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Jackson Heights second-grade students toured several area businesses last week as part of a field trip, including *The Holton Recorder* office. During their visit here, students (from left) Lillie Simmons, Madi Mercer, Virginia Parrett, Asa Keo, Colby Burdiek and Leonardo Zubiate took turns placing subscription labels on copies of the newspaper.
Photo by Ali Holcomb

Carlson named to Hall of Fame

■ Recognition in time for celebration of Studio 1 Dance Center's 30th year

By Brian Sanders

For nearly 30 years, Heather Carlson, shown at right, has led Studio 1 Dance Center in Holton, where a large number of young people have honed their dance skills through the years, and Carlson is now looking at a milestone she never had any idea she would reach when she took over the dance center in the fall of 1997.

"Owning a studio wasn't necessarily on my radar," said Carlson, who had grown up in Topeka's Dance Factory and had been teaching in Holton with Paula Birkbeck Taylor for a few years when Taylor asked her to take over the dance center.

Through the years, Carlson has worked to instill the many values associated with dance in her students, from coordination and confidence in performing in front of a group to discipline and love of music and movement.

That work has led Carlson to be named as one of four Holton/Jackson County Chamber of Commerce Hall of Fame inductees for 2027, along with Deb Harshaw, Gus Suarez and Theresa Watkins — an honor that prompted an emotional response.

"Paula was the one who told me, while we were at lunch," Carlson said. "She wanted to be the one to tell me. I teared up. I couldn't believe it."



It's the culmination of a lifetime of dance, which began when Carlson was just five years old, starting at the dance center in Topeka that would eventually become the Dance Factory.

"Back in those days, you focused on one thing, and dance was my one thing," she said. "I liked being part of something like that. It's a community, it's a family and you make friends

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RV leaders seek Impact Aid funding in D.C.

By Ali Holcomb

Royal Valley school administrators recently traveled to Washington, D.C., to advocate for continued federal Impact Aid funding for Kansas schools.

Superintendent Aaric Davis and Assistant Superintendent Noah Slay represented the district at the National Association of Federally Impacted Schools conference, where they met with congressional staff members to discuss the importance of Impact Aid.

The two shared information about the conference during the Royal Valley Board of Education meeting on Oct. 14.

Impact Aid is a federal education program that provides financial assistance to local school districts to help offset lost property tax revenue because of federal property, including Native American reservations, military bases and national parks.

"Impact aid is vitally important for many communities across the nation," Slay said. "It was enlightening to see the kind of disparities between how those funds are allocated. It's really important for our federal lawmakers to understand that those funds are so important,"

During their visit, Davis and Slay spoke with staff members in several congressional offices. They said staff members noted that 10,000 bills were introduced in the House last year.

"It's important to have people show up and talk about it because it could easily be forgotten," Slay said. "It's pretty important to keep it on their radar."

Davis agreed.

"There are three school districts that attend annually – Royal Valley, Geary County and Fort Leavenworth – to lobby on behalf of the entire state of Kansas. If we don't go and do it, then no one else is going to do it," Davis said.

Davis said the federal Impact Aid program receives bipartisan support. He described the funding as "like the federal government paying their property taxes."

Impact Aid funding is based on the number of students whose families live on or work on Native American reservations or other federal property.

The district has an Impact Aid committee that helps guide how the money is spent. The funding supports a variety of district needs, including staffing and transportation.

In other business, the board:

* Approved the consent items as presented, which included the minutes from the previous meeting, the treasurer's report and warrants.

* Approved a $1,200 FFA Living to Serve grant to update the high school recycling program.

* Held public comment. Jennifer Lloyd of Ozawkie, who is seeking the District One seat on the state board of education in next month's election, introduced herself to the board and briefly explained why she is running for the position.

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Trick-or-treating on the Square set for Oct. 30

A special trick-or-treating event will be held from 3:30 to 6 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 30, at businesses around the Holton Town Square.

The annual event is sponsored by the Sara Fox Team at Stone & Story Real Estate Group, the Jackson County Sheriff's Office, Belveal Law and Kansas Secured Title.

Participating businesses around the Square will hand out candy to trick-or-treaters. 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.

Trick-or-treaters are encouraged to begin at that location and follow a route east along the north side of the Square, then south, west and north to make their way around the Square.

A parade featuring Holton Elementary School students in their Halloween costumes will also be held at 2 p.m. that day around the Square, weather permitting, according to school officials.

Riederer remembers time with Mike Ditka

By Brian Sanders

When legendary Chicago Bears football player and coach Mike Ditka died earlier this month, no one in northeastern Kansas felt the loss more than Holton resident Russell Riederer, who served under Ditka for a year during his time with "Da Bears."

But as Riederer put it, the blessing of having worked with Ditka outweighed the loss of his friend.

"Obviously, you're sad for a while, but he would never want anybody being sad about his life or death," said Riederer, a former strength and conditioning coach with the Bears from 1992 to 2005. "You cherish the memories that he helped create for the people who needed him and the guys who worked with him."

Ditka, a tight end with the Bears' 1963 National Football League championship team and head coach of the 1985 Super Bowl XX champion team, died Friday, Oct. 9 at the age of 86, prompting Riederer's "very fond memories" of the player and coach.

"He was one of the most generous men," Riederer said of Ditka. "All the stories you hear about his generosity are completely true. He was a tough guy, demanding, hard-working and all that, but his generous, soft side was there, too, and he wasn't afraid to show it."

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Public Safety Building improvements OK'd

By Brian Sanders

An aging emergency generator and a pair of old HVAC systems at the Holton Public Safety Building will be replaced soon, thanks to action taken on Monday by the Holton City Commission.

During the commission's regular meeting that evening, commissioners voted to purchase a pair of HVAC systems and a single-phase, 55-kilowatt generator at a combined cost of $88,245 for the Public Safety Building, which houses Holton's police and fire departments.

The purchase included an HVAC system for the building's main floor at a cost of $21,900 and one for the basement area for $8,525, both from Don Ash and Son of Holton, and a single-phase generator for $57,820 from Riley Electric of Holton.

Holton Police Chief Steve Frederick reminded commissioners of "the need to do something about this problem generator," a three-phase, 15-kilowatt unit that accommodates a three-phase "air handler" in the building and is more than 50 years old.

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October is 4-H Month

Bontragers active with Straight Arrows

By Brian Sanders

Ask Chad Bontrager about how important it was to grow up in 4-H, and he'll tell you that his experiences with the organization gave him the training he needed to become a success in agribusiness.

"I grew up on a farm, where there was always livestock to take care of," said Bontrager, who grew up in the Straight Arrows club. "Being in 4-H formalized some of the things that I was learning, whether it was the record-keeping that went along with it or the opportunity to go to the county fair and be evaluated against your peers. There's just a lot of stuff that I wouldn't have had the opportunity to do without 4-H."

Today, Bontrager and his wife Mandy are proud to see the things he's learned in 4-H being passed on and taking root in their four daughters, who are also present or past members of the Straight Arrows like their father.

"It's definitely been a confidence booster for all the kids," Mandy said.

Being in 4-H has also shown the Bontrager girls how to become more independent as they get older, as daughter Julieann, 16 and a junior at Holton High School, makes clear, citing her work with Hereford cattle as an example.

"When I was younger, I always had help, whether it was my dad or my older sisters or my grandma," Julieann said. "Through the years, I've learned how to do things myself and gain independence — how to take care of an animal, how to calm it down, how to show it in the ring, how to be around it without it acting up."



The family of Chad and Mandy Bontrager, members of the Straight Arrows 4-H club, is shown above. Front row, from left: Mandy and Chad; back row, from left: Julieann, Madeline, Addison and Lillian.
Photo courtesy Chad Bontrager

It's also given her opportunities to pass along what she's learned to younger 4-H members.

"When we're doing foods, it's fun to bake a pie or a cake by yourself," Julieann said. "It's also fun to teach or help my younger sister or my younger cousins how to do that, because it's taught me how to gain some independence and flourish."

As a youth, Chad Bontrager joined 4-H and became a member of the then-new Straight Arrows club, where he worked in beef projects and his mother, Vicki Bontrager, was the foods project leader, which prompted him to dabble in food projects.

"I started with a bucket calf and then moved into breeding beef and market steers," Chad said. "I also messed around a little bit with arts and crafts."

After graduating in 2000 from HHS, where he also took part in the school's FFA chapter, Chad went on to Kansas State University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in milling science and a master's degree in agribusiness. He and Mandy — who didn't have an upbringing in 4-H — were married in 2004.

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Sunny, High 77
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Saturday 24	Mostly sunny	High:	78
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Day


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Mann


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Luengo


Hawkins


Sykes


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Koehn


Cawvey


Lloyd

In addition to selecting a new governor for the state of Kansas, the Nov. 3 election will include several other races for state offices, including:

Secretary of State

Republican **Pat Proctor**, 55, Leavenworth; Democrat **Jennifer Day,** 45, Mission; and **Scott Morgan**, Lawrence, of the United Kansas Party are all seeking the secretary of state seat during the election.

A retired U.S. Army colonel, Proctor has served in the Kansas House of Representatives since 2021 where he currently chairs the House Elections Committee and serves on the Joint Committee on Kansas Security.

Proctor said that since 2022 he has worked with lawmakers to expand the number of sources that can be used to confirm that a voter has died and should be removed from the voter rolls.

If elected, he said he wants to expand those efforts further by allowing voter-roll records to be compared with information from credit agencies to help confirm who has died.

Day served in the Kansas House of Representatives from 2020 through 2021. She resigned due to moving out of her district.

She has 16 years of business experience in technology, real estate and finance. Day has volunteered with the League of Women Voters and has spent eight years as an election worker.

If elected, she said she wants to protect election integrity, guard Kansans' rights to vote and remove barriers for businesses.

A native of Shawnee, Morgan has degrees in journalism and law from The University of Kansas.

He served in Washington for Senators Nancy Landon Kassebaum and Bob Dole before becoming Chief Counsel and Director of Federal Affairs for Governor Mike Hayden. In 1988, he and his wife, Kathleen, founded Morgan Quitno Press.

Morgan said that elections should be fair, secure, accessible, professionally administered and worthy of public trust.

Attorney General

Incumbent Republican **Kris Kobach**, 60, Lecompton, is seeking his second term as attorney general and will face Democrat **Chris Mann**, 50, Lawrence.

Kobach grew up in Topeka, graduating from Washburn Rural High School. He earned degrees from Harvard and The University of Oxford and received his law degree from Yale.

He served as the secretary of state from 2011 to 2019. Since he's served as attorney general, Kobach said that the state's crime rate has dropped to its lowest point in 57 years and he has brought more than $320 million in restitution and settlements to Kansans.

As attorney general, Kobach said he successfully sued and stopped the Biden Administration from giving Obamacare benefits to illegal aliens.

Mann became a cop at the age of 21 but that career ended when he was struck by a drunk driver during a traffic stop.

Mann became an attorney after graduating from Washburn University Law School. He then became a prosecutor in the Wyandotte County District Attorney's Office and then for the Kansas Securities Commission. He opened Mann Law Firm, P.A. in 2016.

If elected, Mann said he wants to ensure local communities have the resources they need to investigate and prosecute crimes, as well as help the state recruit and retain quality law enforcement.

Treasurer

Three people are running for state treasurer – incumbent Republican **Steven Johnson**, 60, Assaria; Democrat **Juan Luengo**, 46, Olathe; and Libertarian **Eric Lund**, Paola.

Johnson, who is seeking his second term to the position, studied agricultural economics at Kansas State University and earned an MBA from The University of Chicago.

He served in the Kansas House of Representatives (108th District) from 2011 to 2023.

While serving as treasurer, Johnson said he's improved cash flow efficiencies, reduced investment fees, strengthened financial oversight and expanded financial education.

Luengo serves as the Chief Executive Officer of Engage Insurance Group, Inc., which is a risk management firm. He has worked in this industry since 2007.

He holds a bachelor's degree in communication from The Pennsylvania State University.

Luengo's campaign is built around five pillars – expanding Kansas' 529 plan to cover four-year colleges, trades and apprenticeships; moving state deposits through Kansas banks and credit unions to lower borrowing costs, creating a Kansas Economic Council; returning unclaimed property and improving customer service at the treasurer's office.

Lund serves as the secretary for the Libertarian Party of Kansas and previously served as a commissioner on the Cordova Recreation and Park Board in California.

If elected, Lund said he would work with the State Legislature and governor to cut government spending and taxation. He said he would also like to "reform the Kansas Public Employees Retirement System so that it is less of a tax burden on taxpayers."

Commissioner of Insurance

Republican **Daniel Hawkins**, 65, Wichita; Democrat **Dinah Sykes**, 49, Lenexa, and Libertarian **Ric Koehn**, 62, Cimarron; are all running for this position.

Hawkins has represented the Wichita area in the Kansas House of Representatives since 2013. He was elected House Majority Leader in 2019 and was elected Speaker of the House in 2023.

He's worked in the insurance industry for 30 years, and he said he wants to make insurance more accessible and affordable for Kansans.

If elected, he said he wants to lower insurance costs, hold the powerful and fraudsters accountable, crack down on companies that stonewall families after a disaster and restore competition and choice.

Sykes has served on the Kansas Senate since 2017. Since 2021, she has served as the Senate Minority Leader. She has a bachelor's degree in business administration from Trevecca Nazarene University.

She said her priorities, if elected, are affordability, consumer protection, transparency and fairness.

Koehn said he wants to return the insurance industry to a free market. He said he opposes all taxes and opposes subsidies, such as those for the new Kansas City Chiefs' stadium.

State Board of Education – First District

Republican **Amy Cawvey**, 56, Lansing, and **Jennifer Lloyd**, 54, Ozawkie are both running for the First District seat on the State Board of Education.

Cawvey has been a public-school volunteer for more than 25 years and has been a member of the Lansing Board of Education for the past four years.

If elected, Cawvey said she wants to make student achievement a priority, pass a Parents' Bill of Rights and maintain revenue neutral property taxation without raising the district's tax levy.

Lloyd has worked in public education for 28 years. She is currently an elementary school librarian at Jefferson West USD 340 but began her teaching career at Holton.

She has a master's degree from Emporia State University. Her platform includes funding schools, supporting teachers, supporting research-backed curriculum and reducing the use of phones and devices from classrooms.

MARKETS

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Description	Price at Close	Change
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Target	154.04	+0.75
Hershey	169.57	+2.57
Walmart	117.85	-0.85
Phillips 66	291.02	+0.47
US Bancorp	59.09	+1.24
Pfizer	30.13	+0.69
Deere & Co.	632.54	+5.54
United Parcel	98.54	+1.08
Apple	339.50	-3.44
Meta Platforms	694.25	-11.19
Goodyear	4.24	+0.09

Source: New York Stock Exchange reports. Prices listed at close of trading on Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2026.

GRAIN

Description	Price at Close
Wheat	$5.95
Corn	$3.91
Milo	$3.52
Soybeans	$11.83

Source: Jackson Farmers Co-Op, Holton. Prices listed at close of trading on Tuesday, Oct. 20, 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	Last Mo.	Last Year
Kansas Average	$3.95	-$0.198	+$1.230
National Average	$4.24	-$0.230	+$1.260
Holton Average	$4.06		

Source: GasBuddy.com. Current prices listed as of Monday, Oct. 19, 2026.

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5 Years Ago

Week of Oct. 18-24, 2021

• Honoring local military veterans is the focus of a new patriotic banner program for the Holton community, a program that received the blessing of the Holton City Commission on Monday, Oct. 18. During the commission's meeting that night, commissioners unanimously approved a proposal from *Holton Recorder* editor and publisher David Powls to co-sponsor a "Holton Remembers" banner program to honor local veterans, with banners to be displayed on city light poles around Holton's Town Square and along the city's "main thoroughfares" between Memorial Day and Independence Day.

• Dr. David Allen of Holton Family Health Center has been named Jackson County's medical director for Community HealthCare System.

• Members of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Tribal Council, Prairie Band Commodities Program and contractors ceremoniously broke ground at the Prairie Band Food Distribution Program's distribution center on the PBPN reservation recently as plans are under way to expand the facilities. Those breaking ground included Raphael Wahwassuck, Tony Wahweotten, Zach Pahmahmie, Joseph Rupnick, Wade Pahmahmie, Bill Evans, Michelle Simon, Shawn Kelly, Blake Garrison and James Allen.

10 Years Ago

Week of Oct. 18-24, 2016

• An open house and ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Holton Elementary School was held on Sunday, Oct. 23. Several hundred members of the Holton community attended the open house for the new 90,000 square-foot school.

• Members of the Denison Builders 4-H Club, as well as several adult leaders, spent Saturday, Oct. 15, cleaning up a total of four miles of highway. Several big blue trash bags were filled, along with one bag full of aluminum cans, which will be donated. The project was a part of "48 Hours of 4-H," which encourages clubs to complete community service work.

4-H members participating included Abigail Renfro, Cauy Phillips, Jarred Bohnenkemper, Bobbi Horr, Hunter Sturgeon, Dakota Johnson and Shelby Phillips.

15 Years Ago

Week of Oct. 18-24, 2011

HOLTON MERCANTILE

BLAST FROM THE PAST



This week's "Blast From The Past" was celebrated in 2005 for her 60th year of service at Denison State Bank.

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 Bob Phillips, who was correctly identified first by Travis Patch. Winners may pick up their coupons at *The Recorder* office.

• Janice Schweigen of Hoyt has sewed 250 blankets for cancer patients of St. Francis Hospital in Topeka as a way to give them comfort. Schweigen, a cancer survivor herself, said she understands the importance of having a blanket when going through rounds of chemotherapy.

• Holton Main Street executive director Bob Carlson was recently honored by the Kansas Department of Commerce for his work on "This Place Matters," a Main Street project designed to highlight the importance of historic buildings on Holton's Town Square. Roger Hower and his wife, Cindy, were also honored with a Kansas Main Street Community Award.

• On Thursday, Oct. 13, Amy Spiker, social services director for Medicalodges Jackson County, received the 2011 Social Services of the Year award at the Kansas Health Care Association Convention in Wichita. The award is given each year to an outstanding social services director who has demonstrated unparalleled compassion and service to seniors in the state of Kansas, it was reported.

25 Years Ago

Week of Oct. 18-24, 2001

• Dr. Wesley Clark of Holton recently became involved with an externship program in order to help prepare young optometry students for real world practice. The first local extern is Dustin Brooks, a fourth-year optometry student from Southern College of Optometry in Memphis, Tenn. Brooks is seeing patients at Clark's office, along with Dr. Nikki Meerpohl, as part of his externship.

• Students at Central Elementary School in Holton decided to make a public display of their patriotism recently by creating an American flag. They did so by tying red, white and blue ribbons to the fence facing Fourth Street. Some third graders shown taking their turn and working on the flag were Kaylee Mick, Taylor Bohannon, Drew Porter, Josh Schirmer, Susan Iverson and Forrestal Hickman.

• Misty Erickson of Holton and Jennifer Larson of Ozawkie have teamed up for Operation Christmas Child, a humanitarian aid project that sends Christmas presents to children "on the other side of the world." Larson, a former Holton student, has been involved with the program since 1995.

50 Years Ago

Week of Oct. 18-24, 1976

• Clyde Rieschick of Soldier was winner of the A Class in the Jackson County Horseshoe Tournament held on Sunday, Oct. 17. Twelve horseshoe pitchers competed in two classes in the event. Kermit Bick of Holton was the winner in Class B.

• The first week's winners of $100 and $50 worth of grocery purchases at Ron's United Super were John B. Kelly, the $100 winner, and Jon C. Patch, the $50 winner. Ron Coleman, owner, presented the awards.

• Dick Evans has opened a new business in Holton called Freedom Master. Evans, a Topeka native, said his business will be making motorcycle seats. He and Burt Driscoll recently moved a two-ton press into Evans' shop in the old Ford garage.

LETTER

Dear editor,

Rising costs are everywhere, from gasoline to food to health care. Kansas families, employers and communities all feel the strain of affordability. Kansas hospitals are no different. It is well known that they play an essential role in the health care delivery system, are economic engines within communities and foundational partners in a healthy workforce and thriving community.

Kansas community hospitals are committed to putting patients first by providing compassionate, high-quality care to all Kansans. While firm on that commitment, there are many challenges testing every hospital's ability to maintain that promise.

It is well documented that Kansas hospitals, especially those in rural areas, are financially struggling. According to the most recent Kansas data, 81 percent of Kansas hospitals had an operating loss in 2024, yet they continued to provide care to every patient who walked through their doors.

The cause of the financial struggles is multi-faceted and includes soaring labor, supply and prescription drug costs; growing numbers of uninsured; reductions in important programs such as the 340B Program; and stagnant reimbursement that in many cases does not cover a hospital's costs in providing care.

In addition to affordable health care, Kansans are right to expect transparency about what their care will cost. Hospitals help patients understand what they can expect to pay and have invested significant resources to meet price transparency requirements. The number that matters most to patients is what they will owe after their health insurance deductible, coinsurance and coverage is applied. That's why meaningful transparency requires health insurers to be part of the solution.

When a patient is struggling to pay a medical bill (whether insured or uninsured), hospitals provide financial counseling and help them know what assistance is available. Hospitals are committed to putting patients first. Each year, Kansas hospitals collectively provide free or discounted care in excess of $1 billion, as well as additional write-offs when insured patients simply cannot afford their deductibles and coinsurance.

Making meaningful progress on health care affordability requires honest conversations about what drives health care costs and a willingness to address affordability across the entire health care system. The goal should be to help patients who genuinely need assistance while addressing the underlying factors that contribute to the cost of their health care.

That means reducing unnecessary administrative costs. It means addressing prescription drug prices. It means ensuring patients can understand what their insurance will cover and what they will owe. It means connecting people experiencing financial hardship with assistance. And it means protecting access to the physicians, nurses and hospitals Kansans depend on.

There is plenty of work ahead. Kansas hospitals are ready to do our part. We need health insurers, pharmaceutical companies, medical supply manufacturers, employers, policymakers and others to collaborate with us in efforts to actually help patients. Because at the end of the day, this is about making sure Kansans can afford the health care they need and that the health care they need is still there when they need it.

Chad Austin
President and CEO
Kansas Hospital

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, Oct. 26 through Friday, Oct. 30 are as follows:

Monday, Oct. 26: Lasagna, lettuce salad, fruit cobbler and garlic bread.

Tuesday, Oct. 27: Sloppy joe with bun, hashbrown patty, steamed corn, diced peaches and peanut butter cookie.

Wednesday, Oct. 28: Pork cutlet, baked sweet potato, peas and carrots, baked apples and bread and margarine.

Thursday, Oct. 29: Chicken fried steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, almondine green beans, fruit cup and bread and margarine.

Friday, Oct. 30: Chili, cheese cubes, dill pickle spear, fresh orange, cinnamon roll and crackers.

Two arrested following traffic stop in county

Two Horton residents were arrested on various drug charges following a traffic stop here on Oct. 14, Jackson County Sheriff Tim Morse reported.

At 2:04 p.m. that day, a Jackson County Sheriff's Office deputy conducted a traffic stop on a Pontiac G6 near U.S. Highway 75 and 142nd Road for a traffic violation.

During the traffic stop, the deputy observed suspected illegal drugs or narcotics in plain view inside the vehicle and detected the odor of marijuana, based on the deputy's training and experience, Sheriff Morse said.

The driver was identified as Mary Jo Lea Cook, 38, and the passenger was identified as Chester Barry Cook, 46, both of Horton.

While deputies were securing the vehicle's occupants, Chester Cook allegedly resisted deputies but was quickly apprehended, Sheriff Morse said.

A probable cause search of the vehicle was subsequently conducted, resulting in the discovery of additional suspected illegal drugs or narcotics.

Both individuals were arrested and booked into the Jackson County Jail.

