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A total of 422 meals were served during the Community Harvest Festival hosted by St. Dominic Catholic Church in Holton last Saturday. The meal included a pulled pork sandwich or hot dog, handcut fries, baked beans, cookies and a drink. Volunteers shown above serving the meals included (from left) Judy Arnold, Susan Schirmer, Lisa Lehmkuhl, Paula Morris and Elizabeth Connor. *Photo by David Powls*

Tuesday is Election Day

By Ali Holcomb

Next Tuesday, Nov. 3, is Election Day and registered voters are encouraged to cast their vote in federal, state and local races.

Voters will also be asked to consider an amendment to the state constitution regarding voter eligibility and whether the county's current .4 percent retailers' sales tax should be renewed.

Polling locations will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Election Day. Advance voting is available from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each weekday at the clerk's office on the second floor of the Jackson County Courthouse. Advance voting will close at noon on Monday.

In addition, advance voting will be held from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Oct. 31, in the first-floor meeting room in the Courthouse. More than 550 voters have already voted, according to the clerk's office.

Any registered voter can vote in advance, and registered voters are reminded to bring some form of photo identification to the polls in order to vote.

The ballot will include positions for U.S. Senate, U.S. House of Representatives District One and District Two, Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, State Treasurer, Commissioner of Insurance, Kansas House of Representatives (47th District, 61st District and 62nd District included in Jackson County), State Board of Education District One, Jackson County Commissioner District One and Holton City Commission (Position Three and Position Five).

Local voters will also vote for a township clerk for their township.

Each voter will also be asked whether to retain two Kansas Supreme Court justices, five Kansas Court of Appeals judges and three Second Judicial District judges.

All Kansas registered voters will be asked whether they support amending the Kansas constitution to clarify that only a person who is a citizen of the United States is eligible to vote in the state.

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Trick-Or-Treat

Trick-or-treating will be held around the Holton Square from 3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. this Friday. Jackson County Sheriff's Office personnel also will distribute trick-or-treat bags at the northwest corner of the Square, in front of Labor Max.

County hires attorney to review solar regs

By Ali Holcomb

The Jackson County Commission voted 3-0 on Monday to hire attorney Trish Voth of Foulston Siefkin LLP of Wichita to review the county's draft commercial solar regulations and advise the county on solar land-use issues.

The commissioners spent about 30 minutes discussing Voth's services. County Counselor Todd Luckman and Zoning Administrator Steve Duryea also attended the discussion.

According to the engagement letter, the firm's hourly rates range from $360 to $1,065 for attorneys, depending on the type of work, and from $250 to $365 for paralegals, legal assistants and analysts.

Voth has practiced law for 28 years with Foulston Siefkin, primarily in real estate and energy-related matters.

"Sometimes we represent counties or cities where a project might be proposed, and they're interested in getting some additional assistance with how to think about the proposal," Voth said. "Sometimes we help developers of projects to assess situations, make their proposals or work with counties or cities on their terms. And sometimes we represent Kansas landowners who are interested in possibly hosting a project."

Members of the county planning commission are drafting regulations for commercial solar development. A working draft is available at jacksoncountyks.com under "Departments," "Planning & Zoning" and "Solar."

"If you hire Folston, then you hire us as the lawyers representing the county. Our client is the county, and then under attorney/client obligations and duties, we want to represent the best interests of the clients," Voth said.

Voth told the commissioners that she's skimmed the county's current draft of commercial solar regulations.

"For the last 10 years, I have worked with Kansas zoning regulations related to solar use," she said.

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Sixth annual Thoughtful Giving Day Nov. 6-8

By Brian Sanders

For the sixth consecutive year, the Jackson County Community Foundation is encouraging area residents to make tax-deductible donations to benefit 48 non-profit Jackson County organizations that benefit from JCCF — and see those donations matched by more than $100,000 — through its annual "Thoughtful Giving Day" event.

Look for the JCCF donation form inserted in today's edition.

This year's Thoughtful Giving Day event will be held over the weekend of Nov. 6-8 at Holton Community Theatre, where a "happy hour" kick-off event will be held from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 6, along with the traditional "walk-in" donation day, to be held from noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 8, according to JCCF executive director Meghan Stockman.

Donations may also be made ahead of the in-person events, from midnight on Nov. 6 through 11:59 p.m. on Nov. 8 at thoughtfulgivingday.com, Stockman said.

"Last year, we raised $257,000, so with matching funds added in, it was $397,000 in total," Stockman said of the event. "We are looking forward to beating that this year."

The Patterson Family Foundation is again offering a match for donated funds of up to $100,000, with $50,000 going toward the "matching pool" and $50,000 going to support Jackson County through grant funds and other projects, Stockman said.

Other matching funds will be provided by Giant/JBN, the Birkbeck family and Kellerman Insurance, she added.

Donors select which nonprofits they wish to support, and all of their donation goes directly to the fund or funds of their choice. There is no minimum donation, and donations between $25 to $5,000 per donor, per organization, are eligible for a pro-rated match.

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Suarez's career rooted in community service

By Brian Sanders

Thirty-five years ago, Gus Suarez had been teaching math and science classes in the Holton school district when he got a call from State Farm Insurance.

"I'd been teaching math and science in middle school and high school for 10 or 12 years, and I coached a little bit," Suarez said. "I got contacted by State Farm, and I said, I'll listen to what you're offering. One thing led to another, and 35 years later, here I am."

But while Suarez has spent the last 35 years establishing himself as a "good neighbor" as Holton's representative of that insurance company, he's also been cementing his status as that good neighbor with his public service in the community, whether with



the Holton/Jackson County Chamber of Commerce board or the Rotary Club.

It's that community service that's led to Suarez being named to the Chamber Hall of Fame, and he'll be celebrated alongside fellow Hall of Fame inductees Heather Carlson, Debbie Harshaw and Theresa Watkins at the 2027 Hall of Fame Banquet, to be held Saturday, Feb. 6 at Prairie Band Casino and Resort.

Suarez said he was humbled by the Hall of Fame honor.

"You look back at history and see the people who are in this group — they're the ones who made this community run," he said. "I hope I can even compare to them."

Suarez earned a bachelor of science degree from Friends University, then went on to earn a master's degree in educational administration from Wichita State University. Right after college, he came to Holton and became a middle and high school teacher, also coaching football and wrestling.

Teaching, Suarez said, was "what I thought I'd do all my life," but when he was offered a position with State Farm in 1991, he told himself, "I'm going to give it a try." With support from his wife, Kristi, who he'd married a year earlier, he moved from education to insurance and stayed there.

The best part of being an insurance agent, Suarez said, is the community he serves.

"It's the people," he said. "Getting to meet the people and building the relationships with them — that's important.

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Family seeking piece of Holton history

By Ali Holcomb

Megan Lehman of Topeka is searching for a piece of her family history — a jewelry box given to female graduates of Holton High School in the 1950s.

Lehman is the great-granddaughter of the late Gordon and Elva Bower, who owned and operated Bower Furniture Store in Holton from 1947 to 1963.

While the couple owned the store, they gifted female graduates with Lane Cedar Chest jewelry boxes engraved with "Bower Furniture Holton Kansas" on the inside, Lehman said.

Lane Cedar Chests of Altavista, Va., produced the jewelry boxes, also known as miniature cedar chests, as promotional gifts through its "Girl Graduate Plan."

Launched in the 1930s, the program provided graduating high school girls across the country with a notice or certificate to redeem for a free miniature cedar chest at a participating local furniture store.

The girls and their parents were required to pick up the gift from a salesman at the store, it was reported.

Lehman hopes to track down at least one of the original boxes given away at the Holton store.

The Bowers had two children, Don Bower and Barb Bower Utz, who both graduated from Holton High School in the 1960s. Don is married to Netawaka native Nancy Patterson and are Lehman's grandparents. They reside in Topeka.

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The Holton Lady Wildcats are headed back to the Class 3A state volleyball tournament in Hutchinson Friday after winning a sub-state tournament on Saturday at home. Team members shown above include (front row, from left) Beka Lassey, Kinley Fluke, Tinley Wilson, Taylor Kivitter, Marley Gilliland, (second row, from left) Stephanie Crawford, Payton Crawford, Addison Zeller, Brenna Bontrager, Faith Olberding, Khloe Black, manager Jazlynn Washington-Urbano, (back row, from left) head coach Kristel Bontrager, coach Carlene McManigal, coach Carli Keling, coach Casi VanAusdall, Joely Shupe and Ellis Larson. *Photo by Ali Holcomb*

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According to Holton City Code, it is unlawful to deposit leaves on any street or alley. This is an unlawful act and you can be fined.

Have a news tip? Call The Holton Recorder at 785-364-3141

Fall Fix-Up - Home Improvement - Care Care

Clean vents keep homes safer, more efficient

By Brian Sanders

As fall gives way to winter, Tony Basel of Holton's Steam Power Air Duct and Carpet Cleaning notes the importance of making sure air ducts in your home are clean — whether they're a part of the heating and air conditioning system or leading from your clothes dryer to the home's exterior — for a handful of reasons.

In the latter case, Basel said, it's important to keep the dryer duct and vent clean because if not, it could damage the dryer or even start a house fire — and Basel said he and his company have seen some "close calls."

"We've had calls due to hot smells or a hot appliance in the laundry room, as well as from sensor alarms on dryers," said Basel, whose company has served the Holton and Topeka area since 1998. "Most newer dryers have sensors if there's an obstruction, but some don't. A clean internal and external vent helps clothes dry faster, as we all know, while a clogged vent can cause a costly appliance to fail prematurely."

Dryer vents are often the culprit, particularly if they become obstructed by small objects that get stuck in the vent or by accumulations of lint on the vent cover, Basel said.

"We have seen a variety of small obstructions — shirt collar stays, for example," he said. "Sometimes it's just a matter of the cover needing replaced because rainwater is allowing the lint to become wet, hard and packed in. At times, we've taken a five-gallon bucket full of lint and debris from a dryer vent system. In these cases, it comes out in large clumps, as you can imagine."

Keeping the dryer vent and cover clear can help the appliance run at optimal efficiency reducing electrical or gas utility costs, Basel noted. According to the National Fire Protection Association, an average of 13,820 house fires involving clothes dryers were handled per year between 2014 and 2018, a third of which were attributed to "a failure to clean" and lint buildup in the vent line.



Tony and Donna Basel, owners of Holton's Steam Power Air Duct and Carpet Cleaning, offer a variety of services to help homeowners keep their homes clean and comfortable this fall. Find more fall fix-up tips and local service providers in the special fall fix-up section in this edition. *Submitted photo*

One way that homeowners can check to see if their dryer vent needs cleaning involves checking the vent cover on the outside of the house, and if there is a loss of hot air moving out from the dryer, it may be time to clean the vent line.

"Dryers in basements and berm homes tend to collect lint more quickly due to forcing air up, rather than horizontally, out of the home," Basel said. "They also usually have more bends in the pipe."

Keeping HVAC ducts clean is also important, but for different reasons, Basel said. Clean HVAC ducts can reduce the number of times filters need to be changed, cut the amount of dust circulating through the house and improve indoor air quality in general.

"Much of what we see that needs to be cleaned is on the unfiltered side of the HVAC system, or pre-filtered air," Basel said. "Many have said this process has cut down on the frequency of cleaning and dusting in their homes."

One thing that sets Steam Power's HVAC duct cleaning services apart, Basel said, is that a large number of homes they service are 100 years old or older, and that's led the company to adapt its techniques, tools and processes to meet the challenge.

"Many of these town and rural farm homes have some very interesting HVAC adapted designs," he said. "But it's always interesting to see how various builders did things so long ago. It's also nice to see many of these older homes being restored."

The company has also made some interesting discoveries while cleaning out HVAC pathways on newer homes with concrete slab foundations, Basel said.

"Snake skins are common, as well as dehydrated dead mice, and we've seen pack rat infestations," he said. "Most of the time, it's lots of dust and dust bunnies, cat hair, old sawdust, drywall dust and dead bugs. Some builders and remodelers have us come in after new construction and remodels due to the amount of dust accumulated in the duct work during construction."

Steam Power also offers carpet and area rug cleaning, as well as tile and grout cleaning to residential customers in northeastern Kansas. The company can be contacted in the Holton area by phone at (785) 364-5021 or in the Topeka area at (785) 230-2623, or online at steampower.squarespace.com

Steam Power holds certification with the Institute of Inspection, Cleaning and Restoration (IICRC) and is a member of the National Association of Home Builders.

Library expansion uncovers remnants of former Holton High School building

By Brian Sanders

A piece of Holton's history was dug up in recent days — then buried again.

Dirt work at Holton's Beck Bookman Library is being done for a planned expansion of the library to the north, according to library director Amy Austin, who noted that earlier this month, John Haug of Holton's Haug Construction dug his way into what appeared to be a brick structure beneath the ground.

That brick structure was determined to be part of the foundation of a building that existed from the 1870s until sometime in the 1910s and in the same location as the library, about 40 years before the library was built at 420 W. Fourth St. — the former Holton High School.

"I'm not sure why the bricks were that far underground," Austin said of Haug's discovery. "It must be a foundational thing… It might even go deeper than that."

At first, Austin was curious to see whether there might be anything hidden under the former high school's foundation, but just a few days later, she said, the brick structure was covered again.

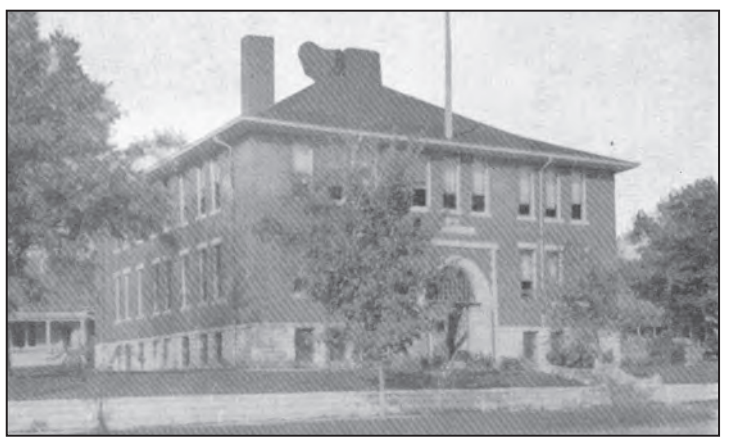
"They decided that it was some kind of foundation related to the school, but it was strong enough that they just left it there," Austin said. "They filled it back in with rock and other materials to grade."

For a while, Haug's "discovery" had library patrons and other Holton residents curious as to what that brick structure was, as well as whether there might be any old artifacts from whatever the building was buried beneath it.

Austin posted a photo of the bricks and held a contest with the prize being a library-themed sweatshirt. She later noted that Susan Hershey was first to correctly identify the brick structure and won the sweatshirt.

"Susan was actually here when they found it," Austin said.

The original HHS (shown above at right) was built in about 1875 on the spot where the library stands today. Sometime after Campbell College closed in 1913, high school classes were moved to that facility, located at the corner of Ninth Street and New York Avenue, and the old high school on Fourth Street was demolished. The existing library building was dedicated in July of 1952 and expansions were built onto the library in the 1970s.



But before the original library building was constructed on its current spot, Austin said she was told that the old school's basement "was removed and filled in… We had to have a special test done to make sure that the amount of weight we were going to put on it was going to work."

Once the ground was deemed fit for building on, the brick structure was covered back up after gas and water utility lines were relocated for connection to the existing library building, and dirt work farther north of the building continued, with Austin wondering if the bricks might get dug up again at some point in the future.

"In the next 100 years, if somebody wants to put something there besides the library, I'm sure they'll find it again," she said.

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Hershey	164.47	-3.76
Walmart	119.32	-0.97
Phillips 66	268.39	-20.46
US Bancorp	53.64	+0.28
Pfizer	29.80	+0.01
Deere & Co.	639.23	-2.02
United Parcel	106.13	+5.81
Apple	347.10	+3.19
Meta Platforms	620.19	-10.37
Goodyear	4.39	+0.08

Source: New York Stock Exchange reports. Prices listed at close of trading on Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2026.

GRAIN

Description	Price at Close
Wheat	$5.55
Corn	$3.91
Milo	$3.39
Soybeans	$11.64

Source: Jackson Farmers Co-Op, Holton. Prices listed at close of trading on Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2026. Grain buying hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday. Cash bids subject to change without notice.

FUEL PRICES

Current
Kansas Average $3.95
National Average $4.27
Holton Average $3.97

Source: GasBuddy.com. Current prices listed as of Monday, Oct. 26, 2026.

Pool back as road and bridge director

By Ali Holcomb

New Jackson County Road and Bridge Director Randy Pool (shown at right) is wasting no time setting priorities for the department, focusing on pothole repairs, more efficient road maintenance and quicker snow removal.



Pool recently attended his first meeting with the Jackson County Commission, where he outlined strategies for improving county roads. Matt Fritz, special projects manager, also attended the meeting.

Pool previously served as the county's road and bridge administrator from October 2007 to June 2013. Before becoming administrator, he worked for the county as a motor grader operator and road foreman.

Pool said he met with department employees the previous Friday to introduce himself and discuss his expectations. He is also meeting with employees individually to hear their concerns and discuss department policies.

Pool said road and bridge crews would focus on repairing potholes and, when needed, sending multiple motor graders to work together in one area to complete projects more efficiently.

"If we can get the public to see that we're making an effort, that'll be a good step," Pool said.

He said crews would like to use windrows on the roads when necessary. A windrow is a pile of material intentionally left along the road for later use.

Commissioner Keith Kelly said the commissioners had received similar feedback from a couple of operators who said there are times during the year when maintaining a windrow would be beneficial.

The commissioners agreed, and Chairman Mark Pruett asked that the crews not make the windrows too large.

Kelly also asked Pool about allowing some minimum-maintenance roads to return to grass rather than continuing to blade them down to dirt.

Pool said he had no issue with the idea but emphasized that the roads still needed to be maintained for farmers. He also said he plans to begin snow removal around 4 a.m., particularly in high-traffic areas such as Hoyt and Mayetta, before snow becomes packed down.

Pool told department employees he expects them to make a greater effort to keep roads maintained, including going out during rainy weather to remove water from roads rather than remaining in the shop.

"If we can get an extra mile or an extra load in the day, that benefits us and makes an impression on the county," Pool said.

Pool said employees had also offered feedback about the department's time-clock system, particularly the requirement to clock out for lunch. He planned to discuss the issue with the county clerk's office after the meeting.

Kelly also noted that a tree at the Hoyt strip needs to be trimmed because it blocks light at night.

In other business, according to the approved minutes from Oct. 13, the commission:

* Approved a special use permit to allow Jennifer and Austin Jackson to have up to 50 chickens, 10 goats and two donkeys on their property at 9779 S Rd. in Hoyt, which is currently zoned rural residential.

* Approved a special use permit for the Soldier quarry because it's now under the ownership of Martin Marietta North Texas Cement, LLC.

* Approved a request and petition to allow Adam Rusk to occupy a county right-of-way at 11492 218th Rd. to establish native vegetation in that area.

* Learned from Kelly that he discussed with a resident and Steve Duryea, zoning administrator, about the possibility of making things simpler for those who purchase shipping containers.

A typical size is eight feet by 20 feet or eight feet by 40 feet, and if they are standalone and mobile rather than permanent, Kelly said he didn't think they should require a building permit. This would include all buildings 350 square feet or smaller.

The other commissioners agreed and directed Duryea to have the planning board work on a resolution.

Kelly also discussed 911 addressing and how it could be assigned for all new structures, helping people obtain utility services and ensuring emergency services can locate them when needed.

* Met with Jacob Newquist and Martijn Bernhard from Martin Marietta to discuss the county's new proposed agreement regarding the Soldier quarry.

The men said they were waiting to get the special use permit approved before finalizing the agreement.

The commissioners asked when rock would be available again at the quarry, and the men said probably not until February.

* Approved the purchase of an amplifier for the large courtroom for $2,644.90 from Revive IT of Manhattan.

* Met with Jackson Heights second-grade students who stopped by the commission meeting room during a tour of the Courthouse.

* Discussed the chip-and-seal repairs Pavecraft crews completed on Q4 and 214 Roads.

Pruett said he is not satisfied and has had more complaints from the public about the condition of Q4 Road.

Commissioner Linda Gerhardt said she drove it, and it looks like they just added more gravel.

The commissioners asked County Counselor Todd Luckman how they should proceed. Luckman agreed that they can send a letter to notify Pavecraft that they will withhold final payment pending an independent review of the work.

* Received an email from Holton High School student Hannah Johnson seeking financial assistance to purchase recycling bins for the school for the ECO Savers Club recycling program. The commissioners did not take any action on the issue.

* Adjourned the meeting at 12:33 p.m. All three commissioners were present.

5 Years Ago

Week of Oct. 25-31, 2021

• This year, the Vintage Park assisted living community in Holton noted 25 years since it opened its doors, known at the time of its opening as The Gran Villas of Holton.

• In an effort to bring more visitors to the county, members of the Jackson County Tourism Council are launching a mural project here. Three new murals will kick-start the project in downtown Holton, according to Suzette McCord-Rogers, a member of the tourism council and mural committee. The new murals are expected to last 20 to 30 years.

• The five years of work that Holton resident Jared Morris had put into reaching one of his life goals paid off earlier this month when he crossed the finish line at the 125th-annual Boston Marathon. Morris, the son of Bruce and Kathy Morris and a 2004 graduate of Holton High School, completed the 26.2-mile race on Monday, Oct. 11, with a time of three hours, seven minutes and 42 seconds, a time he says he's happy with.

10 Years Ago

Week of Oct. 25-31, 2016

• The City of Holton has acquired a new street sweeper, it has been reported. City employee Nathan Doyle could be seen driving the sweeper on Friday morning, Oct. 21, after tree limbs around Holton's Town Square were trimmed to accommodate the new sweeper.

• Jack Etzel, a third-grade student at Holton Elementary School, recently donated $33 of his hard-earned chore money to the resident activity fund at Medicalodges Jackson County. He is the son of Chris and Audrey Etzel of Havensville.

• Casey Patterson recently joined the staff at Farm Bureau Financial Services in Holton. Patterson joins agents Rob Wareham and Mitchell Nicol at 521 Arizona Ave.

• Ron Kuglin recently marked his 40th year milestone in the service department at Clark Chevrolet in Holton, it was reported.

15 Years Ago

Week of Oct. 25-31, 2011

• On Saturday, Oct. 15, the Holton High School volleyball team claimed the school's first-ever tournament title at the Sabetha volleyball tournament in more than 34 years, it was reported. The Wildcats closed out the regular season with two wins over Royal Valley on Tuesday, Oct. 18, to give the team a perfect league season. Now, for the fourth time in school history, the team has qualified for the state volleyball tournament.

Team members included Victoria Harshaw, Justine Powls, Julia Shoemaker, Kylie Miller, Lauren Bagby, Christa Hill, Hanah Suarez, Keri Tanking, Jayna Smith, managers Hannah Reisinger, Naomi Bayless and Anne Riederer, head coach Theresa Watkins and assistant coach Dena Swisher.

• After providing Holton and northeast Kansas with good deals on furniture for nearly half a century, Neva Heiselman is retiring from the business and bringing the history of Therll's Furniture to a close. Heiselman opened the store with her husband, Therll, in 1967. He retired in 1987. The store is located at the corner of Fifth Street and Vermont Avenue. The showroom in the Square and the company warehouse on Fifth Street are also in the process of being liquidated, Heiselman said.

HOLTON MERCANTILE

BLAST FROM THE PAST



This week's "Blast From The Past" was one of three county employees photographed in 2005 when the county won the Outstanding Mapping Project Award.

Be the first to identify her by calling *The Holton Recorder* at 785-364-3141 and receive a coupon for a FREE ice cream cone from Holton Mercantile!

Last week's "Blast From The Past" featured Betty Moser, who was correctly identified first by Bill Mercer. Winners may pick up their coupons at *The Recorder* office.

• Virgil and Anna Wilhelm have announced that they will be closing their Wilhelm Hardware business at 409 New York Ave. in Holton. However, they said they would continue their heating and cooling business.

• Holton Water and Wastewater Superintendent Dennis Ashcraft recently nominated the city's wastewater treatment plant for the Kansas Water and Environmental Association's Plant of the Year Award, and at a recent Holton City Commission meeting, it was announced that the plant received the award. Members of the crew included Dennis Klahr, P.J. Oldehoeft, Randy Shields, Mary Burns, Jason Smith, Louis Hartman, Roger McClintock and Kevin Ingels.

25 Years Ago

Week of Oct. 25-31, 2001

• For the past year, Jackson County 4-H clubs and the Meadowlark Extension District office in Holton have sold reflective signs to post at the entrance of rural homes to make it easier for emergency personnel to find them. Nearly 600 signs have been put up in the past year, according to the Jackson County Appraiser's Office.

• It's been two years since a fire devastated George Uhl's auction business north of Holton, but he hasn't let that stop him from continuing to make a living and helping a few others make money from selling wood. Uhl has been in service north of Holton as George's General Store for about a month and the auction business continues to grow.

• Members of Holton High School's FCCLA chapter recently pooled their resources and collected donations over a three-week period for the American Red Cross, which they presented in the form of a $140 check to Gina Coffman, development director for Red Cross of Topeka. FCCLA members present for the presentation were Jayme Cameron, Rachel Mahon, Sarah White, Katie Lehmkuhl, Kim Middlemist, Lyndsey Pannell and David Moorhead.

50 Years Ago

Week of Oct. 25-31, 1976

• No injuries were reported after a brief but spectacular blaze destroyed two garages and an automobile on Thursday, Oct. 21, in the alley just north of Holton Hospital. Ed Heim, owner of the car, said he heard an explosion in his garage, then looked out and saw the flames. The blaze moved to the neighboring garage, owned by Clarence Kabance, with the help of a gentle breeze. No cause was definitely cited for the blaze.

• Grandma's Cupboard is the newest business in Holton, located at 321 New York Ave. Nona Marr is the proprietor of the business, which features a number of specialties, including party planning and supplies.

• While Holton High School's volleyball team ended its regular season at the regional tournament, the players didn't lack enthusiasm. Coach Jan Bissitt coached an enthusiastic bunch of HHS girls to a .500 season and a near miss in the Holton Class 3A regional. Three of the girls who helped turn around the record, after last year's winless season, were Tracy Hauck, Jamie Ketron ad Sherrie Shaw.

Happy Retirement



Tony Raaf Retirement Party
Friday, Nov. 6, 2026
TayJay Transport Building *(21809 Q Rd., Holton)*
Dinner starts at 6:30 p.m. and Live Music by Crossroads begins at 7:30 p.m.
There is no need to RSVP – We'll serve food while supplies last.

At the end of 2026, after nearly 10 years of dedicated service with B&P Propane, we will be celebrating the retirement of someone who has given far more than a decade of service to our community.

For more than 40 years, Tony Raaf served our community through his work at Holton Farm & Home, and for many years he served as Fire Chief and as a volunteer firefighter with the Holton Volunteer Fire Department. Along the way, he has helped, supported, worked alongside and served countless people in our community.

We would love for the community to come help us celebrate and, most importantly, say thank you.

Please join us in celebrating Tony's retirement and thanking him for all he has given to the people around him.

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Vote "yes" to amend state constitution regarding voting laws

On the Tuesday, Nov. 3 general election ballot, there is a proposed amendment to the Kansas Constitution regarding elections and voting that, if approved, would change language to say "only" U.S. citizens can vote in the state, rather than saying "every" U.S. citizen can vote in the state.

Proponents say the rephrase is necessary to clarify the rules.

In Kansas, "every" U.S. citizen age 18 or older is eligible to cast a ballot. But if voters approve the constitutional amendment, "only" U.S. citizens of age would be allowed.

The ballot measure's explanatory statement reads as follows:

"This amendment would clarify that only a person who is a citizen of the United States is eligible to vote in this state."

"A vote for this proposition would clarify that only a person who is a citizen of the United States is eligible to vote in this state. A vote against this proposition would make no change to the constitution of the state of Kansas, and the language concerning voter qualifications would remain the same."

Rep. Pat Proctor, a Republican in the Kansas House of Representatives and candidate for Kansas Secretary of State, sponsored the amendment. Rep. Proctor says the clarification is necessary to prevent noncitizen voting, which, he said, has been the case in several other states that currently have elected officials that allow it. "Every time a noncitizen votes they are canceling out the vote of a Kansas voter," Proctor says.

Voters in six states are considering ballot measures in the midterm elections that would make it clear that only U.S. citizens may vote — and block local governments from expanding that right to others.

Proposed constitutional amendments or law changes in Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Kansas, South Dakota and West Virginia would explicitly bar noncitizens from voting. Federal law already does this for federal elections, and no state is supposed to allow noncitizens to vote in statewide elections.

Sponsors of the measures say they want to preemptively bar cities or other local governments from allowing noncitizens to vote in local elections, as municipalities in California, Maryland and Vermont have done.

"I know it looks like we're just doing right-wing nutty stuff for the sake of doing it, but no," said Jack Tomczak, vice president of outreach for Americans for Citizen Voting. The group has worked to pass citizen-only amendments around the country. "If you want to vote, we believe — philosophically, ideologically, legally — that you should be a citizen before you get a say in how a city, state or country runs things."

Arkansas state Rep. David Ray, a Republican, called Arkansas' ballot measure "preventative."

