

Chamber Hall of Fame

Ideker honored for community work

By Brian Sanders

More than a decade ago, Esther Ideker was being inducted into the Holton/Jackson County Chamber of Commerce Hall of Fame as part of the Jackson County Friends of Hospice organization.

This year, Ideker is being honored individually, and not just for her work in providing hospice services to the area as that organization's volunteer coordinator. It's an honor that she said is "pretty overwhelming."

"To think that I'm joining a host of these Hall of Famers that I've admired, and now, I'm supposed to get this honor, it's humbling," Ideker said. "These people were my mentors — the ones I was cheering on. And there are others who deserve this honor, but I appreciate the opportunity to thank all those who helped me along."

Ideker will be inducted into the Chamber's Hall of Fame at a banquet in February along with

Deb Dillner, Diane Gross and Floye Knouft.

Born Esther Brandt on a farm on the Jackson-Brown county line, the oldest of six children, Ideker attended school in Netawaka, graduating in 1948, then attended Clark School of Business in Topeka. She got a job working as the secretary for the superintendent of public instruction at the Kansas Statehouse.

"I loved the connection with the Legislature," Ideker said of her state job.

She and Charles Ideker were married on Christmas Day, 1951, and he went off to fight in the Korean War with the U.S. Army. When he returned, Ideker's sister took over her state job, and she came back to Jackson County to become a "farmwife," which she called "a step up," as it gave the Idekers time to raise a son, Curtis, and a daughter, Cindi.



Esther Ideker

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Arrianna Michelle Elizabeth Pilant, one-month-old daughter of Amber Pilant of Holton, smiled for Santa Claus during her recent visit to "Santa's Workshop" on the south side of the Jackson County Courtyard. Santa will visit the "workshop" one last time, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. this Thursday, to hear Christmas requests from children of all ages; some of those requests may be found in *The Recorder's* "Santa Letters" section, to be included with Wednesday's edition.

Photo by Brian Sanders

Holiday print schedule noted

The Holton Recorder will combine its Monday and Wednesday editions in the next two weeks and will only print one edition on those Mondays, Dec. 23 and Dec. 30, due to the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

There will be no Wednesday Recorder editions on Dec. 25 and Jan. 1, due to the holidays.

The deadline to submit advertising and copy for the holiday editions is noon on the Friday before the Mon-

day publication days.

The Holton Recorder office will be closed on both Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. The office will also close at noon on New Year's Eve and will be closed on New Year's Day.

As always, for up-to-the-minute local news for Jackson County, follow *The Recorder* on twitter at @HoltonRecorder and read the local news online at holtonrecorder.net

Thank you!

Items still needed for Christmas dinner

By Brian Sanders

With little more than a week to go before the 35th-annual Community Christmas Dinner, preparations for the dinner are "off to a slow start," according to dinner organizer Tammy Elliott.

"I know that donations tend to come in the last week before Christmas, so I am hoping the community comes through and makes all of the donations we need," said Elliott, who is in her second year of organizing the dinner, a community holiday event since 1985.

This year's dinner will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 25 at the Evangel United Methodist Church Family Life Center. There is no charge for the dinner, which is open to everyone, regardless of age, income, residence or religious affiliation.

So far, Elliott said the only food item that has been covered is stuffing.

"The only other donations are for a couple of pies and salads at this point," she said. "I am in real need of nine people to cook turkeys."

Other food items needed include five gallons of corn, seven gallons of green beans, 12 large cans of sweet potatoes, 15 vegetable salads, 13 Jell-O or fruit salads, 10 cakes, 39 pies or cheesecakes and six dozen cookies.

Plenty of volunteers have signed on for this year's dinner, Elliott noted, but there is still plenty of room for more.

"I've had a great response to the call for volunteers," Elliott said. "I already have three families and some couples that have volunteered to help. But I still

need a dozen or so more helpers on Christmas Day."

Volunteers are needed from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the Family Life Center, and Elliott noted that volunteers may come "for any period of time that works for them." Specific areas of need include kitchen help, dining room help and clean-up after the dinner.

"I also need three or four helpers on Christmas Eve to get the hall prepped and get all of the fruit and nuts set out and ready

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Woodworking craft runs strong in Eubanks family

By Amy Cyphers

Not long ago, I was watching my father, Michael Eubanks, restore an old, battered cabinet. Maybe it's a byproduct of growing up in a woodworking family, but I believe one can tell when a piece of furniture has been made with love. And this cabinet? I knew it was special. As I watched my father work, I wanted to know more.

As it turns out, the cabinet was a long-forgotten family heirloom that had sat in a shed for decades. As my father's hands slowly uncovered the beauty of the piece, I looked into the story behind it. I'd always found genealogy interesting but never had the time to dive deeply into my family history. But this broken, battered and beautiful cabinet sent me on a journey of discovery.

My great-great grandfather, William Glenn, created the quartersawn oak cabinet 119 years ago. Like my father, William was a cabinetmaker. But he didn't use the modern tools of today. The hand tools he used required precision, muscle and sweat over the many hours it took to build the piece.

William grew up in Holton, the fifth of six children. Of course, there were no tablets or televisions at the time, so William spent his childhood playing and working out-



Michael Eubanks of Holton's Eubanks Custom Woodworks is preparing to celebrate 40 years in business.

Photo courtesy of Amy Cyphers

doors. Eventually he married, had five children and, after years of farming, made a career change to become a carpenter and homebuilder.

My dad, Michael Eubanks — son of Paul Eubanks, grandson of Alice Glenn, great-grand-

son of William Glenn — was born in the same small Kansas town, with the same heart for wood grain and sawdust and the same knack for working with his hands. He met

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Free wi-fi soon for Courthouse visitors

By Ali Holcomb

Free wireless internet will be available to the public inside the Jackson County Courthouse in 2020, it has been reported.

The Jackson County commissioners — Janet Zwonitzer, Ed Kathrens and Bill Elmer — recently approved a county expense of \$1,307.89 to allow Giant Communications to install public wi-fi inside the Courthouse.

The free wi-fi will not require a password and is expected to be installed next year.

Giant Communications provides internet and phone services for the entire Courthouse. It was estimated that an additional \$80 will be charged monthly by the company to cover the new public wi-fi, it was reported.

In other business, according to the approved minutes from

Dec. 2, the commission:

* Met with Scott Kieffaber, noxious weed and environmental services director, who discussed setting up a meeting to discuss the shooting range plans proposed next to the landfill.

* Heard a weekly report from Dan Barnett, road and bridge supervisor. Barnett and the commissioners agreed that a road and bridge truck could be loaned to Lu Griffiths, Banner Creek Reservoir manager, for use at the lake.

Barnett also reported that a tube was being replaced at 254th Road and that the project should be completed by the end of the week.

* Met in executive session for three minutes with Barnett and Deputy County Clerk Tara Peek to discuss a personnel matter. No action was taken when commis-

sioners returned to open session.

* Met with Jackson County Appraiser Jason Claycamp who answered the commissioners' questions regarding fencing requirements in the county.

* Met with county resident Richard Bausch to discuss a water issue near his property, as well as the condition of two tubes on O Road.

* Met in executive session for 42 minutes with County Counselor Alex Belveal, Bruce Rinkes and Peek to discuss economic development. No action was taken when commissioners returned to open session.

* Left the Courthouse to view proposed sites for the community building and other projects at Banner Creek Reservoir with Griffiths.

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Snowstorm hits area

The first major snowstorm of the 2019-20 winter season dumped up to seven inches of snow on parts of eastern Jackson County on Sunday, according to reports from the National Weather Service.

The snow made travel treacherous in the region and shut down most area schools for the day today, it was reported, although Holton Police Chief Gale Gakle said that there was only one accident reported in the city, a backing accident that wasn't

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Cultural Heritage Night set

Royal Valley USD #337, in collaboration with the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, will host the second annual Cultural Heritage Night at the Royal Valley High school gym in Hoyt tomorrow night.

The Royal Valley Panthers basketball teams will take on the Holton Wildcats that evening, and throughout the event, activities of Potawatomi cultural significance will be held, including a special dance performance by the Royal Valley Singers and

Dancers.

Royal Valley is one of very few school districts in Kansas that serve the membership of a tribal nation, with approximately 143 enrolled PBPB members being served by the district and more than 35 percent of the 868 students who attend Royal Valley school district identifying as Native American.

Both Royal Valley USD 337 and the Prairie Band Potawatomi

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TUESDAY'S FORECAST
Sunny, High 35

Look for the complete forecast on Page 2.



Jackson County District Court Clerk Colleen Reamer (at center in top photo) has retired from the district court, effective Friday, after almost 34 years of court service and almost 36 years with the State of Kansas. In the top photo, Second District Chief Judge Gary Nafziger (left) presented Reamer with a certificate of retirement on Thursday. Also present was Second District Chief Clerk Connie Valenta.

In the photo above, Reamer received congratulations from judges she has worked with, past and present. Front row, from left: magistrate judge Erich Campbell, retired district court judge Tracy Klinginsmith, Reamer and district judge Jeff Elder; back row, from left: magistrate judge Dennis Reiling, magistrate judge Blaine Carter and district court judge Norbert Marek.

Top photo by Brian Sanders

Sheriff's officers note recent arrests

The Jackson County Sheriff's Office has reported the following arrests:

■ On Dec. 3, Angela Dominguez, 47, Topeka, was arrested on two traffic warrants on charges of failure to appear.

■ On Dec. 3, Jesse Bailey, 52, Junction City, was arrested on a criminal warrant on a charge of failure to appear.

■ On Dec. 4, Casey Huskey, 46, Holton, was arrested on a limited action warrant on a charge of failure to appear.

■ On Dec. 4, Scott Hatker, 45, Wichita, was arrested on charges of possession of an opiate and possession of illegal drug paraphernalia.

■ On Dec. 5, Brian Montgomery, 48, Denison, was arrested on a criminal warrant on a probation violation charge.

■ On Dec. 6, Skylar Tosson, 38, Richmond, Mo., was arrested on charges of distributing an opiate and using a communication device to facilitate a drug transaction.

■ On Dec. 6, Jeremiah Steele, 35, Holton, was arrested on a charge of possession of a depressant.

■ On Dec. 6, Ashton Lambert, 23, Topeka, was arrested on charges of theft of property and criminal trespass.

■ On Dec. 6, Ricky Boles, 44, Wichita, was arrested on a criminal warrant on a charge of failure to appear.

