lan) won by fall over Brian Shane.

(285): Khalil Austin (Lan.) had an open round.

##### vs. Topeka Seaman

(106): Dawson Podlena (TS) won by fall over Dalton Ware.

(113): Kolton Meditz (TS) won by fall over Garrett Pruyser.

(120): Lance Bailey won by decision, 3-1, over Dray Podlena.

(126): Tegan Dillon (TS) won by tech fall, 16-1, over Ethan Ashley.

(132): Colby Anderson (TS) won by decision, 10-6, over Brett House.

(138): Spencer Fortney (TS) won by fall over Caleb Burnworth.

(145): Matt Schlossman (TS) won by decision, 4-0, over Zack Lux.

(152): Noah Hart won by fall over Noah Bibby (TS).

(160): Mason Ray (TS) won by fall over Karsen Smith.

(170): Sam Payne (TS) won by fall over Marshall Stewart.

(182): Jacob Box won by fall over Michael Latendresse (TS).

(195): Blake Garrison had an open round.

(220): Reuben Juarez (TS) won by fall over Brian Shane.

(285): Charles Todd won by fall over Ian Hall (TS).

### RV wrestling quad

#### Team results:

Royal Valley 39, Pleasant Ridge 15  
Royal Valley 66, Atchison 12  
Royal Valley 60, Perry-Lecompton 16

#### Individual results:

##### vs. Pleasant Ridge

(106): Dalton Ware had an open round.

(113): Both teams were open.

(120): DJ Kester had an open round.

(126): Lance Bailey won by decision, 13-6, over Luke Oatney (PR).

(132): Brett House won by fall over George Blue (PR).

(138): Both teams were open.

(145): Zack Lux won by fall over Eli Schwinn (PR).

(152): Seth Beying (PR) had open round.

(160): Nic Bridges (PR) had open round.

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round.

(170): Both teams were open.

(182): Jacob Box won by fall over Anthony Brigg (PR).

(195): Dustin Graham (PR) wins by decision, 8-7, over Blake Garrison.

(220): Both teams were open.

(285): Charles Todd had an open round.

##### vs. Atchison

(106): Dalton Ware had an open round.

(113): Garrett Pruyser won by fall over Gavin Rebant (Atch.).

(120): DJ Kester had an open round.

(126): Ethan Ashley won by fall over Michael Deware (Atch.).

(132): Brett House had an open round.

(138): Spencer Vice (Atch.) won by fall over Caleb Burnworth.

(145): Zack Lux had an open round.

(152): Noah Hart won by fall over Alex Bindel (Atch.).

(160): Karsen Smith won by fall over Caleb Pierce (Atch.).

(170): James Boatwright (Atch.) won by fall over Marshall Stewart.

(182): Both teams were open.

(195): Jacob Box won by fall over Andrew Wilson (Atch.).

(220): Brian Shane won by fall over Riley Smith (Atch.).

(285): Charles Todd had an open round.

##### vs. Perry-Lecompton

(106): Dalton Ware won by fall over Dalton Kahle (PL).

(113): Wyatt Pringle (PL) won by fall over Garrett Pruyser.

(120): Ethan Ashley won by fall over Hunter Barnes (PL).

(126): Lance Bailey had an open round.

(132): Brett House won by decision, 5-1, over Joel Guess (PL).

(138): Josh Renneberg (PL) won by fall over Caleb Burnworth.

(145): Zack Lux won by decision, 9-3, over Peyton Kahle (PL).

(152): Noah Hart won by fall over Cyrus McCoy (PL).

(160): Torin Van Nest (PL) won by major decision, 10-1, over Karsen Smith.

(170): Marshall Stewart won by fall over Tyler Erickson (PL).

(182): Jacob Box had an open round.

(195): Blake Garrison won by fall over Mason Rodie (PL).

(220): Brian Shane won by fall over Dakota Kelley (PL).

(285): Charles Todd won by fall over Kyle Bonham (PL).

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The Spring Turkey WIHA program weeks land with suitable turkey hunting opportunities for the spring season. Leases run from April 1-May 31. Once enrolled, the property is posted with signs indicating access dates, and a map of the tract will be included in a free atlas published by KDWP. Game wardens periodically patrol WIHA properties. In addition, state law provides protection to private individuals who lease their land to the state for recreational purposes from liability for damages or injuries resulting from ordinary negligence. All WIHA is walk-in only and open only to hunting during the dates listed on the contract.



For more information on the Spring WIHA program, call the KDWP Region 2 Office at (785) 273-6740.





## School Menus

### Jackson Heights

**Monday, Jan. 18:** No School – Staff Development Day.

**Tuesday, Jan. 19:** Breakfast – Whole-grain cereal, yogurt, fruit, juice and milk; Lunch – Pulled pork with bun, romaine lettuce, tomato slices, baked beans, corn, tropical fruit, cookie and milk choice.

**Wednesday, Jan. 20:** Breakfast – Breakfast pizza, fruit, juice and milk; Lunch – Spaghetti with meat sauce, garden spinach salad, garlic bread, green beans, grapes and milk.

**Thursday, Jan. 21:** Breakfast – Waffle stick with syrup, sausage link, fruit, juice and milk; Lunch – Taco salad, tortilla chips and salsa, Spanish rice, graham snacks, pineapple tidbits and milk.

**Friday, Jan. 22:** Breakfast – Biscuit with sausage gravy, fruit, juice and milk; Lunch – Chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, peas, wheat bread (9-12), orange wedges and milk.

### Holton

**Monday, Jan. 18:** No School – Staff Development Day.

**Tuesday, Jan. 19:** Breakfast – Pancake on a stick, fruit cocktail, fruit juice and milk; Lunch – Pork rib on

a bun, leaf lettuce and tomato slice, fresh baby carrots, fresh apple, canned fruit choice and milk choice.

**Wednesday, Jan. 20:** Breakfast – Biscuits and gravy, banana, fruit juice and milk; Lunch – Taco soup, taco chips and tomato salsa, broccoli florets, fresh banana, canned fruit choice and milk choice.

