

Sewer interceptor work is complete

Final cost of stabilizing Elk Creek bank unknown

By Brian Sanders
 Repair work on a "problematic" sewer interceptor line on the north side of Holton and stabilization of an eroded section of Elk Creek's bank in the area of the line is now complete, Holton City Manager Kerwin McKee reported.

Work crews from Nowak Construction of Goddard finished their work on the sewer interceptor repair and stabilization of the south bank of the creek on Thursday, McKee said, resolving the problem of a "failure" in the line that required sewage to be pumped above ground from one manhole into another manhole nearby.

The Holton City Commission learned about the interceptor line problem in early October, noting at the time that the above-ground "bypass" was only intended as a temporary fix, mainly because a filter screen put into place to catch debris from sewage being pumped from manhole to man-

hole had to be cleaned twice a day.

Nowak was retained by the city to repair the line as well as stabilize a section of streambank along Elk Creek that had eroded to the point that the sewer pipe was exposed and then broken. It was reported that the city had to get a permit from the U.S. Corps of Engineers, which has jurisdiction over the creek area, before that work could begin.

McKee said that while the section of streambank in question had been repaired, there may still be areas along the creek that could cause problems for the city at some point in the future, and city officials would keep an eye on the creek.

"Knowing what creeks do and what water does, who knows?" he said. "It may not happen in the area by the interceptor. It could be another area along the creek."

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Kansas Gas Service rate increase OK'd

Kansas Gas Service residential customers, including those in Holton and Jackson County, can expect to see an increase in their 2017 bills of about \$1.25 per month after the Kansas Corporation Commission accepted a settlement agreement with the company on Tuesday.

According to KGS, the company serves about 1,800 in Jackson County.

KGS sought a net revenue increase of \$35.4 million, \$7.4 million of which the company already recovered from customers through its Gas System Reliability Surcharge.

The GRS is a charge put in place for KGS to recover costs associated with safety and public improvement projects between base rates cases.

KCC approved a net revenue

increase of \$15.5 million, including the \$7.4 million GRS, in the settlement unanimously approved Tuesday. The new rates will go into effect Jan. 1.

The company also had asked for a Cost of Service Adjustment, or COSA, an alternative ratemaking mechanism that resets rates annually, KCC spokesman Samir Arif said. As part of the settlement, KGS agreed to withdraw the request.

"It provides an annual streamlined rate application process that results in smaller annual rate change for our customers, instead of the traditional method of infrequent, but larger rate increases," KGS spokeswoman Dawn Ewing previously said. "It's intended to reduce the need

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Reeds chronicle history of Soldier area

By Ali Holcomb
 Jerry and Nina Reed of Soldier have self-published a 300-page collection of stories and photographs to help preserve the history of Soldier and the surrounding communities.

Since February, the couple has been gathering information for the book by "just talking" to neighbors and community members.

"I call it a book of the people by the people," Nina said. "Because there's a lot of families that either lived in Soldier or had family memories of Soldier that submitted pictures and information."

Jerry grew up in Soldier and the couple raised their three children there. They lived in Holton for a brief time before moving back to the small town located in northwest Jackson County.

"I thought it was time to do a book on the history of the town," Jerry said.

Besides a history of the community, a portion of the book includes articles of memories about the town and its people from residents and their family members.

"We thought we'd start out by compiling 100 pages and it grew to 300," Nina said. "We just started by putting the word out that we wanted some photos, and I couldn't believe the numbers of pictures we received. It's astronomical. People really wanted to preserve the history of our town."

The book includes more than 600 pictures of buildings, families and newspaper clippings



Nina and Jerry Reed of Soldier recently published a 300-page book about the history of Soldier and surrounding communities. The book is a collection of photos and stories from families who have lived, and continue to live, in the area.

Photo by Ali Holcomb

relating to the town and its residents.

"It's not a moneymaker," Nina said. "It's purely a community service project."

Originally called Smithland, the town's name was changed to Soldier in 1878 due to its close proximity to Soldier Creek.

The city's first mayor was J.H. Holston and F.M. Wilson

was appointed city clerk on April 18, 1896.

"Back in the 1800s, it was a thriving little town," said Nina, who noted that the Leavenworth, Kansas and Westerly Railroad came through the town.

During its formative years, the town had a variety of establishments, including general stores, hardware stores, banks,

hotels, meat markets, livery stables, blacksmith shops, jewelry houses, millinery stores, grain buyers, stock buyers, two doctors, restaurants, painters and barbershops.

"It was a settlement of people who were really dedicated to building a town and becoming

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All lit up for the holidays

A total of 38 businesses, churches, clubs and individuals participated in this year's Christmas Parade of Lights event, held Saturday evening around Holton's Town Square. In the photo above, Judy Olson drove this bright yellow station wagon with a lighted Christmas tree on top with help from her passenger, Susan Mencl. In the photo at right, Ruby (age 4, at left) and Riley (age 6) Robinson, along with their horses, Topsy and Virginia, were all decked out for the annual holiday event. Several different Christmas-related themes were noted on the lighted floats and vehicles by those in attendance for Saturday's parade.

Photos by Ali Holcomb



Purple Heart Profiles Nott served in Vietnam

Editor's note: This is the 37th in a series of stories about past and present Jackson County residents who earned the Purple Heart Medal, which is awarded to military personnel wounded or killed in the line of duty.

The names of those profiled in these stories will be among those placed on a special monument for Purple Heart Medal recipients currently under construction in Holton's Linscott Park.

After Specialist 4 Gary L. Nott of the U.S. Army was wounded significantly during

the Vietnam War, it could be said that the Viet Cong tried twice more to bring Nott down.

Luckily, he was able to get away from Vietnam despite losing his left leg and most of his left arm in a grenade explosion that happened during April of 1967 — something he told an area newspaper in 1999 that he didn't think he would be able to do.

Nott received a Purple Heart Medal for his bravery in the face of injury, and he would later receive a Silver Star medal of valor.

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Santa letters due Friday!

Letters to Santa Claus from area children due Friday for publication in *The Holton Recorder*.

The letters will be printed in our special Christmas greetings section that will be published Monday, Dec. 19.

The letters are due at *The Holton Recorder* office by 5 p.m. on Friday. Due to the large amount of letters we receive each year, please limit the letters to no more than 150 words.

Please make sure the letters include the child's name (written legibly), age and hometown.

Letters may be mailed to *The Holton Recorder*, P.O. Box 311, Holton, KS, 66436; brought to the office at 109 W. Fourth St. between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday or they can be e-mailed to holtonrecorder@giantcomm.net.

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

For more information about the letters or to place a Christmas greeting in that special section, please call *The Recorder* office at 364-3141.



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DISTRICT COURT NEWS

Traffic

Benjamin A. Alfano, Topeka, driving while license canceled, suspended or revoked, \$228.

Joel L. Bacon, Powhattan, speeding, \$177.

Michael P. Crosby, Topeka, no seat belt, \$10.

Joshua E. Harris, driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs, speeding, diversion.

Kolby M. Holthaus, Hoyt, speeding, \$153.

Casey Kathrens, Holton, driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs, improper driving on laned roadway, diversion.

Shannon D. Kemp, Muscotah, speeding, license to be carried and exhibited upon demand, \$203.

Skylar M. Lazarit, Topeka, speeding, \$201.

Dylan M. McClane, Hoyt, driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs, found guilty.

Nanette M. McGuffin, Circleville, failure to yield or stop at yield sign, \$183.

Brian C. Nelson, Holton, purchase/consumption of alcohol liquor/cereal malt beverage by a minor, diversion.

Matthew S. Pulley, address not listed, speeding, \$183.

Jonathan Romero, South Sioux City, Neb., speeding, \$198.

Faustino Salas, Tecumseh, driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs, found guilty.

Jason Stewart, Tulsa, Okla., registration violation, driving while license canceled, suspended or revoked, no proof of insurance, diversion.

Michael L. Unrein, Topeka, no proof of insurance, \$408.

Criminal Dispositions

State of Kansas vs. Jordan L. Sumner, Topeka, possession of marijuana; sentenced to 17 months imprisonment, suspended; placed on 18 months probation and assessed court costs.

State of Kansas vs. Nicolas D. Price, Topeka, possession of methamphetamine; sentenced to 13 months imprisonment, suspended; placed on 18 months probation and assessed court costs.

State of Kansas vs. Craig H. Lamberd, Delia, violation of open burning resolution; found not guilty at trial.

State of Kansas vs. Kevin A. McGillivray, Topeka, permitting a dangerous animal to be at large; found not guilty at trial.

State of Kansas vs. James Pitts, Lindsborg, criminal trespass; sentenced to six months in jail, suspended; placed on six months probation and assessed court costs.

Filed
State of Kansas vs. Cameron C.A. Wilson, Topeka, theft.

State of Kansas vs. Randall L. Cott, Mayetta, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of marijuana.

State of Kansas vs. Irene L. Bartlett, Lyons, possession of hydromorphone, possession of methamphetamine, possession

of drug paraphernalia, unlawful possession of a controlled substance.

State of Kansas vs. Chandra L. Blair, Lyons, possession of hydromorphone, possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia, unlawful possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana.