Mary Jo Lea Cook was arrested on charges of possession of methamphetamine, possession of THC and possession of illegal drug paraphernalia.

Chester Cook was arrested on charges of possession of methamphetamine, possession of THC, possession of illegal drug paraphernalia and felony interference with law enforcement.

He was also wanted on an extraditable felony warrant from South Sioux City, Neb. The warrant reportedly includes charges related to resisting an officer or resisting arrest with a deadly weapon and assaulting an officer or healthcare professional, Sheriff Morse said.

Coats for Kids applications due soon

Applications are still being accepted for the Jackson County Coats For Kids drive to help students stay warm this winter, according to event organizers.

Completed applications are due Monday, Oct. 26, and can be filled out online through the Coats for Kids – Jackson County Kansas Facebook page. To qualify for a free coat, a Jackson County guardian or parent must qualify for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) or receive free and/or reduced school meals.

Coats are available for children 18-year-old and younger. Adult-sized coats are available for children only.

The coat distribution event will be held from 3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Nov. 6 and 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 7, at 215 E. Fifth St., just north of the Holton Community Theatre.

For more information, contact Sarah DeDonder at 620-272-3251 or email her at sarah.dedonder@gmail.com.

Jackson Heights Senior of the Month



Teagan Hackathorn has been named a Senior of the Month for October at Jackson Heights High School.

Hackathorn couldn't settle on just one favorite high school memory, opting to include "every PE class I've ever taken." He also says he believes his biggest high school accomplishment is still yet to come.

After graduation, he plans to work and become an automotive mechanic.

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Special county sales tax needs to be continued

If you want to do your part to keep local property taxes down, then you should go to the election polls on Tuesday, Nov. 3 and vote "yes" on the question about the special county sales tax.

After the sales tax question failed at the primary election in August, the Jackson County Commission approved a motion to place the same .4 percent special retailers' sales tax renewal question back on the ballot at the Nov. 3 general election.

The commission approved a resolution to ask voters again to support renewing the county's .4 percent special retailers' sales tax for the purpose of purchasing road rock for the county.

This special sales tax for the county has been helping to keep local property taxes down for 22 years. It is favored because it calls for residents and nonresidents alike to contribute when they make purchases in the county. It would be wise to keep this particular county sales tax going.

"We're going to put it in front of the voters again in November because we cannot afford to lose $800,000 for rock," Commission Chairman Mark Pruett said earlier. "If we do not get this, then the rock fund is going to be probably pretty much strictly for patching. There's not going to be anything for any major projects again for a long, long time."

Keeping the county's gravel roads in good shape for motorists is a major responsibility of the county.

And like everything else these days, the cost of the gravel needed for the county roads continues to go up.

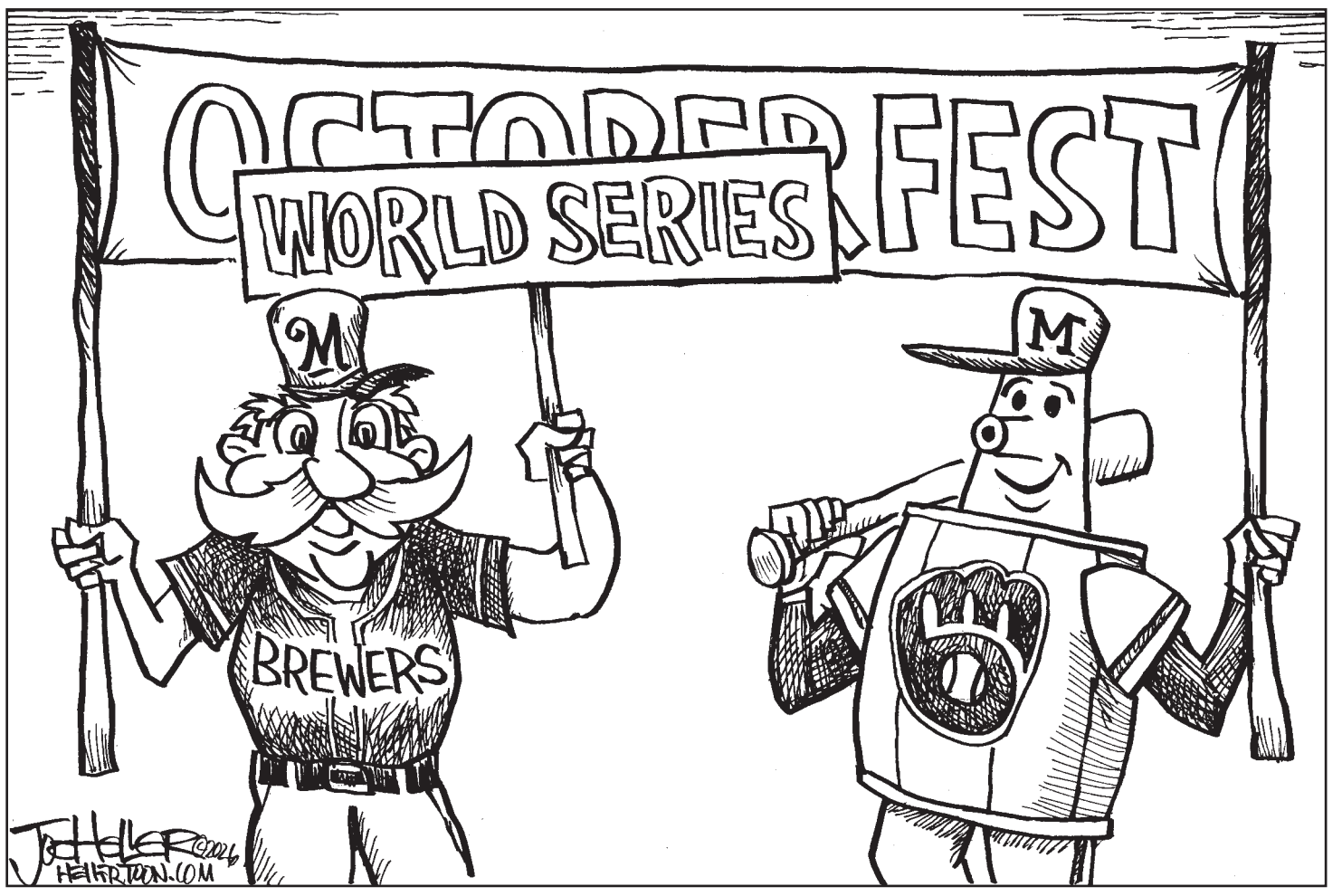
The last vote on the special county sales tax was decided by just 58 votes.

After the provisional votes were tallied after the primary 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.

Without this special county sales tax, I believe local property taxes will have to be increased sooner or later to make up the difference.

David Powls





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

What keeps you going? Think about it

By Glenn Mollette

What keeps you living? Do you enjoy life? Are you happy for the opportunity to be in the world, breathe the air, see the beauty of God's creation? Do you enjoy family, friends and daily life? What is your reason for living?



None of us chose to be born. We didn't choose our parents or the geographical location of our birth. There are many other choices along the way we do not make.

We don't choose cancer, disabilities, wars, being the victims of crimes, drunk drivers and much more. We make choices about what we eat, activities, lifestyles, religion, attitude, vocation, residences, beliefs, how we treat others and more.

We often cannot control much of life. We can't control the bad things that happen to other people. We are impacted by what happens to people we love. A sick spouse, parent or child greatly impacts us and can be very stressful with many challenges.

We do the best we can to offer as much love and support as possible. It's never easy and wears on us. Every day presents new challenges and a flexible, positive attitude is essential for survival.

Children can bless or challenge. We can't control what they do forever and so we usually go with the flow, offering as much love and support as possible. We can't take care of them forever. They have to live life when we are gone and so they need to start way before we are gone.

Our careers are often meaningful and give us something to do most of our lives. We have to work and it's better if we enjoy our work. The opportunity to go to work every day is often a blessing many people miss until the work days are over.

We live for all kinds of reasons. We live for love, for family, for pleasure, for careers and for the enjoyment of life.

Lots of things in life can get us down. The loss of a career, the death of someone we love deeply. We miss a spouse, a parent, a child. We grieve the loss of a job. Sickness gets us down.

Depression can come to any of us at any time of the day. We've all been there to some extent. None of us are immune to depression. We have all shed tears along the road of life and it's nothing to be ashamed about. We suffer hurts, disappointments, failures, grief, death and much more. Not much is required to cause us grief, depression and disappointments. We are very fragile when it comes to downswings of life.

Thus, we have to know where our joy and upswings of life come from. Personally, where would I be or how could I survive without my faith?

God has been my source and rock for most of my life. There have been times when I didn't realize He was all I needed until He was all I had. There is an old song that asks the question, "Where would I be without the Lord?"

I also look around me and give thanks for this beautiful world. I don't hate the world. God made this beautiful place. We mess it up, but God gave us a beautiful place to live.

I am fortunate in that I have a beautiful wife, children, grandchildren, siblings and friends whom I love very much. I enjoy my work and have hobbies that are still fun. These and the love of God keep me going and living.

What keeps you going? Who keeps you living? Think about it and keep living!

Note: Glenn Mollette is an American author and columnist read in all 50 states.

K-State Extension provides much needed services

By Chuck Voelker
Kansas Farm Bureau

I am a proud member of our local extension district's governing board. One of our responsibilities is the annual performance evaluations for our 14 extension professionals.



After reviewing their goals, accomplishments and community involvement, I was simply amazed at all of the great works being done.

And that got me wondering how many people really understand or recognize the variety and scope of activities agents are responsible for and involved with across the state.

But first, a brief history lesson. Since the passage of the Smith-Lever Act of 1914, K-State Extension has strived to improve Kansans' lives, livelihoods and communities through education, research, engagement and leadership.

In 1915, the Kansas Legislature passed the County Farm Bureau Law to provide state and county funding to implement local agricultural extension programs.

Yes, many of the first extension professionals actually were employed by Farm Bureau. The law was revised in 1951 to separate the county extension program from Farm Bureau, making it a cooperative responsibility between the newly created county agricultural extension councils and Kansas State University.

K-State Extension is alive and well in all 105 Kansas counties. Every county has an extension office staffed with personnel ready to either provide advice or search for helpful solutions. Currently, there are 57 counties covered by 21 districts. The remaining 48 counties have their own agents and programs.

While programming will vary across the state, there are four basic areas of focus: agriculture, 4-H and youth development, family and consumer sciences and community vitality.

Extension work in the agriculture sector today is much more than traditional livestock and crop production. Horticulture, natural resources activities, wildlife promotion, predator control, pond management, tractor safety, backyard poultry, bee keeping, water quality, meat science events and even mushroom farming are just a few of the numerous topics being addressed by current extension personnel.

Kansas 4-H officially began in 1905, making it one of the earliest state-level 4-H programs in the United States. It is no longer just about "sows, cows and plows."

Today's 4-H involves STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) activities and projects in areas such as communications, interior design and architecture, performing arts, health and wellness, computer science and entrepreneurship just to mention a few.

Many 4-H agents across the state are actively participating with schools and other groups to provide programming opportunities with youth that might not otherwise have the opportunity.

Family and consumer sciences is so much more than the long-associated cooking, canning and clothing focus areas. Today, you'll find our agents involved with programming in areas such as diabetes prevention, healthy snack creations, safe food handler training, exercise events for aging individuals, babysitting clinics and activities for improving the health and quality of life for older adults.

Community vitality is a focus area I'm sure many are unaware of. Our agents are highly involved in community events and activities. Helping to bring in grant money for revitalization of parks and recreational areas, assisting retirees with their Medicare selections and tax preparation, community health worker programs, entrepreneurship opportunities, small business development assistance and community meeting facilitations are just a few of their undertakings.

Yes, K-State Extension provides much needed and certainly undervalued services all across this great state. While it is ever evolving and changing, the responsibilities, passion and willingness to serve will forever be present.

If you're not familiar with the activities of your local extension office, I highly suggest you stop by to see it for yourself. Who knows, you might just become a volunteer to assist in your own area of expertise.

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.

Chuck Voelker is a Montgomery County rancher.

Trump's deal-making methodology may cloud his achievements. So what?

By Victor Davis Hanson

There's been an ongoing controversy over Donald Trump for the last decade, both when he appeared on the escalator in 2015, the campaign, the first term, the wilderness years and the first two years of his second administration.



It works out like this. He has an art of the deal style, where he is bombastic, that he says wild things. He puts his opponents, his partners, whatever the situation is that he's across the table from, off balance. He demands things that are ludicrous. People are shocked, they criticize him.

And then the negotiations continue, and Trump gets an edge, maybe a 52, 53 percent edge over the original request. They sign a deal. Trump is very careful not to insult his trading partner or his trading opponent in any deal. And then he says he might have been taken himself, and he walks away with a singular accomplishment.

And then people are troubled. They look at the result of the negotiations, and they're impressed, especially if you're Americans. But they also say the methodology clouds the achievement.

Let's see if that's a legitimate criticism.

When he entered office, Panama was essentially being controlled at its entry and exits in violation of the Panama Canal Treaty by Chinese-affiliated companies. And they had grandiose designs basically to take over the canal. He railed, he screamed, he threatened to go in and take it. He said the canal should go back to the United States.

Now Canada is a close ally of the United States. All of Latin America is flipping. Of the 32 nations, I think about 27 are pro-American, are capitalist, are democratic, are all three. The pink tide is over in Latin America. Just Cuba, Brazil, Mexico and Nicaragua are really left as hostile communist countries or socialist countries.

And people said, "Did he really have to threaten Panama like that?"

Second case: Greenland. Greenland in World War II was a custodian. We were the custodian of Greenland's autonomy. Why? Because its colonial mother state, Denmark, was overrun in three days by the Nazis. The Nazis had eyes on Greenland to base submarines and air fleets to control the North Atlantic. And so, the United States took control of it, put a base there, kept it free, used it for the advantage of the Allies and then turned it back to Denmark.

In the years since after the Cold War, it was sort of inert and so was Denmark. In other words, it wasn't an issue.

Trump comes in and says the Chinese look at the Arctic as the closest air route for their missiles into North America and into Europe. And they see that its sea lanes can be controlled, and with that control, they can have access strategically to Western countries, both in the Arctic Circle near Europe and in North America.

So, he says the Danes don't have the wherewithal. Maybe we should just take it.

Everybody is appalled. Denmark gets furious. Germany sends eight or nine soldiers, and Denmark starts to say, "I'll pledge $1 billion to help the Greenlanders. I'll put their flag on the coat of arms."

Starting to work, in other words.

In other words, Donald Trump tunes down the rhetoric, and lo and behold, we now have a deal, and the deal is far better than the prior 1951 deal. People in Europe are relieved because they will not have to confront Russian or Chinese ships in the Greenland Arctic because the United States is going to be there, their ally in NATO.

Greenland is happy because they're not going to see a lot of Americans, but they're going to get a lot of American money through a booming military economy.

Denmark is happy because they can say they're still a colonial power and they control this huge continental island that's in North America, and which is closer to New York than it is to Copenhagen. But fine, they're the sovereigns.

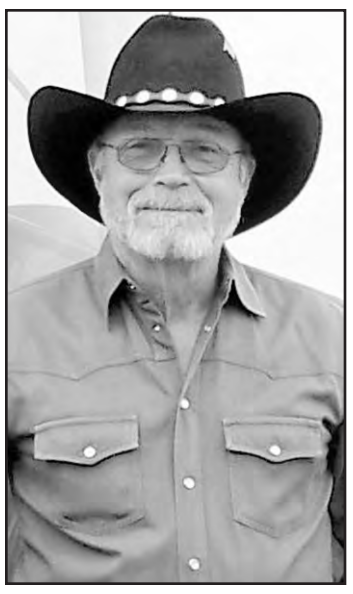
It worked. Question: Was it worth all of that bombast that riled our friends?

Next example: Canada. Everybody knows that Canada needed a $50 billion surplus forever, I guess. They don't meet their NATO requirements for 20 years. They have 45 percent of their population as first- or second-generation immigrants. Their socialist economy is inert. It's the weakest of all the industrial Western nations.

And we're negotiating, and they do not want to reduce that tariff. There's a lot of issues. I can't get into it.

Trump says he'd like to make Alberta the 51st state. That's the natural resource powerhouse of Canada, or the whole Canadian country, a state. Nobody in the United States wants that, least of all Trump. The last thing the Republican conservative MAGA Trump people want is a left-wing Canada with 40 million people that would be another California.

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Self

Larry Alan Self Sr., 84, Muscotah, died Friday, Oct. 16, 2026, at The University of Kansas Medical Center in Kansas City.

He was born Feb. 12, 1942, in Topeka, the son of Ben and Margaret Self. He grew up on the family farm in Ozawkie.

Mr. Self served in the National Guard as a sergeant from 1963 to 1969 during the Vietnam War. He farmed southwest of Muscotah after leaving the military.

He was a member of the United Church of Muscotah.

He married Virginia "Ginger" Anderson on July 4, 1964. She survives.

Other survivors include four children, Larry Self Jr. and wife Lori, Lori Pickman and husband Bill, Lisa Smith and husband Trever and Leslie Chew and husband Ryan; 13 grandchildren, Billy Pickman and wife April, Brittany Fox and husband Tanner, Zane O'Brien and wife Lindsey, Aiden O'Brien, Benjamin Pickman and wife Madi, Michaela Keller and husband Cyrus, Trever John Smith and wife Aquene, Tate Smith and wife Katilyn, Tucker Smith and wife Sarah, Jaron Chew, Emme Smith, Danielle Chew and husband Jaxson and Blake Chew; eight great-grandchildren, Leonardo, Hallie, Luke, Fritz, Violet, Virginia Mae, Lola and, soon to be born, Jack; a brother, Tim Self and wife Gayla; and a sister, Rita Smith. He was preceded in death by his father and mother, Ben and Margaret Self; and his brother, Vern Self.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 23 at Muscotah United Church in Muscotah. Burial will follow in Larkinburg Cemetery with military honors. Mr. Self will lie in state from. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 21 at Mercer Funeral Home in Holton. Family will greet friends from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to Muscotah United Church, Atchison County Community Schools Education Foundation or Atchison Military Funeral Honor Team, sent in care of Mercer Funeral Home, P.O. Box 270, Holton, KS 66436.

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Bahret

Linda Eddy Bahret, 84, of Topeka, passed away Friday, Oct. 16, 2026.

She was born Sept. 27, 1942, in Havensville, the daughter of Roscoe and Pearl (Eddy) Bahret. She grew up in Havensville and graduated from Onaga High School in 1961.

Linda moved to Topeka after high school and married Robert O. Brunkow in 1965. They had a daughter, Peggy, in 1966. They later divorced. She was a stay-home mom. She moved back to Havenville in 1985 to the family farm. Linda relocated back to Topeka around 2003.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Roscoe and Pearl Bahret; her brother, Blair Bahret and his wife Carol; and five nieces and nephews.

Linda is survived by her daughter, Peggy (Bob) Rhoades of Topeka; son, Eddy (Summer) Anderson of Oklahoma City, Okla.; three grandchildren, Enzlei (Brandon), Kaleb and Colton of Oklahoma City, Okla.; a great-granddaughter, Clover, of Oklahoma City, Okla.; and seven nieces and nephews.

Linda was one of a kind! She was funny, loved to tell jokes, play cards and play bingo. She moved into Oak Creek senior living in 2020. She loved all staff members and the other residents. They had so much fun and the stories! She never met a stranger, cussed like a sailor and loved you like you were her own.

The family will receive friends from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Friday, Oct. 23 at 4700 S.W. 17th St, Topeka, KS 66604. Entombment will follow at Mount Hope Mausoleum. Penwell-Gabel Cremations, Funerals and Receptions in Topeka is assisting the family.

Memorial contributions may be made to Oak Creek Senior Living, 3224 S.W. 29th St., Topeka, KS 66614.

To leave a message for the family online, please visit www.PenwellGabelTopeka.com *Holton Recorder 10/21/26* ▲



Hall

It is with great sadness that we announce J. Todd Hall, 66, passed away peacefully on Sunday, Oct. 18, 2026, in Omaha, Neb.

He was born May 8, 1960, in Topeka, to Donald L. and M. Darlene Hall. He graduated from Topeka High School and attended The University of Kansas prior to starting his career in Kansas City, eventually living in Albuquerque, N.M., before moving to Lincoln, Neb., where he raised his family.

Todd maintained a long and successful career in public utilities, working with KPL Gas Service, Public Service Company of New Mexico, Lincoln Electric System and tech giant SAP. In his work he bridged the gap between company and consumer, connecting personally with all along the way.

Apart from his career, Todd was known for his commitment to public service, serving on the boards of the Asian Community and Cultural Center and Community Action Partnership of Lancaster and Saunders Counties, and active in Leadership Lincoln. He was a leader in his church at First Lutheran in Lincoln.

For his children, Todd took on roles as coach, scout leader and, most importantly, supportive parent. Todd was an avid sports fan, loved golf and cheering on his favorite teams, the Kansas Jayhawks and Kansas City Chiefs.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Timothy L. Hall. He is survived by sons, W. Chad Hall (Tree) of Chicago, Ill., and Grant M. Hall (Madison) of Omaha, Neb.; a grandson, Micah J. Hall; former spouse, Kimberle M. Hall of Lincoln, Neb.; nephews, Dylan L. Hall and Ian J. Hall (Samantha); and great-nephews Cash Hall and Crew Hall.

A celebration of life will be held from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 1 at Salt Mine City Event Space, Lincoln, Neb. In lieu of flowers, the family asks for donations to the Community Action Partnership of Lancaster and Saunders Counties. Condolences may be left online at www.bmlfh.com

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Tichenor

Colleen Janet Falley Tichenor was born Sept. 12, 1937, the daughter of Frederick (Ted) Jackson Falley and Elsie Laura (Gilbert) Falley. She passed on Oct. 17, 2026, after a painful struggle with her heart.

Her family will greet relatives and friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23 at Parker Price and Davidson Funeral Home, 245 NW Independence Ave., Topeka, KS 66608. A funeral ceremony will be held at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 24 at Parker Price and Davidson Funeral Home. She will be laid to rest at Muddy Creek Cemetery following.

To read her full obituary, please visit www.ppdfuneral.com *Holton Recorder 10/21/26* ▲

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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 holtonrecorderernews@gmail.com for more information about placing an event on this calendar.

Thursday, Oct. 22

*JHHS college fair for juniors and seniors at Highland Community College.

*No school for Holton students (parent/teacher conferences).

*RVES picture retakes.

*8:30 a.m. JHES first grade field trip to Gary's Farm.

*4 p.m. JHHS V/JV Scholars Bowl at JCN.

*4:30 p.m. JHMS girls basketball vs. Oskaloosa.

*6:30 p.m. Royal Valley fall choir concert (grades 7-12) at RVHS gym.

Friday, Oct. 23

*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.

*4 p.m. to 10 p.m. Sycamore Springs skating rink open to the public, 3126 Bittersweet Rd., Sabetha. For more information, call (785) 285-8800.

*2 p.m. JHHS Jostens sophomore class rings and senior announcements.

*No school for Holton students.

*5 p.m. HHS marching band football game performance at HHS football field.

*RVHS freshmen, sophomore and junior testing.

*RVHS senior community service day.

Saturday, Oct. 24

*7 a.m. to 10 a.m. American Legion free-will donation breakfast, held at Holton Vets Club, 926 W. Sixth St.

*Sycamore Springs season finale event, held at 3126 Bittersweet Rd., Sabetha. Events begin at 9 a.m. with the skating rink open to the public. For more information, call (785) 285-8800.

*10 a.m. to 2 p.m. National Drug Takeback Day, held at Jackson County Sheriff's Office, 210 U.S. Highway 75, Holton. Turn in unused or expired medications for safe disposal.

*11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Whiting Fire Department Trunk or Treat, held at the fire station, 234 Whiting St. Free-will donations will be accepted. For more information or to make a donation, call Lindsay Matthias at (785) 741-5320.