**Thursday, Jan. 21:** Breakfast – French toast with syrup, fresh grapes, fruit juice and milk; Lunch – Corn dog, green beans, tater tots, fruit cocktail, Snickerdoodle, fresh fruit choice and milk choice.

**Friday, Jan. 22:** Breakfast – Mini waffles with syrup, applesauce, fruit juice and milk; Lunch – Chicken quesadilla, tortilla chips and salsa, refried beans, fresh grapes, canned fruit choice and milk choice.

### Royal Valley

**Monday, Jan. 18:** No School – Staff Development Day.

**Tuesday, Jan. 19:** Breakfast – Bagel with cream cheese, fruit and milk; Lunch – Soft taco, refried beans, corn, fruit and milk.

**Wednesday, Jan. 20:** Breakfast – Breakfast burrito, fruit and milk; Lunch – Pizza, cooked carrots, salad,

cookie (9-12), fruit and milk.

**Thursday, Jan. 21:** Breakfast – Breakfast pizza, fruit and milk; Lunch – Ham, cheesy potatoes, green beans, roll, fruit and milk.

**Friday, Jan. 22:** Breakfast – Biscuit and gravy, fruit and milk; Lunch – Pig in a blanket, french fries, cooked broccoli, fruit and milk.

### Wetmore

**Monday, Jan. 18:** No School – Martin Luther King Day.

**Tuesday, Jan. 19:** Breakfast – Biscuits and gravy; Lunch – Beef and noodles, mashed potatoes, brown sugar carrots, peaches, whole-grain roll and milk.

**Wednesday, Jan. 20:** Breakfast – Syrup Day; Lunch – Pig in a blanket, baked beans, campfire potato wedges, pineapple and milk.

**Thursday, Jan. 21:** Breakfast – Sausage or egg biscuit sandwich; Lunch – Chicken Alfredo, peas, carrot crunchies, sunshine slices, whole-grain breadstick and milk.

**Friday, Jan. 22:** Breakfast – Breakfast pizza; Lunch – Stuffed crust pizza, spinach garden salad, seasoned green beans, sliced pears, whole-grain rice krispie treat and milk.

## PBP Elder Center Menu

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

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Reservations are required if you are in a large group. The center is located on K Road, about one-half mile south of 158<sup>th</sup> Road. For more information about the program, call (785) 966-0040.

Menus listed for the week of Monday, Jan. 18 through Friday, Jan. 22 are as follows:

**Monday, Jan. 18:** Closed – Martin Luther King Day.

**Tuesday, Jan. 19:** Meatloaf, potatoes and gravy, green beans and dinner roll.

**Wednesday, Jan. 20:** Barbecue ribbette, chips, potato salad and fruit.

**Thursday, Jan. 21:** Birthday dinner, Indian tacos, rice and cake.

**Friday, Jan. 22:** Fish sticks, mac and cheese, corn on cob and fruit.



Katherine Indermaur (left) and Matt Maloney (right) traveled from Laramie, Wyo., to Holton to adopt Country, a St. Bernard and Great Pyrenees mixed four-month-old pup from the Heart of Jackson Humane Society. The couple arrived in Holton New Year's evening, stayed at a local motel with the pup and returned to their home in Laramie the next day.

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Reservations for Jackson Countians 60 years and older and their spouses wishing to eat lunches under the Title III-C Nutrition program may be made daily Monday through Friday.

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tions may be made through the Senior Citizens Office or by calling (785) 364-3571.

Menus listed for the week of Monday, Jan. 18 through Friday, Jan. 22 are as follows:

**Monday, Jan. 18:** Chicken-dressing casserole, winter mix vegetables, cranberry sauce, peaches and bread and margarine.

**Tuesday, Jan. 19:** Spaghetti with meat sauce, lettuce salad, tropical fruit, chocolate pudding and French bread and margarine.

**Wednesday, Jan. 20:** Barbe-

cue pork, cheesy potato, chuckwagon corn, strawberries and bananas, ice cream and bun and margarine.

**Thursday, Jan. 21:** Baked chicken breast, baked potato, Harvard beets, lime jello with pears, cookie and bread and margarine.

**Friday, Jan. 22:** Baked fish, macaroni and cheese, country blend vegetables, mandarin oranges and bread and margarine.

## Baby News

### Maxwell James Frisby

Rebecca Rippi and Derek Frisby are proud to announce the birth of their son, Maxwell James Frisby. He weighed 5 pounds, 4 ounces and was 19 inches long. He was the first baby born at Stormont-Vail Hospital in Topeka in the new year.

Maxwell has three sisters, Brook, age 12, Karlie, age 17, and KeShawnda, age 20.

Grandparents are Penny and Steve Rippi of Berryton. Great-grandparents are Gene and Anita Eby of Mayetta. Great-great-grandparents are the late Edith and Hack Wilson.

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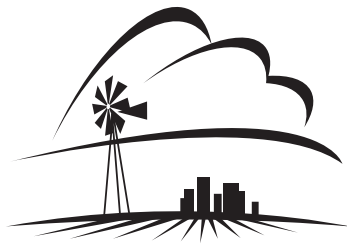
• Friday, Jan. 15. Starting at 6 p.m. Special cow auction. Holton Livestock Exchange. For more information, call 785-364-4114 or 785-364-7137.

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## Denison Bible Church

By Esther L. Hall

On Saturday afternoon, Jan. 9, I picked up my grandchildren for Youth Under Construction and my four-year-old grandson wanted to go as well. As he was getting into the van, he was yelling, "Gwam'ma, it's a bwizzard! It's a weal bwizzard!" Well, it wasn't a real blizzard, but it was really cold. I was glad when the wind died down and it was somewhat warmer after church Sunday.

Thank you to everyone who participated in getting the Fellowship Hall ready for painting and/or in painting. It looks so nice with that new coat of paint!

Pastor Tom's message, "The Day of Accountability," was part two of last Sunday's message on "Stewardship" at Denison Bible Church. Last week, we learned that we own nothing, and without God, we have nothing. We are God's stewards managing what He has given to us — certain resources, gifts and abilities or talents. We are accountable to Him for all that we do with what we have. And we are to use what God has entrusted to us for eternal things.