State of Kansas vs. Justin C.D. Hackerott, Moundville, Ala., possession of hydromorphone, possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia, unlawful possession of a controlled substance.

State of Kansas vs. Juan G. Rivera Jr., Laredo, Texas, possession of hydromorphone, traffic in contraband in a correctional institution, possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia, unlawful possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana.

State of Kansas vs. Luis M. Ortiz, Mayetta, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of marijuana.

State of Kansas vs. Eric C. Fernandez, Topeka, interference with law enforcement-obstruction of official duty, driving while license canceled, suspended or revoked.

Animal collisions dominate accident reports

The Jackson County Sheriff's Office has reported the following accidents, including 22 that involved deer or other animals and two that involved personal injuries.

■ At 6:18 p.m. on Oct. 24, Jacob Davidson, 24, Holton, was traveling west on 182nd Road near U.S. Highway 75 when he lost control of his vehicle due to a mechanical issue and it left the road.

Davidson's 2003 Chevrolet entered the north ditch and struck a power pole and fence.

The Chevrolet sustained damage to its front bumper, hood and front right and left quarter panels that was listed at more than \$1,000. It was towed from the scene.

Davidson was transported by Jackson County EMS to a Topeka hospital for treatment of injuries.

■ At 9:53 p.m. on Oct. 28, Brandon Rinkes, 32, Holton, was traveling west on 254th near U.S. 75 when his 2012 Dodge struck a deer in the road.

Rinkes' vehicle sustained damage to its front bumper that was listed at more than \$1,000.

■ At 8:39 p.m. on Oct. 29, Gary Gill, 69, Topeka, was driving east on 150th Road when his vehicle struck a deer near Q Road. Gill's 1996 Lincoln sustained damage to its front right bumper and hood that was listed at more than \$1,000.

■ At 3:34 a.m. on Oct. 31, Lucas McGinty, 31, Hoyt, was traveling south on T.4. Road near 94th Road when his 2006 Ford struck an unknown animal that was crossing the road.

McGinty's Ford sustained damage to its front bumper that was listed at more than \$1,000.

■ At 5:46 a.m. on Nov. 1, Cooper Zeller, 20, Hoyt, was driving east on 94th Road near Deer Trail Lane when his vehicle struck a deer in the road.

Zeller's 2008 Chevrolet sustained damage to its front bumper that was listed at more than \$1,000. It was towed from the scene.

■ At 7:22 p.m. on Nov. 2, Kimberly Mellies, 25, Netawaka, was traveling north on U.S. 75 near 286th Road when her 2007 Chevrolet struck an animal in the road.

Mellies' Chevrolet sustained damage to its front bumper, hood, windshield and front left side that was listed at more than \$1,000.

■ At 7:35 p.m. on Nov. 3, Pete DeVader, 58, Holton, was traveling east on 286th Road just east of U Road when his vehicle struck a cow in the road. The cow was owned by James F.

State of Kansas vs. Chad F. Gorrell, Circleville, three counts of residential burglary.

State of Kansas vs. Chad M. Gorrell Jr., St. Joseph, Mo., three counts of residential burglary.

State of Kansas vs. Cassandra L. Hughes, Hiawatha, three counts of residential burglary.

State of Kansas vs. Dru M. Hinson, Atchison, aggravated battery, criminal damage to property, driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs, failure to stop and remain at scene of an injury or property damage accident, minor in possession/consumption of alcohol liquor/cereal malt beverage, transportation of liquor in an open container.

State of Kansas vs. Nicole Villanti, Leavenworth, criminal trespass.

Civil Dispositions

Midland Funding L.L.C. vs. Melody Potter, sought judgment of \$1,149.88 plus interest and court costs; granted.

Federal National Mortgage Association vs. David M. Moseley Jr., Jane Doe, John Doe, Denison State Bank and related

estates, sought judgment of \$25,567.28 plus interest, court costs and foreclosure of mortgage; dismissed.

Limited Civil Dispositions

Central National Bank vs. Corey Specht, sought judgment of \$427.80 plus interest and court costs; granted.

Filed
Norma Baum vs. Paul Bryant, seeking eviction of defendant from rental premises plus court costs.

Domestic Dispositions

In the matter of the marriage of Randy German and Nona German, sought divorce; granted.

Filed
In the matter of the marriage of Mitchel J. Foust and Renee J. Foust, seeking divorce.

In the matter of the marriage of Crystal M. McClelland and Michael P. McClelland II, seeking divorce.

State of Kansas, Department for Children and Families vs. Cassey N. McKinney, seeking support judgment.

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December 8, 2016 - 10 a.m.
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Police report recent arrests

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

■ Ian Steele, 30, Holton, was arrested Nov. 12 on charges of possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, interference with a law enforcement officer and criminal damage to property.

■ Mariha Adcock, 33, Topeka, was arrested Nov. 16 on a parole violation charge.

■ Harry Coker II, 33, Holton, was arrested Nov. 19 on a Jackson County warrant.

■ Kevin Winegar, 21, Holton, was arrested Nov. 20 on a charge of disorderly conduct.

■ Christopher Vaughn, 18, Holton, was arrested Nov. 26 on charges of driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs, possession of marijuana, minor in possession of alcohol and speeding.

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MEMORIES

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5 Years Ago

Week of Dec. 4-10, 2011

Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation chairman Steve Ortiz was one of 12 Native American officials who met on Friday, Dec. 2, with President Barack Obama at the White House. Ortiz told reporters that Obama is "committed to Indian country," with the president stating a desire to work with Native American tribes on issues such as health care, land in federal trust, education, infrastructure and water rights.

O'Reilly Auto Parts is now open for business in Holton. The store is located along U.S. Highway 75 just south of the Jackson County Detention Center. Daniel Kent is the store's manager.

Carol Nelson has opened the Exchange Bank Bar and Grill in Mayetta, it has been announced. The restaurant is located on the east end of the business district along Main Street in the former Exchange State Bank of Mayetta building. The building has also served as a school district office, an appliance store, a grocery store and a church, according to Nelson.

Rob Wilson, claims manager and representative of auto, home and farm insurance sales and service at Kellerman Insurance in Holton, is celebrating five years of service, it has been announced.

10 Years Ago

Week of Dec. 4-10, 2006

Firefighters from Hoyt, Holton and Mayetta were called

Three fatalities noted on holiday weekend: KHP

■ Troopers assisted 1,089 motorists on Thanksgiving

Preliminary data issued by the Kansas Highway Patrol shows that a total of 1,089 motorists were given KHP assistance — and three deaths occurred in traffic accidents investigated by KHP — during the Thanksgiving 2016 reporting period.

None of the three fatality accidents — occurring in Johnson, Finney and Sedgwick counties — involved the use of drugs or alcohol, KHP officials said in the agency's preliminary report for the holiday period, which ran from 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 23 through 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 27.

The agency reported no DUI-related fatal crashes or fatalities during that period, although 27 DUI arrests were made. A total of 1,360 speeding citations were issued, along with 924 speed warnings, it was reported.

In seat belt citations, 158 were issued to adults, six to teens and 29 to children during the holiday period, KHP reported.

Public Notice

(Published in The Holton Recorder, Holton, Kan., on Monday, Dec. 5, 2016.)

CITY OF HOLTON PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ZONING CHANGE

On December 27, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at Holton City Hall, 430 Pennsylvania Avenue, the City of Holton Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider a request for a Zoning Change.

The requested change is from I-1 "Light Industrial" to R-1 "Single Family Dwelling District" for property located in Holton, Kansas. More specifically described as follows:

Lots Eighty Seven (87), Eighty Nine (89) and North Seven (7) feet of Eighty Five (85), New Jersey Avenue in the City of Holton, Kansas.

A copy of this notice has been mailed to all owners of record of lands located within 200 feet of the above described property. Any interested parties are invited to attend this public hearing.

Jeff Draper
Code Enforcement Officer

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to Oldham's Farm Sausage in Holton on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 3, to put out a fire apparently caused by an electrical short. The fire was confined to one area, and no injuries were reported.

Boomers' Grill and Sports Bar in Holton sponsored a drawing in which a winner would have the opportunity to choose between a trip to Las Vegas or Branson, Mo. Holton Mayor Janet Zwonitzer drew the winning name, which was Tim Sturgeon of Hoyt. The contest was in conjunction with the recent road work on Fourth Street, which wrapped up for the winter on Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 29.

Desiree Swapinski has been named the new manager at Holton Pizza Hut, it has been announced.

15 Years Ago

Week of Dec. 4-10, 2001

Jackson County has named Rodney Miller of Holton the county's full-time zoning administrator, it has been announced.

Dr. Stephanie Gilkey-Stumpff has joined the team at Holton Chiropractic Center. Dr. Gilkey-Stumpff is the first female chiropractic physician in Jackson County, it was reported.

Marilyn Miles has opened Miles Mercantile in downtown Holton. The little shop at 320 New York Ave. is crammed full of a variety of items, antiques, hand-crafted items, knick-knacks, gift items, soft drinks and even dog toys.

On Nov. 18, the Wetmore Sound Sensations held a benefit pancake feed and prize raffle to help with medical bills for one of their classmates. Lindsay Boeckman, a junior at Wetmore High School, was recently diagnosed with Ewing Sarcoma. She was presented a check for \$8,627.07 from the Sound Sensations.