■ On Dec. 7, Sarah Graham, 23, Holton, was arrested on a criminal warrant on a charge of failure to appear.

■ On Dec. 7, Robert Gibson, 33, Topeka, was arrested on charges of possession of marijuana, possession of illegal drug paraphernalia, possession of a stimulant and no insurance.

■ On Dec. 8, Richard McKinney, 46, Horton, was arrested on charges of driving under the influence and speeding.

■ On Dec. 8, Danielle Ledesma, 23, Topeka, was arrested on a charge of driving while license cancelled, suspended or revoked.

■ On Dec. 9, Shawn Spottedtail, 33, Lawrence, was arrested on a traffic warrant on a charge of failure to appear.

■ On Dec. 9, Curtis Nicholson, 39, Topeka, was arrested on a criminal warrant on a charge of failure to appear.

■ On Dec. 9, Albert Meade Jr., 29, Melvern, was arrested on a criminal warrant on a charge of failure to appear.

■ On Dec. 9, Amanda Martinez, 33, Topeka, was arrested on a traffic warrant on a charge of failure to appear.

■ On Dec. 9, Lloyd Hardten, 48, Topeka, was arrested on a

traffic warrant on a charge of failure to appear.

■ On Dec. 9, David Hamud, 20, address unknown, was arrested on a charge of battery.

■ On Dec. 9, Damian Boyd, 34, Topeka, was arrested on Topeka criminal and traffic warrants on charges of failure to appear.

■ On Dec. 10, Todd Moore, 43, Topeka, was arrested on charges of possession of a hallucinogenic drug, possession of drug paraphernalia and driving while license cancelled, suspended or revoked.

■ On Dec. 10, Elizabeth Kunard, 31, Topeka, was arrested on charges of possession of an opiate, possession of marijuana and possession of illegal drug paraphernalia.

■ On Dec. 10, Leianne Jones, 33, Onaga, was arrested on a criminal warrant on a probation violation charge and on a traffic warrant on a charge of failure to appear.

■ On Dec. 11, Jermaine Deshazer, 35, Topeka, was arrested on a charge of driving while license cancelled, suspended or revoked.

Hoyt police list October activity

The Hoyt Police Department has reported on activities in the month of October, during which 12 vehicle stops were noted. Five notices to appear were issued, including one each for no driver's license on person, obstruction, stop sign violation, ATV violation and criminal threat.

Ten traffic warnings were issued during the month, including four for speeding, three for stop sign violations, two for equipment and one for a turn signal violation. Calls for service included one arrest, 11 building checks and one suspicious person or vehicle.

Accidents checked in county

The Jackson County Sheriff's Office has reported the following accidents:

■ At 11:30 p.m. on Nov. 2, Misty Wakole, 30, Holton, was traveling north on P Road near 206th Road when her vehicle struck a mailbox owned by Dale Allen of rural Holton.

Wakole's 2002 GMC sustained damage to its front left bumper and headlight that was listed at more than \$1,000.

■ At 5:43 a.m. on Nov. 7, Caleb Kennedy, 27, Muscotah, was traveling west on Kansas Highway 116 near Y Road when his vehicle struck a raccoon. Kennedy's 2014 Chevrolet sustained damage to its front bumper and right quarter panel that was listed at more than \$1,000.

■ At 5:35 p.m. on Nov. 7, Verle Creek, 56, Topeka, was driving west on 94th Road near T Road when his 2006 Ford struck a deer in the road. Creek's Ford sustained damage to its front bumper and front right quarter panel that was listed at more than \$1,000.

■ At 11 p.m. on Nov. 8, Ahnna Mellenbruch, 15, Holton, failed to negotiate the T intersection at 326th and P Roads and her vehicle struck a fence owned by Todd Schumaker. Mellenbruch's 2002 Ford sustained damage to its front bumper and hood that was listed at more than \$1,000.

Municipal Court

Note: The following reports are from Holton Municipal Court proceedings during October and November and include \$65 court costs.

Jimmie D. Bechtel, Holton, parking in prohibited zone, \$80.
Nicholas R. Campbell, Kyle, S.D., speeding (1-10 mph over limit), \$95.

Martina Cortez, Holton, no driver's license on person, \$95.
Mary L. Finley, Hiawatha, inattentive driving, failure to stop at stop signal or sign, \$140.

Thomas A. Foust, Wichita, improper parking, \$80.

Juan G. Gaspar, Holton, no driver's license on person, \$95.

David L. Knight, Henrico, Va., speeding (1-10mphoverlimit), \$95.
Phoenix A.R. Mandala, Lawrence, speeding (1-10 mph over limit), \$95.

Catherine Redmond, Topeka, speeding (1-10mphoverlimit), \$95.
Ryszawski T. Shaw, Holton, disorderly conduct, \$140.

Erik A. Weida II, Holton, defective tail lights, \$80.

Hyrum L. Zitting, White, N.D., speeding (1-10mphoverlimit), \$95.

Arrested in Holton

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

■ Keith McCracken, 32, Topeka, was arrested Nov. 29 on charges of fleeing and eluding, possession of stolen property, driving while license cancelled, suspended or revoked, criminal damage to property and reckless driving.

■ Manuel Perez, 40, Holton, was arrested Nov. 30 on charges of driving under the influence, driving without a license, no proof of insurance and no seat belt.

■ Julio Hernandez, 31, Holton, was arrested Dec. 2 on charges of no driver's license on person, no proof of insurance and interference with law enforcement.

■ Tracie Grogg, 43, Holton, was arrested Dec. 5 on charges of driving under the influence, no seat belt and no proof of insurance.

■ Steven Thorne, 23, Holton, was arrested Dec. 9 on a charge of aggravated battery.

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5 Years Ago

Week of Dec. 15-21, 2014

Students at Holton and Royal Valley schools participated in a worldwide initiative recently last introduced them to computer science and taught them the basics of coding websites. According to Annie Brock, Holton High School library media specialist, a few teachers participated in the "Hour of Code" last year, but this is the first year the entire school district took part.

Jack Pittaway of the Holton VFW Post 1367 Riders spent Tuesday, Dec. 16, at the Holton National Guard Armory with some of his fellow veterans putting toys into a big red bag – just like kids would imagine Santa Claus would do the night before Christmas. The bags are full of toys and other "stocking stuffers" and are part of the Toys for Tots program. This is the first year that the program, involving the collection and distribution of new toys to children in need during the Christmas season, has been done in Holton, according to Pittaway.

Ginger (Rogers) Gudenkauf is a new middle school teacher and support staff member at Wetmore Academic Center, it has been reported. Gudenkauf's duties include teaching sixth grade social studies along with seventh and eighth grade English/language arts in the morning and serving as a support staff member at the library in the afternoon.

10 Years Ago

Week of Dec. 15-21, 2009

To rephrase the familiar saying about lemons: When life gives you a blizzard, make a snowman. This winter, Holton's Parks and Recreation department is offering Holton residents an incentive to do exactly that with a snow sculpture contest. Awards will be given for the most original sculpture and best traditional snowman.

Kelsey Reynolds of the Delia Early Birds 4-H Club has been selected to receive a 2009 Kansas Key Award. The award is unique to Kansas 4-H, and is given to recognize leadership, citizenship and service to 4-H programs and the community.

Some people take decorating for the holidays to a new level. This rings true in the Holthaus family, as Jody Holthaus said that she returned home from work recently to find her five-pound Chihuahua, Ricky, hitched up to a Christmas sleigh decoration during a snowy day recently.

Holton High School alumnus Brad Askren has always had an entrepreneurial spirit. That attitude has taken Askren on many career paths across the United States and has now landed him as the co-owner of Blue Collar Hot Sauce, a gourmet hot sauce company located in Colorado. The company's three varieties – mild, jalapeno and habanero – will find their way to the shelves at Ron's IGA in Holton next week, it has been reported. The Grinch visited the city of Mayetta on Friday evening, Dec. 18, as vandals damaged an inflated Christmas light display at a residential home off of U.S. Highway 75. Eight inflated lawn displays were damaged and two were stolen right off the highway, according to homeowner Judy Hasty.

15 Years Ago

Week of Dec. 15-21, 2004

Math instructor Luke Lang plus the Holton High School

LETTER

Dear editor,
Jackson County Ministerial Alliance New Hope Food Pantry is blessed beyond my words. I will try to express our wonderful team appreciation.

We always thank people for donations when we receive them, but sometimes we need to go above and beyond for thanking others.

Jackson County has a big heart! We have received so many donations that we were able to put more in our boxes! God knows your heart, so you who donated have already been blessed.

Thank you from all persons you helped make life just a little easier because of your generosity, Merry Christmas!
Marilyn Watkins and Food Pantry Team
Holton

CHECK OUT TODAY'S Recorder Classifieds Something For Everyone!



This week's "Blast From The Past" was a player on the Holton High School football team in 1977. Be the first to identify him by calling The Holton Recorder at 785-364-3141 and receive a coupon for a FREE Sonic Blast! Last week's "Blast From The Past" featured Mark and Tammy Moulden, who were correctly identified first by Mary Savage. Winners may pick up their Sonic coupon at The Holton Recorder office.

faculty equals a positive result. The Kansas State Department of Education recently named Lang as a recipient of the Kansas Horizon Award for his work as an "exemplary first-year teacher."

High school students from Holton and Royal Valley participated in the 2004-05 High Q academic competition on Dec. 4 at Washburn University. Students from RVHS included Andy Massey, Lane Ryan, Ryan Huffstutler, Megan Kennedy and coach Susan Huffstutler. The HHS team consisted of Richard Scheele, Robert Peters, Marc Bowser, Laura Sable and coaches Karen Ford and Connie Peters.

David Schirmer was recognized as a 55-year member of the Holton Lions Club by Past Council Chair Jim Ketrone on Dec. 14, it was reported.

25 Years Ago

Week of Dec. 15-21, 1994

Royal Valley Elementary School will implement a new program next year following action taken by the USD 337 Board of Education on Monday night, Dec. 12. The board unanimously supported the implementation of multi-age classes in the elementary school. The new program is optional, and first and second graders will be involved in the program during

Public Notice

(First published in The Holton Recorder, Holton, Kan., on Monday, Dec. 9, 2019.)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF PRAIRIE BAND POTAWATOMI NATION TRIBE IN KANSAS

In the Matter of the Name Change of James Tidwell

Case No. 2019-NC-0024-CV

NOTICE OF SUIT

You are hereby notified that a Petition for Change of Name has been filed in the District Court of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation in Kansas praying for the change of name of James Lee Tidwell to James Lee Hale, and you are required to plead to said Petition for Change of Name on or before the 6th day of January, 2020 at 9 a.m. in said Court in Mayetta, Kansas. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said Petition.