*5 p.m. St. Dominic community harvest festival, held at 416 Ohio Ave., Holton. Food and games, live music, a beer garden, a silent auction and raffles will be featured. Everyone is welcome.

*5 p.m. to 7 p.m. City of Circleville trunk or treat, held rain or shine at Circleville gym. Chili and hot dogs will be served.

*6 p.m. Street dance at Finer Than A Frog Hair Bar & Grill, 113 Central Ave., Denison. Everyone is welcome.

*8 p.m. Jazz benefit concert featuring Jim Seeley, held at Holton Community Theatre, 401 New Jersey Ave., Holton. Proceeds benefit the theatre and Beck Bookman Library.

Sunday, Oct. 25

*Attend the church of your choice.

Monday, Oct. 26

*9 a.m. Jackson County Commission meeting at 9 a.m. at the Jackson County Courthouse in Holton.

*The Harvesters Food Group will stop at 9 a.m. at the Hoyt Community Building parking lot (by Hoyt UMC) the fourth Monday of every month.

*Jackson Heights blood drive.

*GraceMed Dental at RVES.

*4 p.m. JHHS and HHS JV Scholars Bowl at Sabetha.

*4:30 p.m. JHMS girls basketball at Valley Falls.

*4:30 p.m. HMS girls basketball vs. Riley County.

*4:30 p.m. RVMS girls basketball vs. Hiawatha.

Tuesday, Oct. 27

*GraceMed Dental at RVHS.

*2 p.m. RVES Halloween parade.

Wednesday, Oct. 28

*The Crisis Pregnancy Center in Holton is open every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

*The Circleville Coffee Club will meet at the Circleville Methodist Church from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. for coffee and rolls.

*8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Advance voting at the Jackson County Courthouse (clerk's office).

*JHHS WorkKeys (juniors only).

*GraceMed Dental at RVMS.

*No PreK-4 classes at Royal Valley (parent/teacher conferences).

*4 p.m. Royal Valley grades 5-12 parent/teacher conferences.

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.

*5 p.m. RVHS financial aid night.

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The Royal Valley volleyball team won the Class 3A, Quad D regional at home Monday night after defeating Wellsville, Heritage Christian Academy and Riverside. Team members shown above include (front row, from left) Daisy Wheeler, Laila Pahmahmie, Misa Potts, Gemma Geiger, Riley Noland, Josie Hickman, Taavi Wahwassuck, (back row, from left) Sophie Lefferd, Ariauni Baptisto, Brookelyn Gilbert, Dasno Mills, Ki-We Miller, Kenzie Bradley and Lucy Wilburn.

Submitted photo

Lady Panthers volleyball wins regional, will advance to 3A sub-state tourney

By Ali Holcomb

The Royal Valley Lady Panthers went 3-0 on Monday night to win the Class 3A Regional 1, Quad D tournament at home.

"In all of our games, we looked to win the serve and pass game. We wanted to get our opponents out of system, and we succeeded that," RVHS head coach KJ Miller said. "My goal for them was to stay aggressive. Whether that was on offense or defense, our offense was balanced and our block stayed disciplined. Going into regionals, we, as a team, wanted to have great tip coverage. We had good coverage all year, but now that we're in postseason, we looked to be great at it."

The Lady Panthers, who are now 29-10, and the Wellsville Lady Eagles, who are also 29-10, both advanced out of the regional to compete in Class 3A sub-state tournaments on Saturday.

Royal Valley will travel to Silver Lake High School for a sub-state tournament that will also include Jefferson West and Perry-Lecompton.

Silver Lake (32-7), which is state-ranked No. 7 in Class 3A, will play Jefferson West (23-15) first at 2 p.m. Following that game, Royal Valley will face Perry-Lecompton (26-12).

The winners of both matches will face off in the finals to qualify for the Class 3A state tournament in Hutchinson next week. Silver Lake won the Class 3A state title last year.

The Panthers split a dual with Perry-Lecompton earlier this month. Royal Valley battled Silver Lake in a league triangular on Oct. 13 and fell in straight sets.

Wellsville will head to Holton on Saturday for a sub-state tourney (see related article).

Monday's regional included Royal Valley, Wellsville, Heritage Christian Academy and Riverside. Each team played each other in the round robin tournament with the top two teams advancing.

The Panthers took down Riverside first in straight sets (25-12 and 25-17) and then battled Heritage Christian Academy (25-19 and 32-30).

In their final match of the tourney, the Lady Panthers beat Wellsville (25-11 and 25-16).

"Right before the third match, freshman Josie Hickman had an apparent injury and couldn't play. Junior Sophie Lefferd made an immediate impact off of the bench, while junior Daisy Wheeler played her back row as a defensive specialist," Coach Miller said. "With this sudden injury occurring, this shows how much depth we have in our lineup and bench. I am so proud of my girls for rising to the occasion, facing adversity and playing with heart on their home court. We look to carry our momentum into sub-state this Saturday."

Also during the regional, Wellsville defeated Heritage Christian Academy (23-25, 25-22 and 25-22) and Riverside (19-25, 25-13 and 25-17). Heritage Christian finished the night with a win over Riverside (25-21 and 25-15).



The ACCHS girls cross country team members and the Jackson Heights girls cross country team members can be seen in the photo above at the start of the Northeast Kansas League cross country meet held at Jackson Heights last Thursday afternoon.

Photo by Brian Sanders

Panthers fall to Sabetha, to host Riverside Friday

■ 1st-round football playoff home game on the line

By Brian Sanders

Royal Valley High School's varsity football team took a 36-8 Big East League loss at still-undefeated Sabetha on Friday, a defeat that Panther Head Coach David Boucher attributed to "big plays."

"We gave up 170 yards on six plays and three touchdowns, and conversely, we gave up 165 on the other 46 plays and two touchdowns," coach Boucher said. "We thought our kids played hard and never dropped their heads, which is a key life skill and something we have worked hard on."

"We moved the ball averaging more than five yards a carry, but we lost the turnover and penalty battle, which killed a couple of our drives in the red zone on offense," coach Boucher added. "Defensively, we have to limit the big play and then get off the field on third down, which was a major downfall."

The loss dropped the Panthers to 2-3 in the Big East League and 4-3 overall, while Sabetha remains at the top of the Big East with a 5-0 league record and a 7-0 overall record; Silver Lake is also at 4-0 in the league and 7-0 overall.

Class 2A-District 4 and regular season play will conclude this Friday as the Panthers, currently 1-1 in district play, will host Riverside, which is 2-1 in district play and 6-1 overall. Coach Boucher called Riverside "a strong team" that will force the Panthers to "focus on doing our jobs and tackle low with aggression."

"Offensively, we have to take care of the ball and execute our assignment," coach Boucher said. "We have a great opportunity on senior night to send our seniors out the right way. The ultimate gift would be to win and then earn the right to host a first-round playoff game next week. We are always excited to represent our community and Friday night should be a fun night of football."

Last Friday, Sabetha got on the board first with a 68-yard touchdown run from senior Lincoln Menold, followed by a two-point conversion to give the Bluejays an 8-0 lead in the first quarter.

The next three touchdowns in the game came from Sabetha senior Micah Lang — a one-yard run in the second quarter, a one-yard run and a 25-yard run in the third quarter and a one-yard run in the fourth quarter. All were followed by successful PAT kicks to give the Bluejays a 36-0 lead as the game neared its end.

Royal Valley, however, decided it didn't want a shutout, and late in the fourth quarter, sophomore quarterback Ryker Warton took a 31-yard keeper into the end zone, followed by senior Josh Rodewald running in the two-point conversion to bring about the final score.

Royal Valley had 243 total yards offense (226 rushing, 17 passing) to Sabetha's 335 (303 rushing, 32 passing). Warton made two of four pass attempts for the Panthers in the game, both to senior Landon Gilbert.

In the ground game, senior Manny Oliveira led with 24 carries for 104 yards, followed by senior Alex Johnson with 46 runs on seven carries, Warton with 31 yards and a touchdown on one carry, Rodewald with 19 yards on four carries and junior Cooper Stevens with seven yards on three carries.

Junior Sam Hickman led the Panthers on defense with six tackles and seven assists, followed by Warton with three tackles and four assists, Rodewald with two tackles and seven assists, Gilbert with two tackles, three assists, a sack and a tackle for loss and seniors Landon Burgess and Dominic Conley with two tackles each.

The Panthers had the only turnover, a fumble, in the game and were flagged six times for 45 yards while the Bluejays drew three penalties for 14 yards.

Jackson Heights Middle School volleyball teams wrap up season

Jackson Heights Middle School's volleyball teams finished their 2026 season in early October, according to head coach Jessica Rogers.

"With 21 girls on the team, we were able to form A, B and C teams," said coach Rogers, who was assisted by Gera Cochren.

The JHMS A-team finished the season with a 12-11-1 record, finishing fifth in the Northeast Kansas League standings with a 9-7 record.

"We also competed in the Perry Tournament, where we finished fifth with a 2-1-1 record, and traveled to the Centralia Quad to compete against out-of-league schools, finishing 1-2," coach Rogers said. "While our league tournament ended with a disappointing first-round loss, our record doesn't always tell the whole story. We played most of our opponents extremely close, and there were many matches and sets that could have easily gone our way."

JH Cobra runners Condo, Nickelson medal at league meet

■ ACCHS Tiger teams earn runner-up honors

By Kendra Moppin

Jackson Heights hosted the Northeast Kansas League cross country meet on Thursday, Oct. 15.

Both the boys and girls teams from Atchison County Community High School were named league runners-up at the meet.

Individual Cobra medalists included juniors Duke Condo (shown at the far right) and Marley Nickelson (shown second from right), who were both named to the All-League team. Condo placed seventh in the varsity boys division, which earned him first-team All-League honors, and Nickelson placed 14th in the varsity girls division, earning her second-team All-League honors.

"I am proud of all the hard work these two have done and the team as a whole," Jackson Heights coach Gary Keehn said. "Most if not all of the runners have improved their times up to two minutes on our tough course."

Tiger medalists included freshman Clint Wilson and sophomore Abe Bell, who finished fifth and sixth, respectively, in the varsity boys division, and freshman Aubrey Vanderpool, who placed second in the varsity girls division.

More results of the meet are as follows.

Team Scores:

V Boys: 1. Jefferson County North 36, **2. ACCHS 76**, 3. Pleasant Ridge 94, 4. McLouth 103, 5. Maur Hill-Mount Academy 124, **6. Jackson Heights 137**, 7. Horton 145 and 8. Oskaloosa 204.

V Girls: 1. JCN 66, **2. ACCHS 82**, 3. Oskaloosa 83, 4. Valley Falls 84, 5. Troy 86, 6. Maur Hill-Mount Academy 126 and 7. Horton 131.

JV Boys: 1. Pleasant Ridge 15.

JV Girls: Not available.

Individual Results:

V Boys 5000m: 5. Clint Wilson (ACCHS) 17:44.78, 6. Abe Bell (ACCHS) 17:52.94, 7. Duke Condo (JH) 18:15.13, 16. Cody Fassnacht (ACCHS) 19:21.94, 27. Cale Lanter (ACCHS) 20:17.50, 29. Brooks Goodpasture (ACCHS) 20:22.94, 33. TJ Hustead (JH) 20:38.32, 35. Leo Peterson (JH) 20:51.38, 36. Luke Robertson (JH) 20:52.60, 38. Brayden Billings (ACCHS) 20:56.05, 45. Drake Wheeler (JH) 21:51.17, 54. Grant Bales (JH) 23:08.47, 57. Colton Howard (ACCHS) 23:19.35 and 60. Brandin Fritz (JH) 24:30.63.

V Girls 5000m: 2. Aubrey Vanderpool (ACCHS) 20:48.53, 14. Marley Nickelson (JH) 23:18.66, 17. Emily Carlson (ACCHS) 23:43.13, 19. Addison Potts (ACCHS) 24:08.32, 20. Ashlyn Brucken (JH) 24:22.35, 26. Blake Goodpasture (ACCHS) 24:45.13, 27. Ruby Karns (JH) 24:52.60, 29. Makenna Grace (ACCHS) 24:54.60, 31. Ava Handke (ACCHS) 25:08.69, 35. Maisie Gilliland (ACCHS) 25:15.33 and 46. Lakota Bottom (JH) 28:34.72.

JV Boys 5000m: 3. Adam Potts (ACCHS) 21:50.85, 9. Zachary Falk (ACCHS) 24:18.16 and 10. Logan Ellerman (ACCHS) 24:57.82.

JV Girls 5000m: 3. Ashlyn Chermok (JH) 29:34.10.

Regional cross country competition for Jackson Heights and ACCHS (Class 2A) will be held Saturday, Oct. 24, at the Alba-Wabaunsee County Fairgrounds.





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Cobras fall to Panthers, will host Dragons next

By Brian Sanders

Jackson Heights High School's Cobra varsity football team was stunned again in district play at home last Friday, taking a 30-14 loss to Centralia.

The Cobras and the Panthers had a 14-14 tie score at halftime of the Class 1A-District 4 game, but the Panthers pulled ahead in the second half, as the last three Cobra possessions of the game ended in interceptions.

"I thought it was a good, tight football game throughout," Cobra Head Coach Caleb Wick said of the loss. "We hurt ourselves again with too many mistakes during the game. We were within one possession and had the ball with five minutes to go, and we just did not execute… We've been just a couple of plays away from being a 5-2 football team."

The Cobras have a chance to get back to .500 in the overall standings for 2026 this Friday, when they host Northeast Kansas League foe Valley Falls in the last regular-season game of the year before playoff bracket play begins on Oct. 30. The Dragons are winless in seven starts this season, the most recent loss being a 22-6 home-field defeat at the hands of league foe Horton.

"We've got to keep our confidence high," coach Wick said of the upcoming battle with the Dragons.

Jackson Heights got off to a good start in last Friday's game, forcing the Panthers into a turnover on downs at the Cobra 14-yard line and following that on the very next play with an 86-yard dash into the end zone by Cobra sophomore Tatum Eisenbarth. The ensuing two-point conversion play was successful, and the Cobras led 8-0 with five minutes left in the first quarter.

Centralia tied the game on its next possession, a 60-yard drive ending on a one-yard keeper into the end zone by senior quarterback Quentin Alderfer and a conversion run with 1:17 left in the first quarter. The Cobras answered with a 65-yard drive that ended on another Eisenbarth TD run, this time from 37 yards out, followed by a failed conversion attempt to give JHHS a 14-8 lead with 9:42 left in the first half.

After Centralia tied the score again halfway through the second quarter on another Alderfer one-yard keeper into the end zone and a failed conversion, the Cobras attempted to get the lead back on their next possession, but a holding penalty and a bad snap that was recovered by junior quarterback Kolby Bowhay forced the Cobras to punt.

The Panthers were able to get back into Cobra territory on their next possession, making it as far as the Jackson Heights 42-yard line before Cobra freshman Corbin Latham picked off an Alderfer pass with four minutes left in the half, but the Cobras were unable to get the ball into the end zone before intermission.

Jackson Heights' first possession of the second half was a three-and-out, with the resulting punt falling at the Centralia 20-yard line. The Panthers then mounted an 80-yard touchdown drive that ended with a 13-yard touchdown pass to senior Isaac Reinecke, and Alderfer ran in the conversion play to give Centralia a 22-14 lead with 2:21 left in the third quarter.

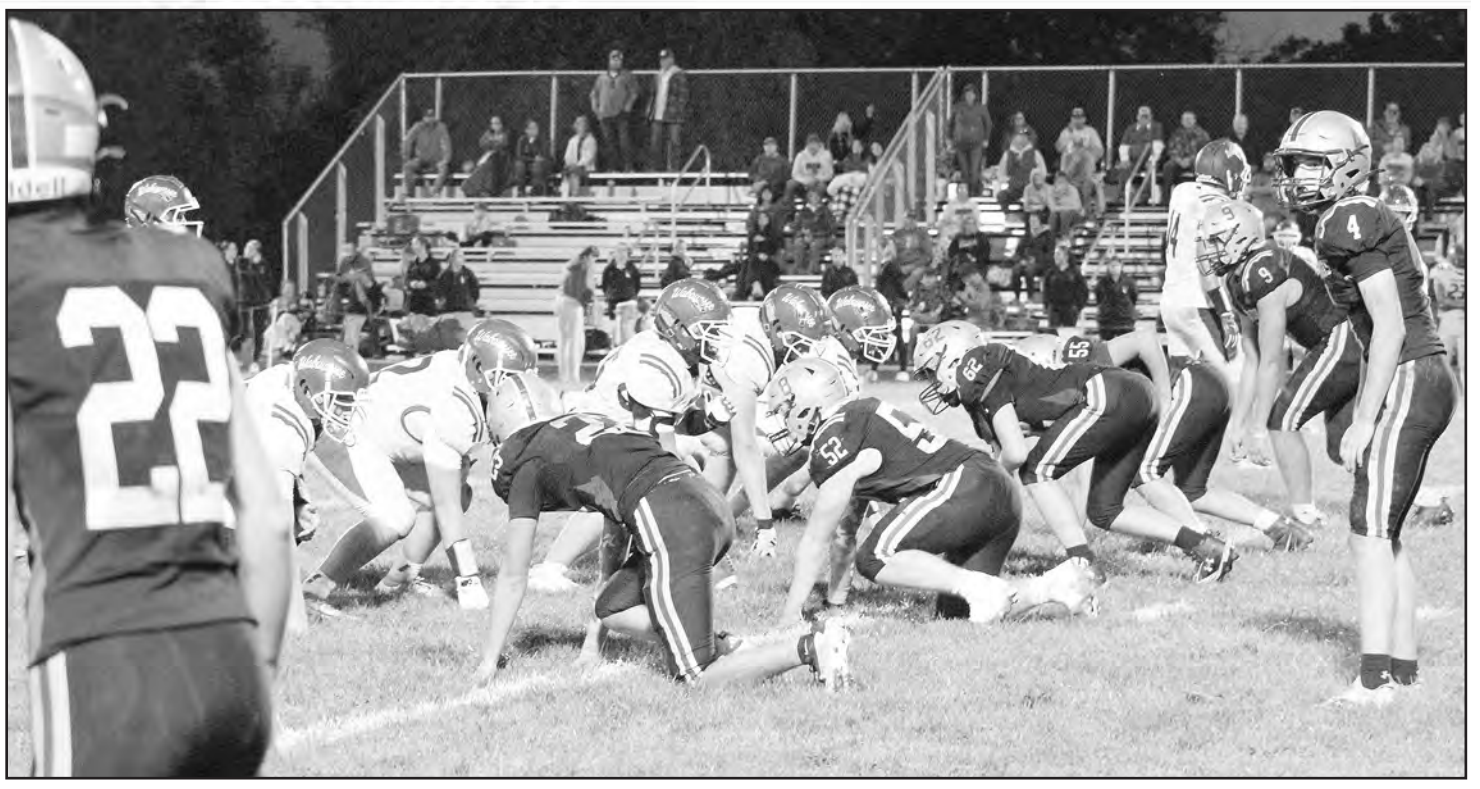
The next Cobra possession ended early in the fourth quarter with Bowhay getting picked off, but the Cobra defense stopped the Panthers with a turnover on downs. Two plays into the Cobras' next possession, however, Bowhay was picked off again, and Centralia turned that into eight more points on an 11-yard TD run by Reinecke and Alderfer running the conversion play into the end zone to go up 30-14.

With two minutes left in the game, the Cobras mounted another drive to the end zone but were stopped on a third interception, this time at the Cobra 39-yard line, and the Panthers went into victory formation to run out the game clock.

The Cobras had a total of 216 offensive yards in the game, all but 13 yards coming on the ground. Bowhay made three of 11 passing attempts, junior Sawyer Shupe catching one for 15 yards, senior Brody Browning catching one for two yards and Eisenbarth making a catch but losing four yards on the play.

In the rushing game, Eisenbarth led with 168 yards and two touchdowns on 11 carries, followed by Browning with 23 yards on six carries and Bowhay with 12 yards on 10 carries.

Eisenbarth also led on defense with six tackles and four assists, followed by Bowhay with five tackles and six assists, Shupe with five tackles and four assists, junior Luke Schierling with four tackles, three assists and a tackle for loss (TFL), Browning with three tackles, four assists and a TFL and junior Aiden Schumaker with two tackles, an assist and a TFL.



Jackson Heights Cobra defensive team players shown in the photo above during the Wabaunsee game were, left to right, senior Hayden Schultejans (No. 22), senior Eli Kirk (No. 23), junior Devyn Montgomery (No. 52), junior Aiden Schumaker (No. 62), junior Delbert Schultz (No. 55), senior Sir Peek (No. 9) and junior Kolby Bowhay (No. 4).

Photo by Michael Powls

Following loss to Eagles, Wildcats to host Red Hawks

By David Powls

The Holton Wildcats football team will return to Class 3A, District 4 action this Friday night when it hosts Big East League foe Hiawatha. The Wildcats are 1-6 overall and 1-2 in district play while Hiawatha is 0-7 overall and 0-3 in district play.

Last Friday, Holton hosted undefeated and Class 2A, No. 1 state-ranked Silver Lake and lost 61-0 with a running clock in the second half. Silver Lake leads the Big East League along with undefeated Sabetha.

"The Silver Lake game is just a game that we have to put behind us and continue to focus on the end product of this team," said HHS head coach Brooks Barta on Monday. "Being ready for the playoffs is our main focus. It is frustrating to see our kids have good practices and continue to improve, only to not have it show up on Friday nights. We ran into a very talented and very fast offensive team. We did not match up well, however, I believe we are much more capable of competing better than we have the last couple weeks. We still need to find that confidence and the next level of individual expectations."

"The next couple weeks will start with blocking better and getting off of blocks better," coach Barta said. "Our offensive and defensive fronts have to carry our skill positions. We are much younger and more inexperienced than we have ever been at the skill positions. They will have to play beyond their level of experience and maturity as we move forward."

"Hiawatha is in the same boat we are in," the coach said. "They are very young, but they do have size and talent. We are going to have to prepare hard and tackle well to contain their inside run and option offense. Our kids have remained resilient. I expect them to bounce back over the next couple weeks and work to reach the potential of this team."

Holton received the opening kick-off with junior Kannon Segenhagen returning the kick 15 yards to the 28-yard line. It was a three-and-out first series with the Holton punt landing at the Silver Lake 48 with no return.

Three plays from scrimmage later, Silver Lake had its first score of the game on a 32-yard TD run by junior Tyler Rollenhagen. The PAT by junior Mason VanVactor was good, making the score 7-0, less than a minute into the game.

Holton's second drive, which started at its own 10-yard line, was another three-and-out series with the Wildcat punt fielded at the Holton 20 and returned to the 15. A 15-yard block-in-the-back penalty, however, backed up the Eagles to the Holton 30.

The penalty against Silver Lake did not make any difference, however, as a screen pass from sophomore QB Kipton Kruger to senior Owen Rottinghaus yielded a 30-yard passing TD at the 7:35 mark of the first quarter. The PAT by VanVactor was good, making the score 14-0.

Holton started its third drive - a more productive one - from its own 16. On second down, senior Brodey Nicol had an eight-yard gain to give the Wildcats their first first down of the game. Three plays later, sophomore Dawson Hamer had a seven-yard run to give the Wildcats another first down at the 40.

Junior Ryan Cox followed that up with a seven-yard run on first down and a three-yard run on fourth and one to give the Wildcats another first down at the Silver Lake 49.

Junior QB Tucker Terry kept the drive going with an eight-yard run on first down. The Wildcat drive was stopped at the Silver Lake 42 with 49 seconds left in the first quarter.

The Eagles had a 16-yard gain on their first play from scrimmage and then junior Dominic Monhollon raced 42-yards for a Silver Lake TD. The PAT by VanVactor was good, making the score 21-0.