There is coming a day of "accounting" for all of God's stewards and the Lord's record-keeping is flawless. The day of judgment is not to be confused with the Great White Throne. Christians will not have to stand before the Great White Throne. While every one of us will be judged by Jesus Christ, only the lost or unsaved, whose names are not recorded in the Book of Life, will stand before the Great White Throne. Destination? Hell.

Judgment day is certain. No one will be excluded from it. Every person who has ever lived, that is now living and who will ever live, will "...stand before God to be judged, because it is written in the scriptures: 'As surely as I live,' says the Lord, 'Everyone will bow before me; everyone will say that I am God.' So each of us will have to answer to God." Romans 14:10-12.

All born again believers will be held accountable for what we did with the resources, gifts and abilities that God has assigned to each of us. Jesus' "findings" will be the only decision that counts. He died and rose again for us. No one else has done or will ever do that for us. He's the only one qualified to

judge and "sentence" us.

There is confusion among people of what is good and what is bad or evil. In today's society, more and more people feel that the things the Bible defines as bad for us are okay. They don't seem to care about the things that are declared good. It seems the more depraved people become, the more accepting society is. We will all be judged on the good and bad/evil we've done. We've all been given opportunities to do good, and God will define good and bad as He sees it regardless of what we believe.

We will be rewarded for our faithfulness in our walk with Jesus Christ. Unlike all the lottery tickets people are spending all their money on, His rewards are a sure thing. Someone may win the "Big One," but if they die before they can collect their winnings, what good will it do them? It's far greater to put all you have towards God and the eternal things because it won't matter if you die — there will still be rewards that will pay off.

Some born again believers will miss out on some rewards while others will get the maximum rewards. It's all in how we have used our resources, gifts and abilities that God has trusted us with and every day we have the choice to use them or not for His glory.

There will be a great awards ceremony on judgment day. If we don't take the responsibilities that God has entrusted to us, we can't accept any rewards when we stand before Christ. Will they even be offered to us? Many born again believers will be ashamed because they didn't step up and accept their God given responsibilities and be what God wanted them to be.

Is your name written in the Book of Life? Are you sure? Your eternal destiny of either Heaven or Hell will be determined by whether it is or not.

## Card Shower

Ross Nelson

Ross Nelson of Holton will celebrate his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on Jan. 17. A family dinner will be followed with an open house for the public from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. at the Hutchins Building on the Holton Square.

Cards can reach him at 102 Karen Dr., Holton, KS 66436.



Despite the cold temperatures, a good turnout was noted during the Holton American Legion Gun Show held this past weekend in Hoyt. The show is the organization's largest fund-raiser of the year.

Photo by Ali Holcomb

## Buck's Grove

By Betty Bernitter

Jan. 10, 2016 was a cold, sunny Sunday, but it was warm and cozy inside Buck's Grove Methodist Church. The worshipers were welcomed with a beautiful prelude, "Something Wonderful," as Mary Ringle lighted the altar candles.

Lay pastor Joyce Immenschuh asked for announcements and led the congregants in the call to worship and the opening prayer.

Denny and Donna Ashcraft provided the recorded music for hymns "Praise To The Lord, The Almighty," "There's A Song In The Air" and "Wonderful Words Of Life."

Joyce read scripture from Isaiah 43:1-7 and Acts 8:14-17. Psalms 29 was recited by all present.

Joyce's title for the message was "Baptism And Prayer." Joyce compared the advance planning it took when President Bill Clinton spoke at a Louisville, Ky. high school in the 1990s to when Jesus started His ministry with only John the Baptist. It was John's job to prepare the way for the coming of the Son of God. He did his

job perfectly even though his ministry lasted only about a year before he was beheaded.

The first public act in Jesus' ministry was to be baptized by John the Baptist. Jesus didn't need to be baptized, as He was the sinless Son of God. He needed no one to die for His sin, as He did not have any sins.

As Jesus was being baptized, He was also in prayer to God. Jesus' entire ministry was filled with prayer. On more than one occasion, He prayed all night long. Prayer needs to be a daily part of our lives. If Jesus needed to pray, just think how much more we need to.

Don Boling and Jack Bernitter were the offertory ushers. The worship service closed by singing "I'm Goin' A Sing When The Spirit Says Sing."

## Circleville Christian

By Jeannie Arnold

Ellsworth and Sandra Hewitt served as greeters at the door for Cowboy Church at Circleville Christian Church on Jan. 10. Gary Bell gave the welcome and opening prayer. Music was provided by the praise team of Gary Bell, Dale and Ilah Rose Askren, David Allen, Roy Hallauer and Paul and Sue Davault. Mike Cochren gave the announcements of upcoming events, and David Allen gave the prayer for concerns and praises.

Blair Wagner brought the morning message titled "What's In A Name." He used text from Nehemiah as he told the significance of the name "Jerusalem." (Jerusalem was the Royal City, The Holy City, the city where Jesus died and was

resurrected.) The wall of Jerusalem was broken down, and Nehemiah was called to repair Jerusalem for God's glory.

We all have our own walls that need to be built, and we can do that by being good stewards of what God has given us. Blair closed with a thought from Nehemiah 8:10: "The joy of the Lord is our strength."

Paul Davault used text from John 10:9-15 as he gave the communion meditation. Communion servers were Donnie Askren, Matt McCauley, Mike Cochren and Ellsworth Hewitt. Tara Lierz provided clarinet music as communion was being served. The prayer for the offering was given by David Allen, and the service closed by singing "Happy Trails To You."

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# Holton Middle School announces honor rolls

The following students have been named to Holton Middle School's honor roll for the first semester of the 2015-2016 school year.