"We know that bad ideas exist, whether they're in California or Illinois or Maryland or some other state, and there's nothing that magically stops those bad ideas at that state's borders," Rep. Ray said.

"I think it's in large part tied to the current political environment and President Donald Trump's focus on noncitizen voting," said Joshua Douglas, associate dean for research and a professor at the University of Kentucky Rosenberg College of Law. "There's also a political aspect to it that some legislators think this is a good way to energize their base to come out to vote, which can have an effect in other elections."

This year's ballot measures are the latest in a flurry of similar initiatives in recent years: Between 2018 and last year, states put 15 citizenship requirement measures on their ballots.

Eight of those were in 2024. Voters approved all 15 measures by healthy margins, with an average of 73 percent voting in favor, according to Ballotpedia, which tracks election results. Though Republican legislators have been responsible for getting most of those on the ballot, Democratic legislators in some states, such as Iowa, also have voted for them.

Some people, believe it or not, like Douglas caution against constitutional amendments that limit voting to only U.S. citizens, saying "Do we want to give localities the power to decide who their electorate is, or not?"

In recent years, 21 local governments in California, Maryland and Vermont, as well as Washington, D.C., have allowed noncitizens to vote in certain local elections, such as for school boards.

They say they can do this because the language in many state constitutions says "every citizen" or "all citizens" have the right to vote and that language can be interpreted to mean that states must allow all citizens to vote, not that the franchise has to be limited to citizens, Douglas said.

Now, do you understand why this consitutional amendment is needed in Kansas?

If you want "only" U.S. citizens voting and deciding our Kansas elections, then you will vote in favor of the constitutional amendment at the general election. *David Powls*

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Even when it upsets and overwhelms us, truth above all.



MOLLETTE: Silence may or may not be golden

By Glenn Mollette



Silence may or may not be golden. You may hunger for a little silence or fear the quiet. Silence can be deafening, but it all depends on the circumstances.

Often, the noise of the world and everything going on can be overwhelming.

We may all have moments when we are in information overload. We can't take any more and we have to turn off the television, the social media, text messages and so on.

Almost daily I block three or four phone numbers that are sending me more and more unrequested information.

Our lives can be noisy and cluttered. We may have vocational overload plus home noise that we deal with daily.

You may have a house filled with children and lots of other relatives you hear from daily. You may be involved at church or have other social connections that fill up your life.

Your quiet moments may be rare. You long for a quiet, peaceful day that seems to be far removed from you.

Most likely, the day will come. Children grow up and they have their own busy lives. The people at church move on.

The others you used to talk to are gone or doing something else. The quietness may be more than you really want. I have been in too many nursing homes where people sat staring quietly into space, buried deep in thoughts of past happier times.

The reality is that we all need some quiet time to sort out our thoughts. Our brains need a rest. We need time to talk to God and to talk to ourselves.

We need time to just sort through our thoughts and to reflect and make good decisions. So, there is a plus side to silence, but we don't need it 24/7.

While you may be having a quiet moment, here is something serious for you to think about: Do not overstock on Halloween candy.

By all means, do not load up on candy that you like because you will end up eating most of the candy. Buy only what you can give away. Halloween officially begins the big weight-gain season. For the next 10 weeks, people decide to eat like crazy and then diet on Jan. 1.

It's your call. However, while you are quiet, decide not to buy so much candy for Halloween.

Also, in your quiet time, think about who you are going to vote for on Election Day. Take a look at the candidates. Look at who they are and how they have lived and what they have done. Look at what the candidates stand for and what they believe.

The political noise is deafening. We are bombarded daily by political campaign rhetoric. Consider what they represent and if they will make our country and community better. How does their election impact you? Give some thought to your vote, which is coming up very soon.

Don't be too afraid of the silence. We can call each other. Make visits, text and so forth. Also keep in mind that we are never really alone. God is with us and closer than our next breath. Let His presence comfort you and give you peace.

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Help youth see a future in ag, then let them shape it

By Jackie Mundt
Kansas Farm Bureau



October is the start of my busy travel season, and I kicked things off with a trip to the Adriatic Sea with my gal pals.

Luckily all my friends are farm people so we always work in a little agritourism and visited Ston, a small village on Croatia's Pelješac Peninsula.

Ston is a place where you can feel history because it still exists.

Stone walls and fortifications were built centuries ago to protect the town and its valuable saltworks. Today, salt is still harvested from the seawater using traditional methods, carrying on a practice that helped shape the region's economy and history.

Salt was once known as "white gold" because of its value. A reminder that food production has always been about more than what we put on our plates and is tied to livelihoods, communities and traditions passed from one generation to the next.

Anna and Mario, a father-daughter team, took us on a tour of the nearby Mali Ston Bay where they are one of a few dozen families that have cultivated oysters and mussels for about 500 years.

We learned about the processes they use to grow the shellfish over a three-year period and why the bay is a perfect to produce a high-quality product.

We were all surprised to learn that Anna and her family live far away from the bay. She is the only one of her siblings who works with her dad in the business, and they regularly commute more than an hour to the family's operation.

Agritourism is something they started since 2020. Her dad wasn't sold on the idea initially, but it has since become an important part of the operation.

Preserving a tradition doesn't always mean doing things exactly as they've always been done. A long history and a strong family legacy are meaningful, but they don't guarantee that the next generation will choose to continue them.

Sometimes, keeping a business viable means finding new ways to share what you do, reach customers and create opportunities for the next generation.

After Croatia, I made a quick turnaround to Indianapolis for the National FFA Convention. One of my favorite things about attending this event is seeing students get excited about agriculture.

I credit FFA with many things including helping cement agriculture as my career. Even though I grew up on a farm, it wasn't something I seriously considered until FFA.

The experiences I gained through that organization helped me see the possibilities agriculture offered and the role I could craft for my future.

Whether a family has farmed for five generations or 500 years won't ensure that farm's future. We have to help young people understand why agriculture matters and show them the opportunities available to them by supporting programs like FFA, encouraging students to explore agricultural careers and being open to new ideas.

That means recognizing the next generation may approach things differently than the generation before it. They may find new markets, embrace new technology or discover opportunities we haven't considered.

If we want agriculture to remain viable for generations to come, we must do more than ask young people to continue what we've always done. We must help them see a future in agriculture – and be willing to let them shape what that future looks like.

Tradition gives us something worth preserving. But change may be what makes that preservation possible.

Note: "Insight" is a weekly column published by Kansas Farm Bureau, the state's largest farm organization whose mission is to strengthen agriculture and the lives of Kansans through advocacy, education and service.

SCHROCK: It's time for American universities to reduce administrative glut

By John Richard Schrock



More than 30 of the highest paid chief executives at both four-year private colleges and public universities make well over $1 million per year in total compensation.

Each year, one of the August issues of The Chronicle of Higher Education (CHE) details the prior year of data on U.S. college finances, students and work force and also breaks down these statistics state-by-state in its annual "Almanac."

The chief executives at many institutions, often called chancellors or presidents, make outrageous salaries. The highest paid leader at Texas University made more than $4.7 million in yearly compensation. The highest-paid chief executive of a system in Pennsylvania made more than $5.1 million!

Some of these leaders have recently had a more difficult job dealing with the current federal administration's attacks on universities providing in-state tuition to DACA students or teaching the less-perfect U.S. history or the science of gender.

But these outrageously high salaries of some higher education leaders do not in any way constitute $1 million worth of management or service per year.

A second alarming list of data documents non-academic administrators in charge of marketing or investments. These are an assortment of individuals who in some cases make even more than the university presidents.

They have multiplied dramatically in recent years as state university funding coming from state funds has sharply dropped (sometimes to zero) and the universities have moved more and more to a corporate model where the student is a customer.

Thus, to recruit students, you supposedly have to have a growing marketing effort. Advertising becomes central to survival in a time when the student population is shrinking. This, however, pushes the universities in one state to compete against each other for in-state students.

It would be stupid for state funds to finance such in-state institution advertising against each other. And if non-state money is used for such advertising, that is money that could have gone to lower tuition. China and some other countries forbid their universities from marketing to students within their country.

The third outrage is specific to the United States, the only major country that identifies most of its higher education institutions not by academic quality but by sports.

Here the CHE data show the top 10 annual salaries for the head football or basketball coaches to range from more than $13.8 to $8.9 million per year! This leaps far beyond the outrageous salaries of the chief executives.

There are problems beyond overpaid executives, marketers and head coaches. Over the last 30 years, there have been unnecessary burdens of documentation required under the erroneous belief that submitting reports on test scores, etc. will improve higher education, and this has also expanded college bureaucracies. Therefore, many have five or more vice presidents – considered "administrative bloat."

In addition, across the U.S. many states have implemented K-12 policies to promote forward students who would otherwise have failed, and the high school graduation rate has increased from about 70 percent to more than 90 percent.

This results in students attending college who are not "college-able" and this increased waste of resources on such students is likewise an ongoing problem unique to higher education in the United States.

I will admit having made up a riddle that caused my colleagues to chuckle: "Two planes leave an airport. One is filled with top administrators and the other is filled with departmental secretaries. While one plane is gone, the universities operate better. While the other plane is gone, the universities nearly come to a halt. Which is which?"

This hypothetical scenario is always recognized, usually with a response that "it is the secretaries who are the ones who get things done!"

Then why are the presidents, non-academic administrators and athletic coaches being paid from 10 to 100 times more than the secretaries, faculty and others actually doing the work?

It is time for American universities to reduce administrative glut.

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

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Schlodder

Christina Renee Schlodder, 47, of Holton, passed away Saturday, Oct. 24, 2026 with family by her side, leaving behind a lifetime of memories and a special place in the hearts of those who knew and loved her. She was born Jan. 20, 1979 in Topeka, the daughter of Timothy Jon and Nancy Diane (Cobb) Schlodder.

Some people leave a lasting impression not through grand gestures, but through the love they give, the kindness they share and the countless little moments that become treasured memories. Christina Renee Schlodder was one of those people.

Christina graduated from Holton High School in 1997. On Aug. 12, 2000, she married Jason Murphy. Together, they welcomed three sons, Rhein, Rhett and Rhevl, who became an important part of Christina's world. Although Christina and Jason later divorced, their marriage brought her the three boys who would forever hold a special place in her heart.

Of all the roles she held throughout her life, none was more meaningful than being a mother to her three sons. She devoted many years to being a stay-at-home mother, caring for her boys and sharing in the everyday moments of their childhood. Her sons were an important part of her world, and the bond they shared will forever be a part of her legacy.

Christina later pursued her interest in cosmetology at Washburn Tech. She worked as a cosmetologist in Holton and Topeka, where her work was about more than just hair. She enjoyed the conversations, laughter and friendships that came from spending time with others.

She eventually found another special place in her heart for the children at Holton Elementary School, where she worked serving lunches. Christina enjoyed seeing the students' smiling faces, exchanging a few words and sharing those small moments of connection that could brighten an ordinary day. It was often the simplest things in life that brought her happiness.

Music was another beautiful part of Christina's life. She had a passion for singing, finding joy and expression through music. Whether sharing her voice with others or simply enjoying a favorite song, music was one of the many ways Christina embraced life. Although her voice may now be silent, the memories of her singing will remain a beautiful melody in the hearts of those who loved her.

Christina also believed in the importance of giving back to her community. She proudly served as a member of the USD 336 School Board, demonstrating her commitment to education, children and the future of her community. She was also a member of First Christian Church in Holton, where she was part of a community of faith and fellowship.

One of Christina's meaningful commitments was her advocacy for Fragile X syndrome. She believed in raising awareness, encouraging understanding and helping give a voice to individuals and families affected by the condition. Her advocacy reflected her compassion and willingness to stand up for something that mattered deeply to her. Through her efforts, she helped remind others of the importance of acceptance, inclusion and love.

Christina will be remembered for her friendly smile, her kind heart and the connections she made along the way. She was a daughter, a mother, a sister, an aunt and a friend. To each person who loved her, she was someone different, and each will carry memories of her that are uniquely their own.

Christina was preceded in death by her grandparents, Hurman R. Cobb of Lawrence and John and Delores Schlodder of Holton.

She is survived by her loving parents, Tim and Nancy Schlodder of Holton; her three sons, Rhein, Rhett and Rhevl Murphy, all of Holton; her sisters, Pamela Schlodder of Manhattan and Melissa Norris of Oskaloosa; her niece and nephew, Haylee and Cooper Norris of Oskaloosa; and her grandmother, Helen Cobb of Lawrence. She also leaves behind many aunts, cousins and dear friends who will cherish her memory.

Though Christina's time here was far too short, the love she shared and the memories she created will remain. Her story does not end with goodbye. It continues through her sons, through the family who loved her, through the friendships she made and through every person who carries a little piece of her in their heart.

Memorial Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 7 at the Mercer Funeral Home in Holton. The family will greet friends from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 6 at the Mercer Funeral Home. A private family inurnment will take place at a later date.

Memorials may be made to the Fragile X Foundation, sent in care of Mercer Funeral Home, P.O. Box 270, Holton, KS 66436. To leave a special message for the family, please visit www.mercerfuneral-homes.com

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Lee

Ian J. Lee, 28, of Topeka, passed away on Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2026.

He was born Oct. 2, 1998, in Topeka, the son of Jerit Lee and Joy Duncan. Ian attended Seaman schools. During high school he played bass guitar in the band. Ian also ran cross country and was on the track team. He was a great student at Seaman and will be remembered by all who knew him for having a big heart.

During his last year of high school Ian worked for Cumulus Broadcasting. Ian attended Pittsburg State University and continued as an outstanding student, graduating magna cum laude with a degree in communications. While attending college in Pittsburg he worked at KOAM-TV. He returned to Topeka and worked as a media specialist for the Kansas Department of Transportation.

He is survived by his mother, Joy E. Duncan and her husband Shane; father, Jerit D. Lee and wife Nancy Jo; sister, Tosha Duncan and nephew Tylin Martin of Topeka; uncles, Les Dyke (Vicki) of Joplin, Mo., and Faron Dyke (Sheila) of Thayer; cousins, Dalton Dyke (Heather) of Pittsburg and Dylan Dyke of Parsons; maternal grandmother, Kathy Dyke of Chanute; brothers, Grant Lee and Robert Lee of Topeka; aunt, Roxie Hansen (Mark) of Topeka; cousins, Allyn Frye (Matt) of Topeka and Calen (Chalece) Sindorf of Topeka; paternal grandparents, Al and Pat Lee of Topeka; and other extended family.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Jack Dyke.

The family will receive friends at Parker-Price and Davidson Cremations and Funerals, 245 N.W. Independence Ave., Topeka KS 66608 beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 31. His memorial service will follow at 11:30 a.m. Private inurnment will be held later at Muddy Creek Cemetery in Jackson County.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Christian Heady Foundation. www.ppdfuneral.com

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Searles

Carol Jean Searles, 77, of Denison, passed away Monday, Oct. 26, 2026 at her home with family by her side. She was born April 12, 1949 in Winchester, the daughter of Ernest F. and Patricia F. (Pickett) Wichman.

She attended Holton High School. Carol worked many years at Oldham Sausage Plant. In 2016 she retired from Medicalodges Jackson County as a cook.

She enjoyed spending time with family, gardening and camping at Prairie Lake.

Carol married Joe B. Searles on April 28, 1992 in Holton. He preceded her in death on March 18, 2006. She was also preceded in death by her parents, Ernest and Patricia Wichman; sister, Amy Spiker; and three brothers, Dale, Allen and Verlin Wichman.

Survivors include her husband, Robert Rolin; step-daughter, Angeline Searles of Minnesota; brother, Kevin Wichman (Sandy) of Circleville; sisters-in-law, Cheryl Wichman of Everest and Sue Wichman of Holton; brother-in-law, Jared Spiker; bonus niece, Tara Elliott of Holton; bonus great-niece and nephew, Kayden Elliott and Adalie Minde; her beloved dog, Wishy; and many nieces and nephews.

In accordance with Carol's wishes, she will be cremated and a private family inurnment will be held at a later date. Her family appreciates your understanding and support during this time.

Memorials may be made to the Heart of Jackson Humane Society, sent in care of Mercer Funeral Home, P.O. Box 270, Holton, KS 66436. To leave Carol's family a special message, please visit www.mercerfuneral-homes.com.

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Chandley

Darrell Landon Chandley, 83, Holton, died Friday, Oct. 23, 2026 at Anew Healthcare in Holton. He was born Sept. 4, 1943 in Topeka, the son of Mark Henry and Leona May (Carter) Chandley.

Mr. Chandley graduated from Topeka High School in 1962. He lived in California for more than 26 years, working as a welder and maintenance mechanic. He worked for 12 years at Fred G. Walter and Son in California.

He married Gloria Wylie. They later divorced. He married Deborah McKinley. They later divorced.

Survivors include a son, Mark S. Chandley (Donna), Warsaw, Mo.; a daughter, Leona R. Chandley, Topeka; a sister, Marian Webb, Topeka; and several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Mark and Leona Chandley; a sister, Darlene Webster; and a brother, Donald Chandley.

Private family services will be held at a later date. Mercer Funeral Home in Holton is assisting the family.

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Wenger

Curtis L. Wenger, 74, Powhattan, died on Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2026.

He was born on April 16, 1952 to Virgil and Florene Wenger. He attended and graduated from Powhattan Grade School and Powhattan High School.

Mr. Wenger was a lifelong farmer alongside his father and grandfather.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Virgil and Florene (Marak) Wenger; his grandparents; aunts, uncles and his nephew, Cody Reymont.

Survivors include a sister, Angela Barnes, and a niece, Jennifer (Louis) Fowler.

A graveside memorial service and inurnment will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 29 in the Powhattan Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the Brown County Humane Society and may be sent in care of Chapel Oaks Funeral Home, PO Box 1034, Holton, KS 66436.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Things to do, people to meet and places to be

Note: All calendar events are subject to change/cancellation. Contact *The Holton Recorder* at 785-364-3141 or holtonrecordernews@gmail.com for more information about placing an event on this calendar.

Thursday, Oct. 29
*No PreK-12 classes at Royal Valley (parent/teacher conferences).
*4:30 p.m. JHMS girls basketball vs. Troy.
*4:30 p.m. HMS girls basketball at Silver Lake.
*4:30 p.m. RVMS girls basketball at Atchison.

Friday, Oct. 30
*The Jackson County Historical Museum, located at 327 New York Ave. in Holton, will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Friday through October. For more information, call the museum at 785-305-1147.
*2 p.m. HES Halloween parade around Holton's Town Square.
*2 p.m. JHES Truck or Treat.
*3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Trick or treat on Holton's Town Square. Start at Labor Max (northwest corner of the Square) to grab a bag, then proceed west along the north side.

Saturday, Oct. 31
*Halloween.
*7 a.m. to 10 a.m. American Legion free-will donation breakfast, held at Holton Vets Club, 926 W. Sixth St.
*9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Advance voting at Memorial Hall in Jackson County Courthouse.
*5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Hoyt UMC Halloween bash, held at 405 Highland Ave. Free hot dogs, chili and other food and drinks will be served. Everyone is welcome.
*6 p.m. Royal Valley Trunk or Treat.

Sunday, Nov. 1
*Attend the church of your choice.

Monday, Nov. 2
*The Jackson County Commission meets at 9 a.m. each Monday at the Jackson County Courthouse in Holton. All meetings are open to the public. To address the county commissioners, contact the county clerk's office at 785-364-2891 to have your name placed on a meeting agenda.
*JHES third grade field trip to State Capital in Topeka.
*JHES book fair begins (ends Friday, Nov. 6).
*4 p.m. HHS and RVHS V Scholars Bowl at Nemaha Central.
*4:30 p.m. JHMS girls basketball at ACCMS.
*4:30 p.m. HMS girls basketball at Rossville.
*4:30 p.m. RVMS girls basketball vs. Nemaha Central.
*6 p.m. Holton City Commission meets at Holton City Hall.
*7 p.m. Delia City Council meets at Delia City Hall.
*7 p.m. Netawaka City Council meets at Netawaka City Hall.

Tuesday, Nov. 3
*Election Day.
*7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Hoyt Election Day meals, held at Hoyt Community Building. Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be served throughout the day. Free-will donations will be accepted. Everyone is invited.
*The Harvesters Food Group will stop at Countryside Park (soccer fields in Holton at First Street and Pennsylvania Avenue) on the first Tuesday of every month. Signup is from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Serving ends at 10 a.m.
*9 a.m. Jackson Heights PreK-8 storm lab assembly.
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*4:30 p.m. HMS girls basketball vs. Perry-Lecompton.
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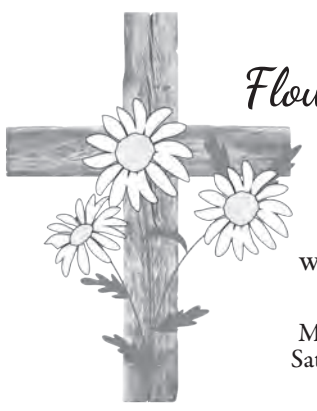
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Lady Wildcats headed back to Class 3A State Volleyball





In the photo at left, Holton senior Tinley Wilson (No. 21) is shown spiking the volleyball over the net against West Franklin while teammates (from left) senior Beka Lassey (No. 55), senior Marley Gilliland (No. 54), junior Stephanie Crawford (No. 20) and senior Kinley Fluke (No. 30) look on. In the photo above, junior Khloe Black (No. 15) is shown hitting the ball during sub-state play. Also shown are junior Faith Olberding (No. 24, crouching), Fluke (No. 30) and Gilliland (No. 54). Photos by Ali Holcomb

By Ali Holcomb

A year after finishing as the Class 3A state runner-up, the Holton Lady Wildcats are headed back to the state volleyball tournament for another shot at a championship. Holton secured its fourth consecutive state tournament berth by winning a sub-state tournament at home on Saturday.

"It's pretty exciting. When you get to this point in the season, nothing is really easy," Holton High School head coach Kristel Bontrager said of the sub-state win. "I think there was a sense of relief when we won so we could really just celebrate."

The Lady Wildcats won the sub-state title after a straight-set win over Maranatha Christian Academy to punch their ticket to the state tourney.

The Holton Lady Wildcats (35-9) are now the seventh seed out of eight teams in the Class 3A state tournament set for this Friday and Saturday at the Hutchinson Community College Sports Arena, located at 1300 N. Plum.

"I think what's so unique about this team is that they are very, very selfless," Coach Bontrager said. "They are very team orientated. They are happy for each other when they have accomplishments and hit milestones. They are genuinely happy for each other and want to celebrate together."

Holton has been assigned to Pool 2 on Court B and will play Beloit (36-3 and the second seed) at 10 a.m., Cheney (37-3 and the third seed) at 12 p.m. and Silver Lake (34-7 and the sixth seed) at 2 p.m.

"We've been watching film, and they are all solid teams. Our plan of attack is to attack," Coach Bontrager said. "When we back off and give other teams the opportunity, then we struggle. We have to take full advantage of our side of the net and control what we can control."

Silver Lake bested Holton during the state championship match last year. The two teams have played each other three times this season.

The Lady Wildcats fell to the Lady Eagles at Silver Lake on Oct. 6 in straight sets, 25-15 and 25-15. During the Rossville tourney in September, Holton bested Silver Lake, 25-12 and 25-20.

The two teams battled to three sets on Sept. 15 in a Big East League triangular at Sabetha. During that meeting, Holton came out on top (18-25, 25-19 and 26-24).

Teams in the Pool 1 bracket on Court A include Lakin (39-1 and the top seed), Hesston (35-3 and the fourth seed), Galena (37-4 and the fifth seed) and Frontenac (33-10 and the eighth seed).

The top two teams from each pool will advance to the semi-finals on Saturday, and medals will be awarded to teams finishing in first through fourth place. Saturday's semifinal matches will begin at 1 p.m.

Six of Holton's varsity players played in the Class 3A state tournament last year, including seniors Beka Lassey, Marley Gilliland, Kinley Fluke and Tinley Wilson and juniors Khloe Black and Faith Olberding.

"I'm sure we'll have the normal jitters, but once we get started, it'll be fine," Bontrager said of state. "Tinley Wilson has been to state four times, and some have been three times. We're familiar with the environment, and I think we'll do really well because of our past experience there."

Bontrager said the team's first goal is to win each set during the state tournament, as well as qualify for the championship bracket on Saturday.

"I think our experience will help us," she said. "They know what it takes so hopefully we can bring it."

Bontrager said the tough competition in Big East League has prepared the team for the state tournament.

"Our strength of schedule is pheromonal. Our whole season is packed including our tournaments," she said. "There is no easy night during the season. Our league is one of the hardest in the state."

The Lady Wildcats opened the sub-state tournament at home on Saturday with a straight set win over West Franklin, 25-8 and 25-8.

During the match, the team had 28 kills, including 10 from Black and five each from Wilson and junior Stephanie Crawford.

The team had 44 digs, including 12 from Wilson and 10 from Olberding. Fluke led the team with two ace serves and 25 assists.

In the next match, Maranatha Christian Academy beat Wellsville, 25-18 and 25-12, to advance to the finals.

Holton and Maranatha battled back and forth in the first set, but the Lady Wildcats came out on top, 25-23. The Wildcats won the second set, 25-15, to win the tourney.

"They are a good team," Bontrager said of Maranatha. "They played really well in the first set, but I don't think we played to our full potential. Once we got the first set under our belt, we said let's just get this done and taken care of and the girls really just elevated from there."

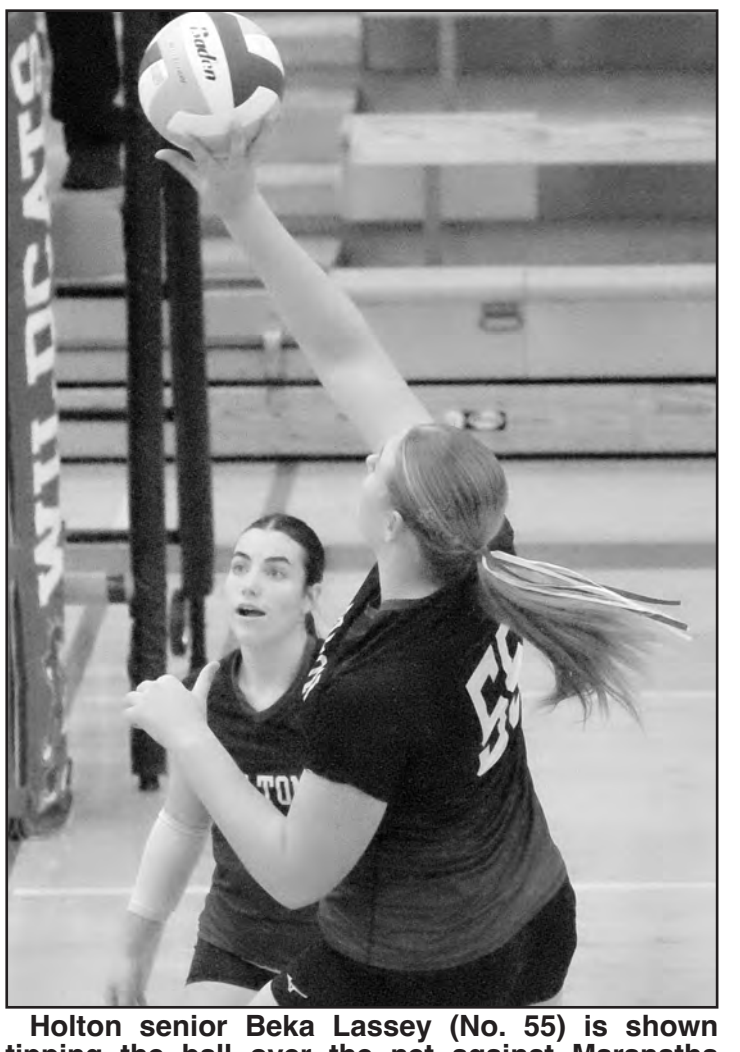
Against Maranatha, Holton had 23 kills, including seven from Black and six from Wilson. Fluke and Gilliland both had ace serves during the match.

The team had seven total blocks, including two solo blocks from Lassey. Holton also finished with 56 digs, including 13 from Black and 11 from Gilliland.

During subs-state, Black recorded her 1,000th career dig and hits.

"Our community has been amazing. We've had such great support from our families, friend and fans. It just makes it all that more enjoyable and doable," she said. "They have really showed up for us."

Tickets for the Class 3A state tournament are $11 each. Pre-kindergarten age children will be admitted for free.



Holton senior Beka Lassey (No. 55) is shown tipping the ball over the net against Maranatha Christian Academy during last Saturday's sub-state tournament at home while teammate senior Kinley Fluke (No. 30) looks on. Photo by Ali Holcomb

JH football slays Dragons, will play at Centralia Thursday night

By Brian Sanders

The Jackson Heights Cobras beat the visiting Valley Falls Dragons last Friday night by the final score of 56-0. This Thursday night, the 4-4 Cobras will play at the 5-3 Centralia Panthers in the Week Nine round of the Class 1A state football playoffs. Last Friday, Centralia beat Onaga 29-12. Two weeks ago, the Panthers beat the Cobras 30-14 at the JH field.

Valley Falls dropped to 0-8 on the season after the loss to the Cobras. Onaga dropped to 5-3 after losing to Centralia and will play at 2-6 St. Marys on Friday in other Week Nine action.

