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Holton Elementary School students (from left) Micaela Lopez, Ryan Cox, John Frederick Myers, Landon Strawn, Thayne Gross and Zane Montgomery donned reindeer antlers (and Myers a flashing red nose) for a performance of "Rudolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer" during Thursday's first-grade Christmas concert in the HES gym. HES Principal Beth Smith estimated that more than 500 were in attendance for the concert. Second-grade students at HES also presented their own concert that evening in the gym.

Photo by Brian Sanders

First half of 2016 property taxes due

■ Dec. 20 payment deadline set

By Ali Holcomb

The first half of 2016 real estate and personal property taxes must be paid or postmarked by Tuesday, Dec. 20, it has been announced.

Property tax statements were mailed out by the Jackson County Treasurer's Office at the beginning of November to all property owners in the county.

The treasurer's office is located on the second floor of the Jackson County Courthouse. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Besides paying by mail or in person, taxes may also be paid online at www.kansas.gov/propertytax

To pay online, property owners must have their county property tax statement, a form of payment (Visa, MasterCard, Discover, American Express or e-check) and a KanAccess user name and password. Residents can sign up for KanAccess through the same website.

The second half of the taxes are due May 10, 2017. If a taxpayer misses the Dec. 20 deadline, interest will accrue on the delinquent amount. Any per-

sonal property taxes not paid by Dec. 20 are due in full.

Tax statements for the second half of taxes due will not be mailed out, it was reported.

The statement will show that taxes levied on property serve a variety of taxing authorities, including cemeteries, fire districts, school districts, watershed districts, the Northeast Kansas Library, Meadowlark Extension District, the county and state.

Jackson County residents may pay their taxes under protest at the treasurer's office. After filling out some paperwork, the information is transferred to the appraiser's office where Jackson County Appraiser Jason Claycamp said a hearing is scheduled for that property during the second or third week of January.

Claycamp said the hearing is used to determine if all the information on the property is correct.

"We go over the facts like how many bedrooms and baths are in the house and do you have a finished basement," he said. "If there are some changes that

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Purple Heart Profiles Fellow soldier kept Lasley's memory alive

Editor's note: This is the 38th 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.

A former Jackson County resident and a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, Technical Sgt. William H. Lasley made the ultimate sacrifice early in the Battle of Anzio in Italy during World War II.

But even though records about Lasley's early years are scarce, one of his fellow soldiers in the U.S. Army did what he could to keep Lasley's memory alive in the years after the war.

Born in 1914, Lasley left Mayetta in the early 1930s to attend Chillico Indian School in north central Oklahoma. The school's enrollment at that time was increasing as the country was in the throes of the Great Depression and many Native Americans were going to the school to escape the poverty

of the time.

After finishing his vocational studies, Lasley moved to Fairfax, Okla., and from there he joined the Army as World War II began. Eventually, he found himself fighting with the 45th Infantry Division, 179th Infantry, which had been called to Anzio, Italy, to retake land that had been seized by the German army.

During his time in the Army, Lasley fought with Brummett Echohawk, a Pawnee who had also attended Chillico. Their Army unit arrived at Anzio on Jan. 29, 1944, just a week after the battle for the beachhead had begun.

"I remember the whole shooting works because we were the bulls-eye. Imagine all those people packed in on a narrow beach with the Germans above us where they could hit anything," Echohawk said in a 1984 interview. "Everything was dug in on the beach. I was bombed out twice when I was in tent hospitals on the beach... We fought day and night. There was no rest and there were no back-up troops."

Allied troops, under the command of Major General John P. Lucas of the U.S.

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TSC to open in old Walmart in February

By Brian Sanders

Brentwood, Tenn.-based retailer Tractor Supply Company (TSC) has confirmed that it will be opening a new store in Holton's former Walmart building later this winter.

It has been reported that the old Walmart building — located at 209 Arizona Ave. and vacated this past July when Walmart moved into a new, larger building at the intersection of U.S. Highway 75 and Banner Road — will be split by TSC and Dol-

lar Tree.

Speaking on behalf of TSC, Charlotte Weatherington, account coordinator for the Nashville, Tenn.-based DVL Seigenther public relations firm, said the new TSC is planning a "soft opening" that is "tentatively set for mid-February 2017."

"As a growth minded company, Tractor Supply Company is always looking for potential new store locations that are a good fit as far as the target market is concerned," Weather-

ington said. "Concerning the location in Holton, this is especially true in that the area was attractive due to the part-time and hobby farmers and horse owners in the area."

Founded in 1938 as a mail-order tractor parts business, TSC opened its first physical store in Minot, N.D. a year later. Today, the company operates about 1,500 retail stores in 49 states, expanding its product category expertise to include lawn and garden and animal care prod-

ucts, it was reported.

Weatherington said once the new store is open, TSC's sales floor and support service space will occupy about 23,400 square feet of the old Walmart building's approximate area of 38,000 square feet. There will also be a fenced exterior space to be used for storage and display of such items as fencing, sprayers and livestock equipment, she added.

The new store will employ 12 to 17 full-time and part-time workers, Weatherington noted.

Wind farms would require zoning change

By Ali Holcomb

Wind farms are popping up across Kansas and are being met with some resistance from neighboring landowners and concerned environmentalists, it has been reported.

While the large turbines that power the farms are sometimes seen being hauled along the highways in Jackson County, no requests to establish such a farm

in the county have been made yet, according to Jackson County Appraiser Jason Claycamp.

Just like any other new industry, Claycamp said wind energy companies would be required seek a zoning change to erect a wind farm on county land.

"They would have to get a zoning change approved to a WC district, which is a wind energy conversion system dis-

trict," Claycamp said.

After the zoning change application is made, neighbors and other county residents would then be able to express their opinion at a public hearing.

Claycamp said that since there are not any wind farms located in the county, he didn't know what they would do to the property value of land in Jackson County.

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Schools set Christmas breaks

By Ali Holcomb

Area students have less than two weeks of classes left this semester as school districts prepare for Christmas break, it was reported.

All students at Jackson Heights will be dismissed after a full day of classes on Wednesday, Dec. 21, and will return Tuesday, Jan. 3.

At Royal Valley, high school students will be dismissed at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 21, for holiday break, with middle and elementary students being dismissed at the end of the regular school that day.

All RV students will return to class Wednesday, Jan. 4.

Holton schools will dismiss for winter break after classes on Thursday, Dec. 22. All students will resume classes on Thursday, Jan. 5.

Students at Prairie Hills USD 113 will be dismissed for Christmas break at the end of the school day on Tuesday, Dec. 20. Classes will resume Jan. 19.

Friday, Dec. 9, was the last day of finals at Highland Community College. Registration for the spring semester at HCC's Holton site is Jan. 13. Classes resume Jan. 20.



Kindergarten students at Royal Valley Elementary School held their winter program on Thursday. The students sang four songs under the direction of Melissa Kimble, including "Winter Fun," "Old St. Nicholas," "A Whacky Winter Song" and "Groovin' Elf." Students in first through fourth grade also held programs that evening. Photo by Ali Holcomb



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DISTRICT COURT NEWS

Traffic

Marc N. Allen, Mayetta, speeding, \$207.
 Laura K. Coop, Denison, speeding, \$222.
 Jermaine L. Deshazer, Ber-ryton, operating a motor vehicle without liability insurance, \$928.
 Robert M. Grunert Jr., Hol-ton, improper driving on laned roadway, \$183.
 Steven J. Guffy, Holton, speeding, \$243.
 Donald E. McMullen Jr., To-pekka, driving while license canceled, suspended or revoked, \$309.
 Kaila R. Moon, Holton, speeding, \$231.
 Thomas J. Nelson, Topeka, license to be carried and exhib-ited upon demand, no seat belt, \$188.
 Justin D. Nioce, Holton, li-cense to be carried and exhib-ited upon demand, \$158.
 Tisha A. Prather, Holton, registration violation, \$158.
 Alicia S. Ramirez, Horton, driving while license canceled, suspended or revoked, found not guilty at bench trial.
 Derek P. Reed, Independence, Mo., driving while license can-celed, suspended or revoked, \$298.
 Leslie W. Roediger, Mayetta, registration violation, \$158.

Criminal Dispositions

State of Kansas vs. Alan D. Karre, Topeka, possession of drug paraphernalia, driv-ing while license canceled, suspended or revoked, duty of driver/occupant to give notice of accident; found not guilty at bench trial.
 State of Kansas vs. Lester Norberg, Soldier, interference with law enforcement-obstruc-tion of official duty; found not guilty at bench trial.
 State of Kansas vs. Ernest D. Rayton, Topeka, posses-sion of marijuana; sentenced to six months in jail, suspended; placed on six months probation and assessed court costs.
 State of Kansas vs. Kait-lin Saenz, Eudora, possession of marijuana; sentenced to 12 months in jail, suspended; placed on 12 months probation and fined \$200 plus court costs.
Filed
 State of Kansas vs. Pauline M. Wabaunsee, Mayetta, viola-tion of the Kansas Offender Registration Act.
 State of Kansas vs. Tomas Perez-Castro, Holton, interfe-rence with law enforcement-ob-struction of official duty, iden-tity theft, forgery.
 State of Kansas vs. Gerald F. Robinson II, Topeka, criminal

damage to property, criminal trespass, criminal hunting.

State of Kansas vs. Derek S. Graves, Rossville, stalking, criminal threat, violation of a protective order.

State of Kansas vs. Miranda S. Fisher, Topeka, possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia, posses-sion of marijuana.

State of Kansas vs. Nicholas K. Ruff, Papillion, Neb., posses-sion of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia.

Civil Dispositions

Federal National Mortgage Association vs. Robert D. Hunt, Sherry L. Hunt, John Doe and Mary Doe (tenants/occupants), unknown spouse if any of Robert D. Hunt, unknown spouse if any of Sherry L. Hunt and relat-ed estates, sought judgment of \$88,107.26 plus interest, court costs and foreclosure of mort-gage; granted.
Filed
 Midland Funding L.L.C. vs. Philip Hackathorn, seeking judgment of \$883.22 plus inter-est and court costs.

Limited Civil

Filed
 Holton Dental Inc. vs. Mon-ica R. Smith, seeking judgment of \$199.70 plus interest and court costs.
 Gary Harding vs. Derek L. Grandstaff and Lena E. Kirch-hoff, seeking eviction of defen-dants from rental property plus court costs.

Small Claims

Filed
 Denison State Bank vs. Jason A. Seematter, seeking judgment of \$2,932.59 plus interest and

court costs.

Domestic Dispositions

State of Kansas, Department for Children and Families vs. Daniell L. Hutchison, sought reimbursement for support ser-vices; dismissed.

State of Kansas, Department for Children and Families vs. Devan J. Peters, sought determi-nation of paternity plus support judgment; granted.

State of Kansas, Department for Children and Families vs. Alicia R. Decker, sought sup-port judgment; granted.

State of Kansas, Department for Children and Families vs. Leandra Anderson, sought sup-port judgment; dismissed.

Filed
 State of Kansas, Department for Children and Families vs. Samantha Beerbower, seeking support judgment.

State of Kansas, Department for Children and Families vs. Amy L. Schreiner, seeking sup-port judgment.

Stephanie A. Miller and Rocket H. Elder, by and through her next friend Stephanie A. Miller vs. John M. Elder, seek-ing determination of paternity plus support judgment.

Marriage Licenses

Larry D. Hladky, 56, Soldier Shawna R. Grace, 54, Soldier

Jack B. Pittaway, 45, Holton Karen S. Pruiitt, 49, Holton

Cody A. Ireland, 26, Holton Katie M. Burdick, 23, Circleville

Donald E. Riffey, 28, Hoyt Ruth A. Stadel, 31, Hoyt

Arrests reported in county

The Jackson County Sheriff's Office has reported several ar-rests that were made in recent days:

■ On Dec. 2, Don Morris III, 22, Topeka, was arrested on a charge of driving while license cancelled/suspended/revoked.

■ On Dec. 2, a 16-year-old male from Circleville was ar-rested on a warrant on charges of aggravated criminal sodomy with a child under the age of 14, aggravated indecent liberties with a child under the age of 14 and criminal threat.

■ On Dec. 2, Garrett Collins, 31, Wetmore, was arrested on charges of possession of a stimu-lant and possession of drug paraphernalia.