## Principal's Honor Roll (All A's)

**Eighth Grade:** Taygen Rayne Altenburg, Annika Sofia Bergsten, Ben Edward Bontrager, Savanna Renee Booth, Brady Ellis Boswell, Karsen Matthew Brandt, Alexys Stevie Mae Campbell, Ashlyn Michael Carlson, Christena Paige Crouch, Adalee Anne Degenhardt, Taygen Crandall Fletcher, Bailey Elaine Flewelling, Jackson Andrew Gilliland, Faith Emily Haussler, Danika Janae Hickman, Bridget Marie Kucan, Megan Elizabeth Lierz, Jewel Faye Lutz, Alyssa Renee McCammon, Emily Jane McGrath, Olivia Bwalya Mulenga, Cody Michael Mulroy, Cailin Cecelia Parks, Seth David Peterson, Eli Patrick Prine, Keegan Patrick Purcell, Kinleigh Layne Rhodd, Kolby Dean Roush, Ethan Thomas Stark, Calina Danielle VanAusdall, Amy Catherine Irene Watkins, Noah Dale Woltje, Trey Joseph Wright and Olivia Marian Yingst.

**Seventh Grade:** Chloe Lynn Amon, Allison Narina Campbell, Hannah Larrie Ent, Sadie Elizabeth Gilliland, Jose Jorge Luis Gomez, Lexi Nicole Jenner, Kiana Lynn Jessepe, Marcus Joseph Pruett, Tyler Farrel Rose, Saydee Jo Tanking, Grace Elizabeth Utz and Kinsley Rae Watkins.

**Sixth Grade:** Amariah Marie Allen, Sydney Anne Althaus, Samantha Rose Auxier, Katina Alexis Bartel, Maxine Cang Bertulfo, Alayna Eve Clayton, Macey Ann Gross, Jace Wesley Hallauer, Bobbi Ann Horr, Darby Jean Ireland, Lillian Mechelle Kimberlin, Corwin Lee Marten, Lillian Rose Mulenga, Riley Joseph Mulroy, Olivia Ruthann Summers, Carson Heath Taylor and Madie Leigh Wilt.

## Honor Roll (All A's & B's)

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# Hoyt Livewires hold meeting

By Megan Fenske

At the December meeting, the Hoyt Livewires 4-H Club started with the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was called to order by President Garrett Pruyser. Roll call was, "What do you want for Christmas?" and was answered by 23 members.

Next, the club voted to pay for a gold membership in the 4-H Booster Club. The club also voted to move the meetings from Sundays at 4:30 p.m. to Sundays at 3:30 p.m.

After the meeting, club members put together cookie plates to deliver to Hoyt community members and businesses.

The meeting was concluded by saying the 4-H Pledge.

**Holton Senior of the Month**

Holton High School's senior for the month is Emily McKinsey. Emily is the daughter of Mark and Pam McKinsey. Emily is an active member of the Holton High School SAFE, SADD, JCYC, FCA, and Quill and Scroll Society. She is also a member of Journalism and serves as the Photo Editor.

Emily has served as a Stormont Vail Pediatric volunteer, teaches Sunday school classes at EUM and works as a CNA at Medicalodges of Jackson County as well as Lasting Impressions.

Emily plans to attend Kansas University and major in pre-nursing with a minor in healthcare administration. Emily was presented with a \$25 gift card to Penny's from the Holton High School staff for her continued involvement at HHS.

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# Jefferson County recognized for its conservation efforts

Jefferson County was named among five of Kansas' 105 conservation districts receiving service recognition awards during the Kansas Association of Conservation District's (KACD) annual convention in recent days.

The five districts which received the Governor's Conservation District Recognition were recognized for their excellence in helping local farmers and ranchers implement conservation practices and encouraging conservation in their areas.

Conservation districts work with landowners to construct livestock waste systems, terraces, windbreaks, water wells, grass plantings and other conservation projects, as well as to provide education on methods of conserving natural resources.

The Governor's Conservation District Recognition winners were:

- Area I: Rawlins County.
- Area II: Hodgeman County.
- Area III: McPherson County.
- Area IV: Jefferson County.
- Area V: Crawford County.

Activities of the recognized districts were highlighted during the State Conservation Commission luncheon at the KACD Convention held recently in Wichita. Recipients were presented a plaque signed by Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback, recognizing the district's commitment to conservation. Awards were presented by Kansas Secretary of Agriculture Jackie McClaskey.

"Kansas farmers and ranchers work hand-in-hand with their conservation districts to implement soil and water conservation efforts, and we are proud to recognize their achievements," McClaskey said. "In agriculture, we know that quality soil and water are precious resources that require care in order to raise healthy animals and grow crops today and to pass these resources on to future generations."

The conservation district is the primary local unit of government responsible for the conservation of soil, water and related natural resources within each county. KACD is a voluntary, nongovernmental, nonprofit organization established in 1944 for the purpose of establishing and supporting programs designed to advance the conservation and orderly development of Kansas land, water and related resources.

The Kansas Department of Agriculture Division of Conservation works closely with local conservation districts and the KACD. For more information about conservation in Kansas, contact the Kansas Department of Agriculture Division of Conservation at (785) 564-6620.

# Saddle Club celebrates Christmas

By Linda Price

The Onaga Saddle Club met Jan. 9 at the Sportman's Bar in Onaga for the annual Christmas dinner.

Nineteen attended and enjoyed the buffet. A meeting followed with the election of officers. Todd Boswell is president. Bridgett Turner is the secretary and treasurer. Linda Price continues as reporter.

Price gave a report about the trail ride in October. Some of the saddle club members assisted with the ride the Kansas Horse Council put on at Fairview.

She urged for everyone to attend the Equifest in Topeka the last weekend in February. Everyone who loves horses will have a good time there.

**Thank You**  
*I would like to thank all my family, friends and clients for all their prayers, well wishes and gifts this holiday season! Gary is doing fine and we hope for a better New Year! We wish the same for you! Love you all!*  
*Linda B.*

**Jackson Heights Senior of the Month**

Jackson Heights' senior of the month for January is Bailey Williams. Bailey is the daughter of Kyle and Lori Williams. She has been active in volleyball. Bailey has also been a member of Spanish Club and National Honor Society.

Following graduation, Bailey plans to attend Washburn University to pursue a degree in Law.

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**Royal Valley Senior of the Month**

Congratulations to Nick Ehrhart, Royal Valley's Senior of the Month for January. Nick is the son of Bob and Karen Ehrhart.