"We played our most complete game last Friday night,'' said JHHS head coach Caleb Wick on Monday. "It was also the healthiest we have been throughout the season. We're very proud of each and every one of our kids, especially our seniors. This week, we will have to play another complete game.''

Valley Falls got the opening possession in the game last Friday, but a tackle for a loss and an offsides penalty forced the Dragons to punt almost five minutes into the game, and the Cobras took over on their own 25-yard line.

The first Cobra possession saw the team losing 35 yards on four penalty flags (three holds and a false start), but they were still able to get downfield on the back of three passes from junior quarterback Kolby Bowhay to senior Sir Peek, totaling 54 yards, that put them at the Dragons' two-yard line.

Sophomore Tatum Eisenbarth ran it into the end zone from there, and Bowhay's pass to senior Brody Browning for the two-point conversion was good, giving the Cobras an 8-0 lead with 2:19 left in the first quarter.

The Dragons' next possession ended three plays in on a fumble recovered by Eisenbarth at the Valley Falls 36-yard line, and two plays later, Browning ran the ball in from 15 yards out as time expired in the first quarter. Browning also caught the conversion pass from Bowhay to end the quarter.

The next Dragon possession ended on a fumble at their own 30-yard line, the ball recovered this time by Peek, and five plays later, Bowhay completed a 12-yard touchdown pass to Peek. Eisenbarth then ran the two-point conversion in to put the Cobras up 24-0 with 5:20 left in the half.

Valley Falls' next possession was a three-and-out, and the punt rolled to the Cobra 30-yard line, setting up a 70-yard touchdown drive that ended on a 28-yard touchdown run from Browning and Bowhay taking the two-point conversion in on his own to extend the Cobra lead to 32-0 just before halftime.

The second half began with Eisenbarth returning the opening kickoff about 80 yards to the 10-yard line, and two plays later, senior Brayden Innes ran the ball in from one yard out, followed by Browning running the two-point conversion into the end zone for a 40-0 Cobra lead two minutes into the half.

Valley Falls then took over at their own 41-yard line and threatened to score, picking up four first downs and landing at the Cobra three-yard line, but the Cobras were able to put a stop to the Dragons' run with a big fourth-down tackle from junior Luke Schierling.

Taking over at their own three-yard line, Eisenbarth wasted no time in taking the handoff 97 yards for another touchdown, and senior Blaine Burdiek ran the two-point conversion into the end zone to put the Cobras up 48-0 as the third quarter expired, setting a running clock in motion for the final frame.

Valley Falls took over near midfield to start the fourth quarter but ended up punting the ball, and after taking over on the Cobra 29, Bowhay tossed a sideways pass to Peek, who ran it all the way to the Valley Falls five-yard line.

From there, junior Devyn Montgomery took the ball into the end zone, and senior Eli Kirk ran the two-point conversion into the end zone to bring about the final score.

Jackson Heights had 433 yards of total offense, including 138 passing yards and 295 rushing yards in the game against Valley Falls. Bowhay completed eight of 11 passes for 138 yards and one TD. Peek had five catches for 126 yards and a TD. Junior Sawyer Shupe caught one pass for six yards.

Eisenbarth and Peek both recovered fumbles in the game.

Eisenbarth rushed 10 times for 149 yards and two TDs. His longest run was 95 yards. Browning rushed four times for 54 yards and two TDs. His longest run was 28 yards. Bowhay rushed four times for

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One Cobra, three Tigers qualify for Class 2A State Cross County Meet

By Kendra Moppin

A Class 2A regional cross country meet was held Saturday, Oct. 24, at Wabaunsee, One Jackson Heights Cobra and three ACCHS Tigers punched their tickets to state competition at the meet.

Two seeded races were held for boys and girls. The top three teams from each race and top 15 individuals from each race qualified for state competition.

Jackson Heights junior Duke Condo, shown at the far right, will be the lone Cobra at the state meet held on Saturday after placing 15th at regionals. This marks his first state appearance.

ACCHS freshmen Clint Wilson and Aubrey Vanderpool and sophomore Abe Bell also qualified for state competition at the regional meet for the first time. Vanderpool placed third in the girls division while Wilson and Bell placed eighth and ninth, respectively, in the boys division. The Lady Tigers missed out on qualifying for state as a team by only one point while the boys only missed out by 10 points.

More results of the regional meet are as follows.

Team Scores:

Boys Division A: 1. Jayhawk Linn 57, 2. Kansas City Christian 78, 3. Remington 101, **4. ACCHS 111**, 5. Brean Academy 111, 6. McLouth 138, 7. Rossville 141, 8. Horton 196 and 9. Mission Valley 212.

Girls Division A: 1. Brean Academy 27, 2. Chase County 66, 3. JCN 89 **4. ACCHS 90**, 5. Uniontown 108, 6. Humboldt 160 and 7. Mission Valley 169.

Boys Division B: 1. Jefferson County North 58, 2. St. Mary's Colgan 66, 3. Cherokee Southeast 85, 4. Lyndon 95, 5. Chase County 129, 6. Wabaunsee 133, 7. Maur Hill-Mount Academy 147, **8. Jackson Heights 161** and 9. Oskaloosa 248.

Girls Division B: 1. St. Mary's Colgan 29, 2. Remington 44, 3. Wabaunsee 90, 4. Valley Falls 106, 5. Oskaloosa 109 and 6. Maur Hill-Mount Academy 125.

Individual Results:

Boys Div. A 5000m (ACCHS): 8. Clint Wilson 18:36.12, 9. Abe Bell 18:36.45, 26. Cody Fassnacht 20:27.00, 40. Cale Lanter 21:27.86, 41. Brayden Billings 21:31.97, 49. Brooks Goodpasture 22:03.00 and 54. Adam Potts 22:48.80.

Boys Div. B 5000m (JH): 15. Duke Condo 19:16.18, 38. Grant Bales 21:20.41, 41. TJ Hustead 21:41.79, 49. Luke Robertson 22:15.89, 53. Leo Peterson 22:49.76, 65. Drake Wheeler 24:02.09, 72. Brandin Fritz 29:27.38.

Girls Div. A 5000m: 3. Aubrey Vanderpool (ACCHS) 22:09.22, 20. Emily Carlson (ACCHS) 24:32.95, 34. Blake Goodpasture (ACCHS) 25:56.35, 28. Ashlyn Brucken (JH) 24:56.21, 32. Marley Nickelson (JH) 25:43.85, 37. Maisie Gilliland (ACCHS) 26:55.59, 38. Makenna Grace (ACCHS) 27:17.84, 45. Ruby Karns (JH) 28:01.83, 46. Addison Potts (ACCHS) 28:04.59, 52. Ava Handke (ACCHS) 28:26.78 and 54. Lakota Bottom (JH) 29:52.69.

State cross country for Class 2A will begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 31, at Wamego Country Club.



Wildcats beat Hiawatha, will travel to Burlington this Friday



Holton junior Ed Shupe, No. 8 in dark jersey shown above, runs to daylight behind blocks by senior teammate Brodey Nicol, No. 13, and junior Grant Warner, No. 86, in the Hiawatha game. Shupe rushed for 192 yards in the game. Photo by David Powls

By David Powls

The Holton Wildcats (2-6) will play at the Burlington Wildcats (6-2) this Friday in the Week 9 round of the Class 3A state football playoffs with a 7 p.m. kick-off. Holton beat Hiawatha 35-6 last Friday in Big East League and district play. Burlington beat Prairie View 28-6 last Friday. For the Holton Wildcats, it's the 29th straight season that the team has qualified for the football playoffs.

"I thought we continued to make progress in the Hiawatha game," said HHS head coach Brooks Barta on Monday. "We showed good discipline on the option and our defensive line made plays. Those are two things we have been lacking on defense. Having junior Ed Shupe back at running back improves our speed. We hope to get more of our original back field back this week, but we will see. We are playing faster on offense, but we still have too many lapses."

"Against Burlington, we will have to see our offensive consistency and intensity come to fruition," coach Barta said. "We will need to score much more consistently when we have the ball. Burlington will give us a lot of looks to get the ball into their playmakers' hands. They have consistently created big plays against everyone that they have played. We cannot take a single play off against them. We have to maintain good drops in coverage and we have to tackle well. I see this as a very balanced football game with two contrasting styles of offense. I think it will be a fun football game to watch."

So far this season, Burlington beat Central Heights 39-7, beat Iola 34-21, lost to Osage City 43-20, beat MCA 49-0, beat Anderson County 34-12, beat Osawatomie 35-0, lost to Wellsville 32-1 and beat Prairie View 28-6.

Holton scored touchdowns on its first four offensive possessions against Hiawatha. The first score came on a one-yard run by junior QB Tucker Terry, capping an 11-play, 65-yard drive. The PAT by junior Landon Sawyer was good.

Hiawatha fumbled the ball away on its second offensive snap of the game with Holton junior Cody Rodriguez recovering the ball for Holton. Holton then quickly capitalized on the turnover with a four-yard TD run by Terry. The PAT was again good, making the score 14-0.

Hiawatha's first TD came on a 31-yard TD pass, capping a nine-play, 54-yard drive. The two-point conversion try was no good, leaving the score at 14-6.

On Holton's third offensive possession, junior Edward Shupe scored a TD on a 27-yard run in the second quarter. Sawyer's PAT was good to put the Wildcats ahead 21-6.

Hiawatha had a 10-play drive on its next possession but had to punt after it could not convert on a third down and 19-yards to go situation.

On Holton's fourth offensive possession, a 40-yard pass from Terry to Kannon Segenhagen set up the Wildcats' fourth TD, a three-yard run by Shupe, to cap an eight-play, 75-yard drive. The two-point conversion run failed, leaving the score at 27-6 at halftime.

Holton had 10 first downs to five for Hiawatha at halftime and 203 yards rushing to 26 for the Red Hawks. Both teams had four penalties for 25 yards in the first half. Hiawatha completed three of seven passes for 45 yards. Holton completed its only pass of the first half for 40 yards.

The third quarter of the game was marred with four turnovers.

Hiawatha took the second half kick and had a 14-yard run and a nine-yard pass reception before losing a fumble at the 11-minute mark. The fumble was recovered by Rodriguez at the Hiawatha 48.

The Wildcats proceeded to move the ball with an eight-yard run by junior Clete Wray, a four-yard run by Shupe, a six-yard run by junior Ryan Cox, an eight-yard run by Terry and a 12-yard run by Shupe.

The Wildcats had the ball at the Hiawatha 19 when it lost a fumble. Five plays later, the Red Hawks lost a fumble at their own 19.

With 2:36 left in the third quarter, Holton threw an interception on its third play from scrimmage and the Red Hawks completed a 37-yard pass . On the first play of the fourth quarter for the Red Hawks, Holton's Segenhagen intercepted a pass and ran it back about 10 yards to midfield.

On Holton's first play of the fourth quarter, Hiawatha intercepted a Wildcat pass and ran it back to the Holton 29, for the sixth straight turnover of the game.

Hiawatha then had a 10-play drive that took the Red Hawks to the Holton one-yard line with 7:53 left to play in the game. At that point, however, the Red Hawks lost a fumble for the seventh straight turnover of the game.

Shupe then had runs of six yards and five yards and Terry had a run for nine yards before the Wildcat drive stalled and Holton punted at the 5:03 mark.

Holton senior Brodey Nicol then intercepted a Red Hawks pass on their first play from scrimmage at the Hiawatha 35 with 4:50 to play. Shupe had a 19-yard run and a couple of plays later sophomore Dawson Hamer scored a TD on a three-yard run. Terry ran in the two-point conversion, making the score 35-6.

Holton finished the game with 291 yards on 49 runs while Hiawatha had 93 yards rushing. Holton was one of three passing for 40 yards. Hiawatha was seven of 19 for 110 yards. Holton had three turnovers to six for Hiawatha. Holton had 10 penalties for 70 yards while Hiawatha had 10 penalties for 65 yards.



Holton junior Michael Willcott, No. 59 in dark jersey, caused the Hiawatha quarterback to fumble the football on this play in the game here last Friday. Holton junior Cody Rodriguez, No. 73, recovered the fumble for the Wildcats. Photo by David Powls

Shupe led Holton in rushing with 192 yards on 24 carries while Wray had 33 yards, Cox 26, Terry 14, Nicol 12, senior Jarett Abel 10 and Hamer seven.

Junior Grant Warner led the Wildcats in defensive points with 31, including 10 tackles, a tackle for loss, a knocked down pass and five tackle assists. Rodriguez had 17 points, including a sack, a recovered fumble, a big hit, three tackles and a tackle assist. Segenhagen had 15 points, including five tackles, an interception and a big hit. Nicol had 14 points, including four tackles, a tackle assist and an interception. Junior Michael Willcott had 14 points, including four tackles, a tackle assist and a caused fumble. Junior Zane Montgomery had 13 points, including a caused fumble, a recovered fumble and three tackles. Junior Thayne Gross had 13 points, including five tackles and three tackle assists. Senior Eli Hines had 12 points, including four tackles, a tackle for loss and a tackle assist.

Other Wildcats with tackles included senior Ean Winsor with four, sophomore Max Gilliland two, Cox one, Tucker one, junior Brodyn King one, Hamer one, Sawyer one and junior Jaxson Carlson one.

Note: The winner of the Holton-Burlington game will play the winner of the Jefferson West-Santa Fe Trail game in the second and regional round of the Class 3A state football playoffs.

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54 yards and two TDs. His longest run was 28 yards. Bowhay rushed four times for 38 yards. His longest run was 23 yards. Peek rushed once for 19 yards. Shupe rushed once for 14 yards. Kirk rushed once for 13 yards. Montgomery rushed once for five yards. Burdiek rushed once for two yards. Innes rushed once for one yard. Senior Michael Robertson rushed twice for zero yards.

Bowhay led the team with five tackles, five tackle assists and a tackle for loss. Shupe had three tackles and four tackle assists. Eisenbarth had three tackles and two assists. Peek had two tackles, one tackle for loss and two tackles for loss. Kirk had two and two. Junior Delbert Schultz had two and two. Junior Aiden Schumaker had two and one. Innes had one and one. Montgomery had one. Junior Rylan Rodvelt had one. Schierling had one and a tackle for loss. Senior Hayden Schultejans had one tackle assist.

Note: The winner of the Jackson Heights-Centralia game will play the winner of the McLouth-Uniontown game in the second and regional round of the Class 1A football playoffs.

Lady Panthers finish 29-11

By Ali Holcomb

The Royal Valley Lady Panthers saw their season come to an end Saturday in the first round of a Class 3A sub-state volleyball tournament at Silver Lake, falling to the Perry-Lecompton Lady Kaws in straight sets.

The Lady Kaws defeated the Lady Panthers, 25-18 and 25-11, to advance in the tournament.

In the opening match, the host Silver Lake Lady Eagles defeated the Jefferson West Lady Tigers in three sets, 29-27, 22-25 and 25-15.

Silver Lake then faced Perry-Lecompton in a three-set battle, winning 21-25, 25-23 and 25-20 to secure a spot in the Class 3A state tournament in Hutchinson. The Lady Eagles won the Class 3A state tournament last season.

Royal Valley finished the season with a 29-11 overall record and were 6-4 in the Big East League.

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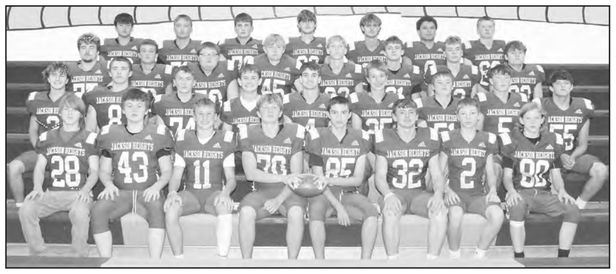
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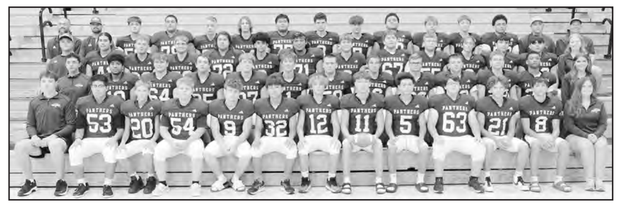
HOLTON HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL
2026 Record: 2-6 overall, so far (Class 3A, District 4)
Next Game: Friday, Oct. 30 - 7 p.m. at Burlington



HOLTON HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL
2026 Record: 9-1 Big East League (1st), 35-9 overall
Class 3A Regional 1 - Quad B Champions • Sub-State Champions (Class 3A)



HOLTON HIGH SCHOOL CROSS-COUNTRY
State Qualifier: Lexis Mick



ROYAL VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL
2026 Record: 4-4 overall, so far (Class 2A, District 4)
Next Game: Friday, Oct. 30 - 6 p.m. at Baxter Springs



ROYAL VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL
2026 Record: 6-4 Big East League, 29-11 overall
Class 3A Regional 1 - Quad D Champions



ROYAL VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL CROSS-COUNTRY
State Qualifiers: Josie Shelton, Clara Larison and Jarret Johnson



HOLTON HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS GOLF STATE QUALIFIERS
From left: Bree Barrow (18th at state) and Adalie Alley

Good Luck To All At State & Regional Competition!



ATCHISON COUNTY COMMUNITY HS FOOTBALL
2026 Record: 1-7 overall, so far (Class 1A, District 3)
Next Game: Friday, Oct. 30 - 7 p.m. at Rossville



ATCHISON COUNTY COMMUNITY HS VOLLEYBALL
2026 Record: 0-10 Northeast Kansas League, 3-31 overall



ATCHISON COUNTY COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL CROSS-COUNTRY
State Qualifiers: Aubrey Vanderpool, Clint Wilson and Abe Bell

STATE VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULES

Friday, Oct. 30, 2026

Holton (Class 3A) @ Hutchinson CC
11 a.m.
Holton vs. Beloit
12 p.m.
Holton vs. Cheney
2 p.m.
Holton vs. Silver Lake

Saturday, Oct. 31, 2026

1 p.m.
Semifinals begin

STATE CROSS-COUNTRY SCHEDULES

Saturday, Oct. 31, 2026

Holton & Royal Valley (Class 3A) @ Rim Rock Farm, Lawrence
3A Girls: 11:10 a.m.
3A Boys: 12:55 p.m.

Jackson Heights & Atchison County (Class 2A) @ Wamego
2A Boys: 10:35 a.m.
2A Girls: 12:20 p.m.

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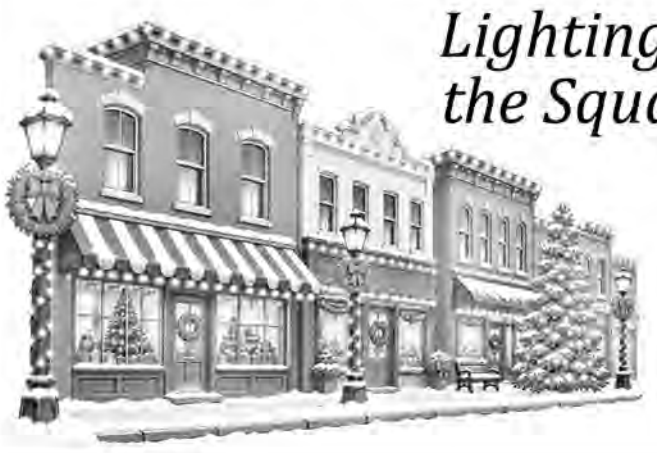
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Saturday, Nov. 28, 2026 • Downtown Holton



Lighting of the Square



Small Business Saturday

Shops Open Late!

Parade of Lights 5:30 p.m.



Holiday Coupon Book

As we look toward the end of the year, our focus begins to shift toward holiday shopping. One of our goals at the Chamber is to remind consumers what shopping locally looks like.

Statistics show that for every $100 you spend at locally-owned businesses, $68 will stay in the community. When you spend that same $100 at a national chain, $43 stays in the community. However, when you spend $100 shopping online, $0 stays in the local economy.

In an effort to encourage shopping locally, we want to offer an incentive to consumers to keep their dollars in Jackson County during the holiday season. With this goal in mind, we will be creating a coupon booklet featuring Jackson County businesses. Consumers will be able to purchase the booklet and find savings and deals encouraging them to "keep the cheer here."

The booklet will be available for purchase starting Nov. 7.

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Saturday, Feb. 6, 2027 • Ceremony at 7 p.m.
Prairie Band Casino Banquet Hall
Social: 5 p.m. • **Dinner:** 6 p.m.

2027 Hall of Fame Class
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Jackson Heights second graders, shown above with Connie Powls of The Holton Recorder, were eager to take their turn learning how to place subcription address labels on copies of The Recorder during a recent field trip to the newspaper office. Photo by Ali Holcomb

Fritz Keehn 90th Birthday

Come to the Soldier Hall to say hi to him!

1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 1



Jackson County Friends of Hospice

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Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2026
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St. Dominic's Catholic Hall
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Homemade Soups & Desserts
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Circleville News

By Jeannie Arnold

Circleville High School alumnus Margaret N. (Brownfield) Snyder, 85, of Hoyt, died on Thursday, Oct. 8, at the Midland Hospice House in Topeka. She graduated from Circleville High School in 1958. Private graveside services will be held in the Circleville Cemetery.

On that same day, Oct. 8, Circleville alumnus Roy Aloysius "Wah Sah Wok" "Bozo" Hale, 96, of Mayetta, died at Midland Hospice House as the result of an automobile accident. Roy graduated from Circleville High School in 1948 and was the oldest living alumni member in attendance at the Alumni Banquet in May 2026.

Family gathered for the inurnment and memorial of Doug Brown at the Holton Cemetery on Oct. 10, and then the group came to Circleville for a lunch and family time. Doug's mother is Barbara Hutchinson.

The Circleville Seniors met at noon on Oct. 19 at Circleville Christian Church with 20 members and guests present. Sharon S. Cochren led the Pledge of Allegiance and David Allen gave the prayer for the meal.

A meal of fried fish with side dishes and desserts was enjoyed. Gary Gibson provided the fish for the gathering in honor of his late wife, Clara.

Following the meal, Sharon called the meeting to order. Jeannie Arnold read the minutes from the September meeting. Joyce Essman gave the treasurer's report.

In November, we will meet at the Holton Senior Center for its annual Thanksgiving meal that will be held on Nov. 19. Reservations are required.

It was also noted that for the December meeting, we will join Soldier Senior Citizens and there will be entertainment by the Jackson Heights music department.

The Circleville Methodist Women in Faith met on Thursday, Oct. 22, at the Methodist Church with seven members in attendance. Thersa Wade led the group in reciting the purpose. Minutes of the September meeting were read by Secretary Avis Figgs and the treasurer's report was given by Thersa.

Helen Farley read an article from the Response Magazine. Roll call was "a Halloween trick that you played years ago." There was discussion about the conference meeting that was held at the Countryside Methodist Church in Topeka and also the upcoming Holton First Methodist Church fund-raiser on Dec. 3. Refreshments were furnished by Evelyn Allen. The next meeting will be held on Nov. 10 at the church.

It was fun to watch the kids in costumes and hand out candy to those attending the Circleville Trunk or Treat on Saturday evening, Oct. 24. The event was held at the Circleville Gym and outside area and hosted by the City of Circleville, which supplied hot dogs, chili, cookies and drinks for everyone to enjoy.

Annual Thanksgiving Buffet

Tuesday, Nov. 10 • 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Breakfast served until 8:30 a.m.

Buffet of Turkey, Ham & All The Trimmings!

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Immanuel Lutheran

By Nancy Schumann

Services opened at Immanuel Lutheran Church on Reformation Sunday, Oct. 25, with a welcome from Pastor Ian Kinney. The confession and absolution followed with the scripture readings for the day.

The Son of God has set us free from sin and death by His grace.

"Wisdom is justified by her deeds" (Matthew 11:19) and the true wisdom of God, Christ Jesus the incarnate Son, justifies us by His deeds. He prepares His way by the preaching of repentance, but He has suffered the violence of the Law and voluntarily handed Himself over to violent men, that we might eat and drink with Him in His Kingdom and "remain in the house forever." (John 8:35.)

For He is "a friend of tax collectors and sinners" (Matthew 11:19) and He has rescued us by His grace from the slavery of sin and death. By the proclamation of His eternal gospel "to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people" (Revelations 14:6), "the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law" (Romans 3:21), "that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus." (Romans 3:26.)

And by hearing the gospel of Christ Jesus, "whom God put forward as a propitiation by His blood, to be received by faith" (Romans 3:25), "you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." (John 8:31-32.) The Son of God has set us free from sin and death by His grace.

Following the reading of the holy gospel, the congregation professed its faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed. The sermon hymn, "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God," was sung.

As we celebrate the reformation of the church, we consider freedom. Christ says, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free. If the Son of God sets you free, you will be free indeed."

We are justified by faith apart from works of the law. You are not enslaved to your sin, but you did not have the ability to set yourself free from sin. You are free from sin because of what Christ has done. So now you are free to be a Christian.

Following the sermon, the offertory was sung and the offerings were collected. Prayers were for the whole church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Healing prayers were for Janet, Linda, Rich, Nancy, Beth and Larry. Prayers were also for those in the congregation and community who are suffering or ill.

Pastor Kinney gave the benediction, and the closing hymn, "Lord Keep Us Steadfast In Your Word," was sung.

A quarterly congregational meeting was held following a service. Inga Klahr has volunteered to be Immanuel's church treasurer. The congregation expressed its sincere appreciation to Kevin Strube, who has served in the treasurer position for many years.

Immanuel is collecting donations for the JCMA of shelf stable milk. Please leave your donations at the back of the church. Kristi Dohl and Pam Schumann will serve on the altar committee for November. Birthday greetings were given to Beverly Reichart, organist at Immanuel, who celebrated this week.

Weekly wisdom: "For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law."

Paula ELLIS

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

I would appreciate your vote on Tuesday, Nov. 3. Thank you!

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Netawaka/Whiting UMC

By Helen Edwards

It was another beautiful fall morning as the congregations of Whiting and Netawaka gathered together for worship at the Whiting United Methodist Church on Sunday, Oct. 25. Marilyn Banaka provided recorded music. The prelude was "Whom Shall I Send?" as Cheryl Yingst served as acolyte. Pastor Angela Hall welcome everyone and gave the announcements.

We will continue to meet in Whiting for worship for the entire month of November. Next Sunday, Nov. 1, Daylight Saving Time ends, so don't forget to move your clocks back an hour on Saturday night. Also, next Sunday will be the last day to bring cans of corn for the JCMA food pantry.

The annual charge conference for Whiting, Netawaka and Powhattan United Methodist churches will be held at 6 p.m. on Nov. 12 at the Whiting UMC sanctuary.

Our new Mission Statement is: "To grow as Christ-like disciples by providing practical outreach to families, welcoming all and creating a community that others want to join." Our new vision statement is: "A community united by Christ's love, where every generation is connected, supported and welcomed."

Last Sunday was officially Laity Sunday and in honor of that, Pastor Angela brought juice and donuts. She thanked everyone for all they do for the church and appreciated all the hard work put into making each Sunday a success.

Joys expressed were those who are doing better and asked to be taken off the prayer list. Congratulations to Jackson Heights junior Duke Condo, who qualified for state cross country on Saturday, Oct 31. Concerns were for continued prayers for Kelly Bagley and his family.

The Old Testament reading was from the book of Deuteronomy 34:1-12, read by Jon Yingst. Pastor Angela read the New Testament reading from the gospel of Matthew 22:34-46.

The same God who was with Moses on the mountaintop, with David the King, with Jesus in the courtyard of the temple, and with John Wesley the founder of Methodism, is the same God who is with us today. We have a basic understanding that the promises of God are not just pieces of history, not just our legacy but our guide and strength for the future. And we are called to pass on our living faith to our families, our friends and our community.

The closing hymn was "Pass It On," followed by the benediction. Marilyn played "Here I Am, Lord" for the postlude.

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Circleville Christian

By Jeannie Arnold

Jake Spalding gave the welcome and announcements for the Oct. 25 service at Circleville Christian Church. Dr. David Allen presented a gift of appreciation to Kris Morrison in recognition of Pastor Appreciation Month. Jake then gave the opening prayer.

Music was provided by the praise team of Dr. David Allen, Tim Boswell, Lori Thomas and Travis Self as they led the congregation in singing "Everlasting God," "Goodness Of God" and "Above All."

Paul Davault used text from Luke 24:36-40 as he gave the communion meditation. Communion servers were Bill Dyer, Larry Self Jr., Donald Askren and Joe Brucken. The praise team sang "It Is Well With My Soul" as communion was served.

Paul gave the offertory and prayer concerns, and the praise team sang "I Speak Jesus" as the offering was received.

Kris Morrison brought the morning sermon continuing with the series "Wise Up." Sunday's sermon was titled "Wise Up – Enough." Kris' message was on contentment, which is tied with the idea of having enough.

When you reach contentment, sometimes the goal line changes, but contentment is learned trust that God is enough. We live in an economy of miscontent. An ungoverned appetite will never let you have enough. Teach the heart what enough is. A little with God can be more than enough. Contentment is not complacency or settling. Contentment must be learned in need and abundance. God is enough, His provisions and promise are enough. Gratitude and faithfulness bring biblical contentment.

The service closed by singing "Follow You."

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Outpatient Clinic - November 2026 Calendar

This schedule is subject to change.
All scheduled patients should expect to be screened on arrival to our facility.