James Tidwell
4310 Morningside Ave.
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the first year.

At the Jackson County Commission meeting on Monday, Dec. 12, the commissioners agreed to allow the city of Holton and Rural Water District #3 to build a water treatment facility on county-owned property if an appropriate location is selected. The location proposed at the meeting was property surrounding Banner Creek Reservoir.

Students in Marilyn Quinn's fifth grade class at Holton's Central Elementary School are visiting Jackson County Nursing Home and making friends with the residents as part of the "Pal program." The students go to the nursing home once a month and stay for a half-hour visit. This is the 10th year for the program.

The Jackson Heights girls basketball team won its sixth straight Delaware Valley League Tournament title on Saturday night, Dec. 17, defeating the St. Marys Dragons for the 19th consecutive time. Senior center Suzanne Bentley, who finished with a game high 21 points, scored on a put-back to give the Cobras a 36-29 lead with two minutes to play. Senior Amanda Peterson made two free throws at the 30-second mark, and senior Lisa Schumann converted a late steal into one free throw with 26 seconds left to seal the victory.

50 Years Ago

Week of Dec. 15-21, 1969

The Jackson Heights Cobras initiated their new gymnasium with a hair-raising 71-64 basketball victory over the Nemaha Valley Raiders over the weekend. The ball game was not decided until the final four minutes, as the Cobras trailed the Raiders 2-6 throughout the game.

Leading the Cobras in their charge were Ed Daily with 13 points and Kenny Tanking with nine points, hitting five out of six from the line.

The new traffic signals at the corner of Fourth Street and New York Avenue in Holton were put into service on Friday afternoon, Dec. 12, it was reported.

Sisters Sharon and Deanna Tuck from Hoyt have been named 1969-1970 members of Engin-Dears, a College of Engineering coed auxiliary, it has been announced. Both are graduates of Hoyt High School and the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Dean Tuck. They attend Kansas State University.

Mary Jane Fernkopf, Beth Elaine Childs and Dennis Dickinson, all seniors enrolled at Jackson Heights High School, have been selected as Outstanding Teenagers of America for 1970, according to principal Robert Clark.

Public Notice

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CITY OF NETAWAKA

BEFORE THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF NETAWAKA, JACKSON COUNTY, KANSAS

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR VACATION OF A PART OF MORGAN STREET AND A PART OF AN ALLEY

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in the office of the City Clerk in the City of Netawaka, Jackson County, Kansas, praying for the vacation of the following described street and alley.

All that part of Morgan Street lying South/Southeast of the intersection with Chestnut Street and all that part of the alley lying between Morgan Street and Whiteway (Highway 9) lying South/Southeast of Lot 6 Whiteway and Lot 11, Block 26, Morgan Street, City of Netawaka, Jackson County, Kansas.

A public hearing will be held regarding the Petition on January 6th, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall, City of Netawaka, Jackson County, Kansas.

The public is invited to attend and express their opinion in regards to the proposed vacations.

Jon Banaka, Mayor
City of Netawaka, Kansas

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John Michael Montgomery coming to PBP casino

Country music superstar John Michael Montgomery will perform at the Prairie Band Casino & Resort on Monday, Dec. 30, it has been announced.

Montgomery is set to perform his hits like, "I Can Love You Like That," "Letters From Home" and the number-one smash country hit "I Swear."

Montgomery has turned an uncanny ability to relate to fans into one of country music's most storied careers. Behind the string of hit records, the roomful of awards and the critical and fan accolades that have defined his phenomenal success, lies a connection that goes beyond his undeniable talent and his proven knack for picking hits.

Since the days when "Life's A Dance" turned him from an unknown artist into a national star, Montgomery's rich baritone has carried that most important of assets - believability. Few artists in any genre sing with more



heart than this Kentucky-born artist.

The Prairie Band Casino and Resort Great Lakes Ballroom holds approximately 1,000 seats. Guests who have purchased a ticket will receive \$5 Prairie Cash.

All guests that swipe their Players Card will be entered into a drawing at 10 p.m. in the casino. One winner will receive \$250 Prairie Cash and autographed merchandise.

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2019 Holton Parade of Lights



Christmas Parade of Lights Revisited

The photos above were taken at the recent Christmas Parade of Lights around the Holton Town Square. It was the 20th year for the Christmas parade. In the top left photo, Laura Golden, Chamber board president was grand marshal for the parade, signaling a new tradition of having the current Chamber board president serve as grand marshal for the Christmas parade. In the top right, two lighted reindeer led the Honda ATV sleigh driven by Michael Powls. The photo above shows one of the three city of Holton vehicles that were lighted up for the parade. The photo above shows Carolyn and Luke Cochren in Fresh's Start's rockin' parade entry. The photo at right shows Santa and his helper atop the Prairie Band Potawatomi fire engine.

Photos by David Powls

Let Sen. Pyle know your opinions

State Sen. Dennis Pyle (R-Hiawatha), representing our District 1, is seeking input from constituents on a survey that was distributed by U.S. Mail recently.

Constituents are asked to fill out the survey, put a first class stamp on it, and send it back to Sen. Pyle at Hiawatha. Nowhere on the mailing does it indicate the mailing was paid for by Sen. Pyle himself. If it was not paid for by Sen. Pyle, then it was paid for by constituents through the state taxes that we pay in.

In accompanying comments in the mailing, Rep. Pyle (a Republican) indicated he opposes Medicare expansion in the state and opposes banning faith-based adoption agencies from having access to public adoption funding.

He also expressed opposition to Gov. Laura Kelly (she's a Democrat) and some of her ideas on covering state expenses like KPERS (Kansas Public Employees Retirement System).

As often is the case in political surveys like these, some of Sen. Pyle's survey questions - not all of them - were worded to ensure the likely response that mirrors the state senator's own opinions.

For example, one of the nine questions was listed as follows: "7. Do you support the governor's efforts to expand welfare to thousands of able-bodied individuals unwilling to meet state work requirements?"

Gov. Kelly has never said she wanted to do what Sen. Pyle states above. She has, however, appointed a special committee to study this issue in the upcoming Legislative session.

The No. 9 question on Pyle's survey is as follows: "Expanding Medicaid to able bodied Kansans between the ages of 19-64 will demand an increase to the budget. Please check how you would fund this: 1. Raise taxes, income, sales, property, etc. 2. Cut other areas of the budget, such as social services, education, corrections, etc. 3. Do not expand Medicaid."

The survey question is also misleading because it doesn't tell you that the federal government (through taxes that Kansans pay) is paying for 90 percent of Medicaid expansion costs.

Pyle states in his mailing that Kansas currently covers individuals who are elderly, blind or disabled, children in foster care, children up to the age of 19 and

families who fall under 38 percent of the poverty level under the current Medicaid program.

He also states that the Legislature is currently looking at expanding this benefit "to cover individuals that are able-bodied

between the ages of 19-64." This statement is not exactly true.

The Legislature is currently looking at expanding this benefit to cover individuals who are able-bodied between the ages of 19-64 - who fall under 100 percent of the poverty level under the current Medicaid program, which has been allowed in more than 30 other states since 2010, or shortly thereafter, as part of Obamacare.

Some states that have expanded Medicaid do not have added work requirements. Others have sought to add work requirements.

Pyle, in additional comments on expanding Medicaid in Kansas, selects verbage that continues to downplay the fact that the federal government pays 90 percent of the Medicaid expansion.

In other words, the hard-earned federal taxes paid in each year by Kansans (and taxpayers in other states) have been used to help other states expanding Medicaid to more of their needy citizens but none of our hard-earned federal taxes paid by Kansans have been allowed to benefit the needy in our own state because of state legislators like Pyle.

Here's the list of Pyle's other six survey questions:

1. Would you support changing property tax evaluations from every year to every two years?

No one likes to have their taxes go up. We all get that. At this point, I don't know if this is a good idea or not. Property evaluations just help establish fair market value of property. It's up to our elected officials to establish mill levies to fund their proposed budgets. I'd rather support having the State Legislature meet every two years instead of every year.

2. Should Social Security and 410 retirement income be exempted from Kansas income tax just as KPERS funds are? This

is another somewhat loaded survey question, in my view. Certainly, in my view, it's a kick in the teeth to those receiving Social Security benefits - based on what they paid in taxes to the government all their working

years - to have to turn around and pay taxes on those.

3. Was the Senate correct to reject (by a 40-0 vote) the governor's efforts to re-amortize KPERS loans costing taxpayers an estimated \$7.4 billion? I need more information to answer this one, but I do remember that the problems with KPERS funding were created by former Gov. Sam Brownback's refusal (or inability) to fund KPERS correctly as part of the state's budget during his tenure.

4. The Kansas Supreme Court recently ruled that there exists a "right" to abortion in the Kansas Constitution. Do you support a constitutional amendment to reverse this decision? I am not exactly sure what Pyle is referring to here, but I certainly do oppose abortion.

5. Do you believe that faith-based adoption agencies should be banned from accessing pub-

lic adoption funding strictly because they are faith-based? I believe in the separation of church and state. My parents chose to send me to a Catholic Grade 1-8 school and paid extra to do that at great personal sacrifice and effort.

Accepting state aid for schools or adoption agencies, I think, would require that the schools and adoption agencies would be required to follow all the state rules. That could be problematic.

6. Should government entities be using taxpayer funds to lobby the Legislature? Some state legislators, do not like Kansas Association of School Boards lobbyists, or Kansas Association of Counties lobbyists, or League of Kansas Municipalities - all funded by public schools, cities and counties who pay membership dues to them - trying to tell the Legislature what they should do. The court cases on school funding fairness are good examples of that. I understand that.

It's kind of like state and federal elected officials using tax funds to send out letters and surveys to constituents. I'd like to see such mailing clearly marked as "paid for at taxpayer expense" or "paid for by elected official (list name)."