Holton's next drive was interrupted by a one-handed pass interception by VanVactor. He then returned the ball 23 yards to the Holton 10. From there, VanVactor caught a screen pass and scored a 10-yard TD. The PAT by VanVactor was good, making the score 28-0.

Holton's next possession went three-and-out with a punt to the Holton 43. Rollenhagen had a 13-yard run on first down and then broke loose for a 29-yard TD run at the 8:54 mark of the second quarter. The PAT by VanVactor was good and the score was 35-0.

Holton's next possession went three and out with a punt. Silver Lake took possession at its own 47. After a 16-yard run on first down and a four-yard pass reception on second down, VanVactor caught a 32-yard TD pass from Kruger. The PAT failed, leaving the score at 41-0.

Holton's next drive was a three-and-out with a punt and fair catch at Holton's 45. After a 14-yard pass reception on second down, VanVactor caught a 32-yard TD pass from Kruger. The PAT by VanVactor was good and the score become 48-0.

Holton's Nicol had a 12-yard run on the Wildcats' next possession, but three plays later the drive stalled and Holton lined up for a punt. Silver Lake sophomore Braun Johnson blocked the punt and took possession of the ball at the Holton 37. After an 11-yard gain on first down, Johnson caught a 21-yard TD pass from Kruger. With VanVactor's PAT, the score became 55-0, which was the halftime score.

Holton kicked to Silver Lake to start the second half and the running clock. On the third play from scrimmage, Silver Lake freshman Blake Bailey got loose for a 45-yard TD run. The PAT attempt by sophomore Jagger Farmer was no good, leaving the score at 61-0. That was also the final score.

Both teams had seven first downs in the game. Holton had one turnover (an interception). Holton had seven penalties for 70 yards and Silver Lake had five penalties for 45 yards. Holton rushed 48 times for 143 yards. Silver Lake rushed seven times for 260 yards. Holton was zero of one passing. Silver Lake was nine of 10 passing for 147 yards.

Nicol rushed the football 10 times for 37 yards for Holton. Hamer rushed 21 times for 37 yards. Cox rushed 10 times for 36 yards. Junior Brodyn King rushed four times for 15 yards. Terry rushed six times for 16 yards. Junior Clete Wray rushed four times for two yards. Freshman Jerome Williams rushed two times for zero yards. Junior Landon Sawyer punted six times in the game, averaging 24.2 yards per punt.

Cox and senior Eli Hines led the Holton team in defensive points with eight apiece. Cox and Hines both had four tackles. Junior Michael Willcott had three tackles and a tackle assist. Junior Grant Warner had two tackles and three tackle assists. Segenhagen had two tackles. Junior Zane Montgomery had a tackle and a tackle assist. Nicol, junior Thayne Gross and junior Cody Rodriguez each had one tackle assist.

Greg Maxwell wins Week 7 Football Pick'Em Contest

Week 7 of *The Holton Recorder's* Football Pick'em Contest was full of surprises in terms of game outcomes, particularly among the college teams, which saw some teams victorious by a slim margin.

First and second-place winners came down to the tiebreaker, which was a four-way tie between Greg Maxwell, Travis Patch, Gary Sorensen and Andy Shaughnessy, all of Holton, who each correctly predicted the outcomes of 18 of 25 games.

In the tiebreaker game, KSU defeated KU 35-24 for a combined score of 59 points. Maxwell was named first-place winner by guessing 62 points would be scored in the tiebreaker game, while Patch won second place by guessing 55 points would be scored.

Sorensen guessed 52 points would be scored and Shaughnessy guessed 50 points would be scored.

Maxwell and Patch will be awarded prizes at *The Holton Recorder* office. Their scores and the scores of all other Week 7 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.

- Silver Lake defeated Holton 61-0.
- Centralia defeated Jackson Heights 30-14.
- Sabetha defeated Royal Valley 36-8.
- Jefferson County North defeated ACCHS 28-6.
- Central Missouri defeated Washburn 49-43.
- Emporia State defeated Central Oklahoma 23-16.
- Pittsburg State defeated Missouri Western 45-42.
- Oregon defeated Nebraska 17-14.
- Kentucky defeated Oklahoma 21-13.
- Texas Tech defeated Arizona State 53-25.
- Benedictine defeated MidAmerica Nazarene 59-17.
- TCU defeated Baylor 17-6.
- Utah defeated Colorado 27-24.
- Auburn defeated Georgia 27-24.
- Tennessee defeated Alabama 26-10.
- West Virginia defeated Cincinnati 45-42.
- Kansas City defeated LA Chargers 22-6.
- Buffalo defeated Las Vegas 33-30.
- Pittsburgh defeated Tampa Bay 26-19 in overtime.
- Tennessee defeated Indianapolis 26-20.
- Carolina defeated Philadelphia 25-14.
- Green Bay defeated Dallas 23-13.
- Chicago defeated Atlanta 31-23.
- Arizona defeated LA Rams 18-16.
- New England defeated New York Jets 26-19.

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Cobra volleyball finishes up season at Washington County regional

By Brian Sandes

Jackson Heights High School's varsity volleyball season came to an end on Monday when the Cobra girls won one out of three games in the Class 2A-Regional 1 volleyball quad, which wasn't enough to send the Cobras to the Class 2A sub-state tournament.

The Cobras finished their 2026 season, their first under head coach Brittany Honea, with a 4-6 record in the Northeast Kansas League, which tied them with Riverside for seventh place, and a 14-24 overall record.

In Monday's regional playoff quad at Washington County, the Cobras were defeated in straight sets by eventual regional champion Cair Paravel, 25-22 and 25-20, then lost to NEK League foe Maur Hill-Mount Academy in straight sets, 25-16 and 25-19. The Cobras then beat eventual runner-up Washington County in straight sets, 25-23 and 25-20.

Only Cair Paravel went 3-0 in the regional quad while all other three teams went 1-2. Washington County's three-set loss to Cair Paravel determined its status as runner-up, as the top two teams were determined by win-loss percentage in overall sets played; Cair Paravel was 6-1 and Washington County was 3-4, while JHHS and MH-MA were both 2-4.

Coach Honea said the Cobras "played really well" in the season-ending tournament.

"The girls played as a team and kept playing for every point," coach Honea said. "They progressed a lot, learning a new defense and building a strong block this year."

Seniors Kamber Wommack, Jennifer Mellies and Makynzie Narsh ended their high school volleyball careers at the tournament, but a handful of returning players, including juniors Sabrina Streeter, Makayla Stidman and Nicole Amon, will focus on improving their record next season.

"I've been coaching some of the returners since their freshman year as their JV coach, building their foundation," coach Honea said.

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Holton senior Beka Lassey reached 200 career blocks and 500 career kills for the Lady Wildcats' volleyball team recently.





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Royal Valley boys cross country team takes third at Big East League Meet

By Kendra Moppin

High school and middle school runners faced chilly fall weather as they participated in the Big East League cross country meet on Thursday, Oct. 15, at Spring Creek Golf Course.

Those placing in the top 20 earned medals, while the top five boys and girls in both seventh and eighth grade divisions earned additional medals.

Royal Valley's varsity boys team placed third at the meet, and out of 27 runners, 21 set season-best times.

Varsity medalists for Royal Valley included freshmen Jarret Johnson (boys eighth place) and Clara Larison (girls sixth), junior Isaac Bradley (boys 17th) and senior Josie Shelton (girls 11th). Johnson and Larison earned first-team All-League honors while Bradley and Shelton earned second-team All-League honors.

Junior varsity Panther boys who brought home medals included sophomores Aidan Medina (third place) and Naseka Evans (19th) and freshman Vincent Evans (18th). JV Lady Panthers earning medals included sophomores Ruby James (14th) and Allison Sumner (15th), freshman Whitney Cantrell (16th) and junior Regan DeVader (17th).

Seventh-grader Orianna Simon also earned a medal and was named league runner-up for placing fifth in the girls middle school division.

Holton's varsity boys included seven runners, five of which set new personal records. Varsity medalists included freshmen Jeremiah Williams (boys 13th) and Lexis Mick (girls 11th), who were both named to second-team All-League.

Junior Braylon Truelove was the lone JV boy Wildcat to bring home a medal by placing 15th. JV Lady Wildcats earning medals included sophomores Lauren Jennings (12th) and Rowan Patterson (19th) and freshman McKenna Kaufman (13th).

Holton eighth-grader Bennett Warner led the charge for the middle school Wildcats, placing third in the boys division (second in the eighth-grade division) and earning a medal. Seventh-grader Nathan Cannon also earned a medal by placing 13th. HMS Lady Wildcat medalists were seventh-graders Claire Bowser (13th overall, fourth in seventh grade) and Claire Schuster (15th).

More results of the meet are as follows.

High School Results

Team Scores:

V Boys: 1. Riley County 33, 2. Nemaha Central 38, **3. Royal Valley 105**, 4. Silver Lake 136, 5. Sabetha 141, **6. Holton 168**, 7. Rossville 198, 8. Hiawatha 203, 9. Jefferson West 226 and 10. Perry-Lecompton 233.

V Girls: 1. Hiawatha 53, 2. Riley County 64, 3. Nemaha Central 77, 4. Silver Lake 110, **5. Royal Valley 115**, 6. Sabetha 121, **7. Holton 137** and 8. Perry-Lecompton 211.

JV Boys: 1. Nemaha Central 26, 2. Silver Lake 70, 3. Sabetha 73, **4. Royal Valley 81**, 5. Jefferson West 111 and **6. Holton 113**.

JV Girls: 1. Nemaha Central 15.

Individual Results:

V Boys 5000m: 8. Jarret Johnson (RV) 18:29.2, 13. Jeremiah Williams (HHS) 18:53.0, 17. Isaac Bradley (RV) 19:02.8, 25. Kadyn Pugh (RV) 19:32.4, 27. Cooper Slocum (RV) 19:38.3, 31. Easton Shelton (RV) 19:47.7, 32. John Rupnicki (RV) 19:48.3, 36. Sam Cannon (HHS) 20:04.7, 38. Gavin Stockman (HHS) 20:11.7, 39. Carter Wahquahboshkuk (RV) 20:12.2, 41. Jackson Robertson (HHS) 20:20.4, 45. Camden Schuster (HHS) 20:25.2, 65. Bodhi Brock (HHS) 22:59.4 and 67. Gabriel Dement (HHS) 23:25.2.

V Girls 5000m: 6. Clara Larison (RV) 22:04.1, 11. Josie Shelton (RV) 22:28.6, 18. Lexis Mick (HHS) 22:39.6, 22. Ellis Larson (HHS) 23:23.8, 27. Asia Montague (RV) 23:39.3, 33. Emerson Nicol (HHS) 23:54.1, 36. Jordan Kennedy (HHS) 24:38.6, 42. Katie Purcell (HHS) 25:33.5, 46. Ryleigh Wahquahboshkuk (RV) 25:58.0, 48. Haley Jennings (HHS) 26:25.3 and 49. Lauryn Caviness (RV) 26:41.8.

JV Boys 5000m: 3. Aidan Medina (RV) 20:48.5, 15. Braylon Truelove (HHS) 22:56.5, 18. Vincent Evans (RV) 23:23.7, 19. Naseka Evans (RV) 23:25.5, 25. Boston Robertson (HHS) 24:08.4, 27. Tristan Schlodder (HHS) 24:37.0, 28. Thomas Harman (RV) 24:59.0, 29. Evan May (RV) 25:21.3, 30. Kadyn Fitzgerald (RV) 25:21.8, 32. Patrick Lemon (HHS) 25:51.7, 36. Kellan Manion (RV) 26:16.2, 37. Pittko Hale (RV) 26:34.6, 42. Braxton Culver (HHS) 28:31.4, 43. Grady Moss (RV) 28:41.7 and 45. JB Scribner (RV) 41:27.0.

JV Girls 5000m: 12. Lauren Jennings (HHS) 27:42.6, 13. McKenna Kaufman (HHS) 28:34.5, 14. Ruby James (RV) 28:58.7, 15. Allison Sumner (RV) 29:31.9, 16. Whitney Cantrell (RV) 29:59.0, 17. Regan DeVader (RV) 32:09.9 and 19. Rowan Patterson (HHS) 33:51.8.

Middle School Results

Team Scores:

Boys: 1. Nemaha Central 51, 2. Sabetha 95, 3. Riley County 114, 4. Perry-Lecompton 121, 5. Hiawatha 124, 6. Rossville 134, 7. Jeff West 140, **8. Holton 160**, **9. Royal Valley 179** and 10. Atchison 280.

Girls: 1. Nemaha Central 15.

Individual Results:

Boys 2 Miles: 3. Bennett Warner (HMS) 11:57.8, 13. Nathan Cannon (HMS) 13:25.0, 25. Jase Scribner (RV) 13:53.9, 28. Levi Hickman (RV) 13:59.2, 36. Jackson Joiner (HMS) 14:35.6, 44. Eldon Wahquahboshkuk (RV) 15:01.3, 45. Shumnah Beem (RV) 15:04.4, 57. Bryer Manion (RV) 15:58.7, 63. Jude Murnahan (HMS) 16:41.0, 68. Caleb Dement (HMS) 17:47.8 and 73. Lincoln Day (RV) 20:01.8.

Girls 2 Miles: 5. Orianna Simon (RV) 14:10.3, 13. Claire Bowser (HMS) 16:13.6, 15. Claire Schuster (HMS) 16:15.5, 23. Abigail Pugh (RV) 18:35.1, 24. Andria Harrison (RV) 18:46.2 and 25. Olivia Stockman (HMS) 19:06.9.

Regional cross country competition for Holton and Royal Valley (Class 3A) will be held Saturday, Oct. 24, at Fredonia Golf Club.

Regional volleyball champ Holton to host 3A sub-state Saturday

By Ali Holcomb

The Holton Lady Wildcats, who are state-ranked No. 5 in Class 3A, will host a sub-state tournament at 2 p.m. on Saturday after winning the Class 3A Regional 1, Quad B tournament at home Monday night.

"It was a great night," HHS head coach Kristel Bontrager said. "Going into the evening we knew that it wouldn't be easy because we had all Big East League teams. We set our goals by starting with each match and breaking them down to each set. We talk a lot about starting with the first five points and building to the next five. Small goals to accomplish large ones."

The Lady Wildcats, who are now 33-9, will host West Franklin of Pomona (22-14), Maranatha Christian Academy (28-9) and Wellsville (29-10) on Saturday for a chance to earn a trip back to the Class 3A state volleyball tournament in Hutchinson.

Holton took second place at the Class 3A state tournament last year and is hoping to return to state for the fourth year in a row.

The Lady Wildcats will battle West Franklin at 2 p.m. on Saturday and then Maranatha Christian Academy and Wellsville will play each other.

The winners of both matches will then play for the sub-state title. Holton has not faced any of the teams during the regular season.

"Sub-state week is special. We have outside speakers who might have been in our program or not come and talk with the girls about inspiration and other helpful things that will push them through to state," Coach Bontrager said. "This week we will be focusing on a lot of mental training and pushing through tough situations. We are continuing to work on defense and analyzing where the other team likes to place the ball. Saturday will be competitive match-ups, but as long as we stick to our training, we will be fine."

One of the outside speakers for the team this week was Ryann Bowser, a 2012 HHS grad and former Division I girls basketball player.

Part of Bowser's message to the team was that hard work and hustle will beat talent any time.

Tickets for the sub-state tournament are $6 for students and $8 for adults.

During Monday's regional, Holton bested Big East League foes Hiawatha (25-12 and 25-11), Nemaha Central (25-22 and 25-14) and Jefferson West (25-16 and 25-15) to win the regional title.

"The team has worked hard on defense and continuing to attack the other team even when we might be struggling a little bit. We know that these two things are keys to success," she said.

Jefferson West took second in the round robin tournament to also advance to a sub-state tournament. The Lady Tigers defeated Nemaha Central (25-15 and 25-17) and Hiawatha (25-12 and 25-13). Nemaha Central finished the night with a win over Hiawatha (25-12 and 25-11).



The Holton Lady Wildcat volleyball team won the Class 3A, Quad B regional tourney at home on Monday night after defeating Jefferson West, Nemaha Central and Hiawatha. Team members shown above include (front row, from left) Taylor Kivitter, Marley Gilliland, Tinley Wilson, Kinley Fluke, Beka Lassey, (second row, from left) manager Isabelle Gray, manager Jazlynn Washington-Urbano, Stephanie Crawford, Khloe Black, Faith Olberding, Addison Zeller, Ellis Larson, (third row, from left) coach Casi VanAusdall, coach Carlene McManigal, head coach Kristel Bontrager, coach Carli Keling, Joely Shupe, Brenna Bontrager and Payton Crawford. Submitted photo

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Holton Community Hospital registered nurse Season Brown (shown above) has received the hospital's first Daisy Award and Ryan Matzke (shown at right) of the physical therapy department has earned the first Sunflower Award. The two staff members were recently honored during the HCH Foundation gala. *Submitted photos*

Holton staff members earn Daisy, Sunflower awards

Holton Community Hospital has named its first Daisy and Sunflower Award recipients. We received many award submissions, all deserving of recognition and applause. These two represented the best of what HCH offers its community - heart.

Healthcare is not just a job, it's a calling. When people are at their most vulnerable, they come to us for care. It's not just helping a patient heal physically, but bringing them the safety, confidence and trust they are in the right hands.

Holton Community Hospital is proud to recognize its first Daisy and Sunflower Award recipients Season Brown, registered nurse, in acute nursing and Ryan Matzke in physical therapy.

Their nominations tell two personal stories of compassion, reassurance and encouragement they provided to patients and families: a granddaughter finding reassurance that her grandmother was in good hands and a young patient discovering that he could do hard things with someone cheering him on.

Brown has been part of HCH for 14 years. She began her career as a certified nursing assistant and earned her RN while working full time and balancing her responsibilities as a mother and wife.

Throughout that journey, she has brought heart to her work, touching the lives of patients and their families through her kindness, attentiveness and compassion.

Her nomination came from a patient's granddaughter, Kendall R. of Horton, who described the comfort Brown provided during an overnight hospital stay:

"My grandma had spent most of the day in the ER where she also had excellent nurses. I came over after work to check on my grandma, and while I was there, it was a shift change. Of course, my grandma was a little bit hesitant about who her new nurse would be, especially because she just wasn't feeling good.

"Season came in and immediately worked to gain my grandma's trust. We talked about dogs, the rain and even my grandma's newest great-grandson who would be arriving soon. Season knew the kitchen had already closed for the night, but she worked her magic and got my grandma some chicken noodle soup and some fruit, too. It seemed there was no request too big or too small for Season to handle.

"When it was time for my grandma to get some rest, and for me to leave, I was struggling to say goodbye. I met with Season for a brief minute at the nurse's station and I asked her to take really good care of my grandma and to not hesitate to call my dad if there were any changes overnight. She didn't hesitate one bit before saying that she would absolutely take the best care possible of my grandma, and she knew she could look up my dad's phone number, but she wrote it down anyways, assuring me she would call if even the slightest thing changed.

"The next morning, when I spoke to my grandma, she told me over and over again how great Season was. My grandma struggled to fall asleep, and she said that Season sat with her for a while, just to be there. Then, my grandma said when she woke up in the middle of the night, a little bit disoriented, Season was there very quickly to reassure my grandma that she was okay and that they were taking good care of her. Nurses like Season are the reason why three generations of my family drive several miles to receive care in Holton. Thank you so much, Season!"

Matzke has been with HCH for nine years. For him, encouragement and a sense of humor helped a young physical therapy patient build confidence along with his ability to run.

Matzke's nomination came from his nine-year-old patient, Kade, who shared how pain and difficulty running had affected his willingness to participate in games and sports. Through hard work and Matzke's steady support, Kade began to feel proud of his progress and believe in himself:

"I would like to nominate Ryan for the Sunflower Award. The reason I want to nominate him is because he helped me be faster and have confidence. My legs used to hurt every day, really bad. It hurt to sit. It hurt to run. Running was really hard for me and other kids didn't understand.

"I used to beg my teacher to let me not do running games because I didn't want to embarrass myself in front of the other kids. Sometimes kids made me feel sad, and I didn't want to bring attention to my slow running or not being able to do what they were doing. I felt useless.

"So, I learned that if we were supposed to run to a certain spot and back, I could turn around halfway and finish with everybody else. My coaches and other kids would get mad at me for thinking I was cheating when I just wanted to end at the same time, so I stopped wanting to play. I didn't want anyone to watch me.

"Then the magic happened. I got to go to physical therapy with Ryan. Ryan is like a big kid. He jokes around a lot. He made therapy fun, but he also made me work hard. I would sweat a lot, and boy, I was proud of that hard work. Every week Ryan cheered for me and told me I was getting better, and he didn't doubt me. And I really was getting better and faster!

"I started counting down my sessions. My mom thought it was because I wanted to be done. But I told her it was the opposite. I was counting down because I knew I would be sad when my time with Ryan was over.

"I was sad on my last day in therapy because Ryan believed in me every single time and that made me feel good about myself and what I realized was that Ryan helped me run faster and pushed me to where I gained confidence, and I believed in myself.

"I know now that I can do hard things even when I think I can't. Being in therapy helped with that. And I am glad there are no shots in therapy. My legs don't hurt like they used to. They barely hurt at all, and I'm not embarrassed anymore. Ryan is always kind and happy. He is my favorite, and I think he deserves to win the Sunflower Award. Thank you, Ryan, for helping me so much."

Congratulations to Brown and Matzke and thank you to the patients and families who took the time to share these meaningful stories. Their words help us recognize the people who bring HCH's mission to life through everyday acts of care.

Has someone at HCH made a difference in your life or the life of a loved one? Learn more about the Daisy and Sunflower Awards and submit a nomination.

Mayetta Christian Church

By Joyce Cochren

Worship at Mayetta Christian Church on Oct. 18 began with prayer and announcements. Jude 1:20-22 was the congregational reading. The opening song was "Refiner's Fire." Ginny Woods and Bob and Alma Morse led singing.

For children's songs, the kids reviewed the meanings of the nine fruits of the spirit listed in Galatians 5:22-23. They sang and did actions for "The Fruit Of The Spirit."

Bob Morse accepted praises and gave the invocation. Praises included relief from back pain, heat for homes as colder weather appears, an airplane trip, a foot healed, the Kansas City Chiefs playing and everything! Songs of praise were "Tell Me The Story Of Jesus" and "Let The Praises Ring."

The morning message by Pastor Harris was "New From The Kingdom Of God." As we consider Matthew 28:18-20, we may ask, "What is our ministry?" Our mission is to share Christ. How are we going to do it? We carry out this mission when parents disciple their children, grandparents teach their grandkids, men disciple men and women reach out to disciple other women. Although we can watch a church service at home, in Hebrews we are told not to forsake the gathering with other Christians.

In John 15:12-17, Jesus told us to love each other and go and bear fruit. We need to journey closer to Christ together. He said we are His friends if we do what He commands. We must not put ourselves in any position that places our love for Jesus or our morals or integrity into question. As we study and worship together, we can encourage each other with love and carry out the commission as Jesus commanded.

The song for communion was "Spirit Of The Living God." Carter Manuel gave the scripture reading and prayer. The offering was carried forward by Esther and Keturah Palmer.

"Revive Us Again" was the hymn of invitation. After prayer, services closed by singing "Indescribable."

A pizza and packing party will be held on Nov. 1 after worship as we fill the Christmas shoeboxes. Donations this month include wash cloths, combs, hair accessories and jewelry.

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Buck's Grove/Circleville UMC

By Colleen Reamer

A short crowd of just 20 people met to worship on the cool sunny morning of Oct. 19 at Buck's Grove Methodist Church. Mary Ringel lit the candles to the accompaniment of Lucas White.

After the call to worship, the congregation sang "Many Gifts, One Spirit." Other songs sung on Sunday were "Rock Of Ages" and "How Firm A Foundation."