25 Years Ago

Week of Dec. 4-10, 1991

Dec. 7, 1991, marks the 50-

year anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor that sparked World War II for the United States. Veteran Milton Drechsler of Holton survived an attack in the relative safety of a submarine. An old, leather-bound photo album contains the only mementos Drechsler has of his Navy assignment in China. He also has one souvenir — a sheet of paper covered in Japanese writing that he plucked from the water during a marine patrol run.

Dean Fletcher of B&P Citgo Propane Inc. in Holton recently received a "Partners in Safety" award from Ranger Insurance Company. The designation is awarded to dealers who have demonstrated a high level of safety in their operations throughout a period of at least three years while dealing with Ranger, it was reported.

A new service called "How Are You Today" was recently started by Bill Berns of Hoyt. The service, according to Berns, is "basically a service that checks on people just to see that they're okay." The service can also be used to remind someone to take medication or to make certain a child has safely reached home after school.

50 Years Ago

Week of Dec. 4-10, 1966

The Holton United Fund Drive passed its goal of \$9,500, it was announced by fund drive chairman Father Edward Hays. The total received was \$9,633.70.

The Rev. Donald Hammerli, pastor of Holton Presbyterian Church, was elected president of the Jackson County Ministerial Alliance for 1967, it was reported.

The Holton FFA Chapter won the Northeast District Public Speaking contest on Monday, Dec. 5. Present to accept the trophy were Duane Klahr, Bill Moore and John Zibell. Chapter sponsor is Robert Houk.

Janet Bohannon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bohannon of Holton, received the Teenage Driver of the Month award from the Holton Pilot Club, it was reported.

Accidents...

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Roberts' 2001 Chrysler sustained damage to its front bumper that was listed at more than \$1,000.

■ At 10:30 p.m. on Nov. 20, Jarrod Niehues, 45, Sabetha, was traveling north on U.S. 75 when his 2016 Chevrolet struck a deer just south of 330th Road.

Niehues' vehicle sustained damage to its front bumper, windshield and hood that was listed at more than \$1,000. It was towed from the scene.

■ At 9:27 a.m. on Nov. 23, Steven Boeckman, 64, Wetmore, stopped his vehicle at a stop sign at the intersection of K-9 Highway and U.S. 75.

While Boeckman's 1998 Ford was stopped, it was struck from behind by a 2009 Pontiac driven by Megan Henry, 23, Wetmore.

Boeckman's vehicle did not receive any damage. Henry's vehicle sustained minor damage to its front bumper.

■ At 3:14 p.m. on Nov. 25, Dana Bryant, 56, Holton was traveling west on K-16 Highway near S Road.

According to the accident

report, Stephen Cooper, 24, Olathe, allegedly failed to yield his vehicle at the intersection and struck Bryant's vehicle as it pulled onto the highway.

Bryant's 2001 Ford sustained damage to its front bumper and front right quarter panel that was listed at more than \$1,000.

Cooper's 2000 Nissan sustained damage to its front bumper, hood and front right and left quarter panels that was listed at more than \$1,000.

■ At 5:40 p.m. on Nov. 27, Christa Merriman, 22, Circleville, was driving her 2012 Mazda east on K-16 Highway when it struck a deer near B Road.

Merriman's vehicle sustained damage to its front bumper, hood and front right quarter panel that was listed at more than \$1,000. It was towed from the scene.

■ At 7:25 a.m. on Nov. 29, Shelly Riedley, 52, Atchison, was traveling west on K-9 Highway near W Road when her vehicle struck a deer in the road.

Riedley's 2016 Buick sustained damage all along its left side that was listed at more than \$1,000.



Members of Holton High School's KAY club participating in the recent Area 3 regional conference included, front row, from left: Barbara Holmes, Alex Myers, Olivia Mulenga and Alison Fisher; back row from left: Sheri Bartel (sponsor), Brooklyn Klahr, Mary Pritchett and Taygen Altenburg. Submitted photo

HHS KAYS offer service opportunities

By Savanna Booth
Student Correspondent
Holton High School

Holton High School has many different clubs that strive to reach out and help in the community. One organization students have an opportunity to join is KAY (Kansas Association for Youth). The KAY club focuses on six objectives, including character, health, service, appreciation, recreation and leadership.



KAY is split up into six areas. Holton's KAY club is part of Area 1. Recently, the Holton High KAY board attended an Area 3 regional conference located in Alma at Wabaunsee High School. They attended Area 3's conference instead of Area 1 due to distance and because the Area 1 meeting was scheduled on Halloween.

Each area has two conferences per year, regional and unit. The regional conference is held in the fall and is an exciting day that provides opportunities for student leaders and sponsors from neighboring clubs to share

success and challenges and exchange ideas.

At the Area 3 regional conference, the HHS KAY board got to participate in many different leadership activities, which helped the club's leadership grow as a team. One of the fun activities they participated in was the popular mannequin challenge. More than 100 students who attended the conference froze in a random position as someone recorded them with the song "Black Beatles" playing.

"The day was filled with really fun moments, and we were all laughing throughout the day," said HHS junior Brooklyn Klahr, president of the Holton KAY club. "We have some really great kids on our leadership team."

The KAY club does many service projects throughout the school year. Recently, the Holton KAY club met on Holton's Town Square and picked up cigarette butts. At the end of the night, they collected a total of 2,011 cigarette butts.

This month, the HHS KAY club is working on the Socks of Love service project. They are raising money to buy personal necessities to put in warm socks for the homeless at the Topeka Rescue Mission. They are striving to reach the goal of \$450 to help purchase items to donate to the campaign.

"It feels really good to help other people," freshman Mary Pritchett said. "I really believe that KAY not only makes this community a better place, but helps make Kansas better as well."

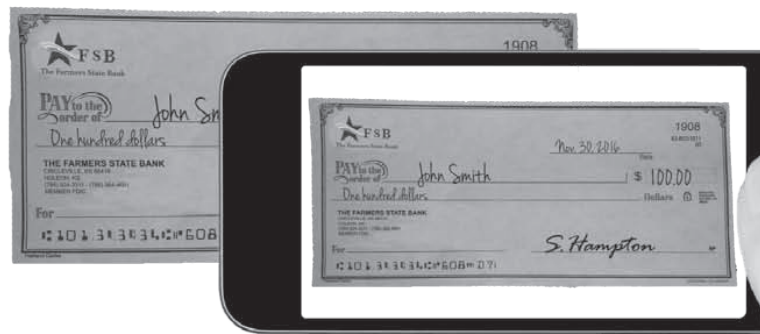
REMINDER

First half of Jackson County REAL ESTATE and PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES must be paid at the Jackson County Treasurer's Office or be postmarked by Tuesday, December 20th. Taxes can also be paid online at www.kansas.gov/propertytax/ If questions call treasurer's office at 364-3791.

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OPINION

GUEST COLUMN

Profile of HCH Auxiliary...

By Jennifer Marek

Did You Know that Holton has an auxiliary group at the Holton Community Hospital? I didn't. Of course I'm new to Holton.

I saw the ad in the newspaper about their general meeting. It said "Please Join Us!!"

To me, that's like waving a red flag in front of a bull. I'm nosy. And only slightly nervous about showing up at a meeting where I know absolutely no one.

So, I walked into the room. Looked for a place to sit. There are only a few people there as of yet.

Gracious, do I stand out as the newbie. One of the ladies comes right over to introduce herself. The others follow suit. Such a nice welcome.

More people file in. There ends up to be about 16 people. Half are retired hospital staff; half are current staff. All volunteering their time to help the community hospital.

I had no idea what to expect. Was the auxiliary like the candystriper I was back in the 80s where we answered visitors questions, delivered mail or meals and filled water pitchers?

I found out. And it's not at all like my candystriper experience. The Auxiliary's role is to purchase items to enhance the patients' experience.

Hospital kitchen needs remodeling/updating? The Auxiliary provides the funds and oversees the project.

White boards in the patients' rooms need replacing? Done.

Nicer, newer chairs in the waiting room? Done.

The Auxiliary always picks one big project and a few little projects every year.

They also give stuffed bears to children to help calm them in the hospital. And new mothers receive a diaper bag or new mother gift.

To do their awesome job, they raise funds. Their continuous fundraiser is the operation of the pop and snack machines at the entrance.

So, as you drop in your coins, you can know that your cravings are helping pay for the extras around the hospital!

I listened to them plan their yearly mouth-watering soup lunch in October. Homemade noodles in homemade chicken noodle soup; homemade pies. Yumm! There's also a raffle and silent auction there.

Another yearly fundraiser is the candy and cookie sale in December. In the spring, a 5k run will be added to the calendar.

The Auxiliary has its general meetings on the first Tuesday every four months (January, April, July, and October) at noon in the new conference room downstairs. Dues are \$10/year. The Auxiliary board meets every month.

Interested? Come to one of the general meetings. The next one is Jan. 3. Or contact Deanna Wilcox at 364-9649.

The Auxiliary is actively seeking community members to become involved. You can check it out and see how you could make a difference at the hospital. There are several different options available. There's sure one to fit you.