David Powls

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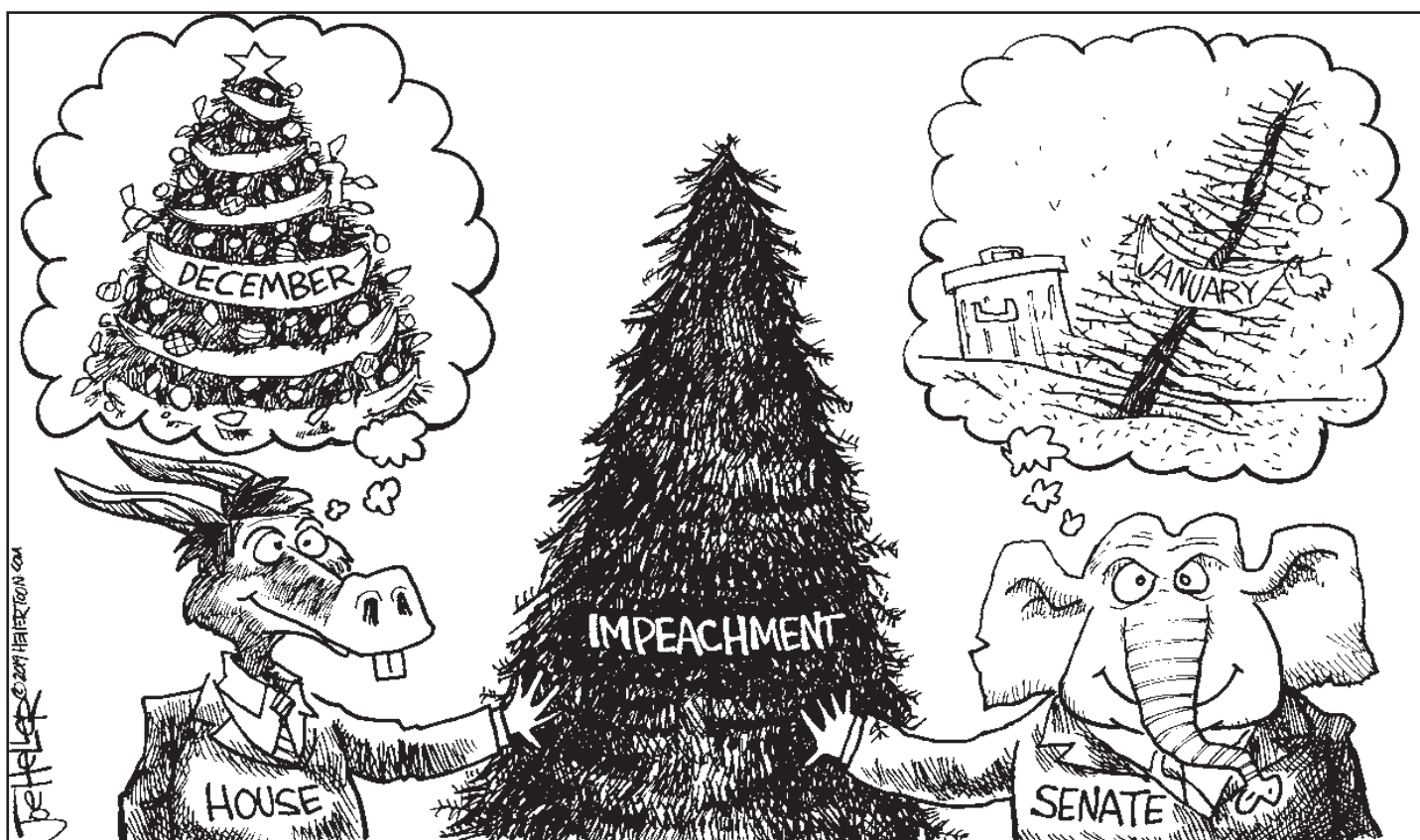
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OBITUARIES

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Uhl

Anna Rose Uhl, 94, Holton, died Tuesday, Dec. 10, 2019, at Medicalodge Jackson County in Holton.

She was born Dec. 20, 1924, in Coquitlam, British Columbia, Canada, the daughter of Frank and Rose Coufal Kostih. She graduated from high school in British Columbia.

Ms. Uhl worked for offices in Vancouver and New Westminster in Canada. After moving to the United States, she worked in offices for Sears and Roebuck and Goodyear Tire and Rubber in Topeka. She co-owned and operated Uhl's LayRite Floor Covering in the 1950s and 1960s in Holton and ran a drapery business. She retired from the State of Kansas, Department of Water Resources, after 14 years of service. She also raised cattle.

She was a Catholic and a member of the Bohemian Hall at Rossville.

She married John B. Uhl on Dec. 31, 1945. They divorced. He died April 28, 1989. She was also preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Frank Kostih.

Survivors include two sons, George Uhl and Dan Uhl, both of Holton; a brother, Joseph Kostih and wife Mona, and a sister, Frances Trent, both in Canada; four grandsons, George Ernest Uhl and wife Lisa, John Randel Uhl, Michael Dean Uhl and wife Rachael and Matthew Richard Uhl and wife Stacey; and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Chapel Oaks Funeral Home in Holton. Burial will follow in Prairie Home Cemetery in Topeka. Ms. Uhl will lie in state at the funeral home, where family and friends will meet from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. today.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Dominic Catholic Church, sent in care of Chapel Oaks Funeral Home, P.O. Box 1034, Holton, KS 66436.

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Kutina

Jerrad Ahlan Clay Kutina, 22, of Hoyt, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2019.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 4, 2020, at Highland Park United Methodist Church, Topeka.

To view a full obituary or leave a special message for the family online, visit www.DoveTopeka.com

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Hoyt man found dead in Manhattan

A Kansas State University student from Hoyt was found dead early Thursday in a vehicle in a park northwest of Manhattan, university officials reported.

Jerrad Kutina, a senior at KSU majoring in industrial engineering and a 2015 graduate of Royal Valley High School, was identified by police as the student found dead early Thursday at Washington Marlatt Memorial Park northwest of Manhattan.

At about 12:38 a.m. Thursday, the KSU Police Department responded to a call from the Riley County Police Department regarding an unconscious male in a vehicle. Upon arrival, officers found Kutina in the vehicle.

Evidence at the scene indicated and the Riley County Coroner's Office confirmed the cause of death to be self-inflicted. KSU's Office of Student Life and Counseling Services were offering counseling and assistance to students and employees affected by Kutina's death.

An obituary notice for Kutina appears elsewhere on this page.

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Borders

Linda Darlene Borders, 56, Whiting, died Friday, Dec. 13, 2019, at her home.

She was born Dec. 2, 1963, in Horton, the daughter of Keith and Mildred Wenger Bowser. She graduated from Jackson Heights High School in 1982 and attended NEK Technical College in Atchison.

Mrs. Borders was a homemaker.

She married Donald Ray Borders II on Oct. 30, 2008. He survives.

Other survivors include her parents, Keith and Mildred Bowser, Holton; a son, Derek Weixelman and wife Samantha, Onaga; three daughters, Ashlee Borders, Bartlesville, Okla., Harlee Borders-Riney and husband Brett, Manhattan, and Emilee Borders, Topeka; six grandchildren, Phoenix, Cyrus, Lilee, Donovan, Keaton and Kamden; a sister, Bonnie Hochstetler and husband Steve, Horton; and two brothers, Jerry Bowser and wife Mary, Whiting, and Rusty Bowser, in Oregon.

A family gathering will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Linda Borders Memorial Fund, to be designated at a later date and sent in care of Mercer Funeral Home, P.O. Box 270, Holton, KS 66436.

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Smith

Jerry Ray Smith, 54, Topeka, died Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2019.

He was born March 20, 1965, in Horton, the son of Daryl and Nadine Smith. He grew up on the family farm in Whiting and graduated from Jackson Heights High School in 1983.

Mr. Smith was a farmer and worked as a ranch hand in Wyoming and Kansas.

Survivors include a daughter, Lacy Smith, Whiting; a son, Rob Snively and wife Gretchen, Holton; his father, Daryl Smith, Whiting; a sister, Sheryl Callison and husband Mark, Holton; three brothers, Terry Smith and wife Gena, Whiting, Garry Smith and wife Kerri, Soldier, and Perry Smith and wife Sarah, Wetmore; and a granddaughter, Lyla Leona LaMastus. He was preceded in death by his mother, Nadine Smith.

A celebration of life will be conducted by Mr. Smith's family at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Whiting Gymnasium in Whiting.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Jerry Smith Memorial Fund, sent in care of Mercer Funeral Home, P.O. Box 270, Holton, KS 66436.

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Christmas Dinner...

Continued from Page 1 to go," she said. "Last year, I had a couple of high school students who did that for community service hours, and I am hoping there are some out there this year that are willing as well. The hours for that are flexible, based on volunteer availability."

Concerning deliveries, Elliott said she has received a few orders, and she expects to receive many more in the next few days. She said she will accept orders up until 8 a.m. on Christmas morning; orders can be placed

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and married my mother, Brenda Cooper, and settled in the town of his birth, where he would raise me and my three siblings, and where I now raise my own three children.

At age 22, Mike took a risk and quit farming to become a full-time cabinetmaker. He opened Eubanks Custom Woodworks in the heart of Holton. He has been in business for 40 years, and is known for the high-quality cabinets and furniture he makes. Renowned sculptor and furniture maker, the late Wendell Castle, another Holton native, used to stop by sometimes to see what my dad was up to.

Mike taught all four of his kids woodworking. Now, he teaches his grandchildren - William's great-great-great-grandchildren - to embrace our family's proud woodworking tradition.

Recently, my daughter Charlotte made a bedside table with the help of her grandpa. They worked long hours to form the rough walnut, taken from the beams of an old mill in Holton.

Cultural Appreciation...

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Nation are excited to see the student body and the larger Jackson County community accepting and embracing the local community's diversity.

"It is important for our children and our community to continue strengthening our ability to communicate and relate with one another," said PBPB Chairman Joseph Rupnick. "Activities like this build social equity."

Several attendees at the inaugural event were stunned by the intricacy of the native students' regalia and their physical stamina - many adults who had attended Royal Valley or are raising children in the school district voiced being unaware of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation's cultural legacy.

Activities for the evening include:

* 4 p.m. - Indian taco fundraiser hosted by the Boys & Girls Club of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation located in the gym commons.

* 4:30 p.m. - Royal Valley Lady Panthers JV basketball game versus the Holton Wildcats.

* 5:45 p.m. - Prior to the start of the RV Lady Panthers Varsity basketball game, the PBPB Nation's American Legion We-Ta-Se Post 410 will post flags and PBPB tribal members will perform a flag song, a vocal

rendering with the same significance as the American national anthem.

Special guest announcer, Manny King from Haskell Indian Nations University, will announce each school's lineup and scoring during both varsity games.

