

Birkbeck remembered as community leader

By Brian Sanders
“It’s a humbling experience to know that your friends and your community hold you in such high regard.”

Those were the words of Jim Birkbeck, a longtime leader at Denison State Bank in Holton and a pillar of the Holton community, upon learning that he had been named to the Holton/Jackson County Chamber of Commerce Hall of Fame in 2007.

Birkbeck died last Wednesday at the age of 79 at a Topeka hospital, according to Matt Taylor, DSB senior vice president and Birkbeck’s son-in-law. An obituary for Birkbeck appears on page 5 of today’s *Holton Recorder*.

A native of Burlington, Birkbeck spent his college years at Kansas State University, where he had initially hoped to expand on his high school football days at Burlington and played during his freshman year. But after that first year, he shelved his football aspirations and concentrated on earning his bachelor’s and mas-



James S. “Jim” Birkbeck 1940-2019

ter’s degrees in agricultural economics.

He eventually went into banking, starting with Peoples State Bank in McPherson in 1964 as a correspondent banker.

“I’ve always had an interest in banking, but when I started, I thought I might like to go into something agriculture-related and then find my way into banking,” Birkbeck said in 2007. “I was fortunate enough to find a job in banking right out of school.”

From Peoples State Bank, Birkbeck signed on with Commercial National Bank in Kansas City. That experience, he said, enabled him to travel the area and meet a wide variety of people. But in the end, he expressed a desire to “be closer to the people and go out to their farms and businesses.”

One of the banks Birkbeck would call on in his travels with Commercial National Bank was Denison State Bank, and “they needed to secure someone,” so in 1972, he signed on with DSB as a cashier, officer and director. In 1977, he was named president of the bank, a position he held until 2003.

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Golden to lead Parade of Lights

The 20th annual Christmas Parade of Lights around the Holton Town Square is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. this coming Saturday, Dec. 7, it has been announced.

Lineup for the parade will start at 5 p.m. that day on New York Avenue north of the downtown Casey’s store.

Laura Golden, current president of the Holton/Jackson County Chamber of Commerce board of directors, will serve as grand marshal for the Christmas parade, starting a new tradition of having the current Chamber board president serve as the parade’s grand marshal.

All local businesses, clubs, organizations, churches and individuals are invited to participate in the annual Christmas parade that features lighted floats



Laura Golden

and vehicles.

In the Christmas Parade of Lights, vehicles and floats are adorned and lighted up with Christmas lights for the parade.

GNBank will again provide a \$50 Chamber Bucks prize for Best Club or Organization Float. The Farmers State Bank will again provide a \$50 Chamber Bucks prize for Best Religious Float and *The Holton Recorder* will again provide a \$50 Chamber Bucks prize for Best Business Float.

Santa Claus will participate in the parade and afterwards will announce the winner of the Heart of Jackson County Humane Society car giveaway.

After that, Santa will be available to visit with local kids and

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Chamber Hall of Fame

4-H volunteers’ service inspired Deb Dillner

By Brian Sanders

As a child growing up in the Circleville area, Deb Dillner was eager to participate in 4-H, and for 10 years, she participated in activities with the Ontario Busy Bees.

Dillner later recognized the volunteer efforts of others that went into keeping 4-H programs going, and when she had children of her own, she was happy to do her own volunteering.

“The way I see it, somebody volunteered and provided the facilities and the programs for me to be a part of 4-H, so it’s just my turn to do that for others,” she said. “And I’m sure that’s the same reason that the other 14 fair board members are all there — for the benefit of the kids and the community.”

Dillner’s volunteering efforts go well beyond 4-H. She’s been active in the promotion and growth of the Jackson County Fair and its home, the Northeast Kansas Heritage Complex, and she’s also done her part to promote the construction of a shelter house



Deb Dillner

at Banner Creek Reservoir in honor of her father-in-law.

These and other efforts led to Dillner’s Holton/Jackson County Chamber of Commerce Hall of Fame recognition, one that she said left her shocked and humbled.

“Not much makes me speechless, but I was absolutely speechless,” she said of

being asked to join the Chamber Hall of Fame. “I thought at first that it was kind of an April Fool’s joke. I know most of the people who have been nominated before, and I didn’t feel qualified to join them. I don’t do the volunteer work that I do to benefit me. I do it for the good of the community, not the recognition.”

But she’s proud to join the more than 100 members of the Jackson County community who have earned their places in the Chamber Hall of Fame, alongside fellow inductees Diane Gross, Esther Ideker and Floye Knouft, at the annual recognition banquet this coming February.

Dillner, who grew up a mile south of the former Ontario community, north of Circleville, was mentored in her early years by Doris and Max Kehler, both of whom were 4-H club leaders, she said. What she saw provided her with a yearning to join the Ontario Busy Bees when she was old enough.

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Schools to put on ‘Christmas Shorts’

By Ali Holcomb

Drama students at both Holton High School and Holton Middle School will present “Christmas Shorts,” a collection of 15 Christmas-themed skits, at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 8, at the HHS auditorium.

Directed by Shannon Wittmer, the Christmas skits will feature students in Wittmer’s new drama classes. Wittmer is teaching two drama classes at HMS this year and one at HHS.

“These are all new,” Wittmer said of the elective classes. “They are semester classes at the middle school, and my high

school class I have all year. We needed a project to work toward, and I found this play of skits.”

“Christmas Shorts” by Lucy Williams features short scenes and monologues, including kids writing letters to Santa, a group of elves who accidentally tear Santa’s gift bag at the last minute, a holiday quiz show and a soap opera, “As The North Pole Turns.”

“I thought I would have them team up and do a Christmas play together,” Wittmer said. “The kids have done most of the set design and costume work themselves.”

The short scenes include “Santa’s Christmas Shorts,” “Letter To Santa, Part One,” “Reindeer Games,” “Kingle, Krumple And Kramer,” “Singing In The Snow, Carrot And Knock-Knock Jokes,” “Hey Mom!,” “The Elf Who Ruined Christmas,” “Letter To Santa, Part Two,” “Christmas Quiz,” “Crazy Hank’s Used Christmas Trees,” “As The North Pole Turns,” “Letter To Santa, Part Three,” “Christmas Rap,” “Movie Trailer” and “North Pole News.”

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Cindi Area is shown above in one of two cabins that make up Area Acres of Mayetta. The cabins, which were built by Cindi and her husband, Mike, are one of five featured stops on this Saturday’s Christmas Homes Tour.

Photo by Ali Holcomb

Area Acres part of Christmas Homes Tour

By Ali Holcomb

In the past three years, Mike and Cindi Area have transformed their property northeast of Mayetta into Area Acres, which features two rustic-style cabins they rent throughout the year.

The two cabins, which are located at 16740 S Rd., are decorated for Christmas as part of Saturday’s Christmas Homes Tour.

The tour will be held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and is organized by the Holton/Jackson County

Chamber of Commerce.

The cabins were built in 2016 and 2017, and many of the items used to construct and furnish the cabins were refurbished or purchased second-hand, Cindi said.

“The cabins are an extension of our home,” Cindi said. “We rent these cabins on Airbnb and have a Facebook page. We rent to many out of state deer, turkey, goose and duck hunters. This has allowed us to meet many interesting people from across the country.”

The small cabin, which boasts two beds, a kitchen, bathroom and two comfy chairs, is decorated with red and black buffalo plaid, Santas and reindeer.

Cindi has handmade several of the decorations on display, such as the rustic signs and festive pillows.

The larger cabin is decorated with black and white buffalo plaid and snowmen. This cabin accommodates six guests and includes lofted sleeping spaces. This cabin also has a kitchen, bathroom and larger

living room.

The Areas have also added a rustic waterfall feature, fire pits and other amenities to the outdoor space at the cabins.

The couple has five children, Tanner and Sara Lassiter, Jessica and Justin Kearney, Alex Renyer, Tyler and Haley Area and Bailey and Derrick Brown. They also have nine grandchildren, Clayton, Gavin, Kole, Taryn, Addison, Alannah, Adley, Sutton and Dally.

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Wanted: coroner for 2nd Judicial District

By Ali Holcomb

A new coroner is being sought to serve the Kansas second judicial district, which includes Jackson, Jefferson, Pottawatomie and Wabaunsee counties.

Area physicians who are interested in serving as the district coroner are asked to submit a request for proposal to Chad Kinsley, Pottawatomie County administrator, by 4:30 p.m. Friday.

Dr. Joel Hutchins of Holton has served as the district coroner for 33 years and is retiring from this position. Dr. Hutchins is not retiring from his local practice at Family Practice Associates.

Some of the duties of the district coroner include:

- * Providing post-mortem examinations at scenes when necessary.
- * Referring cases to a forensic science center to determine cause of death.

- * Reviewing and completing paperwork.
- * Performing administrative and organization duties.
- * Providing proper supervision and assistance to investigators.
- * Communicating with other coroners, law enforcement personnel, medical personnel and families of the deceased promptly and as needed.
- * Preparing court testimony.
- * Providing an annual report to the Pottawatomie County Commissioners.

Those physicians interested in the position can contact Kinsley at (785) 457-3455 or ckinsley@pottawatomie.org to receive a copy of the request for proposal, which outlines the full guidelines to apply for the position.

Once submitted, Kinsley said the proposals will be reviewed

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Letters to Santa due Friday

Letters to Santa Claus from area children are due Friday, Dec. 6, at *The Holton Recorder*.

The letters will be printed in our special Christmas greetings section that will be published on Wednesday, Dec. 18, which is a week before Christmas.

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

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

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

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

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



TUESDAY’S FORECAST
Partly Sunny, High 54

Look for the complete forecast on Page 2.

DISTRICT COURT NEWS

Traffic

Tony W. Ashcraft, Kansas City, driving while license cancelled, suspended or revoked, \$350.

Tony W. Ashcraft, Kansas City, driving while declared a habitual violator, \$350.

Franz J. Baumgartner, address sealed by court, improper passing on right, \$183.

Jeffrey W. Berberick, Topeka, driving while license cancelled, suspended or revoked, no proof of insurance, \$508.

Deborah A.C. Buster, Topeka, driving while license cancelled, suspended or revoked, \$610.

Roxann Grier, address sealed by court, speeding, \$195.

Leilani S. Jauregui, address sealed by court, speeding, \$183.

Ashley C. Jones, Holton, driving while license cancelled, suspended or revoked, \$332.

Ashley C. Jones, Holton, driving while license cancelled, suspended or revoked, \$428.

Jordan T. Mitchell, address sealed by court, speeding, \$81.

Trebtor R. Wiley, address sealed by court, registration violation, \$158.

Criminal Dispositions

State of Kansas vs. April Webb, Topeka, possession of methamphetamine; sentenced to 15 months imprisonment, suspended; placed on 18 months probation and assessed court costs.

State of Kansas vs. Sierra M. Schumacher, Topeka, possession of methamphetamine; sentenced to 15 months imprisonment, suspended; placed on 18 months probation and assessed court costs.

State of Kansas vs. Kayla D. Simmons, Soldier, conspiracy to commit traffic in contraband in a correctional institution or care and treatment facility, possession of methamphetamine; sentenced to 12 months imprisonment, suspended; placed on 24 months probation and assessed court costs.

State of Kansas vs. Summer L. Alley, Goddard, possession of marijuana, interference with law enforcement-obstruction of official duty; sentenced to 12 months in jail, suspended; placed on 12 months probation and assessed court costs.

State of Kansas vs. Austin L. Daugherty, Holton, driving under the influence; diversion.

State of Kansas vs. Derek S. Graves, Delia, disorderly conduct; sentenced to 30 days in jail, suspended; placed on six months probation and assessed court costs.

State of Kansas vs. Kayla D. Simmons, Soldier, conspiracy to commit theft; sentenced to six months in jail, suspended; placed on 12 months probation and assessed court costs.

State of Kansas vs. Brandon J. Wynkoop, Valley Falls, conspiracy to commit theft; sentenced to 30 days in jail, suspended; placed on six months probation and assessed court costs.

State of Kansas vs. Jacob L. Diggs, St. Joseph, Mo., theft.

State of Kansas vs. Jacob L. Diggs, St. Joseph, Mo., criminal trespass.

State of Kansas vs. Christopher E.G. Clark, Hoyt, possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia.

State of Kansas vs. Racheal R. Lewis, Topeka, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, driving without a valid driver's license.

State of Kansas vs. Heather N. Grahnert, Topeka, theft.

State of Kansas vs. Kyle E. Kaler, Holton, aggravated domestic battery.

State of Kansas vs. Jakota J. Bailey, Topeka, aggravated battery.

Starkweather, sought judgment of \$8,473.51 plus interest and court costs; granted.

Filed Topeka Oral Surgery P.A. vs. Mike Shepherd and Tamela S. Shepherd, seeking judgment of \$572 plus interest and court costs.

Credit Management Services Inc. vs. Tara Williams and Jared Williams, seeking judgment of \$1,347 plus interest and court costs.

Galt Ventures L.L.C., doing business as Speedy Cash 92 vs. Heaven M. McCrory, seeking judgment of \$264.60 plus interest and court costs.

Midland Funding L.L.C. vs. Angel Kottman, seeking judgment of \$2,694 plus interest and court costs.

Midland Funding L.L.C. vs. Christopher Wellman, seeking judgment of \$523.54 plus interest and court costs.

Portfolio Recovery Associates L.L.C. vs. Jonathan L. Seeley, seeking judgment of \$11,506.41 plus interest and court costs.

Small Claims Dispositions

Complete Chiropractic Care Center vs. Crystal McQueen, sought judgment of \$454.41 plus interest and court costs; granted.

Domestic Dispositions

In the matter of the marriage of Andrew B. Crispin and Jennifer M. Crispin, sought divorce; granted.

Filed In the matter of the marriage of Debra S. Cook and Brian E. Whitwam, seeking divorce.

Avery C. Sturgeon and Paislee Nicole Sturgeon, a minor child by and through her next friend Avery C. Sturgeon vs. Alyssa N. Henry, seeking determination of paternity plus support judgment.

Officer Herbster enjoys police work in Holton

Holton police officer Misty Herbster (shown below) says her presence on the city's police force has piqued the interest of many in the community.



"People are like, 'We have a female cop? That's awesome,'" said Herbster, a native of Sabetha who has been on the job for about a year. "But I'm the second one."