Colleen Reamer had the special. She asked Lucas to play the song "Put Your Hand In The Hand" where the congregation sang three verses, getting faster and louder each time.

Lay Pastor Hefty then met with the children present. He asked them what holiday was coming up and one of the boys answered it was his birthday. Lay Pastor Hefty then told them it was fun to get things for your birthday but not to forget about giving things even if it is as simple as a thank you. He told them that Jesus was more concerned about what He could give instead of what He could get.

Lay Pastor Hefty then read the scriptures. The first scripture read was Exodus 33:12-23. In these passages, Moses is asking the Lord who is going to help him on the journey to take the people to a new land. Moses knows the Lord is pleased with him but, to show He is really pleased with him, Moses wants God to tell him His thoughts. Moses wants to understand the Lord properly.

The Lord tells Moses He Himself will go with Moses and give him rest. Moses then tells the Lord if He does not agree to go with them not to let them go anywhere. The Lord tells Moses He will do what he has asked because the Lord is pleased with him.

Moses then asked to see God's glory. The Lord then tells Moses He will let him see how great and good He is. He tells Moses to stand nearby on a rock and when His glory passes in front of him, He will put His hand on Moses' eyes, and when He is past, He will remove His hand so that Moses only sees His back. Nobody must ever see His face.

The New Testament scripture read was 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10. In this reading, Paul, Silas and Timothy are writing to the people of the church in Thessalonica. They pray that God will continue to help them and give them peace in their minds. They always thank God for all of them every time they pray. They know the people do good things because they believe in Christ and they work hard to help other people because they love them and they love God.

Lay Pastor Hefty then read from Matthew 22: 15-22. This gospel reading tells of how the Pharisees are trying to make Jesus say something wrong about Roman rule. They tell Jesus that they know He only says true things. They ask if they should pay their taxes to the Roman ruler, Caesar.

Jesus knew that these men wanted to do bad things to Him so He told them that they were asking questions to cause trouble for Him. He asked to see the coin that they would use for the tax and when they brought the coin to Him it had Caesar's picture and name on it. Jesus then told them they should give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and give to God the things that belong to God.

The Pharisees were in it for themselves. They were only interested in what they were going to get out of everything. They wanted to have prestige. They wanted to have reserved seats at the banquet hall and a big paycheck. They wanted big fancy houses on the right side of town. They also wanted political clout.

Jesus comes along and they are somehow threatened by Him and what He is doing so they try to trap Him. Jesus was able to see right through them and He made them look very foolish.

But don't we fall into the same trap as the Pharisees? Do we sometimes wonder what we can get from God? What can we squeeze out of God or the church? Even pastors sometimes are more concerned about what is being put into their retirement account than being a ministry to God. We all need to focus on what we are giving to God.

We have all found ourselves in situations that are entirely our faults. God isn't there to accuse or point fingers. He's there to comfort and answer our prayers. He's there to help.

We can also give God our encouragement. There are so many words of discouragement out there and it is easy to become discouraged in the daily things we have to do. Discouragement can be such that we find we are paralyzed and can't do anything. God is there to encourage us if we just ask for help. God calls us to give. God wants us to be generous with tiny good deeds.

God wants us to cry out to Him as Moses did. He wants us to ask Him to show us the way. He wants us to follow and obey His ways. That is a gift we can give to God. Our obedience to His word.

God wants us to come to Him with our sin, our misdeeds, our misdealings and shortcomings and ask Him for forgiveness and He is willing to forgive.

Everyone celebrated Benjamin's eighth birthday by singing "Happy Birthday" to him.

Services ended with the benediction and the song "Be Thou My Vision."

After services ended, the Bible study group met and discussed Abraham's visitors.

Ag Week: Livestock futures mixed this week

By Matt Hines



Livestock futures settled mixed to end last week with live cattle posting the best gains. Both live cattle and feeders hit new recent highs last Friday as lean hogs made new contract lows last week.

Cash feedlot trade picked up as the week progressed with the majority of the officially reported trade still happening in the North. Live trade ranged from $222 up to $227 and $350 to $355 dressed in the North, $3 to $10 higher than the week previous. Some light volume was reported in Texas at $228 live, $2 higher than the week previous.

There was still no official cash trade reported in Kansas. A significant amount of volume, though, will have a base price as high as $230.

Weekly closes for livestock futures and meats: October live cattle were up $2.57, December was up $1.30, October feeder cattle were down $.22, November was down $.05, January was up $1.92, December lean hogs were down $.90 and February was down $.02. Choice boxed beef was down $1.04 at $372.31 and pork carcass cutout was up $.05 at $80.55.

Cattle slaughter last week was estimated at 553,000 head, up 18,000 from the week previous but down 13,000 from last year. Beef production was estimated at 492.2 million pounds last week with year-to-date down 5.1 percent versus last year and year-to-date slaughter down 7.3 percent.

Hog slaughter last week was estimated at 2,553,000 head, down 66,000 compared to the week previous and down 36,000 compared to a year ago. Pork production was estimated at 547.3 million pounds last week with year-to-date down 0.1 percent versus last year and year-to-date slaughter down one percent.

Live cattle and feeders began this week making new recent highs yet again. October live cattle went up to a new two-month high on Monday at $228.12 with only two weeks left until expiration. Nearby support was at $223.50 with resistance at $230.

October feeders are holding a short-term higher trend and went up to a new three-month high on Monday at $345.40 with resistance next at $356.85 and support at $331.65. December lean hogs again went down to new contract low last week at $65.80, the lowest spot month price since January 2024 at $64.57, with resistance up at $71.20.

Grains continued to drift lower last week as soybeans and all three wheat markets hit new recent lows and corn chopped sideways. Soybeans were the leader lower for the week even though China stepped back in buying a good chunk of U.S. soybeans for the first time since the U.S./China summit in September.

There's been a little bit of buy the rumor/sell the fact trading over the past few weeks. Harvest pressure was certainly a factor last week as many areas made some very good progress after slipping behind the average pace. Wheat was the leader lower on Friday as technical selling took over and winter wheat planting advanced. Beneficial moisture through the Central Plains has certainly provided some pressure to U.S. futures.

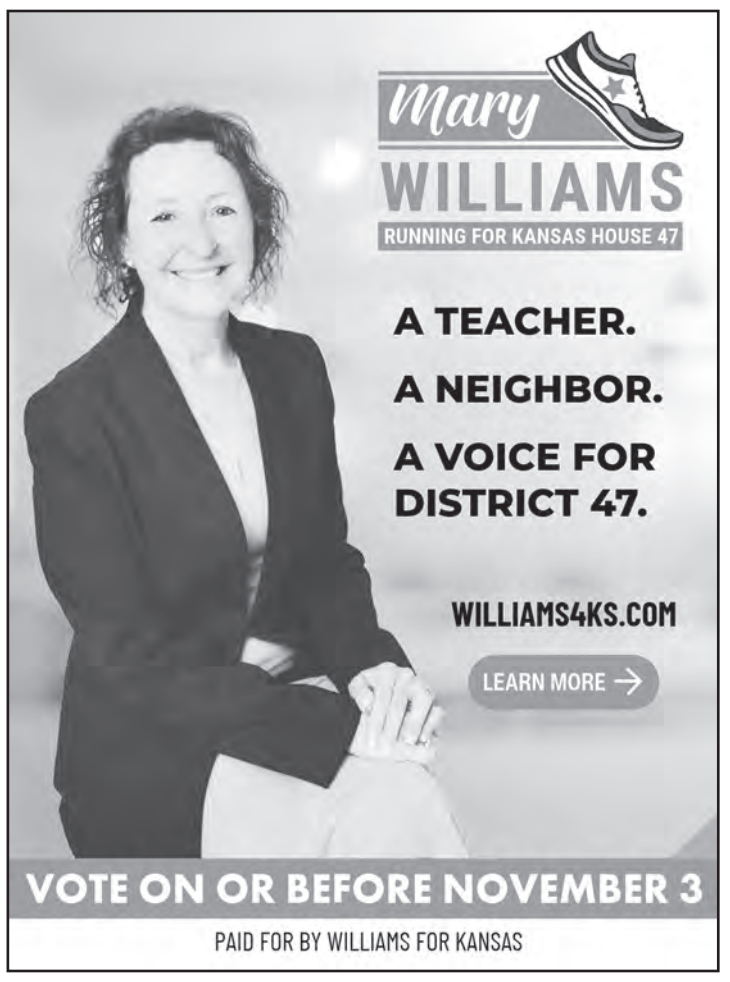
The CFTC Commitment of Traders Report for the week ending Oct. 13 shows managed money or funds net long more than 230,000 corn contracts and more than 237,000 soybean contracts but net short 33,000 wheat contracts.

Weekly closes for grain and oilseed futures: December corn was down $.05½, March was down $.07¾, November soybeans were down $.30¾, January was down $.33, December Chicago wheat was down $.15¼, March was down $.16, December Kansas City wheat was down $.16 and March was down $.16¼.

Grains continue to drift lower as crude oil races higher. November WTI crude oil futures hit a new contract high on Monday at $104.18 while Brent crude oil topped $110. Weather is also wide open for most of this week as harvest pressure continues to push corn and soybeans lower.

December corn broke support and went down to a new two-month low on Monday at $4.65¾ with the next support at $4.57 and resistance at $5.09. November soybeans also went down to a new two-month low on Monday at $12.51 with support next at $12.16 and resistance at $13.09.

Note: There is risk of loss in trading commodity futures and options. Matt Hines is a licensed commodity broker for Loewen and Associates, Inc. of Manhattan, specializing in grain and livestock operations as well as commercial consulting clients since 2004. He can be reached at (785) 289-0036.



LETTER

Dear editor,

Early voting has begun! It is very important that all of us cast our votes. Our country is facing perilous times. We do not agree with everything President Donald Trump says, but we do believe he is working to rectify the many problems caused by the policies of the former president.

As we face the midterm elections, we have to begin locally and elect community folks who share our values and concerns. We're supporting Doug Fisher in his run for the county commission. We do not want a commercial solar farm on up to 5,000 acres in our county, especially when subsidies (our tax dollars) pay for it while the big company, Nextera, benefits. We would not see tax benefits from this in our county for 10 years. We also know a tornado or hail storm could damage the panels and ruin the soil for future food production.

The many other offices to be filled by this election will affect our state as well as our federal decisions and policies. We are sad as we watch the presentation of lies and half truths in the television ads that try to help us determine who to vote for.

The bottom line for us is who will support our moral values and help keep us safe from violence and fraud so prevalent in certain states. The list is long, but a few concerns are open borders, abortion, transgender men competing in women's sports and the fraud that has been stealing our tax dollars.

Please give careful consideration as you cast your vote. For us it will be a vote for the Republican platform and for each of those candidates. The alternative is hard to even consider.

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Holton High School junior Bree Barrow (second from right in above photo) finished 18th and earned a medal at the Class 3-2-1A state girls golf tournament this week in Wichita. Shown with Barrow is HHS senior Adalie Alley (at left), who also played in the tournament, and HHS girls golf coach Kurt Haussler (at right). *Photo courtesy of HHS*

Holton's Barrow medals at state golf

Holton High School junior Bree Barrow finished in the top 20 at this year's Class 3-2-1A state girls golf tournament, held Monday and Tuesday at Tallgrass Golf Club in Wichita.

The top 20 golfers in the tournament medaled, and Barrow's 188-stroke total over two days was good enough for 18th place in the state tournament after finishing first individually in last week's Class 3-2-1A sub-state tournament.

Barrow finished the first day (Monday) in a tie for 24th place with a 99-stroke total, qualifying her for play on Tuesday, where she improved her score to 89 strokes in the 18-hole tournament.

Also participating was Holton senior Adalie Alley, whose 107-stroke total on Monday was just two strokes shy of making the cut for play on Tuesday.

Pittsburg-Colgan and Silver Lake tied for the top overall team score with 724 strokes over both days.

More on the state tournament and a wrap-up of this year's Wildcat girls golf season will be featured in next week's *Recorder*.

Commissioners OK landfill voucher for full-time county employees

By Ali Holcomb

Full-time Jackson County employees will receive a voucher to dispose of one free pickup load of trash at the county landfill in 2027 following a unanimous vote by the Jackson County Commission.

During a recent commission meeting, commissioners met with Darlene Selley, environmental services superintendent, to discuss the proposal and its potential cost to the county.

Commissioner Keith Kelly said he had been approached with the idea as a way to provide a benefit to county employees who did not receive a raise as part of the 2027 budget.

Selley told commissioners that a 40-yard roll-off container holds about 20 pickup loads. Based on the landfill's 2027 rates, she estimated the cost at $800 per roll-off container. The county has 120 full-time employees. If each employee utilized the pickup load offer, it would require six containers.

Selley expressed concern that her department's budget did not have enough funding to cover the additional costs. The commissioners agreed to reimburse the department with other county funds for the added expense.

The commission approved the measure on a 3-0 vote, authorizing one free landfill voucher for a pickup load for each full-time county employee to use any time in 2027.

The cost will initially be covered by the landfill budget, with the county reimbursing that budget from the commissioners' capital outlay funds at the end of 2027.

In other business, according to the approved minutes of Oct. 5, the commission:

* Met with Kurt Zibell, Banner Creek Reservoir director, who discussed his plans to upgrade the department's maintenance shop in phases.

For the first phase, he would like to install a new door, have the roof sealed, add insulation and purchase a heating system.

The commissioners approved a $9,750 bid from Chris Gross Construction to retrofit an existing door at the shop and replace it with an insulated garage door.

* Received a weekly report from Matt Fritz, interim road and bridge director.

During the recent rains, crews hauled more scrap metal, cleaned up downed trees, cleared log jams and worked on fixing bad spots.

The commissioners reported on several roads in the county that need attention.

* Approved a motion to reappoint Commission Chairman Mark Pruett to serve on the NEK-CAP board of directors.

* Learned from Selley that BG Consultants of Manhattan has completed a survey to expand the life of the landfill. She will be looking over the company's proposal before it's sent to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment for final approval.

Once it is approved, the project area will be staked out and county road and bridge crews will complete the dirt work.

* Met with resident Charles Watkins, who previously met with the commission regarding the process for filing a title for a trailer.

Watkins said he was able to get a tag for his trailer and thanked the commissioners for their help. He said he also spoke with the Kansas Department of Revenue about the process being difficult to navigate.

* Met in executive session with County Counselor Todd Luckman for 10 minutes to discuss a matter for attorney/client privilege to discuss possible litigation. No action was taken back in open session.

* Learned from Selley that the department's old skid steer and forklift have both sold. The forklift was sold for $4,700, and the skid steer $8,700.

* Adjourned the meeting at 11:43 a.m.

In other business, according to the approved minutes of Sept. 28, the commission:

* Met with Fritz, who presented two bids for rock salt. The commissioners approved the low bid of $66.96 per ton (including delivery) from Central Salt of Lyons. The other bid was $75.40 per ton (including delivery) from Hutchinson Salt.

* Agreed to reimburse county residents Zach Nagy $520 and Gilbert Hall $546 for the dust control they purchased through the county.

After the dust control was purchased and applied, road and bridge crews completed ditch work in the area and caused the dust control to be ineffective, it was reported.

* Learned from Fritz that crews were cleaning entrance pipes on 166th Road and removing trees on 254th Road.

Commissioner Linda Gerhardt said that the motor operator did a good job grading Deer Run. Commissioner Kelly reported he received a text from DJ Chance, who said he was pleased with the road work completed in his area the following week.

* Met with District Court Clerk Amy Entrikin, who requested approval to purchase 10 chairs from Trinity Furniture of Trinity, N.C. for $8,911.50. The commissioners approved the request.

Entrikin also received a $12,000 bid from Peterson Furniture and $7,990 from Triad, but Entrikin said that Triad was having issues with its supplier, and Judge Norbert Marek preferred the bid from Trinity.

The purchase will be made using grant funds and an estimated $2,000 from the office's equipment budget.

* Learned from Pruett that he attended the Northeast Kansas Elected Officials meeting last week and he talked with other county commissioners whose counties plan to join the lawsuit regarding the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation tribal boundaries.

Commissioner Kelly said he received a list from the clerk's office of residents whose property resides on roads that are currently maintained by the county but lie within the reservation boundaries.

Luckman had previously sent a memorandum of understanding to the tribe regarding road and bridge maintenance but has not received a response.

* Discussed concerns that the register of deeds office was closed last Friday afternoon due to lack of available staff. The commissioners said they would discuss the issue with Jerica Holt, register of deeds, and discuss options for keeping the office open when it's short-staffed.

* Signed payroll change notices for Aspen Dennett, from full-time to part-time, and length of service increases for Tyler Josh, Brad Wingerter, Travis Davis, Jospeh Kolenic and Johnathan Walton. All are employed by the sheriff's office.

* Reviewed the solar regulation draft from the planning commission.

* Adjourned the meeting at 10:43 a.m. All three commissioners were present.

AARP responds to S.S. increase

The Social Security Administration recently announced a 3.6 percent Social Security cost-of-living adjustment (COLA).

"This is welcome news for older Americans facing higher prices for everyday essentials like groceries, utilities and health care," said Glenda DuBoise, AARP Kansas state director. "But new AARP polling finds most people feel they would need a five to seven percent increase just to keep up with inflation."

Beginning in 2027, the COLA will increase Social Security payments, on average, $900 a year (or $75 a month).

"Currently, Social Security is the foundation of retirement security for 185 million workers nationally who are contributing with every paycheck," DuBoise said. "At AARP, we will never stop fighting to protect Social Security for today's retirees, their children and grandchildren."

Myechia Minter-Jordan, AARP Chief Executive Officer agreed.

"There's a lot on the line financially right now for older Americans: one in five have no retirement savings and more people feel financially insecure this year than last," Minter-Jordan said. "That makes Social Security's cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) critically important. It helps millions of Americans keep up with rising costs for groceries, routine bills, health care and other everyday expenses."

Minter-Jodran said that some special interest groups in Washington still want "to weaken or eliminate the COLA, which would amount to cutting tens of thousands of dollars for middle-class seniors."

"We will not let that happen, she said. "AARP fought for the creation of the COLA in 1972 and has defended it ever since. Without it, millions more older Americans would be living in poverty. That's why we are fighting every day to protect and strengthen Social Security for generations to come. Americans cannot afford cuts to the benefits they have earned – whether through changes to their hard-earned payments or the COLA."

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Royal Valley Superintendent Aaric Davis (at left) and Assistant Superintendent Noah Slay (at right) are shown in front of the U.S. Capitol building during a recent trip to Washington, D.C. to represent Kansas at the National Association of Federally Impacted Schools conference. During the trip, the men met with congressional staff members to discuss the importance of Impact Aid. *Submitted photo*

Royal Valley board...

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Lloyd currently serves as a librarian at Jefferson West but began her career in education at Holton Middle School where she served as a seventh-grade special education teacher.

* Held board discussion. Board president Boone Smith asked if it's possible to have a sheriff's office deputy present at future high school football games.

RVHS Principal Cassie Geis said that the district currently offers $50 an hour for off-duty deputies to be present at games but no one has taken the district up on the offer yet.

* Distributed the superintendent evaluation document to board members to fill out and return by Nov. 1.

* Learned from Davis that a Cummins engine in one of the district's school buses, a 2015 International, needs to be replaced. The replacement cost is estimated between $30,000 and $38,000.

Davis said that used 2019 buses are being sold for about $45,000 and come with a three-year engine warranty.

The board agreed to have Davis seek bids for a used bus over purchasing a new engine for the 2015 bus.

* Discussed a request from USD 364 Marysville to join the Big East League.

Davis said that Cale Green, district athletic director, was planning to vote in favor of the request at the league meeting the following day (Oct. 15) unless the board had objections.

A concern was raised about the distance that teams would have to travel for competitions to Marysville, but the board did not object to Marysville being added to the league.

* Heard a report from Slay about the professional development days held Sept. 14 and Oct. 12.

* Approved a trip request to allow RVHS student Kiyah Kitchkommie to attend the national JAG leadership conference and convention in Washington D.C. Nov. 30-Dec. 5.

Kitchkommie is serving as a regional officer for JAG-Kansas and will be supervised on the trip by the regional director. Kitchkommie's trip expenses are being covered by JAG, Geis said.

* Reviewed and approved the fall maintenance list as presented.

* Learned from Davis that the district culture and climate survey was sent to all staff that week. This is the second year that staff have been asked to complete the survey.

Following last year's results, a seven-step action plan was created to address some of the concerns by staff, he said.

* Approved the snow removal pricing for the 2026-27 school year from Ehrhart Excavating LLC of Hoyt as presented, which were the same rates as last year, plus a five-percent fuel surcharge.

* Met in executive session for 20 minutes with Davis and Slay to discuss school safety and security. Back in open session, the board approved the 2026-27 district crisis plan as presented in executive session.

* Met in executive session for two minutes with Davis to discuss non-elected personnel. No action was taken back in open session.

* Met in executive session for five minutes with Davis, Slay and Geis to discuss confidential student information. Back in open session, the board approved the early graduation request for Kyson Leis.

* Approved the early retirement notices from Laura DelToro, RVMS teacher; and Melissa Kimble, RV band teacher; at the end of the school year.

The board also accepted the resignation of Justin Blue as a RVHS custodian. Employment contracts were approved for Joan Pahmahmie as a bus driver and Faith Paramore as a middle school assistant track coach. The board also approved a Family and Medical Leave Act/maternity leave request for Sarah Magee, RVES teacher.

* Adjourned the meeting at 8:09 p.m. Board members Kelli Lambrecht and Adele Wahwassuck were absent from the meeting.

Heather Carlson...

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that aren't necessarily from your school. You just bond."

As she got older, Carlson took dance lessons from the Dance Factory's Lisa Michaelis, whom she viewed as a "motherly figure… You could tell her life was dedicated to dance."

Michaelis recommended Carlson to Taylor in the early 1990s, and Carlson would drive from Topeka to Holton to help Taylor with classes.

"That was a long time ago, especially when you think about how much has changed since then," Carlson said. "We didn't have cell phones, and I'd be driving at night on two lanes on U.S. 75, back and forth. And when bad weather hit, there were a few times I'd stay at Paula's house because it was too risky to get back."

In the fall of 1996, she married Michael Carlson, and that was followed in the spring of 1997 by an offer from Taylor to buy the Holton dance center, known then as Paula's School of Dance.

"She said, I'm kind of done, do you want to take it over? And I'm thinking, OK, sure," Carlson said. "I talked it over with Michael, and it was like, is this something we want to do? I'm not sure he realized what we were getting ourselves into, but it gave us a place to stick to."

Carlson changed the name to Studio 1 Dance Center, opting to leave the dance studio in its second-floor space at Denison State Bank on the west side of Holton's Town Square when she took it over completely in the fall of 1997.

Since then, she estimated that thousands of young people — mostly girls, she said, adding that "boys can do it if they want to" — have taken classes at her studio, and some of them have gone on to college and university dance teams. Some of her past students have even gone on to open up their own studios.

Knowing that the lessons she's imparted on her students through the years have led some to start successful dance centers of their own leaves her feeling "blessed."

"There are so many who have a regular, full-time. job, and they teach one night at a studio," Carlson said. "But they're able to do that thing they learned to love, and myself and the other teachers are proud to support that love as they just kind of do it on their own. It's their fun job."

Studio 1 has also been able to support other businesses in Holton, whether directly or indirectly — through purchasing T-shirts and floral arrangements for dance recitals, giving parents a chance to shop around Holton while their kids are at dance practice or sending those parents out with their children to local restaurants when class is over.

"We love to see the flower shops making online posts specifically about our studio, talking about this dance or bouquet," Carlson said. "And when we do our annual recital, I'm getting calls from restaurants asking me when they're going to do it, because they want to make sure they have enough staff when the families come in for dinner."