* 6:30 p.m. - Special Guest DJ "Supaman" will spin during halftime of the varsity girls basketball game.

* 7:15 p.m. - Prior to the start of the RV boys varsity basketball game, the national anthem will be performed.

* 8 p.m. - The Royal Valley Singers and Dancers, the school's Native American dance troupe, will perform during halftime of the boys varsity basketball game show casing their talent.

Note: All times listed after the start of the 4:30 p.m. game are approximate.



Lucy the basset hound recently paid a visit to "Santa's Workshop," asking the jolly old elf for a "forever home." According to Sherri Moore, Lucy had been taken back twice to a local animal shelter, where she had been for quite some time. Many dogs and cats that can be found at shelters such as the Heart of Jackson Humane Society facility in Holton are in need of a "forever home," Moore said.

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SPORTS Monday

Panther boys pick up big win at Seneca

■ RV to host Holton Tuesday

By Ali Holcomb

The Royal Valley boys and girls basketball teams split games against Nemaha Central on Friday, with the boys taking home a big road win against the Thunder, 44-41.



"We were able to turn our defense into offense and get some buckets early," said RV head coach Trent Oliva. "That gave us some confidence."

In the first quarter of play, RV took a 12-8 lead over the Thunder, which expanded to 26-17 at the half.

"It was a good thing we built up that lead because I knew Nemaha Central was going to be competitive," coach Oliva said. "They weren't going to quit, and they didn't."

The Thunder closed the scoring gap to 36-26 after the third quarter, and outscored the Panthers 15-10 in the final eight minutes. The Panthers were able to hold on and keep the lead and take the win.

"We weren't able to score as much as we wanted to in the second half so we knew we had to buckle down on defense," Oliva said. "We did enough just to hold on."

The Panthers were led by sophomore Nahes Wahwassuck who had 19 points and Komesh Spoonhunter who had 8 points.

"We have some athleticism and length with our players, and we try to use that to our advantage," Oliva said. "Any time we can turn our defense into offense and get an easy bucket that's what we want to do. Then the jump shots and other things start to fall too."

The Panthers improve to 2-0 in the Big Seven League, and the Thunder are now 2-1 overall and 0-1 in the Big Seven.

RV: 12-14-10-8-44
 NC: 8-9-9-15-41
Individual statistics
 RV: Canady 1 (1) 2-2 7, Wahwassuck 5 (2) 3-10 19, Neuner 0 1-2 1, Klotz 2 0-0 4, Miller 2 1-2 5, Spoonhunter 3 2-2 8. Totals 13 (3) 9-18 44.
 NC: K. Beck 1 0-2 2, M. Beck 5 1-6 11, Hammes 2 0-2 4, Ahlquist 0 (2) 0-0 6, Leonard 2 (1) 1-3 8, Uphaus 1 (2) 2-2 10. Totals 11 (5) 4-15 41.

JV: Nemaha Central 50, Royal Valley 45 in OT
 C Team: Nemaha Central 43, Royal Valley 41

 The Nemaha Central girls varsity basketball team took a commanding 35-5 lead against the Lady Panthers on Friday after the first quarter and never looked back, taking the Big Seven win 74-16.

The score was 51-8 at halftime after the Thunder forced 19 RV turnovers in the first two quarters.

The Thunder added 23 more points in the second half while the Panthers had 8 points.

Nemaha Central was led by Emma Elder, who had 14 points, followed by Kirsten Lortscher with 12 points and Alleigh Kramer with 11 points.

The Thunder, who will face Hiawatha on Tuesday, are now 3-0 overall and 1-0 in league play while the Panthers are now 1-1 in league play.

NC: 32-16-19-4-74
 RV: 5-3-5-3-16
Individual statistics
 NC: Macke 4 1-1 9, Corby 2 (2) 0-0 10, Ganstrom 2 0-0 4, Kramer 4 (1) 0-0 11, M. Lortscher 1 0-0 2, Elder 6 2-5 14, K. Lortscher 6 0-0 12, Rethman 1 0-0 2, Rottinghaus 4 2-2 10. Totals 30 (3) 5-8 74.

RV: Saia 1 1-2 3, Bryan 1 1-2 3, Albright 1 1-2 3, Price 1 0-0 2, Joslin 0 (1) 0-0 3, Wabaunsee 1 0-2 2. Totals 5 (1) 3-8 16.

C Team: Nemaha Central 40, RV 22

The Panthers will host Holton on Tuesday for a Big Seven league matchup. The district, along with the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, are hosting the school's second annual Cultural Heritage Night that evening. Games begin at 4:30 p.m.



Cobras clash with Tigers

Cobra sophomore Jason Bosley, No. 22 in the top photo, goes up for a shot against ACCHS last Friday.

Cobra junior Amaya Marlatt, No. 14 in the dark jersey above, controls the basketball in the varsity girls game at ACCHS Friday.

Cobra sophomore Silas Holliday, No. 4 in the photo at right, dribbles the basketball up the court against the Tigers Friday night.

Photos by Michael Powls



JH Cobras sweep varsity games at Atchison County

By Brian Sanders

Jackson Heights High School's varsity basketball teams swept Atchison County on Friday at Effingham, with both Cobra teams improving their Northeast Kansas League and overall records to 2-1, while the Tiger teams' records fell to 1-2 in the league and 1-3 overall.

In girls varsity action, the Lady Cobras built a 50-20 victory over the Lady Tigers on the foundation of a 17-1 first quarter. The Lady Tigers attempted to bounce back in the second frame, outscoring Jackson Heights 10-8, but were unable to catch up in the second half.

Four Lady Cobras posted double digits on offense, including senior Abby Brey, leading the way with 17 points including three treys; senior Grace Roles, with 13 points; and senior Kylie Dohl and junior Amaya Marlatt with 10 points each. Atchison County freshman Addison Schletzbaum led the Lady Tigers with nine points.

In the nightcap, the Cobra boys picked up a 61-38 victory over the Tigers, starting with a good first-quarter battle that led to a Cobra 14-3 second-quarter run and a 28-14 halftime lead that they were able to hold on to for the rest of the night.

Box scores were not immediately available for the boys' game.

The Cobra teams will hold their first home games of the season on Thursday against

NEK League foe Maur Hill-Mount Academy, which split its varsity matches Horton this past Friday. The Raven boys (2-0 league and overall) beat the Chargers 68-38 while the Lady Ravens (1-1 league and overall) took a 45-34 loss at the hands of Horton.

Atchison County,



meanwhile, will head to Winchester on Tuesday to take on league foe Jefferson County North, whose boys team fell to 2-1 league and overall after a 64-53 loss to McLouth on Friday while the girls stayed undefeated, 3-0 league and overall, with a 60-33 victory over McLouth that same night.

Girls Scores
 Jackson Heights 17-8-17-8 50
 Atchison County 1-10-3-6 20

Jackson Heights: Brey 4 (3) 0-0 17, Roles 6 1-2 13, Dohl 5 0-0 10, Marlatt 3 4-6 10. Totals 18 (3) 5-8 50.

Atchison County: Schletzbaum 0 (3) 0-0 9, Nitz 1 (1) 3-5 8, Kimmi 0 (1) 0-0 3.

Boys Scores
 Jackson Heights 14-14-12-21 61

Atchison County 11-3-11-13 38

Wildcats defeat Jeff West, tie with Santa Fe Trail in wrestling

The Holton Wildcats wrestling team hosted the Jeff West Tigers and the Santa Fe Trail Chargers on Thursday, Dec. 12. The results were as follows:

Holton defeated Jeff West 57-3
 106: Tucker Gilliland, Holton
 *Tucker Gilliland (Holton) defeated Theron Meyer (Jeff West) by decision 8-2.
 113: Marquez Conley, Holton
 *Marquez Conley (Holton) defeated Marshal Cowan (Jeff West) by fall 3:16.
 120: Lucas Adcock, Holton
 *Lucas Adcock (Holton) won by forfeit.
 126: Issiah Jenson, Holton
 *Issiah Jenson (Holton) won by forfeit.
 132: Kayden Elliott, Holton
 *Kayden Elliott (Holton) won by forfeit.
 138: Conner Gilliland, Holton
 *Conner Gilliland (Holton) won by forfeit.
 145: Caleb Hernandez, Holton
 *Caleb Hernandez (Holton) won by forfeit.
 152: Garyson Booth, Holton
 *Garyson Booth (Holton) defeated Conner Schmitt (Jeff West) by decision 8-3.
 160: Jakari Washington,

Holton
 *Keaton Shellman (Jeff West) defeated Jakari Washington (Holton) by decision 9-6.
 170: Tyler Phillips, Holton
 *Tyler Phillips (Holton) defeated Shawn Grey (Jeff West) by decision 11-7.
 182: Double Forfeit
 195: Double Forfeit
 220: Henry Katz, Holton
 *Henry Katz (Holton) won by forfeit.
 285: Cooper Baxter, Holton
 Cooper Baxter (Holton) won by forfeit.
Holton tied Santa Fe Trail 42-42
 106: Tucker Gilliland, Holton
 *Tucker Gilliland (Holton) defeated Cody Black (Santa Fe Trail) by fall 2:34.
 113: Jake Barnes, Holton
 *Jake Barnes (Holton) defeated Ian Meisbach (Santa Fe Trail) by fall 1:10.
 120: Lucas Adcock
 *Lucas Adcock (Holton) defeated Robbie Page (Santa Fe Trail) by fall 2:30.
 126: Cayden Jackson, Holton
 *Cayden Jackson (Holton) won by forfeit.
 132: Slater Skaggs, Holton
 *Christian Rowe (Santa Fe Trail) defeated Slater Skaggs (Holton) by fall 1:01.

138: Conner Gilliland, Holton
 *Conner Gilliland (Holton) defeated Chris Meyers (Santa Fe Trail) by fall 0:58.
 145: Jayden Fletcher, Holton
 *Jayden Fletcher (Holton) defeated Noah Claycomb (Santa Fe Trail) by fall 2:46.
 152: Garyson Booth, Holton
 *Zach Jeanneret (Santa Fe Trail) defeated Garyson Booth (Holton) by fall 0:52.
 160: Conner Collins, Holton
 *Stephan Roberts (Santa Fe Trail) defeated Conner Collins (Holton) by fall 3:31.
 170: Tyler Phillips, Holton
 *Dakota Garrison (Santa Fe Trail) defeated Tyler Phillips (Holton) by fall 3:29.
 182:
 *Aiden Slavin (Santa Fe Trail) won by forfeit.
 195:
 *Wyatt Rogers (Santa Fe Trail) won by forfeit.
 220: Jordan Huntington, Holton
 *Jordan Huntington (Holton) defeated Raeden Ard (Santa Fe Trail) by fall 0:43.
 285: Dustin Chermok, Holton
 *Evan Dean (Santa Fe Trail) defeated Dustin Chermok (Holton) by fall 1:38.