Herbster had worked at the Jackson County Detention Center for three years before making the move to the Holton Police Department, which she joined in December of last year.

"It was a change of environment," she said. "I'd had the job at the jail and moved down here, but my mom and dad are still in Sabetha."

Holton Police Chief Gale Gakle said Herbster is the second female police officer to serve in the department's history. The first, Gakle said, was Melissa Chiles, who served on the force "about a decade ago."

Herbster said that even though a female officer is a rarity in the

Holton Police Department's history, she isn't seeking any special recognition for it.

"I don't want to be treated any differently than the rest of the guys," she said. "But I love what I do. I really do."

She recently graduated from the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center (KLETC) near Hutchinson, receiving certificates of course completion from KLETC and Kansas law enforcement certification from the Kansas Commission on Peace Officers' Standards and Training, the state's law enforcement licensing authority.

KLETC, which trains the majority of municipal, county and state law enforcement officers in Kansas, fulfills the state requirement for law enforcement training. Classroom lectures and hands-on applications help train officers to solve the increasingly complex problems they face in the line of duty, it was reported.

In addition to Herbster and Chief Gakle, the Holton Police Department includes Sgt. Chris Swenson, Sgt. Steve Frederick and officers Matt Storey, Chris Horns and Corey Shields, along with animal control officer Dale Upton and dispatchers Rex Hamlin, Shawn LeHotta and Belinda Cashman.

Holton police investigate recent traffic accidents

The Holton Police Department reported on the following accidents in recent weeks. No injuries were noted in either of the accidents listed below.

At about 4:40 p.m. on Nov. 6, Holli D. Dieckmann, 37, of Holton, was driving a 2015 Ford west on Fourth Street when the Ford struck the rear of a west-bound 2006 Chevrolet Impala, driven by Brett A.W. Wolf, 23, of Holton, who had stopped in traffic and was waiting to turn south onto Nebraska Avenue. Front-end damage to the Ford and rear-end damage to the Impala were estimated at more than \$1,000.

2001 Freightliner tractor-trailer carrying a wide load south on Arizona Avenue at about 2:05 p.m. on Nov. 17 when part of the load struck a City of Holton-owned utility pole in the 500 block of Arizona, causing damage to the light pole and knocking a power line to the ground across the State Farm Insurance driveway.

Damage to the trailer, which was reported to be owned by LPG Transport of Kearney, Neb., the utility pole and the power line was estimated at more than \$1,000.

Owen K. Fremont Jr., 57, of Bellevue, Neb., was driving a

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Limited Civil Dispositions

Credit Acceptance Corporation vs. Fran Gardner, sought judgment of \$8,044.90 plus interest and court costs; granted.

Credit Acceptance Corporation vs. Lisa Simmons, sought judgment of \$4,154.83 plus interest and court costs; granted.

Sofi Lending Corp. vs. Denise

Brothers arrested on stolen vehicle charges

Two area brothers were arrested here Friday morning in separate incidents after they were found in possession of stolen vehicles, according to Jackson County Sheriff Tim Morse.

At about 1:30 that morning, a Jackson County Sheriff's Office deputy stopped a 2007 Chevy Trailblazer on 150th Road west of Mayetta for a traffic infraction.

The driver, Eric Dean McCracken, 36, of Topeka was arrested at the scene for driving while suspended and was transported to the Jackson County Jail.

It was later determined, with assistance from Jefferson County authorities, that the Trailblazer was stolen from Meriden, Morse said. The owner of the Trailblazer was not aware that his vehicle was missing at the time of the stop and later reported it stolen.

Shortly before 5 a.m. the same morning, the sheriff's office was notified by the Shawnee County Sheriff's Office that officers were tracking a stolen 2015 Chevy Silverado by GPS headed north on U.S. Highway 75.

An off-duty Jackson County Sheriff's deputy, in his personal vehicle, began following the vehicle into Holton where a Holton police officer attempted to stop

the vehicle on Banner Road.

The vehicle traveled through yards and stopped behind the former Country Mart Store where the driver exited the vehicle and fled on foot.

Deputies and Holton police officers set up a perimeter north of Banner Road to Third Street. A Jackson County Sheriff's K-9 began to track the suspect when Undersheriff Darrel Chapman observed the suspect inside the Casey's General Store on Arizona Avenue.

Deputies and police officers arrived and arrested the man, Keith Ray McCracken, 32, of Topeka. Keith is the brother of the earlier suspect, Eric Dean McCracken, Morse said.

It is believed that Keith was en route to the Jackson County Jail to post bail on his older brother in a stolen vehicle, Morse said.

Eric was booked into the Jackson County Jail on charges of driving while suspended and possession of stolen property.

Keith was arrested on charges of fleeing and eluding a law enforcement officer, reckless driving, driving while suspended and possession of stolen property.

Both brothers are in the Jackson County Jail waiting bond.

Public Notice

(First published in The Holton Recorder, Holton, Kan., on Monday, Nov. 25, 2019.)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY, KANSAS CIVIL DEPARTMENT

Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC

Plaintiff,

vs.

Carol Lynne Beaman, et. al.;

Defendants.

Case No. 2018-CV-000081
Court Number:
Pursuant to K.S.A.
Chapter 60

NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of an Order of Sale issued to me by the Clerk of the District Court of Jackson County, Kansas, the undersigned Sheriff of Jackson County, Kansas, will offer for sale at public auction and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand, at the Front Door of the Courthouse at Holton, Jackson County, Kansas, on December 16,

2019, at 9:00 AM, the following real estate:

Lots Numbered Seventeen (17), Eighteen (18), Nineteen (19), Twenty (20), Twenty-one (21), and Twenty-two (22) in Block Numbered One (1) of Logan and Friend's Addition to the City of Soldier, Jackson County, Kansas, commonly known as 230 Thompson St, Soldier, KS 66540 (the "Property")

to satisfy the judgment in the above-entitled case. The sale is to be made without appraisal and subject to the redemption period as provided by law, and further subject to the approval of the Court. For more information, visit www.Southlaw.com

Tim Morse, Sheriff
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Saturday		Mostly sunny	High: 50 Low: 36

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Compiled from the Holton Recorder archives by Kendra Moppin

5 Years Ago

Week of Dec. 1-7, 2014

Wetmore High School students Keri Pfirang, Corinne Haverkamp and Bryanna Morfitt served lunch to Topeka Rescue Mission patrons in recent days as a community service project, it was reported.

Holton resident Sean Willcott has notified the Holton City Commission of his intentions to open a microbrewery just west of the downtown area with his wife, Jennifer.

The Holton Optimist Club has disbanded after serving the community's youth for 41 years, it has been reported. Club member Becky Hutchins said that one reason for the club's disbanding was losing the "prime location" for selling Christmas trees due to construction of the new Casey's General Store at the former Fairgrounds.

10 Years Ago

Week of Dec. 1-7, 2009

A new book by Steven Michael Farney highlights 50-point scorers in Kansas high school basketball games. The book, titled "Club 50," lists 565 players from 272 schools that scored 40 or more points in a single high school basketball game, and details the lives of 72 players who cracked the 50-point barrier. Several area players are mentioned in the book, including Rex Wade of Holton, Dick Geis of Circleville and Boyd Allen, Bill Hidy, Jim Staehi, Roger Coverdale and Martin Allen, all of Soldier.

Larry Reynolds has been named the new part-time appraiser of Jackson County, it has been reported.

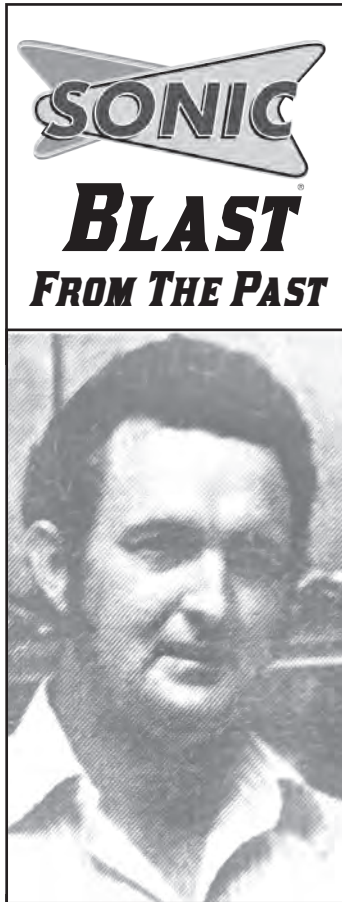
The gazebo at Mayetta's City Hall was transformed into a manger for a live nativity scene held as part of Mayetta's Christmas activities recently. Participants of the live nativity included Zach Wiltz, Angel Shopteese, Jenna Thurman, Howard Sudduth, Amber Wiltz, Ernie Coleman and Daniel Coleman. Max the donkey was also a participant.

15 Years Ago

Week of Dec. 1-7, 2004

Christ's Closet is opening its fifth year in helping Jackson County area residents in need during the holiday season, it has been reported. The "gigantic closet" began in the Pat and Larry Hainline home near Mayetta and has grown over the years to a volunteer-built facility. Clothes, kitchen items, furniture and some appliances are stored in the structure at the Hainline home.

Pat Denney is the new head coach of Holton High School's boys basketball team. He has



This week's "Blast From The Past" is a businessman who was photographed in his Holton shop 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 Dick Lake, who was correctly identified first by Lois Zeller. Winners may pick up their Sonic coupon at The Holton Recorder office.

officially assumed his new role, and said he planned to use as many players as possible in order to keep defensive pressure on the opponents.

Holton Middle School science teacher Mary Schulz was recently honored by the Kansas Association for Conservation Districts because of her conservation-related teachings.

Holton USD 336's Elk Creek Observatory is nearing completion, it has been reported. According to observatory director Mike Ford, the new 20-foot telescope inside is the largest telescope owned and operated by a school district in Kansas and the Midwest.

25 Years Ago

Week of Dec. 1-7, 1994

Marjean Shenk was among Royal Valley Elementary School teachers who proposed a new multi-age classroom program at the school during

the USD 337 Board of Education meeting on Monday, Nov. 28. In a multi-age classroom, students of two or more grade levels are placed in the same classroom. No action was taken at the meeting.

The high school basketball season has started at Royal Valley, and Terri Moore has taken the reins as the new head coach for the Lady Panthers.

Holton High School's varsity wrestling team won a dual match before Christmas for the first time under head coach Bob Phillips on Tuesday night, Nov. 29. Heavyweight Michael Wilhelm, the senior leader on the squad, won both of his opening-night matches by first-period pin to key not only the local team's victor, but also its strong showing in the Perry match, it was reported.

Unusual holiday decorations rolled onto the Rich Bechard lawn just after Thanksgiving. When Bechard, assistant principal and athletic director at Holton High School, arrived home from Thanksgiving vacation with his family, he found a parade float used earlier this fall for the HHS seniors' homecoming float fully decked in Christmas lights.

50 Years Ago

Week of Dec. 1-7, 1969

Three students at Hoyt High School have been named Outstanding Teenagers of America for 1970, it has been reported. They are Alan Kern, James Niebaum and Fred Steirs.

Bethel No. 65 of the International Order of Job's Daughters held its semi-annual public installation of officers on Dec. 6. Carol Haas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Haas, was installed as honored queen.

On Jan. 2, 1969, five volunteers arrived at the Pat Hershey home in Holton to begin the patterning of the Hersheys' son, Joe, as the first step in overcoming brain injury suffered at birth. The five volunteers who launched the program were Warren Baum, Mrs. Roy Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Eubanks and C.V. "Sock" Freese.

In addition to a variety of exercises designed to help Joe overcome the effect of brain damage, he has school daily with a special teacher. His progress has improved enough that as of last week, daily patternings by teams of volunteers were discontinued for a period of 11 months.

Mary Allen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Allen of Holton, was named the Teenage Safe Driver Award for November, it was reported. Mary is a senior at Holton High School.

Gardener's Corner

First radishes of the season coming in

By Sandra M. Siebert

The first horseradish of the season has been dug and processed into sinus-clearing sauce. Much more remains, but I won't dig until it looks like the ground will freeze - or we run out of our current stash of horseradish sauce. Whichever comes first.



The last leeks have been dug, trimmed and stored, ready to slice into yummy soups, like the asparagus-leek-potato soup that I cut from "Bon Appétit" magazine many years ago.

So the previous week was one of firsts and lasts in the garden. First horseradish; last leeks.

I'm holding many daikon radishes in the garden, hoping their roots will continue to grow as we eat down those that now fill a refrigerator drawer. Also in that drawer are watermelon radishes, purple daikon radishes and gorgeous "Sichuan Red Beauty radishes," which I intend to plant lots more of next fall.

These radishes, which are a lovely bright red through and through, are widely grown in the Sichuan region of China, where they are much prized for fermented pickles. I look forward to having enough next fall to make lovely red pickles.

This was the first year I grew the purple daikons as well. We discovered them last fall at a farmers market. Although technically a winter radish, the grower who brought them to market said that they grow them in the spring, too.

The secret is to plant them early and space them at least three inches apart. These are wonderful sliced and roasted (as are other radishes), and provide a color that you don't often find in vegetables. Many "purple" vegetables are more red-purple, but these radishes possess a lovely lavender color throughout the crisp roots. I also had good luck with

my fall carrots. "Black Nebula" was a disappointment, though. Few of the roots reached much size and almost all had lots of hairy roots growing out of them. They were the promised deep purple, almost black color, but too few of them grew. I would not only love to have carrots that color, but it also pleases me to grow something called "Black Nebula."

However, this was probably the last time I plant Black Nebula. The "Pusa Asita Black carrot" may replace it. According to the photo in the catalog, it is almost true black with a purple center. Quite lovely, but the name doesn't appeal to me as much as Black Nebula. I guess I can't have everything.

Another carrot first was "Kyoto Red." Few of the roots got really large, which is fine. The seed germinated well and produced quite lovely roots. Their color is a pink sort of orange-red that I initially thought looked almost obscene (I'm not sure why, it just struck me that way). But they are quite sweet and flavorful. Their color, different from other carrot varieties, now looks lovely to me. I am in love.

My yellow carrot, "Jaune du Doubs," did well for me again. Not the first time, but definitely not the last time I'll grow this one.