Note: Jennifer Marek is a non-profit consultant for the Holton/Jackson County Chamber of Commerce.

Fire safety important for holidays

For many, the holiday season represents a time for family festivities and traditions. What few of us consider is that the holiday season is a time when there is an increased risk of home fires and other injuries.

Safe Kids Kansas reminds parents and caregivers to take a few precautions when decorating for Christmas and other winter festivities.

Candles are widely used in homes throughout the holidays, and December is the peak month for home candle fires. According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), two out of every five home decoration fires are started by candles.

Consider using flameless candles, which look and smell like real candles, and will keep children safe from burns. If you do use traditional candles, keep them at least 12 inches away from anything that can burn, and remember to blow them out when you leave the room or go to bed.

Holiday celebrations often include cooking or baking. It's important to know that unattended cooking is the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries in the United States.

Most cooking fires involve the stovetop, so keep your counter space nearby free from anything that can catch fire. If you're simmering, boiling, baking or roasting food, check it regularly and use a timer to remind you that you're cooking.

Also, create a "kid-free zone" at least three feet around the stove and areas where hot food and drinks are prepared or carried. When making traditions in the kitchen, children who can follow directions may be ready to help out in the kitchen with tasks that do not involve knives, appliances or heat.

Some examples of child-friendly tasks include tearing lettuce, rinsing fruits and vegetables under cold water, stirring ingredients in a bowl, using cookie cutters, measuring dry ingredients or cutting soft fruits with a butter knife.

If you decorate a tree, be sure to take these precautions:

* Never leave a lit Christmas tree or other decorative lighting display unattended. Inspect lights for exposed or frayed wires, loose connections and broken sockets. Do not overload extension cords or outlets, and do not run an electrical cord under a rug.

* Decorative lighting should be labeled with the seal of an independent testing lab. If it's not labeled for outdoor use, don't use it outdoors.

* Natural Christmas trees always involve some risk of fire. To minimize the risk, get a fresh tree and keep it watered at all times or consider an artificial tree. Do not put the tree within three feet of a fireplace, space heater, radiator or heat vent.

LED lights burn cooler than incandescent lights and pose a lower risk of fire.

* Do not burn Christmas tree branches, treated wood or wrapping paper in a home fireplace.

* Never leave burning candles unattended. Don't put candles on a tree or a natural wreath or near curtains or drapes. Keep matches and lighters locked out of reach. Battery-operated flameless candles are an alternative that does not have a fire risk.

* Have working smoke detectors on every level of your home and in every sleeping area.

Prevent accidental poisoning:

* Keep alcohol (including baking extracts) out of reach and do not leave alcoholic drinks unattended. Don't forget to store all medications, including those for children, out of reach.

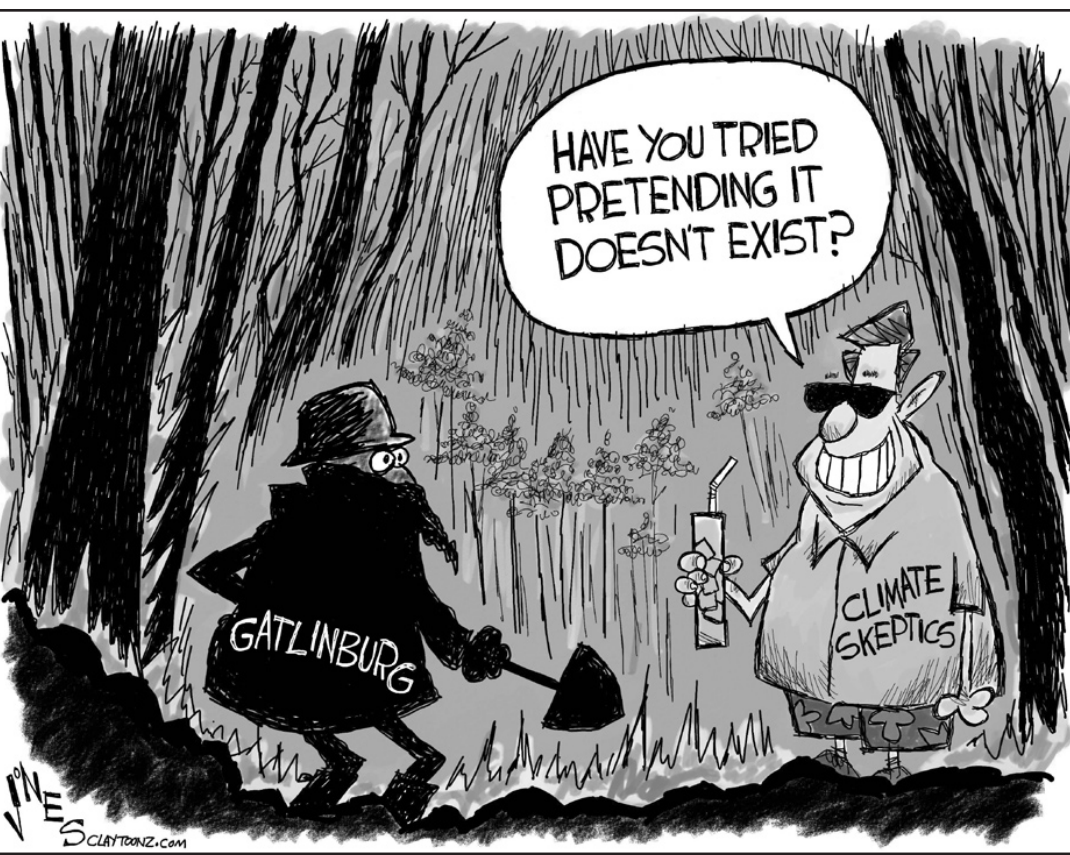
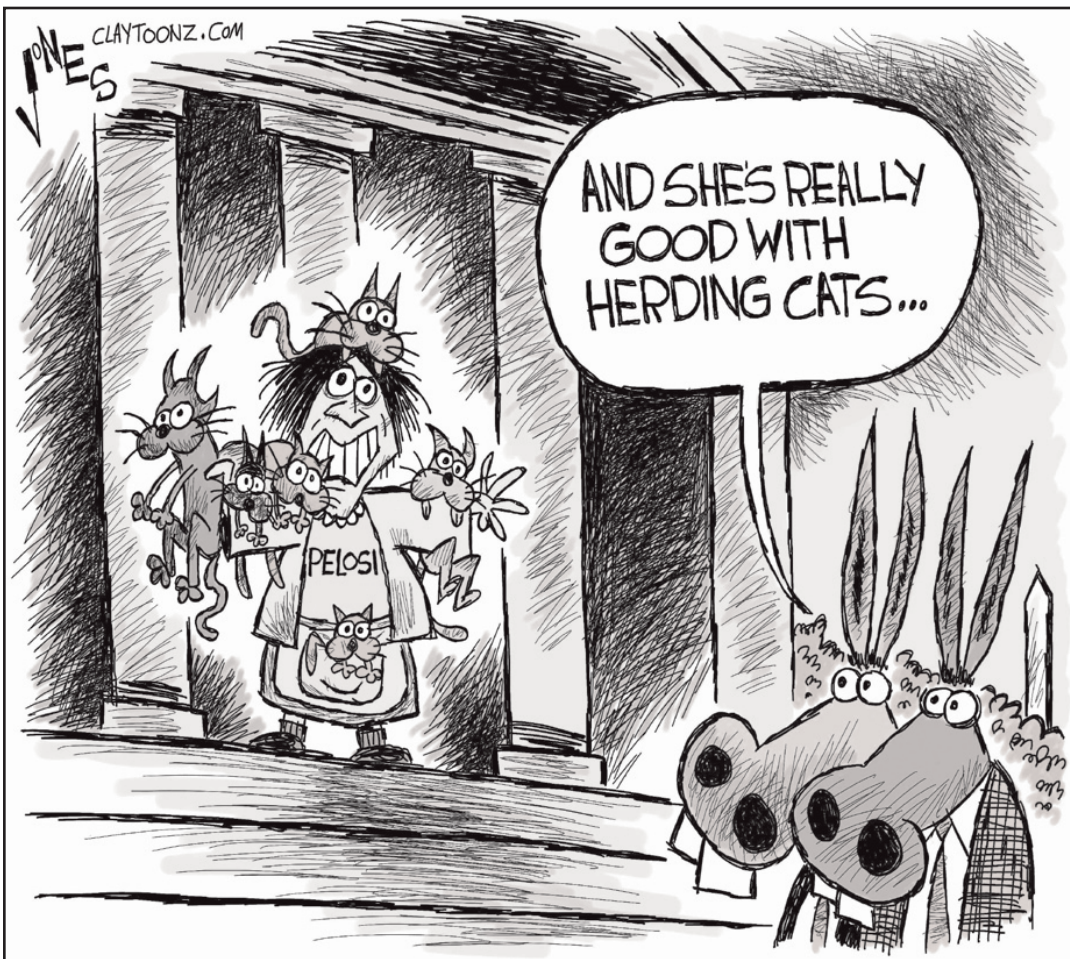
* Color additives used in fireplace fires are a toxic product and should be stored out of reach. Artificial snow sprays are also harmful if inhaled.