■ On Dec. 2, Marlene Bald-win, 37, Horton, was arrested on criminal warrant on a charge of failure to appear.

■ On Dec. 2, Crystal Ander-son, 41, Topeka, was arrested on a criminal warrant on a charge of failure to appear.

■ On Dec. 3, Miranda Fish-er, 24, Topeka, was arrested on charges of possession of hallu-cinogenic drugs, possession of a depressant and possession of drug paraphernalia.

■ On Dec. 4, Alicia Ramir-ez, 27, Horton, was arrested on a warrant on a charge of failure to appear.

■ On Dec. 5, Nicholas Ruff, 22, Papillion, Neb., was ar-rested on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

■ On Dec. 5, Austin North, 25, Topeka, was arrested on a criminal warrant on a probation

violation charge.

■ On Dec. 5, Derek Graves, 26, Rossville, was arrested on a criminal warrant on a proba-tion violation charge. Graves was arrested on a second criminal warrant on charges stalking, criminal threat and violating a protection order.

■ On Dec. 6, Galen Potts, 38, Kansas City, Mo., was ar-rested on a criminal warrant on a charge of failure to appear.

■ On Dec. 6, Miranda Min-ner, 24, Holton, was arrested on charges of possession of a stimu-lant and possession of drug paraphernalia. Minner was also arrested on a traffic warrant on a charge of failure to appear and on a limited action warrant on a charge of failure to appear.

■ On Dec. 6, Garrett Collins, 31, Wetmore, was arrested on a charge of driving while license cancelled/suspended/revoked.

■ On Dec. 6, Joseph Kilpat-rick, 40, Topeka, was arrested on a traffic warrant on a charge of failure to appear.

■ On Dec. 6, Kendall John-son, 19, Mayetta, was arrested on a traffic warrant on a charge of failure to appear.

■ On Dec. 6, Michael Dorsch, 31, Horton, was arrested on a criminal warrant on a probation violation charge.

■ On Dec. 7, Derek Grand-staff, 32, Mayetta, was arrested on a traffic warrant on a charge of failure to appear.

■ On Dec. 7, Jennifer Cain, 32, Holton, was arrested on a charge of driving while license cancelled/suspended/revoked.

DSB's Topeka branch robbed at knifepoint

The Topeka branch of a Hol-ton-based bank was robbed Sat-urday morning by a man armed with a knife.

According to Denison State Bank senior vice president Matt Taylor, Topeka police officers were dispatched to DSB's Tope-ka branch, located at 3640 S.W. Fairlawn, at 8:30 a.m. Saturday after a report of an armed rob-bery at the bank.

Witnesses to the reported rob-bery said one of the two bank employees present at that time was approached by the subject, a black male armed with a knife. The suspect then forced the em-

ployee to let him into the bank.

Once inside, the suspect took an unspecified amount of mon-ey, then took possession of an employee's personal vehicle, a maroon 1997 Nissan Quest min-ivan, and fled, Taylor said. Nei-ther of the employees involved were injured, he added.

It was reported that follow-ing the robbery, the bank's en-trance was locked and a note on the door directed customers to DSB's branch bank in Hoyt. Taylor also noted that surveil-lance video from the Topeka branch bank is being examined by law enforcement.

The Kansas Bankers Associa-tion has a standing reward offer of up to \$5,000 for information about Kansas bank robberies, Taylor said. Anyone with in-formation about the incident is asked to talk with Taylor at the Holton main office, the Topeka Police Department or Crime Stoppers at (785) 234-0007.

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Deer contribute to accidents

The Jackson County Sheriff's Office has reported the follow-ing accidents:

■ At 7 p.m. on Nov. 11, Pamela Powell, 37, Mayetta, was traveling south on U.S. High-way 75 near 178th Road when her vehicle struck a deer in the road. Powell's 2001 Subaru sus-tained damage to its front bumper, hood and front right quarter

panel that was listed at more than \$1,000.

■ At 8:10 p.m. on Nov. 11, Tammie Soden, 47, Muscotah, was traveling east on Kansas Highway 16 near T Road when her 2000 Ford struck a deer in the road. Soden's vehicle sustained damage to its front bumper and front left quarter panel that was listed at more than \$1,000.

Whipple-Decker has been charged with first-degree murder in the death of her son, who was only two weeks old at the time of his death. She was arrested Oct. 8 and currently remains at the Jackson County Detention Cen-ter on \$100,000 bond.

Preliminary hearing delayed

A preliminary hearing for a Holton woman accused of mur-der in the November 2015 death of her infant son has been de-layed so that attorneys may pore over new information connected to the case, Jackson County Dis-trict Court Judge Norbert Marek said Thursday.

Both Jackson County Attor-ney Shawna Miller and Atchi-son-based defense attorney John Kurth, who is represent-ing 32-year-old Alicia Whipple-Decker, requested additional time to review an "overwhelming"

amount of information related to Whipple-Decker's case, Marek said. A preliminary hearing scheduled for this past Thursday has been continued to Thursday, Jan. 26 in district court.

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Tuesday		Mostly sunny	High: 28
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Wednesday		Mostly sunny	High: 29
14		Low: 14	
Thursday		Mostly cloudy	High: 27
15		Low: 21	
Friday		Mostly cloudy, slight chance of snow late	High: 39
16		Low: 24	Precip: 20%
Saturday		Mostly cloudy, slight chance of snow	High: 28
17		Low: 8	Precip: 20%

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MEMORIES

Compiled from the Holton Recorder archives by Kendra Moppin



Holton elementary music teacher Sheri Bartel (right) guided second-grader Kinley Fluke through a vocal solo on "Mary Had A Baby," one of seven Christmas-themed selections performed by Holton Elementary School's second-grade classes during their annual Holiday concert on Thursday in the HES gym. Photo by Brian Sanders

HES students enjoy performing

By Alyssa McCammon
Student Correspondent
Holton High School

'Tis the season for the students at Holton Elementary School to make music. The first full week of December marked a time of concert performances for vocalists and instrumental students.



"We started singing these songs at the beginning of October, so the kids were ready and having fun putting actions with them and wearing a few costumes," vocal music teacher Sheri Bartel said.

Both concerts were located at the elementary school, where students performed on the stage in the lunchroom.

"We were all very excited about the programs," Bartel said. "Kindergarten was probably the most nervous and excited because this was their first program."

During the first concert, kindergartners performed on Tuesday, Dec. 6, at 7 p.m. The kindergartners sang seven songs at the program, including "A Million Little Snowflakes," "The Snowman," "Jingle Bells," "Hannukah Is Here," "Snowman, Where'd You Go?" and more.

"My favorite song is 'We Wish You A Merry Christmas,'" kindergartner Leroy Hall said.

In the next concert, first-grade students performed at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 8. The first-grade students sang seven songs. Songs included "Let's Build A Gingerbread House," "Peppermint Candy Cane," "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer," "Turn Off That Nose," "Winter Wiggles" and more.

Second-grade students also performed Dec. 8. Their performance was at 7:30 p.m. They sang seven songs, including "Ugly Sweater," "Let's Go Caroling," "Crunchy Snow," "Hip Hop Elves," "Peaceful" and more.

"My favorite song was 'Peaceful,'" second-grade student Niayah Hall said. Second-grade student Tres Coker said his favorite song was "Ugly Sweater."

PE class at HMS incorporates dance

By Bailey Flewelling
Student Correspondent
Holton High School

Students at HMS take a dance course in their physical education class as part of their curriculum. It is one of the favorite units of both students and teachers.



"I think dancing is an important skill they learn while they are young," Travis Henry,

sixth-grade science teacher, said.

Some of the dances they learn include Chicken Dance, Wagon Wheel, Foot Loose and two couple dances.

"Some of the hardest dances for the kids to learn were the couple dances. Making sure both people were on beat and together is always a challenge," John Deitrich, boys physical education teacher, said.

Throughout the three years of doing the dance unit, the kids learned some valuable lessons. They learned to be social, confident and some of them learned just to have fun.

"I learned that if you don't think you'll like something, but you try it anyway, it can lead to great success and a lot of fun," freshman Taygen Altenburg said.

Right before the end of the semester and a day before Christmas break, the whole school has a dance to show off their skills. This is also a part of their P.E. grade.

"I don't like the dance because I have to dance with boys," Madeline Montgomery, seventh-grade student, said.

The dance will be on Dec. 22 in the middle school gym. The time is still to be determined.

Family Life: When driving skills change

By Nancy C. Nelson
Meadowlark Extension
District Agent
Family Life

Age alone does not determine driving ability. In fact, older drivers have a wide range of driving skills.



Your health status matters more when it comes to driving ability. Various health conditions and declines in visual, thinking and physical abilities that occur with aging can often affect driving ability, according to NIH Senior Health.

The National Institute on Aging (NIA) and the National Library of Medicine (NLM) are both part of the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

Many people recognize when it's time to change their driving habits or stop driving. Others are

more reluctant. Checking your driving skills and talking to family members, friends or your doctor about your concerns can help clarify what changes, if any, are needed.

Have your skills changed? How do you know if your driving skills have declined? If you answer yes to any of the following questions, you should check your skills. You may need to change your driving habits.

- Has a friend or family member expressed concern about your driving?
- Has your doctor advised you to limit driving for health reasons?
- Have you been pulled over by a police officer and warned about poor driving behavior?
- Have you been stopped by

the police or had near misses or accidents in the last three years?

- Do you sometimes get lost on familiar routes?
- Do your thoughts wander when you drive? Do you become confused or angry?
- Do other drivers honk at you frequently?
- Do cars or people walking seem to appear out of nowhere?
- Do you have trouble moving your foot between the gas and brake pedals, or do you confuse the two?

It's important to be aware of your limitations and how they may affect your driving. If you're not sure you have a driving problem, ask a family member, friend or doctor for advice. The most important thing is to be safe on the road.

5 Years Ago

Week of Dec. 11-17, 2011

Judy Olson, owner of Circleville Marketplace, is among this year's Holton/Jackson County Chamber of Commerce Hall of Fame inductees, it was reported.

Holton High School senior Stacey Korte's essay about *Emporia Gazette* editor William Allen White earned her top honors in the Holton Masonic Lodge's annual essay contest. Korte received a \$250 check for this honor, and her essay is now eligible for Masonic competition at the state level.

David Holloway has resigned from his position as Jackson County jail administrator, and during a special meeting on Wednesday morning, Dec. 14, the county commissioners approved a resolution to put the management of the jail back under the responsibility of the sheriff.

ton store opened at 424B Pennsylvania Ave. on Friday, Nov. 24, the day after Thanksgiving.

Windows on the north wall of the Jackson County Courthouse are in the process of being removed. All windows on the north side of the Courthouse will be replaced over the next couple of weeks, it was reported. Windows on the other sides will be replaced as soon as possible after Jan. 1.

Susan Eisenbarth, Holton-based NEK-CAP child and family advocate for Jackson County, was recently honored for 15 years of service to NEK-CAP.

Marty Mavrovich of Holton has been named the December Artist of the Month by the Jackson County Arts Council and *The Holton Recorder*, it has been reported. Each piece of Mavrovich's art represents an element in her life, while others attempt to make statements. Her work is done in a variety of media, oils, acrylics, charcoals and pastels. Some of her work is being exhibited at Charlie's in downtown Holton through December.

was "time for new leadership" in the district, and time for him to "enjoy other things, namely family and traveling."

Mike Ireland, great-nephew of former Jackson County native Cecile Ireland, presented the Holton school district with a check on Monday evening, Dec. 10, to establish the Cecile Ireland Holton High School Scholarship Fund.

There will soon be a new nail salon opening in Holton. She-Daisy Nails, owned and operated by Shirley Stauffer and Kendra Lux, will open on Dec. 15 at 107 E. Fifth St.

Karen Rodvelt recently opened Martha's Mercantile in Whiting. The store sells antiques, collectibles and a variety of new items, including dishes, gift items and locally made candles. Rodvelt said that the store is named after her late grandmother, Martha Kahrs.

25 Years Ago

Week of Dec. 11-17, 1991

The annual Holiday Homes Tour in Holton is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year, it was reported.

The Dinner Bell Cafe in Wetmore is now open under the new management of Shirley Hutfles.