Wildcats sweep Riverside Cyclones

The Holton Wildcat varsity basketball teams swept the visiting Riverside Cyclone teams here on Friday night.

The Holton girls won 66-45 while the Holton boys won 59-38.

It was the second straight win for the Lady Wildcats to start the season as they jumped out to a 16-9 first quarter lead and then poured it on in the second quarter to lead 36-19 at halftime. In the second half, the Lady Wildcats outscored the visitors 30-26. The Wildcats made 23 of 34 free throws in the game.

Senior Faith Haussler led the Holton girls in scoring with 18 points. Macey Patch pitched in 11 and Danika Hickman also scored in double digits with 10. Endiah Byrd scored 10 points to lead Riverside.

Holton scoring 16-20-13-17-66

Riverside scoring 9-10-8-18-45

Holton - Bailey Flewelling 1-0-0-2, Paige Paxton 1-0-0-2, Haussler 3-2-6-8-18, Olivia Yingt 2-0-1-2-5, Hickman 4-0-2-2-10, Kinleigh Rhodd 0-0-3-6-3, Saydee Tanking 2-1-1-2-8, Paige Crouch 0-0-3-6-3, Patch 2-0-7-8-11, Taylor Moore 2-0-0-4. Totals 16-3-23-34-66.

Riverside - Endiah Byrd 4-0-4-12, Eunye Byrd 1-0-2-2-6, L. O'Grady 2-0-2-3-6, Miller 0-0-1-2-1, Ewing 0-1-2-2-5, Libel 1-0-2-3-4, Murphy 0-1-2-2-5, Jones 1-0-0-0-2, Hayes 1-0-0-0-2, M. O'Grady 1-0-2-3-4. Totals 11-2-17-21-45.

The Holton boys got their first win of the season in their second game against the Cyclones.

The Wildcats led 17-12 after the first quarter and 34-17 at halftime. The Wildcats also held scoring edges in the third quarter (15-14) and the fourth quarter (10-7).

The Wildcats had three players in double figures.

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Royal Valley High School senior Maddie Saia, shown above third from left, has signed a letter of intent to play volleyball at Allen County Community College next year at Iola. Shown from left in the photo above are stepfather Jason Bernasek, mother Jenny Bernasek, Saia, father Sheldon Saia and stepmother Tina Saia.
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Holton boys

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Blake Mulroy had 19, Reese Holaday had 12 and Kale Purcell 11. Webb paced Riverside with 17.
Holton scoring 17-17-15-10-59.
Riverside scoring 12-5-14-7-38.
Holton - Trey Wright 1-0-0-0-2, Mulroy 1-5-2-2-19, Purcell 4-0-3-6-11, Cody Mulroy 0-0-2-2-2, Ben Bontrager 1-0-0-2, Matthew Lierz 2-0-0-0-4, Eli Prine 1-1-0-0-5, Holaday 3-2-0-0-12, Jake Zeller 1-0-0-2. Totals 14-8-7-10-59.
Riverside - Byrd 0-1-0-0-3, Edwards 1-0-0-2, Webb 1-5-0-2-17, Chalfant 2-0-0-1-4, Dittmore 2-0-2-3-6, Stillman 4-0-0-0-8. Totals 10-6-2-6-38.
Tomorrow evening, the Wildcats play at Royal Valley.



Royal Valley High School senior McKenzie Ogden, shown above second from left on the front row, recently signed a letter of intent to play softball and volleyball at Highland Community College next year. Also shown in the photo on the front row are, left to right, Jarrod Ogden (father), Ogden, Mikkie Bell (mother) and Troy Bell (stepfather). Shown on the back row are, left to right, Highland coaches Scott Jordan (softball), Michaela Serrioz (volleyball) and Jon Bingesser (volleyball).
Photo courtesy of Royal Valley High School

Panthers get wrestling season started

The Royal Valley Panther wrestling team traveled to Kansas City-Piper High School for a meet with KC-Piper, Topeka High and Atchison recently.
Team dual scores were as follows:
Piper beat RV 72-6.
Atchison beat RV 48-33.
Topeka High beat Atchison 60-15.
Piper beat Topeka High 42-32.
Piper beat Atchison 57-23.
Individual results for the The Royal Valley wrestlers were as follows:
*Quinton Nelson went 2-1.
*Judson Mathis went 2-1.
*Ashton Wood went 2-1.
*Dakota Hargraves went 1-0.
*Curtis Wathen went 1-1.
*Ruben Tinajero went 1-1.
*Garrett Hammer went 1-2.
*Alexis Ribelin went 0-1.
*Calvin Ogden went 0-3.
*Bryar Barnett went 0-3.
On Friday, Dec. 20, the Panther JV wrestlers are scheduled to travel to Council Grove for wrestling action starting at 3 p.m.



Following a season that saw the Cloud County Community College volleyball team go 23-9 overall, Royal Valley alumna Mary Broxterman (Shown above) earned NJCAA Plains District B All-District honors.
Broxterman, in her freshman season, earned second-team All-District B honors after making a big impact for the T-Birds during the second half of the season, it was reported, and finishing the year with 215 kills and 81 blocks.
The Hoyt native also recorded 21 ace serves and 129 digs while recording a career-best 15 kills against Fort Scott. Broxterman is the daughter of Steve and Cindy Broxterman of Hoyt.
Photo courtesy of CCCC



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TUESDAY, DEC. 17: HHS Boys/Girls Basketball vs. Royal Valley - 4:30 p.m. @ Royal Valley; HHS V/JV Wrestling - 6 p.m. @ Holton; RVHS Boys/Girls Basketball vs. Holton - 4:30 p.m. @ Royal Valley
THURSDAY, DEC. 19: JHHS Boys/Girls Basketball vs. Maur Hill - 5 p.m. @ Jackson Heights
FRIDAY, DEC. 20: HHS Boys/Girls Basketball vs. Sabetha - 4:30 p.m. @ Sabetha; HHS V Wrestling @ Claremore, OK; RVHS JV Wrestling - 3 p.m. @ Council Grove
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First three games for Tigers reported

The ACCHS girls and boys basketball teams played three games recently. Here are the box scores for all three of these games for the Tigers..

Girl
Pleasant Ridge at ACCHS
ACCHS defeated Pleasant Ridge 54-45
Pleasant Ridge - 9-9-9-18-45
ACCHS - 16-10-9-19-54
Pleasant Ridge - Watkins 5 (1) 1-4 14, Nutschik 3 1-2 7, Herbig 3 1-1 7, Schwinn 3 0-2 6, Theis 2 1-2 5, Kern 1 0-0 2 and Oatney 1 0-2 2. Totals 18 (1) 6-17 45.
ACCHS - M. Pitts 4 (1) 2-6 13, Schletzbaum 3 6-11 12, Nitz 1 (1) 5-5 12, Caplinger 1 (1) 3-4 8, Wallisch 3 0-1 6 and Behrnes 1 1-1 3. Totals 13 (3) 17-28 54.

Boys
Pleasant Ridge at ACCHS
Pleasant Ridge defeated ACCHS 61-43
Pleasant Ridge - 18-20-8-15-61
ACCHS - 11-13-17-2-43
Pleasant Ridge - Johnson 3 (1) 3-4 12, Gibson 5 1-5 11, Stutz 2 (2) 0-0 10, Wohlgemuth 3 2-5 8, Vanbyke 4 0-0 8, Baying 2 0-0 4 Schmidt 1 1-2 3, Bertrand 1 0-0 2, Douthitt 0 2-2 2 and Adams 0 1-2 1. Totals 21 (3) 9-20 61.
ACCHS - Myers 6 0-0 12, Hetherington 4 0-4 8, Courter 2 3-6 7, Wilson 2 (1) 0-0 7, Hawk 2 0-0 4, Smith 1 1-1 3, Caudle 1 0-0 2. Totals 18 (1) 4-11 43.

Girls
ACCHS at Hiawatha
Hiawatha defeated ACCHS 50-46
ACCHS - 20-6-5-15-46
Hiawatha - 6-13-16-15-50
ACCHS - Schletzbaum 3 (4) 3-6 21, Nitz 4 0-3 8, Kimmi 1 (2) 0-0 8, Wallisch 2 3-7 7 and Caplinger 1 0-0 2. Totals 11 (6) 6-16 46.
Hiawatha - Leupold 8 0-0 16, Diller 1 5-6 7, K. Madsen 2 2-4 6, S. Madsen 3 0-0 6, Lindstrom 1 (1) 0-4, Pierce 1 (1) 0-0 5, Nelson 0 (1) 0-0 3 and Hrencher 1 0-0 2. Totals 17 (3) 7-16 50.

Boys
ACCHS at Hiawatha
Hiawatha defeated ACCHS 78-21
ACCHS - 7-5-4-5-21
Hiawatha - 34-28-7-9-78
ACCHS - Myers 2 3-4 7, Courter 1 (1) 0-0 5, Smith 2 1-3 5, Hetherington 1 0-4 2 and Caudle 1 0-0 2. Totals 7 (1) 4-11 21.
Hiawatha - Brockhoff 5 6-9 16, Meyer 2 (3) 2-5 15, Bryan 4 (1) 1-3 12, Lierz 3 (1) 0-0 9, Moreno 2 (1) 1-1 8, Winters 1 (2) 0-2 8, Rockey 1 2-2 4, Cof-felt 1 2-3 4 and Davis 1 0-0 2. Totals 20 (8) 14-25 78.

Girls
ACCHS at Oskaloosa
Oskaloosa defeated ACCHS 54-32
ACCHS - 5-11-8-8-32
Oskaloosa - 9-17-12-16-54
ACCHS - Wallisch 6 0-5 12, Nitz 2 (2) 0-0 10, Pitts 3 0-0 6 and Schletzbaum 2 0-2 4. Totals 13 (2) 0-9 32.
Oskaloosa - Rockhold 8 3-7 19, Reg. Curry 7 0-2 14, Pfau 2 (1) 4-6 11, Ree. Curry 3 0-0 6, Janus 1 0-0 2 and Johnson 1 0-0 2. Totals 22 (1) 7-15 54.