One probable "last" this year is another true purple vegetable, the "All Purple sweet potato." This root has the loveliest color, and, being a little starchier than orange sweet potatoes, cooks firmer and is not as likely to mush. It has never been as productive as orange sweet potatoes, but this year I got one purple root out of four or five plants.

Plus, the starts are much more expensive. My whole sweet potato crop was less productive than usual, for whatever reason. But one root? Maybe I'll try again, but I don't know. We'll see what I feel like when it comes time to order them.

When I dug my orange sweet potatoes, I noticed that the skin color of some was a little different. At first, I thought it

was just color variation, until the inevitable nick from the garden fork revealed white flesh. A vague memory surfaced that when I'd ordered my orange ones, I also took a chance on a second variety.

The slips came from K-State and were ordered through a local hardware store. At just 25 cents each, I figured I could take a chance on them. (The All Purples were ordered from somewhere else and were many times more expensive.)

I'll plant more of these white-fleshed sweet potatoes next year - if I can remember the variety name. Maybe I wrote it down somewhere. Maybe not.

I've started casually looking through seed catalogs (2019 ones; oddly, no 2020 ones yet). At this point, my list comprises vegetables I will try for the first time next season, such as celtuce. This odd lettuce species hails from Asia - as many of the unusual (to us) vegetables do - and is grown for its tall stem rather than the leaves, which also are used.

According to the catalog, celtuce stems taste like cucumbers. How can I resist "Chinese pink celery?" The catalog says it's easier to grow than the regular European celery. Also, maybe, schwartzeneeren, if the berries of the dying plant that a friend brought to me have viable seeds. (More about that one some other time.)

Oooh. Oooh. How about "Chinese Python Snake Bean?" It isn't a bean at all, but a long, long gourd that tastes like beans. (Oh, Baker Creek Heirloom Seeds, you put such fantasies into my head!)

Oh dear! Too many "firsts" and something will have to go.

It's all in my head right now, though, so I should have time to work it out.

Maybe. It wouldn't be the first nor the last time I ordered more seeds than I can plant. Just look in my seed drawer.

Note: Sandra M. Siebert is a former longtime associate editor at The Holton Recorder.

Students to graduate from Washburn Tech

Nine students from Jackson County are among the 234 candidates eligible to receive certifications at the Washburn University Institute of Technology graduation on Dec. 12 in Lee Arena at Washburn University.

Students and their areas of certification are:

Holton: Anika Rose Beauchamp, cosmetology; Samantha Leighann Beauchamp, practical nursing; Jerricka Nadean Moore, health care technology; Emily Nicole Shupe, health care technology; and Lily Twombly, health care technology.

Hoyt: Noah John McAlister, advanced systems technology; and Samantha Jean Sender, health care technology.

Mayetta: Daniel J. Nease, phlebotomy; and Maya Lee Ogden, health care technology.

Washburn Tech offers 31 career programs in the divisions of construction, health care, human services, technology and transportation.

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OPINION

Jim Birkbeck's positive influence locally spanned nearly 50 years

The long term, positive impact that Jim Birkbeck had in our Holton and Jackson County community will be remembered for a very long time.

It is with great sadness that we report the death of this community leader.

Every major local community improvement project over the last four decades plus, including the Holton Community Hospital, the new Jackson County Fairgrounds and the Heritage Walk sidewalk project around the Holton Town Square, all carried the generous support of Jim and his Denison State Bank.

The Kansas Bankers Association recognized Jim for 50 years of successful community banking in recent years and at that time Jim commented that in his career he had most enjoyed meeting and getting to know his customers and watching them succeed in their endeavors.

Besides the major community projects, Jim and DSB also contributed to countless other community projects, including the fundraising that went into developing Countryside Park on the south side of Holton for youth soccer and flag football. He also was a longtime supporter of the Boy Scouts of America and the KANZA Mental Health Center. A couple years ago, he provided funding for some specially padded practice helmets for the Holton High School football team.

Jim grew up on a farm in Coffey County and maintained a lifelong interest and appreciation for agriculture. Lucky for us that Jim had those Coffey County connections. If it weren't for him and DSB, we probably wouldn't have moved to Holton in 1997 and purchased *The Holton Recorder* and *The Sabetha Herald* newspapers.

I didn't know Jim and he certainly didn't know me when I visited the bank one day as a stranger in the town and asked for a loan. With all the paperwork involved, and after significant due diligence by Jim and his staff, we were able to secure a loan from DSB and part of the reason the loan was secured, I'm sure, is that Jim knew people in Coffey County and neighboring Woodson County where we had owned and operated *The Yates Center News* for 12 years. Jim also knew community leaders in Miami County where we had owned *The Osawatimie Graphic* and *Louisburg Her-*

ald newspapers.

When the loan was secured, Jim told me about the background check he had done on us - told us about the nice things others had said about us - and then said he was excited to have us in the community. I remember being impressed with the sheer number of people that Jim knew as friends in eastern Kansas.

Jim later introduced me to the Holton Rotary Club and sponsored me as a new club member. Through Rotary, I saw Jim in action as a community volunteer on several club projects, including the Kids Voting project, in which we went to local schools, provided ballots and introduced kids to the simulated voting process.

When I expressed interest in industrial development efforts for the community, Jim shared with me his thoughts on the topic and every publication and report he had ever accumulated while he was working on similar local committees.

Together, at Jim's encouragement, we attended a Business Hall of Fame award recognition event in Topeka about 16 years ago and on the way home we talked about how it would be a great thing for our community.

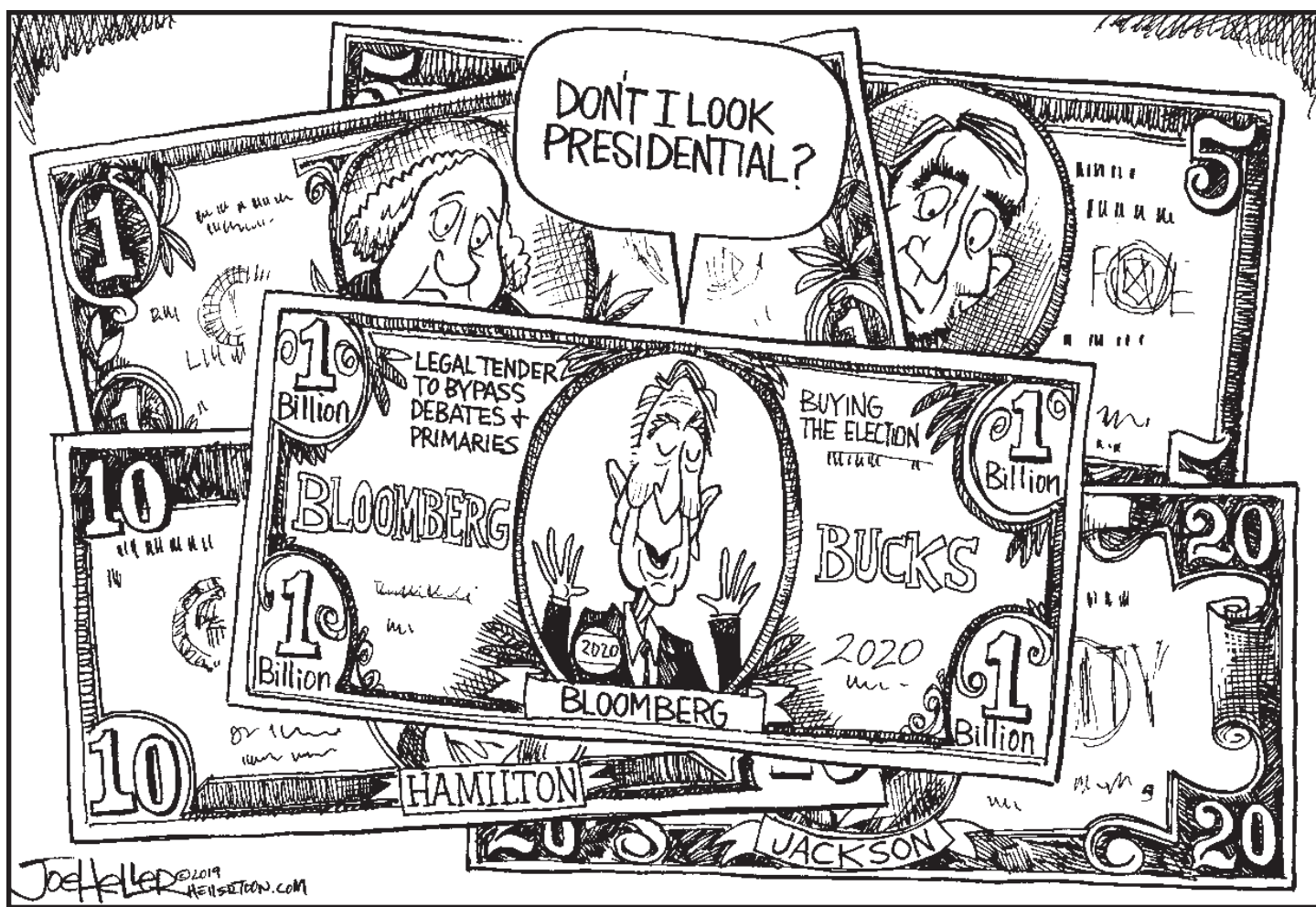
Soon after, with the idea that it is important for good communities to take time to recognize the outstanding, long time, positive contributions and leadership of deserving citizens, the Chamber of Commerce Hall of Fame award recognition was started and so far more than 100 deserving people have been honored. Without Jim's support and encouragement, that important event may not have ever been established.

Not only was Jim Birkbeck a good community banker who understood how important it was for him and his bank to take leadership roles, he was also friendly, humble and down-to-earth - so much so that it will be his friendly smile, warm handshake and easy conversation that people will remember most about him.

Besides my own parents, and in-laws, few other people have so positively impacted me as a person. I will greatly miss being able to call Jim on the telephone to ask his opinions on local issues of the day.

Our community is a better place because of the work of Jim Birkbeck.

David Powls



PLAINS FOLK: Dipping sheep in cold is tricky

By Jim Hoy

As reported in my last column, I was recently talking to Ray Marxer, a rancher from Montana, about sheep and about Henry Mudge's unique method of keeping them from straying off his open-range, Western Kansas ranch in the late 1870s. Mudge also had a unique episode in dipping his sheep for scabies.



I asked Ray about how they dipped sheep in Montana. Most dipping vats were made of concrete, he said, and if they were earthen, then they would line the dirt with clay so that it held water better. Sheep were shorn in June, then moved to the mountains and brought back in

early October before the weather got too cold in the higher elevations.

Sometime after they were brought back but before then had fully grown their winter fleece, they would be dipped. Because it can be cold at that time of year in Montana, there were boilers to heat the water that was used in the dipping vat. Thus the sheep had a warm, medicinal bath of sorts.

When the sheep emerged from the vat, they immediately went into a sort of drying enclosure. The floor of this wooden structure was v-shaped, water tight and sloped toward the bottom and the back end.

Thus the dipping solution that drained out of their fleeces collected on the floor and ran back into the vat, conserving both water and insecticide. This draining also helped protect the fleece from freezing, which is

the problem that Henry Mudge encountered.

Mudge had gone back to Massachusetts for a visit one fall, and when he returned to an early, cold winter in December, he learned that his sheep had scabies and needed dipping.

So his hired men dug a pit, he acquired the appropriate dipping solution, and his workers and his guests (Mudge often had wealthy visitors from the East, even some titled guests from England, who wanted to experience the Wild West) set about running the sheep through the vat.

The weather was very cold, however, so Mudge had his workers gather wood for a large bonfire, and they would drive the dipped sheep around the fire, first one way and then the other, in order to help dry out their fleeces so they wouldn't freeze.

At one point, one of Mudge's guests had a bright idea: "I wonder how this whiskey we're nipping on to help keep us warm would work on the sheep?" he asked. "Let's give it a try," responded Mudge.

So they dosed about five dozen ewes until the whiskey started to run low, and they quit so they would have enough left for themselves until they had finished the work.

Next morning all the sheep had survived the freezing dip, except for some 60 ewes that were lying dead and smelling of whiskey.

"Well," Mudge is reported to have said, "at least they died happy."

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

SCHROCK: Education key to our greatness

By John Richard Schrock

America has declined for the past 40 years on all objective measures except military spending.

The 1900s were America's century despite the worldwide Great Depression. Our added troops ended a stale-mated First World War and certainly our troops and technology were decisive in the Second World War. But we had to gear up our military for both efforts. Education was the key to our former greatness. We had pushed for grade school graduation in the late 1800s. High school was the goal by the mid-1900s. The GI Bill then dramatically expanded our education of the post-War generation. But the trend of our children having a better life than their parents ended in the 1970s.

Our decline has been rooted in our declining education and lack of respect for expertise. More and more we relied on foreign-educated specialists. But as their home countries' living conditions improved and now may surpass us, there is less incentive to come here. Other first-world countries rose by investing in education and that is our only way back up. What must we do?

Other countries recognize that different students have different talents. Our "anti-tracking" and standard curriculum policies

stifle talented students who need to move ahead with their ability group.

Most other countries train secondary teachers in their content field, not in schools of education where we require less content knowledge. Public universities with content departments that are research-focused and do not want to produce teachers should not produce any teachers at all.

Only 11 states require high school teachers to specialize in biology or chemistry or physics or earth sciences. Washington D.C. and 39 states train secondary teachers in shallow broad-field science that is barely adequate for middle school science teaching. You can't teach what you don't know in depth. Those states and D.C. should move to science discipline requirements for secondary science teachers.

In a large number of states, the rural population is shrinking and their schools are now too small to provide qualified teachers in high school and even at elementary levels. The resulting lack of teachers and resources results in a 1930s education.

Immediate consolidation is needed, preserving local elementary schools but hubbing to consolidated middle and high schools. This will allow some reduction in teaching staff and loss of unqualified alternate route teachers. Savings must be shunted to a substantial increase in teacher pay.

The science curriculum in the U.S. is barely one-third that in advanced European and Asian countries. We must triple the amount of science we teach. There are not enough teachers to teach our current anemic science curriculum. This may require importing science teach-

ers and long term gearing up of a larger science teacher supply.