A new addressing system for Holton houses in the country

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10 Years Ago

Week of Dec. 11-17, 2006

Dan and Marcia Brenner of Holton recently opened their third Diamonds by Design store, this one on Holton's Town Square. The Brennens opened their first store in Topeka nearly seven years ago, and their second store in Emporia. The Hol-

15 Years Ago

Week of Dec. 11-17, 2001

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OPINION

John Glenn: He had the right stuff

John Glenn, a former astronaut and U.S. senator for almost a quarter of a century, died last Thursday at age 95.

When you read or hear about someone having "the right stuff" remember that the phrase was originally coined to refer to Glenn and other early Navy, Marine and Air Force test pilots.

A 1983 movie by the same name told about the brave test pilots and their innovative approach to the U.S. space program in its early days.

Glenn died on Thursday afternoon at the James cancer hospital in Columbus, Ohio, according to Hank Wilson of the John Glenn School of Public Affairs.

An Ohio State University spokesman had announced the day before that Glenn had been admitted to the hospital more than a week earlier. However, his illness was not disclosed and the spokesman had cautioned that it might not be cancer.

Glenn became a national hero in 1962 when he became the first American to orbit the Earth, one year after the Soviet Union had sent their own man into orbit, Yuri Gagarin.

Glenn was the third U.S. astronaut in space and the first American in orbit, circling the Earth three times.

He received a distinguished service medal from then-president John F. Kennedy upon his return and was greeted by millions for a ticker-tape parade in New York City.

"It still seems so vivid to me," Glenn said in a 2012 interview with the Associated Press on the 50th anniversary of the flight. "I still can sort of pseudo-feel some of those same sensations I had back in those days during launch and all."

Condolences came from politicians across the aisle, celebrities, NASA and more, reflecting a deep and widespread reverence for Glenn. President-elect Donald Trump called Glenn a hero.

"To me he was a great American hero," Trump told pool reporters on Thursday, adding that he had met him twice.

In a statement, President Barack Obama said the nation had lost an icon in Glenn.

"With John's passing, our nation has lost an icon and Michelle and I have lost a friend," the statement said. "The last of America's first astronauts has left us, but propelled by their example we know that our future here on Earth compels us to keep

reaching for the heavens. On behalf of a grateful nation, Godspeed, John Glenn."

Glenn was the last survivor of the original "Mercury Seven" group of military test pilots selected in 1959 to become America's first astronauts.

Glenn was born in 1921 in the eastern Ohio town of



Cambridge, and his desire to fly was born of a childhood obsession with airplanes.

He was a decorated combat pilot who quit college to enlist in the military after Pearl Harbor. He was never called up during World War II but earned several medals for his service in the Korean war. He earned a reputation for staying on path despite heavy anti-aircraft fire, even once returning from a raid with 203 holes in his plane.

The Department of Defense and U.S. Marines both sent condolences to Glenn's family: "The Corps lost a legend today," the Marine Corps wrote. "Semper Fi, Sir."

After the war, Glenn became a test pilot who helped develop the U.S. Navy's newest fighter, the F8U Crusader.

Glenn later became a Democratic senator from Ohio in 1974 after several failed bids. He ended up holding office for 24 years, briefly making a run for president in 1984. He was the longest-serving U.S. senator in Ohio history.

Glenn became the oldest person sent into space in 1998 when, aged 77, he boarded the Discovery space shuttle.

According to *The Columbus Dispatch*, Glenn's body will lie in the Ohio statehouse and a public memorial service will be held at Ohio State University's Mershon auditorium. One of his last public appearances was at the Columbus airport, which was recently renamed for him.

His wife of more than 70 years, Annie, and his family were around him when he died, *The Columbus Dispatch* reported.



PLAINS FOLK: "Daughter of Dawn" is a window on Plains Indian life

By Tom Isern

In the past few years, the rest of the world has rediscovered a historic motion picture from the days of silent film - "Daughter of Dawn" - which debuted in Los Angeles in 1920.

It was in 1999 that a high school teacher named Leo Kelly, writing in the *Chronicles of Oklahoma*, tipped us off as to the existence of this film.



Kelly found the script, in the Library of Congress, and also a collection of still photos from the production, in the Museum of the Western Prairie, Altus, Okla.

The movie was made on location in the Wichita Mountains, in southern Oklahoma, and featured an all-Indian cast of about 300 actors, Comanches and Kiowas.

The director of the film, who brought a one-man camera crew to Oklahoma, was a broken-down Shakespearean actor named Norbert Myles.

Myles had done well in Hollywood's early silent film industry, but fallen out with the movie establishment.

So, he hooked up with a mysterious fellow named Richard E. Banks, who had an outfit called the Texas Film Company.

Banks, who claimed to have "lived among" the Indians of Oklahoma for 25 years, secured the Comanche and Kiowa actors

for Myles.

In 1999, the historian Kelly believed there was no surviving print of "Daughter of Dawn."

The Oklahoma Historical Society, however, turned up a print, eight reels, totaling 80 minutes, a full length feature. The OHS also found other great stuff pertaining to the film, such as a canvas tipi, unearthed by curator Matt Reed.

Made in 1916 by the Kiowa woman, Mary Buffalo, and patterned after one made of buffalo hide in 1833, the tipi is adorned with photographs detailing Kiowa history.

I remember the day Bob Blackburn, long-time director of the historical society, took us behind the scenes to examine this historic tipi that figured in the 1920 film.

The OHS had the old nitrate film restored by the National Film Institute.

It also commissioned an original musical score, composed by Comanche composer David A. Yeagley and recorded by the Oklahoma City University Orchestra. Now you can buy the DVD from the OHS gift shop.

After viewing the film, I have to say it is of more historic interest than artistic. It has a love story, mixed up with an imagined conflict between the Kiowa (good guys in the film) and Comanche (bad guys).

Do a little probing, however, and you find the film is a window on Plains Indian life in the early 20th century.

The female lead, Kiowa in the

film plot, is actually a Comanche girl, Esther LeBarre.

Finding her and her mother in the Comanche census, I learned Esther LeBarre was only 16 when she played her part in the film.

The male lead is White Parker, son of the Comanche war chief Quannah Parker and one of his wives, Mah cheet to wook ky.

According to the Comanche census, White Parker was 32, married, and had kids when he acted in the film. He also was an ordained Methodist minister.

I think the scene-stealers in "Daughter of Dawn", however, are the buffalo of the Wichita Mountains National Forest and Game Preserve.

The herd that appears in chase scenes comes from six bulls and nine cows shipped out from the Bronx Zoo in 1907.

Quannah himself was in the crowd of citizens who welcomed the crated bison at their unloading on a siding in Cache, Okla.

The plot of "Daughter of Dawn" is melodramatic, the Indian portrayals stereotypical.

I thought about that, though, and realized you could make similar judgments about cowboy movies of the day, or most any silent film production.

And I'm not really sure we have gotten smarter about these things in the twenty-first century.

Note: Tom Isern is a professor of history at North Dakota State University and co-author of the *Plains Folk Column*.

LETTER Collecting students' military family status is touted

Dear editor,
Kansas public K-12 education programs have been under scrutiny for the past few years - by the public, the State Legislature and others.

Teachers, students, test scores, curriculum and budgeting have all been reviewed at the Statehouse and in the press.

However, we would like to take a moment to recognize and thank the Kansas school superintendents, State Board of Education and commissioner for one example of how Kansas public schools educate our students, while taking into consideration the environmental impacts these same students face that may cause challenges for them in the learning process.

In December 2015, Congress passed a bill that would require schools to include a military student data element in the enrollment process for all school children. The bill was titled "Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)."

So, why would schools want to know if a student was part of a military family?

Teachers and school administrators are often unaware of military-connected children in their classrooms, and knowing whether a child was struggling with the deployment or reintegration, transfer or even death of a parent would be valuable knowledge for a teacher.

They may be able to understand better why a student was faring well, falling behind or having trouble adjusting due to their military family status. Military families face different challenges than civilian families, and it can benefit both student and teacher to understand this difference.

The Kansas Department of Education implemented the military kids count data into their enrollment process for 2016-2017, which is a year ahead of the Federal ESSA Act requirement. They included National Guard and Reserve families in the count - which gives them even better information than the ESSA Act requires. Kansas is the first state so far to do so, and to count families from all branches and National Guard/Reserve components.

The Kansas Department of Education is proving its commitment to children of military families, and giving military connected students every opportunity to succeed.

We applaud this policy change, and urge Kansas schools to count and connect military kids with each other so they will know there are other students from military families in their schools.

Thank you, Commissioner Watson, Board of Education, superintendents and teachers for your willingness to count military students. Kansas is now ahead of the nation on counting military students, and in recognizing the sacrifices and service that military members and their families contribute to our state and to our nation.

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OBITUARIES



Dallas
Harold J. "Jerry" Dallas, 78, went to be with our Lord on Wednesday, December 7, 2016 at Onaga Health and Rehab.

He was born June 10, 1938, in Lyon County near Harveyville, the son of Harold G. and Lois Little Dallas. Harold was raised from a young age by his mother and beloved stepfather, Jesse Miller. He graduated from Topeka High School in 1957.

Jerry served in the U.S. Navy from 1957 to 1961, earning the rank of Machinist's Mate, 2nd Class.

He worked for Pacific Gas & Electric in northern California before moving back to Kansas to be near family. He then worked for Good-year Tire, and later General Foods dog food plant, which was later Del Monte, then Heinz. He worked there 30-plus years before retiring due to his health in 2006.

Jerry married Patsy Hunt on Sept. 4, 1965 in Reno, Nev. She survives, of the home.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Paul Miller; two brothers-in-law, David Brooks and Ben Montague; and a daughter-in-law, Angelina Rose Dallas.

Other survivors include three sons, Frank Dallas and wife Richie Abrau Dallas, Tuscaloosa, Ala., Brian Dallas, Kansas City, Mo., and Jeremy Dallas and wife Michelle, Soldier; two brothers, Robert Dallas and wife Lila, St. Joseph, Mo., and Jesse Miller and wife Margaret, Topeka; two sisters, Betty Jo Montague, Hoyt, and Karen Brooks, St. Charles, Mo.; four grandchildren, Jeremy Michael Dallas, Kendra Mary-Kathryn Dallas, Logan Robert-Thomas Dallas and Rose Shirley Abrau; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 14 at Chapel Oaks Funeral Home in Holton. Burial with military honors will follow in Topeka Cemetery. Jerry will lie in state Tuesday and until service time Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, sent in care of Chapel Oaks Funeral Home, P.O. Box 1034, Holton, KS 66436. Online condolences may be made at chapeloaksfuneralhome.com
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I've never been one for tradition, so I would like to use this to thank those who have given me such a wonderful life. I have had 59 years on this Earth, I had the perfect wife, three children I could not be more proud of and friends and family that filled our home with so much love. I grew up and lived most of my life in Topeka and passed with my family surrounding me on Saturday, Dec. 10, 2016. I'm now with my Mom and Dad (Katherine and Leonard Christian).

Even though I left quite suddenly, I consider myself the luckiest man in the world, because I found a woman who loves me like you do, Jeanette. Those 31 years were the best years of my life. We were given three boys and were able to help them grow into fine young men. Watching our sons find women who love them like you love me made me so proud. It's what any father would want. Being a papa with you, Nana, for Zac and Kellan filled me with more joy than you and the boys could ever know.

Jordan, Jason and Justin, my sons, the most any father can ask for is to see his sons grow into fine men. You will forever be my greatest source of pride and truly the best things I leave on this Earth. Watching you grow up while guiding you and simultaneously learning from you was the privilege of my life, and something for which I'll always be eternally grateful. I may be gone now, but I will always be watching over you and love you with all my heart.

I worked for Westar for many years and served as the COO for ICapApp. I think of my colleagues at Westar and the ICapApp team as family. You all have been a major part of my life and you all know I came back from retirement to help. Well, I'm back on retirement now and I'll be looking over all of you for years to come.

My message to everyone reading: Life is short and can change quickly. Family is the most important thing in life. Always give to others, because the way we live on is in the hearts we touch.

A parish rosary will be prayed at 4:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 12 at Mother Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church, 2014 N.W. 46th St., Topeka, KS 66614, with visitation to follow until 7 p.m. Mass of Resurrection will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the church.