CARDIOLOGY
Dr. Birkbeck: Nov. 18
Dr. Joliff: Nov. 23
Dr. Mamidipally: Nov. 4, Nov. 11
Tollefson, APRN: Nov. 5

DERMATOLOGY
Engelken, APRN: Nov. 5, Nov. 12, Nov. 19, Nov. 30

DIETICIAN
Wassenberg, RD: Nov. 4, Nov. 11, Nov. 19, Nov. 25

ENT
Dr. Meyers: Nov. 20

GASTROENTEROLOGY
Dr. Michaletz-Onody (surgery): Nov. 5, Nov. 19
Waller, APRN: Nov. 3, Nov. 19

GENERAL SURGERY
Dr. Bruna: Nov. 10
Dr. Jimenez: Nov. 3, Nov. 17, Nov. 24

HEMATOLOGY/ONCOLOGY
Greenfield, APRN: Nov. 17

HOLISTIC PAIN MANAGEMENT
Demint, CRNA (surgery): Nov. 2, Nov. 16
Wells, PA: Nov. 4, Nov. 11, Nov. 18, Nov. 25

ORTHOPEDIC SURGERY
Dr. Carr: Nov. 10, Nov. 24
Dr. Lintecum: Nov. 6
Dr. Palmisano: Nov. 3, Nov. 17
Freise, APRN: Every Tuesday-Thursday

PODIATRY
Dr. Shemwell: Nov. 9, Nov. 23

RHEUMATOLOGY
Dr. Walker: Nov. 13, Nov. 20

UROLOGY
Dr. Nasseri: Nov. 5, Nov. 12, Nov. 19

WOUND CLINIC (RESTORIX)
Reinecke, APRN: Tuesdays

The Outpatient Clinic will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 26, for Thanksgiving.

3 Panthers, 1 Wildcat qualify for Class 3A State CC

By Kendra Moppin

One Lady Wildcat and three Panthers will represent their respective high schools at the Class 3A state cross country meet on Saturday after punching their state tickets at regional competition on Oct. 24.

Two seeded races were held for boys and girls. The top three teams from each race and top 15 individuals from each race qualified for state competition.

Holton freshman Lexis Mick secured her place in state competition by placing 15th in the girls division of the meet, setting a new personal record in the process with a time of 22:29.21.

Royal Valley freshman Jarret Johnson placed 15th in the boys division to qualify for state competition, while freshman Clara Larison and senior Josie Shelton placed 12th and 14th, respectively, to also qualify for the state meet. This marks Shelton's third consecutive trip to state. Larison also broke into the top five runners in school history with her 12th place finish.

More results of the regional meet are as follows.

Team Scores:

Boys Division A: 1. Wichita-Trinity Academy 25, 2. Caney Valley 69, 3. Burlington 103, 4. Council Grove 112, **5. Royal Valley 144**, 6. Silver Lake 173, 7. Iola 194, 8. Osage City 243, 9. Pleasant Ridge 259, 10. Bishop Ward 278, **11. Holton 286**, 12. Riverside 299 and 13. Wellsville 311.

Girls Division A: 1. Wichita-Trinity Academy 58, 2. Osage City 60, 3. Central Heights 64, 4. Silver Lake 96, 5. Heritage Christian 105 and **6. Royal Valley 106**.

Boys Division B: 1. Central Heights 47, 2. Girard 66, 3. Wichita Collegiate 101, 4. West Franklin 105, 5. Frontenac 145, 6. Anderson County 168, 7. Heritage Christian 174, 8. Perry-Lecompton 200, 9. Neodesha 210, 10. Osawatomie 214 and 11. Jefferson West 240.

Girls Division B: 1. Maranatha Christian 57, 2. Girard 65, 3. Frontenac 67, 4. West Franklin 83, 5. Caney Valley 92, **6. Holton 134** and 7. Perry-Lecompton 176.

Individual Results:

Boys Div. 1 5000m: 15. Jarret Johnson (RV) 18:19.14, 22. Jeremiah Williams (HHS) 18:59.99, 28. Cooper Slocum (RV) 19:14.31, 32. Carter Wahquahboshkuk (RV) 19:30.10, 34. John Rupnicki (RV) 19:37.94, 35. Easton Shelton (RV) 19:38.03, 36. Isaac Bradley (RV) 19:38.81, 47. Kadyn Pugh (RV) 20:11.37, 53. Sam Cannon (HHS) 20:23.47, 63. Gavin Stockman (HHS) 20:37.21, 67. Camden Schuster (HHS) 20:47.40 and 89. Braylon Truelove (HHS) 24:58.53.

Girls Div. 1 5000m (RV): 12. Clara Larison 21:47.31, 14. Josie Shelton 22:13.99, 31. Asia Montague 24:13.88, 32. Ah-No Morrison 24:20.07, 34. Ryleigh Wahquahboshkuk 24:43.46, 48. Lauryn Caviness 28:15.32 and 52. Ruby James 29:35.12.

Girls Div. 2 5000m (Holton): 15. Lexis Mick 22:29.21, 26. Ellis Larson 23:57.80, 27. Katie Purcell 23:59.86, 46. Jordan Kennedy 26:45.86, 47. Emersyn Nicol 26:58.41, 53. Lauren Jennings 28:01.61 and 54. Haley Jennings 28:04.93.

State cross country for Class 3A will begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 31, at Rim Rock Farm in Lawrence. The 3A girls will run at 11:10 a.m. and the 3A boys will run at 12:55 p.m.







Class 3A State Cross Country qualifiers include, top photo, left to right, RVHS freshman Clara Larison and RVHS senior Josie Shelton, photo above at left, RVHS freshman Jarret Johnson, and photo above at right, HHS freshman Lexis Mick.

Submitted photos

Royal Valley football to play at Baxter Springs Friday with 6 p.m. kick-off

By David Powls

Following a 42-30 loss to visiting Class 2A district foe Riverside (Wathena/Elwood) last Friday, the 4-4 Royal Valley Panthers will travel to the farthest southeast corner of the state this Friday to take on 5-3 Baxter Springs in the Week Nine round of the Class 2A state football playoffs. A 6 p.m. kick-off is planned for the game. Royal Valley is the 10th seed in the playoff bracket while Baxter Springs is the seventh seed.

Fifth-seed Riverside, now 7-1, will play 12th-seed Oskaloosa, now 3-5, in the Week Nine round of the Class 2A football playoffs.

So far, this season, Baxter Springs has lost to Frontenac 15-13, lost to Girard 42-28, beat Quapaw, Okla. 56-27, lost to Caney Valley 64-26, beat Cherryvale 35-6, beat Riverton 32-13, beat Galena 48-13 and beat Columbus 17-7.

Trailing just 7-6 after the first quarter last Friday night, the Panthers led the Cyclones 22-20 at halftime. Riverside then outscored Royal Valley 8-0 in the third quarter and 14-8 in the fourth quarter.

Royal Valley scored the first TD of the game on a one-yard run by senior Manny Oliveira. The two-point conversion play failed.

Riverside answered with a 60-yard kick-off return. The PAT was good, giving the Cyclones the 7-6 first quarter lead.

RV's first TD in the second quarter came on a 30-yard TD run by sophomore QB Ryker Warton. Oliveira ran in the two-point conversion play, making the score 14-7 with the Panthers leading.

Riverside's first score of the second quarter came on a 21-yard TD run by Charles Hewins. The PAT was good, tying the score at 14-14.

The Panthers got back in the lead on a 10-yard TD pass from Warton to senior Landon Gilbert. Oliveira ran in the two-point conversion play, giving RV a 22-14 lead.

The Cyclones scored one more TD before halftime on a 58-yard TD pass from QB Kobe Koehler. The two-point conversion play was good, bringing about the 22-20 halftime score.

Riverside retook the lead in the third quarter on a 23-yard TD run by Hewins. The two-point conversion play was good and the Cyclones led 28-22.

Riverside's Hewins scored again in the fourth quarter on a three-yard TD run. The two-point conversion play was good, giving Riverside a 36-22 lead.

RV's final score of the game came on an eight-yard TD run by Oliveira. He also ran in the two-point conversion, making the score 36-30.

The final score of the game came on a four-yard TD run by Riverside's Hewins. The two-point conversion was good, bringing about the final score, 42-30.

Royal Valley rushed 65 times for 304 yards while Riverside rushed 35 times for 304 yards. Royal Valley had 43 passing yards to 136 for Riverside.

Royal Valley had 18 first downs to 14 for Riverside. The Panthers were five of 13 on third-down efficiency and four of six on fourth-down efficiency. Meanwhile, Riverside was four of five on third-down efficiency.

The Panthers had one turnover (a lost fumble) to zero for the Cyclones. RV had three penalties for 15 yards and the Cyclones had three penalties for 27 yards.

RV's Warton completed three of eight passes for 43 yards and a TD and Riverside's Koehler completed six of seven passes for 136 yards and a TD.

Oliveira led the Panthers in rushing with 152 yards on 34 carries and two TDs. His longest run was 23 yards. Senior Josh Rodewald rushed for 50 yards on 11 carries. Warton had 26 yards on three carries. His longest run was 30 yards. Junior Sam Hickman had 17 yards on four carries. Junior Tyler Carlisle had 12 yards on three carries. Gilbert had four yards on one carry.

Hewins led Riverside in rushing with 169 yards on 23 carries and four TDs.

Gilbert was RV's leading receiver with three catches for 43 yards and a TD. His longest pass reception was 25 yards.

RV's leading tackler was senior Landon Burgess with five tackles and four assists. Rodewald had four tackles and seven assists. Warton had three tackles and six assists. Hickman had three tackles and five assists. Gilbert had two and two. Senior Dominic Conley had one and two. Senior Malaki Douglas-Chee had one and three. Senior Kellon Henery had one and one. Junior Colin Dayson had two assists. Senior Skylar Johnson had one assist. Sophomore Kaidell Pahmahmie had one assist. Sophomore Marlin Hernandez had one assist.

Note: The winner of the Royal Valley-Baxter Springs game will play the winner of the Jayhawk-Linn-Caney Valley game in the second and regional round of the state playoffs.

LETTER

Dear editor,

How can any voter pin their hopes and futures on candidates who lack integrity or care nothing for their fellow citizens?

If understanding the rules and codes of Jackson County is prudent, then knowing the information of the person accused is also prudent.

Ms. Carpenter, there seems to be a gap between your information. It is significant that we observe and quote correctly information used to impugn the character of any candidate.

Looking at what seems to be a breech of codes by any citizen/candidate but yet not knowing the facts concerning that candidate but believing only the rehashing of gossip and hearsay is damaging to both speaker and listener... unsubstantiated stories.

Time to put aside emotions and have a cool head. This is our future we are ushering in with a black pen at the polls.

This has been an ugly election cycle. People are choosing to believe what fits their body rhythms, not what is true or false. Our children deserve better than high emotions and hot heads.

Vote with insight, not feelings. Feelings are transient.

Vote for foundational precepts and freedom for our children.

Vote because freedom is not free but cost many people a high price.

Vote not with anger and hatred but with a sound mind. Do not be caught up in the minutiae of political speak.

Use your head.

Respectfully,

Carol Johnston
Holton

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ACCHS state cross country qualifiers are, shown above, from left, freshman Clint Wilson, freshman Aubrey Vanderpool and sophomore Abe Bell. Submitted photo

TAX, TAX, TAX!!! SPEND, SPEND, SPEND!!!

Dear editor,

We can no longer afford Commissioner Pruett. It is time for a change!!!

Commissioner Pruett has voted to raise our taxes every year he has been in office. He says there is nowhere to cut, we are running on the bare minimum.

So, Commissioner Pruett, the money being spent on replacing the cement drive at the Courthouse, approximately $60,000. Is that really necessary? How much rock would that buy for our roads?

Why couldn't the road and bridge department have patched that up with a little asphalt? They patch roads all the time with traffic driving 45 mph plus on them, the circle drive at the Courthouse may see a few cars a day going 5 mph. Really, Commissioner Pruett!!!

Let's talk KOMA, Kansas Open Meetings Act. You said there were no violations, but you had the AG's office giving a seminar to the commissioners recently. Maybe there was a reason, and you just don't want to share it.

Kinda like the county being in numerous lawsuits. Lawsuit after lawsuit, now the taxpayer gets stuck with high price liability insurance premiums, because of these lawsuits.

Commissioner Pruett supports solar, even though the majority of the county residents don't want it, but you don't listen to your constituents. Who will pay for this mess when it fails? My kids, your kids, grandkids, etc.?

Jackson County has bought many pieces of new equipment, when there was nothing wrong with what we had and were using. Stop wasting our hard-earned money. It is simple to understand why we have no money to rock our roads, or any way to lower our taxes with this out-of-control spending!

Commissioner Pruett's spend and tax type of leadership is not for Jackson County. If you don't like high taxes and out of control spending, don't re-elect Commissioner Pruett!

Dave Collom and friends
Holton

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LETTER

Dear editor,

We are writing this to ask people to vote for Doug Fisher to represent us for First District County Commissioner.

There have been so many false statements concerning the issue of "residency." Doug was born here and raised west of Holton and has been a resident of western Jackson County all his life.

On the Secretary of State's website, it states that the Kansas Supreme Court ruled that "Residence is determined by the acts and intentions of the person." Not the cherry picked, previous "legal" statements by others.

Someone states that there is a padlock on his gate. Yes... to keep thieves out, which a lot of people in the country do. Contrary to statements made by others, Doug does receive his mail and deliveries at his farmstead residence, not at his law office post office box address.

There is a legal process to follow if a person has a problem with someone filing as a candidate. No one believed their objection to Doug's running was valid or good enough to do that process.

The real issues here are what changes are needed in the office of the County Commission.

Also, we need to look at the qualifications of the candidates.

The negative comments that we have heard have not addressed any of the real issues that our county faces.

The waste of our taxpayers money is real. The machines that are bought and not used. Why are these machines just sitting around? We need someone in there that is fair, honest and wants and cares about the county's best interest. Someone that knows the laws. Someone that isn't in it for power and money.

We believe that person is Doug Fisher. A man that has worked, and is still working, in the law system and has been honest. He doesn't want to see our money wasted anymore.

When we taxpayers pay our taxes, we expect the people that are in charge of our money to spend it wisely. At this time, that isn't happening. We shouldn't have to be concerned about our money being spent wisely.

Please don't listen to the hate and lies. Vote for Doug Fisher for County Commissioner. A man that has lived in this county all of his life, that wants what is best for us, our money and this county. Thank you.

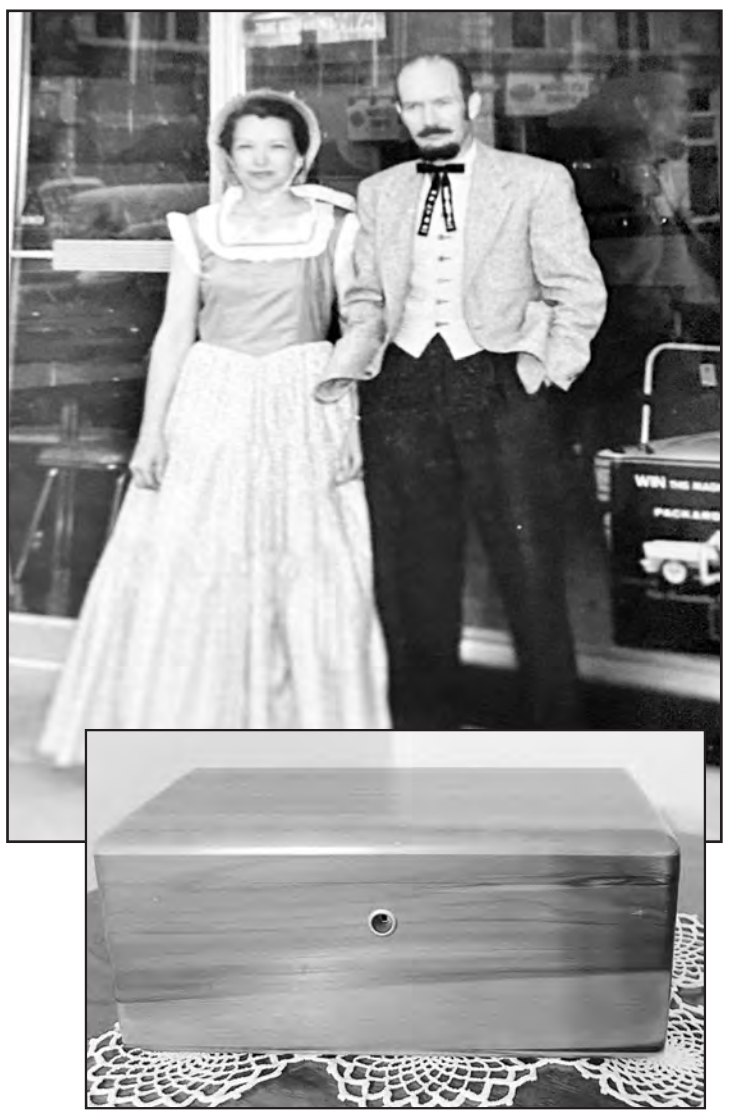
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Elva and Gordon Bower, who owned and operated Bower Furniture Store in Holton from 1947 to 1963, are shown above in front of the store in 1955 dressed as pioneers during Holton's centennial celebration. Members of the Bower family are seeking a jewelry box like the one shown above engraved with the store's name. The boxes were given away to female graduates of Holton High School in the 1950s. *Submitted photos*

■ Jewelry Box...

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"I have always enjoyed antiquing, so my grandpa asked me to keep an eye out for these boxes and that's how I got started on all of this," Lehman said. "The boxes were given out for just a few years, and we are not certain what exact years they were given out. Our best guess is the mid- to late 1950s."

Bower Furniture Store was located at 426 Pennsylvania Ave., on the east side of the Holton Square, where The Courtyard Event Center is now located, Lehman said.

According to a 1955 edition of *The Holton Recorder*, the first Bower Furniture was located in Norton and opened in 1885 followed by a second store in Goodland. These stores were both started by Gordon's grandfather.

Gordon purchased the Holton store in August 1947 from John Haag, who had owned the store for 22 years.

According to the 1955 article, the store sold all types of furniture and mattresses, as well as carpet and linoleum.

"Ever since my grandpa mentioned the jewelry boxes, I would love to find some to have in the family," Lehman said. "I would love to be able to find one for my grandpa. On the chance that I'm able to find multiple of these boxes, I'd give any I can find to other family members who were close to my great-grandparents as a keepsake to be passed down."

Lehman's great-aunt Barb has one of the jewelry boxes, although she did not receive it when she graduated from high school.

"She received one years earlier during the time Gordon was giving them out to the girl graduates," Lehman said. "The graduates were supposed to pick their boxes up at the store, and not all of them did, which is how my great-aunt ended up with one."

Lehman hopes someone in the community may still have one of the original jewelry boxes and be willing to part with it. Anyone who owns a box engraved with "Bower Furniture Holton Kansas" and is interested in selling it to Lehman can contact her through email at meganlehman2@gmail.com.

Thank You for Making the 3rd Annual Jackson Danner Memorial Shoot a Huge Success

On behalf of the Jackson Danner Memorial Shoot Committee and the Danner family, we would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to everyone who helped make the 3rd Annual Jackson Danner Memorial Shoot our most successful event yet.

Congratulations to the Division Winners:
Men's Division Co-Champions: Greg Tanking (47) and Brian Nelson (47)
Women's Division Champion: Emma Montgomery (43)
Youth Division Champion: Caleb Jessup (24)

Major Prize Winners:
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Thank you for helping us celebrate Jackson's life, preserve his legacy and make a difference in the lives of others. We look forward to seeing everyone at the 4th Annual Jackson Danner Memorial Shoot on Sept. 25, 2027.

Daylight Saving Time

This coming weekend, it's time to "fall back" as Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday, Nov. 1.

Don't forget to set your clocks back an hour before going to bed on Saturday night, Oct. 31.

The time will officially "fall back" at 2 a.m. on Sunday, creating darkness earlier in the evenings and more daylight during the early morning.

Traffic lights damaged

Traffic lights at the intersection of Fourth Street (Kansas Highway 16) and U.S. Highway 75 in Holton were damaged last Friday afternoon, it was reported.

This accident damaging the traffic lights occurred at about 1:18 pm Friday afternoon, according to Holton Police Chief Steve Frederick.

Chief Frederick said a northbound semi-truck turned east onto Fourth Street and turned the corner too sharply. The truck's trailer contacted the steel pole that houses the traffic lights for eastbound traffic, Frederick said.

The pole and traffic lights sustained significant damage and had to be removed and replaced with a temporary wood pole by the city's electrical distribution department.

The remainder of the traffic lights continued to work, but traffic control was established to detour eastbound traffic while the repairs were made, Frederick said. KDOT and the Jackson County Sheriff's Office assisted with the effort. All lanes were reopened shortly before 4 pm.

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HOW IT WORKS: Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

Puzzle Solution On Classified Page!

■ Thoughtful Giving Day...

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Donations are eligible for a prorated match based on the total amount raised and the available matching pool. For example, if an organization raises 7.5 percent of the total donations, that organization will receive up to 7.5 percent of the total matching funds, which are added on top of the individual donations.

Nonprofits may use their match funds for immediate needs, endowments or other expenses, and all donations are tax-deductible, with receipts provided by mail or email.

This year's Thoughtful Giving Day-targeted beneficiaries include the Adam Bloom Memorial Scholarship, Banner Creek Science Center, Beck-Bookman Library Building Fund, Blue and Gold Backers Fund, City of Circleville Fund, Coats for Kids, Developmental Services of Jackson County, Dolly Parton Imagination Library of Jackson County, Friends of Banner Creek Reservoir, Friends of Beck Bookman Library Fund, HCT for Ellis Grace Play Place Fund, Heart of Jackson Humane Society, Highland Community College Foundation Jackson County, Holton Alumni Association - Banquet & Weekend Activities,

Holton Alumni Association Scholarship, Holton Ball Association, Holton Community Hospital Foundation, Holton Community Theatre, Holton Country Club Historical Foundation, Holton Football Facility Enhancement Fund, Holton High School – Honor Flight Fund, Holton High School – Washburn Tech Assistance Fund, Holton Middle School KAY, Holton Parks and Pool Fund, Holton Youth Football Association,

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■ Election...

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A 'yes' vote for this amendment would make that clarification in the state constitution.

Local voters will also be asked whether the county's current .4 percent retailers' sales tax should be renewed.

The sales tax renewal failed to pass during the primary election in August. A total of 1,634 people (50.9 percent) voted against renewing the sales tax and 1,576 people (49.1 percent), just 58 fewer people, voted in favor.

The county's .4 percent special retailers' sales tax was first approved 22 years ago in 2004 and expires on March 31, 2027.

Voting polls in Jackson County will be open for 12 consecutive hours from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. in each of the following precincts:

Adrian Township: Delia Community Center.

Banner Township: Jackson County Courthouse.

Cedar Township and City of Mayetta: St. Francis Xavier Church.

Douglas Township and City of Hoyt: Hoyt Community Building.

Franklin Township and Franklin East Township: Jackson County Courthouse.

Garfield Township and City of Denison: Denison Community Building.

Grant Township: Soldier Community Center.

Jefferson Township and City of Circleville: Circleville Christian Church.

Liberty Township and Liberty Northeast Township: Jackson County Courthouse.

Lincoln Township: St. Francis Xavier Church.

Netawaka Township and City of Netawaka: Netawaka Community Building.

Soldier Township and City of Soldier: Soldier Community Center.

St. Creek Township and St. Creek North Township: Whiting Community Center.

Washington Township and City of Delia: Delia Community Center.

Whiting Township and City of Whiting: Whiting Community Center.

Holton Ward 1, 2 and 3, Ward 1 City Lake, Ward 1 Illinois East and Ward 3 Industrial Park: First Baptist Church in Holton.

For more information about the election, or to clarify where you will be voting, call the Jackson County Clerk's Office, 364-2891.

■ Solar Regulations...

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Commissioner Chairman Mark Pruett said that the regulations are not being written to accommodate a particular company.

"We're writing them for the county to protect the county and county citizens. We want to make sure that all of our 'i's are dotted and our 't's are crossed," Pruett said. "I've said this many times that any entity that comes in and they can put their business model within our regulations, great. If they can't, they can move on down the road."

Commissioner Keith Kelly said he wanted Voth to review the draft and recommend changes. He asked how long the review might take.

Voth said she would first need to understand the county's priorities and the reasoning behind the existing draft.

"So a little bit of what we're going to do is make sure that I understand what I should know about the county and what you've already thought about and what fits here and what doesn't fit here. Because this isn't one size fits all," she said.

Voth estimated that reviewing the regulations and making suggestions could take about a month.

Pruett explained that the commissioners initially developed the draft by reviewing regulations from four or five other counties and "cherry picking" provisions they believed would fit Jackson County.

Kelly said he had highlighted provisions he wanted to discuss, including requirements for funding the decommissioning of solar facilities.

Kelly also asked whether the county could reduce property taxes for residents or neighbors affected by a solar facility. Voth said that might be possible but that tax law is complex.

Voth said the firm could develop a fee structure as the review progresses and provide an estimate of costs. The county could also establish a cap on legal fees.

The commissioners thanked the planning commission for its work on the draft regulations.

After the meeting, Voth met with Duryea to continue discussing the regulations.

The commission will not meet Monday, Nov. 2, because the county clerk's office will be preparing for Tuesday's general election. The next regular meeting is scheduled for 9 a.m. Monday, Nov. 9.

Snyder named pick'em winner

Amanda Snyder of Holton was the Week 8 winner of *The Holton Recorder's* Football Pick'em Contest by correctly predicting the outcome of 20 of 25 featured games.

Second place came down to the tiebreaker, which was a four-way tie between Holton's Don McDaniel, Gary Sorensen and Jim Dodson and Beattie's Rob Olmsted, who each correctly predicted the outcome of 19 of the 25 featured games.

In the tiebreaker game, Pittsburgh defeated New Orleans 16-10 for a combined score of 26 points. McDaniel and Olmsted each guessed 45 points would be scored in the tiebreaker game while Sorensen and Dodson each guessed 52 points would be scored. McDaniel was determined the second-place winner by coin flip.

Snyder and McDaniel will be awarded prizes at *The Holton Recorder* office. Their scores and the scores of all other Week 8 participants will be tallied for the chance to be declared the overall winner of the contest.

Overall first place is $100 and a one-year subscription to *The Holton Recorder*. Second place overall prize is a one-year subscription to *The Recorder*.

Game scores were as follows.

- Holton defeated Hiawatha 35-6.
- Jackson Heights defeated Valley Falls 56-0.
- Riverside defeated Royal Valley 42-30.
- ACCHS defeated Doniphan West 42-6.
- KU defeated Baylor 25-24.
- Arizona State defeated KSU 28-17.
- Washburn defeated Fort Hays State 31-22.
- Emporia State defeated Central Missouri 58-38.
- Pittsburg State defeated Central Oklahoma 52-14.
- Oklahoma defeated Mississippi State 23-15.
- Baker defeated Missouri Baptist 45-14.
- Benedictine defeated William Woods 67-0.
- Alabama defeated Texas A&M 31-20.
- Oklahoma State defeated Colorado 57-24.
- Cincinnati defeated Texas Tech 37-24.
- Arizona defeated Iowa State 39-3.
- West Virginia defeated TCU 24-20.
- Seattle defeated Kansas City 20-3.
- Cleveland defeated Tennessee 27-24.
- Denver defeated Arizona 30-16.
- LA Rams defeated Las Vegas 35-21.
- Detroit defeated Green Bay 20-17.
- Minnesota defeated Indianapolis 16-10.
- Cincinnati defeated Baltimore 35-13.
- Tampa Bay defeated Carolina 43-13.

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*Hours at the JCMA New Hope Center Food Pantry, located at Fifth Street and Wisconsin Avenue in the Holton First Christian Church basement, are from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursdays. For more information, call 362-7021.

*The Heart of Jackson Humane Society shelter is located at 414 E. Eighth St. in Holton and is open from 1p.m. to 4p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays. We are closed Sundays and Mondays. For more information, call 785-364-5156.

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The Heart of Jackson Humane Society is collecting aluminum cans to recycle. Please place bags of aluminum cans on the West side of the van garage at the shelter. Aluminum cans only. (No aluminum foil or aluminum trays, please, as they can not be recycled). Also needed are volunteers to walk dogs and assist with fund-raising. For more information call the Shelter at 785-364-5156 or stop by the Shelter at 414 E 8th Street in Holton.

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TRESPASSING WITHOUT permission. Notice is hereby given by the undersigned residents of Jackson County that hunting, fishing, trapping, or shooting, or trespassing day or night is positively forbidden on all land owned, or rented or occupied by us, or on roads adjacent to lands at any time of the year, licenses or no licenses. April 1, 2026-2027. Wilson Bros. Farm LLC, Joseph B. Nick, Kathryn Jones, Roger Ackeret, and Colene Gutierrez.

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Miscellaneous

OUR AWARD-WINNING journalism is focused on serving our community. Focus on your business...Advertise local in The Holton Recorder, 785-364-3141.

WORD CLASSIFIED ADS in The Holton Recorder are placed FREE online at www.holtonrecorder.net!

KPA Classified Ads

Misc.
BATH & SHOWER UPDATES in as little as ONE DAY! Affordable prices - No payments for 18 months! Lifetime warranty & professional installs. Senior & Military Discounts available. Call: 1-877-625-8924

Misc
AGING ROOF? NEW HOMEOWNER? STORM DAMAGE? You need a local expert provider that proudly stands behind their work. Fast, free estimate. Financing available. Call 1-877-835-0240 Have zip code of property ready when calling!