He has been active in football, basketball, baseball, KAY Club, and FCA.

Following graduation, Nick plans to attend Washburn University.

On behalf of the Royal Valley Student Council, we would like to thank Nick for his continued leadership at Royal Valley.

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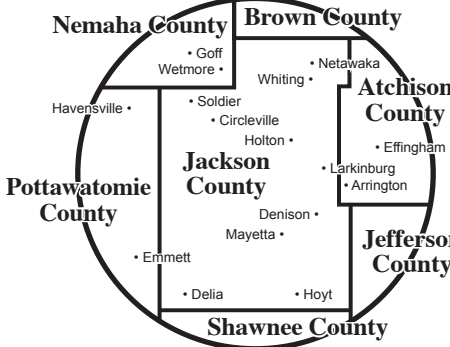
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LIVE-IN CAREGIVER for 85-year-old-man. No drugs, room/board, 2 meals/day. Driver’s license required. References. Maybe small salary. Call 785-221-2329.

The Heart of Jackson Humane Society is seeking donations of several items for continued operations, as well as more volunteers to walk dogs at the shelter. For more information, call the shelter at 364-5156 or stop by the shelter at 414 E. Eighth St. in Holton.

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**UHL-FURNITURE:** Nice large Pride mobility electric chair, \$500; bunk bed, \$200; roll-away bed, \$100; loft bed, \$150; electric lift chair, \$200; hide-a-bed couch, \$200; tables, chairs, couches, dressers, beds, handicap equipment. 785-969-9167.

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## Employment

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### Employment

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### Rental Property

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### Employment

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### Employment

### Employment

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Circleville

*By Jeannie Arnold*

On Monday, Jan. 4, Dennis and Barbara Hutchinson and Sharon Cochren attended the Soldier Senior Citizen meeting, and besides enjoying the potluck meal, they heard KSU football player Trent Tanking tell about his experiences in Memphis at the Liberty Bowl. He also told about the merits of the football program under the direction of Coach Bill Snyder. After he gave an informative talk, many in the audience asked questions. It was very interesting.

On Thursday, Jan. 7, the guest of honor at Steve and Brenda Tims' home was their granddaughter, Triniti Tims. She was there for a small early celebration of her second birthday. Those in attendance were her mom and dad, Mona and David Tims, brother Devin, and sisters Sophie and Rubie. They had Triniti's favorite meal for dinner, pizza, and later cake and ice cream. She opened her gifts and had a great time playing with the new doll grandma and

Potawatomi Methodist

*By Ilene Dick*

Sunday, Jan. 10, was a very cold day, but it was a blessing to see the sunshine.

Pastor Howard opened the service at Potawatomi United Methodist Church as the congregation celebrated the baptism of the Lord and the first Sunday after the Epiphany.

Joys included the sunshine; Pastor Howard is now moved to Holton; and Judy Thoman has finished her physical therapy. Continue keeping her in prayers for complete use of her shoulder.

Other prayers are needed for Leetha Smith and Karen Burns for healing and rehabilitation following individual problems requiring foot surgery and for Donnie Thoman with a knee injury in an accident getting his leg caught in a cattle panel.

Laura Schreiber was acolyte and also read the scripture from Matthew 3:16. Hymns for the service were "O Come All Ye Faithful," "There's A Song In The Air" and "Joy To The World." Tina Pugh provided the music on piano, and Ilene Dick joined in on organ with congregational hymns.

Tina Pugh gave the special, sharing the history and devotional about the song "There's A Song In The Air" written by a Kansas author.

The birthday song was sung to Jim Shenk. His special day was Jan. 2.

Offertory ushers were Keith Bell and Jim Shenk.

The sermon text was from Mark 1:4-11, with the title "Following Je-

Immanuel Lutheran

*By Esther L. Ideker*

The baptism of our Lord Sunday was observed at Immanuel Lutheran Church on Sunday, Jan. 10 at the early morning worship service. After greeting one another, the service opened with the hymn "O Morning Star, How Fair And Bright." Divine service, setting one, was followed. Psalm 29 was spoken responsively.

Elder Mike Keehn read the Old Testament lesson from Isaiah chapter 43 and Epistle lesson from Romans chapter 6. Pastor Jeffrey Geske read the Holy Gospel from Luke 3:15-22.

In the children's sermon, Pastor Geske reminded them that they are children of God, baptized in His name, just as Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist. We are to remember our baptism every day as a gift from the Holy Spirit. With our baptism, we are given the command to make disciples of all we come in contact with. And to remember that even in our worst days, we are fearfully and wonderfully made. Pastor Geske closed with the song "I Have Been Bought By The Blood Of The Lamb." The sermon hymn was "God's Own Child."

In the sermon, based upon the Gospel lesson of the day, Pastor Geske chose "Baptized Into Christ" as the theme. Jesus begins His public ministry by presenting Himself to John for baptism in the Jordan River. Because of His baptism, we go into baptism's living waters as the dirty marked with death only to rise up clean and marked for new and everlasting life.

Jesus' baptism identified Him as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world; our baptism imparts the new identity as the children of God. Here God marks us and claims us: "You belong to me."

During this time of Epiphany, we are recalling and celebrating the manifestation of Christ being shown to be the light of the world, the Savior of all. Alive to God, in response to His grace, His forgiveness, His love and His eternal home for us, we live trusting, celebrating, encouraging and sharing God's amazing love with others, because we are baptized in Christ.

The congregation professed The Apostles' Creed. Ushers Topher Dohl and Doug Amon gathered the offering. The offertory piece was "Beth-

grandpa got her.

Dennis and Barbara Hutchinson were in Olathe on Saturday night, Jan. 9, attending a family Mexican food meal celebrating Barbara's birthday. Eleven family members attended. They also watched part of the Kansas City Chiefs game. It was a bitter cold night, but it was worth the trip.

On Sunday afternoon, the nicest young girl came to our door taking orders for Girl Scout cookie sales. I remember selling Girl Scout cookies 50-some years ago, but I don't ever remember selling them when it was such cold weather. Maybe we sold them at a different time of year back then. Anyway, it's Girl Scout cookie time, and they still make great cookies!