Every student must take a full year course in human anatomy and physiology with microbiology. Not everyone will become a doctor but everyone will be a patient. Only real hands-on lab work can teach the understanding each of us needs to stay healthy and reduce the immense science stupidity tax only Americans pay for ignorance of our "owner's manual."

Every student knows that computers do not care about them. Real teachers do care. America has been damaging our students with digital devices that reduce reading comprehension, shorten attention spans, and ignore good teacher skills. Research is more than adequate to justify removing computers from classrooms except for vocational training about specialized uses of computers.

Yet America more than any other country is sucker to the techno-industrial complex that continues to divert huge amounts of education money,

asserting that "you can't teach tomorrow's students with today's technology." Administrators also love the appearance of educational modernity despite failing students.

Instead, technology deprives students of real interactions that make words and life meaningful.

The American education system suffers from administrative glut, with far too many highly-paid chiefs generating needless paperwork. Administrator's job is to serve teachers. Period.

Conversion to the metric system should occur immediately. It is time for old fogies to give up the barleycorn system. Our students must know metric by heart to join the modern world.

America has been in decline for 40 years. If real education reforms were implemented today, it would take 40 years to climb back up.

Note: John R. Schrock is a professor emeritus of biology at Emporia State University.

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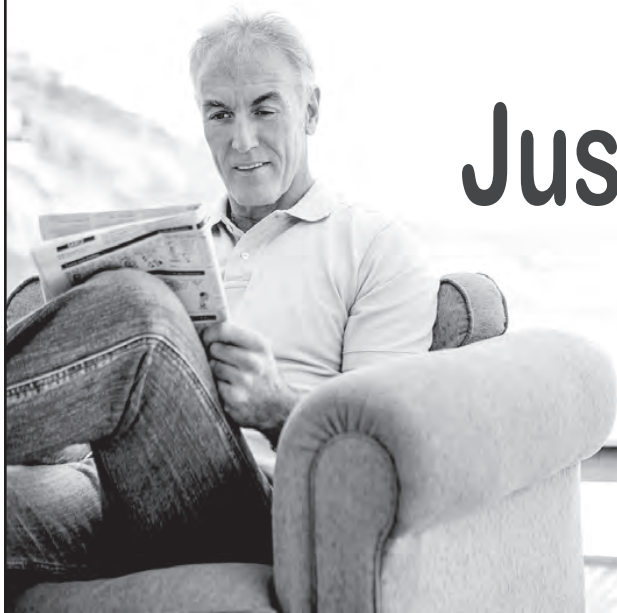
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Birkbeck

James (Jim) Samuel Birkbeck, 79, Holton, passed away on Wednesday, Nov. 27, 2019, at Stormont-Vail Regional Medical Center in Topeka.

Jim was born on Aug. 5, 1940, to Howard and LaVerne Birkbeck in Burlington. He grew up on a farm in rural Burlington, graduating from high school there in 1958. He attended Kansas State University, where he was a member of the Acacia Fraternity and played on the KSU football team for one season. He graduated from KSU in 1963 with a bachelor's degree and in 1964 with a master's degree, both in agricultural economics. He completed the Graduate School of Banking in Wisconsin in 1968.

On June 28, 1964, he married Mary Lou Bridenstine in Caney. Jim's greatest strength came from his loving wife of 55 years.

Jim worked his entire 55-year career in Kansas community banking. He spent the first seven years of his career at banks in McPherson and Kansas City, Kan. In 1972, he and his young family moved to Holton, where he began employment with Denison State Bank. In 1977, Jim and Mary Lou purchased majority ownership of the bank and he was named bank president. He served as president and CEO until 2014, and he served on the bank's board of directors since 1972, the last 42 years as chairman.

He was president of Denison Bancshares Inc., the holding company of the bank. He served on several bank and organization boards. He was a past director and chairman of Bankers Bank of Kansas. He was recognized for 50 years



in banking by Kansas Bankers Association and Community Bankers of Kansas. He and the bank received a Community Leader Award from Federal Home Loan Bank-Topeka in 2017.

Community service and participation were very important to Jim. Among the many projects he gave time, energy and money to were Holton Community Hospital and Stormont-Vail Foundation, Heritage Walk around downtown Holton, Hoyt Community Center, Holton fairgrounds and local schools. He served on the USD 336 board of education in the 1970s.

He was an active donor and participant in various fundraising campaigns at KSU and Washburn University, served on the KSU Board of Trustees and endowed scholarships at both universities. He was a member of Holton Rotary Club and twice named a Paul Harris Fellow.

In Holton and Jackson County, he served on boards

of the chamber of commerce, hospice, training center, industrial and doctor recruitment and others. In 2007, he was inducted into the Holton/Jackson County Chamber of Commerce Hall of Fame. He was a member of Evangel United Methodist Church and served on many committees.

Jim loved his Wildcats - Burlington, Holton and KSU. He loved the land and farming. He loved Holton and chose it for his hometown and poured himself into making it a great place to live. He loved community banking and the wonderful people he worked with. Most importantly, he loved God and he loved his family.

Survivors are wife Mary Lou; daughter, Paula Taylor (Matt) and grandchildren, Ryan, Carson and Amanda Taylor, Holton; son, Patrick Birkbeck (Heather) and grandchildren Lauren and Alex, Topeka; and brother, Steve Birkbeck (Cherie), Clay Center. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 4 at Evangel United Methodist Church in Holton. Family will greet friends from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday at Mercer Funeral Home in Holton. Private burial will be held in Holton Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to Evangel United Methodist Church or the Jim Birkbeck Memorial Fund, to be designated for college scholarships for local students, sent in care of Mercer Funeral Home, P.O. Box 270, Holton, KS 66436. To leave a message for the family, please visit www.mercerfuneralhomes.com

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Simon

Dorothy Irene Simon, 87, Netawaka, died Friday, Nov. 29, 2019, at her home.

She was born Jan. 20, 1932, in Mayetta, the daughter of Charles M. and Goldie Irene Stewart Pappan. She attended Circleville High School and later earned her G.E.D.

Mrs. Simon worked in the library at Powhattan High School and at the Slimaker Dress Factory and as a switchboard operator, both in Holton. She worked as a receptionist and assistant at a veterinarian clinic in Wetmore and operated the Buffalo Café on the Kickapoo Reservation. She also served as director for the Kickapoo Senior Center for many years and worked with her husband for Simon Roofing.

She was a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and a 65-year member of the Powhattan American Legion Auxiliary.

She married Ralph E. Simon Sr. on Oct. 17, 1948, in Hiawatha. He died Aug. 21, 2006. She was also preceded in death by a son, David Simon, in 1970; and three sisters, Theresa Anderson, Sharon McClane and Margaret Ann Pappan.

Survivors include two sons, Ralph E. Simon Jr. and wife Linda, Manhattan, and Daniel Simon, Horton; two daughters, Jean Simon and June Simon, both of Netawaka; two sisters, Geraldine Hamlin and Charlene Anderson, both of Hoyt; a brother, Donald C. Pappan and wife Sherry, Topeka; 18 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.

Burial was held Monday in Kennekuk Cemetery on the Kickapoo Reservation.

Memorial contributions may be made to Holton American Legion Post 1367 or Kennekuk Church, sent in care of Mercer Funeral Home, P.O. Box 270, Holton, KS 66436.

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Topeka man convicted in drug incident near HMS

A Topeka man has been convicted in federal court on drug trafficking and firearms charges, including a charge of drug possession near Holton Middle School, U.S. Attorney Stephen McAllister said recently.

Dennis Dean Neff, 63, was convicted Nov. 22 following a jury trial on one count of possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine within 1,000 feet of HMS, one count of possession of a firearm in furtherance of drug trafficking, one count of unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon and one count of possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine within 1,000 feet of a Topeka school.

During the trial, the prosecutor presented evidence that on Nov. 27, 2018, Neff was found at

a residence in Holton in possession of 73.8 grams of methamphetamine and a 9mm Bersa pistol. He was arrested in February while reportedly in possession of 18 grams of methamphetamine and \$6,327 in cash.

Sentencing will be set at a later date, it was reported.

Neff could face a sentence of not less than 10 years in federal prison and a fine of up to \$10 million on the first charge of drug possession with intent to distribute, not less than five years and a fine up to \$250,000 on the firearm possession charge, 10 years and a fine up to \$250,000 on the unlawful firearm possession charge and not less than five years and not more than 40 years and a fine up to \$5 million on the second charge of drug possession with intent to distribute.

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Average gas price down in Kansas

Kansas gas prices have fallen 1.1 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$2.30 per gallon today, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 1,329 stations. Gas prices in Kansas are 2.7 cents per gallon lower than a month ago, yet stand 14.3 cents per gallon higher than a year ago.

The average price of a gallon of unleaded fuel in Holton remains at \$2.34, according to eyewitness reports.

According to GasBuddy price reports, the cheapest station in Kansas is priced at \$2.11 per gallon today while the most expensive is \$2.62 per gallon, a difference of 51 cents per gallon.

The national average price of gasoline has fallen 1.6 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$2.58 per gallon today. The national average is down 1.6 cents per gallon from a month ago, yet stands 14.7 cents per gallon higher than a year ago. The cheapest price in the entire country today stands at \$1.71 per gallon while the most expensive is \$4.99 per gallon, a difference of \$3.28 per gallon.

Patrick DeHaan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy, said the nation's average fuel price on Thanksgiving was "slightly higher than expected" at \$2.58 per gallon. About half the nation's states saw average prices decline in the last week, DeHaan said, while the other half saw upward moves on continued speculation on a possible U.S./China trade deal.

"While prices are now notably higher than a year ago, I'd place much of the 'blame' on a strong U.S. economy and continued optimism that some sort of U.S. and China trade tie-up will be wrapped up," DeHaan added.

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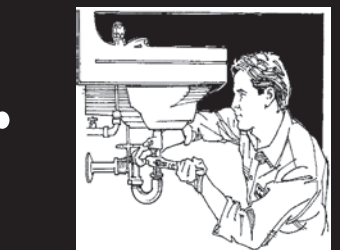
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1. Egyptian bull-god
5. America
8. Type of field (abbr.)
11. Reagan's Deputy AG
13. Negative
14. Mother of Hermes
15. Summer and Winter Olympics gold medal winner
16. In shape
17. Oh my goodness!
18. People of Guinea or Sierra Leone
20. A form of "to be"
21. Succulent plant
22. Estranges
25. Honest
30. Showing conviction
31. High schoolers' test
32. Implant
33. Acknowledgment
38. Cash dispenser
41. Transferred to another
43. Superhero group
45. Photographers
48. Small, rich sponge cake
49. Power to perceive
50. Heavy cavalry sword
55. Israel's first permanent UN delegate
56. Everything
57. Afflicted
59. Language spoken in Chad
60. Pioneering MC Kool Moe
61. Jewish spiritual leader
62. Keyboard key
63. Soviet Socialist Republic
64. Impudence

CLUES DOWN

1. Type of degree
2. Expression of sorrow or pity
3. Large, predatory lizard
4. River in Romania
5. Biased
6. Parties
7. TV's used to need one
8. Philly football player
9. Recognized ethnic group of China
10. Gradually disappear
12. Large, dark antelope
14. Vegetarians won't eat it
19. Takes the energy out of
23. Body part
24. Succeed in achieving
25. Where golfers begin
26. Computer memory
27. One who buys and sells securities
28. Midway between north and northeast
29. Quiet and rather dull
34. A limb on which to walk
35. It precedes two
36. Of she
37. Commercials
39. Necessary for sewing
40. Infectious viral disease
41. Expression of good wishes
42. Some are contact
44. More plentiful
45. Secret political clique
46. Behind the stern of a ship
47. Supernatural force
48. Altar in Orthodox churches
51. Swiss river
52. Impartiality
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SPORTS *Monday*

HHS boys starting second season with coach Bechard

Connor Bechard is starting his second season as head coach of the Holton High School boys basketball team. Assistant coaches this season are Chris Boswell and Joe Purcell.

Last year, the Wildcats went 3-11 in the Big Seven League and 3-18 overall.

In the two previous years coaching the Winfield High School boys basketball team, Bechard was 10-30 as head coach.

The Holton Wildcats return two starting players in seniors Eli Prine (5-11) and Trey Wright (6-0).

Prine had the third highest three-point shooting percentage in the Big Seven League last season (40 percent) and was also an All-County basketball selection.

Wright ranked 14th in the Big Seven last season in assists with 43 in 21 games and was also an All-County honorable mention basketball pick.

Other varsity players returning for the Wildcats include senior Ben Bontrager (5-11), senior Noah Woltje (6-2), senior Brady Boswell (5-11), junior Kale Purcell (6-3), junior Blake Mulroy (5-10), junior Canon Kam (6-0) and sophomore Reese Holaday (6-1).

"The 2019-20 season will look much different than 2018-19 with regards to our style of play and the physical make-up of our team," said head coach Bechard. "We return several key players from a year ago, but lost most of our size. This group will need to be much more active defensively and use our speed and quickness to our advantage on both ends of the floor."

The coach added that the

Wildcats will need to be physical and active on the glass to prevent their lack of size from becoming a disadvantage.

"I think perimeter shooting will be a strength of ours, and our guys worked really hard

The coaches in this league are first-class and the talent of the players will make it a competitive league once again. We look forward to trying to establish ourselves as a team that can compete for league championships,



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in the offseason on improving their shots at all three levels," Bechard said. "This group of kids loves to compete, and we will hopefully be a lot of fun to watch this season. The Big Seven League will be another grind night in and night out.

as we continue to build the foundation for Holton Basketball."

The Wildcats open their season this Friday at Atchison with games starting at 4:30 p.m.

Haussler takes the reins of HHS girls basketball team

The Holton Lady Wildcats basketball team has a new head coach this season in Kurt Haussler.

Haussler, however, was an assistant coach for the team for the previous 16 seasons and is taking over for longtime successful coach Jon Hol-

holiday, who retired after last season. The Cats finished fifth in the Big Seven League last season with a record of 7-7 and an overall record of 10-11.

The Lady Cats have two returning starters and six returning letter winners. Four players were lost to graduation last season.

Junior Saydee Tanking, a 5-9 guard and forward and senior Faith Haussler, a 5-4 guard, are the returning starters.