Misc
WATER DAMAGE CLEANUP & RESTORATION: A small amount of water can lead to major damage in your home. Our trusted professionals do complete repairs to protect your family and your home's value! Call 24/7: 1-877-420-3509 Have zip code of service location ready when you call!

Misc
NEED NEW WINDOWS? Drafty rooms? Chipped or damaged frames? Need outside noise reduction? New, energy efficient windows may be the answer! Call for a consultation & FREE quote today. 1-877-514-4844 You will need to have your zip code to connect to the right provider.

Misc.
Call The Holton Recorder at 785-364-3141 to place your ad in the Kansas Classified Ad Network. The cost is $300 for 25 words or less and $12 for each additional word. Ads are published in 127 Kansas newspapers. Total circulation – 303,500.

Call us at 785-364-3141 to place your classified ads!

AUCTION

Saturday, Oct. 31, 2026 • 9:30 a.m.
Horton Blue Building (716 1st Ave. West)

Coins, Silver, Jewelry/Costume Jewelry, Antiques, Primitives, Collectibles, Guns, Antique Furniture, etc.

Very nice selection to choose from on this auction – should be something for everyone. Two local multi-generational homes, lots to sort through, so sure to be surprises!

Coins, Jewelry & Guns sell first – two rings part of the day

John Bales & Family and The Late Bob & Evelyn Jones, sellers

Wischropp Auctions

For more information, contact:
Craig Wischropp – 785-547-5419
For pictures and full sale bill:
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Public Notice

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The Northeast Kansas Area Agency on Aging is submitting an application for operating assistance for transportation under the U.S.C. 49-5311 (rural public transportation) of the Federal Transit Act for State Fiscal Year 2028 (July 01, 2027, through June 30, 2028). The application will be for operating and capital funds to help provide transportation services in the area. Written comments and questions in regards to this application is encouraged and will be accepted until November 6, 2026 and should be sent to: Justina Cockerham, Transportation Coordinator at: 1803 Oregon Hiawatha, KS 66434.

Operating dollars are funded by the Federal Transit Administration and will be utilized for the purchase of fuel, insurance, and equipment maintenance. This agency is seeking Kansas Disadvantaged Business Enterprise certified companies as potential vendors for these services. Please contact Justina Cockerham (785) 742-7153 if you are a DBE or are interested in learning more about the DBE program. L42t2

NOVEMBER 2026 SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE DUE NOW!

Renew FAST by calling (785) 364-3141!

Employment

SABETHA COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

HELP WANTED

Nurse - Day or Night Shift: Full-Time or Part-Time hours working 5-5 with every third weekend required. Current KS RN or LPN licensure required. Responsible for total patient care within assigned nursing unit. Night Shift differential RN $8/hour, LPN $5/hour and Weekend differential $3/hour.

Nurse Mid Shift: Full-Time hours working 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. three days a week with every third weekend required. Current KS RN licensure required. Primary responsibility is Emergency Room patients with secondary responsibility being Med/Surg patients.

Cardiac Rehab Nurse: Part-Time position working 24 to 32 hours a week. Current KS RN licensure required. Responsible for providing care that focuses on the preventive and restorative healthcare needs of cardiovascular patients. Must be proficient in EKG rhythm interpretation.

Surgery Nurse: Full-Time position working four days a week with six to eight nights On-Call per month. Current KS RN license is required. Responsible for scrub, pre-/post-op and circulating duties. Experience preferred, but on the job training available.

Speech Language Pathologist: Part-Time position working 32 hours a week. Current KS SLP license is required. Responsible for evaluation, diagnosis and treatment of speech, language, communications and swallowing disorders.

Radiology Technologist: Full-Time or Part-Time position with approximately six nights on call per month. Responsible for performing radiology exams as directed by practitioners to provide data for diagnosis, treatment and prevention of disease. Additional modalities a plus. Must be a Kansas LRT.

MRI Technologist: Full-Time or Part-Time position. Responsible for operating specialized imaging equipment, evaluating images and updating patients and medical records, along with keeping patients comfortable and explaining each step of the imaging process. Must be licensed in the state of Kansas.

Patient Care Technician: Part-Time position working two or three 12-hour night shifts per week. Night Shift is 5 p.m. to 5 a.m. Duties include providing direct patient care activities under the supervision of the charge nurse.

Housekeeper: Full-Time position working five days a week from 12 noon to 8 p.m. and every fifth Saturday and Sunday morning. Responsibilities would include cleaning assigned areas of the hospital along with floor and curtain maintenance.

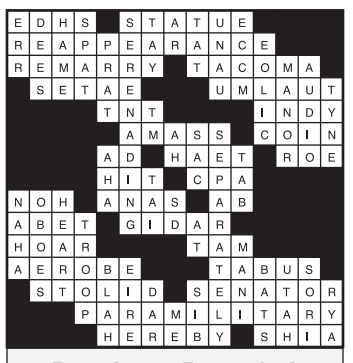
An excellent base salary is offered for these positions, which includes PTO and pension plan. Our full benefits package is offered to all employees who work 20 hours a week or more. If interested in these opportunities, visit the hospital's website at www.sabethahospital.com or call Julie Holthaus, Human Resource Director, at 785-284-1584.

Livestock

BULLS FOR SALE

Angus bulls, semen tested. Call or text John Fisher: ***785-230-2934***.

Crossword Answers



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Sudoku Answers

7	1	4	3	6	2	5	8	9
5	2	9	1	7	8	3	4	6
8	6	3	4	5	9	2	7	1
2	7	1	8	3	6	4	9	5
4	3	6	5	9	7	8	1	2
9	8	5	2	4	1	6	3	7
1	9	8	6	2	3	7	5	4
3	5	2	7	1	4	9	6	8
6	4	7	9	8	5	1	2	3

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Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday, Nov. 1. Set your clocks back one hour Saturday night!

KITCHEN SUPERVISOR

Royal Valley USD #337 is currently accepting applications for a kitchen supervisor.

JOB GOAL: *To prepare and serve students attractive and nutritious meals in an atmosphere of efficiency, cleanliness and warmth. Preparing state documents and ordering is part of the kitchen manager's responsibilities.*
BENEFITS: *Great hours, summers off, insurance, retirement, PTO days.*
PAY: *$18.85-$19.15 per hour.*

Royal Valley

Interested in applying? Go to www.rv337.com/ or apply in person at the district office at 101 W. Main St. in Mayetta.
If you have any questions, please call Lindsey at the district office at 785-966-2246.

Hammersmith Mfg. & Sales Inc. ***NOW HIRING!***

Holton Job Openings:
• Finish Welder • Painter
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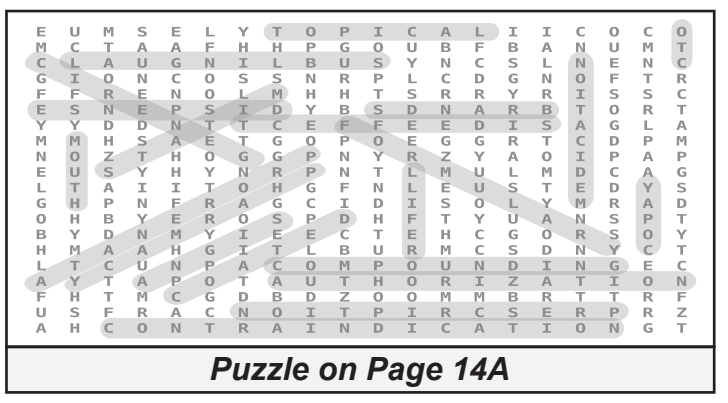
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Must pass drug test.

Please apply in person at either location.

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Word Search Answers



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Word Search Answers

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Public Notice

(First published in The Holton Recorder, Holton, Kan., on Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2026.)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE INTEREST OF:

Name: Micaela Gregorio-Gomez
Year of Birth: 2013
A minor child

Case No. 2026-JC-000010

NOTICE OF HEARING-Publication
Pursuant to K.S.A. 38-2237

TO: Andres Gregorio-Silvestre/Sebastian Gregorio-Silvestre
and all other persons who are or may be concerned

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in this court alleging that the child named above is a Child in Need of Care. The Court may find that the parents are unfit by reason or conduct or condition which renders the parents unable to care properly for a child, the conduct or condition is unlikely to change in the foreseeable future, the parental rights of the parent should be terminated, and a permanent custodian should be appointed for the child.

A hearing on the petition is scheduled for the 19th day of November, 2026, at 9:45 a.m. At the hearing the Court may issue orders relating to the care, custody and control of the child. The hearing will determine if the parents should be deprived of their parental rights and the right to custody of the child.

The parent(s), and any other person having legal custody are required to appear before this Court on the date and time shown, or to file your written response to the petition with the Clerk of the District Court prior to that time. Failure to respond or to appear before the Court at the time shown will not prevent the Court from entering judgment as requested in the petition, finding that the child is a Child in Need of Care, removing the child from the custody of parent, parents or any other present legal custodian until further order of the Court, or finding the parents unfit, and entering an order permanently terminating the parents' parental rights.

An attorney has been appointed as guardian *ad litem* for the child: Alex Belveal (785)364-0158. You have the right to appear before the Court and be heard personally, either with or without an attorney. The Court will appoint an attorney for any parent who desires an attorney but is financially unable to hire one. The Court may order one or both parents to pay child support. An attorney has been appointed for you: Shawna Miller (785)260-2869.

Date and time of hearing: November 19th, 2026, at 9:45 a.m.

Place of hearing: Jackson County Courthouse. 400 New York Ave, Holton, KS 66436.

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Clerk/Judge of the District Court

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Public Notice

(First published in The Holton Recorder, Holton, Kan., on Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2026.)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY, KANSAS
Petition Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59

In the Matter of the Estate of DONNA RAE CARRIKER, Deceased,

Case No. JA 2026 PR 000030

NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on the 13th day of October, 2026, a Petition was filed in said Court by Wendy Miller, an heir of Donna Rae Carriker, deceased, praying that Letters of Administration under the Kansas Simplified Estates Act be issued to Wendy Miller. You are further advised under the provisions of the Kansas Simplified Estates Act the Court need not supervise administration of the Estate, and no notice of any action of the administratrix or other proceedings in the administration will be given, except for notice of final settlement of decedent's estate.

You are further advised if written objections to simplified administration are filed with the Court, the Court may order that supervised administration ensue.

You are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before November 16, 2026, at 8:30 A.M., of said day, in said Court, in the City of Holton, Jackson County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said Petition.

All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate within the latter of four months from the date of first publication of notice under K.S.A. 59-2236 and amendments thereto, or if the identity of the creditor is known or reasonably ascertainable, thirty (30) days after actual notice was given as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

Wendy Miller, Petitioner

Submitted and Approved by:
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Attorney for Petitioner

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JACKSON COUNTY

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES SUMMARY FOR THE THIRD QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2026

The Board of Commissioners, Jackson County, Kansas hereby submits a summary of the third quarter's expenditures pursuant to K.S.A. 19-228. Notice is hereby given that a detailed statement of expenditures is available for public inspection at the County Clerk's Office.

	FUND	BEGINNING CASH BALANCE	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	ENDING CASH BALANCE
1	COUNTY GENERAL	3,454,799.54	952,965.99	(2,012,662.08)	2,395,103.45
2	SHERIFF	1,342,452.57	422,310.49	(941,239.26)	823,523.80
49	RISK MANAGEMENT	1,866,279.54	-	(1,866,279.54)	-
50	CAPITAL OUTLAY	4,667,189.86	1,882,038.38	(342,874.93)	6,206,353.31
51	GRANTS/LIABILITY	330,879.03	23,831.73	(21,240.13)	333,470.63
53	INMATE WELFARE	89,189.98	25,739.00	(35,363.29)	79,565.69
54	23-VAWA TC TS	(9,216.23)	-	0.00	(9,216.23)
55	21VOCA26 OCT 2020-2021	(6,540.46)	-	0.00	(6,540.46)
56	TOURISM	95,858.37	15,732.86	(9,229.92)	102,361.31
58	25-JAG-05 EQUIP GRANT	-	-	0.00	-
59	JAG 2025	-	-	0.00	-
60	REGD TECH FUND	12,839.85	4,152.59	(490.02)	16,502.42
61	2025 VAWA GRANT	(75,081.90)	-	0.00	(75,081.90)
62	TREASURER TECH FUND	8,978.07	1,019.00	0.00	9,997.07
63	CLERK TECH FUND	20,193.26	1,019.00	0.00	21,212.26
64	HERITAGE TRUST	2,360.00	2,038.00	(2,360.00)	2,038.00
65	GRANT - 2026 VAWA	12,298.49	11,807.00	(23,271.29)	834.20
66	DCBG BRETT SM BUSINESS LO	2,000.00	-	0.00	2,000.00
100	ROAD & BRIDGE	2,031,353.39	513,251.14	(1,187,135.88)	1,357,468.65
135	NOXIOUS WEED	97,995.82	106,039.38	(121,155.12)	82,880.08
140	ELDERLY	70,066.97	9,082.26	(38,843.30)	40,305.93
144	C-1 JAN-SEPT	-	-	0.00	-
145	C2 JAN-SEPT	-	-	0.00	-
147	C1 OCT-DEC	-	24,493.05	(24,493.05)	-
148	C2 OCT-DEC	-	38,167.55	(38,167.55)	-
151	MEADOWLARK EXTENSION #7	-	12,310.44	(12,310.44)	-
160	BOND & INTEREST	29.67	-	0.00	29.67
205	AUTO TAG FEE	38,816.50	43,196.08	(15,645.24)	66,367.34
207	AUTO ESCROW	916.06	-	0.00	916.06
214	WIRELESS E911	75,929.80	25,561.23	(7,715.87)	93,775.16
217	SPECIAL PARKS & RECREATION	85,403.82	19,383.58	(4,024.98)	100,762.42
218	SPECIAL ALCOHOL FUND	120,196.95	19,383.58	(15,000.00)	124,580.53
240	SP ROAD MACHINERY OUTLAY	173,691.10	-	0.00	173,691.10
250	WEED CAPITAL OUTLAY	187,259.47	-	(39,865.70)	147,393.77
256	ELDERLY BUS REPLACEMENT	103,220.89	-	0.00	103,220.89
257	ELD CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	129,099.25	-	0.00	129,099.25
261	JUV INT 2020 JULY-JUNE 21	24,084.69	-	(24,084.69)	-
262	JUV INT 2019 JULY - 2020	34,961.09	135,319.03	(114,397.67)	55,882.45
263	JUV: JCAB GRANT	52,984.13	4,740.23	(13,181.09)	44,543.27
264	JUV-REINVESTMENT GRANT	19,168.37	19,357.50	(15,061.39)	23,464.48
266	ADULT COMMUNITY CORRECTION	131,214.01	256,226.18	(99,212.60)	288,227.59
268	ADULT COMMUNITY CORRECTION	3,049.95	80.50	(68.91)	3,061.54
270	VAN SWERINGEN INVESTED PR	75,048.00	-	-	75,048.00
272	VAN SWERINGEN SCHOLARSHIP	297.62	219.68	-	517.30
273	VAN SWERINGEN NEEDY	6,640.67	219.70	-	6,860.37

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NOTICE OF CLEMENCY APPLICATION

Neal, Lisa #2100269724 is sentenced to 60 months for Battery against a Corrections Officer, Assault on a Law Enforcement Officer, and Battery in Jackson County, Kansas, and has applied for executive clemency.

Persons wishing to comment should send information in writing to PRISON REVIEW BOARD JAYHAWK WALK 714 SW JACKSON, SUITE 300, TOPEKA, KANSAS 66603 within fifteen (15) days after the date of publication.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY, KANSAS
(Petition Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JAMES L. CASHMAN, DECEASED,

Case No. JA 2026 PR 000032

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

You are hereby notified that on October 20, 2026, a Petition for Issuance of Letters of Administration under the Kansas Simplified Estates Act was filed in this Court by Darlene Sue Cashman requesting that she be appointed as Administrator and Letters of Administration be issued.

All creditors of the decedent are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate within the latter of four (4) months from the date of the first publication of notice under K.S.A. 59-2236 and amendments thereto, or if the identity of the creditor is known or reasonably ascertainable, thirty (30) days after actual notice was given as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

Darlene Sue Cashman, Petitioner

SUBMITTED BY:
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Attorney for Petitioner

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Auction Calendar

• Thursday, Oct. 29. Starting at 2 p.m. Commercial real estate auction, held at 122 E. Fifth St., Holton. For more information, contact Constance Fox, listing agent, at 785-851-1310.

• Saturday, Oct. 31. Starting at 9:30 a.m. John Bales and family and the late Bob and Evelyn Jones coin and antique auction, held at Horton Blue Building, 716 First Ave. West. For more information, contact Craig Wischropp at 785-547-5419.

• Saturday, Oct. 31. Starting at 10 a.m. Judy Kolterman farm auction, held at 23160 Gilsen Creek Rd., Onaga. For more information, contact Harris Real Estate & Auctions at 785-364-7137 or 785-364-6494.

• Saturday, Nov. 7. Starting at 8 a.m. Live on-site consignment auction, held at 100 Industrial Parkway, Gallatin, Mo. For more information, contact B & S Equipment Sales at 660-663-3363, 660-605-0839 or 660-605-2346.

• Saturday, Nov. 7. Starting at 10:30 a.m. Harry and Elaine Clark personal property auction, held at 7948 NE Indian Creek Rd., Topeka. For more information, contact Craig Wischropp at 785-547-5419 or Wischropp Auctions at 785-828-4212.

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JACKSON COUNTY 2026 TAX LEVIES FOR 2027 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

			2025	2026
STATE OF KANSAS LEVIES				
KANSAS EDUCATIONAL BUILDING		76-6B01	1.0000	0.0000
STATE INSTITUTIONS BUILDING		76-6B04	0.5000	0.0000
TOTAL		167,767,016	1.5000	0.0000
COUNTY LEVIES				
JACKSON COUNTY				
General		KSA 79-1945	28.634	33.610
General - Sheriff's Department		KSA 79-1945	17.462	18.021
Road & Bridge		KSA 68-5,101	22.499	18.207
Noxious Weed		KSA 2-1318	0.845	0.770
Elderly Services		KSA 12-1680	0.977	0.855
TOTAL		167,767,016	70.417	71.463
CEMETERY DISTRICTS		KSA 17-1330		
ADRIAN			2,703,692	0.597	0.605
AMERICA CITY	Nemaha County		245,370	0.000	0.000
BRICK			9,473,329	0.316	0.293
BUCKS GROVE			1,510,426	0.760	0.770
CIRCLEVILLE			7,234,731	0.856	0.819
DELIA			8,239,277	0.538	0.523
DENISON			6,219,153	1.011	2.935
HOLTON			56,307,353	2.341	2.231
HOYT			17,208,023	0.858	0.830
LARKINBURG	Atchison County		1,844,147	0.956	0.988
MAYETTA			13,107,204	1.248	1.199
MUSCOTAH	Atchison County		308,271	1.265	1.278
NETAWAKA			5,458,900	1.733	1.763
OLIVE HILL			1,980,058	2.937	2.900
ONTARIO	Nemaha County		567,220	3.330	3.292
SOLDIER			5,760,069	0.882	0.898
SOUTH CEDAR			4,777,081	0.353	0.350
SPRINGHILL			5,996,487	1.230	1.251
STEWARD MUDDY CREEK			10,172,882	0.460	0.593
WHEATLAND	Brown County		470,827	1.217	1.271
FIRE DISTRICTS		KSA 19-3610		
MAYETTA #1			24,936,275	4.380	4.251
JACKSON COUNTY RURAL #2			9,594,897	2.457	2.464
DOUGLAS #3			30,612,122	4.961	4.791
DOUGLAS #3 FIRST RESPONDERS			30,612,122	1.453	1.404
HOLTON RURAL #4			47,305,555	3.172	3.051
DELIA RURAL #5			11,377,541	4.884	4.799
NETAWAKA CITY/TOWNSHIP #6			5,280,242	4.148	4.217
WHITING CITY/TOWNSHIP #7			6,267,466	4.483	5.866
WATERSHEDS		KSA 24-1219		
WS #5	Brown County		50,972	1.790	1.820
WS #7	Nemaha County		3,939,316	3.079	3.138
WS #10	Jefferson County		68,586,177	1.751	1.633
WS #42	Pottawatomie County		9,726,547	0.851	0.828

			2025	2026
CITY LEVIES				
CIRCLEVILLE				
General	KSA 12-101a		12.389	11.105
TOTAL		907,265	12.389	11.105
DELIA				
General	KSA 12-101a		50.108	43.119
Building	KSA 15-11B12		0.000	2.706
TOTAL		739,204	50.108	45.825
DENISON				
General	KSA 12-101a		15.171	14.609
TOTAL		672,581	15.171	14.609
HOLTON				
General	KSA 12-101a		43.058	40.480
Bond	KSA 10-113		0.000	0.000
Library	KSA 12-1220		5.995	5.980
Liability Insurance	KSA 75-6110		0.936	1.028
Industrial Revenue	KSA 12-1617l		0.000	0.000
TOTAL		32,392,918	49.989	47.488
HOYT				
General	KSA 12-101a		42.622	45.679
TOTAL		4,559,407	42.622	45.679
MAYETTA				
General	KSA 12-101a		49.591	49.952
Bond	KSA 10-113		0	0.000
TOTAL		1,901,807	49.591	49.952
NETAWAKA				
General	KSA 12-101a		23.211	22.538
TOTAL		997,009	23.211	22.538
SOLDIER				
General	KSA 12-101a		16.908	18.043
TOTAL		421,379	16.908	18.043
WHITING				
General	KSA 12-101a		10.110	10.856
TOTAL		1,355,519	10.110	10.856
OTHER DISTRICTS				
NORTHEAST KANSAS LIBRARY	Douglas County			
General	KSA 75-2551		1.030	1.241
Employee Benefit	KSA 12-16,102		0.180	0.185
TOTAL		135,374,098	1.210	1.426
USD 338 Recreation Commission				
General			1.0000	1.000
TOTAL		543,720	1.000	1.000
ONAGA HOSPITAL #1	Pottawatomie Co.			
General	KSA 12-183		4.824	4.495
Bond	KSA 10-113		2.142	2.007
TOTAL		8,340,093	6.966	6.502
MEADOWLARK EXTENSION DIST #7				
General			1.334	1.255
TOTAL		167,767,016	1.334	1.255

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UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICTS					
USD #335					
General-Valuation	22,685,678	KSA 72-5142		20.000	20.000
Supplemental		KSA 72-5147		21.035	15.030
Capital Outlay		KSA 72-53,113		8.000	8.000
Bond & Interest		KSA 10-113		0.000	5.980
TOTAL			29,059,230	49.035	49.010
USD #336					
General-Valuation	56,078,658	KSA 72-5142		20.000	20.000
Supplemental		KSA 72-5147		15.386	14.822
Capital Outlay		KSA 72-53,113		7.993	8.000
Bond & Interest		KSA 10-113		13.418	13.397
TOTAL			75,010,860	56.797	56.219
USD #337					
General-Valuation	35,219,180	KSA 72-5142		20.000	20.000
Supplemental		KSA 72-5147		18.077	18.015
Capital Outlay		KSA 72-53,113		7.167	6.973
TOTAL			47,725,732	45.244	44.988
USD #321	Pottawatomie Co.				
General-Valuation	9,774,247	KSA 72-5142		20.000	20.000
Supplemental		KSA 72-5147		7.467	6.971
Capital Outlay		KSA 72-53,113		8.000	8.000
TOTAL			11,826,061	35.467	34.971
USD #322	Pottawatomie Co.				
General-Valuation	1,653,132	KSA 72-5142		20.000	20.000
Supplemental		KSA 72-5147		20.701	19.755
Capital Outlay		KSA 72-53,113		7.981	7.002
TOTAL			1,984,915	48.682	45.757
USD #338	Jefferson County				
General-Valuation	418,062	KSA 72-5142		20.000	20.000
Supplemental		KSA 72-5147		18.312	20.215
Capital Outlay		KSA 72-53,113		8.000	8.000
Bond & Interest		KSA 10-113		11.140	11.290
TOTAL			543,720	57.452	59.505
USD #340	Jefferson County				
General-Valuation	820,686	KSA 72-5142		20.000	20.000
Supplemental		KSA 72-5147		13.661	13.953
Capital Outlay		KSA 72-53,113		7.999	8.000
TOTAL			1,076,691	41.660	41.953
USD #377	Atchison County				
General-Valuation	116,394	KSA 72-5142		20.000	20.000
Supplemental		KSA 72-5147		17.787	20.146
Capital Outlay		KSA 72-53,113		5.976	7.980
TOTAL			125,019	43.763	48.126
USD #430	Brown County				
General-Valuation	363,038	KSA 72-5142		20.000	20.000
Supplemental		KSA 72-5147		21.801	24.253
Bond & Interest		KSA 10-113		11.000	11.000
Capital Outlay		KSA 72-53,113		3.000	3.000
TOTAL			414,788	55.801	58.253
USD #113	Nemaha County				
Bond & Interest (USD 441)		KSA 10-113		5.043	0.000
TOTAL				5.043	0.000

I, Kristie D. Richter, Jackson County Clerk, hereby certify that the above is a true and correct statement of 2026 levies for Jackson County.

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- I will work to promote Economic Development in our county.
- I will bring a fresh outlook to the Jackson County Commission.
- Closely examine income streams and expenses for the County government to help keep property taxes in check.

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- With the increase in property valuations this year, the county will receive more money in tax revenue. We can live within our budget and hold the line or decrease our mill levy, helping people to be able to stay in their homes.
- Jackson County citizens cannot afford continuous increases in property taxes.
- Jackson County's budget works similarly to our home budget; we must live within our means.
- I am a lifelong Jackson County resident.
- If elected, I will work hard for you to keep Jackson County an affordable and desirable place to live.

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Eight-time Grammy winner and jazz trumpeter Jim Seeley (center), a Holton native, is shown above during a benefit concert last Saturday evening at Holton Community Theatre. About 80 people attended the event. Also shown is Roger Wilder (at left) and Gerald Spaits (at right). *Photo by David Powls*

■ Suarez..

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I've enjoyed working in the community, because it's allowed me to do some things."

Those things include serving on the Chamber board of directors "in the first few years of my career," working in different capacities. There's also his several years of service with the Holton Rotary Club, which included working on a number of community projects with people that he said are Hall of Fame-worthy.

"I think it was Ray Wright who invited me to Rotary one day, and then I joined," Suarez said. "We did a lot of things in the community, helping with building and putting fences around ball fields, building exercise aeras in parks, painting things in the community, taking football tickets on Friday nights and hosting the watermelon feeds for the football teams."

Suarez was also involved in the former Holton Jaycees chapter and served as local president and Kansas president of the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors. He's also served as a deacon at Holton's First Baptist Church, where he currently serves as an elder.

But one particular activity that Suarez — who was named a Paul Harris Fellow with Holton's Rotary Club — enjoyed during his time with the Rotary Club was promoting public safety, whether it was the annual "bike safety rodeo" and giving a way bicycle helmets to kids, or the "Bucks For Buckles" campaign, which continues despite the local Rotary Club's disbandment in 2022.

Holton High School students who are active in the school's SAFE (Seatbelts Are For Everyone) program. have been teaming up with Suarez on the "Bucks For Buckles" event, and Suarez said it's good to see young people getting out into the community, doing public service.

"They've really been a big help, and Debbie Harshaw was really instrumental in sponsoring that," he said of the SAFE program. "But it's good to work with the younger generation, and they keep me young."

Suarez and his wife have a "younger generation" of their own — twin daughters Kadi and Aleesa, who graduated from HHS in 2010, and youngest daughter Hanah, a 2013 graduate of HHS. All three of them have married and have given the Suarezs seven grandchildren, whom he says are "a lot of fun."

He said they'll be joining him for his Chamber Hall of Fame induction in February.

"They seemed pretty excited about it — probably more so than me," Suarez joked. "But I guess I'm pretty excited about it, too."

He's also planning to have his State Farm cohorts present at the induction, noting his pride in seeing them taking up the mantle of State Farm and community service as well.

"We had reading day at Holton Elementary School for several years, where each of us took a Friday and would go in and read," Suarez said. "And they know how to fill in and man the office while I'm gone. That's a big part of it, when you can come back and work isn't piled high, because they're able to handle a lot of things."



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There's lots of options for updating kitchens



Updated kitchens are in demand, and homeowners are not hesitating to open their wallets when renovating these popular spaces in their homes. According to a 2025 study from Houzz, the median spent on complete kitchen renovations rose to about $60,000 between 2024 and 2025.

Homeowners concerned about the high price tag of kitchen renovations should know they have some less expensive means to giving their kitchens a new look.

Cabinet projects can dramatically alter how a kitchen looks and feels. This rundown of cabinet projects can help homeowners answer any questions they have about this unique and budget-friendly way to revitalize their kitchens.

• Refacing and replacing each merit consideration. Homeowners unfamiliar with cabinet projects may not realize they have two very different options to consider.

Refacing allows homeowners to transform the look and feel of a kitchen while keeping the existing cabinet structure in place. When refacing cabinets, new doors, drawer fronts and typically hardware are installed to replace the existing ones.