* Holly berries, mistletoe berries, poinsettias, amaryllis, boxwood, Christmas rose, Crown of Thorns, English ivy and Jerusalem cherry are all potentially harmful if eaten. If a child eats any part of a non-food plant, call the Poison Control Center at 800-222-1222.

* Have furnaces inspected annually, and install carbon monoxide detectors in your home. "If children will be spending time in your home this season, do some basic childproofing in advance," said Cherie Sage, Safe Kids Kansas. "For example, keep ornaments and other decorations that have small parts, metal hooks or look like food out of reach of small children."

Simple precautions can help ensure your family stays home for the holidays and out of the emergency department.

For more information, visit www.safekids.org.



LETTER

A story about a Christmas tree

Dear editor, In our young lives, we always believed in Santa Claus. In our family, there were seven children and 13 children in Leo's. As my father would always say, "He was the richest man in the world," not of wealth, but of love.

Getting married and having a family of three, the family tradition started. As the grandchildren grew, we had Thanksgiving always at our home. The Christmas decorations started going up and everyone helped. There was even a paper sack reindeer that adorned the inside tree with an angel on top.

When we started having open house for Christmas, this is when the outside really came alive.

Now as you drive by the Jackson County Courthouse on the southwest corner, you will see the 12-foot beautifully lit Christmas tree that we always put outside our home. It just made everything look magical, and now it brings that to the downtown area.

After my retirement as Jackson County Register of Deeds, the tree was passed around the family for others to enjoy. It ended up with Norma and Bob Baum. Norma decided this year, after not using it for several years, it was time to find a home for the tree. Jackson County said it could find a place fitting in the Courtyard. Now the tree is lit for many to see. I couldn't think of a better place to continue the tradition.

For those that like to check out the beautiful lights of Christmas, check out my old address at 519 New Jersey Ave. here in Holton. The new owners, Paul and Bette Holzhau, have started another tradition!

Thank you Chad Phillips and Jerry Mencl, Courthouse custodians, for all your work.

Carol Bickford Holton

Tis the season to watch out for scams!

By Derek Schmidt Kansas Attorney General

Helping others is as much a part of the holiday season as decorating our homes, eating great food and singing Christmas carols. Many wonderful organizations conduct special fund-raising drives during the holidays to provide support for those in need.



Unfortunately, scam artists too often take advantage of the giving spirit of the holidays to find ways to get your generous donations into their pockets instead of a worthy cause. Make sure your donations go to support authentic charitable organizations by making a plan before you give. Here are some tips to help you make those plans:

Control your donations. Instead of waiting for a solicitation to come by phone, mail or email, decide ahead of time what organizations you want to support and contact them directly.

Support local, established charities. While there are many large, international organizations that do great work, your donations can often have a greater impact when they support a cause close to your community, where you can see the results of your donations.

Do your homework. Research the organizations you are considering supporting. Find out how much of your donation goes to support the charitable work of the organization and how much goes to fundraising and overhead expenses.

Make sure the charity is properly registered to solicit donations in Kansas. Most charities soliciting in Kansas are required to register with the Secretary of State's office. You can check to see if the charity is registered by visiting www.kscharitycheck.org. Please note, many religious organizations are not required to register.

Ask if your donation is tax deductible. Not all donations to charities are tax deductible. You can check a charity's status with the IRS at www.irs.gov. When in doubt, double-check with your tax preparer before assuming a donation will be tax deductible.

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Trump wins election at HHS

By Aaran McAllister
HHS freshman correspondent



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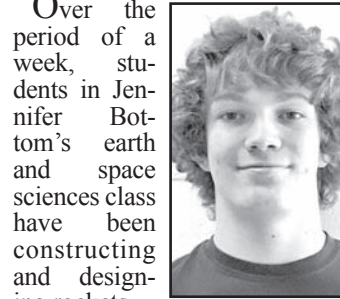
When the polls closed on Nov. 8, Donald Trump was elected as the newest president. Trump lost in the popular vote to Democrat Hillary Clinton, but beat her in the Electoral College vote, 279-228. In a poll at Holton High School, Trump received 62 percent of the votes, with Clinton pulling 22 percent of the votes. While many students at HHS participated in the

mock-election, some chose to abstain. "I was not well educated about the candidates, so I did not vote," freshman Faith Haussler said. Among those who did vote, passions were high. "I voted for Donald Trump because I believe he wants to make this country great again and cannot be bought by special interests like his opponent Hillary Clinton. She took billions of dollars from countries that persecute Christians and LGBT people to fund her campaign...her foreign policy destabilized the Middle East and her health was questionable throughout the campaign," senior Tel Wittmer said. On the opposite side, Gracie Fischer advocated a vote

for Hillary Clinton. "I felt she would be a supporter of everyone. Trump said some things that were hurtful towards women and other ethnic groups," Fischer said. Freshman Shaye Leavendusky agreed with Fischer. "I viewed Clinton more as a leader for this country. I felt she was accepting of everybody. She did not say any hurtful things to anybody," Leavendusky said. Some across the nation had a hard time accepting the final results. Recently, Green Party candidate Jill Stein requested a recount in Michigan, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin. "I did not see a point in Stein requesting a recount," freshman Eli Prine said.

HHS students create and launch rockets

By Trey Wright
HHS freshman correspondent



Wright

Over the period of a week, students in Jennifer Bottom's earth and space sciences class have been constructing and designing rockets. Each rocket is made of an empty two-liter bottle and at least two fins made of various materials, usually cardboard. Some rockets were made more complicated than others. For example, some rockets had cones and some didn't. The design used was up to each student. "I watched a few videos and looked at some pictures on the Internet to get some ideas,"

freshman Faith Haussler said. Students took a day to design rockets and two days to create their rockets. "I do this unit because it ties into what we are learning about, and it makes it fun and enjoyable," science teacher Jennifer Bottom said. The most exciting part for most students, though, was launch day. "I was super excited and couldn't wait to see how my rocket performed," freshman Cody Mulroy said. The rockets were tested on total time, peak time, distance and launch angle. "My rocket looked pretty good initially at launch and then it flipped around in the air and fell into nose dive," freshman Brady Boswell said. While some students were very disappointed by the outcome of their rocket flights, most students would say they enjoyed the project. The rockets were launched multiple times over a couple of days. The launch process consisted of filling the two-liter bottles half full of water and then 100 Psi's of air. Not all landings or launches of the rockets were smooth. Some crashed into the bleachers while some nose-dived and stuck one first into the ground. Some rockets even flew vertically for a second before taking off on a horizontal path. Some just spiraled out of control immediately. "My rocket flew out of control backwards and hit the roof of the football locker-room," freshman Eli Prine said. Other rocket flights were successful. "I felt very accomplished to see my rocket do well, but then I was disappointed to see during the landing my rocket got a hole in the side," freshman Cody Mulroy said.

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Buck's Grove News

By Betty Bernitter
Nov. 20 was a beautiful Sunday to worship God at Buck's Grove Methodist Church.

Betty Bernitter lighted the candles as the recorded prelude was played.

Lay pastor Charlotte Milroy welcomed those present. After announcements were made, the call to worship, opening prayer and Psalm 119:1-8 was recited.

Donna Ashcraft led the congregation in singing hymns "All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name," "Fairrest Lord Jesus" and "Crown Him With Many Crowns."

Charlotte read scripture from Jeremiah 23:1-6 and Colossians 1:11-20.

Joyce Immenschuh's special was a reading "The Bag Lady And Thanksgiving Dinner."

The Gospel reading was Luke 23:33-43 and Charlotte's sermon was titled "Where Is Paradise?"

Paradise is found in the beginning of the Bible in Genesis and at the end of the Bible in Revelations. It is also in the middle of the Bible where Jesus talks about paradise from the cross.

We Christians expect that our relationship with Christ will be deeper, richer and more full once we have passed beyond the frustrations of this present mortal life. Our practice of the Christian faith is our preparation for paradise.

Only God has eternal life. Nothing in us or in the world is eternal. If we are to have more than this life, we must somehow hitch on to God's life. Only God can give us eternal life.

Jesus says to us, "You will be with me in Paradise." What a grand promise of God. We will see Jesus and each other in Paradise.

Holy Communion was offered by Charlotte with the assistance of Donna.

Don Boling and LeRoy Rieschick received the offerings. The service closed by singing

"God Be With You Till We Meet Again."

It was a cold, misty morning on Nov. 27 for the first Sunday of Advent at Buck's Grove Methodist Church.

Jack Bernitter rang the bell. The recorded prelude was provided by Denny and Donna Ashcraft as Marcus Bauman, grandson of LeRoy and Linda Rieschick, lighted the altar candles.

John Hefty welcomed everyone, and after announcements, the call to worship and opening prayer were recited.

Donna led those present in singing hymns "There's A Song In The Air," "O Little Town Of Bethlehem" and "It Came Upon The Midnight Clear."

The Advent message was presented by Joyce Immenschuh with Marcus Bauman assisting in lighting the candle.

John read scripture from Isaiah 2:1-5 and Romans 13:11-14. Psalm 122 was recited by the congregation.

John's children's message reminded us that we receive wonderful gifts from God - salvation, life, families and church. We can give gifts to God by singing praise songs and just being nice to each other.