The Circleville Seniors will meet on Monday, Jan. 18, at noon at the Lodge Hall. Lunch will be different kinds of soup. Soup will be provided by the group, but guests should bring a covered dish to go along with soup. Everyone is welcome.

sus in Baptism."

When Jesus came to be baptized, He was identifying Himself with sinners who came to be baptized. He is set off from us, yet He came with us, a part of a crowd. Jesus didn't need to be baptized. It was more beneficial to us than to Him.

Jesus received confirmation of His identity. Jesus wants everyone to be saved. He wants us to be a living sacrifice to Him.

Next Sunday's sermon will be "Peter, Cornelius and Us."

The quarterly board meeting was held following worship service.

On Sunday, Jan. 2, the Roush family gathered at the home of Loren and Martha Roush for lunch and a Christmas gift exchange. Those present were Lisa and Elza Clark; Brian Roush and sons, Chris, Kolby and Dalton; Michael and Kristi Roush and son, Kreighton; and Alison Olson and sons, Kevin and Brody.

Betty Bowser accompanied Mike and Grace Bowser to Rossville on Sunday afternoon, Jan. 10, to watch Betty's great-granddaughters, Taylee and Hunter Poppelreiter, play basketball.

Jim and Marjean Shenk hosted a family gathering at their home on Jan. 3. The occasion was in celebration of Christmas and Jim and Logan Shenk's birthdays. All of their Kansas families and Marjean's sister, Maryalys, and her granddaughter were present. All had an enjoyable day.

lehem Star." "Lord, Take My Hand" was sung by the congregation.

In the prayers of the church, thanksgiving was given for the assurance of God's love for us because of Jesus; for our pastor, Tricia and Jacob and our congregation; for the church at large; and for our missionaries and all who serve Him. Remembered were the leaders of our country, state and for the Armed Forces. Continued healing was asked for all who are struggling or ill for comfort and hope. Use us to be a blessing to others. The congregation joined in The Lord's Prayer.

Following the benediction, the service closed with the hymn "Songs Of Thankfulness And Praise." Serving Sunday were Mike Keehn, elder; Garrett Klahr, acolyte; Joyce Peterson, organist; and on the altar committee, Pam Schumann and Nancy Schumann.

Bible class, Sunday school and confirmation class followed the service. At noon, a light meal was served with the church council meeting.

Immanuel Ladies met at the church at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 8 with Tricia Geske leading the devotions and topic, "With A Touch," Part 1 and 2 by author Julie Bettencourt. Roll call was answered by "10,000 reasons to be thankful" with each member writing things to be thankful for on a poster. Business projects were gifts to the Lead a Child Missionary organization, mite month, contribution to N.E. Zone LWML and planning Day of Prayer for Feb. 7. Pastor Geske served birthday cake in honor of Janet Amon's birthday.

Two arrested for Walmart theft

Two people were arrested in connection with the theft of a television and computer from the Holton Walmart Monday evening, it was reported.

The Jackson County Sheriff's Office received a 911 call at 5:42 p.m. that day reporting a theft from the store, which is located across the highway from the sheriff's office at 209 Arizona Ave.

It was reported that two suspects had left the store with the merchandise in a red Ford Crown Victoria, according to Jackson County Sheriff Tim Morse.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**Thursday, Jan. 14**

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

\*AA meeting in Scholars Bowl at Pleasant Ridge.

\*4 p.m. Holton JV Scholars the yellow annex west of St. Dominic Catholic Church at 7 p.m. Use the south door.

\*4 p.m. JHHS Varsity Bowl at Jeff West.

\*4:30 p.m. Holton JV Scholars Bowl at Jeff West.

\*6:30 p.m. Holton Ag Ed Speech Showcase.

\*Beck-Bookman Library book club meeting, 7 p.m. at the library. Sandee Morris will lead discussion on "The Obituary Writer" by Ann Hood. Judy Robison and Sandee Morris will provide refreshments.

\*Axtell Spelling Bee, grades 3-8.

\*The Kansas Bar Association and the Topeka Bar Association will be hosting its "Call-A-Lawyer" night from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Anyone in need of free legal advice is encouraged to call (800) 928-3111. Callers will be able speak to volunteer lawyers who are donating their time to answer questions and providing legal advice and information.

**Friday, Jan. 15**

\*Narcotics Anonymous meeting from 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in the library room (room 104) at Evangel United Methodist Church, 227 Pennsylvania Ave. in Holton.

\*5 p.m. Royal Valley After Prom dinner.

\*No school for Prairie Hills students (teacher in-service).

**Saturday, Jan. 16**

\*9 a.m. Jackson Heights V/JV NEKL HS Scholars Bowl at Immaculata.

\*9 a.m. RVHS Powerlifting Meet.

\*The Samuel Linscott Chapter NSDAR will meet at 10 a.m. The meeting will be held at the Denison State Bank conference room. Enter at the north door and knock.

\*Holton Cub Scouts Pinewood

Derby, 11:30 a.m., EUM Family Life Center.

\*KSU Ag Ed Speech contest.

\*FBLA District Leadership Conference at Troy.

**Sunday, Jan. 17**

\*Attend the church of your choice.

\*AA meeting in the basement of the Mayetta Catholic Church at 7:30 p.m.

\*Indian taco feed from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Delia Grade School. Sponsored by Delia Community Pride.

**Monday, Jan. 18**

\*Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

\*The Circleville Senior Citizens will meet at noon at the Circleville Lodge Hall for a soup luncheon. Soup will be furnished, but salads and desserts are needed.

\*No school for Jackson Heights, Holton, Royal Valley or Prairie Hills students (Martin Luther King Day/teacher in-services).

**Tuesday, Jan. 19**

\* Jackson County Commis-

sion, 9 a.m. at the Jackson County Courthouse in Holton (note date change due to observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day). All meetings are open to the public. To address the county commissioners, contact the county clerk's office at 364-2891 to have your name place on a meeting agenda.

\*Holton City Commission, 7 p.m. at Holton City Hall (note date change due to observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day).

