

THE HOLTON RECORDER



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The Holton Recorder newspaper is currently in its 150th year of continuous business operation, serving the Jackson County community with local news and advertising, making it one of the oldest local businesses. Just three different families have ever owned The Recorder.

The Recorder publishes print editions twice a week - Mondays and Wednesdays - and also publishes a Thursday advertising shopper publication - The Jackson County Shopper - that is delivered free of charge by U.S. Mail to non-subscribers.

The Recorder also offers some free local news content and photos at its website - holtonrecorder.net - where local businesses also can advertise their services. The Recorder's free online content is updated regularly, especially in the case of local obituaries.

Recorder subscribers can also read the replica-newspaper pages online at the same web site and keep informed of local, breaking news by following The Recorder's twitter account - @HoltonRecorder

The Holton Recorder was founded by Civil War veteran Moses Milton Beck. Editor Beck guided The Recorder from its early days, into the mid-1920s.

Will Beck, son of M.M. Beck, joined his father in the business in about 1900 and led The Recorder up until 1950 when the Beck family sold the newspaper to John Chandler. Even after he sold the paper, Will Beck continued to write a regular column for the paper into the mid-1960s.

John Chandler guided The Recorder from 1950 to 1980, when he died unexpectedly. His daughter, Leslie, and her husband, Bryan McDaniel, then led The Recorder up until 1997 when they sold the paper to David and Connie Powls (the current owners, now in their 20th year as owners).

The two Becks and John Chandler have all been named to the Kansas Newspaper Hall of Fame for their outstanding contributions to community journalism in the state. When M.M. Beck died, well-known Emporia Gazette newspaper editor William Allen White called him "one of the last of the Kansas pioneer newspapermen."

The Recorder staff today values its strong newspaper roots and strives to continue the paper's legacy as one of the leading newspaper voices in northeast Kansas. The Recorder is recognized annually in the state's Awards of Excellence contests. For 2016, The Recorder's top award was Best Front Page for its circulation division.

Between The Recorder's two print editions each week, the free shopper and The Recorder's website there have never been more good reasons for local businesses to advertise with The Recorder!