LeRoy and Linda's special was performed by Nate, Becky and Brooklyn Bauman. They sang "Light Of The Stable."

Gospel reading was from Matthew 24:36-44. John's sermon was titled "The Christmas Carol." Many of you are familiar with the story "The Christmas Carol" written by Charles Dickens. Scrooge found out change is not what happens on the outside, but on the inside with the change to our heart. Life can be a celebration if we live life as God wants us to.

LeRoy and Don Boling were offertory ushers and the service closed by singing "Away In A Manger."

Public Notice

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**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY, KANSAS
Proceedings Filed Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 60**

**ATWATER RANCH COMPANY,
A Kansas Corporation**

Plaintiff,
vs.

WILLIE A. LOUGHMILLER AND MARTHA I. LOUGHMILLER, husband and wife, the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors and assigns of any deceased defendants; the unknown spouses of any defendants; the unknown officers, successors, trustees, creditors and assigns of any defendants that are or were partners or in partnership; the unknown guardians, conservators and trustees of any defendants that are minors or under any legal disability; and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors and assigns of any person alleged to be deceased.

Defendants.

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The State of Kansas to the above-named defendants, and all other persons who

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You are hereby required to plead to said petition on or before the 23rd day of January, 2017, in said court, at Holton, Jackson County, Kansas. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said petition.

**Atwater Ranch Company,
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County signs contract with KDOT to spray noxious weeds

The county has once again entered into a contract with the Kansas Department of Transportation to spray for noxious weeds in Jackson County.

During a recent Jackson County Commission meeting, the commissioners and Mixie Schafer, noxious weed and environmental services director, discussed the annual contract.

As part of the agreement, the state will reimburse the county for spraying highway right-of-ways.

The commissioners also approved a motion to enter into an agreement with the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation in order to receive donated dirt from the nation for the landfill, which is located east of Mayetta.

The county signed a similar contract last year.

In other business, according to the approved minutes from Nov. 21, the commission.

* Heard a weekly report from Eric Fritz and Earl Bahret, road and bridge department co-supervisors, and Bryson Bain, shop foreman.

The men reported that a new garage door for the shop was expected to be installed Dec. 2.

Commissioner Bill Elmer suggested that metal sheeting be installed on the exterior walls of the tire shop, especially in the areas where tires will be resting up against a wall.

* Met in executive session with Fritz for 15 minutes to discuss a personnel matter.

Back in open session, the commission agreed to move Jeannie Elder, road and bridge building maintenance and inventory clerk, from a level three employee to level four after her six-month review.

* Met in executive session for 45 minutes to discuss a person-

nel matter. No action was taken back in open session.

* Met with Elder to discuss the computer program issues she has been having at the new road and bridge shop. They also discussed the daily logs that will be implemented for all road and bridge employees involved in machinery and maintenance of that machine.

* Heard a weekly report from John Kennedy, Banner Creek Reservoir director. Revenue for the week of Nov. 13 - 19 was \$282.26.

Kennedy reported that several fall projects have been completed, including the annual watershed inspection through NRCS.

The interior and exterior of the bathhouse at the "A" campground have been painted, as well as the barbecue grills, water tank and the east side of the maintenance shop.

Seven miles of trails have been cleared and several brush piles have been burned.

A concrete slab has been poured on the south entry of the maintenance shop and 20 fire rings have been installed in campground "A."

* Met in executive session with Jackson County Clerk Kathy Mick for 30 minutes to discuss a personnel matter. No action was taken back in open session.

* Left their Chamber at 2:30 p.m. to view 214th Road. They returned at 4 p.m.

* Entered into an agreement with Sedgwick and Shawnee counties to allow qualified applicants to receive federal grant funding for down payments on Federal Housing Administration homes.

* Adjourned the meeting at 4:30 p.m. All three commissioners were present.

North Jackson Jets 4-H Club holds meeting

By Brooke Slipke

On Sunday, Nov. 6, the North Jackson Jets 4-H Club had its monthly meeting. President Jenna McAllister called the meeting to order, welcomed new members and all members recited the Pledge of Allegiance and 4-H Promise.

Secretary Sofia Mellenbruch read minutes of the previous meeting. Members answered roll call by listing their tooth-brush color.

Vice President Kolby Rethman shared about the club's recent community project (which was building a wheelchair ramp for a local couple) and talked about the December meeting.

Olivia Yingst, treasurer, reported about club finances. The club voted to purchase a new 4-H flag.

Club leader Phyllis Slipke shared about the importance of setting good club goals. The club discussed, and Phyllis will put together, a recommendation for a club vote at the December meeting. Several road sign options were presented, and after discussion, the club voted.

The club brainstormed some future fund-raisers. After the meeting adjourned, Teagen Bowhay led recreation, which was a word search. Brooke Slipke brought homemade cupcakes shaped as turkeys for refreshments.

AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

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Bethany Baptist Church
821 New York • 364-4533
Pastor Ron Sellens
Youth Minister David Noland
Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Sunday school
10:15 a.m. Worship service
1 p.m. Sunday afternoon service
Wednesday: 7:15 p.m. Prayer meeting
Bucks Grove UM Church
Pastor: Charlotte Milroy • 234-4243
Sunday: 9 a.m. Church service
Christ's Church
Southern Heights Clubhouse
Pastor Jon Hanna
Information 364-3468
Sunday: 8:30 a.m. Fellowship
9 a.m. Worship
New Life Church of the Nazarene
209 New York Ave. 364-3642
Rev. Kevin Kniesley
Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Sunday school
10:45 a.m. Worship service
Circleville Christian Church
7701 254th Rd., Circleville
Brody Bliss, Minister
Blair Wagner, Associate Minister
Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 8 a.m. Traditional Service
9:15 a.m. Cowboy Church
10:45 a.m. Contemporary Worship
Website - circlevillechristian.com
Email - circlevillechristian@yahoo.com

Circleville United Methodist
Pastor: Charlotte Milroy • 234-4243
Sunday: 10 a.m. Worship Service
Community of Christ Church
512 Wisconsin • Pastor Dean Sharp
Sunday 10 a.m. Worship service
Delia Presbyterian Church
514 Jackson St. • Rev. Doug Phenix
Sunday: 10 a.m. Morning worship
Check sign board for other events.
Denison Bible Church
300 W. 5th St. • Pastor Tom Fraumfelder
Sunday: 10 a.m. Sunday School
11 a.m. Worship
785/935-2464 • 785/422-2953
Denison Reformed Presbyterian
Rev. J. Edward Hindman • 935-2348
Sunday: 10 a.m. Bible class
11 a.m. Worship service
Lunch following the service
1:15 p.m. Afternoon Service
Evangel United Methodist Church
227 Pennsylvania Ave. • 364-3834
Sun.: 8:50 a.m. Life Journey
(contemporary service)
10 a.m. Sunday school
11 a.m. Traditional worship service
Church - office@evangelumc.org
Pastor - pastor@evangelumc.org
First Baptist Church of Holton
404 Juniper, 364-3423
Sr. Pastor: Tim O'Byrne
Director of Discipleship - Rhett Totten
Sunday: 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Services
5:15 & 6 p.m. Youth Groups
Wed.: 10 a.m. Bible Study • 6:30 p.m. Choir
Friday: 7 a.m. Women's Breakfast
6:45 a.m. Men's Breakfast
First Baptist Church of Hoyt
Pastor David Burnworth • 986-6446
Wednesday night prayer: 7 p.m.
Sunday: 9 a.m. Sunday school
10 a.m. Worship service
7 p.m. Sunday evening worship
First Christian Church

First Christian Church
5th and Wisconsin • 364-2545
Dr. Jim McCollough, Pastor
Sunday: 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship
First United Methodist Church
Pastor Nancy Crowl • 1401 W. 4th • 364-3275
Sunday Schedule: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:15 a.m. Worship
firsttime@giantcomm.net
Holton Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses
12350 214th Rd., Holton • 364-4279
Sunday Public Talk: 10 a.m. • jw.org
Hoyt United Methodist Church
Rev. Bev McCurdy • (c) 785-220-0711
Sunday School: 9 a.m. • 10 a.m. Worship
www.hoytunitedmethodistchurch.com