I've never liked flowers because they don't last. In lieu of flowers, please donate to something that will last. I have always loved the Topeka Rescue Mission, Wounded Warrior Project or the Hearing Loss Association of America. Condolences may be sent to the family online at www.kevinbrennanfamily.com
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Foods and Nutrition

Remember to eat healthy this holiday season

By Cindy Williams
Meadowlark Extension District Agent
Food & Nutrition, FNP

Holidays are a time for festive gatherings with family and friends. They also are occasions when we see tempting treats everywhere we turn.



It is easy to get off the health track, but that doesn't mean you have to put on blinders and forego the festivities. Whether you

are the host or guest, you can still indulge with a few smart choices.

Here are some tips to help you stay healthy and enjoy the holiday season:

1. Eat five a day. Choose appetizers that will help you meet the recommended guideline of five or more servings of vegetables and fruits a day.
2. Fill up on fiber. Besides fruits and vegetables, choose hors d'oeuvres that contain whole grains and/or ones with legumes.
3. Limit high-fat choices. Most traditional foods can be made low in fat. Turkey is very lean without skin. Gravy can be made without fat. Potatoes

served without butter can be very healthful. Pumpkin pie is nutritious, but it is a high-fat dessert when whipped cream is added. Enjoy traditional holiday foods, but just eat smaller portions.

4. Add variety. A variety of foods help add more nutrients to your diet. Also, contrast flavors and textures – crunchy, smooth, hot, cold and spicy – and strive for a good balance of all categories.

5. Don't forget to exercise. Burning off extra calories can be the key to keeping off weight during the holidays. Plan a brisk walk after meals, park farther away from stores when you go shopping or walk around the mall before you begin to shop.

6. Sample, sample, sample.

At holiday parties and at family meals, feel free to sample foods, just don't splurge. Fill your plate with fresh vegetables, fruit, low-fat dressings and slices of lean meat. Take small portions of high-fat, festive foods.

7. Listen to your body and eat only when you are hungry. Don't just eat because food is near.

8. Limit or avoid alcohol. Too many drinks can topple your will power, and it can add excess calories to your diet. In place of alcohol, drink water with lemon. Water can limit your appetite.

9. Be flexible in your diet. One "bad" meal should not leave you feeling guilty. Try to balance your calories over the period of a few days. Don't worry about just one meal or the food.

Circleville Christian Church

By Jeannie Arnold
Carol Fenton served as greeter at the door for Cowboy Church at Circleville Christian Church on Dec. 11. Music was provided by the praise team of Gary Bell, Dale and Ilah Rose Askren, David Allen, Max Lierz and Paul and Sue Davault. The praise team opened the service by singing "Mary's Christmas."

Brody Bliss gave the welcome and announcements. Tara Ladusch gave the advent reading and Lloyd Ladusch Jr. lit the third Advent candle.

Gary Bell gave the opening prayer and Brody Bliss gave the prayer for concerns and praises. David Allen used text from John 14:6 as he gave the communion meditation. Communion servers were Donnie Askren, Mike Cochren, John Ray and Mark Knouft.

Anna Schierling provided the

wonderful piano music by playing Christmas hymns as communion was served. Paul Davault gave the prayer for the offering.

Brody Bliss used text from Matthew 1:18-25 as he gave the morning sermon titled "A Christmas Perspective – Joseph's Perspective." When Mary was found to be with child, Joseph had emotional strain and was confused, but an angel of the Lord came to him in a dream and told him not to be afraid, but to take Mary as his wife.

Joseph did what the angel of the Lord commanded because God had ordained this to happen. What we learned about Joseph was that he was righteous, compassionate and obedient. He was chosen by God to be with Mary during the birth of Christ.

Following the closing prayer, the service closed by singing "Happy Trails To You."

Memories...

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is nearly ready, it has been announced. Sherri Childs, Jackson County Emergency Preparedness secretary, coordinated the address project several months ago. Childs said the new system will allow for emergency response time improvements.

Churches in Jackson County will be featured in the third annual calendar commissioned by the Holton Area Arts Agency. Each page of the 12-month calendar contains drawing of an area church, which were drawn by Holton High School art students instructed by Judy Swisher.

50 Years Ago

Week of Dec. 11-17, 1966

Glen Rogers of Holton was installed as master of the Holton Masonic Lodge on Dec. 1, it was reported.

Sunday, Dec. 12, was moving day at the Holton Super Market as the south side grocery store began its move into new quarters in the former co-op building.

United Telephone Company in Holton has announced the addition of Kenny Dibbern of Soldier to its staff. Dibbern will serve as a groundsman in Holton.

Public Notice

(Published in *The Holton Recorder*, Holton, Kan., on Monday, Dec. 12, 2016.)

CITY OF HOYT
RESOLUTION NO. 2016-4

WHEREAS the City of Hoyt, Kansas, has determined that the financial statements and financial reports for the year ended to be prepared in conformity with the requirements of K.S.A. 75-1120a(a) are not relevant to the requirements of the cash basis and budget laws of this state and are of no significant value to the City Council or the members of the general public of the City of Hoyt and

WHEREAS there are no revenue bond ordinances or other ordinances or resolutions of the municipality which require financial statements and financial reports to be prepared in conformity with K.S.A. 75-1120a(a) for the year ended.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the City

of Hoyt, Kansas, in regular meeting duly assembled this sixth day of December 2016 that the City Council waives the requirements of K.S.A. 75-1120a(a) as they apply to the City of Hoyt for the years ended December 31, 2015, December 31, 2016 and December 31, 2017.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council shall cause the financial statements and financial reports of the City of Hoyt to be prepared on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements as adjusted to show compliance with the cash basis and budget laws of this State.

/s/ Debra L. Dreasher
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Circleville News

By Jeannie Arnold
Kenny Wykert attended the Soldier Senior Citizens lunch on Monday, Dec. 5, at the Soldier community building. The lunch consisted of several kinds of soup along with side dishes. They also enjoyed the entertainment by the Jackson Heights chorus singers that presented the Christmas program.

Barbara Hutchinson went to Heatherstone Elementary School in Olathe to her granddaughter's first grade classroom on Tuesday, Dec. 6, to share the game "Christmas Jingo." Also, she read a Christmas story to the children. This is Lauren Brown Korte's third year of teaching.

Joe and Keri Brucken took their kids on a surprise weekend. They went to Branson and stayed at the Grand Country Inn from Friday, Dec. 9 to Sunday, Dec. 11. It had a fun indoor water park. They saw the Amazing Pets show and the Comedy

Jubilee and played mini golf, arcade, shopping and ate good food.

They had a lot of fun in surprising the kids. The kids didn't know they were going until that morning, then didn't know where they were going until they got there!

I attended the Foster Ford Christmas party on Saturday evening, Dec. 10. It was held at Trails Cafe in Holton. We all enjoyed the good meal and conversation.

Helen Farley was a guest for lunch at the home of Barbara and Dennis Hutchinson on Sunday, Dec. 11. Helen's birthday was on Saturday.

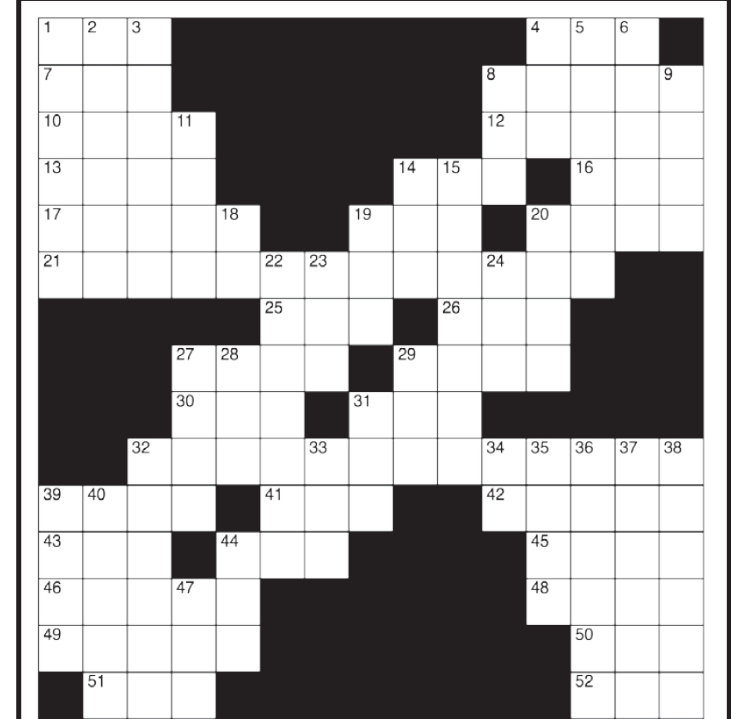
Afton Burdick and friend, Mikayla Coop, came to our house on Sunday, Dec. 11. After lunch, we baked a batch of cut out cookies and the girls spent most of the afternoon decorating them. They did a great job and some were pretty creative.

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20. Close violently
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26. Today (Spanish)
27. Ethiopian town
29. Speed
30. Kids take it to school
31. Bowling ball's adversary
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41. Curved shape
42. Discover by investigation
43. Up in the air (abbr.)
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48. Nonsense (slang)
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52. Soviet Socialist Republic

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2. Erectile organs
3. Concluding speech
4. Pie __ mode
5. With pustules
6. Muslim calendar month
8. Need it to live
9. Thailand
11. Container to serve food
14. Boxing great
15. Woolen blankets
18. Expresses surprise
19. Emergency medical services
20. Inflamed swelling of the eyelid
22. Reporter
23. Arrived extinct
24. Ad __
27. Academic bill of rights
28. A pair
29. Pumpkin and apple are examples
31. China
32. Made illegal
33. Be mistaken
34. Stephen King's "Pennywise"
35. Semite
36. Martens with short tails
37. Large bodies of water
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SPORTS Monday

RV splits with Kaws

Tuesday games at Silver Lake

By Ali Holcomb

The Royal Valley varsity girls basketball team is still looking for its first win of the season as the Lady Panthers fell to the Perry-Lecompton Lady Kaws 50-41 in a tough road game Friday.

"I felt like we did some really good things, and we went in with a game plan to play 'inside-out' and we did a really good job of getting the ball inside," said head coach Corey Katzer. "The ball just didn't go in the hole when we wanted it to, and Perry make some adjustments throughout the game and pulled away down the stretch."

The Panthers held with the Kaws during the first two quarters, trailing by just one point at the half, 23-22. Perry went on a run, however, and scored 17 points in the third quarter, as well as 10 points in the fourth.

RV had 11 points in the third quarter and eight in the last eight minutes.

"We're making strides," coach Katzer said. "We want to win, but ultimately the games that matter are at the end of the season. Our goal as coaches is that every time we practice or compete that we get better, and I think we're doing that."

Sophomore Mary Broxterman led the team with 18 points, as well as seven rebounds.

"She's making great strides for us," Katzer said. "She's all effort, and she listens and has a great attitude."

RV: 10-12-11-8 - 41

Perry: 10-13-17-10 - 50

RV: Broxterman 7 4-4 18, Jordan 2 (2) 1-2 7, Baker 3 0-0 6, Russell 2 1-2 5, Shopteese 1 (1) 0-0 3, Thompson 1 0-0 2. Totals 16 (3) 6-8 41.

Perry: A. Folks 6 5-6 17, Jamison 5 1-1 11, Keller 2 (1) 3-4 8, Fast 3 0-2 6, G. Folks 1 3-6 5, Robertson 1 1-1 3. Totals 18 (1) 13-23 50.

The Panther boys picked up another win on Friday against Perry-Lecompton, 45-39, and are now 2-1 in the Big Seven league.

RV put up 19 points in the first quarter over the Kaws' four points.

"We had some open shots and took advantage of them early on," said coach Keith Pelton. "It helped us gain some confidence."

By the half, the Panthers led 29-20. In the third and fourth quarters, the Kaws added 29 points, but it wasn't enough to close the gap as the Panthers added 16 points in the second half.

"We picked up our defensive effort as a team," Pelton said. "We keep working on our man-to-man defense since that's what were going to hang our hat on most of the season. We might mix things up here and there."

Pelton said the team will continue to work on its consistency as the season progresses, as well as shifting the game plan when needed.