Tanking was the fourth leading scorer in the Big Seven League last season with 244 total points in 21 games for an 11.62 points per game average.

Tanking also ranked seventh best in the league in free throw shooting, ninth best in offensive rebounding and second best in defensive rebounding, average six per game.

Tanking was an All-League First Team pick in basketball last season and also received Class 3A All State honors in basketball last season. She was an All-League honorable mention pick in basketball as a freshman. She is a two-time All County basketball pick.

Haussler led the Lady Wildcats, and was third in the Big Seven, in free throw shooting last season, making 30 of 40 for 75 percent. Haussler was also the Lady Wildcats' third leading scorer last season (4.3 points per game) and the team's fifth leading rebounder (55 total rebounds). She was an All County honorable mention basketball pick.

The other six returning players are all seniors - Danika Hickman, a 5-9 guard and forward, Olivia Yingst, a 5-5 guard, Kinleigh Rhodd, a 5-9 forward, Bailey Flewelling, a 5-7 forward, Paige Crouch, a 6' forward and Taygen Altenburg, a 5-5 guard.

Hickman was the Lady Wildcats' fourth leading scorer last season (3.7 points per game average), was fourth on the team in rebounds (57 total) and blocked five shots. She was an All County honorable mention basketball pick.

The key players that the Lady Cats lost to graduation were:

*Lauryn Moore: she was a starter, an honorable mention All-Big 7 League selection and the second leading scorer and rebounder on the team.

*Tabor Barta: she was a starter, ball handler, a scrappy defender and led the Lady Cats in charges taken.

*Sarah Holaday: she was a starter, ball handler and a perimeter shooter.

The keys for the Lady Cats to be successful this season, according to coach Haussler, are as follows:

*Improving and playing with good fundamentals.

*Defensive grit and toughness.

*Finding ways to be more productive on offense.

*Establishing and embracing the various roles on the team.

*Growing and developing leadership on the team and employing "our belief in servant leadership and horizontal leadership."

"The 2018-19 basketball season was a bit of a roller-coaster ride, winning four of our first five games, including a double overtime win over eventual 3A State Champion Royal Valley, then losing four of our next five, then winning four of the next five again, and then finishing the season losing five of our last six to finish 10-11," Haussler said.

"We will be evaluating our players' strengths to utilize a style that suits us and gives us

the best chance to be successful," the coach said. "I think our fans can expect to see a style that emphasizes hustle, unselfishness and togetherness, no matter what offensive or defensive system we are running."

"We are excited about the upcoming season with this group of young ladies," he said. "With a new coaching staff in place, we had the opportunity over the summer to start building and developing relationships with many of the players on the team and begin to evaluate the skills and abilities of our players and how they all fit together to help the team be successful."

Haussler said that with the loss of four seniors, three of whom were starters last season, the team will need the girls to step up collectively and take on new roles within the structure and dynamic of this year's team.

"We have several players that return with varsity experience and several more that have been developing on the junior varsity and freshman level that will provide for a competitive environment every day in practice," Haussler said.

"The Big Seven League has four new head coaches/coaching staff this year at Holton, Sabetha, Perry-Lecompton and Royal Valley, which will bring a new look to the league," Haussler said. "I think our league will be balanced this

Basehor-Linwood that features a number of high-quality 4A, 5A and 6A schools from Kansas and Missouri (Basehor-Linwood tournament teams: Basehor-Linwood, St. Joe Benton, St. Joe Central, Olathe North, Blue Valley, KC Piper, Ottawa and Holton)."

"We will have some tough decisions to make as far as personnel, starting lineups, combinations of players, player roles, etc. Some of the girls are interchangeable and can play multiple positions on the court but also bring their own unique strengths to the floor," he said. "I think we will have a competitive environment in our practice sessions and there will be some excellent battles for playing time and roles on this year's team."

Nemaha Central and Sabetha would be two of the favorites to win the league since they return a number of talented players from last season, Haussler said.

"NC has one of the top guards in the state in Alleigh Kramer, and they have several solid players around her and a strong program," Haussler said. "Sabetha also has Melinna Schumann returning as an All-League player, and they have several good players around her that will make them a strong team and they also have a quality program."

Perry-Lecompton is also a team to watch out for this year, the coach said, as they have two



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Lady Cobras return four starters from last year's 2A state qualifying basketball team

By Brian Sanders

Jackson Heights High School girls varsity basketball head coach Dan Shupe is looking to return his 2019-20 Lady Cobra team to the state tournament in his seventh year of coaching — and he believes he's got just the team to do it.

The Lady Cobras, who finished their 2018-19 season with a first-round 2A state tournament loss to Sterling after a stellar showing at the Valley Heights sub-state tournament, are returning seniors Kylie Dohl, Abby Brey and Jodi White and junior Amaya Marlatt to the boards for the upcoming season.

Coach Shupe's team finished the previous season with a third-place, 11-5 Northeast Kansas League record and a 17-6 overall season record, giving him a 65-64 overall coaching record at JHHS and a 214-128 overall varsity record for his career. He'll be joined again by Brad Alley, his assistant coach four years running.

He looks to Dohl — named last year to the all-county team, the all-NEK League first team and the all-state second team — to lead the team as a four-year starter, averaging 17.3 points per game and 8.3 rebounds per game in the 2018-19 season. Brey and White, both all-county team members last year, are also expected to stand out as three-year starters, Brey averaging eight points a game and White averaging four points a game last year.

Other seniors getting ready for another season on the boards include MaKenzie Kennedy, Grace Roles and Southern Raborn, Shupe said.

Marlatt, a two-year starter named to the all-county and second-team all-league teams last year, is back as a junior

after averaging eight points and six rebounds per game in her sophomore year. Other returning juniors include Sarah Marshall, Kati Woltje and Cheyenne Hewitt.

Shupe also notes the top new faces on this year's team are sophomores McKenzie McMahon and Shelby Fox, both of whom "are showing some

very good things in practice."

The Lady Cobras will open their 2019-20 season this Friday with a road trip to Winchester, taking on the Lady Chargers of Jefferson County North, whom Shupe sees as one of three "pre-season favorites" along with his team and Pleasant Ridge.

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Jan. 7	Pleasant Ridge	Jackson Heights	5 p.m.
Jan. 10	Oskaloosa	Oskaloosa	5 p.m.
Jan. 14	Valley Falls	Jackson Heights	5 p.m.
Jan. 17	McLouth	McLouth	5 p.m.
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Feb. 13	McLouth	Jackson Heights	5 p.m.
Feb. 18	Maur Hill	Maur Hill	5 p.m.
Feb. 21	Pleasant Ridge	Pleasant Ridge	5 p.m.
Feb. 25	Oskaloosa (Sr. Night)	Jackson Heights	5 p.m.
Mar. 2-7	Sub-State Tournament		
Mar. 11-14	State Tournament @ Manhattan		

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THURSDAY, DEC. 5: HHS V/JV Wrestling – 6 p.m.

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FRIDAY, DEC. 6: HHS Boys/Girls Basketball vs.

Atchison – 4:30 p.m. @ Atchison; HHS V Wrestling – 2 p.m. @ Spring Hill; JHHS Boys/Girls Basketball vs. Jeff North – 5 p.m. @ Jeff North; RVHS Boys/Girls Basketball vs. Perry-Lecompton – 4:30 p.m. @ Perry-Lecompton

SATURDAY, DEC. 7: RVHS Wrestling – 9 a.m. @ Wamego

TUESDAY, DEC. 10: JHHS Boys/Girls Basketball vs.

Horton – 5 p.m. @ Horton



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Several Cobras, Tigers named All-League in football in NEK League

The Northeast Kansas League announced the All-NEKL 1st team, 2nd team, special teams and honorable mention football teams for the 2019 season.

1st Team Offense

QB
*Sr. Jack Caudle, Maur Hill
RB
*Sr. Tucker Smith, ACCHS
*Sr. Cooper Williams, Jackson

Heights

*So. Jason Bosley, Jackson

1st Team Defense

*Jr. Landon Gutschenritter, JCN

TE

*Sr. Abe Siebenmorgen, Maur Hill

OL

*Sr. Carson Williams, Jackson

Heights

*Jr. Shane Sachse, Maur Hill

Heights

*Jr. Taylor Wamego, Jackson

Heights

*Jr. Caleb McAfee, JCN

Heights

*Sr. Dawson Bertrand, Pleasant Ridge

Offensive Specialist

*Jr. Jake Heckman, Pleasant Ridge

2nd Team Offense

QB
*Jr. Conner Gibson, Pleasant Ridge

RB

*Sr. Logan Budy, JCN

Heights

*Jr. Andrew Schwinn, Maur Hill

TE

*So. Ryan Feldkamp, JCN

WR

*Jr. Grant Kocour, Maur Hill

OL

*So. Justin Miller, Oskaloosa

Heights

*Jr. Landon Drinkard, McLouth

Heights

*Sr. Brayden Brull, ACCHS

Heights

*Sr. Robert Gwartney, Pleasant Ridge

Offensive Specialist

*Jr. Dylan Thompson, Jackson

Heights

Honorable Mention

Offense

QB

*Sr. Boyd Tweed, JCN

Heights

*So. Cord Perry, Oskaloosa

RB

*Sr. Trystin Myers, ACCHS

Heights

*Jr. Hunter Plake, McLouth

Slot

*So. Devin Stutz, Pleasant Ridge

OL

*Jr. Noah Mathias, Horton

Heights

*Sr. Trey Manuel, Jackson

Heights

*Sr. Blaine Kramer, Maur Hill

1st Team Defense

DL

*Sr. Carson Williams, Jackson

Heights

*Jr. Willie Kesinger, Maur Hill

Heights

*Sr. Robert Gwartney, Pleasant Ridge

Offensive Specialist

*Jr. Taylor Wamego, Jackson

Heights

*Jr. Landon Drinkard, McLouth

LB

*Sr. Riley Watkins, Jackson

Heights

*Sr. Abe Siebenmorgen, Maur Hill

Heights

*Sr. Logan Budy, JCN

Heights

*Sr. Tucker Smith, ACCHS

DB

*Sr. Cooper Williams, Jackson

Heights

*Sr. Jack Caudle, Maur Hill

Heights

*Jr. Keaton Corner, Pleasant Ridge

Defensive Specialist

*Jr. Jake Heckman, Pleasant Ridge

2nd Team Defense

DL

*Jr. Caleb McAfee, JCN

Heights

*So. Justin Miller, Oskaloosa

Heights

*Sr. Brayden Brull, ACCHS

Heights

*So. Jason Bosley, Jackson

Heights

*Jr. Andrew Schwinn, Maur Hill

Heights

*Jr. Matt Kuglin, McLouth

Heights

*Sr. Trystin Meyers, ACCHS

DB

*Sr. Zach Danford, Oskaloosa

Heights

*Sr. Boyd Tweed, JCN

Heights

*Sr. Cable Wareham, Jackson

Defensive Specialist

*Jr. Landon Gutschenritte, JCN

Honorable Mention

Defense

DL

*Jr. Gunnar Koontz, ACCHS

Heights

*Jr. Emery Negonsott, Horton

Heights

*Sr. Joel Kennedy, Jackson

Heights

LB
*Fr. Dayton Flint, McLouth

Heights

*Sr. Charles Freed, Oskaloosa

Heights

*Sr. Caden Raymos, Pleasant Ridge

DB

*Sr. Mason Noll, JCN

Defensive Specialist

*Sr. Dylan Smith, Maur Hill

1st Team

Special Teams

Kicker

*Sr. Taylor Folsom, Maur Hill

Punter

*Jr. Keaton Corner, Pleasant Ridge

Returner

*Sr. Trystin Myers, ACCHS

2nd Team Special Teams

Kicker

*So. Ryan Feldkamp, JCN

Punter

*So. Ryan Feldkamp, JCN

Returner

*Sr. Logan Budy, JCN

Note: Last season, Carson Williams was an All League First Team pick on both offense and defense while Taylor Wamego was an All League First Team pick on defense.

Last season, Cooper Williams was an All League First Team pick on offense and an All League Second team pick on defense.

Riley Watkins was an All League Second Team pick on both offense and defense and Jason Bosley was an All League Honorable Mention pick on defense.

For ACCHS last season, Tucker Smith was an All League First team pick at running back while Trystin Myers was an All League Second Team pick at wide receiver, tight end or slot and All League Second Team

pick at linebacker. Last year, Brayden Brull was All League Second Team offensive specialist and All League Honorable Mention on defense.

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Jackson Heights senior quarterback Cable Wareham helped lead the Cobras to a 9-3 overall record and a Class 1A Sub-State Runner-Up finish this season. Wareham was also named All-League Second Team defensive back in the Northeast Kansas League.



Jackson Heights senior Riley Watkins was named All League First Team as an offensive lineman and All League Second Team as a linebacker in the Northeast Kansas League.

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KBCA announced boys preseason rankings

The KBCA (Kansas Basketball Coaches Association) has announced the 2019-2020 boys basketball pre-season rankings on Tuesday, Nov. 26.

The Boys Pre-Season Rankings are as follows:

Class 6A

1. Blue Valley Northwest
2. Haysville-Campus
3. Wichita Southeast
4. Lawrence Free State
5. Lawrence High
6. Blue Valley North
7. Shawnee Mission East
8. Topeka-Washburn Rural
9. KC-J.C. Harmon
10. Derby

Class 5A

1. Andover Central
2. Bishop Carroll
3. Basehor-Linwood
4. Goddard-Eisenhower
5. St. Thomas Aquinas
6. Maize

Class 4A

7. McPherson
8. Shawnee Heights
9. KC-Washington
10. Andover
1. KC-Piper
2. Bishop Miege
3. Parsons
4. Andale
5. Augusta
6. Ottawa
7. Abilene
8. Eudora
9. Chapman
10. Buhler

Class 3A

1. Wichita Collegiate
2. Beloit
3. Hesston
4. Larned
5. Riley County
6. Wichita Trinity
7. Caney Valley
8. Hugoton
9. Hiawatha

Class 2A

1. Lawrence-Bishop Seabury
2. Garden Plain
3. Pratt-Skyline
4. St. Mary's-Colgan
5. Hoxie
6. Plainville
7. Belle Plaine
8. Ellis
9. Hillsboro
10. Salina-Sacred Heart

Class 1A

1. St. John-Hudson
2. Little River
3. Lebo
4. Coldwater-South Central
5. Meade
6. Osborne
7. Montezuma-South Gray
8. Elbing-Berean Academy
9. Hanover
10. St. Francis

Prep Football Champs Crowned

The 2019 KSHSAA State Football Championship games were played over the weekend. The results were as follows:

Class 6A Champ - Derby

*Derby defeated Olathe North 63-26.