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Netawaka
Pastor Jeffrey Geske • 785-340-5635
9 a.m. Sunday Worship
10 a.m. Sunday School
10 a.m. Adult Bible Class
Lakeview Faith Chapel Pentecostal Church
3.5 miles south of Holton on U.S. 75
Pastor Steve Cappelman • 364-2416
Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Sunday school
10:15 a.m. Worship service
Larkinsburg Christian Church
Rev. Mark Armstrong
Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Sunday school
10:30 a.m. Church service
Mayetta Christian Church
Ernest Coleman - Pastor
Sunday: Fellowship & Waffles:
8:15 a.m.-8:45 a.m.
Sunday school: 8:45 a.m.-9:30 a.m.
Prayer Circle: 9:30 a.m.-9:50 a.m.
Worship service - 10 a.m.-11:15 a.m.
Wednesday: Bible Study - 6 p.m.-7 p.m.
Mayetta United Methodist
Rev. Howard Sudduth
Sunday: 9 a.m. Morning worship service
and Sunday school
Netawaka United Methodist
Rev. Youngwan Won
Sunday: 8:15 a.m. Worship
Onaga New Hope Lutheran Church, ELCA
Rev. Charlene Banes, Pastor
Sunday: 9 a.m. Worship
10:15 a.m. SS, Adult Bible Class
Bible Study: Tuesday @ 7 p.m.
Holy Communion 1st & 3rd Sunday
Our Lady of the Snows Church
Fr. Marianand Memdem
166 and "I" Road, Mayetta, Kan. • 597-5656
1st, 3rd, & 4th Sunday Mass 8:30 a.m.
2nd Sunday Mass 1 p.m.
Potawatomi Pentecostal Church
4.5 miles west on 134th Rd., Mayetta
Rev. Marcia Potts
Sunday: 10 a.m. Sunday school
10:45 a.m. Worship service
Potawatomi United Methodist
Rev. Howard Sudduth
Sunday: 9:50 a.m. Sunday school
10:30 a.m. Worship
St. Dominic Catholic Church
Pastor: Fr. Marianand Memdem
416 Ohio, Holton, 364-3262
Saturday: 5:30 p.m. Mass • Sunday: 10:30 a.m. Mass
Confessions 30 minutes before mass.
www.jacocatholics.org

St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church
Pastor: Fr. Marianand Memdem
3rd & James, Mayetta, 966-2690/364-3262
Sunday Mass: 8 a.m.
Confessions 30 minutes before mass.
www.jacocatholics.org

St. Thomas Episcopal Church
512 Wisconsin, Holton • Rev. Ray Hartjen
Services on 2nd & 4th Sunday
Sunday Services: 9 a.m.
Post Service Fellowship Breakfast
785-224-8798
sithomasholton@hotmail.com

Soldier Christian Church
834-5750
Ron Ahlgren, Minister
Luke Schreiber: Youth Minister
Sunday: Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Church Services: 10:30 a.m.
Sr. & Jr. High Youth Group: 5 p.m.

St. James Catholic Church
306 5th St., Wetmore • Pastor Father Hammes
Saturday Mass: 6:30 p.m.
Confessions: 30 min. prior to mass

Trinity Lutheran Church
401 Cheyenne
Pastor Brian Stark 364-2206/364-2029
Sunday School: 9 a.m.
Worship: 10 a.m.

Wetmore Bible Church
217 Iowa St., Wetmore
Pastor Gary Heitz • 866-2444
Sunday: 10 a.m. Sunday school (for all ages)
11 a.m. Worship Hour
11:30 a.m. Children's Church
7 p.m. Adult Bible Study
Tuesday: 1:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study
Wednesday: 7 p.m. Youth Group
(Jr. High & HS Ages)
8 p.m. Bible Study

Wetmore United Methodist
Pastor Jessie Zimmerman
(785) 866-2512 Parsonage
866-5556 Church
Sunday: 10 a.m. Worship service
Whiting Baptist Church
Dan Burns, Pastor
Sunday: 9 a.m. Sun. school
10 a.m. Worship service
Whiting United Methodist
Rev. Youngwan Won
Sunday: 10 a.m. Education
11 a.m. Worship
New Hope Family Church
515 Iowa, Holton
Pastor: Sterling Hudgins
Wednesday Meal: 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday Service: 7:15 p.m.
Sunday Worship: 8:30 a.m.



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 - 4. Heroic tales
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 - 14. Not or
 - 15. Where rockers play
 - 16. Dutch name for Ypres
 - 17. Ingested
 - 18. A resident of California
 - 20. Unfounded rumor
 - 22. Oats
 - 23. Type of women's coat
 - 24. Life forms
 - 28. Every
 - 29. Alternating current
 - 30. Withered
 - 31. "Gymnopedies" composer
 - 33. Plate glasses
 - 37. Muscial artist _ DeBarge
 - 38. Before
 - 39. Arrange in steps of size
 - 41. Electron cloud model
 - 42. Morning
 - 43. Leonard __, famed Swiss mathematician
 - 44. Capital city of Buenos Aires province
 - 46. Snouts
 - 49. Of I
 - 50. Swiss river
 - 51. Perplexes
 - 55. Made angry
 - 58. Precious stone
 - 59. Type of envelope
 - 60. One who believes in reason and knowledge
 - 64. Monitors brain activity (abbr.)
 - 65. Get ___ of
 - 66. Actress Zellweger
 - 67. Spinal muscular atrophy (abbr.)
 - 68. "Inferno" author
 - 69. Puts together in time
 - 70. Silvery-white metal

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- 1. Civil Rights group
 - 2. Early Slavic society
 - 3. Mammals that lack incisors and canines
 - 4. Blasphemy
 - 5. Israeli city
 - 6. Put this in your hair
 - 7. Black tropical American cuckoo
 - 8. Month in the Islamic calendar
 - 9. Begets
 - 10. Court game
 - 11. Painkiller
 - 12. New Zealand parrot
 - 13. Suffix
 - 19. Egg cells
 - 21. Another name for Thor
 - 24. About pontiff
 - 25. The academic world
 - 26. Raise
 - 27. Civil rights city in Alabama
 - 31. Encompasses
 - 32. Helmet
 - 34. Nostrils
 - 35. Lovable Spielberg alien
 - 36. Divides
 - 40. Ruthenium
 - 41. Preceding all others in time
 - 45. Past participle of lie
 - 47. Fastener
 - 48. Overindulged
 - 52. Ancient lyric poem
 - 53. Ardent supporter
 - 54. Iranian village and Islamic pilgrim attire
 - 56. A fragrant resin obtained from tropical trees
 - 57. Semitic fertility god
 - 59. Millisecond
 - 60. Cool!
 - 61. "Take on Me" singers
 - 62. ESPN sportscaster Bob
 - 63. Accommodating place

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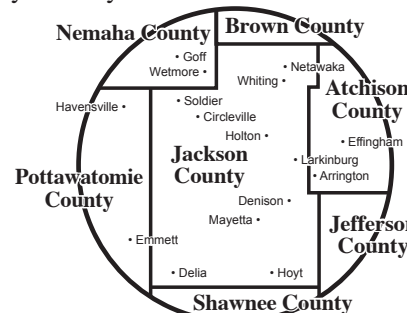
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Pets

FOR-ADOPTION: (1)Red Husky, male, 5-years-old; (1) Hound mix, male, 5-years-old. For more information, contact Banner Creek Animal Hospital, 364-4560.

Wanted

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Wilson recognized by Modern Tire Dealer

Matt Wilson, 31, sales manager and shop technician at Wilson's Direct Motors & Tires in Holton was recently named one of 54 "On The Rise" trailblazers by Modern Tire Dealer.



Matt Wilson

Those selected for the honor see a hardy industry ripe for new ideas and technology.

Here's a question and answer segment that was published about Wilson.

What was your first job in the industry?

As the sole employee backed by my older brother, my first job was everything but bookkeeping, which was done by my sister-in-law. It was definitely a crash course but helped me rapid-learn every aspect of the tire business.

What attracted you to the industry?

I can't say I was particularly attracted to the industry as much as the industry sucked me in. I helped my older brother run a very small auto dealership, and we happened to be conveniently located in an old automotive shop.

With a huge market and no competition, locals were forced to travel to buy tires or be forced to pay high prices. So after many requests, we started to sell tires.

What is the biggest challenge you've faced in your career?

The unknown! Being green in the tire business, it took lots of research to get things done.

Thousands of hours on the phone, on the Internet and talking with guys in the area with tire business experience. It was humbling, though, to follow a tire purchase from distribution clear through sale, install and then off to a recycle center.

Who has had the biggest influence on your career?

My dad, by far. He has owned his own business for many years so that drive to be successful was instilled inside me. That desire to treat customers as you would want to be treated was there.

What is your biggest accomplishment in the industry?

Well, it's not only my accomplishment but my brother's as well. My older brother, Rob, who is the business owner and technical support, has been a huge help. But my younger brother, Terry, who joined us on the ground level when things got too much for one guy to handle, has been a huge part of the sales business we have created in under three years.

We have become the go-to tire shop in northeast Kansas. We have drawn customers all over Kansas, southern Nebraska and western Missouri, as well as shipped tires across the country. We take a lot of pride in the two-man show that treats every customer like family.

What do you expect to be doing 20 years from now?

I would love to have secondary locations opened up and regionally manage them.

What's the biggest issue facing the industry today?

Online sales. The online market is cutting the throats of the tire stores. Luckily, they don't have a large enough piece of the pie... yet!

What's the one thing you wish someone would have told you before you entered the industry?

Just how vast it was. I knew nothing about tires before getting in the business three years ago. I had no idea how much there was to know.

How do you encourage others to enter the industry?

Jump in! Find someone who truly enjoys the business and get under their wing. There is much you can learn on your own but a good mentor is key!

Tell us about your family.

I am happily married to my wife, Sharon. We have four wonderful children. Makaela, 11; Korban, 9; Lexi, 7; and Kaden, 2. They are very busy kids so I catch myself coming and going more times than not. But they are totally worth it! And I sure wouldn't be able to do it without the help of my wife. She is the organized one.