Many of the lessons Carlson has learned from working with the likes of Taylor, Michaelis and Cathy Patterson have been passed onto her students through the years. One of the most important of those lessons, Carlson said, is a simple three-word phrase — "find your thing."

"Not every dancer is good at everything with dance," she said. "Not every dancer is a great turner, a great leaper, a great this or a great that. But they all have their thing."

And to those who might not be as confident in the routines they're working on, Carlson has three words of advice.

"Try, try, try," she said. "You're never going to know unless you try. And that's hard for kids, and even for some of us adults, to get, coming out of our comfort zones. You're never going to know if you can do something unless you try it."

The Carlsons have three adult daughters, all of whom continue to be involved in dance. Haydee, who graduated from Holton High School in 2016, assists her mom in teaching young dancers, while middle daughter Ashlyn, who graduated from HHS in 2020, helps with the technological side of things, and youngest daughter Jayana, who graduated from HHS in 2022, helps with choreography.

But those three young ladies aren't the only ones that Carlson sees as "my kids," as she treats her dance students as family and provides the kind of "motherly influence" that she learned from Michaelis.

"This studio keeps the kids together, and it makes them happy," Carlson said. "I hear from a lot of kids that it's also kind of a safe place. And I try to tell them as they come in, if you're having a bad day, leave it at the door. Come in and just dance. And there are things that we as teachers don't pick up on sometimes, because they're there, they're with their friends and they're having a good time dancing."

And sometimes, it could be said, Carlson is having the best time of all.

"I get to dance with these kids," she said. "It's the best job in the world."

Thanks for reading The Holton Recorder!

Commission takes action

During Monday's Holton City Commission meeting, commissioners also:

■ Approved minutes from their Oct. 5 meeting.

■ Approved $300,217.20 in budget appropriations.

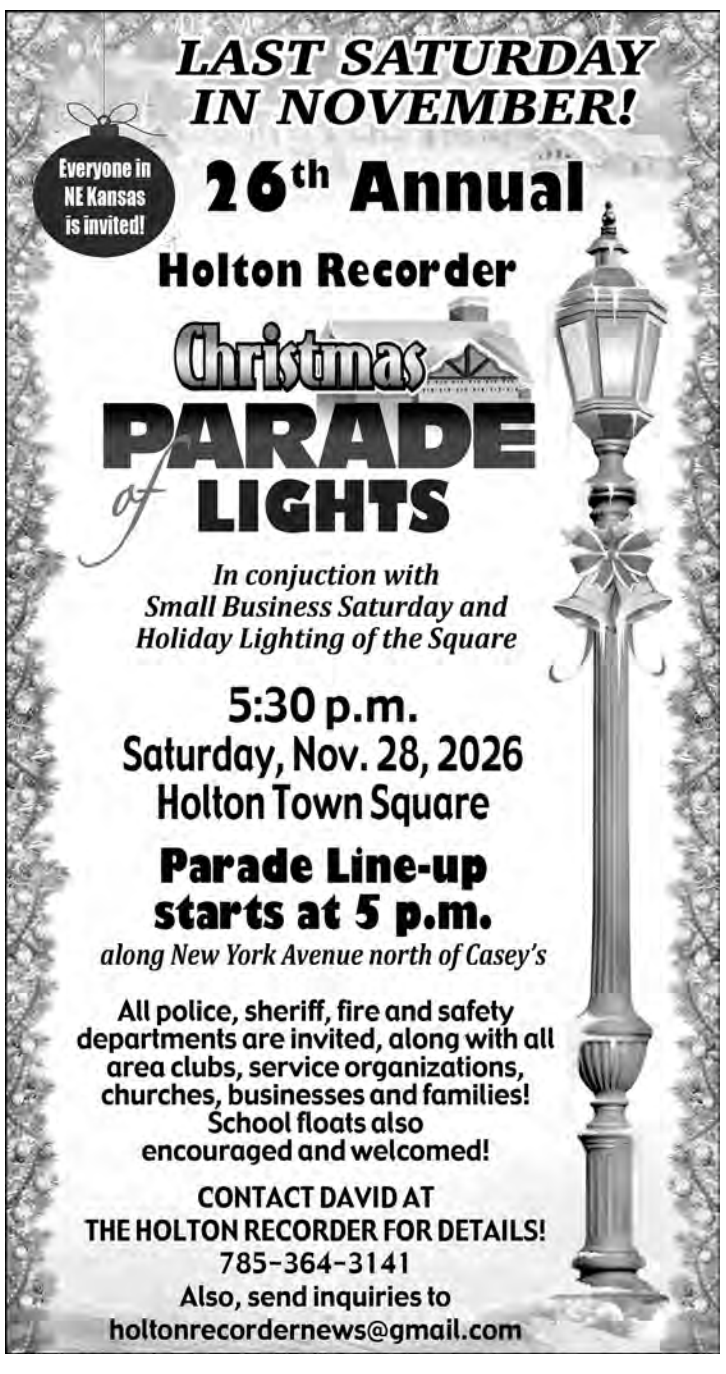
■ Approved a drinking establishment license for Boomers Steakhouse and Grill, which Holton City Manager Teresa Riley noted recently changed ownership. Riley told commissioners that Brian Shaub was the restaurant's new owner.

■ Heard a request from commissioner Mason Baum to have the city formalize a process for filling vacancies on the city's planning commission and board of zoning appeals. Baum also recommended that positions on the two boards be limited to those who live within Holton's city limits.

■ Heard a report from commissioner Clara Lovvorn that the Holton/Jackson County Chamber of Commerce's Fall Fest was "a big success," as well as a reminder of the Harvest Festival event to be hosted Saturday, Oct. 24 by St. Dominic Catholic Church.

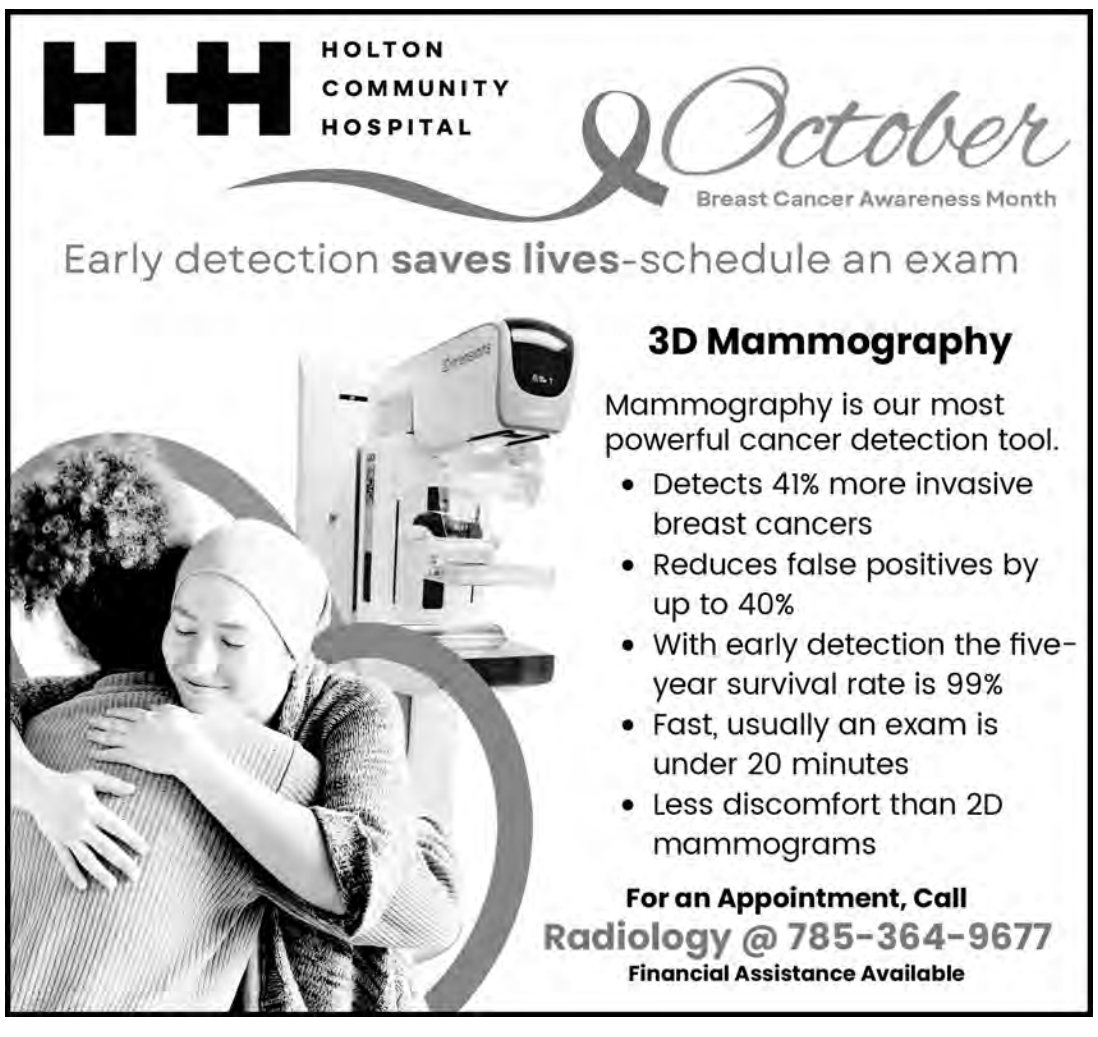
■ Heard a reminder from commissioner Tim Schlodder that a road barrier near Elkhorn Lake is still in need of repair. Riley said she would talk with the street department about repairing it.

■ Adjourned the meeting at about 6:45 p.m. All five commissioners were present.

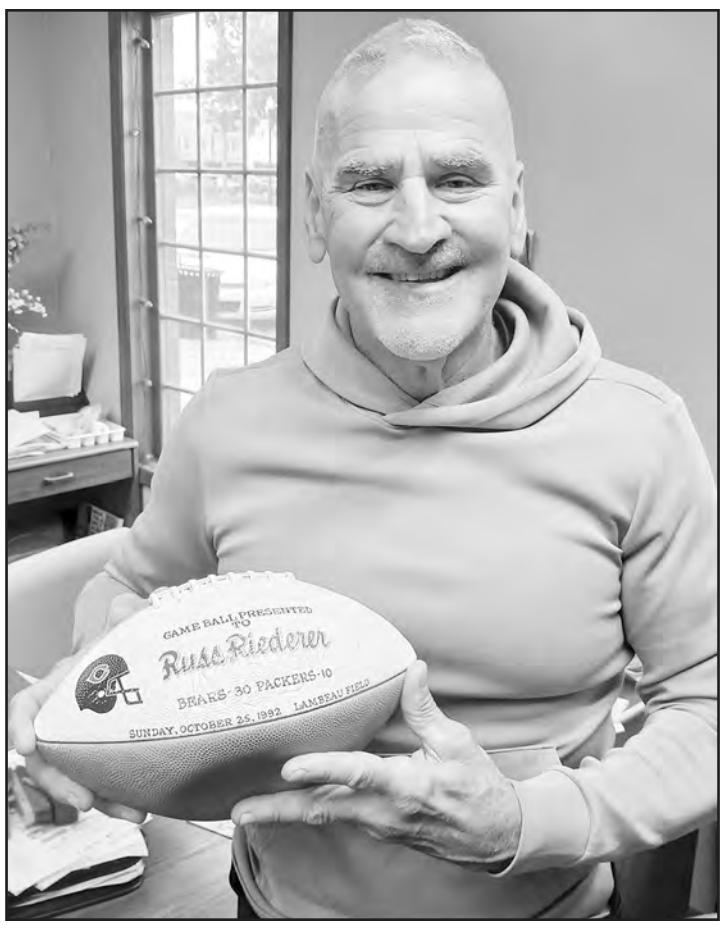








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Holton resident and former Chicago Bears strength and conditioning coach Russ Riederer is shown in the photo at left with an official "game ball" that was presented to him by his former boss, the late Bears player and coach Mike Ditka, who died on Oct. 9.

Photo at left by Brian Sanders

■ Riederer and Ditka...

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In 1991, Riederer was a strength and conditioning coach for the Green Bay Packers NFL team, but when the Bears called him that year with Ditka's offer to come and work for his team, he said, "it was a tipping point in my life."

"Coach Ditka said, 'How quick can you get here?'" Riederer recalled. "I told him, I think it's two and a half hours from Green Bay to Chicago, and he said, 'I'll see you in three hours.'"

Riederer drove down to Chicago "immediately" to hear the offer from Ditka, who offered him a job doing what he had been doing at Green Bay.

"But if you don't accept it right now, and you get up and walk out of my office, that offer is gone," Ditka told Riederer, who had no choice but to take the job for the 1992 season.

It was a season where Riederer learned of the coach's generosity in memorable ways.

"My kid was having a birthday, and all of a sudden, all this food started coming to the house, because he knew we were having some people over for the birthday," he said of Ditka. "Without even asking, he catered food to the house. And then he came over for a short period of time and gave my daughter a piggy bank for her birthday. Then he gave her a $100 bill to start it off, put it in there."

Riederer also learned that season that the "Bill Swerski's Superfans" skits on "Saturday Night Live" — in which fans of the Chicago team, with haircuts and mustaches that matched Ditka's, constantly toasted "Da Bears" and ascribed the coach with superhuman powers — weren't just pushing comical stereotypes.

"That was the norm," Riederer said of Bears fans in the Windy City. "There was quite a circus when Ditka was around. He was bigger than life for a lot of people."

Unfortunately, that season would turn out to be the last with the Bears for Ditka, who led the team to a 4-3 record during the first two months of the season, but the team lost the next six games in a row and finished the season with a 5-11 record. Ditka, who was replaced the next season by former Dallas Cowboys defensive coordinator Dave Wannstedt, spent the next four years as a television football analyst with NBC.

"It didn't end the way he would have liked it to end," Riederer said of Ditka's firing as Bears head coach after 11 seasons, a 106-62 coaching record and the 1985 Super Bowl championship.

But Ditka and Riederer stayed in touch, and when Ditka returned to the NFL in 1997 as head coach of the New Orleans Saints, he offered Riederer a job working with him again. Riederer declined, hesitant to uproot his family from the Chicago area and move them to Louisiana.

"When I analyzed everything, we just weren't going to have the schools and the community that we had in Lake Forest (Ill.), where our training facility was," Riederer said. "But he understood. He said, 'Russ, do what's best for your family.' He was very good about that."

Ditka was also good about maintaining his friendship with Riederer, even after the coach went into full retirement from the game after three years with the Saints.

"He would call and catch up, and he would always ask how the family was doing from time to time," Riederer said of Ditka.

Their last communication occurred a couple of years ago, as Ditka's health had declined, but as Riederer noted, "we were able to say our goodbyes." Until Ditka's death, Riederer would continue to receive updates on the coach from Brian Harlan, a former Bears publicist now working as a sports agent and one of Riederer's best friends during his time in Chicago, even after he and his family had returned to Holton.

"He took care of Coach Ditka, and Coach was always asking him about us and our family," Riederer said.

Ditka's passing prompted more happy memories than sorrow for the former strength coach.

"He had a tight circle," Riederer said of Ditka. "He had four or five people in the office and coaches, and he let me in that tight circle. And so I felt very blessed that, you know, because then once people knew you were in his circle, you could coach the way you wanted to coach.

"What a wonderful man," he added. "Everything that people say about him is true."

■ Bontragers in 4-H...

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The Bontrager family began to grow not long afterward, and today, they are proud of their four daughters — Madeline, 20, a 2025 graduate of HHS who's currently a sophomore at KSU; Addison, 18, a senior at HHS; Julieann; and Lillian, who's 13 and a seventh-grader at Holton Middle School. All four of them are or have been a part of the Straight Arrows, Chad said.

Chad's proud to see that the girls do more than just beef projects at the Jackson County Fair each year.

"They actually do more stuff in 4-H than I ever did," he said. "Photography and arts and crafts and lots of cooking projects — they're more creative than me!"

But he's pleased to see that they've followed in their father's footsteps, taking Hereford cattle to the fair.

"Every year, we each take a market steer in the Hereford breed," Julieann said of the Jackson County Fair. "That's what we've kind of developed as our favorite. They're easy to work with."

Addison has also been focused on breeding beef projects, said Chad, who noted that last year, she was able to take a heifer calf that she'd raised from birth to the fair. He also recalled how Madeline "was really into painting" during her 4-H years, taking oil-based paintings to the fair and coming home with "more than one grand champion ribbon to show for it."

The girls are also active in "gavel games," which shows younger 4-H members how to participate in, as well as the importance of, parliamentary procedure. Mandy said that being in this particular program has given her daughters the confidence they will need in public situations as they get older.

Being in 4-H also gives the girls an opportunity to foster a good work ethic, she added.

"It's an opportunity to learn responsibility, just as you do when you're taking care of an animal, carrying that responsibility to make sure that your animal isn't just halter-broke, but healthy and flourishing," Mandy said. "I think the girls have learned a lot about their animals from just being involved in their daily routine of taking care of cattle, hogs and now goats."

Chad's also proud to note that his two younger brothers, Chase and Curt, grew up alongside him in the Straight Arrows, but they're watching their children grow up in different clubs. Chase's wife, Kristel, was a Lucky Star and so their kids are growing up in that club, he said, while Curt's kids are now members of the Pleasant Valley Rustlers.

Regardless of the club, Chad and Mandy are proud of the memories their daughters are making in 4-H.

"One of my favorite pictures of Lillian is when she was, I don't know how old, but she was a Clover Bud, and she was dragging her bucket calf into the show ring," Chad said, referring to the 4-H introductory program for kids who aren't quite old enough to participate in full-fledged club activities.

Julieann said that when she has children of her own, she plans to introduce them to the world of 4-H, especially if it gives those children a chance to make the kind of memories that she's made with her sisters in the Straight Arrows.

Chad said his other daughters would agree.

"I think they'd echo Julieann's comments about the benefits and the fun," he said. "Even after 4-H is over. We called Maddie the other day to see what she was doing, and she said she was making homemade pizza for a party after the football game. It's not every college kid that has the skill set to host and feed a group of people — there are lots of ways to learn that, but I think for our daughters, 4-H certainly had a role to play in it."

Want to learn more about 4-H in Jackson County?
Visit www.meadowlark.k-state.edu/4-h or contact the Meadowlark Extension District Office at (785) 364-4125 for more information.



Earn NADO Impact Awards

Lt. Gov. and Secretary of Commerce David Toland recently announced that three Department of Commerce programs were selected as recipients of the 2026 Aliceann Wohlbruck NADO Impact Award. The awards from the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) recognize the innovative efforts that are strengthening Kansas communities through housing, community engagement and economic development.

"These awards represent three very different projects, but each are designed to understand what communities need and find ways to help them move forward," Toland said. "We want to meet communities where they are, give them the tools and resources they need, and help them turn their ideas into action."

NADO announced 94 winning projects led by 58 organizations across 20 states. The awards recognize projects and partnerships that demonstrate how regional development organizations are turning vision into action and delivering measurable results.

NADO awarded the following programs:

• Fostering Residential Advancement through Mentoring and Education (FRAME) – The grant supports technical and community colleges in Kansas to enhance and expand programs that train skilled trade workers while addressing the state's housing needs. FRAME provides funding for colleges to build homes, collaborate with local high school students, and create sustainable workforce training programs.

• Kansas Community Empowerment Listening Tour – The tour marked the beginning of Commerce's administration of the Kansas Community Empowerment program. The agency traveled throughout Kansas to listen directly to communities, understand their priorities and learn what they needed to succeed. The tour helped build a framework where communities of different sizes, needs and levels of capacity can find a place to participate and grow.

• Residential Opportunities on Main Street (ROOMS) – A program that encourages the renovation and improvement of upper floors in commercial buildings with local Main Street districts, creating new housing opportunities in downtowns while rehabilitating and preserving existing properties and expanding the local tax base.

"Economic development is about building places where people can launch a career, put down roots, start a business and invest in the community they call home," Assistant Secretary of Quality Places Matt Godinez said. "Our awarded projects show that when we tackle the fundamental needs, we're able to improve communities and set the stage for continued growth."

Together, the projects demonstrate a broader approach to economic development and why it's important to invest in people, places and infrastructure to create a foundation for long-term growth.

The awards are named in honor of Aliceann Wohlbruck, NADO's founding executive director, and recognizes 20 years of steadfast advocacy for rural and small-town economic development through regional collaboration.

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A New Renaissance Elon Musk

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The world needs to begin a "golden age." We need world peace and prosperity. We need a stable word in which people feel safe to achieve greatness. We need a new Renaissance!

Phillip Schuhs
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LETTER

Dear editor,

Concerns have been raised about the legitimacy of Doug Fisher's filing for County Commissioner Candidacy for District 1, where he has not lived for more than 15 years.

It was discouraging that our local newspaper gave Mr. Fisher considerable space in a recent article, quoting him at length in what appeared to be an appeal to voters' sympathy. The article cited health issues and implied the Sheriff was targeting him. A Jackson County court judge does not issue warrants without probable cause.

Under Kansas law, a candidate for County Commissioner must reside in the district they seek to represent throughout the candidacy period and the entire term of office (K.S.A. 19-202(b)). Kansas guidelines require candidates to live (not work) in the district alongside the voters they represent. Kansas statute defines Residence as the place where a person sleeps. (K.S.A. 77-201). This requirement was created to ensure fair and equal representation.

It is unfortunate that, even after the public raised concerns, our local county attorney's office could not find a single special prosecutor among the thousands of attorneys in the State of Kansas to investigate this matter in a timely manner and bring it to completion.

County Commissioner candidacy guidelines indicate that residence (where a person sleeps) is the primary eligibility factor. Other guidelines include the driver's license address, voter registration, reasons for a temporary leave of absence and an intention to return.

Kansas SOS Voter registration guidelines require new registration when a voter abandons a previous residence. By his own admission, Mr. Fisher abandoned his former home in District 1 for 15+ years. Leaving the house uninhabitable, the driveway gated and locked with numerous rusted chains and a nonfunctional mailbox. Yet he has blurred the residency question by not using his current physical address on his driver's license and voter registration and, at some point, redirecting his mail to a P.O. Box.

Common-sense exceptions for temporary absence apply to military service members, college students, sabbaticals and snowbirds who intend to return to their residence within a limited time frame. However, under Mr. Fisher's reasoning, business owners and property owners, including landlords, could claim residency in districts where they do not sleep, weakening the meaning of intent. That slippery slope would let special interests – not the people who live there day after day – shape election outcomes.

Before filing for candidacy, Mr. Fisher took no concrete steps to return to his previous property, such as making the home habitable, obtaining building permits or securing temporary housing. Mr. Fisher has still not clearly indicated when he intends to reside in the district he wants to represent.

Let us not turn a blind eye to someone seeking preferential treatment. Let us measure a person's integrity by their character and behavior, not party affiliation.

Respectfully,
Janet Bair-Carpenter
Holton

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Public Notice

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

BEFORE THE
JACKSON COUNTY
PLANNING COMMISSION

NOTICE OF MEETING:

You are hereby notified that the Jackson County Planning Commission will meet at 7:00 pm on the 12th day of November 2026, at the Jackson County Courthouse located at 400 New York Ave, Room 104, Holton, Kansas. The following will be discussed.

Application filed by Daniel and Alicia Payne requesting a Special Use Permit to operate an animal kennel with eleven (11) animals or more on the following zoned (A-1) General Agriculture District property.

The East Half of the Southwest Quarter (E1/2 SW1/4) of Section Eleven (11) in Township Six (6) South of Range Sixteen (16) East of the Sixth Principal Meridian, Jackson County, Kansas.

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And the public is invited to the hearing to express their opinion on the Special Use Permit application. After hearing public comments on these items, the Planning Commission may close the hearing and consider the recommendations and applications, and if adopted, refer the matter to the Jackson County Board of County Commissioners for final consideration and approval.