Boys
ACCHS at Oskaloosa
ACCHS defeated Oskaloosa 47-41
ACCHS - 16-12-9-10-47
Oskaloosa - 13-8-12-8-41
ACCHS - Myers 8 2-6 18, Courter 2 (1) 4-12 11, Hetherington 5 0-5 10, Miller, 1 0-0 2, Smith 1 0-1 2, Caudle 1 0-0 2, Hawk 0 1-2 1 and Wilson 0 1-4 1. Totals 18 (1) 8-30 47.
Oskaloosa - Tarwater 4 (1) 2-7 13, Kreutzer 1 (3) 0-0 11, Hast 1 5-8, Thaver 2 1-1 5, Willits 0 3-5 3 and Sharp 1 0-0 2. Totals 12 (4) 11-21 41.



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Bob and Terry (Bailey) Bernatis will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Dec. 21, 2019. They were married at the Rochester Community Church of the Brethren in Topeka.

Bob is a retired U.S. Navy chief and Terry had a 40-year career in human resources. They

are members of Holton First United Methodist Church and have lived in Jackson County since 1995.

Their daughter, Dr. Jennifer Bernatis, teaches science at Dodge City Community College. The couple is planning a trip to Scotland in August 2020 to celebrate.

KDA re-opens sediment and nutrient reduction initiative

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Contact your local Conservation District for more information on the Kansas Sediment and Nutrient Reduction Initiative and eligibility.

Potawatomi UMC

By Ilene Dick

Those arriving at Potawatomi United Methodist Church on Sunday, Dec. 8, found the furnace to not be working. Therefore, church service on the second Sunday of Advent was canceled.

I will add a few items that would be mentioned, as well as a brief summary of Pastor Howard's sermon, which I was fortunate to have a copy of.

The Potawatomi United Methodist Women and friends met at Your Place or Mine at noon on Dec. 3 for the annual Christmas mission and party. There were 15 present to enjoy a delicious meal. A generous donation was received for Ember Hope/Youthville. A speaker was present from Grace Med to explain the operation of their organization for medical/dental help for those needed, which is a very worthy plan.

The sermon text was from Philippians 1:3-11 and Luke 3:1-16 with the title "Is There Anything I Can Do?" Pastor Howard told of the times we often ask the

question, "Is there anything I can do?" Two thousand years ago, a common question asked was, "Is there anything I can do to prepare the way for the Messiah?"

There was much misuse of power for personal gain. The answer was, "Yes, you can stop doing these things." Paul wrote, "My prayer is that your love will abound."

These lessons are given to us in the season of Advent to suggest how we can prepare for Jesus coming into our lives. Those who don't expect the Messiah won't see one. He is here. Christ has already come.

Next Sunday's sermon will be "A Different Kingdom" with the text taken from John 18:33-37.

Thanks to Laura Schreiber and Libby Dresher for preparing the float for Hoyt, Mayetta and Potawatomi for the Parade of Lights in Holton. Appreciation also goes to all who helped in many ways, provided the trailer, truck and also who braved the cold to ride the float. I'm told it was a beautiful parade. Sorry we had to miss it.

Netawaka UMC

By Mary E. Edwards

Dec. 8 was a beautiful, calm morning. Steve Banaka lighted the altar candles at Netawaka United Methodist Church. Marilyn Banaka gave the welcome and announcements. Advent Study began Thursday evening with eight people present to study "Almost Christmas."

Joys shared were that the Williams twins, Jack and Judah, have each gained a pound, and their parents can hold them for short times now. Susie Blacketter-Grannell's aunt, whose home was badly damaged in the Nebraska floods, received word that her house would be rebuilt and restored by her community at no cost to her. Good news!

Prayers continue for those on our list and for all who are suffering.

The congregation sang verse two of "Light The Advent Candle." Mary Edwards read about the journey, and Marcia Robertson lighted the candles of peace and hope.

The prayer hymn, "Emmanuel, Emmanuel," was sung before the silent prayer, pastoral prayer and the Lord's Prayer. The sung prayer response was "Cares Chorus."

Steve collected the offering,

and the doxology was sung. Marilyn read Isaiah 11:1-10, the branch from Jesse.

"Jesus Comes With Hope" was the title of Pastor Young Won's sermon. He told us how he liked to see the big animals, lions, tigers, bears, elephants and so forth, but in a safe place where no human or animal was in danger.

Isaiah 11 describes a scene with the wolf living with the lamb, the leopard lying with the goat - wild animals together in peace, and little children playing among them. The kingdom of God could be the same, with no fighting or arguments between the people and no danger to anyone. That is what we hope for.

God calls us to believe and help bring the kingdom together. Are we participating by bringing God's love to others and help to those in need? Do we live with hope in our hearts and pass some of that hope to those with whom we have contact?

Isaiah reminded people to remember God's work. Jesus came in hope. Let us also proclaim hope.

The hymn of going forth was "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus." Pastor Young gave a benediction.

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Royal Valley Board of Education member Jim O'Toole (shown at left) was recently honored for his 23 years of service on the board by Superintendent Aaric Davis (at right). O'Toole did not seek re-election to his position, which will be filled by Jacob "Tug" Wamego.

Photo courtesy of Noah Slay

Some school concerts delayed due to weather

Kids of all ages in Jackson County area schools are looking forward to the end of this week, when they'll be dismissed for Christmas break.

Most students in the area received a preview of their time off today due to the weekend snowstorm, with the exception of Wetmore students, whose school schedule for the day was subject to a two-hour delay.

The snow also put a delay on area schools' Christmas concerts that were scheduled for this evening. At Royal Valley, a kindergarten program scheduled for this evening in the Royal Valley Elementary School gym has been "tentatively moved" to Wednesday evening, according to the school's Web site.

Other Royal Valley elementary students have concerts scheduled for Wednesday evening in the RVES gym, with first and second grades performing at 6 p.m. and third and fourth grades performing at 7 p.m.

And at Jackson Heights, a Christmas concert for middle and high school students that

had been scheduled for tonight has been rescheduled for 8 p.m. tomorrow in the JHHS gym. The concert will take place following a concert featuring fourth through sixth grades, slated to begin at 6:30 p.m., it was reported.

Whether Christmas concerts originally planned for this evening at Holton and Atchison County would be rescheduled had not been announced by press time.

This week's concert schedule also includes:

- Wetmore Elementary School winter concert, 7 p.m. today at the Wetmore Attendance Center.

- ACCJSHS Winter Band Concert featuring students in sixth through 12th grades, 6:30 p.m. Thursday in the ACCJSHS auditorium.

The holiday break begins at the end of the school day Thursday for students at Jackson Heights, Wetmore and Atchison County schools; at 11 a.m. Friday for students in the Royal Valley school district; and at the end of the school day Friday for students in the Holton school district.

CRP enrollment open through February

Everything you need to know about the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), including how to sign up, is included in the article below.

USDA has opened sign-up for CRP effective Monday, according to Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue. The deadline for agricultural producers to sign up for general CRP is Feb. 28, 2020, while sign-up for continuous CRP is ongoing.

Farmers and ranchers who enroll in CRP receive a yearly rental payment for voluntarily establishing long-term, resource-conserving plant species, such as approved grasses or trees — known as "covers" — to control soil erosion, improve water quality and develop wildlife habitat on marginally productive agricultural lands.

"The Conservation Reserve Program is one of our nation's largest conservation endeavors and a critical tool to help producers better manage their operations while conserving natural resources," Perdue said. "The program marks its 35-year anniversary in 2020, and we're hoping to see one of our largest signups in many years."

CRP has 22 million acres enrolled, but the 2018 Farm Bill lifted the cap to 27 million acres. This means farmers and ranchers have a chance to enroll

in CRP for the first time or continue their participation for another term.

Signed into law in 1985, CRP is one of the largest private-lands conservation programs in the U.S. The program was originally primarily intended to control soil erosion and potentially stabilize commodity prices by taking marginal lands out of production.

This Farm Bill program has evolved over the years, providing a variety of conservation and economic benefits from coast to coast, including:

- Preventing more than nine billion tons of soil from eroding, enough soil to fill 600 million dump trucks.

- Reducing nitrogen and phosphorus runoff relative to annually tilled cropland by 95 and 85 percent, respectively.

- Sequestering an annual average of 49 million tons of greenhouse gases, equal to taking nine million cars off the road.

- Creating more than three million acres of restored wetlands while protecting more than 175,000 stream miles with riparian forest and grass buffers, enough to go around the world seven times.

- Benefiting bees and other pollinators and increased populations of ducks, pheasants, turkey, bobwhite quail, prairie chickens, grasshopper sparrows

and many other birds.

By enrolling in CRP, producers are improving water quality, reducing soil erosion and restoring habitat for wildlife. This in turn spurs hunting, fishing, recreation, tourism and other economic development across rural America.

CRP general sign-up will be held annually. The competitive general sign-up will now include increased opportunities for enrollment of wildlife habitat through the State Acres For Wildlife Enhancement (SAFE) initiative.

While some practices under SAFE will remain available through continuous sign-up, CRP continuous sign-up will focus primarily on water quality within the Clean Lakes, Estuaries and Rivers (CLEAR) Initiative. The 2018 Farm Bill prioritizes water quality practices such as contour grass strips, filter strips, riparian buffers, wetlands and a new prairie strip.

USDA will also work with Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) partners to relaunch CREP continuous options in each state under new statutory provisions. CREP will continue to target high-priority local, state or regional conservation concerns.

CRP Grasslands sign-up helps landowners and operators protect grassland, including rangeland, and pastureland and certain other lands while maintaining the areas as grazing lands. A separate CRP Grasslands sign-up will be offered each year following general sign-up. The sign-up period for CRP Grasslands in 2020 runs from March 16 to May 15.

Later in 2020, USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) will roll out pilot programs within CRP: CLEAR 30, which allows contracts expiring with CLEAR practices to be reenrolled in 30-year contracts and in the Soil Health and Income Protection Program (SHIPP) in the

prairie pothole region. More information on these programs will be announced in the new year.

The CRP Transition Incentives Program (TIP) is an option for producers interested in transitioning land to a beginning farmer or rancher or a member of a socially disadvantaged group to return land to production for sustainable grazing or crop production.

CRP contract holders no longer need to be a retired or retiring owner or operator to transition their land. TIP participants may have a lease less than five years with an option to purchase, and they have two years before the end of the CRP contract to make conservation and land improvements.