The team was led by 18 points from Leondre Hale and 11 from Masen Spoonhunter. The Panthers were 13 for 16, 81 percent, on their free throws.

RV: 19-10-6-10 - 45

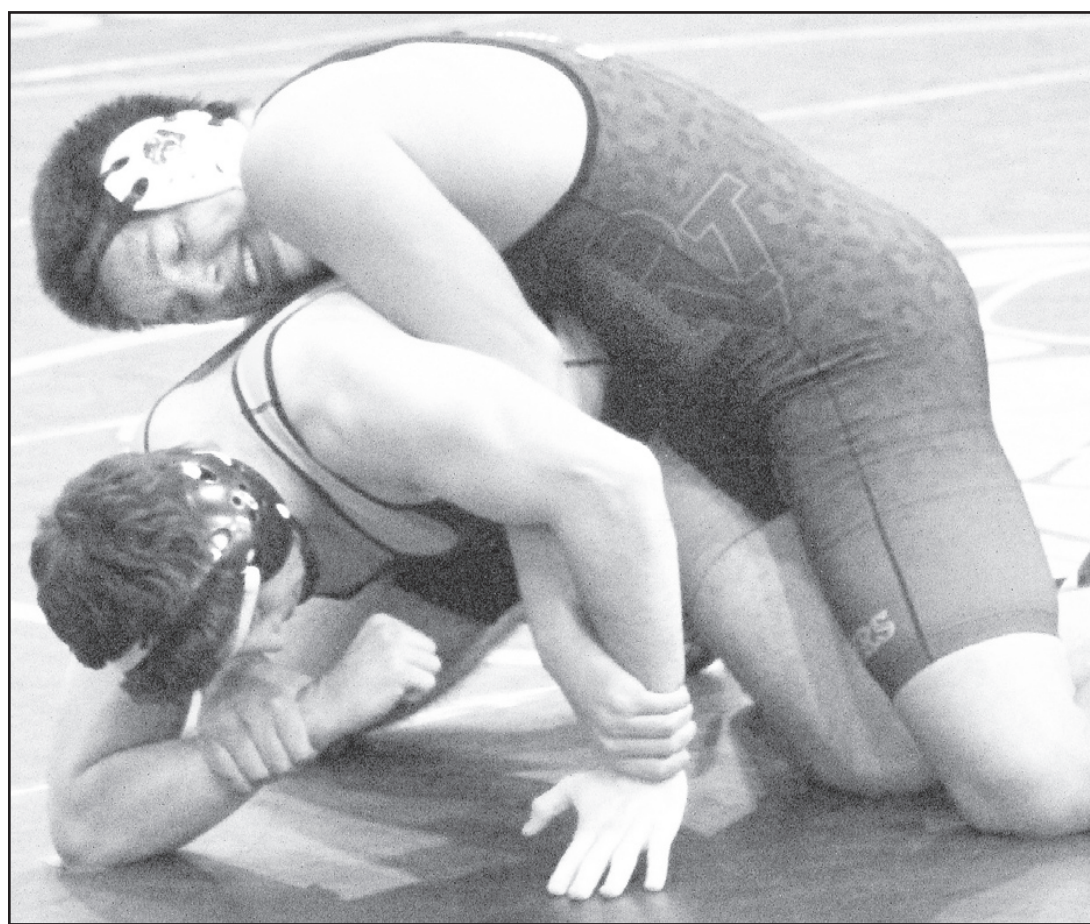
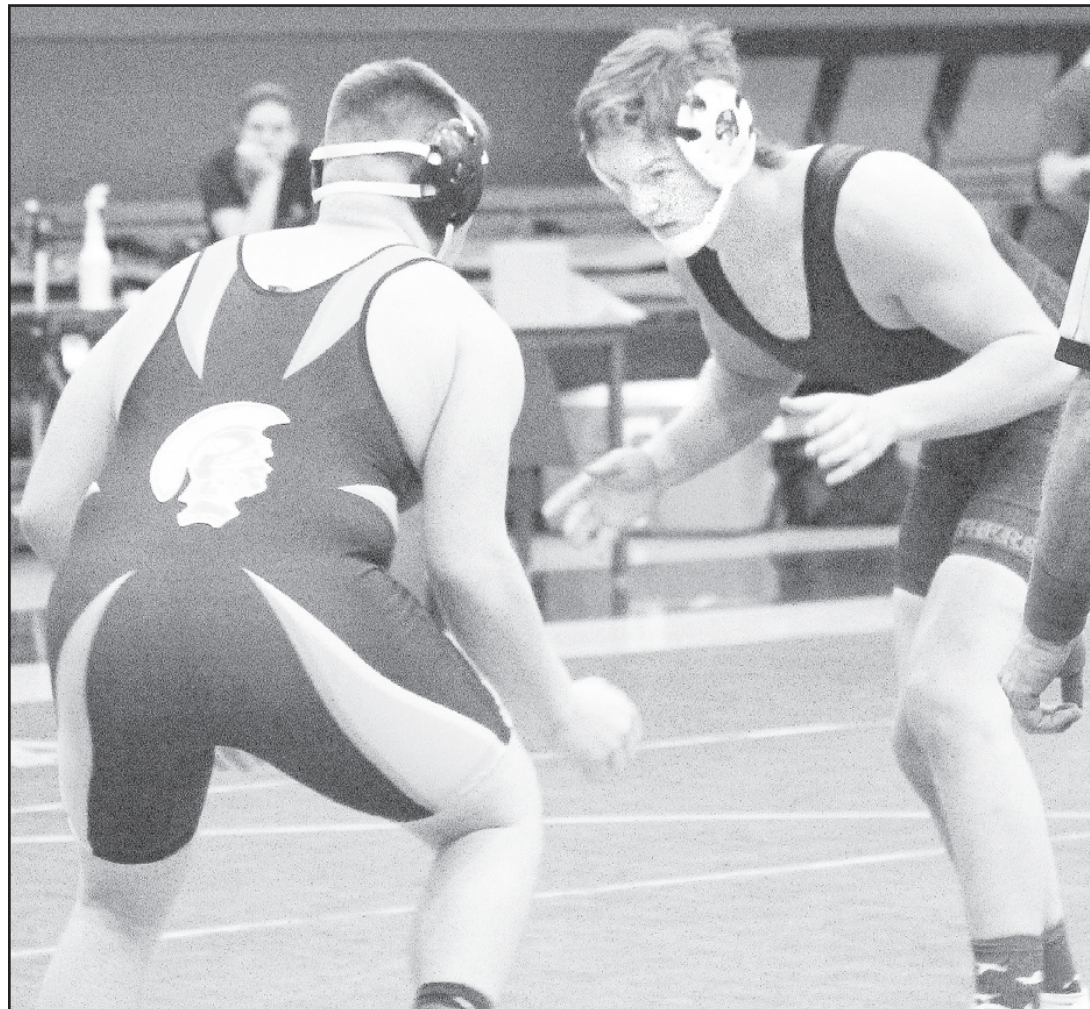
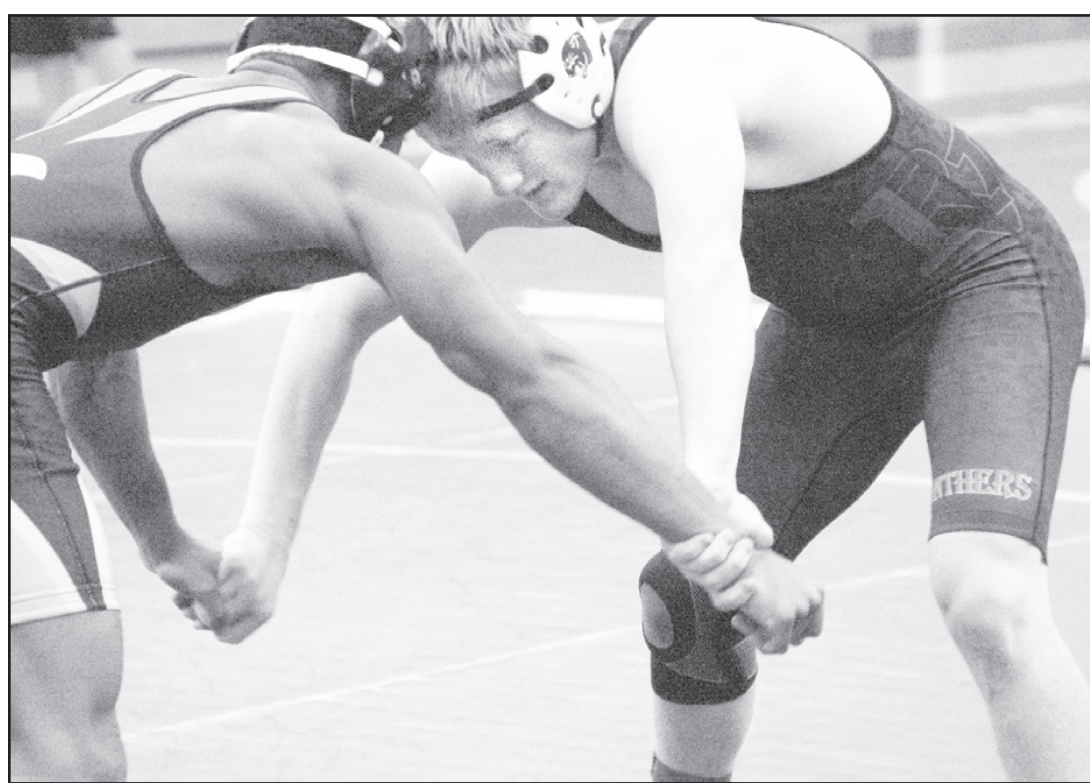
Perry: 4-16-10-9 - 39

RV: Hale 4 (3) 7-8 18, Spoonhunter 4 3-5 11, Lee 3 0-0 6, Broxterman 2 1-1 5, Knoxsah 1 (1) 0-0 3, Neuner 0 2-2 2. Totals 14 (4) 13-16 45.

Perry: Daniels 3 (2) 5-6 13, Baker 2 4-5 8, Kellum 3 0-1 6, Christmas 2 2-2 6, Spreer 2 (2) 0-0 6. Totals 12 (4) 11-14 39.

The JV Panther boys beat Perry-Lecompton 67-49 while Royal Valley's JV girls fell 44-33.

The Panthers travel to Silver Lake for a non-league game on Tuesday with games starting at 4:45 p.m.



Royal Valley wrestlers competed at Topeka High School on Tuesday last week against the host team and Lawrence Free State High. The top photo on this page shows Panther wrestler Karsen Smith on the right. Smith wrestles at 152 pounds. The middle photo shows Panther wrestler Jacob Box on the right. Box wrestles at 195 pounds. The photo above shows Panther wrestler Blake Garrison on the right. Garrison wrestles at 220 pounds. Photos by Michael Powls

Cobras edged by Maur Hill 44-41

Tuesday's games to be played at Pleasant Ridge

By Brian Sanders

The defending Kansas Class 2A state boys basketball champion Jackson Heights Cobras basketball team was handed its first loss of the season by a ready Maur Hill Ravens team on Friday in Atchison.

Jackson Heights Head Coach Chris Brown said his team's close 44-41 loss to Maur Hill was tough, but at least the loss was "to a good team."

"Maur Hill is always tough to beat because they defend and rebound so well," Brown said.

The Cobras started the game on a good note, outscoring the Ravens 11-8 in the first quarter before stumbling a bit in the second quarter, allowing the host team to take a 21-18 lead into the locker at halftime.

"We could never get into much of a rhythm in the first half, and

that showed on the scoreboard," Brown said. "I thought we defended well — we just struggled on offense."

Maur Hill also outplayed the Cobras in the third quarter, outscoring Heights 13-7. In the fourth quarter, however, the Cobras mounted a valiant comeback effort, outscoring the Ravens 15-10, but it was not enough to get the victory in the end.

"I think our kids believed they could come back and win the entire second half," Brown said. "We came up short, but it wasn't due to lack of effort."

Leading the Cobras was senior Wyatt Oiberding, who scored 19 of the team's 41 points. Brown noted that Oiberding also led the team that evening in steals and rebounds.

The loss put the Cobras' re-

cord at 1-1 overall and within the Northeast Kansas League, while the win propelled the Ravens to a 2-1 record within the league and overall.