**Wednesday, Jan. 20**

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

\*9 a.m. Winter FFA-CDE Day at Marysville.

\*TVL Scholars Bowl at Wetmore.

\*7 p.m. Wetmore Booster Club meeting.

\*Holton FFA District Speech.

Middle school boys basketball season under way here

Middle school boys basketball in Jackson County got under way at the start of 2016, as Holton and Royal Valley had their first games within the first week of January, seeing some mixed results.

Things started well enough for both teams last Monday, as the Panthers and Wildcats opened the season at home and took three of the four contests against their first opponents.

Royal Valley had no trouble getting past ACCHS, as two of its three wins were decided by 10-plus points. The eighth-grade picked up the sweep, with the seventh-grade teams

splitting against the Tigers.

The Panthers then hit the road last Thursday to face Riverside and while the teams had some intense match-ups, they didn't go in favor of RVMS this time. Royal Valley's eighth-grade A team fell in three overtimes and the B team was the only squad to pick up a win.

For Holton, the season started with a near sweep of Hiawatha, though most of the games could've gone either way. The seventh-grade A team was the biggest winner, taking down the Red Hawks by seven points, while the B team completed the sweep. The eighth-grade A team wasn't as lucky, but the B team

forced the split.

In Meriden last Thursday, the Wildcats couldn't match their opening night success as the eighth-grade teams were both toppled by the Tigers.

Royal Valley and Holton will get back into action this Thursday, as HMS heads to Perry-Lecompton for competition while Royal Valley will host Sabetha. Both series will start at 4:30 p.m. Jackson Heights is also getting the season started this week and will take on JCN on the road starting at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday.

Scores  
Jan. 7, 2016  
Jeff West 8A 54, Holton 8A 25

Jeff West 8B 27, Holton 8B 21  
Riverside 8A 39, RVMS 8A 36 (30T)  
RVMS 8B 25, Riverside 8B 20  
Riverside 7A 45, RVMS 7A 18  
Riverside 7B def. RVMS 7B

Jan. 4, 2016  
Holton 7A 29, Hiawatha 7A 22  
Holton 7B 17, Hiawatha 7B 15  
Hiawatha 8A 31, Holton 8A 20  
Holton 8B 23, Hiawatha 8B 20  
RVMS 8A 40, ACCHS 8A 9  
RVMS 8B 21, ACCHS 8B 17  
RVMS 7A 22, ACCHS 7A 11  
ACCHS 7B 19, RVMS 7B 4

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Morse reported to the commissioners that the communications center handled 20,248 incidents in 2015 and received a total of 58,545 calls. Of those calls, 3,840 were 911 calls, and 787 came from landlines and 2,529 were made with a wireless phone.

### Investigation Division

The county's investigation division investigated an estimated 138 cases, which is up from 114 cases the previous year. Of the 138 cases, 32 were burglaries, 24 were thefts, 26 were sex-related, 29 were narcotics and 18 were death investigations.

Additional cases included arson, aggravated battery, aggravated assault and identity and financial crimes, Morse reported.

The investigation division also applied for and received 43 search warrants in 2015, which is an increase from 21 in 2014.

"This year has been very, very busy," Morse said.

### Jackson County Jail Improvements

Morse noted a number of upgrades made to the jail in the past year. A new plumbing system was added to allow employees to have control of the plumbing in the facility in order to reduce water waste, as well as prevent inmates from flushing contraband.

"Prior to the upgrade, some inmates would repeatedly flush toilets

causing a tremendous over-usage of water," Morse said. "Inmates have also flooded cells. With the new system, when a toilet is flushed more than twice within five minutes, the toilet is then locked down."

The showers were also renovated and also placed on timers.

Additional security measures were put in place in 2015, including the installation of more video surveillance cameras. The control room door was also relocated for more security.

### Inmate Housing Contract

A new inmate housing contract was signed between the county and the Kansas Department of Corrections in 2015, and the county began housing some of the department's inmates in June.

As part of the partnership, the KDOC has allowed county corrections officers to attend a five-week training academy for free, Morse said.

This past year, 1,441 inmates were booked into the Jackson County Jail from outside agencies, generating \$496,074.03, Morse reported.

### Communications Tower

The sheriff's office purchased a communications tower near Circleville from Kansas Broadband at a cost of \$7,000 this past year. The tower was purchased from money obtained from conducting VIN inspections.

The tower hosts a repeater for the

sheriff's office and one for the road and bridge department.

The county previously spent \$10,000 per year renting space on the tower. Morse estimated that building a new 300-foot tower would have cost \$100,000.

### Sheriff's Office Staff

The Jackson County Sheriff's Office has 52 employees, including the sheriff, undersheriff, jail captain, three detectives, 11 full-time patrol deputies, five part-time deputies, a full-time security deputy, a part-time court security deputy, a support service deputy, eight dispatchers, 16 corrections officers, an administrative assistant and a part-time administrative assistant. The agency also has one school resource deputy and a grant-funded victim services coordinator.

"Our law enforcement officers and deputies appreciate your unparalleled support," Morse said. "These are dangerous times among dangerous people. While some tend to believe that we, in rural law enforcement, are much safer than in the city, that belief is not true, and our nearest back up can be 30 miles away. Our deputies risk their lives every single day, every time they step out of the patrol unit and approach a driver. Each time they respond to a call, their lives are on the line. We have outstanding people with lots of talent."

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While Stones said it is unlikely Holton would get the full amount of that grant, he noted even \$25,000 would help in creating scholarships to encourage enrollment in a district pre-school.

The board then approved pre-enrollment for district pre-kindergarten.

Other business addressed by the school board included:

- \*Heard a report from Holton students Sydney McRae (HHS), Michaela Adcock (HHS), Taylor Moore (HMS) and Macy Gross (HMS) on a collaborative project between one of Keri Miller's sixth-grade English classes and students in Cullen Jackson's high school graphic arts program.

The students worked together to create a book illustrating a story Miller's sixth-grade class wrote earlier in the school year, with the high

school students utilizing Photoshop and special drawing tablets to handle the design.