And the Planning Commission may discuss any and all general matters regularly discussed at the Planning Commission meeting.

Steven Duryea
Zoning Administrator
Jackson County, Kansas

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Public Notice

(First published in The Holton Recorder, Holton, Kan., on Wednesday, Oct. 14, 2026.)

On behalf of USD 336 Holton, DCS Services is seeking proposals for a gym refinishing project at Holton High School. Interested parties should reach out to Darrel at 785-294-2474 or darrel@dcs-services.net.

We encourage participation by disadvantaged small and minority businesses and women's business enterprises.

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Public Notice

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

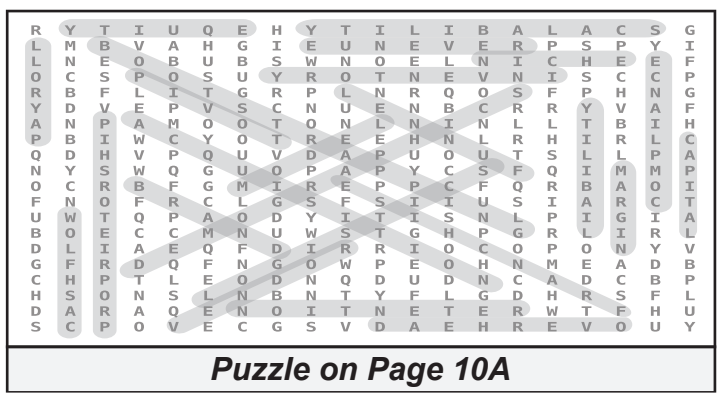
The Northeast Kansas Area Agency on Aging is submitting an application for operating assistance for transportation under the U.S.C. 49-5311 (rural public transportation) of the Federal Transit Act for State Fiscal Year 2028 (July 01, 2027, through June 30, 2028). The application will be for operating 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.

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■ Hanson...

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So that was the art of the deal again. When it's all said and done, and Prime Minister Mark Carney gets his Nobel Prize or whatever he wants, the deal is going to be this: Canada will cut a deal. Eighty percent of its trade is with the United States.

It will find ways that when we buy their oil, and they run up a big surplus, they will stop helping China evade our tariffs by getting cheap Chinese metals to assemble goods and get around the tariff.

They will drop the five percent requirement that our digital media companies have to have content that's indigenous, content for Canada and Canadians or French. And there will be a deal. Probably they will buy more agricultural goods.

It'll be good for the United States, and it will bring reality, and it will remind Canada that you Canadians are wonderful people, but your leaders have taken a socialist paradigm and wrecked your economy and not fully utilized your natural resource treasure house.

And then we get to NATO. When Donald Trump came in, only six, in 2017, only six nations had pledged. They had informally in 2006, and formally a few years later, said that everybody was going to spend two percent of GDP. That's not even counting the overhead cost of the huge American military that it doesn't charge NATO. Logistics, intelligence, dual-use projects, joint construction of NATO bases.

And they wouldn't budge. Barack Obama got so frustrated, he called them free riders. Free riders. Trump comes in and says, "I'm not going to get in… We're going to get out of NATO. We're not going to…" And when he left office, all but a few, maybe six or five, had flipped. Instead of just six meeting their quota, only six had not.

He comes in again, and he says, "You better meet your quota. Look at what happened. In my absence, Ukraine was invaded by Russia, and I told you not to build, not to make a deal on the Nord Stream pipeline with natural gas and fuel the Russian military, but you did. And I told you you better rearm, but you didn't. And now you're doing something belatedly."

And so now he says, "I want you to make five percent investment of GDP in your military."

And they're starting to go along. So, what is the theme again? Well, couldn't he have been more polite like Obama or Biden? Well, neither one of them got NATO to meet their goals, which were good for NATO. So. what am I getting at?

When you look at the results, right now there are no Chinese or Russians in Latin America. The Canadian people are getting very mad at their prime minister and starting to see he's been disingenuous, and a lot of Canadians have said, "We've got to change our immigration. We've got to change our euthanasia policy. We've got to change our green madness. We've got to change our socialism." We'll see.

Greenlanders are happy. NATO is stronger than it has ever been. And there's a first chance in our lifetime that Latin America will become all consensual governments, all pro-Western and all much better off than they were under the Cuban, Brazilian and Nicaraguan model. Was it worth it? You can decide.

Donald Trump polarized a lot of people with his tough talk, but would you rather have somebody who was abrasive and accomplished the following, or would you want someone mellifluous like, oh, Barack Obama or Bill Clinton, and could not achieve any of these achievements which were not just good for the United States, but were good for the Western alliance in general?

Note: Victor Davis Hanson is a distinguished fellow of the Center for American Greatness and a classicist and historian at Stanford's Hoover Institution.

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JACKSON COUNTY

IN COMPLIANCE WITH KANSAS STATUTE 79-2101: TO THE CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY, KANSAS. THE FOLLOWING 2025 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX WARRANTS WERE RETURNED TO THE JACKSON COUNTY TREASURER UNCOLLECTED BY THE SHERIFF OF JACKSON COUNTY, KANSAS.

ANDERSON, PAUL L; ESTATE 2025 8-20361 3834 SW SOUTH PARK AVE, LOT 48 TOPEKA KS 66609	69.67
ANDREWS, JEREMY 2025 3-01112 11621 P4 RD HOYT KS 66440	309.93
ANDREWS, JEREMY 2025 8-01112 11621 P4 RD HOYT KS 66440	60.04
BERRYHILL, EMILINE 2025 3-17004 13010 178TH RD MAYETTA KS 66509-9186	85.44
BOHANNON, PAUL H JR 2025 3-24080 1015 KANSAS AVE HOLTON KS 66436-1554	67.66
CASTRO, LUCIA 2025 3-22009 106 WISCONSIN AVE, LOT 3 HOLTON KS 66436	84.84
CAYETANO-LARES, FIDEL 2025 3-16018 106 WISCONSIN AVE #13 HOLTON KS 66436-1653	77.02
CRIQUI, HAROLD; ESTATE 2025 3-02914 13024 SALINE RD WINCHESTER KS 66097-4135	68.68
DAVIS, ALICE G 2025 3-94066 17527 198TH RD DENISON KS 66419-9636	147.16
FREEL, RUSSELL G 2025 3-23515 302 N FOURTH ST MAYETTA KS 66509-9206	149.14
GRIFFITHS, D D 2025 3-01231 314 W FIFTH ST HOLTON KS 66436-1607	111.62
GRIFFITHS, D D 2025 7-01231 1402 W FIFTH ST HOLTON KS 66436-1116	241.33
GRIFFITHS, D.D. 2025 3-40123 314 W FIFTH ST HOLTON KS 66436-1607	83.70
JAMISON, RUSSELL B & PAULA M 2025 3-40079 17470 270TH RD WHITING KS 66552-9313	88.01
JOY, DANA & MARY 2025 3-02136 14868 110TH RD HOYT KS 66440-9009	67.29
KELLER, FRED; ESTATE 2025 8-97148 519 WASHINGTON AVE DELIA KS 66418-9308	65.92
KESL, CHASE 2025 3-18119 10790 V4 RD HOYT KS 66440	285.95
KIRKHAM, JASON 2025 3-05304 27718 P RD HOLTON KS 66436	126.55
KIRKHAM, LINDA 2025 3-91143 27718 P RD HOLTON KS 66436	63.51
KLEM-ANDREWS, JEREMY JAMES 2025 3-22110 11621 P4 RD HOYT KS 66440-9142	127.36
KLEM-ANDREWS, JEREMY JAMES 2025 7-22110 11621 P4 RD HOYT KS 66440-9142	270.44
LANUM, CARLTON ALLEN 2025 3-24092 415 E 7TH ST LOT 1 HOLTON KS 66436-2006	110.83
MARSHALL, CHARLES 2025 8-23665 410 JUNIPER DR HOLTON KS 66436-1535	86.62
MARTINEZ, MARIO 2025 8-16156 20330 US-75 HWY HOLTON KS 66436-8115	89.61
MEGGISON, STEVEN 2025 8-13020 14130 166TH RD MAYETTA KS 66509-8650	65.92
MOCK, ROBERT E & SUSAN 2025 3-02761 27215 N RD HOLTON KS 66436-8828	59.38
MOHLER, JENETTE & PLATT, GARY 2025 3-10146 603 W THIRD ST HOLTON KS 66436-1437	63.77
NIEHUES, WILFRED I; ESTATE 2025 7-13064 PO BOX 3 FAIRVIEW KS 66425-0003	167.65
RABORN, WALTER 2025 8-16158 26649 N RD HOLTON KS 66436	86.32
RIVERS, ERIK 2025 8-24163 817 IOWA AVE HOLTON KS 66436-1630	87.07
ROLYN REPAIR 2025 3-96159 PO BOX 62 DENISON KS 66419	90.92
ROWLAND, JAMES 2025 3-19053 16910 158TH RD HOYT KS 66440-9082	665.52
SCHEID EXCAVATING 2025 3-20375 15682 190TH RD MAYETTA	2,110.56
SCHWEIGEN, HARDIE JR & JANICE 2025 3-04078 10195 S RD HOYT KS 66440-9173	63.20
SPOONER, PHYLLIS 2025 3-22075 800 W THIRD ST LOT 5 HOLTON KS 66436	117.36
STRUBE, SCOTT A & JOCYLENE 2025 3-22043 215 DAKOTA AVE HOLTON KS 66436-1249	907.60
STRYKER, RICHARD B 2025 8-14205 2729 SW ASHWORTH PL TOPEKA KS 66614-2529	96.21
STUMBAUGH, RALPH & ROBIN 2025 3-17031 12658 S RD HOYT KS 66440-9118	74.08
SUY-POL, ARMANDO 2025 3-16060 522 SE MARKET ST TOPEKA KS 66607-2077	70.74
THURMAN, MATTHEW 2025 3-25108 106 HIGHLAND AVE HOYT KS	323.45
WOLTJE, JORDAN 2025 3-44046 303 E THIRD ST HOYT KS 664	76.44
WOODS, JEREMY CRAIG 2025 3-11203 1917 SW CREST DR TOPEKA KS 66606-3552	68.52

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In the photo above, Emersyn Nicol bears the American flag at the 17th annual Jackson County Ranch Rodeo that was held recently. Submitted photo



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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.

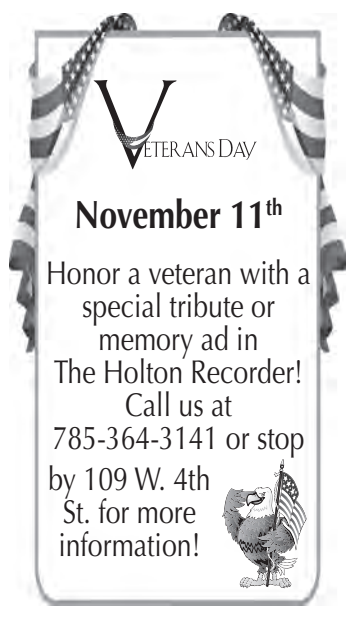
An attorney has been appointed as guardian *ad litem* for the child: Alex Belveal (785)364-0158. You have the right to appear before the Court and be heard personally, either with or without an attorney. The Court will appoint an attorney for any parent who desires an attorney but is financially unable 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

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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 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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17th Annual Ranch Rodeo held

The 17th annual Jackson County ranch rodeo was originally scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 19. Due to heavy rains, the event was rescheduled several times and held on Sunday, Oct. 18.

A total of 13 teams of four joined the event to demonstrate the skills and tasks that cowboys (and cowgirls) do every day on the ranch. This friendly competition included sorting, mugging, branding and trailer loading. Each team had a two-minute time limit to get the "job done." Two minutes is not much time, but several teams were quite skilled and completed the task in less than a minute.

The community is blessed with the support of our tremendous sponsors. Please thank these local businesses for the continued generous support of our event: Barrow Tooling Systems Inc., Capitol View Masonry, Casey's gift cards from Beth Nelson, Cecil K's, Chris Gross Construction, Denison State Bank, Double A Fencing & Welding, The Farmers State Bank, Greenacres Feed & Farm Supply LLC, GNBank, Haug Construction, ICE Automotive LLC, Jackson Farmers Inc., Jager Insurance Agency, Kat Ballou's Bar & Grill, Kellerman Insurance, Lamberson Construction, Lifetime Eye Care, Marketing Concepts, Reino's Towing LLC, Schlaegel's Popcorn, Schultz Construction, Tarwater Farm & Home Supply, Tractor Supply Company, Walmart, Wareham Insurance Agency and Wilson Tire.

The Jackson County Fair Board also expressed gratitude for tremendous volunteers and partners. Dedicated volunteers come each year to fill vital roles. The board greatly appreciates their help.

Bullmasters Shooting Sports organized, managed and staffed the concession stand. Providing a concession stand is a big task – made even bigger with scheduling and rescheduling. They also had generous donors from the community for their supplies. The home-made pie was amazing!

This event is great family friendly entertainment for spectators due to the teams that come from all over. This year the teams were from Kansas, Iowa and Missouri. This annual event is put together by a small committee on behalf of the fair board, including Mitchell Nicol, Beth Nelson, Kayla Lock, Bailey Ashcraft and Deb Dillner.

Thank you to all. The conversation has already started for next year.

Team placings for this year's event were the following.

Team Sorting:
1st Place: Triple C. from Mount Ayr, Iowa.
2nd Place: Rocking M from Soldier.
3rd Place: 3R from Williamsburg.

Steer Mugging:
1st Place: Spade S from Westmoreland.
2nd Place: Rocking M from Soldier.
3rd Place: 4-S Cattle from Lamoni, Iowa.

Steer Branding:
1st Place: A/ from Soldier.
2nd Place: Spade S from Westmoreland.
3rd Place: Triple C from Mount Ayr, Iowa.

Trailer Loading:
1st Place: Peterson Prime Angus from Brickfield, Mo.
2nd Place: B&B Cattle from Westmoreland.
3rd Place: Rocking M from Soldier.

Overall Average:
1st Place: Triple C from Mount Ayr, Iowa.
2nd Place: A/ from Soldier.
3rd Place: Rocking M from Soldier.
4th Place: 4-S Cattle from Lamoni, Iowa.
5th Place: 3R from Williamsburg.

Hard Luck Team: Jowler Creek Cattle from Platte City, Mo.

Top Hand: Cable Wareham.

Top Horse: Vanna with Matt Larson.

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Public Safety Building...

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It's currently used to power two existing HVAC systems in the building, a 25-year-old unit on the main floor and a 40-year-old unit in the basement, which is used for monthly fire department meetings and as an emergency shelter during severe storms, commissioners noted.

Holton City Manager Teresa Riley said that replacing the existing generator with a three-phase unit would not require replacing the HVAC systems right away, but if the three-phase system fails, replacing it "could be more expensive to go back with a newer three-phase system."

Frederick recommended replacing the generator with a single-phase, 55-kilowatt generator after the Public Safety Building was "load-tested" for the amount of power needed, adding that the total amount was well below the 55-kilowatt limit of the generator that was bid by Riley Electric.

"It should be big enough to take care of all of our needs for a very long time," Frederick said of Riley Electric's proposal.

Commissioners also received bids from Foley Power Solutions of Topeka for three-phase, 70-kilowatt generators, including $34,357.33 for a stand-alone unit and $30,388.45 for an enclosed unit, both of which would involve the purchase of a transfer switch for $6,201.95.

Frederick said that with the costs of installation as provided by Torgerson Electric of Topeka figured in, going with Foley's bid for the enclosed generator by itself would cost $67,290.40, and with the Ash and Sons bids on the HVAC units figured in, the cost would rise to $97,715.40.

Commissioner Mason Baum, who volunteers with the fire department, agreed with Frederick's assessment that a new generator is needed at the Public Safety Building, both to handle the police and fire departments' power needs and to provide comfort for those who visit the building in times of severe weather.

Riley noted that the cost of the generator and HVAC systems would come from the city's capital improvement fund.

In other business on Monday, commissioners approved the purchase of transformers from T&R Electric of Colman, S.D., at a cost of $39,433 to be used in the next energy conversion project as proposed by Electric Distribution Superintendent Corey Schuetz, who is looking to complete the first phase of a five-phase project that would upgrade power to the Prairie Lake area and north of the city.

T&R's bid covered the purchase of 16 25-kilovolt-ampere (KVA) pole mount transformers, three 35-KVA pole mount transformers and 12 25-KVA pad mount transformers. Bids for similar purchases were also received from Midwest Electric Transformers of Hesston ($84,095) and Sunbelt Solomon of Temple, Texas ($120,780).

The first phase of the project, Schuetz told commissioners, would convert power lines along Q4 Road (old U.S. Highway 75) from Holton's north city limits to 246th Road, then west to the "new" U.S. 75, and Riley added that the project would help the light plant as it would free up a transformer for station power.

However, Schuetz said he had experienced some delays involving warranty work on transformers previously purchased from T&R, prompting Baum to make the motion to purchase the new transformers from T&R on the condition that all warranty work needed on the existing transformers is done within 30 days.



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Red: Jillian Walder.
**Participant indicates that the parents chose not to have the contestant's name listed, according to Meadowlark Extension District.*

COLOR PHOTO 4-7 YEARS
Purple: Case Harris, Caden Phillips, Ruby Robinson and Ellie White.
Blue: Participant BK*, McKinley Bowe, Bryson Bradley, Emily Mellies, Kyler Phillips, Alexa Rash, Lilly Stous and Heidi Walder.
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COLOR PHOTO 8 YEARS OR MORE
Purple: Tinsley Bradley and Kallan Ingels.
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BLACK & WHITE PHOTO 4-7 YEARS
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Red: Jacob Brees and Kennedy Tannahill.

VISUAL ARTS
FINE ARTS
Blue: Savanna Rauch.

CLAY & CERAMICS
Purple: Taylor Bienhoff.

LEATHER & JEWELRY
Blue: Anabelle Clausen.

THREE-DIMENSIONAL
Blue: Xander Harding.

GENERAL CRAFTS
Purple: Abigail Milroy.

FASHION REVUE
AGE 14-18 ENROLLED IN SHOPPING IN STYLE
Blue: Kennedy Tannahill.

FIBER ARTS
CROCHET
Blue: Anabelle Clausen.

KNITTING
Purple: Taylor Bienhoff.

NEEDLE ARTS
Blue: April Slipke.

PATCHWORK OR QUILTED ARTICLE
Blue: Raegan Andler and April Slipke.

FOOD – NUTRITION
NON-PERISHABLE, 9-11 YEARS OLD
Red: Lillian Morton.

NON-PERISHABLE, 12-14 YEARS OLD
White: Dani Peters.

INTERIOR DESIGN & ARCHITECTURE
INTERIOR ROOM DESIGN BOARD
Blue: Abigail Hesed.

SEWING & TEXTILE DESIGN
CONSTRUCTED BY 9-11-YEAR-OLD
Red: Raegan Andler.

CONSTRUCTED BY 12-14-YEAR-OLD
Blue: Sayde Bowhay.

CONSTRUCTED BY 15-18-YEAR-OLD
Red: Alexa Rash.

AEROSPACE / ROCKETRY
ROCKET MADE FROM KIT (9-13 YEARS OLD)
Red: Bennett Rash.

AG MECHANICS WELDING
INTERMEDIATE WELDING AG FABRICATION
Blue: Aaron Lock.

BUILDING BLOCK ENGINEERING
INTERMEDIATE (9-13) INTERLOCKING BRICK DIORAMA BUILT FROM SCRATCH
Purple: Dani Peters.

WILDLIFE
TAXIDERMY
Purple: Levi Clausen.
Blue: Blaine Ribelin.

AGRONOMY
COOL SEASON GRASS HAY – FLAKE OR SLICE
Blue: Dalton Peters.

FORESTRY
TREE APPRECIATION – NOTEBOOK
Red: Paige Holthaus.
White: Hannah Holthaus.

HORTICULTURE & LANDSCAPE DESIGN
MEDIUM VEGETABLE SPECIMEN PLATE
Purple: Dani Peters.





This Northern Lights painting by Anabelle Clausen (shown above) of the Hoyt Livewires earned her reserve champion sketching, drawing and painting honors in the intermediate division at this year's fair. At right, Vaughan Clausen was named the junior woodworking reserve champion at the fair.
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April Slipke (shown above) of the North Jackson Jets created the champion educational exhibit at this year's fair. In the photo above at right, Brenna Bontrager of the Lucky Stars earned reserve champion pie honors at this year's fair with her blackberry pie. *Photos by Ali Holcomb*

How to reach Jackson County's 4-H clubs

Jackson County's 4-H headquarters, the Meadowlark Extension District, is located in Holton at 114 W. Fifth St. Cara Robinson is the 4-H program manager. She can be reached at the Holton office at 785-364-4125 or carar@ksu.edu

Jackson County has several 4-H clubs, which include:

• Delia Early Birds: Meets the fourth Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at the former Delia Grade School. For more information, contact Cindy Brees at 785-844-1260.

• Denison Builders: Meets the first Sunday of each month at 7 p.m. at Denison Bible Church. For more information, contact Sharron Holliday at 785-221-7601.

• Hoyt Livewires: Meets the second Sunday of each month at 3:30 p.m. at the Hoyt Baptist Church. For more information, contact Kay Andler at 785-845-1412 or Chrissy Cantrell at 816-345-5079.

• Lucky Stars: Meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at Holton's Evangel Church. For more information, contact Katie Morris at 785-969-7170 or Sarah Sexton-Bowser at 785-477-6018.

• Mayetta Mustangs: Meets the second Sunday of each month at 5 p.m. at St. Francis Xavier Church in Mayetta. For more information, contact Ashley Tyler at 785-554-9924.

• North Jackson Jets: Meets the second Sunday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Netawaka Community Building. For more information, contact Phyllis Slipke at 785-231-0417.

• Ontario Busy Bees: Meets the first Sunday of each month at 5:15 p.m. at the Northeast Kansas Heritage Complex. For more information, contact Melisa Beauchamp at 785-364-0449.

• Pleasant Valley Rustlers: Meets the second Sunday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Northeast Kansas Heritage Complex. For more information, contact Ben Pruett at 785-364-7251 or Brad Zimmerman at 785-817-3165.

• Soldier Boosters: Meets the second Sunday of each month at 6 p.m. at Soldier Town Hall. For more information, contact Yvonne Terry at 785-364-0650.

• Straight Arrows: Meets the third Sunday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Northeast Kansas Heritage Complex. For more information, contact Denise Peters at 785-364-7240.

Jackson County also has two countywide project groups that meet regularly and include:

• Dog project: Meets at the Northeast Kansas Heritage Complex south of Holton. For more information, contact Jerry and Jo Ann Nelson.

• Shooting Sports: Meets at the Northeast Kansas Heritage Complex. For more information, contact Ralph and Lisa Cronkhite.

Who runs 4-H club meetings?

Your 4-H club has probably been meeting once a month. Be sure to attend club meetings so you know what is going on in your 4-H club. You will also learn what's happening in 4-H at the local, district and state levels.

There are lots of things to do in 4-H, but you have to attend meetings to learn what is happening. Parents, your attendance at these meetings is as equally important as the 4-H member. This includes virtual meetings as well.

At least one adult volunteer club leader attends meetings to answer questions and make sure things go smoothly. The community club leader(s) is the first place to turn when you have 4-H questions.

Really, each club is run by its members, by electing club officers. Here are some things that each officer does:

• President: The president leads the club meetings. Usually, the president has been in 4-H for quite a few years.

An effective president works with the officer team and club leader to run an efficient meeting.

• Vice President: This person helps the president. He or she takes over when the president cannot be there.

Many clubs also make the vice president in charge of the program portion of the meeting.

• Secretary: This person writes a report of everything that happens at a meeting. This report is called the minutes. The secretary reads the minutes at the next meeting to remind members what happened the last time they met. Minutes are the historical record of the club's activities and decisions.