When replacing cabinets, the existing cabinet structure is torn out and completely new units are installed. Replacing might be done when the structural integrity of the existing cabinets is questionable or when homeowners are not fond of the existing cabinet layout and decide to change it completely.

• Cabinet refacing or replacing projects will not cost nearly as much as a complete kitchen overhaul.

The cost of any home renovation project is unique to each home. No two homes are the same, and variables like layout and square footage will affect the price of most projects, including cabinet renovations.

But homeowners should know that the average cost of cabinet refacing projects and replacement projects falls far short of the $60,000 price tag of kitchen renovations noted by Houzz.

According to Angi.com, refacing cabinets costs between $900 and $6,000 on average, while cabinet replacement projects can cost anywhere from $2,000 to $30,000. The wide ranges reflect the variables unique to each home.

Homeowners are urged to contact a professional who specializes in cabinet refacing and replacement to get an accurate estimate of how much these projects will cost in their homes.

• Cabinets also can be repainted. If refacing or replacing cabinets also threatens to bust the budget, homeowners can consider repainting or re-staining existing cabinets. This is a particularly cost-effective project because it gives the kitchen a new look but does not require homeowners to purchase new doors, drawers or hardware.

This is a potentially good option for homeowners whose existing cabinets are structurally sound and painted but started to fade in regard to their color. It's also a potentially sound temporary option for homeowners who are hoping to do a full kitchen renovation at some point in the near future but looking for a less costly and temporary means to give their kitchens a fresh look.

Cabinet projects can create a different feel in the kitchen without requiring homeowners to make as sizable a financial investment as a full kitchen overhaul demands.

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Winterize your home to make interior spaces more comfortable

It's not uncommon to spend a lot of time out of the house when the weather outside is warm. The popularity of outdoor living spaces has made it easier than ever to enjoy nature without leaving home, which can generally be done from late spring to mid-fall each year in many regions.

But as fall creeps toward winter and temperatures drop, it's time to head back indoors.

As millions prepare to go back inside with winter approaching, it can be beneficial to winterize a home so interior spaces are more comfortable and exterior spaces are better able to withstand potentially harsh winter weather.

• Check your carbon monoxide detectors. Fall is a great season to open the windows in many regions that feature prototypical autumn air.

But the crisp air of fall will eventually give way to much colder air, at which time the windows will be closed and likely remain shut for months to come.

Carbon monoxide (CO) is an odorless, colorless gas that cannot be detected by the senses. When windows remain closed for long periods of time, such as in winter, the buildup of CO, which can come from sources like water heaters, gas stoves, fireplaces and clothes dryers, can poison residents over time. CO detectors are a safety net against such a fate, but they must be operating at peak capacity in order to be effective. As fall winds down, check all CO detectors to make sure they're working properly and replace any that are not.

• Check for drafts. Check around windows and doors throughout the home to see if there are any gaps that are allowing air from outside to enter the home.

If daytime temperatures are mild well into the fall, then it can be difficult to see if there are any drafts before the sun goes down. Conduct this check in the evenings when temperatures are a little more chilly and leaks are easier to detect. If drafts are detected, apply weather stripping around doors and windows that do not require replacement. If there's drafts around aging windows and doors, consider replacing them.

• Call a chimney sweeping service. Cozying up beside a fire can make anyone forget the cold weather outside. But fireplaces should be subjected to a thorough cleaning by a skilled professional before each winter.

Animals might have nested in the chimney since the fireplace was last used, and you will want any nests cleared prior to lighting your first fire of the season.

In addition, the tar-like substance creosote, which forms when wood is burned in a fireplace, can build up and harden over time. That's a dangerous prospect, as creosote is highly flammable, which can lead to chimney fires. Creosote also can block the flow of air through a chimney, and that can trap gasses, including CO, in a home.



• Reverse your fans. It's a simple step but one people may not even realize they can make. In homes with ceiling fans, residents can reverse the fans so the blades spin clockwise.

This simple step pushes trapped warm air hovering around the ceiling into the living space below. This can make home interiors warmer without requiring residents to turn up the thermostat and increase their energy bill.

• Replace your HVAC air filter. Replacing the air filter on your HVAC prior to winter can make the unit operate more efficiently, which can help reduce your wintertime energy bill. Replacing the filter prior to winter also improves indoor air quality, which is a notable benefit during a time of year when the windows typically remain closed for months.

Winterizing a home is not a significant undertaking, but it can be very effective at making homes healthier and more comfortable once windows are closed for the season.

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Gutter cleaning important for homes



Gutters serve an important role on a building, catching rainwater from the roof and channeling it away from the structure.

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Gutters also help maintain roof and siding longevity, ensuring that rainwater will not pool under shingles or siding. Wet leaves also create habitats for pests to live, notably for mosquitoes, termites, rodents and birds.

Homeowners can clean their own gutters, but the job is often best left to professionals. Here are some of the reasons to leave gutter cleaning to an expert.

• Pros have the equipment. As with any project, having the right equipment means it will be done correctly. Handyman services and professional gutter cleaners already have the gear to reach gutters and tackle the mess, unlike some homeowners who will have to purchase tools.

• Gutter cleaning professionals are trained in proper safety procedures and have the right equipment to safely scale homes. Gutter cleaning involves climbing ladders, walking on roofs and handling slippery debris. It also may require working close to electrical and cable wires entering the home. Homeowners who don't know how to navigate these conditions safely risk falls or other injuries.

• Professionals may spot damage to a home that homeowners do not see. This may include cracked seams, loose fasteners, sagging sections and even roof damage. This allows homeowners to get a jump on the problem early on before it progresses to something more serious.

• One of the obvious perks to letting a professional clean the gutters is that it saves homeowners time. The expert can get the job done in less time and more efficiently than a novice weekend warrior.

The general recommendation is to get the gutters cleaned at least twice a year: once in the spring after trees have dropped their seeds, and again in the fall after all leaves have fallen. People with heavier amounts of natural debris may need more frequent cleanings.

A professional gutter service will typically include inspection of the entire gutter system; removal of all debris from gutters and downspouts; flushing of gutters and downspouts to ensure water flows correctly; assessment of water being directed away; and identification of areas in need of repair.

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DIY projects great but can have hidden costs

The home renovation industry is booming, and that's reflected in the cost to upgrade a home. Home Guide says remodeling a kitchen costs $25,000 on average, and a bathroom renovation runs at about $10,000.

Though rates fluctuate depending on a host of variables, renovations can cost $15 to $60 per square foot depending on the project.

The average homeowner wants to save as much money as possible when renovating their home. Many think doing much of the work themselves is the easiest way to keep costs low. What some homeowners may not realize is that DIY can be costly and prove a big hassle in the long run. The following are some hidden costs of DIY and renovating in general.

• Time: DIY projects are a major drain on free time. Homeowners taking the DIY route typically work on weekends or after work. Few people can take off and devote their undivided attention to a remodel like a contractor can.

Time is a valuable resource that is not renewable. Therefore, think of a DIY project in terms of what it would equal in lost wages. Because homeowners are not professionals, a DIY project may take double the time it would take a contractor. It may be worth it to simply hire it out.

• Mistakes: Many resources are available to help DIY enthusiasts work on a project, but there are still tricks and techniques learned after years on the job. DIYers may damage their homes by taking shortcuts or not understanding how to do a job properly.

A plumbing mistake, for example, may lead to flooding that damages another room in the home. And such mistakes may not be covered by homeowners' insurance policies.

• Fines: Permits are required for many home improvement projects. Forgetting to obtain permits or not realizing one may be necessary could subject you to hefty fines and/or force the job to be redone so it's up to code. Professionals likely know the rules regarding permits and often include the cost of acquiring permits in an estimate.

• Remediation: It's only after opening up walls or removing floors that you may discover issues you did not anticipate, such as termite damage or mold. These unforeseen factors can drive up the overall costs of a project.

• Disposal: Removing old building materials or gutting a room is part of many renovations. Chances are this refuse simply cannot be left at the curb for trash pickup. As a DIYer, you may not factor the costs for a dumpster or the time and money required to haul debris to a recycling or landfill center.

• Tools: DIYers may have to purchase tools as they engage in new projects. These expenses can add up and negate the savings of doing some of the work yourself.

DIY projects may initially seem like a way to save money, but weekend warriors should calculate the hidden costs associated with DIY renovations before deciding to do some work on their own.



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Having vehicles serviced at dealerships has benefits

Routine maintenance is required to ensure the safety and performance of any vehicle. Although vehicle owners have different options when it comes to servicing their cars and trucks, including doing it themselves or visiting an independent auto repair center, there are various benefits to using a dealership for servicing needs.

According to a study by Kelley Blue Book, 35 percent of all cars were serviced at a dealership in 2021. By 2023, that figure had dropped to 30 percent. Service chains, like tire service centers and quick lube brands, are gaining ground in the automotive servicing market. Here are six reasons why consumers may want to think about returning to the dealership to maintain their vehicles.

1. Cost. KBB says that owners are not saving much by shifting their business to service centers. In 2023, the average dealership service visit cost $258, while a visit to a non-dealer service center was $249 on average. Cs.

2. Original equipment manufacturer parts. A big advantage to going to the dealership for service is original equipment manufacturer parts, known as OEM parts and accessories. OEM means the components used in the service or repair will be the same as those used by the manufacturer in their own workshops, guaranteeing both quality and compatibility, according to DCH Honda. This can be especially important for electrical components.

3. Certified technicians. Modern vehicles are complex and unique between make and model. Visiting a dealership for service means you'll be getting a service technician who has specific knowledge about the vehicles that dealership sells. Technicians at dealerships have to be manufacturer-certified, meaning they will have the most up-to-date knowledge and access to cutting-edge equipment.

4. Warranty savings. More often than not, new vehicles come with manufacturer warranties. Certain service may be covered by the manufacturer or dealership at no cost to the vehicle owner.

Plus, the dealership can easily look up and apply the warranty pricing if applicable. Also, the service may need to be performed at a dealership by a certified technician for a warranty to continue to be valid.

5. Accessible records. If and when the time comes time to sell a vehicle, having a handy log of all servicing can be advantageous. This is easier to come by if all of the visits took place at a dealership. They can simply pull up a record of the vehicle and provide it to the owner; otherwise, one may scramble to compile the vehicle history from various service centers.

6. Loaner vehicle. Oftentimes dealerships will provide courtesy cars to customers while service is taking place.

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Homeowners renovate their homes for a variety of reasons

Homeowners renovate their homes for a variety of reasons. Renovations can increase the value of a property and make homes safer and more comfortable for their occupants.

Improvements also can be made to stay current with the times or to give a home a new vibe.

The home improvement market is generating significant revenue. In fact, nearly a quarter of Americans opting to renovate their homes will spend an average of $10,000 on their projects, according to research.

Kitchens and bathrooms often get the most attention when it comes to home improvement. However, every room and space in a home may need a renovation at some point, and the following are five signs it's time to renovate.

1. Age. The National Association of Home Builders states that 50 percent of U.S. homes are older than 40 years. That means that age alone could dictate a need to renovate, particularly if some materials are original to the home.

For example, asphalt roofs typically last 25 to 30 years, while window frames can last 20 to 50 years depending on how well they have been maintained.

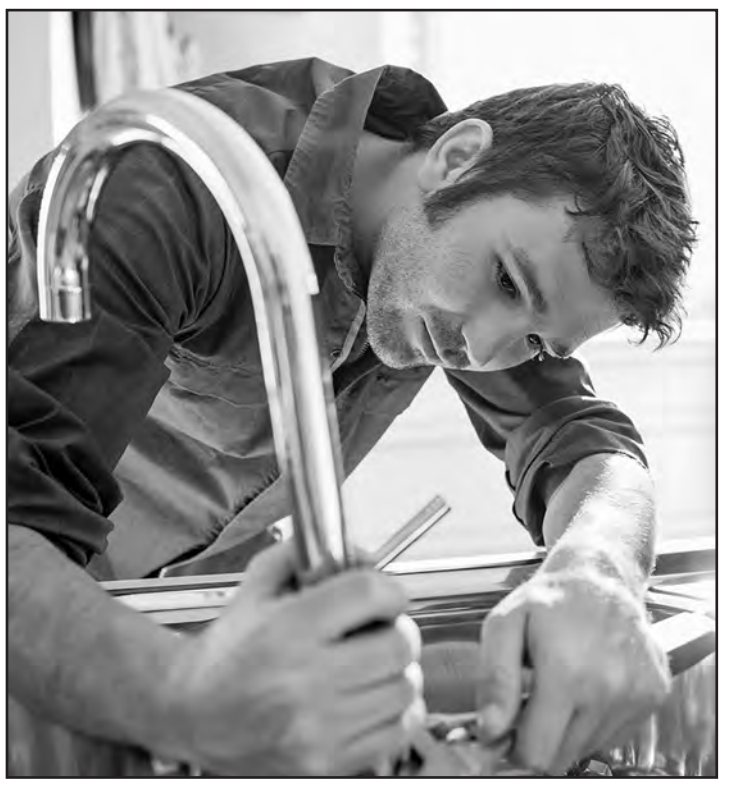
2. Inconvenient layout. Some homeowners scratch their heads when faced with awkward floor plan layouts. While one may live with the inconvenience for some time, typically a floor plan that isn't working for the homeowner is a major driver of renovations.

3. Outdated looks. A home can look dated even if it is a relatively recent build. That's because trends change quickly. For example, dark, cherry cabinets that were popular just a little while ago have now been replaced by lighter color palettes. Homeowners whose homes do not match the looks emulated in design magazines may consider a change, particularly if they're planning to sell soon.

4. Deterioration. Signs of water, storm or structural damage should be addressed as soon as possible. Any deterioration should be a strong indicator that it's time to renovate.

5. Efficiency. Escalating utility bills could be indicative of an inefficient home. Homeowners can conduct energy audits and then improve the areas where energy loss may be occurring, such as windows, doors, siding and insulation.

Homeowners can renovate their homes when they see fit, but various signs may warn that it's time consider updating or remodeling a home.





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Devin B. Ojeda, Manhattan, speeding, $195.

Susan L. Adkins, address sealed by court, expired or no registration; dismissed.

Alexander J.P. Wentzel, address sealed by court, speeding, $153.

Alen M. Behrens, address sealed by court, speeding, $318.

Shawna Warren, address sealed by court, speeding, $177.

Donald D. Scott Jr., address sealed by court, speeding, $201.

Marlene E. Crawford, address sealed by court, speeding, $153.

Larry L. Hinson, address sealed by court, expired or no registration; dismissed.

Matthew Blanchettte, address sealed by court, speeding, $207.

Laura A.C. King, address sealed by court, speeding, $213.

Larry D. Brock, address sealed by court, speeding, $207.

Tashay M. Marquez, address sealed by court, speeding, $333.

Andrea Smith, address sealed by court, speeding, $195.

Taygen L.A. Boyce, address sealed by court, speeding, $177.

Nieall E. Odum, Topeka, driving while license canceled, suspended or revoked; sentenced to 12 months in jail, suspended after five days; placed on 12 months probation and fined $100 plus court costs.

Criminal

Dispositions

State of Kansas vs. Kenneth Odem, Kansas City, interference with law enforcement, driving while license canceled, suspended or revoked; sentenced to 12 months in jail, suspended after five days; placed on 12 months probation and fined $300 plus court costs.

State of Kansas vs. Cesar R. Munoz, Kansas City, Mo., possession of marijuana; sentenced to six months in jail, suspended; placed on six months probation and fined $100 plus court costs.

State of Kansas vs. Charles Sharp, Wamego, possession of hydrocodone, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of tetrahydrocannabinol; diversion.

State of Kansas vs. Angela D. Childs, Holton, criminal deprivation of property; dismissed.

State of Kansas vs. Benjamin J. Leiker, Topeka, disorderly conduct; diversion.

State of Kansas vs. Mark E. Woods, Holton, unlawful disposal of livestock, criminal littering; found not guilty at bench trial.

State of Kansas vs. Myles Helton, Denison, battery; sentenced to six months in jail, suspended; placed on 12 months probation and fined $100 plus court costs.

State of Kansas vs. Lareece F. Wahquahboshkuk, Horton, possession of drug paraphernalia; sentenced to six months in jail, suspended; placed on six months probation and fined $100 plus court costs.

State of Kansas vs. Myles Helton, Denison, battery; dismissed.

State of Kansas vs. Joshua Wolf, Topeka, display or possess fictitious or fraudulent ID card, purchase or consumption of alcoholic beverage by a minor; diversion.

State of Kansas vs. Tisha A. Prather, Holton, criminal damage to property; sentenced to six months in jail, suspended; placed on 12 months probation and assessed court costs.

State of Kansas vs. Tanner D. Ammons, St. Paul, possession of tetrahydrocannabinol; sentenced to six months in jail, suspended; placed on 12 months probation and fined $100 plus court costs.

Filed

State of Kansas vs. Oscar Rangel, Topeka, driving under the influence, battery against a law enforcement officer, interference with law enforcement.

State of Kansas vs. Casey M. Jamison, Whiting, permitting a dangerous animal to be at large.

State of Kansas vs. Bruce A. Paulman, Holton, domestic battery, criminal restraint.

State of Kansas vs. Za'vion C. Delgado-Montgomery, Topeka, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia.

State of Kansas vs. Donte A. Chee, Lawrence, aggravated battery, disorderly conduct.

State of Kansas vs. Ethan M. Peterson, Holton, three counts of theft.

State of Kansas vs. Mary J.L. Cook, Horton, possession of methamphetamine, possession of tetrahydrocannabinol, possession of drug paraphernalia.

State of Kansas vs. Chester B. Cook, Horton, possession of methamphetamine, interference with law enforcement, possession of tetrahydrocannabinol, possession of drug paraphernalia.

State of Kansas vs. Harley Evans, Holton, abuse of a child, three counts of aggravated domestic battery, criminal threat.

State of Kansas vs. Wylie C. Johnson, Mayetta, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, minor in possession of cigarettes, electronic cigarettes or tobacco products, driving while license canceled, suspended or revoked.

State of Kansas vs. Brookelynn R. Gibbs, Wichita, minor in possession of cigarettes, electronic cigarettes or tobacco products, purchase or consumption of alcoholic beverage by a minor.

State of Kansas vs. Ma'Kiyah Gay, Omaha, Neb., possession of marijuana, possession of tetrahydrocannabinol, possession of drug paraphernalia.

Civil

Dispositions

Lisa Marie Smith, as trustee of the Mary D. Anderson Revocable Living Trust vs. Jon Anderson, sought declaratory judgment of disposition of trust; dismissed.

Limited Civil

Dispositions

Synchrony Bank vs. Semone D. Jenssen, sought judgment of $2,741.29 plus interest and court costs; granted.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Jessica A. Bienhoff and Samuel L. Bienhoff, sought judgment of $910.35 plus interest and court costs; dismissed.

Filed

LVNV Funding L.L.C. vs. Lisa Wamego, seeking judgment of $1,121.21 plus interest and court costs.

Portfolio Recovery Associates L.L.C. vs. Heather Timerman, seeking judgment of $1,210.27 plus interest and court costs.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Darin Bohnenkemper and Jennifer Bohnenkemper, seeking judgment of $813.47 plus interest and court costs.

Community HealthCare System Inc. vs. Dakotah M. Kinder, seeking judgment of $440.55 plus interest and court costs.

Community HealthCare System Inc. vs. David L. McCullough and Christa K. McCullough, seeking judgment of $249.67 plus interest and court costs.

Community HealthCare System Inc. vs. Kalena E. Tannahill and Kelly J. Tannahill, seeking judgment of $3,819.50 plus interest and court costs.

First Electronic Bank vs. Becky Collom, seeking judgment of $2,388.77 plus interest and court costs.

Midland Credit Management Inc. vs. Kennadi Michael, seeking judgment of $2,478.96 plus interest and court costs.

Cavalry SPV I, L.L.C. vs. Aislan Levier and Jodi R. Jessepe, seeking judgment of $3,692.68 plus interest and court costs.

Cavalry SPV I, L.L.C. vs. Michael Copeland, seeking judgment of $3,235.62 plus interest and court costs.

Citibank N.A. vs. Christopher Clark, seeking judgment of $1,885.93 plus interest and court costs.

Cavalry SPV I, L.L.C. vs. Joseph Seymour, seeking judgment of $2,047.42 plus interest and court costs.

LVNV Funding L.L.C. vs. Corey Brady, seeking judgment of $1,268.12 plus interest and court costs.

JPMorgan Chase Bank N.A. vs. David Evans, seeking judgment of $11,747.07 plus interest and court costs.

Domestic

Dispositions

In the matter of the marriage of Jordan M. Jones and Corey J. Jones, sought divorce; granted.

State of Kansas, Department for Children and Families, and A.E. (year of birth 2023) and A.E. (year of birth 2024), minor children by and through Casie S. Robert, parent and natural guardian, and Casie S. Robert vs. Aaron C. Eisenbarth Jr., sought support judgment; granted.

State of Kansas, Department for Children and Families, and Holly J. Ballenger, as parent and next friend of Lilyann Ballenger, minor child vs. Chadwick D. Ballenger, sought support judgment; dismissed.

Filed

State of Kansas, Department for Children and Families, and Isabella N. Elmore, minor child by and through Sareya D. Elmore, parent and natural guardian, and Sareya D. Elmore vs. Donald J. Christeson II and Jorge Sanchez, seeking determination of paternity.

Land Transfers

The following land transfers have been filed with the Jackson County Register of Deeds Office, located on the second floor of the Courthouse.

Warranty deed: Christopher Jones and Jessie Stich to BNP Farms L.L.C., Lots 100, 102, 104, 106 and 108, Central Avenue, city of Denison, Jackson County.

Sheriff's deed: Tim A. Morse, Sheriff of Jackson County, Kansas, and Jimmie D. Bechtel, also known as Jimmie Dale Bechtel to Rocket Mortgage L.L.C., Lot 72, Ohio Avenue, city of Holton, Jackson County.

Warranty deed: Brent L. Noe and Hanna N. Noe to Todd Ludwick and Luanne Cook-Ludwick, land in the northeast quarter of S27, T9S, R16E of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

Kansas transfer on death deed: Jerry L. Kitrell and Carol J. Kitrell to Lori J. Spaar, land in the northwest quarter of S31, T7S, R15E of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

Warranty deed: Thomas Schleininger, also known as Thomas A. Schleininger III, and Victoria Schleininger to Alex Stachura and Heather Stachura, land in the northwest quarter of S17, T8S, R13E of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

Warranty deed: James M. Sparks and Nancy R.M. Sparks to Leetha Smith, all of Lots 26 and 28 and parts of Lots 24 and 30, Block E, University Addition, city of Holton, Jackson County.

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Holton Parks and Recreation's Gators first-through-third-grade fall soccer team is shown in the photo above. Front row, Art Rivera, Jase McGinnis, Nora Bissitt, Kamerson Monks and Berkleigh Grollmes; back row, from left: coach Katie Bissitt, Maddox Luthi, Raelynn Sparks, Hadley Bissitt, McKenna Moulden, Kellen Doyle and assistant coach Beau Bissitt. Not pictured: Owen Heape. *Submitted photo*

Hoyt council talks sidewalk project

By Shawna Blackwood
City Clerk

The Hoyt City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, Sept. 16. Present were Mayor Robert Bell, council members Leonard Allen, Debbie Dreasher, Joe Romans and Rebecca McClane, Garrett Nordstrom with Governmental Assistance Services, Lee Ryherd with SMH Consultants, city attorney Tom Barnes, Police Chief Adam Schafer and city clerk Shawna Blackwood. Council member Larry Valdez was absent.

Mayor Bell called the meeting order at 7:03 p.m. Romans' motion to approve the minutes from the Aug. 26 special meeting was seconded by McClane and approved. Romans' motion to approve the minutes from the Sept. 9 special meeting was seconded by Dreasher and approved. Allen's motion to approve the minutes from the Aug. 19 meeting was seconded by Romans and approved.

Nordstrom and Ryherd discussed the sidewalk project with the council. Part of the sidewalk project included the west side of Fifth Street just north of Fifth and Highland Avenue. Council members understood this part was not approved for construction; however, it ended up being submitted during the bid process. Council members would like a change order submitted for this part of the project.

The council also discussed an additional culvert needed at Fourth Street and discussed the status of the drains that were inadvertently omitted from the bid documents. Ryherd will work on the change order for this and submit to the city for review. The timeline for the project was also discussed, as well as communication with the public once a start date is received. It is believed Inline Construction may be able to start within a week or two.

McClane shared a concern from a citizen regarding bugs, spiderwebs and spiders at the community building. It was noted that pest control had just been there and the building is serviced every other month.

Romans reported that the Royal Valley school board was not interested in annexing the recently purchased property into city limits that had been discussed previously.

McClane shared a discussion from a citizen regarding adding a four-way stop at the intersection of Fourth Street and Highland Avenue due to visibility concerns. The council was in agreement with this proposal. Romans made and McClane seconded a motion to approve a four-way stop at Fourth Street and Highland Avenue. The motion carried. Barnes will draft an ordinance to approve this change. Romans also noted two additional stop signs that need replaced.

Attorney Barnes read Resolution 2026-03 to levy a property tax rate exceeding the revenue neutral rate. Romans' motion to approve the resolution was seconded by Dreasher and the motion carried on a roll call vote with McClane, Dreasher, Romans and Allen voting in favor of the resolution.

Romans' motion to approve the 2027 budget as published. was seconded by Allen and approved on a roll call vote with Romans, McClane, Dreasher and Allen voting in favor of the resolution.

Blackwood presented the monthly financial report from the accountant. It was noted that a capital project fund was created to record the proceeds of the general obligation bonds. All sidewalk project costs paid from the bond proceeds will be recorded to this fund.

Blackwood discussed a request by a resident at 106 W. Second St. to waive charges from their water bill due to water leaks. Allen made a motion to approve waiving the amount over the average sewer charges from the last two water bills. Romans seconded and the motion carried.

Blackwood reported that a Girl Scout leader had asked if the troop could visit the city office on Nov. 11 to complete requirements for their democracy badge. Blackwood can meet them at the office for their meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Blackwood discussed sending the Prairie Band Propane prebuy contract with payment after discussing with Mayor Bell, as it was

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The kindergarten Gators fall soccer team is shown above. Front row, from left: Axton Cox, Bexley Bloom, Hayden Barkman, Madex Jim, Waylon Stumpf and Bennett Baum. Back row, from left: coach Katie Bissitt, Saylor Grollmes, Zaylee Bissitt, Hudson Bloom, Stockton Schuetz, Ace Reincke, assistant coach Beau Bissitt, Kal Allen and assistant coach Caleb Barkman. *Submitted photo*



The first-through-third grade Tornadoes fall soccer team is shown in the photo above. Front row, from left: Logan Cochran, Palmer Warren, Nevaeh Kenslow, Lindyn Murrow and Olivia Bowser. Back row, from left: Amelia Wilt, Paisley Amon, Kingston Warran, Colt Olson, Torin Dugan, Kenna Parks and coach Desiree Bowser. *Submitted photo*



Holton High School senior Addison Bontrager (second from left in the above photo) finished first place at the Jackson County Conservation District speech contest. Bontrager, who is shown with contest judges Katie Patterson (left), Jessica Bowser (second from right) and Kay Andler (right), will be unable to attend today's Area IV Regional Speech Contest, so second-place finisher April Slipke of Jackson Heights High School will represent Jackson County in the contest. *Submitted photo*

Conservation District holds speech contest

Jackson County's high school students were invited to voice their thoughts on why "Home Is Where The Habitat Is" at this year's Kansas Association of Conservation Districts (KACD) Speech Contest, the first round of which was held Thursday, Oct. 15 at the county level.

Addison Bontrager of Holton High School presented the top speech at the Jackson County level, according to Brian Boeckman, Jackson County Conservation District manager.

Due to a scheduling conflict, Bontrager will be unable to compete in the Region 4 speech contest, to be held Wednesday, Oct. 28 at the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) office in Holton. The second-place winner, April Slipke of Jackson Heights High School, will represent the county in the regional contest, Boeckman said.

Boeckman credited FFA chapter advisors at each of the county's high schools — Meghan Lockwood at Holton, Paul Lierz at Jackson Heights and Kim Clark at Royal Valley — for their work in encouraging and assisting students in the process.

"Jackson County has the largest number of students that participate in this contest each year throughout the state," Boeckman said. "It's a reflection on how we all work together in promoting youth education throughout the county at all grade levels."

The primary purpose of the annual KACD speech contest is engaging high school students in natural resource conservation while developing public speaking and advocacy skills. The contest's key goals include promoting conservation stewardship, building public speakers and advocates, supporting future leaders and providing a competitive pathway for students.

The contest, held at the county level every October, is open to all Kansas high school students in grades nine through 12 under the age of 18, Boeckman said. The county contest winner receives a $300 scholarship and is asked to present his or her speech at the annual conservation district meeting in February.

Each county's speech contest winner then goes on to represent the county in the district's region, and the regional contest winner then goes on to the state contest, which is held in conjunction with the annual KACD convention, to be held Monday, Nov. 23 in Wichita. Students have the opportunity to earn scholarship money at each level of competition, Boeckman said.

In addition to Bontrager and Slipke, other county contest placements included Zach Carpenter, Holton, third; Pierson Cyphers, Holton, fourth; and honorable mentions Clara Larison of Royal Valley, Josie Jager of Jackson Heights and Camryn Wheeler, Becca Dement and Julie Bontrager, all of Holton.