Up next, the Cobras will travel to Pleasant Ridge on Tuesday to take on a 2-1 Rams team that Brown said will be a "confident" team after getting a Friday night road win against Heritage Christian.

"They defend well and spread the court well on offense," Brown said of the Rams. "We will need to find a way to create easier opportunities for ourselves to score."

Scoring
Jackson Heights 11-7-8-15—41
Maur Hill 8-13-13-10—44
Junior Varsity
Maur Hill 46, Jackson Heights 17

Holton boys post 48-45 win over NC

By David Powls

A big 20-point scoring output in the second quarter, plus some good free throw shooting, helped propel the Holton Wildcats to a 48-45 victory over Big Seven League foe Nemaha Central here Friday night.

The big second quarter gave the Wildcats a 27-23 halftime lead. The Thunder held a small 14-11 scoring edge in the third quarter but Holton held on in the fourth quarter scoring 10 points to 8 for the visitors.

From the free throw line, the Wildcats, now 2-1, made 12 of 15 shots while the Thunder made 7 of 16.

"We continue to be comfortable in our man-to-man defense," head coach Ryan Noel said this morning. "We've only had seven practices with our three games but our team is really buying into playing team basketball. It doesn't matter which individual scores the most points, so long as our team scores the most points."

Coach Noel said Nemaha Central's post players got into some foul trouble in the game, plus, he said, the Wildcats are rebounding the ball better this year, too.

"I think this Wildcat team can become a special team," he said.

Holton JV boys lost to Nemaha Valley 46-15. Earlier this season, the Holton JV boys lost to Royal Valley 70-29 and lost to Perry-LeCompton 54-38.

On Tuesday, the Holton teams travel to Riverside. On Friday, the Wildcat teams host Jeff-West.

Holton 48, Nemaha Central 45

Holton 7-20-11-10—48

Nemaha Central 9-14-14-8—45

Holton — Patch 6 (1) 4-5 17, Chanay 5 (1) 4-4 15, Haussler 2 (2) 1-2 7, Wilhelm 2 2-2 6, Strader 1 1-2 3. Totals 16 (4) 12-15 48.

Nemaha Central — Henry 6 3-4 15, Enneking 5 2-3 12, Henry 3 0-5 6, Beck 2 2-4 6, Kramer 1

0-0 2, Schmelzle 1 0-0 2. Totals 18 (0) 7-16 45.

The Lady Wildcats led the visiting Lady Thunder 17-14 after the first quarter and 25-23 at halftime here Friday night.

The scoring continued to be tight in the second half. The difference in the game was decided at the free throw line where the visitors made 20 of 30 attempts for 66.7 percent efficiency to 9 of 21 for 42.9 percent efficiency for the Wildcats.

The Lady Wildcats, now 2-1, had 11 turnovers, 7 steals and 18 deflections in the game to 20 turnovers and 6 steals for the Thunder.

While offensive rebounding was about even — 14 boards for Holton and 12 for Nemaha Central, the Lady Thunder held a definite advantage on the defensive rebounds — 25 to 8 for the Lady Wildcats.

The Lady Wildcats made 6 of 19 three-point attempts for 31.6 percent in the game to 1 for 3 three-point attempts made by Nemaha Central for 33.3 percent.

In two-point field goal shooting, the Lady Wildcats made 12 of 33 shots for 34.6 percent to Nemaha Central's 15 of 29 shots for 51.7 percent.

"It was a good game to learn from for us," said Holton head coach Jon Holliday afterwards. "It gave us a better idea of how we need to improve to defeat a good team like Nemaha Central."

Nemaha Central (girls) 53, Holton (girls) 51

Nemaha Central — 14-9-16-14—53

Holton 17-8-14-12—51

Nemaha Central — Macke 9 9-10 27, Dalinghaus 3 2-5 8, Hammes 1 4-4 6, Dalinghaus 1 (1) 3-7 6, Larkin 1 2-4 4, Holthaus 1 0-0 2. Totals 16 (1) 20-30 53.

Holton — Tanking 7 (4) 2-6 20, Price 3 (2) 1-1 9, Weiler 3 (1) 0-0 7, Boswell 2 2-4 6, Lierz 1 2-6 4, Leavendusky 2 0-2 4 Barta 0 2-2 2. Totals 18 (7) 9-21 51.

Several Panthers wrestle well at Baldwin Duals

By Michael Powls

The Royal Valley wrestling team is struggling with numbers this season.

"However, as a coaching staff we have been preaching to the team that just because we may lose some team battles, it doesn't mean that we have to lose the war as individuals and having a great season, Royal Valley coach Jason Puderbaugh said.

This past Friday, Dec. 9, at the Baldwin duals the Royal Valley wrestlers young and veteran, took to the mats with some attitude and hunger that proved to be "far above" many of our opponents, the coach said.

In actual matches wrestled, Royal Valley was 18-13 on the night.

"We received eight wins by forfeit but surrendered 26 losses by forfeit," coach Puderbaugh said.

Coach Puderbaugh said, the team was not able to fill all of its weight classes.

"Our four freshmen in the lineup combined for three wins and 11 of our losses," the coach said.

Royal Valley's experienced wrestlers were 23-2, with Karsen Smith, Blake Garrison and Jacob Box all going 5-0.

Garrett Pruyser at 120-pound weight class, only a sophomore, went 4-1 with three pins and Dalton Ware went 4-1 with one pin.

Box, currently ranked third in the state in 3A at 195-pounds, didn't start wrestling until he was a freshman in high school.

Garrison didn't start wrestling until he was a sophomore in high school.

Smith, not too much sooner, started wrestling as a seventh grader.

"That is improvement that they should all be proud of and that we as coaches are proud of

for how hard they have worked and been coachable to get to where they are today," coach Puderbaugh said.

Garrison led the team in pins with four, but Smith ended up leading the team in more categories with eight takedowns, three escapes, 25 team points scored and three of his five wins were pins which earns Smith this week's "standout wrestler" of the tournament.

Actual matches wrestled summary vs. opponent:

Baldwin: 1-3 / Win-Smith / Losses-Caleb McEntire, AJ Hastings and Zach Burger.

Prairie View: 5-1 / Wins-Ware, McEntire, Smith, Garrison and Box / Loss-Garrett.

Renegades (JV): 3-3 / Wins-Pruyser, Smith and Garrison / Losses-McEntire, Wah Be Wah Wabounsee and Burger.

Burlington: 5-3 / Wins-Pruyser, Smith, Burger, Garrison and Box / Losses-Ware, McEntire and Hastings.

Independence: 4-3 / Wins-Pruyser, Smith, Garrison and Box / Losses-McEntire, Wabounsee and Burger.

"Overall looking at everything, myself and the rest of the coaching staff were very pleased with our overall performance and want to build upon this performance as well as use it as a catapult into our next action which takes place at Marion High School next Friday evening starting at 3:00 pm in Marion," coach Puderbaugh said.

The team scores at the duals were as follows:

Baldwin 54, Royal Valley 30

Prairie View 39, Royal Valley 30

Royal Valley JV 36, Renegades JV 36

Burlington 53, Royal Valley 25

Independence 47, Royal Valley 27

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Mountain lion sightings keeping KDWPPT busy

The Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism biologists have been busy investigating a flurry of mountain lion reports lately. Three more mountain lion reports were confirmed in Kansas recently, bringing the total number confirmed sightings for the year to four, it was reported.

A hunter recently checked his trail camera on Fort Riley to find a photo of a mountain lion taken on Nov. 9. On Nov. 20, about 55 miles away, another hunter's trail camera in Shawnee County snapped several photos of a mountain lion passing by at around 1 a.m.

Four days later and about 20 miles away, a couple of young raccoon hunters in Wabaunsee County were hunting with a single hound when it bayed "treed." They were quite surprised when they shined their lights in to the tree and found a mountain lion staring back at them.

They had the presence of mind to take some video and snap a few photos for evidence and even called a few friends and family out to see the lion for themselves. Biologists later visited the site and were able to recover a few hairs from the tree limbs.

It is uncertain at this time whether sufficient material was

present for DNA extraction, but if so, it can help biologists determine the animal's sex, where it came from, where it has been and where it may end up.

It is uncertain whether these recent confirmations are the result of a single or multiple cats. Young male mountain lions can wonder great distances in search of a home range and the proximity and timing of these latest sightings indicate a single lion is a possibility, but this is not a certainty. An additional sighting is still being investigated and if confirmed, Kansas may have a record year for mountain lion sightings.

Since 2007, when the first mountain lion was confirmed in Kansas, 18 more have been added to the total. Most are presumed to be transient young male lions displaced from states north or west of Kansas. Consistent with this theory, the presence of arm barring on several of these recent confirmations is an indicator of a young (less than three year old) lion. A resident population, as indicated by the presence of kittens, adult females or repeated documentations in the same vicinity, has not been observed nor confirmed.



Royal Valley's Ian Lee, shown above at left in the white jersey, drives to the basket in the recent game against the Holton Wildcats with Wildcat Mason Strader, No. 5 in the dark jersey, defending him.

Photo by Ali Holcomb



Holton Wildcat Mason Chanay, No. 11, is shown above shooting a free throw vs. Royal Valley. Teammate Riley Strader, No. 4, is also shown in the background.

Photo by Ali Holcomb

RVMS wrestlers wrap up season

By Michael Powls

The wrestling season is over for the Royal Valley Middle School Panthers. The Panthers went 1-14 on the season and had eight wrestlers take home honors at the Big 7 League meet it was reported.

On Saturday, Dec. 3, The Royal Valley Middle School wrestling team traveled to Riverside High School for the final tournament of the season.

Royal Valley Middle School head wrestling coach Jason Puderbaugh said, "the team went there with the goal in mind to finish strong."

"In comparison to how much our young team struggled all season long, it was exciting to see them do so well and finish fifth in our league," coach Puderbaugh said.

"More importantly, we had eight out of 14 wrestlers bring home some hardware," Puderbaugh said.

Will Heavner took first place in the 95-pound weight class and was the Panther standout wrestler, going 4-0 with three pins and 21 total team points.

Bryar Barnett took second place in the 105-pound weight class and went 4-1 in the tournament.

Conner Collins took second place in the 115-pound weight class and went 2-1 in the tournament.

Maya Ogden took fourth place in the 120-pound weight class and went 3-2 in the tournament.

Skyler Mechtley took third place in the 127-pound weight class and went 1-2 in her tournament.

Grant Grosseohme took fourth place in the 141-pound weight class and went 1-3 in the tournament.

Alek Mitchell took third place in the 180-pound weight class and went 3-1 in the tournament.

Noah Schnacker took first place in the 215-pound weight class and went 2-0 in the tournament.

Sabbi Potts took second place in the heavy weight class and went 1-1 in the tournament.

"It was a season of great challenges in the face of many individual and team losses," coach Puderbaugh said.

Coach Puderbaugh said, this year's team and any team should never be defined by its wins or losses, however."

"This year's team was young, progressed slowly, and stuck together as a family through the struggles, the grind of the daily drills, conditioning and did a great job of coming together at the end to finish with their best effort of the season put forward," coach Puderbaugh said. "As a coaching staff, we enjoyed working to improve, develop and build the character of each of these young student athletes and look forward to seeing the wrestlers that they will blossom into in the seasons to come."

RV competes at Topeka High

By Michael Powls

The Royal Valley varsity wrestling team was in action this past Tuesday, Dec. 6, at the Topeka High School double dual with Class 6A Lawrence Free State and the host team Class 6A Topeka High. The Panthers are now 0-7 on the season.

The Royal Valley team had four freshmen in the nine-man varsity line up and five open weight classes at Topeka High.

"It proved to be too much to overcome in the team score column, as we fell to Topeka High 48-30 and to Lawrence Free State 67-12," Royal Valley head coach Jason Puderbaugh said.

"In our match with Topeka High, our team won five of the nine wrestled matches but we gave up two out of three of our four losses by pin and forfeited 24 points in opens," coach Puderbaugh said.

Coach Puderbaugh said "against Lawrence Free State, our seniors would be the only two wrestlers to win matches out of our eight wrestled matches."

Coach Puderbaugh said the good news in that dual was

that Royal Valley's two seniors showed domination at the 195 and 220 weight classes, pinning both of their Free State opponents.