Class 5A Champ- Mill Valley

*Shawnee-Mill Valley defeated Wichita-Northwest 40-31.

Class 4A Champ - Bishop Miege

*Shawnee Mission-Bishop Miege defeated Andover Central 68-7.

Class 3A Champ - Ant-

dale

*Andale defeated Perry-Lecompton 35-7.

Class 2A Champ - Nemaha Central

*Nemaha Central defeated Norton Community 19-0.

Class 1A Champ - Centralia

*Centralia defeated Smith Center 18-14.

Class 8-Man Division I - Canton-Galva

*Canton-Galva defeated St. Francis 66-36.

Class 8-Man Division II - Osborne

*Osborne defeated Atell 34-26.

Public Notice

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CITY OF HOLTON

The City of Holton, Kansas will receive sealed bids for the construction of **Sewer Line Improvements Point Repairs** at the City Hall, 430 Pennsylvania Ave., Holton, KS until **12:00 P.M., Wednesday, December 11, 2019**. Bids received after this time will not be accepted. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud immediately after the specified closing time. Holton City Commission will consider awarding the bid at the December 16, 2019 Holton City Commission Meeting. Work must be completed within 90 days of notice to proceed.

Major items of work include: Work consists of four point repairs of various depth within the sanitary sewer collection system; installing a new manhole. Crushed rock replacements; repair of concrete, curb, gutter, and sidewalk in areas affected by construction.

Bidding Documents may be examined at City Hall in Holton, Kansas.

Bidding Documents may be obtained at City Hall upon depositing \$25.00 for each paper set, no charge for electronic sets. No refunds will be made.

Each Bid shall be accompanied by bid security, payable to the City of Holton in the amount of \$5,000. Bid security shall be a certified check or cashiers check. Bidders must show proof of liability insurance.

Owner reserves the right to waive irregularities and to reject bids.

Questions Contact the Holton Water/Sewer Department at 785-364-2954.

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State Farm Insurance will be closed Friday, December 6th for the annual planning meeting.

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F	Find Your Favorite!	5th Street Sandwich Shoppe	Gift Certificates • North Side of Square • 785-362-7045
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Z			

Kientz Corner

By Beverly Ramey Newell
 On Nov. 24, the Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church congregation opened its worship service by singing "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come."
 The birthdays for Nov. 24 through Nov. 30 were Terri Godbout and Larry Wilson, Nov. 24; Murel Brandenburgh, Nov. 26; Don Old, Nov. 27; and R.E. Henley and Kerry Lovewell, Nov. 29.
 The anniversaries for the week were Steve and Gita Noble, Nov. 25, and Rick and Mary Colton and Larry and Barbara Hanson, Nov. 30.
 For special music, the bell choir played "A Joyful Carillon." Those playing bells were Susan Arnold, Kelly Fealey, Lauren Fealey, Linda Griffiths, Kay Jones-Ray, Danette Martin, Barbara Slimmer and Val Warkentine. They were directed by Marjorie O'Konski.
 The children's story was given by Kevin McDowell. He told

them a story about a "backward king." This king did everything backwards.
 The concerns were prayers for June Jepson, who is in hospice care; Tina Briscoe, who will have surgery soon; Karen Moore, who is having health issues; Karen Nicolay, who is having health problems; and Scotty.
 Gary Slimmer read the scripture, 2 Corinthians 9:6-15. The sermon, "I Am Thankful," was given by the Rev. Hyun-Jin Cho.
 What are you thankful for? The gift of being loved; our family, our church family and for freedom to worship our Lord; living in this country and enjoying freedom given to us by our military; food, health, family and God; and having a good job.
 We should be grateful for all the blessings that God has given to each of us.
 A slideshow of pictures was

shown of events that have happened at the church this year. We should be thankful for all the things our church does for its members and for our community. Remember, God blesses us with everything we need.
 The closing hymn was "Now Thank We All Our God." Those assisting with the service were Gary Slimmer, liturgist; Mary Smith, organist; Deb Mannell, sound system; Megan Strobel, acolyte; Betty Domer, song leader; and Dave and Anita Link, Larry Miles and Nick Nicolay, usher team.
 On Nov. 18, Rick and Mary Colton, Gary and Betty Domer, Ron and Linda Griffiths, Dick and Beverly Newell and John and Linda Reed ate supper at Paisano's restaurant in Topeka. Everyone enjoyed the good food and wonderful fellowship.
 On Nov. 24, Melvin Guffey was an afternoon visitor of Dick and Beverly Newell.

Family meals are vital for kids' development

*By Nancy Nelson
 Meadowlark Extension
 District Agent
 Family Life*

Parents are serving up a lot more than nutritious food when they insist that their families eat meals together. The more meals that families eat together, the more positive results that are seen in the individual and family unit.
 Even toddlers benefit from being with family during meal time. K-State Research & Extension specialist Sandy Proctor says this is where a lot of useful conversation happens, and young children who aren't able to speak yet are really picking up on language development and formation. It's shown to be a benefit to them as they're getting a start at processing words and interacting with conversation.
 As youth grow into the teen



years, family meals provide grounding and a "connectedness" to the family's values. We know from research that young pre-teens and teens are less likely to have anti-social and/or delinquent tendencies if they have more family meals, Proctor says. There are some grounding benefits to meals that reach well beyond just the fact that it's nice for parents to know where everybody is at for a short period of time.
 Proctor sites studies indicating that only 40 percent of teens say they eat meals with family three to six times per week. One-third of those surveyed reported eating with their family two or fewer times the previous week, and 14 percent said they had no family meals.
 Eating together more than five times a week has been found to be linked to better mood and better mental health for kids in the school years, meaning ages six to 10 and teens.
 Sometimes our schedules get so crazy and it's hard to make it happen. People need to be a little forgiving of themselves and know that

it won't happen every meal, but when you can make it happen, it's well worth the effort.
 Don't limit family meals to dinner. If family meals happen at breakfast, that's great. The family's schedule may only allow for morning meals on some days, and evening meals on others. Be flexible.
 Share in the work. Older children may be able to do some of the cooking, while setting the table is more appropriate for others. Encourage time when everyone is focused on the task. Some of those conversations are more true and meaningful than they might be otherwise.
 Put down the phone. Electronics are a distraction to productive family conversations.
 The research around family meals suggests that if your family is one of those that doesn't have spontaneous conversation, then maybe you could try conversation starters, such as, "What are two things that you learned today that surprised you?" Every family is unique and it may take practice to get those conversations to flow.

Tips on shopping winter sales

On the weather outside is frightful. Rather than succumb to cabin fever, people can use the winter months as the perfect time to visit area stores and score a few deals.
 Savvy shoppers understand that key items go on sale at specific points throughout the year. Learning how to shop the sales can lead to considerable savings.
December
 1. Toys: Toys are perhaps the best items to purchase in December. Apart from Christmas gifts, it is a good time of year to stock up on toys children have coveted, which can be put away for birthday presents or other occasions. Retailers tend to lower toy prices as Christmas approaches.
 2. Holiday decor: Decorative holiday items also tend to be heavily discounted in December. Stores slash prices on ornaments, gift wrap, artificial trees, holiday-themed baking items and much, much more. If

it has a passing connection to the holidays, chances are stores will cut prices by 50 percent or more once Christmas is over.
 3. Televisions: It's possible to find discounted TVs even after the Black Friday sales have come and gone. Keep eyes trained on the circulars and jump when sales are advertised, as inventory may be limited.
 4. Bubbly: Competition in the market will help drive down the cost of champagne and other sparkling wines. According to the wine resource GuildSomm, 22 percent of all champagne sales are run during the month of December.
January
 5. Winter apparel: As the winter progresses, the amount of clothing stock in stores starts to dwindle to free up room for a new season's worth of attire. Starting in late December and continuing into the latter half of January, retailers are eager to liquidate their stock of scarves, sweaters, boots, and winter

coats. This is a prime time to replenish wardrobes.
 6. Linens: "White sales" are traditionally in January, with home goods retailers running discounts all month long. These sales generally encompass towels, bed sheets, curtains and other linens.
 7. Fitness items: January is the ideal time to purchase a new gym membership or fitness equipment since these purchases tie into New Year's resolutions to get fit. Gyms may waive extra fees or offer discounted rates.
 8. Travel and entertainment: Most people return home after the holidays and that can generate a slow travel season afterward. The travel industry attracts new customers with discounted hotel rates and other deals. Tickets to Broadway shows and other theaters also may be discounted to encourage people to leave the house.
 December and January are great times to grab steep deals on an array of products.

Bush honeysuckle control in the fall

*By David G. Hallauer
 Meadowlark Extension
 District Agent
 Crops & Soils/Horticulture*

While it often flies under the radar as an invasive species, Asian bush honeysuckle has become a big nuisance in many woodland stands, road ditches and even some pastures – not to mention the landscapes where it likely got its start. Along the way, it's having a huge negative impact on wildlife habitat and forage production.
 It's pretty easy to spot right now. Wild bush. Bright red berries clustered around the stem. Leaves are still a bright green color. Can range in height from six to 20 feet tall. Once a predominantly landscape shrub, it has spread far and wide, and has become a serious understory invasive from eastern Kansas to Ohio.
 Why do they do so well here? For starters, they put out leaves much earlier than most other trees and shrubs, giving them a competitive advantage for resources to start the growing season. They also have leaves that stay green much later into the fall.
 This long growing season gives it a competitive advantage over other native species, and the vigorous growth

can take over a woodland understory, reducing the number of native woodland wildflowers and other shrubs.
 If you are attempting to promote native tree species in your property, you will no doubt run into bush honeysuckle as a "weedy" species. Control will be important.
 Honeysuckle seedlings can be readily hand pulled when the soil is damp, though the extensive growth system will likely make it overwhelming unless stands are just getting started. Chemical control is needed for larger infestations since cutting alone results in vigorous resprouting. Foliar applications of glyphosate (i.e., Roundup) in late summer and fall works well as does applications of Cross-

bow (2,4-D + triclopyr).
 If cutting larger plants, treat cut stumps with concentrated (20 percent to 50 percent) glyphosate. Basal bark treatments with 2,4-D or picloram products work well, using an oil carrier to penetrate the bark while triclopyr containing products seem to struggle.
 Cut stump and basal treatments can be done when the areas to be sprayed are dry and not frozen. Always follow all label instructions when using pesticides.
 For more information about identification as well as the chemical treatment options, check out "Economical Control of Bush Honeysuckle" available in your District Office or online at www.bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/MF3222.pdf



Straight Arrows 4-H Club hosts October, November meetings

*By Lorna Smith
 Club Reporter*
 The Straight Arrows 4-H Club held its first and second meeting of the new 2019-20 4-H year. The October meeting was held at the Netawaka Fitness Center on Oct. 20, 2019. 4-H members gathered for a short meeting before enjoying the afternoon at the fitness center.
 Vice President Cailin Parks called the meeting to order and took role call. There were 27 members, five guests, and one leader present. New families introduced themselves.
 Club Leader Denise Peters informed the club about project enrollment, the achievement program and officer training. Peters also encouraged the members to help set up for the haunted house.
 Two bills were paid and member Shelby Fox did officer installments.
 The meeting was adjourned, and the members enjoyed snacks and recreation at the Netawaka Fitness Center.
 The November meeting of the Straight Arrows 4-H Club was held Nov. 19, 2019, at the Northeast Kansas Heritage Complex. Parks called the meeting to order and attendance followed.
 Members answered with their

name, grade and what school they went to. There were 38 members, five guests and five leaders present.
 The club treasurer informed the club of the balance. Peters informed club members and families about new record book forms, horse and dog show dates and congratulated members who received awards at the County Achievement Program.
 The club received a committee report from the celebration committee. They told the club that the next meeting would be held Sunday, Dec. 8, caroling

at the nursing homes. The committee asked that club members sign up to bring treats.
 The club paid two bills and then split into groups for the program. The program was making new goals for the 2019-20 4-H year. Members worked in groups to come up with these goals. Afterwards, club members gathered together and approved the new goals. After that, the secretary announced the upcoming events.
 The meeting was adjourned, and members enjoyed snacks, refreshment and recreation.

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Office of Linda Gerhardt, Treasurer, Jackson County, Kansas. Pursuant to Section 79-2001 of the Statutes of the State of Kansas, we list below the amount of taxes charged for state, county, townships, schools, cities and other purposes for the 2020 year.