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TRACTORS

John Deere

'03 JD 9420T, 4RR, CHA, PS, 7501hrs
JD 8570, 4wd, F/R Dls, 3RR, QH, CHA, 8336hrs
'95 JD 8400, MFWD, 4RR, 1000, CHA, 15k hrs
JD 8300T, 24" track, 4RR, 1000, CHA, 7879hrs
'00 JD 8200, 4wd, 3RR, CHA, 6515hrs
'96 JD 8200, MFWD, Wts, R.Dls, CHA, PS, 4908hrs
'11 JD 7930, MFWD, LDR/Grple, 4RR, Int Pto, IVT, CHA, 9665hrs
'99 JD 7810, 2wd, R.Dls, 3RR, Int pto, CHA, PS, 7504hrs
'08 JD 7630, MFWD, 3RR, 1000, CHA, 16spd, LHR, 2961hrs
JD 7320, MFWD, LDR, 2RR, Int pto, 24spd, LHR, CHA, 1326hrs
JD 7210R, MFWD, LDR, 4RR, Int Pto, CHA, 20spd, LHR, 4813hrs
'09 JD 6230, MFWD, LDR, 2RR, Int pto, CHA, LHR, 3955hrs
JD 6210R, MFWD, 4RR, 1000, CHA, LHR, 13k hrs
'21 JD 6175R, MFWD, 3RR, Int pto, QH, CHA, 24spd, 3668hrs
'15 JD 6175M, MFWD, 3RR, Int pto, CHA, 20spd, LHR, 7513hrs
'14 JD 6150M, MFWD, LDR, 3RR, Int pto, CHA, LHR, 20spd, 4402hrs
'16 JD 6145M, MFWD, LDR, 3RR, Int pto, CHA, 24spd, LHR, 742hrs
'12 JD 6140M, MFWD, LDR, 3RR, Int pto, R.Dls, CHA, LHR, 3047hrs
'13 JD 6140R, MFWD, LDR, 3RR, Int pto, CHA, IVT, 4778hrs
JD 6130M, MFWD, LDR, 3RR, Int pto, CHA, Only 88hrs!
'00 JD 5310, MFWD, LDR, 2RR, 540, CHA, 3879hrs
JD 5200, 2wd, LDR, OS, 2RR, 540, 3146hrs
JD 5115M, MFWD, LDR, 3RR, 540, CHA, LHR, 5649hrs
'20 JD 5100E, MFWD, LDR, 2RR, 540, CHA, LHR, 24spd, 1142hrs
JD 5100E, MFWD, 2RR, 540, OS, LHR, 683hrs
JD 5060E, MFWD, LDR/Grpl, 1RR, 540, CHA, LHR, 52hrs
'23 JD 5050E, 2wd, OS, 1RR, 540, 508hrs
JD 5045E, 2wd, OS, 540, 359hrs
'00 JD 4300, MFWD, LDR, 72" mower deck, 540, canopy, 1285hrs
JD 4255, 2wd, 2RR, 1000, CHA, 7844hrs
JD 4020 Diesel, 2wd, LDR, 2RR, 540, 1663hrs
JD 4044M, MFWD, LDR, OS, 540, hydro, 1333hrs
JD 4030, 2wd, LDR, 2RR, Int pto, CHA, 6329hrs
JD 4010, MFWD, 60" mower deck, 647 tiller, 668hrs
'24 JD 3046R, MFWD, LDR, 540, CHA, 84hrs
JD 3032E, MFWD, LDR, OS, 540, hydro, 1076hrs
JD 2755, 2wd, 2RR, Int pto, CHA, 13,450hrs
JD 1520, 2wd, OS, 540, 528hrs

Case/International

'14 CIH Magnum 315, F/R Dls, 5RR, 1000, CHA, PS, 5119hrs
'05 CIH MX255, MFWD, F/R Dls, 3RR, 1000, CHA, PS, 5697hrs
CIH Magnum 235, F/R Dls, Wts, QH, 3RR, 1000, CHA, PS, 5713hrs
CIH MXM175, MFWD, 4RR, Int Pto, CHA, 3273hrs
'21 CIH Maxxum 150, MFWD, LDR, 3RR, Int pto, CHA, LHR, 2604 hrs
CIH Maxxum 125, MFWD, LDR/Grpl, 3RR, Int pto, CHA, LHR, 3450hrs
'15 CIH Farmall 105U, MFWD, LDR, 2RR, Int pto, CHA, 2261hrs,
'08 CIH JX90, 2wd, 2RR, 540, CHA, 2496hrs
CIH JX55, MFWD, LDR, 2RR, 540, CHA, 4861hrs
CIH 5140, 2wd, 3RR, 540, CHA, 6186hrs
CIH 1394, 2wd, 1RR, 540, OS, 1524hrs
'82 IH 5088, 2wd, 2rr, dual pto, CHA, 5172hrs
IH 766, diesel, 400hrs on engine overhaul, 2RR, dual pto, 3984hrs

Kubota

Kubota M108S, 2wd, Tiger mower, CHA, 4954hrs
Kubota L2500, MFWD, LDR, OS, 540, 656hrs
Kubota BX2350, 4wd, LDR, bush hog tiller, 540, canopy, 4452hrs

New Holland/Ford

'21 NH T8.410, MFWD, F/R Dls, 5rr, QH, CHA, CVT, auto steer, 2006hrs
NH T7.170, MFWD, 3RR, 1000, CHA, LHR, 7377hrs
NH 8970, MFWD, R. Dls, 4RR, 1000, CHA, 9434hrs
NH TM175, 2wd, 3RR, Int pto, CHA, LHR, PS, 4359hrs
NH T6050, MFWD, LDR, 3RR, Int pto, CHA, LHR, 6147hrs
'11 NH T6030, MFWD, LDR, 4RR, 540, CHA, LHR, 7394hrs
'11 NH T5070, MFWD, LDR, 2RR, 540, CHA, LHR, 4816hrs
NH T5.110, MFWD, LDR, 2RR, Int pto, CHA, LHR, 393hrs Very Nice!
'16 NH T4.75, MFWD, LDR, 2RR, 540, CHA, LHR, 86hrs, Nice!
NH Workmaster 75, MFWD, LDR, 2RR, 540, CHA, 759hrs
NH TN70DA, MFWD, 2RR, 540, CHA, 2613hrs
NH T4030, LDR, 1RR, 540, canopy, super steer
NH TC31DA, MFWD, OS, 540, hydro, 1268hrs
NH TC21D, MFWD, OS, 540, 1807hrs
Ford 8730, MFWD, 2RR, 540, CHA, 8848hrs

Massey / AGCO Allis / Other

'11 MF 2650, 2wd, LDR, 2RR, 540, OS, 2940hrs
MF 1155, 2wd, 2RR, 540, CHA,
'74 MF 1105, 2wd, 2RR, Int pto, CHA, 2235hrs
MF 1030, 2wd, OS, 540, 841hrs
AC 6080, MFWD, LDR, 2RR, 540, cab, 6420hrs
AC 6060, 2wd, OS, 2RR, 540, 3748hrs
'18 JCB 8330, MFWD, F/R 3pt, 4RR, 1000, CVT, CHA, 5633hrs
Versatile 875, 4wd, F/R Dls, 2RR, CHA, 7900hrs
White 2-85, 2wd, LDR, 2RR, 540, OS
Farmtrac 35, 2wd, 540, 135hrs

CONSTRUCTION

SKID STEERS

Deere 333D, R.Wts, aux hyd, hqa, CHA, 2spd, 3631hrs
'26 Deere 331 P-Tier, aux hyd, hqa, Wts, CHA, 2spd, 15 hours, Nice!
Deere 325G, aux hyd, hqa, CHA, 2spd, 773hrs
'19 Deere 324G, solid tires, aux hyd, hqa, CHA, 2spd, 4213hrs
'21 Bobcat T870, hi-flo, hqa, CHA, 2spd, 461hrs
'22 Bobcat T770, aux hyd, hqa, CHA, 2spd, 1730hrs
'17 Bobcat T770, aux hyd, hqa, CHA, 2spd, 2792hrs
'13 Bobcat T770, hi-flo, hqa, forestry guards, CHA, 2744hrs
'16 Bobcat T650, aux hyd, hqa, CHA, 2spd, 4,526hrs
'18 Bobcat T595, aux hyd, hqa, CHA, 2spd, 4478hrs
'21 Bobcat T76, aux hyd, hqa, CHA, 2spd, 2225hrs
'21 Bobcat S66, aux hyd, hqa, CHA, 2spd, 247hrs
'21 Bobcat S66, aux hyd, hqa, CHA, 2spd, 280hrs
'21 Bobcat S66, aux hyd, hqa, CHA, 2spd, 352hrs
'08 Bobcat T300, hi-flo, hqa, CHA, 1846hrs
Bobcat 863, OS, foot control, cab, 3032hrs
'93 Bobcat 440B, OS, 510hrs
Kubota SVL90, aux hyd, hqa, CHA, 2spd, 4453hrs
'24 Kubota SSV75, hi-flo, hqa, CHA, 2spd, 384hrs
'18 Kubota SSV75, aux hyd, hqa, CHA, 2spd, 3044hrs
'22 Kubota SVL65-2, aux hyd, hqa, CHA, 2spd, 702hrs
'18 Cat 299D2 XHP, aux hyd, hqa, CHA, 2spd, 1572hrs
Cat 289D3, aux hyd, hqa, CHA, 2spd, 2954hrs
Cat 279C2, aux hyd, hqa, CHA, 2spd, 2 buckets, 1424hrs
'12 Cat 262C, aux hyd, CHA, 7162hrs
'24 NH C362, hi-flo, hqa, CHA, 2spd, 558hrs
Takeuchi TL12R2, aux hyd, hqa, 2spd, 3539hrs
Terex PT100G, aux hyd, hqa, CHA, 4092hrs
'22 Case TV450B, hi-flo, hqa, CHA, 2spd, 1301hrs
Case 410, OS, aux hyd, 442hrs!
Gehl 6640, aux hyd, T-handle, CHA, 4308hrs
'18 JCB 250T, aux hyd, hqa, CHA, 2spd, 1948hrs
'20 Ditch Witch SK3000, stand on, dual aux, 1169hrs

MINI EXCAVATORS

'22 Bobcat E60 R2, aux hyd, Extenda-Boom, hyd thumb, angle bf blade, CHA, 2spd, 1040hrs
'22 Bobcat E60 R2, aux hyd, hyd thumb, bf blade, CHA, 2459hrs
'22 Bobcat E35R2, aux hyd, hyd thumb, bf blade, CHA, 1495hrs
'12 Bobcat E35, aux hyd, hyd thumb, bf blade, OS, 2534hrs
'22 Bobcat E32 R2, long arm, aux hyd, hyd thumb, bf blade, CHA, 1124hrs
'20 Bobcat E26, aux hyd, OS, bf blade, 2233hrs
'17 Cat 305.5E2, aux hyd, hyd thumb, bf blade, CHA, 1039hrs
'23 Deere 35 P-Tier, aux hyd, hyd thumb, angled bf blade, CHA, 2spd, 36hrs
'18 Deere 35G, aux hyd, hyd thumb, CHA, 2spd, 1450hrs
'24 Link-Belt 80 X3 Spin Ace, aux hyd, hyd thumb, bf blade, CHA, 2spd, 448hrs
NH E55BX, aux hyd, hyd thumb, bf blade, cab, 2829hrs

EXCAVATORS

'20 Case CX130D, aux hyd, hyd thumb, bf blade, CHA, 2spd, 2460hrs
Deere 200C LC, cab heat air, 6808hrs

BACKHOE / SKIP LOADERS

'23 JCB 3CX14, 4wd, aux hyd, extenda-hoe, PS, CHA, 723hrs
'20 Deere 410L, 4wd, CHA, 7317hrs
Deere 310J, 4wd, OS, 6932hrs
NH B95C, MFWD, extenda-hoe, CHA, 2314hrs
'10 Case 580SM II, 4wd, extenda-hoe, CHA, 2766hrs
Case 570N EP, box blade, hyd scarifier, OS, 3557hrs

DOZERS

Deere 850J WT, rear ripper, limb risers, CHA, 10,408hrs

WHEEL LOADERS

'20 JCB 427ZX, hqa, CHA, 1950hrs, Nice!
'19 Hyundai HL940, hqa, CHA, 7164hrs
'03 Case 321D, aux hyd, hqa, CHA
'19 Deere 204L, aux hyd, hqa, CHA, 1577hrs
NH W80C, aux hyd, hqa, CHA, 2spd, 3146hrs
New Holland LW50, cab, 5332hrs

FORK LIFTS

'18 Doosan D120S-7, 26K lift, 9'6" height, OS, 727hrs
'20 JCB 930, OS, 6k lift, 1,989hrs
Case Construction King 584, OS, 1549hrs

TELEHANDLERS

'18 JLG 10054, front outriggers, 10k lift, 53' reach, CHA, 4,995hrs
'18 JLG 8042, 8k lift, 42' reach, CHA, 4586hrs
'14 JLG 6042, solid tires, 6k lift, 42' reach, CHA, 4844hrs
'18 JCB 509-42, 7k lift, 42' reach, aux hyd, CHA, 4060hrs
'18 JCB 507-42, 7k lift, 42' reach, aux hyd, CHA, 3516hrs
Bobcat V417, aux hyd, CHA, 2279hrs
Cat TL1055C, 4wd, Front out riggers, 10k lift, 55' reach, CHA, 4781hrs

OTHER CONSTRUCTION

'18 JLG 4069LE scissor lift, electric, 40' lift, 525hrs
Genie GS-4069BE scissor lift, 4x4, propane, out riggers, 247hrs
'00 Vermeer V5800 trencher, 6 way blade, frost teeth, 1574hrs

HARVEST

COMBINES

'16 JD S670, 3992E/2453S Hrs, bin ext, 4x4
'03 JD 9660, 2wd, CHA, bin ext, chopper, CHA, 5026E/3637C hrs
JD 9560 STS, RWA, 5304E/3490S hrs
'91 JD 9500, CHA, 7026E/4749S hrs
JD 9400, CHA, 4459E/3101S hrs
'07 CIH 7010, field tracker, rock trap, bin ext, 3046E/2255S hrs
'07 CIH 7010, bin ext, CHA, 3295E/2364S hrs
'09 CIH 6088, bin ext, CHA, 4277E/2898S hrs
'13 CIH 5130, bin ext, 2878E/1964S hrs, 1 owner
CIH 5088, 2wd, single point, 3619E/2795S hrs
'93 CIH 1644, 4wd, CHA, 5658hrs
CIH 1660, 2wd, CHA, 3800hrs
'90 CIH 1660, CHA, 4848hrs
'80 IH 1480, 2wd, CHA, 5119hrs
'05 NH CR960, 4wd, 3971E/2903S hrs
Gleaner R62, CHA, 4077E/2788S hrs

DRAPERS

'18 Macdon FD75, JD hookup, 30'
'06 NH 84C, 36'
'18 JD 640FD, 40'
'13 JD 635FD, 35'
'03 CIH 2062, 36'

PLATFORMS

JD 630F, single point
JD 630F, Crary air reel
(3) JD 635F, single point
'11 CIH 2020, single point, air reel, 25'
CIH 2020, single point, 25'
CIH 1020, 30'
CIH 1020, 17.5'
CIH 1015 pickup head, rake-up

CORN HEADS

'10 JD 612C, 12R 30" rowsense
'14 JD 608C, 8R 30", opposing knife
JD 608C, 8R 30"
JD 1293, 12R 30"
(2) JD 893, 8R 30"
Gerringhoff NS1200B, 12R 30"

HEAD TRAILERS

Industrias America 435, 35'
P-K MFG 30HT, 30'
Industrias America 420, 20'

GRAIN HANDLING

Westfield MK130-7 Plus Auger, swing out, 540
Westfield MKX130-114 Auger, swing out
'21 Loftness GBL10 grain bagger, 540
'24 Travis Seed Cart HSC2000, 2 box, gas engine
Brandt 7500HP grain vac, 1000
Friesen 220 seed tender, gas engine

GRAIN CARTS

'21 Kinze 1051, tarp, 1000, like new!
Kinze 840, tarp, 1000
J&M 1151 grain storm, tarp, 1000
J&M 1051-22, tarp, 1000
E-Z Trail 710, tarp, 1000
E-Z Trail 550, tarp, 1000
Brent V700, tarp, 1000
Brent 572, tarp, 1000
Brent 410 Grain Train
A&L F700, tarp, 1000
Parker 450, 1000
Parker 4500, tarp, 1000
Parker 500, tarp, 1000
Unverferth Weigh Wagon, Honda engine
J&M 620, tarp, 1000

GRAVITY WAGONS

'Parker 350, 350 bushels
Parker 300, 300 bushels
Unverferth 275, hydraulic auger

TILLAGE

(2) JD 714 disk chisel, 11 shank, pull type
JD 900 ripper, 9 shank, pull type
CIH 2500 Eco-Till 9 shank ripper, caddy, new disks/points, Nice!
Orthman 611-176 folding cultivator
JD 400 rotary hoe
Bush Hog 7 shank ripper, 3pt
'16 Landoll 7431-29 Vertical Till, rolling baskets, 29'
Great Plains 4000TT, rolling spike harrow, 40'
'16 JD 2623VT, rolling baskets, 26'5"
'17 JD 2230LL cultivator, rolling baskets, 29'6"
'06 Sunflower 5135-42 field cult,3 bar harrow, 42'
CIH RMX340, 3 bar rear harrow
CIH true tandem 330 turbo till, Valmar seed box, rolling basket
Kelly Diamond Harrow 45D, front cutting blades, rear heavy cast blades
Phillips 4305 rotary harrow

HAY EQUIPMENT

SELF PROPELLED MOWERS

JD W235, 500R head, merger, 977E/694C hrs
JD W235, 995 head, V10 Rollers, 3333E/2021C hrs
'17 JD W235, 500R head, V10 Rollers, 2033E/1411C hrs
'15 JD W235, 995 head, 1595E/1229C hrs
JD W200M, R500 head, rubber rollers, 3098E/2093C hrs
JD W110, 160A sickle head, 862E/558C hrs
JD 4995, 995 head, CHA, 1440E/840C hrs
Challenger SP185B, 15' head, CHA, 650hrs

MOWERS

'18 Vermeer M8040, very low use, 540, 10'5"
'19 Vermeer TM850, pt, 540, 10'5"
'18 Mac Don R113PT, steel rollers, 1000, 13'
'23 Kubota DM5032, 540, 10'6"
'12 JD 635 MoCo, impeller, 1000, 11'6"
'06 JD 730 MoCo, impeller, 540, 9'9"
'06 JD 735 MoCo, impeller, 1000, 11'6"
JD 935 MoCo, impeller, 1000, 11'6"
CIH 8312, steel rollers, 1000, 12'

RAKES

Claas Liner 450T, 540
'24 Krone Swardo TC880 power rake, 540, near new!
NH HT154, 10 wheel
Kuhn SR600 GII, 16 wheel
AG-Maxx Easy Rake 8, 8 wheel

BALERS

JD 560M, net/twine, 1000, 26k bales
JD 560M, net, 1000, 15k bales
JD 567, net/twine, 540
'20 JD 450M, 4x5, net/twine, 540, 12k bales
'15 Vermeer 605N, net, 1000, 16k bales
'16 NH Roll Belt 560, net, 1000, 9K bales
NH Roll Belt 450 Utility, gath. wheels, twine, 540
Agco 1745, 4x5, net/twine, 540
Challenger RB563A, net, 1000
MF 1840 square baler, twine, 540, low use
'04 NH BB960A, 3x4 square, 1000, 26k bales
'00 CIH 8575, 3x3 bale square, 1000, 4600 bales
'97 CIH 8575, 3x3 bale square, 1000, 4430 bales
NH hayliner 315 square, twine, 540

BALE HANDLING

Kuhns MFG 1036F bale accumulator, 10 bale
'17 Anderson IFX660 in line bale wrapper
Kemco 355 Pro-2 bale wrapper, Honda engine, remote, low use! Clean!
'14 Better Built 14 bale trailer

SILAGE / FEED EQUIPMENT

'02 JD 6850 silage chopper, new kernel pro, 2wd, 6449hrs
(2) NH 8 silage wagon, 540
(2) Badger BN950 silage wagon, 540
Kuhn Knight VSL250 TMR, scales
Patz 1200 series 500 tub grinder, 1000
Highline CFR650 bale pro, feed chopper
(2) King Ag creep feeder

FERTILIZER

'05 JD 4720, 800 gal, 90' boom, CHA, 3420hrs
Rogator 1254, 1125 gal SS tank, 4685hrs
'98 Rogator 854, 5.9 Cummins, 80' booms, 5461hrs
CIH SPX3150, CHA, 2652hrs
Schaben MSF8650, pull type, 1650 gall.
'07 Schaben SF8500, 1200 gal. Shut offs
Hardi Navigator 1000, 1000 gal, 90' boom, 540
Blu-Jet 15 Knife anhydrous applicator
Mobility 800 spreader, 8 Ton, hydraulic
NH 155 manure spreader, 540
Bodco TD-5100 liquid manure wagon, 1000
(3) Dual tank anhydrous tank trailer, 1000 gal tanks, Ag System trailer

PLANTERS / DRILLS

'11 Agco White 8186, 16R, 30" trsh wps, box fill
'09 White 8200, 12R 30" liquid fert, markers
'08 Kinze 3800sds, bulk fill, trsh wps, spiked closers
'15 Kinze 3600, 16/31, 30/15", bulk fill, no till
'06 Kinze 3500, 8/15, 30/15", no till
Kinze 3500, 8/15, 30/15", no till, markers
'01 Kinze 3500, 8/15, 30/15", no till, markers
CIH 1250 Early Riser, 16R 30", no till, trsh wps
'03 JD 1790, 12/23R, 30/15", bulk fill
'99 JD 1760, 12R 30", trsh wps, 3bu boxes
JD 1760, 12R 30", no till, liquid tanks, markers
'03 JD 1690, ground drive, 15" space, 40'
'19 Great Plains 3000HD, markers, 30' very clean!
Great Plains 1510P, no till caddy, 15'
Great Plains 1205NT, no till, 7.5" space, 12'
'09 JD 1590, no till, 7.5" space, 15'
JD 455, markers, 30'
IH 5100 drill, 10'

BRUSH CUTTERS

'21 JD M20, batwing, 1000, 20'
JD M15, batwing, 1000, 15'
'17 JD CX15 road bank mower, 540, 10'
JD E12 brush cutter, 1000, 12'
'17 Case IH RC840, 540, 7'
Bush Hog 12820, batwing, 1000, 20'
Woods BB84.40, 3pt, 540, 84"

VEHICLES / TRAILERS

'06 GMC Topkick C7500 service truck,
'96 Nomad Ltd camper, GN
'88 GMC Stage truck
'83,Ford 8000 bucket truck, 98k mi.
'99 Ford F450 service truck, 6spd, 182k mi.
'97 GMC Topkick C7500 bucket truck, 52k mi
'01 Freightliner FLD112 Feed Truck, cat diesel, 40k mi.
'16 Felling FT-24-2 trailer, ramps, pintle hitch
'74 IH S1600 Loadstar dump truck, gas, 63k mi.
'72 Mercedes 280 SEL, 49k mi.
'12 Chevrolet bus, 5 row, 191k mi.
Ford F7000 winch truck, NR
'08 Sterling dump truck, auto, 384k mi.
'99 IH 4900 dump truck, auto, 208k mi.
'04 Ford F350, flat bed, manual, 4wd, 229k mi.
'14 Ford F450, 4 door, 4wd, bale bed, 229k mi.

ATVs / UTVs / LAWN MOWERS

JD Z465 zero turn, 62" deck, 1156hrs
JD 652R stand on zero turn, 52" deck, 1859hrs
JD 661R stand on zero turn, 61" deck, 821hrs
JD Z970R, zero turn, 72" deck, 692hrs
Grass Hopper SO26 stand on zero turn, 52", 685hrs
'23 Bobcat AT450, 72 air fx deck, 32hp, 1hr
Bobcat ZT7000, zero turn, 72" deck, 249hrs
'23 Intimidator 750, 4wd, soft cab, windshield, 289 miles
'19 JD Gator XUV835R, 4wd, gas, CHA, 10k mi.
'16 JD Gator XUV855D, cab, 714hrs, 5012 mi.
'12 Polaris Ranger 800 EPS, 4wd, snow blade, crew cab, 939hrs, 8579mi.
'12 Polaris Ranger 800, 4wd, cab, heat, 7500mi.
Mossimo Motor Buck 450, winch, 190mi.

ATTACHMENTS / SPECIAL INTEREST

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Members of the Sharks parks and recreation flag football team this fall season are shown above and included (front row, from left) Jacob Funk, Landyn Tuck, Timothy Swenson, Brantley Mick, Josiah Cannon, Carter Dutt, (back row, from left) coach Jesse Cannon, Ryker Mick, Gary Simon and coach Chris Swenson. *Submitted photo*



Members of this third-grade parks and recreation flag football team included (front row, from left) Gibson Hamm, Paxton Lemon, Brody Morris, Kayden Hinman, Ellis Martin, (second row, from left) Tayte Bagby, Logan Reichart, Nash Gibson, Lawson Young, Max Dallman, Kade Roush, (back row, from left) coaches Kyle Lemon, Madison Morris, Austin Gibson, Landon Bagby and Michael Roush. Not pictured is Eastyn Crawford. *Submitted photo*

PBPN receives federal energy grant

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) announced more than $125 million for 63 tribe-led projects selected for award negotiations on Thursday, Oct. 22, including a $1.2-million project for the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, it has been reported.

The selected projects span 16 states, including Alaska, and include 61 tribal entities. This investment will support projects aimed at cutting electricity costs, expanding electricity access and advancing economic development for tribes across the United States.

The Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation had requested $1,245,238 in federal funds for its "Rural Tribal Microgrid Readiness And Replication Roadmap," it was reported.

Consistent with President Donald Trump's "Unleashing American Energy" executive order, these selections highlight the fundamental role of energy in strengthening tribal economies, according to U.S. Deputy Secretary of Energy James P. Danly.

"President Trump has prioritized delivering affordable, reliable and secure energy to the American people since day one, and this administration is taking decisive action to deliver on that commitment," Danly said. "This historic investment will help address longstanding energy challenges facing tribal communities by lowering electricity costs, expanding access to reliable power and creating new opportunities for economic development. We are ensuring that tribal communities have the energy resources they need to grow and prosper."

The department's Office of Indian Energy Director Eric Mahroum said the announcement represents "the largest-ever single investment in tribal energy development in the office's 20-year history."

"These projects represent a new and expanded direction for the office, and for the first time, we're supporting projects at any phase of development and with a broad set of technologies and approaches," Mahroum said. "Our goal is to support tribes to advance high-value energy projects, including large scale projects like generation, transmission, distribution and critical mineral projects."

The 63 selected tribe-led projects will deliver for tribal communities in three key areas. Thirteen projects will focus on the deployment and installation of tribal community-scale energy projects to meet the needs of the community, bringing electric service to 150 tribal homes that currently lack electricity, converting 500 homes and businesses to natural gas heating and upgrading electrical infrastructure to ensure tribes have reliable access to power.

Twenty-seven projects, including the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation's project, will focus on predevelopment activities required to identify community-scale energy opportunities and bring projects from concept to implementation readiness and will include studies on Tribal Utility Authorities, electric transmission/ distribution, resource assessments, resiliency measures and workforce development.

Twenty-three projects will focus on planning, assessment and feasibility activities to derisk and advance development for large-scale tribal energy projects that provide opportunities for revenue generation and economic development, including identifying geothermal and other energy resources to supply baseload power, provide resilient backup power, as well as to generate revenue through power sales.

Selected projects will be supported through fiscal year 2026 and prior-year congressional appropriations.

Selection for award negotiations is not a commitment by DOE to issue an award or provide funding. Before funding is issued, DOE and the applicants will undergo a negotiation process and DOE may cancel negotiations and rescind the selection for any reason during that time.



Members of the Paws parks and recreation flag football team this fall season are shown above and included (front row, from left) Camden Becker, Rip Wheeler, Oliver Iverson, Bennett Colglazier, Barrett Ewing, Carston Barnett, Jep Bagby, (second row, from left) Barrett Donaldson, Ryker Morris, Parker Shumaker, Augie Bausch, Liam Befort, Colt Barnett, (back row, from left) coaches Brent Donaldson, Madison Morris, Landon Bagby and Bryce Barnett. Not pictured is Keith Dorris. *Submitted photo*

Holton Senior Center Menu

Reservations for Jackson Countians 60 years and older and their spouses wishing to eat lunches under the Title III-C Nutrition program may be made daily Monday through Friday.

Reservations are to be made through the Jackson County Senior Citizens Office on a first come, first serve basis. Same day reservations will be accepted from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. only if reservations are not filled the previous day. Cancellations must be made by 9:30 a.m. same day.

Reservations and cancellations may be made through the Senior Citizens Office or by calling (785) 364-3571.

Menus listed for the week of Monday, Nov. 2 through Friday, Nov. 6 are as follows:

Monday, Nov. 2: Chicken enchilada casserole with black beans, Mexican rice, Mexicorn and peaches.