Those wrestlers who had some success on Tuesday were:

Garrett Pruyser going 1-1 with a pin in the 120-pound weight class.

Caleb McEntire with another varsity win to 1-1 and pick up another pin in the 132-pound weight class.

Karsen Smith also went 1-1 with his one win coming in exciting fashion with a come from behind win by pin in the 152-pound weight class.

Royal Valley two seniors Blake Garrison in the 195-pound weight class and Jacob Box in the 220 pound weight class dominated both of their opponents from Topeka High and Lawrence Free State by pinning both of them and going 2-0 on the night for the Panthers.

Box was the standout wrestler of the night by going 2-0 in exciting fashion and improving his season record to 6-1, Puderbaugh said.

Lady Cobras topped 49-32 by Maur Hill

By Brian Sanders

A slow first half enabled Maur Hill-Mount Academy to take full advantage of a visiting Jackson Heights Lady Cobras team on Friday, when the Ravens dealt the Lady Cobras a 49-32 loss in Atchison.

"We came out slow defensively to start the game and allowed Maur Hill to get some uncontested shots," JHHS Head Coach Dan Shupe said of the Lady Cobras' loss on Friday, which put their record at 1-1, both overall and in the Northeast Kansas League. The Ravens' win put them at 1-1 in the league and 2-1 overall.

The Lady Cobras attempted to keep up with the Ravens during the first half, but getting outscored 11-3 in the second quarter left Jackson Heights in the hole as MH-MA led 30-14 at intermission.

"Our movement wasn't up to the level it needed to be," Shupe said. "Credit Maur Hill for the defensive effort they had. They made us hurry some shots and closed out on our shooters very quickly."

In the third quarter, the Lady Cobras came roaring back, outscoring the Ravens 10-6 and setting up a possible fourth-quarter comeback. But the Ravens were able to hang on and

post the win. "Our kids fought hard to the end," Shupe said. "They had an opportunity to come back, and they played hard."

Leading the Cobras individually with a double-double was Hannah Williams, who contributed 11 of the Cobras' 32 points and also led the team in rebounds.

"She's been consistent in the two games we've played so far," Shupe said of Williams.

Shupe also praised the work of Kylie Dohl, who posted eight points and five assists.

"She played well in the second half, when we made a run at Maur Hill," Shupe said. "We just couldn't get it close enough to really put the pressure on them."

On Tuesday, the Lady Cobras will travel to Pleasant Ridge, whose win over Heritage Christian on Friday put the Rams at 1-1 in the NEK League and 2-1 overall.

"Pleasant Ridge will be another physically aggressive team that will put pressure on the ball," Shupe said. "We'll need to handle the pressure and get into our own half-court, where we can exploit some of our weaknesses and some of our strengths."

Scoring
Jackson Heights 11-3-10-8-32
Maur Hill 19-11-6-13-49
Junior Varsity
Jackson Heights 20, Maur Hill 11

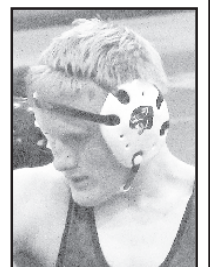


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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Holton junior Shay Tanking scored 32 points against Perry-LeCompton on Friday, Dec. 2, setting a new HHS single game scoring record. Previously, the record was held by Jessica Farmer, who set the record as a junior on Dec. 10, 1994 vs. Santa Fe Trail.



Royal Valley wrestler Karsen Smith, at 152 pounds, had 8 takedowns, 3 escapes, scored 25 team points and posted pins in 3 of his 5 wrestling wins at the Baldwin Duals recently.

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THURSDAY, DEC. 15: HHS Wrestling vs. Sabetha - 5 p.m. @ Holton
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Five generations of the Bottom family gathered for a photo after the birth of Ralph Leroy Bottom's first great-great-grandchild, Casen Eugene Bottom. Those pictured seated are (from left) Ralph Leroy Bottom of Holton holding Casen Eugene Bottom (two months) and Ralph Eugene Bottom of Meriden. Those standing (from left) are Richard Eugene Bottom and Curtis Eugene Bottom, both of Kearney, Mo. Ralph has lived in the Holton area his entire life. Prior to moving into town a few years ago with his wife, Isla (now deceased), the couple lived on a farm near Buck's Grove United Methodist Church west of Holton. Submitted photo

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"We are proud to recognize the top 500 HomeCare Elite agencies for demonstrating a commitment to improving quality patient care at low costs. The clinical best practices and data tracking skills these agencies have implemented can position them for future success in government programs such as value-based purchasing and star ratings," said Marci Heydt, senior content manager for DecisionHealth.

Winners are ranked by an analysis of publicly available performance measures in quality outcomes, best practice (process measure) implementation, patient experience (Home Health CAHPS), quality improvement and consistency and financial performance. In order to be considered, an agency must be Medicare-certified and have data for at least one outcome in Home Health Compare.

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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

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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 appraisal to satisfy the Order of Sale.

Tim Morse
Sheriff of Jackson County, Kansas

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Jackson County

Notice of Budget Hearing for Amending the 2016 Budget

The governing body of Jackson County will meet on the 27th day of December at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Chambers for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed amended use of funds. Detailed budget information is available at the County Clerk's Office and will be available at this hearing.

Summary of Amendments

Fund	2016 Adopted Budget			2016 Proposed Amended Expenditures
	Actual Tax Rate	Amount of Tax that was Levied	Expenditures	
General	33.377	3,467,851	5,697,744	5,847,443
Sheriff	18.261	1,897,233	2,359,610	2,992,911
Road & Bridge	20.641	2,144,585	3,095,487	3,182,152
Noxious Weed	0.560	58,152	244,500	304,814

Kathy Mick
Official Title: Jackson County Clerk

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Nominations sought for Kansas Family Physician of the Year

The Kansas Academy of Family Physicians (KAFP) is seeking nominations for the 2017 Kansas Family Physician of the Year award, it has been reported. The deadline for nominations is Dec. 30.

Each year the KAFP awards one family physician the prestigious title of Kansas Family Physician of the Year.

Nominees must be family physician members in good standing, licensed to practice in Kansas and actively practicing family medicine at least half time.

More than 90 percent of Kansas family physicians are members of the KAFP, the state's largest medical organization for primary care physicians.

You can submit your nomi-

nation explaining why your family doctor deserves to be selected as the 2017 Kansas Family Physician of the Year by one of four ways:

* Electronic submission form at <http://www.kafponline.org/Members/Awards/FamilyPhysicianoftheYear/>.

* Via e-mail by sending a letter to kafp@kafponline.org

* Via mail by sending a letter to KAFP, 7570 W 21st St N #1026-C, #104, Wichita KS 67205.

* Via fax by sending a letter to 316-721-9044.

For questions about the award, including if your family doctor is a member of the KAFP, please contact director of communications, Marina Spexarth (mspexarth@kafponline.org) 316-721-9005.

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Students to receive certification Thursday at Washburn Tech

A total of 14 students from Jackson County are among the 350 candidates eligible to receive certification in their respective areas of study at the Washburn University Institute of Technology graduation at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 15 in Lee Arena at Washburn University, it was reported.

Local students include:

- **Holton:** Woodward Christopher Lewis Drury, locomotive diesel technology; Chelsie R. Moore, practical nursing; and Glenna Mackenzie Rollins, phlebotomy.
- **Hoyt:** Taylor A. Cartolano, health care technology; Maycie Leeann Graham, health care technology; Kylie Nicole Moore, health care technology; Morgan Blake New, health care technology; and Carley Jo Shane, business bookkeeping and accounting.

- **Mayetta:** Cecelia Andrea Ceja, health care technology; Marlissa Marie Jordan, health care technology; Meaghan Nicole Koon, health care technology; Chaley Michelle Lemmon, health care technology; Felicity Alane Price, health care technology; and Lannette Bridgett Zeller, health care technology.

Washburn Tech offers 31 career programs in the divisions of construction, health care, human services, technology and transportation. Short-term, continuing education courses also are available along with custom courses for business and industry.

Washburn Tech, which serves both high school and adult students, has an 81 percent graduation rate, which is the highest in the state among all universities, community colleges and technical institutions.



A new Dollar General is being built in Hoyt at the intersection of U.S. Highway 75 at 110th Road. New "built-to-suit" Dollar General stores range between 9,000 to 9,500 square-feet on approximately one to one and a quarter acres of land, it was reported. The new store is being built by the Rupe Helmer Group. Photo by Ali Holcomb

Big bucks, baby beef and basic bees

By Jody G. Holthaus
Meadowlark Extension
District Agent
Livestock-Natural Resources

Learning to manage my calendar is always a challenge. However, sometimes things are just out of your control! We have a few meetings coming up, and due to scheduling conflicts, deer season and other obligations, the meetings got all lined up in one week.

The first is our deer school, originally planned for the first day of rifle season. That wasn't such a good idea, so it has been

rescheduled for 7 p.m. on Dec. 14 at the Jefferson County fair building in Valley Falls. Charlie Lee, our KSU wildlife specialist, will be the presenter. Charlie will talk everything deer, management for big antlers and nutrition, population and disease.

Secondly, baby beef will be discussed at our calving school at 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 15 at the Jackson County fair building, or the Northeast Kansas Heritage Complex in Holton. I'm really excited to bring this school to this area. Last year, we had a fantastic meeting in McLouth. This year,

we have two veterinarians to present the information.

The life-size cow, which I think looks like a Hereford, has two rubber calves that they can manipulate in the different presentations you might see during calving season. They call her number 34. They insist she is a Simmental-Hereford cross, but at least one of the calves is black.

Our new beef veterinarian, AJ Tarpoff, and Dr. Dave Rethorst will be presenting. Together they have more than 45 years of experience calving cows. Give me a call if you'd like to attend, as

space will be limited.

The last school is on basic beekeeping. This is really growing in popularity. We are lucky to have Sharon Dobesh on staff in the entomology department. Sharon's interest and hobby with bees is a real asset to the department.

The basic bee school will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Dec. 16 at the Northeast Kansas Heritage Complex, 12200 214th Rd., in Holton.

After my week of big bucks, baby beef and basic bees, I will be ready for a big break!

All programs are open to the interested public!

The First United Methodist Church of Holton invites the community to experience this drive-through Living Nativity. You will see five scenes of live characters and animals.



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Local DAR Chapter meets

The Samuel Linscott DAR Chapter met on Nov. 19 at the Denison State Bank conference room. Seven members were present. Regent Tena Brucken led the opening ritual. Registrar Sharon Beaman presented the president general's message followed by Treasurer Jerry Brees reporting the national defense report.

The report centered on cyberattacks. From 1995 to 2016, the world's population use on the internet went from one percent to 40 percent. Minutes from the October meeting were read and approved. Treasurer Brees reported the amount in the treasury with dues still to be paid. Also, Brees presented the proposed budget for the chapter for 2016-17 year. It was moved and seconded to accept the proposed budget.

It was reported that 10 boxes of school supplies were delivered to the Haskell Institute in

Lawrence. Regent Brucken advised that the president general of NSDAR will be at the 2018 KSDAR state convention. The state regent's moneymaking project is a Kansas DAR scarf for \$35. The design is patterned after the stained glass window at the Kansas chapel at the national society's headquarters.

The State Patriot Committee is sponsoring the USS Topeka. It is a "fast attack" submarine based in Guam.

Committee Chair Emily Jane Stoll gave a report informing members that many of the words used in the English language are directly from the Algonquin tribe. The Potawatomi and Kickapoo tribes from this area from the Algonquin tribe, it was reported.

Committee Chair Marianne McClintock reported the proper response to the American flag. Civilians should place their right hand over their heart; military give a salute.

In 1923, women from Crete, Neb. made a flag out of dresses. When the dresses were worn, the women stood side-by-side to create the American flag.

There was no old business to report. Under new business, members discussed a donation to be made in honor of Gene Dickinson, who died in early November.

Dickinson was a 40-year member of the chapter. She served as regent, recording secretary and librarian/historian. It was discussed to purchase a DAR insignia for her tombstone.

For the rest of the year, each member will report on the ancestor utilized to gain entry to the DAR. Regent Brucken spoke about Jacob Hepler, originally from Germany who served in Pennsylvania.

The next meeting is scheduled for 10 a.m. Dec. 19 at the Denison State Bank conference room at the main bank in downtown Holton.