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Toys For Tots

These two Topeka Marines were collecting toys for the annual Toys For Tots Christmas drive at the Holton Wal-Mart Saturday evening. Toys had been collected all day at the store for the annual toy drive that helps families in area communities have a brighter Christmas.

Photo by Ali Holcomb

Public Notice

(First published in The Holton Recorder, Holton, Kan., on Monday, Dec. 5, 2016.)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY, KANSAS

NATIONWIDE ADVANTAGE MORTGAGE COMPANY f/ k/a ALLIED GROUP MORTGAGE COMPANY,

Plaintiff,

vs.

SCOTT D. RAINE; STATE OF KANSAS, DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, DIRECTOR OF TAXATION; JOHN DOE (REAL NAME UNKNOWN; TENANT/OCCUPANT); JANE DOE (REAL NAME UNKNOWN; TENANT/OCCUPANT); AND THE UNKNOWN SPOUSES OF ANY OF THE DEFENDANTS,

Defendants.

Case No. 2016-CV-30

(Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 60)

TITLE TO REAL ESTATE INVOLVED

NOTICE OF SALE

TO: THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS AND TO ALL PERSONS WHO ARE OR MAY BE CONCERNED:

Notice is hereby given pursuant to an Order of Sale issued by the District Court of Jackson County, Kansas in the above-captioned action, that I will on **Tuesday, December 27, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.**, offer for sale and sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash in hand, on the first floor of the Jackson County Courthouse, 400 New York Avenue, in the City of Holton, Kansas, the following-described real estate, to wit:

BEGINNING AT A POINT 187.75 FEET WEST AND 30 FEET NORTH OF THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 69 ON HIGHLAND AVENUE TO THE CITY OF HOYT, JACKSON COUNTY, KANSAS, THENCE WEST 108 FEET; THENCE NORTH 330 FEET; THENCE EAST 108 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 330 FEET to the POINT OF BEGINNING. BEING A PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 23, TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH,

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which has a common street address of 110 W. 6th Street, Hoyt, Kansas 66440. This real estate is taken as the property of defendants and is directed by the Order of Sale to be sold and will be sold without appraisalment to satisfy the Order of Sale.

Tim Morse
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Kids' Coloring Activity December



Sweet Little Baby

by Linda Hoffman Kimball

Sweet little Baby Resting in the hay, Do You know why shepherds come To worship You today?

Sweet little Baby, While Mary hummed to Thee, Angels sang out "Gloria!" O'er flock and field and tree.

Sweet little Baby Peaceful in the night, Shepherds ran here breathless To see this wondrous sight.

Sweet little Baby Wrapped up snug and tight, You set them free from fear and death By being born tonight.

Sweet little Baby Smiling at these men, In time, You'll be their Shepherd To guide them home again.

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Purple Heart...

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Born Nov. 15, 1944, in Topeka, the son of Paul and Arlene Bickford Nott, Gary Lee Nott was raised in Jackson County and graduated from Circleville High School in 1962. He had also enrolled in and was taking classes at Washburn University prior to his joining the Army.

Nott was a soldier with the Army's Company B, 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry, serving near Saigon (now Ho Chi Minh City) when, on April 27, 1967, he came across three VC soldiers while leading a squad through an area near Saigon, it was reported. Alerted to the presence of the VC in the area, he yelled to his troops to take cover.

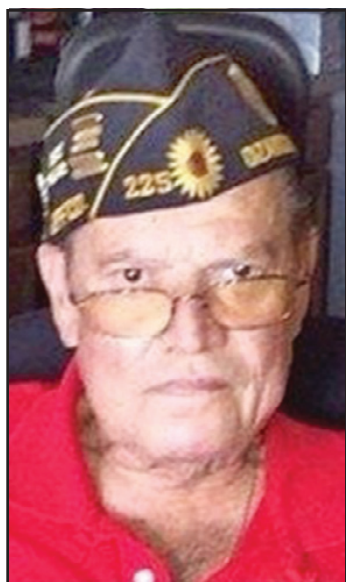
In response, one of the VC soldiers lobbed a grenade that landed near Nott's left leg, followed by an explosion — both of which Nott reportedly said he heard before he hit the ground. Even as he was being taken away by fellow soldiers for treatment, he said he never lost consciousness.

Nott was taken to an Army hospital in a Quonset hut for recovery, but three days later, VC in the area struck again, launching a mortar attack on the hospital. Nurses at the hospital could not move Nott because of his condition, so they piled hospital mattresses around him to protect him from shrapnel that might have been released by detonated mortars.

Good luck was with Nott at that time, however, as the hospital was never hit, even though the hut next to the one where he was staying was struck by a live mortar round that, for some reason, didn't detonate.

During that third day of hospitalization, Nott said he had found out from two officers and his platoon sergeant that he had been nominated for a Silver Star award. However, there was no further action on the nomination at the time, and he would eventually forget about the award.

It was also reported that not long after he was wounded in combat, Nott was told that he did not qualify for the Combat Infantry badge, because he had



Gary Nott

been in action for only 60 days at the time of his wounding. He did, however, receive his Purple Heart Medal.

Soon after that, doctors cleared Nott to be flown out of Vietnam, but once again, because of the VC, he was delayed. A VC sniper perched near the end of a runway at the airport Nott was trying to leave kept air traffic grounded for three days, it was reported, but he was eventually flown to Yokohama, Japan, for more surgeries.

After eight months in overseas hospitals, Nott finally came home. He went to work for the State of Kansas, earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Washburn University and later worked for the Kansas Department of Transportation as its chief accountant.

In the year leading up to his 55th birthday, Nott's daughter, Janis Longmire, got wind of her father's nearly being awarded the Silver Star, and decided to contact Sen. Pat Roberts about what it would take to get that award into her father's hands. Two days short of that birthday, he learned that he would finally receive the award.

Nott would later move to Okaloosa and then to Richmond, Texas, to live out the rest of his life. He died at the age of 70 on Dec. 4, 2014, in Richmond.



This Parade of Lights float from New Hope Family Church of Holton featured several of its members and a lighted nativity scene. The parade was held Saturday evening on Holton's Town Square.

Photo by Ali Holcomb

Soldier area history...

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prosperous in the community," Nina said.

Like many young communities, Soldier had its share of disasters, the Reeds said.

A tornado ripped through the town at 10 p.m. on July 10, 1883, destroying several properties.

On May 31, 1934, a fire swept over five blocks of the town,

destroying many businesses, homes and city hall. A year later, the grain elevator was destroyed in a fire.

The town's grade school was struck by lightning and destroyed in 1942. It was rebuilt the following year.

"Things dwindled during the depression, but the town thrived on its country schools," Nina said.

The bulk of the book is made up of personal stories and photos compiled from the many different families that lived, and continue to live, in the area.

"People in the community were so enthused about saving the history of the town," Nina said. "We're so thankful for all the information they provided us."

The cover of the book includes a photo of the city's Main Street blanketed with snow on Thanksgiving morning from 1929. The photo was taken by Jerry's father, the late Irvin Reed.

A lifelong resident of Soldier, Jerry said the town was a good place for him and Nina to raise their children.

The couple has three adult

children, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

In October, the couple published 310 copies of the book through First Impressions Printing in Topeka.

If there's enough interest, a second printing of the book will be ordered. For more information about buying a second edition of the book, call Jerry at 834-2035.

"This town has a lot of history," Jerry said. "I wanted to put this together for Soldier because one of these days, all the history is going to be gone."

Sewer repair...

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McKee also said there had been no change in billing from the cost estimate originally given by Nowak for repair of the sewer interceptor line, first reported to the city at about \$105,000. However, whether Nowak's estimate of \$59,940 for the Elk Creek stabilization work would change remained to be seen, he added.

"We're not for sure yet whether there's going to be a change. I don't believe we're going to get the bill for the stabilization in time for the next city commission meeting," said McKee, noting that the commission's next meeting will be held at 7 p.m.

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Funds to cover the cost of the work will come from revenue generated through the half-cent sales tax approved by Holton voters in November 2013 for infrastructure improvements, McKee added.

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to file full rate cases. It's designed as a mechanism that would reset rates annually, based on a review of the previous year's financial results."

She said similar rate mechanisms are used in other states — specifically in Oklahoma and Texas, where KGS sister companies operate. In the past, she said, no such mechanism has been in place for KGS in Kansas.

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Netawaka RFD 6 receives grant for new gear, program

Netawaka Rural Fire District 6 has been awarded a \$6,608 grant through the Kansas Firefighter Recruitment and Safety Grant Program, administered by the Office of the State Fire Marshal, it has been reported.

The grant award will be used by the fire department for the purchase of new firefighting safety gear, such as fire coats,

helmets, boots, pants and masks, and toward the establishment of a Junior Firefighter program.

Approximately \$200,000 is being awarded to fire departments throughout the state for safety gear, washer/extractor machines and the start-up of Junior Firefighter programs.

This program, made possible through the 2016 State of Kansas

budget passed by the Kansas Legislature and signed by Gov. Sam Brownback, is aimed at assisting volunteer and part-time fire departments across the state with firefighter recruitment.

Volunteer and part-time fire departments face recruitment and retention challenges because they do not have the funding to provide safety equipment, it was noted.

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