Tuesday, Nov. 3: Tuna salad, broccoli soup, jello with fruit and bread and margarine.

Wednesday, Nov. 4: Beef stroganoff with noodles, Brussels sprouts, five-cup fruit salad with nuts and bread and margarine.

Thursday, Nov. 5: Oven fried chicken with gravy, mashed potatoes, almondine green beans, fruit cup and bread and margarine.

Friday, Nov. 6: Beef stew, coleslaw, strawberries, cake and biscuit.

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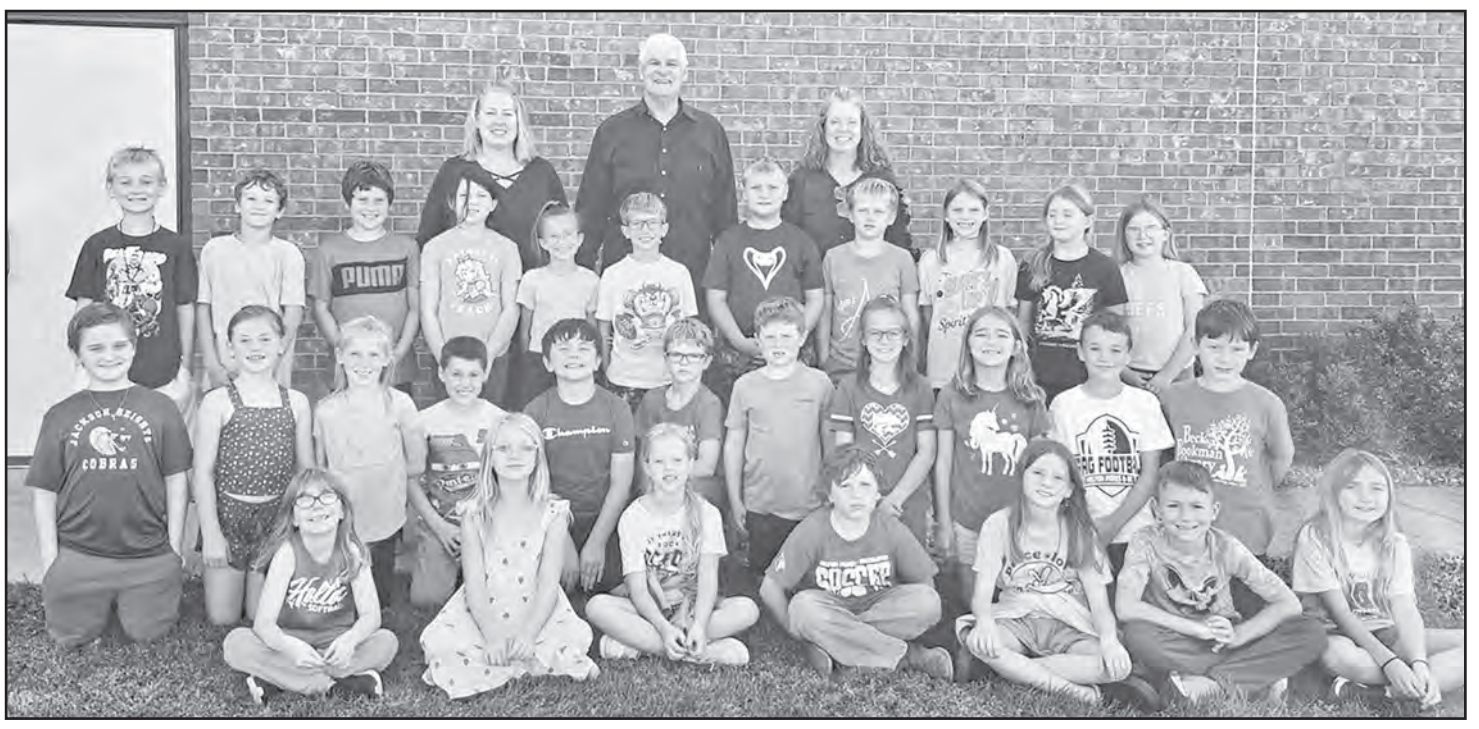
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Kansas Senator Craig Bowser of Holton (back row, center) recently visited with Jackson Heights third-graders from Kristi Altenburg's and Michelle Jones' classrooms to share his knowledge of state government. Students have been learning about state and national government, and his visit provided an opportunity to connect their classroom learning to real-world leadership and civic responsibility. *Submitted photo*



Holton Masonic Lodge 42 presented Leslie Alinor (shown above at right) with a certificate and a $50 gift card for her outstanding work as an educator at Holton Elementary School. Alinor is an English language coordinator and MTSS specialist at the school. Gordon Lamme (at left) from Lodge 42 made the presentation. *Submitted photo*

Kientz Corner

By Beverly Ramey Newell

On Oct. 18, the Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church worship service opened with a presentation of Meals on Wheels from Stacey (also from Midland Care). Meals on Wheels is seeking more volunteers to deliver the meals. They need help for Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Michelle Caudill assisted Atlas Harrison with lighting the altar candles while Mary Smith played the prelude, "My Faith Looks Up To Thee."

The praise team led everyone in singing "Stand In Your Love." Those singing were Michelle Caudill, Atlas Fitzgerald and Kelly Neiman. Marc Serrano played his guitar.

Michelle Caudill gave the call to worship. May the nations quake and the people tremble. God sits enthroned in the heavens, bringing justice and righteousness.

May the mountains tremble and the seas roar. God's glory is stronger than the foundation of the earth.

May the humble seek the living God. God's goodness and mercy sustain the faithful in times of trial.

John Wilson led everyone in singing "Near To The Heart Of God" while Mary Smith accompanied everyone on the organ. Michelle Caudill led everyone in prayer.

Pastor Marge Cox gave the children's story. We all like to cheer for our favorite team. Let us cheer for Jesus' team. We must remember God created each and every one of us. God wants us to love one another.

Michelle Caudill read the scriptures I Thessalonians 1:1-10. The sermon, "Keeping Your Eye On The Ball," was given by Pastor Marge Cox. She read the scriptures Matthew 22:15-22. Let us be alert and keep our attention on the game. May we keep our priorities straight. We are created in God's image. We belong to God.

The praise team sang "Demons." The offering was taken up by Gary and Barbara Slimmer, Atlas Fitzgerald and Daryl Jepson. John Wilson led everyone in singing the closing hymn, "Lord Of The Dance," while Mary Smith accompanied everyone on the organ.

Pastor Marge Cox gave the benediction. Mary Smith played the postlude, "To God Be The Glory."

Remember, the church conference will be held at 5 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 22 at the church. We'll celebrate what we have done in the last year and our plans for the next year. There will be good fellowship and a variety of finger foods.

Nemaha County incidents

The following reports were released in recent days by the Nemaha County Sheriff's Office.

Jail Booking/Release:

• On Oct. 12, Tawnia K. Smith, 43, Onaga, was arrested by NMSO deputies on a Nemaha County warrant on charges of possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. Smith was released later that day on $1,000 bond with court set for 9:30 a.m. on Nov. 10.

• On Oct. 18, Johnathan Almendares Gradiz, 33, Lincoln, Neb., was arrested by NMSO deputies on charges of driving without a valid license and transporting an open container. Almendares Gradiz was released later that day on a $425 cash bond with court set for 9:30 a.m. on Nov. 24.

• On Oct. 15, Shantel Mewhinney, 27, Bern, was arrested by NMSO deputies on a charge of attempted domestic battery. Mewhinney was released on Oct. 16 on a $1,000 bond with court set for 9:30 a.m. on Nov. 10.

Accidents:

• At 10:20 a.m. on Oct. 11, Caden Weaver, 18, Barnes, was driving a 2016 Chevrolet Silverado north on G Road near 72nd Road when his vehicle struck a deer in the road.

Accidents, arrests reported

Accidents

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

■ At 6:20 a.m. on Oct. 15, Falen Keithline, 44, Circleville, was traveling east on 254th Road near L4 Road when her vehicle struck a deer in the road. Keithline's 2022 Jeep sustained damage to its front bumper.

Arrests

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

■ On Oct. 15, Kenneth Odem, 57, Kansas City, Kan., was arrested on a criminal warrant on a charge of failure to appear. Odem was also arrested on a criminal warrant from another jurisdiction on a charge of failure to appear.

■ On Oct. 15, Austin Mock, 26, Holton, was arrested on charges of domestic battery and criminal damage to property.

■ On Oct. 15, Melissa Hibbs, 43, Topeka, was arrested on a criminal warrant on a probation violation charge.

■ On Oct. 16, Patrick Hsiao, 64, Kansas City, Kan., was arrested on charges of interference with law enforcement, no driver's license, speeding and criminal littering.

■ On Oct. 16, Carlos Guevara, 26, Dodge City, was arrested on a traffic warrant on a probation violation charge.

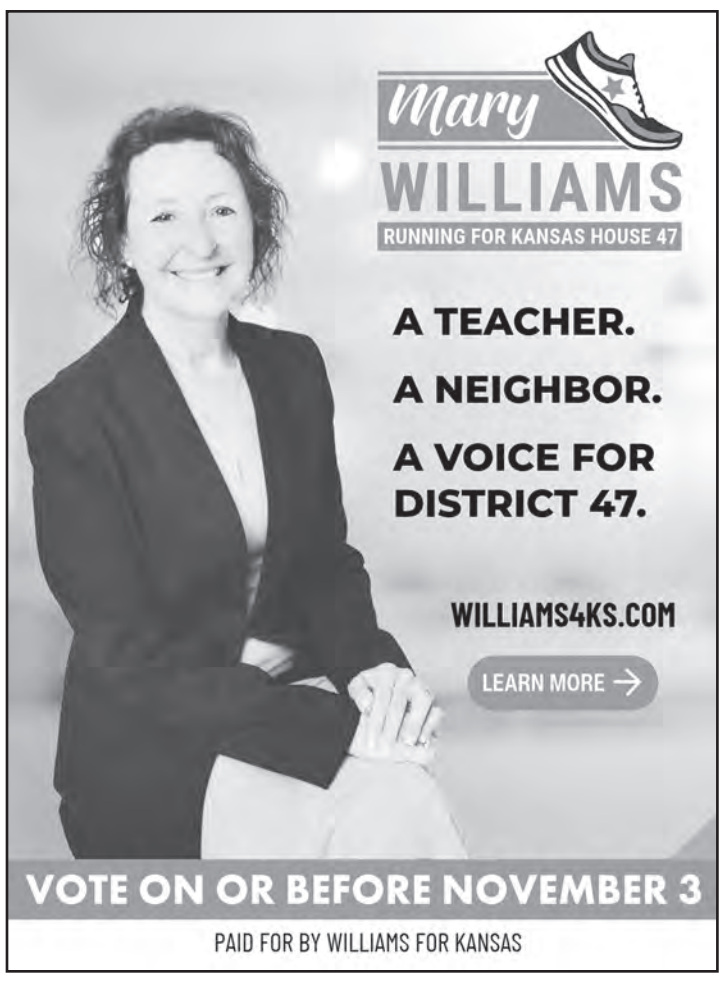
■ On Oct. 16, Harley Evans, 34, address unknown, was arrested on a criminal warrant on charges of abuse of a child, three counts of aggravated domestic battery and criminal threat.

■ On Oct. 17, Toni Virgo, 20, Topeka, was arrested on a criminal warrant on a charge of giving a worthless check.

■ On Oct. 17, Ma'Kiyah Gay, 20, Omaha, Neb., was arrested on charges of possession of marijuana and possession of illegal drug paraphernalia.

■ On Oct. 18, William Sebastian-Gasper, 67, Topeka, was arrested on a charge of driving while license canceled, suspended or revoked.

■ On Oct. 18, Preston Newton, 28, Topeka, was arrested on a criminal warrant on a charge of failure to appear.



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Youth Minister: David Noland
Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Sunday school
10:15 a.m. Worship service
1 p.m. Sunday afternoon service
Wednesday: 7:15 p.m. Prayer meeting

Buck's Grove United Methodist Church
836 K-16 Highway, Havensville
Pastor Dawn Duryea • Sunday: 9 a.m. service
(rotate between Buck's Grove Church & Circleville UMC monthly)

Christ's Church
100 Southern Heights Clubhouse, Holton
Pastor Jon Hanna • 785-364-3468
Sunday: 8:30 a.m. Fellowship • 9 a.m. Worship

Circleville Christian Church
7701 254th Rd., Circleville
Sunday school: 9 a.m.
Sunday worship: 10 a.m.
Website - circlevillechristian.com
Email - circlevillechristian@yahoo.com

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Community of Christ Church
22485 Highway K-16, Holton
Pastor Guy & Darla Hedrick
Sunday: 10 a.m. Worship service
Darla Hedrick - darlam56@gmail.com

Delia Presbyterian Church
514 Jackson St. • Rev. James Aubey
Sunday: 10 a.m. Every Other Month
Check sign board for other events.

Denison Bible Church
300 W. 5th St. • Pastor Jesse Seltmann
785-935-2464 • 785-422-2953
Sunday: 10 a.m. Sunday School
11 a.m. Worship

Denison Reformed Presbyterian Church
106 Seventh St., Denison • 785-935-2348
Rev. Caleb S. Allen, Pastor
Sunday: 10 a.m. Bible classes
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Evangel Church
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Sun.. 8:50 a.m. Life Journey (contemporary)
10 a.m. Sunday school • 11 a.m. Traditional svc.
Church - holtonevangel@gmail.com
Pastor Kelly Sipes - sipeskd@gmail.com
Pastor Hector - audiosembrador@gmail.com

First Baptist Church of Holton
404 Juniper Dr. • 785-364-3423
Pastor John Wisdom
Youth Minister Connor Gooderl
Sunday: 8:45 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m. Worship
9:45 a.m. Sunday school
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First Baptist Church of Hoyt
Pastor David Burnworth • 785-986-6446
Wednesday night prayer: 6 p.m.
Sunday: 9 a.m. Sunday school
10 a.m. Worship service
6 p.m. Sunday evening worship

First Christian Church
5th & Wisconsin, Holton • 785-364-2545
Dr. Jim McCollough, Pastor
Sunday: 10:45 a.m. Worship service

First United Methodist Church
1401 W. 4th St., Holton • 785-364-3275
Pastor Dawn Duryea • 10:30 a.m. Worship

Holton Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses
12350 214th Rd., Holton • 785-364-4279
Sunday Public Talk: 10 a.m. • jw.org

Horton United Methodist Church
Pastor Angela Hall
Sunday: 10:50 a.m. Worship service

Hoyt United Methodist Church
405 Highland Ave. • 785-986-6735
Pastor Jeff Moszeter • 785-851-8997
E-mail: jmoszeter@yahoo.com
Sunday School: 9 a.m. • Worship: 10 a.m.
Pathfinders: 3 p.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday

Immanuel Lutheran Church
302 Kansas, Netawaka • Vacancy Pastor
8 a.m. Sunday worship

Lakeview Faith Chapel Pentecostal Church
20171 U.S. Hwy. 75 (3.5 mi. S of Holton)
Pastor Steve Cappleman • 785-364-0734
785-364-2416 • 9:30 a.m. Sunday school
10:15 a.m. Worship service

Larkinburg Christian Church
2262 Allen Rd., Holton • Rev. Mark Armstrong
Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Sunday school
10:30 a.m. Church service

Mayetta Christian Church
202 E. Jones St. • Pastor Jared Harris
Sunday: Fellowship & Waffles
8:15-8:45 a.m.
Sunday school: 8:45 a.m.-9:30 a.m.
Prayer Circle: 9:30 a.m.-9:50 a.m.
Worship service: 10 a.m.-11:15 a.m.
Wednesday: 6 p.m.-7 p.m. Bible study

Mayetta United Methodist Church
302 E. Main St. • Rev. Jeff Moszeter
Sunday: 8 a.m. Morning worship service
and Sunday school

Netawaka United Methodist Church
528 Park Row St. • Pastor Angela Hall
Sunday: 9 a.m. Worship (rotate
between Netawaka & Whiting monthly)

New Hope Family Church
515 Iowa Ave., Holton
Pastor Sterling Hudgins
Wednesday meal: 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday service: 7:15 p.m.
Sunday worship: 8:30 a.m.

New Life Church of the Nazarene
100 Topeka, Ave., Holton • 785-364-3642
Pastor Marty DeVader
Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Sunday school
10:45 a.m. Worship service

Onaga New Hope Lutheran Church, ELCA
Rev. Charlene Banes, Pastor
Sunday: 9 a.m. Worship service
10:15 a.m. Sunday school / Adult Bible class
Tuesday: 7 p.m. Bible study
Holy Communion: 1st & 3rd Sunday

Our Lady of the Snows Church
166 and I Rd., Mayetta • 785-364-3262
Father Jonathan Dizon
1st Sunday of the month Mass: 1 p.m.
All other Sundays Mass: 8:30 a.m.

Potawatomi Community Church
14413 O Rd., Mayetta
Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship service

St. Dominic Catholic Church
416 Ohio Ave., Holton • 785-364-3262
Rev. Fr. Jonathan Dizon
Saturday Mass: 5:30 p.m.
Sunday Mass: 7 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Confessions 30 minutes before mass
Website: www.jacocatholics.org
Email: parish.jacocatholics@gmail.com

St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church
301 E. James St., Mayetta
785-364-3262
Rev. Fr. Jonathan Dizon
Sunday Mass: 8:30 a.m.
Confessions 30 minutes before mass
Website: www.jacocatholics.org
Email: parish.jacocatholics@gmail.com

St. James Catholic Church
306 5th St., Wetmore
Father Sudeep Kodigandla
Saturday Mass: 6:30 p.m.
Confessions: 30 minutes prior to mass

St. Thomas Episcopal Church
First Christian Church Library
310 W. 5th St., Holton • 785-851-1520
Rev. Jerome Henson
Services on 2nd & 4th Sunday in person,
1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays via Zoom
Sunday Services: 12:30 p.m.
stthomasholton@gmail.com

Soldier Christian Church
130 Jackson St. • 785-834-5750
Youth Minister: Luke Schreiber
Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Sunday school
10:30 a.m. Worship services
Wednesday: 6 p.m. Youth group
(junior high & high school ages)

SOLID Christian Church
416 Colorado Ave., Holton • 785-305-1043
Pastor Brody Bliss
Sunday: 8:45 a.m. Sunday school
10 a.m. Worship services
6 p.m. Youth group (6th-high school)
Wednesday: 3:30 p.m.-5 p.m. "The Way" (K-6)
5:45 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Fellowship dinner
6:30 p.m.-8 p.m. Bible study

Trinity Lutheran Church
401 Cheyenne, Holton • 785-364-2206
Pastor Dr. Jerome Brownlee
Sunday school: 9 a.m. • Worship: 10 a.m.

Wetmore Bible Church
217 Iowa St., Wetmore
Lay Pastor Kyle Claycamp
Sunday: 9 a.m. Sunday school (all ages)
10 a.m. Worship services
10:30 a.m. Children's Church
Tuesday: 1:30 p.m. Women's Bible study
Wednesday: 7 p.m. Youth group
(junior high & high school ages)

Wetmore United Methodist Church
Pastor Brenda Harter
Parsonage: (785) 866-2512
Church: (785) 866-5556
Sunday: 10 a.m. Worship service

Whiting Baptist Church
341 Searle St. • Pastor Roy Marks
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Members of the North Jackson Jets 4-H Club, shown above, held a Monday, Oct. 12 free-will donation breakfast at the Netawaka Community Building as a fund-raising event for the club. *Submitted photo*

North Jackson Jets discuss service ideas

By Elizabeth Schierling
Reporter

On Sunday, Oct. 11, 2026, the North Jackson Jets 4-H Club met at 6:30 p.m. at the Netawaka Community Building. The meeting was called by president April Slipke

Club members said the pledge of allegiance and the 4-H pledge. The roll call was "What was your favorite Halloween costume or what are you going to be this year?" Twelve members, three guests and seven parents were present. The minutes were read by Secretary Paige Holthaus and approved. After that, Treasurer Makenna Patterson read the current balance. Song leader Paizley Tabor sang "Row, Row, Row Your Boat."

The fund-raising committee reported that the club made $737 at its breakfast fund-raiser. The community service team discussed possible service ideas for this year. The program committee noted that October was 4-H month and the presentations at Jackson Heights Elementary School were a success.

Club leader Phyllis Slipke reported 14 members had projects that went to the state fair. The club had 98.5-percent submission on record books.

The meeting was adjourned by President Slipke. The club's next meeting is set for 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 8 at the Netawaka Community Building.

September unemployment unchanged in Kansas, down in Jackson County

Unemployment across Kansas was unchanged from August to September but down in Jackson County during the same period, according to preliminary estimates reported by the Labor Market Information (LMI) division of the Kansas Department of Labor (KDOL) and the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS).

The state's September unemployment data, released last Friday, showed a seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate of 3.8 percent. This is unchanged from 3.8 percent in August and unchanged from 3.8 percent in September 2025. The labor force participation rate for Kansas decreased to 66.4 percent in September.

Jackson County saw 237 members of its 7,090-member workforce filing for unemployment benefits in September, resulting in a 3.3-percent unemployment rate. That was down from four percent in August but up from three percent in September of 2025.

Seasonally-adjusted job estimates for Kansas indicate total nonfarm payroll employment decreased by 2,100 from August. Total nonfarm includes private sector and government employers.

Private sector jobs decreased by 2,300 over the month, while government increased by 200. The largest job gains in the private sector were in professional and business services, up 700 jobs, while the largest decrease was in other services, down 1,400 jobs.

Since September 2025 Kansas' seasonally adjusted total nonfarm jobs have increased by 4,100. This change is due to an increase of 7,300 private sector jobs and a decrease of 3,200 government jobs.

The Topeka metropolitan service area, which includes Jackson, Jefferson, Osage, Shawnee and Wabaunsee counties, saw a 3.9-percent unemployment rate in September. That was down from the August rate of 4.5 percent but up from 3.6 percent in the MSA last September.

Unemployment rates elsewhere in northeast Kansas are listed below.

Atchison County: 3.7 percent in September, 4.5 percent in August and 3.6 percent in September 2025.

Brown County: 3.9 percent in September, 5.0 percent in August and 4.1 percent in September 2025.

Doniphan County: 3.8 percent in September, 4.6 percent in August and 3.8 percent in September 2025.

Jefferson County: 3.6 percent in September, 4.2 percent in August and 3.3 percent in September 2025.

Marshall County: 3.4 percent in September, 4.2 percent in August and 3.1 percent in September 2025.

Nemaha County: 2.8 percent in September, 3.3 percent in August and 2.7 percent in September 2025.

Pottawatomie County: 3.4 percent in September, 4.2 percent in August and 3.1 percent in September 2025.

Shawnee County: 4.0 percent in September, 4.5 percent in August and 3.7 percent in September 2025.

Wabaunsee County: 3.5 percent in September, 4.1 percent in August and 3.5 percent in September 2025.

City of Topeka: 4.1 percent in September, 4.7 percent in August and 3.9 percent in September 2025.

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Towns Grant funding available for rural communities

Kansas Lt. Gov. and Secretary of Commerce David Toland recently announced a second round of Towns Grant funding is available to help spur quality-of-life improvements in rural Kansas communities. A total of $500,000 funding is available.

"The Towns Grant is another example of our commitment to giving small and distressed communities the resources they need to work together to create appealing places for businesses and residents alike," Toland said.

The program, administered by the Kansas Office of Rural Prosperity, provides grant awards ranging from $1,000 to $25,000 in single communities or up to $50,000 for projects across multiple zip codes to support small-scale projects. This is designed to deliver good results with a focus on increasing local capacity, fostering community and youth engagement and mobilizing volunteers and local investment.

"After the first round of Towns funded projects, it was noticeable that rural communities were eager to find support to bring their projects to life," Office of Rural Prosperity Director Trisha Purdon said. "These projects are truly a win-win for each community."

Eligible applicants must represent a community with a population of 5,000 or fewer residents or distressed urban census tracts as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau DCI report.

Applicants must provide a minimum 10 percent match for project costs. For communities with populations under 1,000 residents, the match may be provided through in-kind contributions. Matching funds must originate from private sources or non-state funded grants. All communities that have received funding from the Department of Commerce since 2019 are now eligible to apply for grant funding. However, preference in the scoring process will be given to communities that have not received Commerce funding since 2019.

Awards will be disbursed to a variety of eligible project types. Communities with similar needs are encouraged to leverage resource sharing such as grant administration, grant writing and matching funds.

An informational webinar is set for 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 30, for interested applicants. A recording of the webinar will be posted on the program's webpage. Additionally, virtual office hours will be held five times throughout the application period to address technical questions regarding the program.

The grant application portal will open Oct. 23 and close at 5 p.m. Dec. 23. Awardee announcements are contingent upon the completion and processing of grant contracts and are expected in January 2027.

■ Hoyt...

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due before the next council meeting. The prepay amount was 2,200 gallons at $1.65 per gallon for a total of $3,630. Allen's motion to ratify payment to Prairie Band Propane for the contract was seconded by Dreasher and approved.

Mayor Bell noted some drainage areas needed that will need to be looked at in the future. He also said to be mindful of leaving dog or cat food overnight to help with keeping away stray animals.

Chief Schafer gave the monthly police report. The department is now working with the school on vape charges. He also noted since Jeremy Andrews has left the department, he is no longer the in-house mechanic, so it would make sense to sell the silver police car. The council discussed options on whether to sell the car with or without the equipment.

Allen suggested discussing this with Purple Wave to get their recommendation. Dreasher's motion to place the silver car for auction through Purple Wave and have Chief Schafer follow their recommendations on whether to list with or without the equipment was seconded by Romans and approved.

It was noted that Kennedy Bryan has returned to school and as such is no longer working at the park. There was nothing additional to report on streets, sewer or the community building.

Blackwood reported on meeting with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE). She had met with Bryan and representatives of KDHE for their water system inspection review. No deficiencies were noted.

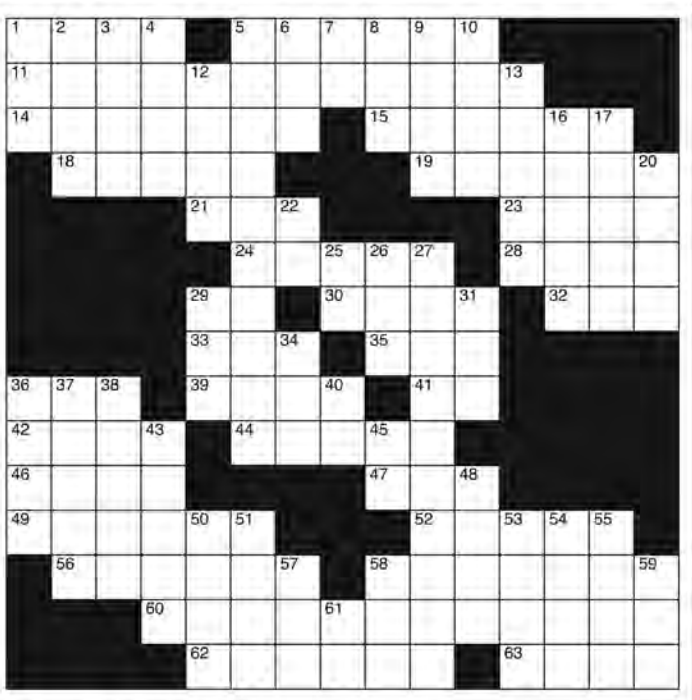
Romans made and McClane seconded a motion to pay bills. The motion carried.

Dreasher made a motion to enter executive session for 15 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel issues to include the mayor, council, city attorney and city clerk. Romans seconded, the motion carried and the council entered executive session.

The council exited executive session. No action was taken.

Allen's motion to adjourn was seconded by Romans and approved, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



CLUES ACROSS

1. El Dorado High School
5. A sculpture representing a human or animal
11. A type of return
14. Tie the knot again
15. Washington city
18. Hairlike structures
19. Mark used over a vowel
21. Explosive
23. Popular 500 car race
24. Pile up
28. Currency
29. Commercial
30. A minute amount (Scottish)
32. Mass of fish eggs
33. Baseball stat
35. Licensed accountant
36. Japanese classical theater
39. Gasteyer and de Armas are two
41. Blood group
42. Assist in wrongdoing
44. Language of Cameroon
46. Grayish-white
47. A woolen cap of Scottish origin
49. Microorganism
52. Strong social customs
56. Calm and dependable
58. Congressman
60. Force
62. As a result of this document
63. A main branch of Islam

CLUES DOWN

1. Make a mistake
2. American DJ Rick
3. Fictional Asimov planet
4. Coughed out
5. Singing to one's lover
6. Scotland's longest river
7. One of the six noble gases
8. Body art
9. Two-toed sloth
10. Electronic counter-countermeasures
12. A foolish person
13. Of the wind
16. Mansion
17. Sound
20. English river
22. Business symbol
25. Exclamation of surprise
26. Pouch
27. Individually
29. Satisfaction
31. The bill in a restaurant
34. Japanese delicacy
36. Port in southern Japan
37. Double-reed instruments
38. Center
40. "The Mount Rushmore State"
43. Soldier
45. Indicates position
48. Beauty treatment: __-pedi
50. Nonsense (slang)
51. Republic of Ireland
53. Ballplayers' tools
54. American state
55. Clusters of a fern frond
57. Patriotic women's group
58. A person's brother or sister
59. Breed of sheep
61. Of I

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