Economics tools now available

By David G. Hallauer
Meadowlark Extension
District Agent

Crops & Soils/Horticulture
Economics is seldom a one size fits all topic. Everyone has a little different budget – a little different rate that they are willing to pay for rent or other inputs. Purchasing a sprayer for one operation may not be as valuable as it for another.

A "one size fits all" answer isn't going to cut it when making those types of decisions! That's kind of the purpose of the tools available at our KSU Agricultural Economics website, www.agmanager.info.

For example, while we do offer a publication that can provide custom rates information, you may want to evaluate your custom rates fees to determine if they are economical for your information.

A spreadsheet is available for that very purpose, and many others as well, including evaluating everything from owning your own sprayer to the economics of seeding a cover crop. All of them allow you to put in your numbers to get a number for you instead of a general average.

Rental rates are another huge discussion point between tenants and landlords. AgManager provides USDA-NASS information, as well as calculated averages from inputs used in their KSU Lease spreadsheet – as well as the spreadsheet itself! It might take you a little time to determine the appropriate inputs, but it can also help you better understand how to come to an equitable crop share or cash lease agreement.

Marketing newsletters, projected ARC or PLC farm program price levels, as well as many other budget and price tools are also available. Not comfortable with spreadsheets? Instructions are included with most spreadsheets to help. Don't even want to mess with the computer – or can't find something you are in need of? – don't hesitate to contact your District Office for assistance.

The near term commodity price projections aren't all that great. With tighter margins, an economic evaluation of varying production facets of your operation is never a bad idea. Take a look at these resources and see whether they might be of value to you!

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10:45 a.m. Worship service

Potawatomi United Methodist
Rev. Howard Sudduth
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St. Dominic Catholic Church
Pastor: Fr. Marianand Mendem
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Sunday Services: 9 a.m.
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Luke Schreiber, Youth Minister
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Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group: 5 p.m.

St. James Catholic Church
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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.

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217 Iowa St., Wetmore
Pastor Gary Heitz • 866-2444
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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 Bums, Pastor
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Whiting United Methodist
Rev. Youngwan Won
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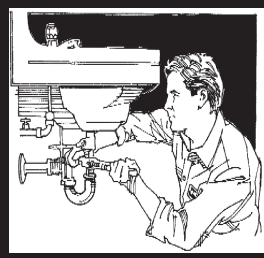
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Food, volunteers still sought for Community Christmas Dinner

By Brian Sanders

With less than two weeks to go before Holton's annual Community Christmas Dinner, to be held on Christmas Day at the Evangel United Methodist Church Family Life Center, dinner organizer Freda Galer said food items and volunteer offers have been coming in, but more are needed for the dinner.

"I'm still needing a few people to help transport food items that we've got stored away," said Galer of the upcoming dinner, to be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Christmas Day. "We'll need that help from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Dec. 24."

With the number of people who have already volunteered and offered donations of food for the dinner, Galer said this year's dinner is off to a good start. Enough ham for the dinner has been pledged, but there are still some items needed to make the dinner a success.

"I need seven people to cook and debone turkeys," she said.

Other food items needed include two gallons of green beans, six gallons of sweet potatoes, three gallons of baked

beans, four gallons of instant potatoes, 12 boxes of stuffing, 19 fruit and vegetable salads, nine Jell-O salads, 24 pies and 11 cakes.

More volunteer help is needed for the Christmas dinner, including kitchen workers and servers, Galer said.

Galer also continued to emphasize that the annual Community Christmas dinner, as it has been in the past, is open to everyone — regardless of their age, income, residence or religious affiliation.

Galer also encouraged those who want a Christmas dinner delivered to them to call her at 364-4160 by 10 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 24. Galer may be reached at that same number for those who wish to make a food donation or pledge volunteer services for the Christmas dinner.

Monetary donations also are being accepted for the Christmas dinner; contact Francis DeVader at 364-2507 for more information. Donations may also be mailed to DeVader at 13805 Kansas Highway 16, Holton, KS 66436.



The 78 students of Holton Elementary School's kindergarten class had the honor of "breaking in" the new school's stage on Tuesday, Dec. 6, when the class held its Christmas concert in the HES gym. The kindergartners, shown here performing "A Million Little Snowflakes" under the direction of Sheri Bartel, presented seven songs to an audience of more than 400, it was reported.

Photo by Brian Sanders

Wind farms...

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begin operation within the week.

The lawsuit is based on Petrowsky's concern for the wild cranes. Parts of the farm are within 35 to 40 miles of the Quivira National Wildlife Refuge and Cheyenne Bottoms.

Steve Stengel, a spokesman for NextEra said the company worked with the state and said that the bird's migratory patterns were taken into account when the turbines were built.

Members of the Lyon County Commission are currently debating whether to allow a wind farm near Reading.

A proposal to construct a wind farm near Reading has drawn some fear at the commission meetings, with residents citing concerns regarding the noise of the turbines and safety issues.

There were also several people in support of the project at the recent commission meeting, The Emporia Gazette reported.

In November, it was announced that a data center for Microsoft would be powered by a new wind farm being constructed in western Kansas.

The Bloom Wind Project is located about 20 miles south of Dodge City on 15,000 acres of land in Ford and Clark counties.

Once complete, the wind farm will supply the data center in Cheyenne, Wyo. with 178 megawatts of power.

In April, Brownback announced that a new massive wind farm in southwest Kansas was being built. The \$613 million Cimarron Bend Wind Project is expected to include 200 wind turbines scattered over

about 60 square miles in Clark County. The wind farm is being built by Enel Green Power North America.

At that press conference, Brownback also said that more than \$3 billion of new wind investments were expected to be announced in the state this year.

According to the American Wind Energy Association, Kansas currently has 2,178 wind turbines and 30 current operating wind projects. The energy generated by these turbines is equivalent to powering one million U.S. homes.

The wind industry in Kansas employs 5,000 to 6,000 people, it was reported.

Purple Heart...

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Army, were ordered on Feb. 11 to start attacking the Germans, and one of the more successful charges was led by Lasley and Echohawk, it was reported.

But Echohawk recalled in memoirs written in 1967 that it was Lasley who led the way in the charge toward Aprilia, Italy, which soldiers referred to as "the Factory" because of the appearance of its cluster of brick buildings and chimneys.

Despite Lasley's leading the charge, the Germans had intercepted a radio signal from the Allies and attempted to repel the Allied attack. The Allied unit faced small-arms fire from the Germans, but continued onward.

"Behind, our men fight and claw for every yard," Echohawk wrote. "Before we can gain a firm hold on the Factory, the Wehrmacht (German army) roars back. We fall back to the road."

Echohawk said Lasley attempted to rally the troops.

"Eck, get everybody together and let's go get 'em again!" Lasley said, according to Echohawk.

More Allied troops poured into the battle, and for a time, their side had control of "the Factory." But the German army followed suit with more men of their own, and soon "the Factory" was under Nazi control again.

"When the barrage lifts, I hear

Bill calling... He is splattered with mud and shows now fear," Echohawk wrote. "The Potawatomi says, 'Get everybody that's left, and let's go back up. Come on, Eck, let's go get 'em. Right now. We can do it!'"

After more prodding by Lasley, Echohawk fired into the buildings of "the Factory" while Lasley followed suit with a "Tommy gun." But the Germans were too much for the Allies, and Echohawk said returning machine gun fire from the Nazis "mows us down."

After diving for cover, Echohawk said, he tearfully witnessed Lasley's final moments.

"I hear the mortar shells," he said. "They rustle like dry leaves, then explode where Bill

and the men are down."

After that, the situation continued to deteriorate, and Echohawk barely escaped death and capture by the Nazis. Another Allied attack on the second day failed to regain ground from the Germans, and Echohawk was finally able to seek medical attention.

Echohawk, like Lasley, earned a Purple Heart Medal, and he also received a Bronze Star for his efforts at "the Factory." He went on to become a world-renowned artist with paintings in galleries around the world and died in 2006 at the age of 83.

Both Lasley and Echohawk are buried in Highland Cemetery in Pawnee, Okla., it was reported.

Netawaka United Methodist Church

By Mary E. Edwards

Dec. 11 was a misty morning, but not too cold. Alyssa Mullins lighted the altar candles as the recorded prelude played at Netawaka United Methodist Church. Verona Grannell was in charge of music.

Marilyn Banaka, the worship leader, gave the welcome and announcements. Joys shared included Jordyn Banaka's new baby brother, Jackson Monhollon, and the good Christmas program given by Jackson Heights pre-kindergarten through third grade last Tuesday.

We pray for a safe journey for

Pastor Young as he goes home to Korea. He will be back in about a month. Also pray for a good recovery for Alice Tanking, who had heart surgery, and Pam Ward, who has a blockage.

Verse 3 of "Light The Advent Candle" was sung as Doris Oxandale and Mary Edwards went forward to light the third Advent candle. Other hymns were "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel," "Emmanuel, Emmanuel," and "Open My Eyes That I May See."

The responsive gospel reading was Luke 1:47-55, led by Marilyn. Alyssa went to the front for the children's message,

"A Vision Of Jesus," by Pastor Youngwan Won.

Pastor Young led the congregation reading the Advent Prayer. Everett Mullins collected the offering. Marilyn read the scripture, Matthew 11:2-6, Jesus and John the Baptist.

Pastor Young's sermon was titled "See!" In the scripture lesson, John the Baptist was in prison, so he sent some of his disciples to ask Jesus if He was the long expected Christ.

Jesus told them, "Go back and report to John what you hear and see."

They saw that the blind re-

ceived sight, the lame began to walk, those who had leprosy were cured, the deaf heard, the dead were raised, the good news was preached to the poor.

In Jesus' time, diseases, such as leprosy, were believed to be punishment for some sort of sin, so those with leprosy were shunned. Jesus healed the sick without accusing them of doing

wrong. He cured the blind and calmed storms. He was with the people.

Have you experienced Jesus? If not, you will. He is living and working with us. We see His love through His church and the faith of those who believe Him. We are blessed that Jesus is with us. Let us be witnesses of that love.

Local Cleaning Service is Shifting Gears

For almost nine years, Marshall's Maids service has been providing professional team-cleaning services to hundreds of customers in Jackson and surrounding counties. Ralph and Denise Marshall are the business owners. "We were welcomed by the local community with open arms and have provided a much-needed service to hundreds of loyal customers for many years. Now it's time to shift gears and we are super excited to do just that!" said Denise.

The Marshalls began discussions some time ago to develop a smarter-not-harder business plan. Those meetings and discussions led to working themselves out of their current team-cleaning residential business and into a home-based specialty cleaning service model. Their new business, Marshall's Specialty Cleaning Service, has been in operation since mid-year and provides specialty cleaning services such as deep-cleans, move-ins/outs, foreclosures, rentals, debris removal, property cleanup, window cleaning and more.

Marshall's Maids, the team-cleaning residential business here in Holton, will no longer exist as of the end of this year. "The biggest message we want to send the community is that we are definitely not going anywhere," said Ralph, "we're just offering a more specialized service that will allow everyone greater flexibility in utilizing our business."

Marshall's Specialty Cleaning Service has an easy by-the-hour approach so they can tailor your needs and their business offerings to your budget. "We believe people will like this approach and use our services in many creative ways," said Denise, "We're already booking deep-cleans for 2017 graduation!"

Marshall's Specialty Cleaning Service will have approximately 12 openings each month so they do encourage those thinking about specialty cleaning tasks/services to book well in advance. "We serve more places than just Holton," said Denise, "We get pulled from as far away as St. Mary's, Lawrence, Atchison, Hiawatha and Seneca Kansas. Our business has taken off nicely so we expect to be very busy this next year," said Ralph.

The Marshalls would again like to thank all of their customers for the many years of unparalleled support and loyalty they have provided and also thanks for the continued use of the businesses' services in its new adventure!

Marshall's Specialty Cleaning Service will be based out of Whiting, Kansas and can be reached at marshallsclean@yahoo.com, or by calling 785-873-MSCS(6727).

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The Riley Family

Property tax due...

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needed to be made, then we'll recalculate. If there's nothing that's changed, then it may stay the same."

If a resident is still not satisfied, they can go to the board of tax appeals.

"I present my side and the taxpayer presents their side, and then someone from the board makes a decision," he said.

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