Students present described what it was like working together, with HMS principal Michael Kimberlin also presenting a video, and they also passed around some of the completed books for the board to see.

- \*Approved the consent agenda including approval of minutes from the previous meeting, bills, payroll and the following personnel decisions.

- \*Approved the hiring of Megan Perkuhn (Axtell IRC teacher) and Tanya Ahlgren (JHES SPED para).

- \*Approved the resignations of Audrey Etzel (HMS secretary), Melody Boltz (Central, part-time cook), Shirley Stauffer (HMS cook), David Ashcraft (HMS asst. football coach) and Brian Hickman (HMS head football coach).

- \*Approved BOE policy changes as

recommended by the Kansas Association of School Boards.

- \*Received new BOE policies from the KASB for review.

- \*Approved a bid for Prestige Velour (25 oz.) and Plateau Velour (13 oz.) curtains from Allied Theatre (Kansas City, Mo.) for the high school auditorium at a cost of up to \$12,500. The original bid received was for \$10,670, but HHS principal Rod Wittmer noted there may need to be a few final alterations (i.e. color).

The board received one other bid from Theatrical Services (Wichita) for a base cost of \$15,159.

- \*Met in executive session for a total of 90 minutes to discuss teacher salary negotiations and matters pertaining to non-elected personnel.

- \*Noted the absence of board member Allen Arnold.

- \*Adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

## Jackson Heights B.O.E...

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Smith also noted that eliminating the "role model" program means that all children in the program will be subject to the \$130 monthly tuition fee, whether parents pay month by month or an entire year in one lump sum. However, she said parents who have difficulty paying the tuition fees are welcome to talk to her about financial assistance.

Board members also noted that given the possibility of Holton Elementary School starting up a pre-school program when it opens for the 2016-17 school year, the Jackson Heights program could lose students. Mulroy said that if this is the case, "I honestly don't see it affecting us," and Smith added that only a small percentage of pre-school students come from Holton and outside the district.

In other business on Monday, the board:

- Heard comment from Ralph Ortega on the progress of an Eagle Scout project involving a small bridge on the high school's cross-country running course. Ortega said he would like to finish the project before track season starts.

- Approved the meeting's agenda and consent agenda, the latter including minutes from the board's

Dec. 14 and Dec. 16 meetings and monthly bills and activity account reports.

- Met with David Elsbury, KANZA Mental Health & Guidance Center CEO, who told board members about a fund-raising effort to expand KANZA's services in Jackson County.

- Approved the district's 2016-17 calendar on a 6-1 vote, with board member Kelly Kennedy opposed. The calendar sets Thursday, Aug. 18, as the first day of school; Thursday, May 18, 2017, as the last day of school; and high school graduation on Sunday, May 14, 2017, also designated as Mother's Day, a coincidence that some board members said they wanted to avoid.

- Approved a contract with the Karlin and Long L.L.C. accounting firm of Lawrence for the district's 2015-16 financial audit at a cost of \$4,800, an amount Walsh said had not changed from the previous year.

- Heard a report from Walsh on a report issued by the state's Special Committee on K-12 Student Success.

- Heard a report from Walsh on the G.R.E.A.T. program at the ele-

mentary school.

- Were reminded by Walsh of the upcoming alumni basketball game on Friday, Jan. 22, at which time the high school football field will be named for JHHS coach and teacher Dave Henry during a dedication ceremony, set to begin at 6:30 p.m. that day.

- Heard a comment from Keeler on complaints received about the district's Web site.

- Heard a report from Walsh on elementary school activities, including a recent appearance of preschool students reciting the Pledge of Allegiance on a Topeka television station, professional development inservice on Monday, Jan. 18, the upcoming "100th Day of School" celebration and spelling bee winners from fifth and sixth grades.

- Received a report on recent and upcoming middle and high school activities from middle and high school principal Darren Shupe.

- Met in executive session for one hour to discuss personnel matters and negotiations. No action resulted from the session.

- Adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:10 p.m.

## RV down one FTE according to state audit

By Ali Holcomb

The state's preliminary audit of Royal Valley USD 337 students revealed that the district is down one FTE (full-time equivalency) or one student from numbers previously submitted to the state, it was reported.

During a brief meeting of the Royal Valley Board of Education on Monday, Superintendent John Rundle outlined the district's audit, which was completed by Rick Moen, auditor for the Kansas State Department of Education, a week before Christmas.

"We had one high school student that did not return to school after the September headcount date," Rundle said.

The district's audited headcount is 840, with an FTE of 810.1. In Kansas, kindergarten students are counted as .5 FTE regardless of whether they attend a full day or a half day of kindergarten.

Rundle said that the weightings have no impact on the 2016 budget due to the new block grant funding formula currently in place.

In other business, the board:

- \* Approved consent items.

- \* Reviewed district goals.

- \* Accepted a \$200 donation from Kathleen Fox in honor of her late husband, Dale, to the RVHS library. The board also accepted a \$5,000 donation from the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation to the Native American Singers and Dancers.

- \* Received a legislative update from Rundle. The state's school finance formula will be an important issue during the session.

- \* Received a district budget update from Rundle. Six months into the fiscal year, the district has spent 40.62 percent of its budget, which is similar to previous years, Rundle said.

- \* Reviewed the Kansas Association of School Boards' recommended board policy updates. The updates will be shared with administrators and teachers to see if they have any concerns or suggestions before the policies are approved.

- \* Approved the Medicaid Compliance Policy handbook, which is

a new requirement by districts in order to maintain compliance with federal and state laws regarding Medicaid School Based Services.

Rundle said the services are provided to Medicaid-eligible students through the district's Early Childhood Special Education program, and the district is able to claim them for reimbursement.

- \* Approved regalia purchases for the Native American Singers and Dancers. The items totaled \$575 and will be paid for by Impact Aid funds.

- \* Met in executive session for 10 minute to discuss teacher salary negotiations and non-elected personnel.

Back in open session, the board agreed to offer a food service position at the Mayetta school to Debbie Albright.

The board also accepted the resignation from Christian Matthews as a high school assistant wrestling coach.

- \* Adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Board member Jim O'Toole was absent.

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