JACKSON COUNTY 2019 TAX LEVIES FOR 2020 BUDGETS

Expressed in mills, a rate in dollars or fractions thereof upon each one thousand dollars of assessed valuation
 Jackson County valuations only - Joint counties not included

STATE OF KANSAS LEVIES			
KANSAS EDUCATIONAL BUILDING	75-6b01	1.000	
STATE INSTITUTIONS BUILDING	76-6b04	0.500	
TOTAL		125,380,269	1.500

COUNTY LEVIES			
JACKSON COUNTY			
General	KSA 79-1945	36.010	
General - Sheriff's Department	KSA 79-1945	15.883	
Road & Bridge	KSA 68-5-101	21.729	
Noxious Weed	KSA 2-1316	0.731	
Elderly Services	KSA 12-1680	0.999	
TOTAL		125,380,269	75.352

CEMETERY DISTRICTS			
KSA 17-1330			
ADRIAN		2,500,644	0.645
AMERICA CITY	Nemaha County	178,918	2.086
BRICK		6,113,768	0.540
BUCK'S GROVE		1,127,321	0.535
CIRCLEVILLE		5,241,716	1.354
DELIA		7,111,234	0.418
DENISON		5,141,524	1.184
HOLTON		38,260,604	1.947
HOYT		12,186,332	0.869
LARKINBURG	Atchison County	1,606,342	1.099
MAYETTA		9,109,539	0.883
MUSCOTAH	Atchison County	580,155	1.207
NETAWAKA		4,840,094	2.260
OLIVE HILL		1,654,052	3.410
ONTARIO	Nemaha County	482,282	3.015
SOLDIER		4,874,848	1.009
SOUTH CEDAR		3,544,668	0.482
SPRINGHILL		5,326,862	1.699
STEWART MUDDY CREEK		7,761,753	0.475
WHEATLAND	Brown County	702,292	1.170

FIRE DISTRICTS			
KSA 19-3610			
MAYETTA #1		18,053,489	6.234
JACKSON COUNTY RURAL #2		7,958,967	2.796
DOUGLAS #3		22,687,940	5.093
DOUGLAS #3 FIRST RESPONDERS		22,687,940	1.732
HOLTON RURAL #4		34,516,075	4.108
DELIA RURAL #5		10,163,411	5.300
NETAWAKA CITY/TOWNSHIP #6		4,596,286	4.100
WHITING CITY/TOWNSHIP #7		4,985,106	3.293

WATERSHEDS			
KSA 24-1219			
WS #5	Brown County	87,272	1.951
WS #7	Nemaha County	4,094,785	3.184
WS #10	Jefferson County	49,570,690	1.929
WS #42	Pottawatomie County	8,678,472	0.818

CITY LEVIES			
CIRCLEVILLE			
General	KSA 12-101a	10.188	
TOTAL		618,211	10.188
DELIA			
General	KSA 12-101a	8.018	
Building	KSA 15-11B12	3.976	
TOTAL		631,159	11.994
DENISON			
General	KSA 12-101a	17.020	
TOTAL		565,468	17.020
HOLTON			
General	KSA 12-101a	53.399	
Bond	KSA 10-113	0.000	
Library	KSA 12-1220	5.952	
Liability Insurance	KSA 75-6110	0.906	
Industrial Revenue	KSA 12-1617i	0.000	
TOTAL		22,418,995	60.257
HOYT			
General	KSA 12-101a	52.347	
TOTAL		3,155,113	52.347
MAYETTA			
General	KSA 12-101a	63.140	
Bond	KSA 10-113	0.116	
TOTAL		1,219,062	63.256
NETAWAKA			
General	KSA 12-101a	21.211	
TOTAL		682,226	21.211
SOLDIER			
General	KSA 12-101a	15.559	
TOTAL		300,607	15.559
WHITING			
General	KSA 12-101a	8.735	
TOTAL		956,086	8.735
OTHER DISTRICTS			
NORTHEAST KANSAS LIBRARY Douglas County			
General	KSA 72-2551	1.167	
Employee Benefit	KSA 12-16,102	0.184	
TOTAL		102,961,274	1.351
USD 338 Recreation Commission			
General		1.000	
TOTAL		401,382	1.000
ONAGA HOSPITAL #1 Pottawatomie Co			
General	KSA 12-183	4.514	
Bond	KSA 10-113	2.486	
TOTAL		7,350,605	7.000
MEADOWLARK EXTENSION DIST #7			
General		1.857	
TOTAL		125,380,269	1.857

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICTS			
USD #335			
General-Valuation	21,882,024	KSA 72-5142	20.000
Supplemental		KSA 72-5147	17.358
Capital Outlay		KSA 72-53,113	4.010
Bond & Interest		KSA 10-113	8.539
TOTAL	23,704,406		49.907
USD #336			
General-Valuation	46,530,276	KSA 72-5142	20.000
Supplemental		KSA 72-5147	14.457
Capital Outlay		KSA 72-53,113	7.974
Bond & Interest		KSA 10-113	13.980
TOTAL	51,837,422		56.411
USD #337			
General-Valuation	31,465,067	KSA 72-5142	20.000
Supplemental		KSA 72-5147	16.981
Capital Outlay		KSA 72-53,113	8.000
TOTAL	34,933,099		44.981
USD #321 Pottawatomie Co			
General-Valuation	10,067,057	KSA 72-5142	20.000
Supplemental		KSA 72-5147	7.519
Capital Outlay		KSA 72-53,113	7.493
TOTAL	10,656,687		35.012
USD #322 Pottawatomie Co			
General-Valuation	1,444,073	KSA 72-5142	20.000
Supplemental		KSA 72-5147	17.092
Capital Outlay		KSA 72-53,113	7.958
TOTAL	1,534,390		45.090
USD #338 Jefferson County			
General-Valuation	366,882	KSA 72-5142	20.000
Supplemental		KSA 72-5147	20.716
Capital Outlay		KSA 72-53,113	8.000
Bond & Interest		KSA 10-113	7.647
TOTAL	401,382		56.363
USD #340 Jefferson County			
General-Valuation	605,473	KSA 72-5142	20.000
Supplemental		KSA 72-5147	14.542
Capital Outlay		KSA 72-53,113	7.999
TOTAL	669,873		42.541
USD #377 Atchison County			
General-Valuation	250,776	KSA 72-5142	20.000
Supplemental		KSA 72-5147	19.856
Capital Outlay		KSA 72-53,113	4.997
TOTAL	255,376		44.853
USD #430 Brown County			
General-Valuation	587,835	KSA 72-5142	20.000
Supplemental		KSA 72-5147	19.051
Capital Outlay		KSA 72-53,113	3.000
TOTAL	601,635		42.051
USD #113 Nemaha County			
General-Valuation	740,099	KSA 72-5142	20.000
Supplemental		KSA 72-5147	16.065
Capital Outlay		KSA 72-53,113	4.301
Bond & Interest (USD 441)		KSA 10-113	5.903
TOTAL	786,099		46.269

I, Kathy L. Mick, Jackson County Clerk, hereby certify that the above is a true and correct statement of 2019 levies for Jackson County.



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A special Thanksgiving meal was held over the noon hour for residents and guests of MedicalLodges Jackson County recently. The photo above shows some of those who enjoyed the meal in the building's community room.

Photo by Brian Sanders

Mayetta man arrested on charges of rape

A Mayetta man was arrested on rape charges last Wednesday morning following an investigation, according to Jackson County Sheriff Tim Morse.

Ronnie Jack Dinger, 63, was arrested on a Jackson County District Court warrant on charges of rape, aggravated indecent liberties to a child under 16 years of age and aggravated indecent liberties to a child under 14 years of age,

Morse said.

Dinger was booked into the Jackson County Jail where he was later released after posting bond.

On Oct. 22, Jackson County Sheriff's Office investigators and deputies served a search warrant at Dinger's home located in rural Mayetta. During the search warrant, law enforcement interviewed Dinger and collected evidence from the scene.

Two arrested following pursuit Friday evening

The Jackson County Sheriff's Office arrested an adult and a juvenile last Friday evening following a vehicle pursuit in southern Jackson County, according to Jackson County Sheriff Tim Morse.

Shortly before 5 p.m., a Jackson County Sheriff's Office deputy attempted to stop a vehicle for a traffic infraction near 158th and R Roads on the south edge of Mayetta.

The vehicle then fled northbound through the town and north on R Road. The vehicle came to a T intersection at 182nd Road where the vehicle slid off the roadway into a muddy field.

The vehicle drove through the field and traveled west on 182nd Road where it encountered deputies east of U.S. 75 and 182nd Road.

The vehicle came to a stop and the four occupants surrendered to law enforcement, Sheriff Morse said. Two of the

vehicle's occupants were taken into custody. The driver, a juvenile, was arrested for possession of a hallucinogenic drug, possession of drug paraphernalia, felony fleeing and eluding a law enforcement officer and reckless driving.

In addition, the juvenile had been entered as a missing person and had an outstanding felony warrant out of Shawnee County for vehicle burglary and theft of a firearm.

The adult was identified as Dathan Aaron Horn, 18, of Topeka. Horn was arrested for possession of a controlled substance and possession of illegal drug paraphernalia. The two remaining occupants were released at the scene.

Foreign persons must report U.S. ag land holdings

Jackson County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director David McAfee reminds foreign persons with an interest in agricultural lands in the United States that they are required to report their holdings and any transactions to the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture.

"Any foreign person who acquires, transfers or holds any interest, other than a security interest, in agricultural land in the United States is required by law to report the transaction no later than 90 days after the date

of the transaction," McAfee said.

Foreign investors must file Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act (AFIDA) reports with the FSA county office that maintains reports for the county where the land is located.

"Failure to file a report, filing a late report or filing an inaccurate report can result in a penalty with fines up to 25 percent of the fair market value of the agricultural land," McAfee said.

For AFIDA purposes,

agricultural land is defined as any land used for farming, ranching or timber production, if the tracts total 10 acres or more.

Disclosure reports are also required when there are changes in land use. For example, reports are required when land use changes from nonagricultural to agricultural or from agricultural to nonagricultural.

Foreign investors must also file a report when there is a change in the status of ownership such as owner changes from foreign to non-

foreign, from non-foreign to foreign or from foreign to foreign.

Data gained from these disclosures is used to prepare an annual report to the President and Congress concerning the effect of such holdings upon family farms and rural communities in the United States.

For more information regarding AFIDA and FSA programs, contact the Jackson County FSA office at 785-364-3329 or visit the USDA Web site at www.usda.gov

Immanuel Lutheran Church

By Esther L. Ideker

The first Sunday of Advent worship service at Immanuel Lutheran Church on Dec. 1 opened with the hymn "The Advent Of Our King." The first candle of the Advent wreath was lighted.

Following the confession of sins and absolution, Psalm 122 was read responsively. The Old Testament lesson was from Isaiah chapter 2 and the Epistle lesson from Romans chapter 13.

Pastor Michael Van Velzer read the holy gospel of the day from Matthew 24:36-44. The congregation professed The Nicene Creed. Verses four and five of "The Advent Of Our King" were sung before the sermon.

Pastor Michael Van Velzer's sermon related to the church season of Advent. Advent is all about the coming of our Lord, but which coming are we talking about? His coming in the womb of the Virgin Mary in Bethlehem, His coming in the clouds from heaven or His coming in the water of Holy Baptism and the bread and

wine of Holy Communion? Which of these "comings" of our Lord is Advent about?

The answer to the question is all of the above. When John writes in his First Epistle that "the Father has sent His Son to be the Savior of the world," he has all of these sendings in mind - the incarnational in time; the sacramental throughout time, and the apocalyptic at the end of time.

Mostly, Advent is about the coming of our Lord in the clouds on the last day of this world. Advent reminds us of where the journey is headed. Knowing where you're headed makes all the difference in how you travel. So, as we set out on this new 52-week journey with Jesus together, the sole purpose of every stop that we make is to remember "He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit" (Titus 3:5).

And as we travel, we join our voices saying, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of

the Lord... O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord" (Isaiah 2:3, 5).

Following the offering, the offertory was sung. In the prayers of the church, asked was preservation of the church and leading us to walk in God's ways and to follow His paths, that when Jesus returns in His glory, we may welcome Him with glad hosannas. Guide us through the church year to know God with joy and to mark the days as they move toward His appointed consummation when our Lord will return. Bless those who have the responsibility of leadership within our government, that they may be guided by God's law and work in accordance with His will and purpose. Hear those who have great need, those afflicted with physical and mental illness and those whose hearts are touched by grief. The congregation joined in The Lord's Prayer.

Elders assisted Pastor Van Velzer with the distribution of Holy Communion. The distribution hymns were "Come, Let Us Eat" and "Your Table I

Approach."

Following the Nunc Dimittis, thanksgiving, post communion collect and benediction, the service closed with verses two and three of "The Advent Of Our King."

Mid-week Advent services will begin at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 4, at the church. A fellowship meal will be served at 6 p.m. by Gerald and Stacy Amon.

On Dec. 7, Immanuel will host "Blessings and Brunch" from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Brunch will be followed by entertainment and a Christmas sing-along. The offering will be designated for Bethesda Lutheran Communities.

Esther Ideker returned from Dallas, Texas, on Sunday, Dec. 1 after spending Thanksgiving with her son, Curtis, and his wife, Annie, and their children, J.P., Hank, Kay, Maggie and Joe, who all were home for Thanksgiving.

On Sunday morning, Esther worshipped at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Leavenworth with her friends, Velma and Larry Bass.

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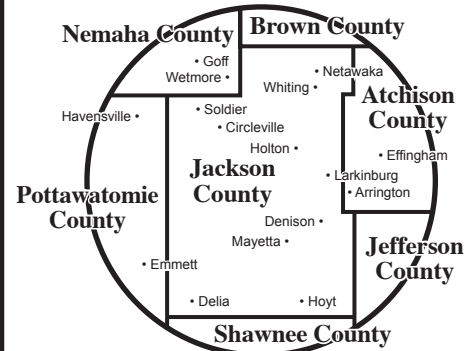
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Mayetta Methodist Church

By Shirley Stauffer

Church services at Mayetta Methodist Church on Dec. 1, the first Sunday of Advent, began with Pastor Howard reading from Psalms 34, followed by prayer.

Prayers were asked for the family of Chuck Norris, the Jim Birkbeck family and the family of the granddaughter of the Dieckmans, whose grandmother died this week.

The candles were lit by Delaina Miller and Dale Renfro rang the bell. Hymns sung were "Come Thou Long Awaited Jesus," "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" and "Kings From The Realms Of Glory."

Karen Burns sang "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" for a special. Delaina Miller took up the offering, and Karen Burns read the living word of God from Genesis 6:11. The birthday song was sung to Mary Ruiz.

The sermon, "Called To Joy," was based on the word of God from 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24. Services closed with the circle of friendship and prayer.

Thanksgiving guests at Stan and Wanda White's home were Milton Snyder, Karen Snyder, Becky, Micheal White, David Habig and Tim and Jazz Shields and Sarah Curtis.

Karsen Smith spent Wednesday afternoon with Mary Anderson and helped her make the dressing for their Thanksgiving supper. Everyone went to Lisa and Kevin's home for the meal that evening since Lisa had to work the next day.

The Stauffer family celebrated Thanksgiving on Nov. 24 at the home of Bud and Shirley. Those in attendance were Kevin Stauffer and Kenley and Bryce Carpenter, all of Holton; Jeff and Melissa Stauffer, Aidan and Brenna, all of Silver Lake; Todd, Rose and Tim Stauffer, Ellie, Dillon and Madie Klepees, all of Mayetta; Gary Stauffer, Tiffany Warner, Lily and Everett, Adam, Laura, David, Dante, Tally Stauffer, all of Topeka; and Rachel, Joe and Finn Whitten, all of Eudora.