Land enrolled in CRP under a 15-year contract that expired in September of 2017, 2018 or 2019 may be eligible for enrollment if there was no opportunity for re-enrollment and the practice under the expired contract has been maintained.

FSA recently posted updated soil rental rates for CRP. County average rates are posted on the CRP Statistics webpage. Soil rental rates are statutorily prorated at 90 percent for continuous sign-up and 85 percent for general sign-up. Rental rates will be reviewed annually. Under continuous sign-up, producers also receive incentives, including a sign-up incentive payment and a practice incentive payment.

CRP marks its 35-year anniversary in 2020, and FSA will continue to highlight the impacts of the program that was created in 1985 and the many stewardship-minded farmers, ranchers and landowners who have participated over the years.

To enroll in CRP, contact your local FSA county office or visit fsa.usda.gov/crp. To locate your local FSA office, visit farmers.gov/service-locator

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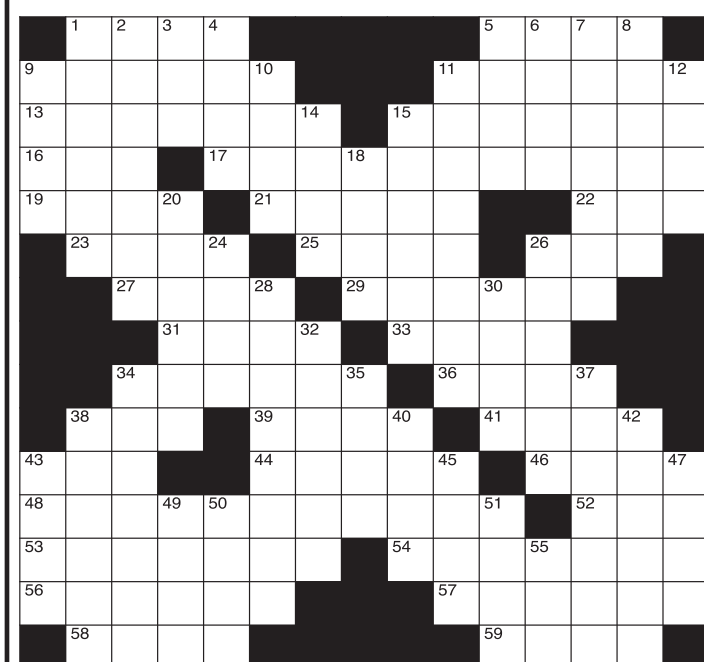
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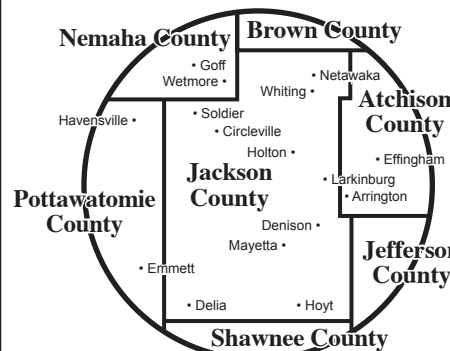
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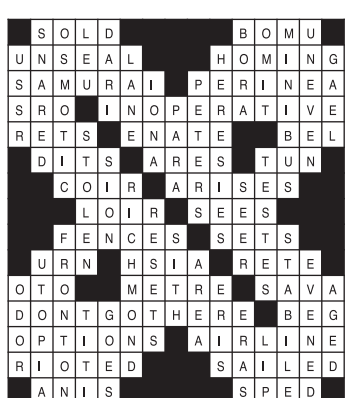
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Esther Ideker...

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Ideker took on nursing as "a second career" after Cindi, who was attending nursing school, suggested it to her.

"When she would come home and study, I would look at her books, and she would say, 'Mom, you really ought to go back to school,'" she said of Cindi. "It was good timing, because my husband was very supportive of me. I would not have made it through nursing school without such a supportive husband who was just so happy for this opportunity."

Studying to become a nurse also enabled Ideker, then in her 50s, to take better care of her mother, a quadriplegic. She took nursing classes at Holton High School and earned her associate's degree through Highland Community College before moving on to Washburn University to complete her training.

Ideker had almost completed that training at Washburn when tragedy struck her family. On Sept. 26, 1986, Charles — a man she described as "a prince" — was killed in a farming accident, and the shock of losing her husband, whom she said had been extraordinarily supportive of her goal of becoming a nurse, nearly derailed her from that goal.

"Everyone convinced me to go through with it," she said, and she earned her degree in nursing from Washburn not long afterward. She got a nursing job at Memorial Hospital in Topeka — the former Santa Fe Hospital — which she held until the hospital closed in 1988 due to bankruptcy.

At that time, the need for an all-volunteer organization to provide hospice care in Jackson County was becoming apparent. She attended the first meeting of a group of people that would eventually become Jackson County Friends of Hospice.

"The only thing was, I was busy with finishing up my nursing degree," she said. "So I supported them, but I didn't come on board. I wasn't a pioneer, in other words. They were the pioneers. I just followed."

But despite being "out on the street" after Memorial Hospital closed Ideker said an opportunity arose when fellow Hall of Famer Cathleen Reed invited her to join the fledgling hospice group, which she did in 1990.

"In the beginning, Cathleen was one of them, and she was

my mentor," Ideker said of Reed, who was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2013 and died this past June. "To think I'm following in her steps — what an honor. Her legacy will live on."

In 1992, Ideker helped set up a Friends of Hospice office in the Jackson County Courthouse near Reed's office with the Jackson County Health Department. The organization operated as an all-volunteer hospice group until 1995, when it became certified with Medicare — an action that didn't sit well with some in the organization at first.

"It was a lot of work, and it took a long time," Ideker said. "It was a slow process, but we made it, and we became connected with all of northeastern Kansas."

The organization became affiliated with Holton Community Hospital in 2000 as it became a Medicare-certified hospice. The next year, in 2001, Ideker was hired as its full-time hospice volunteer coordinator by Leonard Hernandez, then the hospital's administrator.

Through the years, Ideker has also been involved in other Holton and Jackson County community organizations, including Jackson County Historical Society, Heart of Jackson Humane Society and Beck Bookman Library. She also noted her involvement with the Kansas Nurse Foundation, which provides scholarships for nursing students.

"Helping other nurses along the way is important to me, because I was helped," she said of her involvement with KNF.

Also important to Ideker is her lifetime membership with Netawaka's Immanuel Lutheran Church, and she writes a weekly column about church services and other happenings for *The Holton Recorder*.

"I was baptized, confirmed

and married there," she said of the church. "My children, same. My husband, same. I am still there, and they are so supportive."

Ideker continued as the volunteer coordinator for Friends of Hospice until last year, when she decided to step down and let Leanne Schultejeans take the reins.

"We had a successor plan, even as I was getting older," Ideker said. "What's so marvelous is the staff saying that the 'social worker' was going to retire — they saw the vision that a social worker would be a very good volunteer coordinator. And so Leanne was sought out... We are in really good hands. She is just great, and the volunteers love her."

Since her retirement from the coordinator's position, Ideker spends a lot of time traveling to spend time with her two children and her seven grandchildren, whom she calls "the love of my life." But she also finds time to continue volunteering with the organization that she said changed her life for the better.

"I will always be a volunteer for Hospice," she said. "I can't say enough about the hospice staff and the volunteers who gave me the opportunity to be a part of many patients' lives. They gave me the opportunity to make these people we served a part of my being. They taught me so much about living life well and the values that changed my life. It was a gift."

She's also looking forward to the Chamber Hall of Fame banquet, noting that her brother, Les Brandt and his wife, Jan, will be there to provide "moral support." And, of course, she's proud of her fellow inductees as well.

"To be with these three is an honor," Ideker said of Dillner, Gross and Knouft. "It helps a lot to have them there."

County Commission...

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* Signed a payroll change notice for Megan Shea, a length of service increase as a sheriff's office employee.

* Adjourned the meeting at 4:20 p.m. All three commissioners were present.

The commission held a special meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 27, to review and approve

payroll and bills.

Payroll change notices were signed for Breanna Knight, a length of service increase with the sheriff's office, and Kylie Mercer and Garrett Schultz, both resignations with the sheriff's office.

The meeting, which began at 9 a.m., was adjourned at 10:14 a.m. All three commissioners were present.

Snowstorm hits area...

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weather-related. "I think people stayed home yesterday," Chief Gakle said of Holtonians' reaction to the winter storm, which moved into the area early on Sunday.

In the county's rural areas, however, the story was different, as Jackson County Sheriff Tim Morse said two injury accidents were reported during the winter storm, along with five non-injury

accidents and 12 slide-offs.

NWS reported that five inches of snow fell on Holton and Hoyt over the course of the storm, with about three to four inches reported on the Potawatomi Reservation and about six inches reported near Denison.

Other areas reported receiving even more snow than that.

"I had about seven inches at my house up north of Holton," Gakle said. "I figured it would be pretty

close to that here in town."

The snow also closed all three schools in Jackson County and several schools in the surrounding area for the day, although it was noted that students at Wetmore and elsewhere in the Prairie Hills district were in class today after a two-hour delay.

The week ahead promises warmer temperatures and sunnier skies, with temps expected to rise into the 40s before the weekend.



WELCOME, ASHLEE!

The Holton/Jackson County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors is pleased to announce Ashlee York has accepted the position of Executive Director of the Chamber.

Previously, Ashlee worked as the Chamber's administrative assistant for three years. She also serves on the Jackson County Kids Closet board of directors and the Holton High School Alumni Association board.

York believes that her previous experience with the Chamber has prepared her to take on its helm.

"I'm excited about the opportunity to be instrumental in adding valuable programs and educational opportunities to our members while promoting business growth in Jackson County," York said. "I look forward to fulfilling the needs of our current membership, while spearheading a push for new members in 2020. I believe passionately in the Chamber and its ability to enhance the economic and business climate of our area and am confident the Holton/Jackson County Chamber of Commerce will continue to grow and exceed the expectations of our membership in the coming years."

Ashlee and her husband, Chris, and their two children enjoy attending local events and supporting local businesses. She was raised in Holton and is a graduate of Holton High School, as well as Emporia State University, where she graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Secondary English Education.

The Holton/Jackson County Chamber of Commerce has more than 125 active member businesses and individuals working toward economic and business success. The chamber serves Holton, Netawaka, Circleville, Delia, Soldier, Whiting, Denison, Hoyt and Mayetta. For more information, contact the Chamber at chamber@exploreholton.com or 785-364-3963.



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