The beautiful white banner with the message "Glory to God in the Highest," which is now hanging in the church sanctuary, is in memory of Maxine Lund.

After church on Sunday, several members stayed and decorated the church for the Christmas season, enjoying a meal afterwards. Members of our congregation joined the Potawatomi church for the yearly Christmas program on Sunday evening.



Thanksgiving Parade

Students at Jackson Heights Elementary School who participated in a mock Thanksgiving Day Parade around the school with hand-crafted balloons are shown above. The students paraded the decorated balloon "floats" up and down the halls of the school prior to the holiday break.

Photo by Brian Sanders

Mayetta Christian Church

By Joyce Cochren

John 1:1-5 was the congregational reading as worship services at Mayetta Christian Church opened on Dec. 1.

"Angels We Have Heard On High" was the opening song. Lauri Harris and Alma and Bob Morse led singing.

The children were shown a plant that had experienced frost. Alma had intended to throw it out, but after a few days in the warmth, it began to show signs of new life. We have hope of new life in Jesus now, and the promise of eternal life in our future because of the birth of our Savior. Cooper Slocum lit the hope candle, the first candle of the advent season.

Praises were shared for a time to focus on thanksgiving for the blessings we sometime take for granted, for family, for happy memories shared through pictures, for safety in travel during this holiday season. After Pastor Coleman gave the invocation, the congregation sang "The First Noel" and "O, Come All Ye Faithful."

Luke 1:5-11 was the scripture text for the morning message, "Are You Burdened?" Zacharias and Elizabeth were childless and at that time it was thought of as a punishment from God. Most likely, they had prayed for years that they would have a child, someone to help care for them in old age, as was the custom then. That would have been their burden.

They were both advanced in age and may have given up hope of their prayer being answered.

Zacharias was faithfully carrying out his priestly duties to God in the temple on an ordinary day when an angel appeared and gave him news. They would have no ordinary child. He would be filled with the Holy Spirit and prepare the way for the Savior. Their burden was lifted and the blessing far greater than expected.

We may have burdens of illness, sin, financial problems or relationship problems, and have been praying for what seems a long time for the burdens to be lifted. We often think God is not listening or not moving fast enough. Through our hope, faithfulness in prayer and service to God, we, too, will have our burdens lifted, come to know His will and receive blessings far greater than we have expected.

Matthew 26:26-30 was the scripture reading and "When I Survey The Wondrous Cross" was the song for communion. Seth and Tom Stiers, Larry McLaren and Hal Cochren passed the emblems. The offering was taken up by Danika Decker, Addyson Harris and Jaden and Addison Messer.

"You're A Good, Good Father" was the hymn of invitation. After the closing prayer, everyone sang "You Are Holy" (Prince of Peace).

Following worship, the church was decorated for Christmas and pizza was served for lunch. On Dec. 18, we will combine monthly missions with our caroling party. The DelTos will provide a hayrack to carry those who prefer to ride rather than walk around town. Come and join us!

Buck's Grove Church

By Donna Ashcraft

Hope, like electricity in the air on the first Sunday of Advent, Dec. 1, charged the atmosphere inside the sweetly decorated sanctuary. Pastor Charlotte greeted worshipers of Buck's Grove United Methodist Church as they gathered to praise God embarking upon this season of anticipation.

Following announcements, Joyce Immenschuh led the call to worship with a reading from Isaiah as the hope candle of the advent wreath was set aflame and we heralded the first candle with the Advent Song, "Light The Advent Candle," immediately followed by the festal melody, "Joy To The World."

We were blessed by the accompaniment of Leesa Harshaw throughout the service as she tickled the ivories. Other music during the service included "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" and "O Come, O Come Emmanuel."

The special music, "Somebody Bigger Than You And I," was chosen by Carol Pollock.

Pastor Charlotte led the opening prayer and the psalter reading from Psalm 122. Joyce Immenschuh served as liturgist, presenting scripture from Isa-

iah 2:1-5 and Romans 13:11-14.

Joys were shared for helping hands hanging the greens, and concerns for friends who are suffering illness or loss were lifted in prayer.

Central to Pastor Charlotte's message, the gospel reading from Matthew 24:36-44 reminded us that we will not know the hour or the day of the coming of the Son of Man. Pastor Charlotte titled her message "Suddenly."

It was Jan. 27, 1986. The whole nation was getting ready. It was going to be a special time in the life of our nation. It was going to be a great day. Eyes were watching television sets. It was going to be an all-time-great space launching. A woman, a school teacher, was one of the astronauts. It was an exciting day in American History. Suddenly, though, the rocket exploded. And, dreams exploded. Hopes exploded. And tears exploded in a rush as we realized the tragedy. Suddenly.

Jesus said, "And so, shall it be at the end of history." It will come suddenly, like the snap of a finger, like a thief in the night.

Jesus said, "So will it be

with you at the end of time." The scripture of Matthew emphasizes Jesus' instruction on readiness. During this season of preparation, this is a good time to focus on preparation for Jesus... readiness for the Son of Man. The gospel is an invitation to live with a sense of readiness, that we are ready to meet God face to face, tomorrow.

Pastor Charlotte led the offertory prayer and Don Boling and LeRoy Rieschick served as ushers. The service closed with the hymn "Blest Be The Tie That Binds" as acolyte, Mary Ringel, carried out the light of Christ. May the God who gives us peace make you holy in every way and keep your whole being, spirit, soul and body, from every fault at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ (1 Thessalonians 5:23).

No Bible study was held on Sunday, but plans are under way for the float to be featured in the Parade of Lights in Holton on Saturday evening, Dec. 7. Continued planning is also under way for the Christmas Eve service at 7 p.m. on Dec. 24.

Next Sunday, Bible study resumes with the study of 1 Corinthians chapters 1-4.

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At Medicalodges Jackson County's recent Thanksgiving dinner for residents, family members and friends, facility personnel dressed in Pilgrim garb and served a turkey and ham dinner with all the trimmings. Shown above, from left to right, are Deb Woods, activity director; Amy Spiker, social services director; and Cheryl Correll, dietary manager.

Photo by Brian Sanders

■ Deb Dillner...

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"I wanted more than anything to join 4-H, but at that time, you had to be eight years old before you could join," she said. "I think it was the next year after I turned eight and joined, they lowered it to seven, and now they have Clover Buds where you can be five. But I remember really, really, really trying."

Later on, when her own children expressed an interest in joining the Mayetta Mustangs 4-H club, Dillner said she was "very pleased that they had that opportunity and were able to do that." She would also take on the role of club leader.

In the 2000s, the Jackson County Fair Association was looking at options for moving the Jackson County Fair to a new location — the old one needed costly repairs and upgrades, and there were also safety concerns about having the fair at the intersection of two highways, U.S. Highway 75 and Kansas Highway 16.

It was right around the time

that Dillner got involved with the Fair Association, about 2007, when the board finalized the purchase of a 40-acre site two miles south of Holton that would eventually become the Northeast Kansas Heritage Complex and asked her to help with transitioning the fair from the old site to the new one.

"They had just selected the property when they invited me to come and help," she said. "The official groundbreaking ceremony we had, and all of that, I helped with organizing that."

She was elected to the fair board in 2009, and two years later, in 2011, she became the fair board's secretary.

"It's probably because I have a bigger mouth than everyone else," she said with a laugh. "I'm the secretary, so I try to be the one who handles the communication. But the fair board is a team effort, and we have a really awesome team."

Dillner threw herself into the promotion and the transition work, starting with the Ranch Rodeo, which she said will note its 11th year this year and started as a means to get people excited about the new fairgrounds.

"We wanted to get people out there and plant the seed that this is going to be a useful, viable, grand facility in our community. But at that time, all we had was an arena," she said. "We wanted to come up with something to do with our arena, an event for the community to get people out on the hill."

Over time, events associated with the Jackson County Fair were transitioned to the Northeast Kansas Heritage Complex, which became the full-time home of the fair starting in 2015. Since then, Dillner said, the fair board has made several improvements to the complex and continues to look at new ways to improve on the facility.

"We're in the process of trying to figure out what our priority is, what we should do next," she said. "The big push was to get more restroom facilities and have more restrooms in the livestock

barn, and we got that done. I'm not sure where we're going to go next, but we are in the process of prioritizing because there are many good options, it's just, what do we do next?"

Dillner also has been involved in raising awareness and funds for construction of a new, enclosed shelter house at Banner Creek Reservoir in honor of her father-in-law, the late Fritz Dillner, attributing the idea for a new shelter house to her sister-in-law, Lana Dillner.

"Fritz loved the lake," she said. "If he could have any wish in the world, it would be to be out at the lake, fishing, or having a family gathering of some kind. Every year we have a family reunion, and each branch of his family would take a turn hosting it. Every time it was Fritz's turn, we were at Banner."

And while the shelter houses at the reservoir grounds are "nice," she said, her family wanted to put up a shelter house that was more than just a few pillars and a roof.

"Having just one two-prong plug-in like you have in your home is not adequate for that many crock pots and everything else," she said. "Plus, there were no sides, so regardless of what the weather was, those were the facilities we had."

She got involved with raising funds for a new shelter house by organizing fund-raising events such as the Labor Day breakfast at the reservoir grounds. She added that Fritz Dillner was "thrilled by the suggestion" that a new shelter house would be built in his honor, even though at the time the plans were being drawn, "the prognosis was already in," and Fritz died in November of 2012.

Today, she said, the Dillner family is "trying to get the last bit of funds together that we need, and we're working on a grant" to accommodate construction of a fully-enclosed shelter house. She also said she has been "floored" by the generosity of the community regarding the project, as well as her family's ability to work together on the project.

"It's been seven years since

Fritz passed, and for us to raise the amount that we've raised in seven years and still be working together and speaking with each other is really good," she said, punctuating it with a laugh. "It's a lot of work... It's like you're mobilizing an army. We go and we do and we get stuff done, and I think that's pretty amazing. It all goes back to Fritz and the role model that he was for us."

As long as she sees opportunities to "get stuff done," just as she was inspired to do by the Kehlers and others involved with 4-H when she was little, Dillner said she will continue to work for "the good of the community." But in all that she does, there's still one person who she said gives her more support than anyone else — her husband, Tim — and that's what she's most grateful for.

"I could not do any of this without my husband's support," she said. "He is my rock, and he is 100 percent behind anything I'm doing and willing to support and help. Sometimes, that means he's left at home trying to get stuff done that we have to get done."

■ Jim Birkbeck...

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During his tenure as DSB's president, Birkbeck presided over the bank's expansion into a branch facility on U.S. Highway 75 and into Hoyt, and again in 2004 with the acquisition of Countryside Bank branches in Meriden and Topeka. The bank grew into one of Kansas' largest, most respected community banks under his leadership, it was noted.

Birkbeck's community interests went far beyond DSB, however, and he said he "always had a special interest in economic development," not only in Holton but in the county as a whole. He served on several different committees in the city and area, and he played a significant role in the establishment of the city's industrial park.

He also played a significant role alongside George Gantz and Ron Anderson in bringing the Heritage Walk to the Square, spent a considerable amount of

time raising funds for construction of the Holton Community Hospital north of the city and, as president of Denison Bancshares, oversaw the first six-figure donation toward construction of the Northeast Kansas Heritage Complex.

Birkbeck was also interested in preserving and protecting farms and farmers, and in 2015, he was named the recipient of the Kansas Ag Bankers' Pioneer Award. Birkbeck also managed CRP land in Jackson County, and, along with his brother, owned and operated Birkbeck Family Farms south of Burlington.

At the time of his death, Birkbeck was listed as DSB's chairman of the board of directors. He is survived by his wife, Mary Lou, to whom he was married for more than 50 years, and by two children — fellow Chamber Hall of Fame inductee Paula Birkbeck Taylor and Dr. J. Patrick Birkbeck — and five grandchildren.

■ 'Christmas Shorts'...

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Members of the cast include Madison Schumaker, Jace Huyett, Mary Pritchett, Emma Bontrager, Jenny Gilliland, Sadey Gross, Kyler Jackson, Via Heitzman, Logan Heineken, Jalee DeVader, Rebecca Robertson.

Evelyn Crayton, Jaedyn Nickelson, Hanora Ward, Andy Kimberlin, Kaiya Taylor, Cora

Miller, Abby Wellman, Connor McCrory, Rhett Murphy, Lilly Kimberlin.

Jordan Harshaw, Jack Brown, Kaelah Nelson, Alice Acquistapace, Larissa Lovell and Shaye Leavendusky.

Tickets for the performances are \$3 for adults and \$2 for school-aged children and can be purchased at the door.

■ Area Acres...

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"Our grown children and Mike and I draw names for gifts at Thanksgiving and everything has to be homemade. No purchased gifts," Cindi said. "We usually celebrate on New Year's Eve since the kids all have other family to celebrate Christmas with."

In addition to Area Acres, other stops on the tour include:

- * The Carrie Saia family home, 715 W. Fourth St. in Holton.
- * Randy and Rhonda Magnuson, 12845 Oak Ridge Dr. in Holton.

- * The Carly Whorton family home, 21348 R4 Rd. in Holton.

- * Dr. Craig and Erin Bowser farmhouse and barn, 21717 Kansas Highway 16 in Holton.

Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 the day of the tour and can be purchased at all area main bank locations and the Chamber office in Holton.

Day of tour tickets can be purchased at Heart To Home on the south side of the Holton Square and the Chamber's hospitality room, located in The Hearth Room on the north side of the Square.

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■ Parade...

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have photos taken with them at the Santa House, located on the Courtyard south lawn.

Other activities set for Saturday include the Chamber's Christmas Homes Tour from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. (see related story), a benefit soup supper from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Jackson County Courthouse first floor for Mary Phillips, a Studio One Dance Center and Lady Paws Showcase at 5 p.m. at the east side parking lot of the Courthouse, hot chocolate and cookies at the Santa House after the parade and Town Square holiday shopping fun at local businesses.

■ Coroner...

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by the Pottawatomie County Commissioners, who are expected to select a new coroner at their Dec. 16 meeting.

Salary for the new coroner will be determined once the position has been filled, Kinsley said. The average salary for a coroner in Kansas is \$55,000 per year.

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