• Treasurer: This person keeps track of the club's money. He or she takes money to the bank, writes checks and gives a report at club meetings. They are responsible for an annual financial audit report.

• Reporter: This person writes short news articles and sends them to the local newspaper. That way, everyone in the community knows what the 4-H club is doing.

Most clubs have other officers, too. Sometimes, there is a member in charge of games after the meeting or leaders for the pledge and songs. There may also be a historian. The historian keeps a scrapbook of the club's history.

Clubs also need help planning special events and activities. This often is accomplished through committee work. Parents should consider, and probably would enjoy, being on one of those committees.

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In the photo above, Harper Mitchell of the Pleasant Valley Rustlers 4-H club showed the grand champion market steer at this year's Jackson County Fair beef show, a crossbred steer that was named best middleweight crossbred steer and best overall crossbred steer during the show.

In the photo above at right, Ruby Robinson of the Lucky Stars 4-H club showed the grand champion market lamb, a Hampshire lamb, at this year's sheep show.

Photos by Brian Sanders

Everything you need to know about 4-H

The Mission of 4-H

4-H uses a learn-by-doing approach to enable youth to develop the knowledge, attitudes and skills they need to become competent, caring and contributing citizens of the world.

This mission is accomplished by using the knowledge and resources of the land-grant university system, along with the involvement of caring adults.

What is 4-H?

* 4-H is the largest out-of-school youth organization in the U.S. with more than seven million youth members. There are more than 22,000 4-H members in community clubs across Kansas.

* There is Extension Office staff responsible for 4-H programs in every county in Kansas. Whether you live in a city or rural area, there is something for you in 4-H.

* Members learn life skills, make new friends, enhance self-esteem, achieve personal goals, develop positive relationships with peers and volunteers and have fun learning and sharing as a family and a club.

Who is 4-H?

* Extension Agents – Are hired by Kansas State University to work with 4-H and Youth Development. They organize 4-H and youth programs in the community and districts.

* 4-H Program Managers – Are hired by your local County Extension Board to organize 4-H and youth programs within their specific county.

* Club Leaders – Work with general club members and are responsible for the general organization of the club.

* Project Leaders – Help members with their project work.

* Junior Leaders – 4-H teens who work with an adult leader to give leadership to activities, events and/or projects.

* Parents – Are important in 4-H! They show interest and concern for their children by attending meetings, serving as leaders, helping in club activities and serving on committees.

What age do you need to be to enroll in 4-H?

* The traditional age of 4-H members will need to be seven by Jan. 1 and can continue until they turn 18.

* Cloverbud members can be five to seven years old.

* The key difference between Cloverbuds and older 4-H members is that Cloverbuds do not work with animals, participate in shooting sports or compete in events. They may exhibit at the fair and receive a Cloverbud participation ribbon in the Static Exhibits.

4-H Facts

* The four-leaf clover is the official 4-H emblem. The four H's stand for "Head, Heart, Hands and Health"

* The colors of 4-H are green and white.

* The 4-H motto is "To make the best better!"

What can you do in 4-H?

In 4-H, you learn useful skills such as how to get along with people, how to help your community and responsibility. As a 4-H member, we ask that you choose at least one or two projects to start out with.

Select projects that fit your family, community and the way you live. Sometimes members plan more than they can get done and become discouraged.

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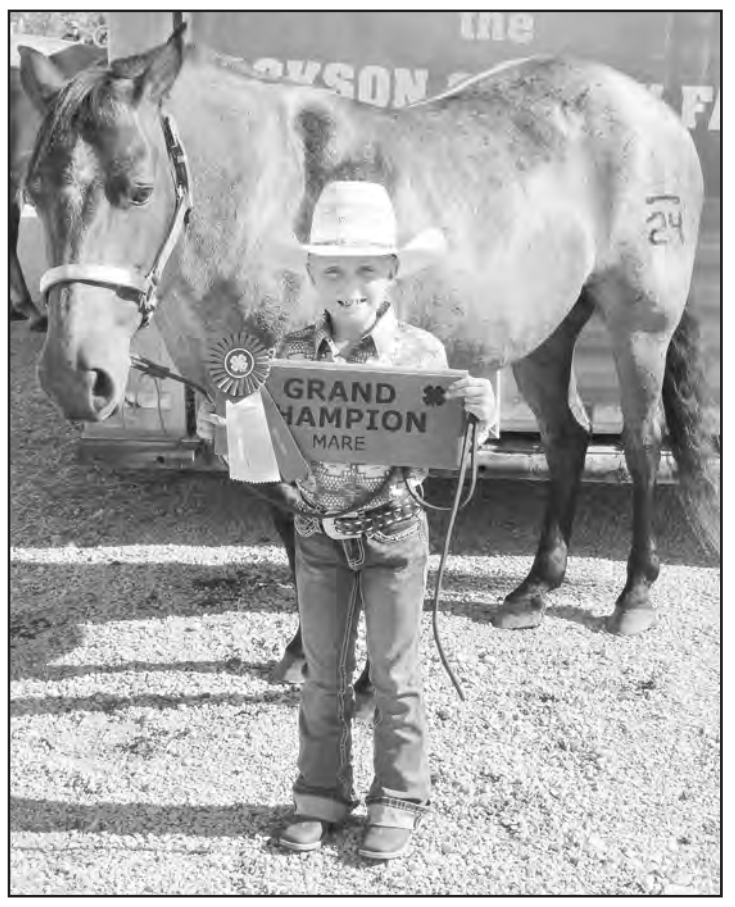
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Dally Area of the Straight Arrows 4-H club showed the grand champion mare at the 2026 Jackson County Fair's horse show. Area was also named champion beginner horse showman. *Photo by Brian Sanders*



Jacelyn Gerhardt of the Mayetta Mustangs showed the grand champion market hog at the swine show at this year's Jackson County Fair. *Photo by Ali Holcomb*

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4-H Info...

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* Family and Consumer Science – child development, sewing and textile designs, shopping in style, food and nutrition, home environment, exploring 4-H, knitting and crocheting.
* General Projects – gardening, horticulture, leadership, STEM, recreation and self-determined.
* Natural Resources – geology, shooting sports, wildlife, sports fishing and entomology.
* Handicrafts – cake decorating, leathercraft, photography, visual arts and woodworking.
* Animal Science – dog, pets, horse, goat, poultry, rabbits, sheep, swine, beef and dairy.
* Club Project – citizenship and health and wellness.

What is a 4-H Project?

A 4-H project is a topic that a member learns to do with the help of leaders and parents. There are more than 35 different projects to choose from. Carrying out a project will help a member "learn by doing," as well as learning why things happen the way they do.

We try to offer clinics and activities to help you gain the experience and knowledge you need to have a meaningful learning experience with your project.

4-H competitive events and fairs are often used to provide youth opportunities to have their project work judged against a set of standards. The evaluation of an exhibit should be a positive and motivating part of the total 4-H experience.

To plan, practice and present a finished project is to "learn by doing."

The exhibit is not an end in itself, nor does it illustrate all of the learning that has taken place during the 4-H year.

Danish system

The Danish system of judging is a method of evaluation where a 4-H exhibit or process is evaluated against a set of standards. Recognition is awarded on the degree to which each 4-H member has met the standard.

The standards of excellence are often printed on a judge's scorecard and allows for the 4-H exhibit to be judged on one's own merit and not in comparison with others in the class.

The following ribbons apply:

White: Fair, denotes much improvement needed. Fails to meet minimum standards.

Red: Good, some improvements needed. Meets minimum standards.

Blue: Excellent, minor improvements needed. Exceeds minimum standards.

Purple: Superior, outstanding on all standards.

Remember that when you exhibit at the county fair, you are asking for the judge's opinion. The judge's opinion is just that: an opinion. It can vary from judge to judge and day to day. It is an opportunity to explain what you have learned, and it is an opportunity to learn from an expert. Each project is a success, no matter what color the ribbon may be.

What activities can I participate in other than the traditional projects?

* Presentations – 4-H members show and tell others how to do things. This is your first step toward helping others and becoming someone who can lead others.
* Record Keeping – You will write a record and story of what you do for each project. Keeping records helps keep track of what you are learning and helps you develop business sense.
* County Contest – These are extra contests during the 4-H year that all members are allowed to participate in: livestock judging, FACS judging contest, photography judging contest, etc.
* Exhibits – You may exhibit your project results at club meetings, local fairs or the State Fair. This shows others what you have learned in 4-H, helps you find out how to improve your work and gives you a sense of pride and accomplishment.
* State 4-H Events – State events provide the opportunities for all members to meet other youth with the same interests from around the state.

4-H Camp, Discovery Days, Citizenship in Action, Leadership Forums, Photography Camps, STEM Camps are just of those events. Contact your local extension office for more details.

What are my responsibilities as a 4-H member?

A 4-H Club is a group of youth working with adult leaders toward common goals. These goals are chosen and accomplished by the entire club working together.

The officers and leaders can't do this alone. This means that every member of the club needs to pitch in and do their part.

* Read your County Newsletter! – The newsletter is written for you. There is news about other 4-H clubs and upcoming 4-H events for you and your club. Keep your newsletter and other 4-H materials in a safe place.
* Attend all of your club meetings! – You can't be an active member if you are not around! Arrive on time and plan to stay until the meeting ends. If you miss a meeting for an important reason, let your leader or officer know in advance.

Meetings are held to get things done, bring up new ideas, build leadership skills, be a change of pace from every day activities, get to know other members, learn and have fun.

* Tell you parents about important dates – It is important that your parents know in advance so they can make arrangements and get you to the events on time.

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Community Wellness

Flu shots good for seniors

By Teresa Hatfield
Meadowlark Extension
District Agent, Family and
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It's that time of year: the leaves are falling, the temperatures this week at least (it's Kansas after all) are cool and crisp. I'm enjoying the cooler weather and the chance to break out a couple of light sweaters. It's also time to think about getting your flu shot. I may be preaching to the choir, but I'm surprised how many folks I talk to that haven't gotten it yet.

No one is immune to the flu, and those older than 65 face greater risk of serious complications, including hospitalization and death. It's nothing to mess around with.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), between 70 percent and 85 percent seasonal flu-related deaths and 50 percent to 70 percent of flu-related hospitalization occur among people age 65 and older.

This is because as we age our immune systems do as well, and they don't quite work as well as they used to. This makes us more vulnerable to illnesses such as influenza. The vaccination helps to support our immune system and reduce the risk of developing serious illnesses like the flu.

While there is still controversy around vaccinations, the flu has been proven safe for many years. The CDC recommends that everyone ages six months and older receive an annual flu vaccine, with special emphasis on adults age 65 and older. For this age group, CDC preferentially recommends higher-dose or enhanced flu vaccines, including high-dose, recombinant or adjuvanted flu vaccines, because they may provide better protection than standard-dose vaccines.

Some people mistakenly believe that the flu is simply a bad cold. In reality, influenza can lead to severe illness, loss of independence and lengthy hospital stays for older adults. Even healthy older adults can develop serious complications. Vaccination not only helps protect the individual receiving the shot but also helps reduce the spread of influenza to family members, friends and community members.

The good news is that Medicare makes it easy and affordable for older adults to get vaccinated. Medicare Part B covers one flu shot each flu season at no cost when administered by a provider or pharmacy that accepts Medicare assignment. Beneficiaries pay no deductible, copayment or coinsurance for the vaccine.

Health officials generally recommend getting vaccinated in September or October, before flu activity begins to increase. However, it is still beneficial to receive a flu shot later in the season if you have not yet been vaccinated.

For older adults, an annual flu shot is one of the simplest and most effective steps they can take to protect their health, maintain their independence and enjoy a safer, healthier flu season.

Crops and Soils: *ARC, PLC resources for Farm Bill election*

By David Hallauer
Meadowlark Extension
District Agent
Crops & Soils



As harvest continues, don't forget the deadline to make another Farm Bill election. A choice between Agricultural Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) for payments to be made in October of 2027 will be required by the Dec. 11 deadline (the election and enrollment period for the 2027 crop year will run from Nov. 2 through March 15, 2027). That means it's time to evaluate options and review some of the decision-making resources available from the K-State Department of Ag Economics to help you do so.

With prices a component of both program choices, price outlooks are important. Updated monthly as NASS prices are released, two different price information projections are available (link below). The K-State projections come with a detailed explanation of where the numbers come from. Three additional price projection sources are available for cross reference as well.

A second great resource is the KSU Farm Bill Tradeoff Spreadsheet. This Excel tool (with user instructions included) provides a visual representation of potential ARC and PLC payments based on your farm's information. Visit the link below to download.

One of the best resources will be an upcoming webinar featuring KSU Ag Economists Robin Reid and Jenny Ifft. For 90 minutes (noon to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 3), they'll provide an overview of current markets, projected commodity prices, county yields and their influence on the 2026 ARC/PLC program. Sign up for a link to the livestream (it will be recorded) at www.agmanager.info/events/arc-vs-plc-title-i-contenders-webinar.

Check out the webinar at the link above. Price projection resources and the Farm Bill Tradeoff Spreadsheet can be found under the Farm Bill section of K-State's Department of Agricultural Economics AgManager website: www.agmanager.info/ag-policy/farm-bill-0.

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Livestock: Data collection at weaning time

By Ross Mosteller
Meadowlark Extension
District Agent, Livestock and
Natural Resources



Two recent conversations have re-emphasized the reason why data collection is important. Breed associations need more of it for databases and bull buyers appreciate it!

We are in that time of year where spring calving cow herds are weaned, and this serves as a good checkpoint for data collection. I fully realize that not everyone has a scale, but many data points can be made through visual observation, transferred to paper by pen.

Comprehensive management decisions used to improve genetics, management practices and profit potential of cow-calf operations should be based on data. Periodically, it is important to step back and evaluate the production system.

Weaning time is the best time of year to measure, quantify and document herd performance. This is typically the one time in the year when all animals are caught and under close evaluation. Not only is weaning time a great time to vaccinate and weigh calves, but is also the opportunity to pregnancy check, evaluate and weigh the cowherd. Herd health practices like deworming and vaccinating can be performed as well.

Weaning day can yield a wealth of information which can be evaluated to direct management decisions. A few pieces of information to consider collecting include pregnancy status of the cows, weight and body condition of cows, weight of calves, evaluation of udder, eyes, feet/legs and docility scoring and evaluation of teeth in older cows has value.

This is another good point in time to gauge the general health and condition of animals, check for internal and/or external parasites and apply treatments if warranted.

So how does one use this information? Since the cow is the production machine in the beef production system, maximum output needs to be produced for the system to be the most efficient. This can be measured in weaned pounds of calf, percent body weight weaned, pregnancy rates, etc.

The cow herd requires input expenses and there is opportunity cost on the dollars tied up in cow inventory. The only opportunity to operate at a profit is when the production factory yields a weaned calf of greater value than the annual cost of owning and operating the production factory. The data collected can inform you about the efficiency of the production factory.

Production records like the percentage of breeding females exposed that raised a calf to weaning, the percentage of calves born that survived to weaning and the percentage of our cow's mature weight that they are weaning off are some important benchmarks of cow productivity. These serve to determine efficiency and can be used to improve management and selection decisions that will result in more profitability. These benchmarks of productivity can be calculated from the data captured at weaning, so take advantage of the opportunity to collect and use data.

Kansas State University Animal Science has an Excel spreadsheet that can be used to calculate these Standard Performance Analysis (SPA) numbers. It can be found at www.asi.k-state.edu/extension/beef/files/SPAproductionBlank2014.xlsx

FACS: *Healthy snacks for all*

By Cindy Williams
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Everyone knows holidays are a time for indulgence! Candy, large meals and frequent consumption are part of many of our traditions. While the adage "everything in moderation" is true, it is important to remember that looking out for our health is important and can often go overlooked in times of celebration.

Here are some suggestions to keep your healthy eating as a priority during the upcoming holiday months. Firstly, choose to make healthy alternatives over quick snacks, party treats and potluck food. Instead of heavy dips, bags of sodium-high chips or sugar filled cupcakes, investigate other recipes that feature fruits, vegetables and healthy grains.

Try: Apple-themed treats, pumpkin-themed treats, other vegetable and fruit treats, whole grain treats such as popcorn or DIY trail mix.

Limit: Cookies and other baked sweets, chips and chip dips, meatballs or other meat-centered items and pasta salads.

Second, if you need store-bought prepackaged or single serve items for school parties or trick-or treaters, opt for healthy options at the store. Look for snacks that do not contain artificial flavors, synthetic colors, added sugars, trans fat or high fructose corn syrup.

Try: No sugar added applesauce or other fruit cups, whole grain snacks such as pretzels, popcorn or cereal bars or trail mix.

Limit: Snack cakes, cookies, pudding packs and candy.

Jackson Heights Senior of the Month



Lakota Hewitt has been named a Senior of the Month for October at Jackson Heights High School.

Throughout high school, Hewitt has been involved in FFA, StuCo, volleyball, cross country, basketball and cheer. She was also a member of the 2026 Homecoming Court.

After high school, Hewitt plans to attend McPherson College to play basketball and study sports psychology.

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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!

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Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Sunday school
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Buck's Grove United Methodist Church
836 K-16 Highway, Havensville
Pastor Dawn Duryea • Sunday: 9 a.m. service
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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.
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Pastor Guy & Darla Hedrick
Sunday: 10 a.m. Worship service
Darla Hedrick - darlarn56@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
10:45 a.m. Worship service (lunch follows)
1:15 p.m. Afternoon study

Evangel Church
227 Pennsylvania., Holton • 785-364-3834
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
Sunday school: 9 a.m. • Worship: 10 a.m.

Whiting United Methodist Church
205 Searle St. • Pastor Angela Hall
Sunday: 9 a.m. Worship (rotate
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Jackson County District Court

Traffic

Casey Hillman, Omaha, Neb., driving under the influence; sentenced to six months in jail, suspended; placed on six months probation and fined $750 plus court costs.

Precious C. Tiscareno, Topeka, no proof of insurance; dismissed.

Cindy Jones, Topeka, driving while license canceled, suspended or revoked; dismissed.

Abigail L. Rue, Garnett, no proof of insurance; sentenced to six months in jail, suspended; placed on six months probation and fined $300 plus court costs.

Hadeya Jones, Omaha, Neb., no proof of insurance; sentenced to six months in jail, suspended; placed on six months probation and fined $300 plus court costs.

Benjamin M. Weiser, 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.

Fernando Cervantes, Omaha, Neb., speeding, $201.

Catherine Voss, Lawrence, speeding; diversion.

Richard H. Boe, Arvilla, N.D., speeding, $294.

Madison Oliver, address sealed by court, operating a motor vehicle without a valid license; sentenced to six months in jail, suspended; placed on six months probation and fined $100 plus court costs.

Carlos E. Galicia, Topeka, expired or no registration; sentenced to 30 days in jail, suspended; placed on 30 days probation and fined $50 plus court costs.

Debbie L. Clark, Raymore, Mo., speeding; diversion.

Charles V. George, address sealed by court, no seat belt, $30.

Ricky Creswell, address sealed by court, speeding, $276.

Diego Garcia De Loera, Watertown, S.D., license to be carried and exhibited upon demand; sentenced to 30 days in jail, suspended; placed on 30 days probation and fined $50 plus court costs.

Elizabeth J. Birch, address sealed by court, speeding, $165.

Brett Brees, address sealed by court, registration violation, no proof of insurance; dismissed.

Ernesto A.W. Lopez, Salina, operating a motor vehicle without a valid license; sentenced to 30 days in jail, suspended; placed on 30 days probation and fined $100 plus court costs.

Javier Ramos, address sealed by court, speeding, $207.

Leopold F. Juhel, address sealed by court, speeding, $231.

Edward Zuniga, address sealed by court, speeding, $159.

Precious C. Tiscareno, Topeka, driving while license canceled, suspended or revoked, no proof of insurance; sentenced to 12 months in jail, suspended; placed on six months probation and fined $400 plus court costs.

Ruiqi Wu, address sealed by court, speeding, $240.

Alexandra L. Cannon, address sealed by court, expired or no registration; dismissed.

Torsten J. Hustead, address sealed by court, duty of driver to report accident with unattended vehicle or property; dismissed.

Wyatte D. Montgomery, address sealed by court, no proof of insurance; dismissed.

Cori L. Rahman, address sealed by court, speeding, $240.

Ricky Copeland, address sealed by court, speeding, $201.

Criminal

Dispositions

State of Kansas vs. Jim B. Jeffries, Silver Lake, possession of methamphetamine; sentenced to 18 months imprisonment, suspended; placed on 12 months probation and assessed court costs.

State of Kansas vs. Kenneth W. Teal, Holton, theft; found not guiity at jury trial.

State of Kansas vs. Donna L. Sease, Valley Falls, theft; diversion.

State of Kansas vs. Phillip Elliott, Holton, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia; diversion.

Filed

State of Kansas vs. Shaunty S. Plang, Raytown, Mo., furnishing alcoholic liquor or cereal malt beverages to a minor.

State of Kansas vs. James M. Kelly, Silver Lake, disorderly conduct, two counts of assault.

State of Kansas vs. Jeremiah M.R. Sweet, St. Joseph, Mo., traffic contraband in a correctional institution, possession of methamphetamine, possession of a depressant, interference with law enforcement, possession of drug paraphernalia, unlawful distribution of a controlled substance.

State of Kansas vs. Jacob Pearson, Topeka, possession of tetrahydrocannabinol, possession of drug paraphernalia.

Civil

Dispositions

Christie Reigert and Larry Van Vleck vs. Maria Flores, sought judgment in excess of $75,000 plus court costs; dismissed.

Filed

Denison State Bank vs. David R. King and unknown spouse if any of David R. King, seeking judgment of $7,942.52 plus interest, court costs and foreclosure of mortgage.

Denny Browning, on behalf of the heirs of his adult daughter Heather Browning vs. Estate of Nadine Alice Aylesworth, seeking approval and distribution of wrongful death settlement.

Frank Ortega vs. Charles Sundermeier, seeking judgment in excess of $75,000 plus court costs.

Limited Civil

Dispositions

Community HealthCare System Inc. vs. George P. Fuqua, sought judgment of $937.70 plus interest and court costs; dismissed.

Community HealthCare System Inc. vs. Hector Gomez, sought judgment of $233.72 plus interest and court costs; dismissed.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Alysse Berns, sought judgment of $852.63 plus interest and court costs; dismissed.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Elsa J. Pedro, sought judgment of $1,106.15 plus interest and court costs; dismissed.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Jolene King, sought judgment of $1,565.93 plus interest and court costs; granted.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Caitlyn M. Morrissey, sought judgment of $290.53 plus interest and court costs; dismissed.

Community HealthCare System Inc. vs. Zachary A. Kinder and Dakotah M. Kinder, sought judgment of $859.49 plus interest and court costs; dismissed.

Community HealthCare System Inc. vs. Jason M. Meggison, sought judgment of $662.30 plus interest and court costs; dismissed.

Community HealthCare System Inc. vs. Benjamin A. Pruett, sought judgment of $414.94 plus interest and court costs; dismissed.

Community HealthCare System Inc. vs. Travis T. Self and Hannah E. Self, sought judgment of $2,539.04 plus interest and court costs; dismissed.

Midland Credit Management Inc. vs. Eric Devader, sought judgment of $865.54 plus interest and court costs; granted.

Midland Credit Management Inc. vs. Jennifer A. Deghand, sought judgment of $1,758.78 plus interest and court costs; dismissed.

Rural Health Resources of Jackson County vs. Keith E. Liles and Susan M. Liles, sought judgment of $1,816.34 plus interest and court costs; dismissed.

Americash Loans of Missouri L.L.C. vs. Shelli Walrod, sought judgment of $2,895.84 plus interest and court costs; dismissed.

Filed

Midland Credit Management Inc. vs. Jay Stewart, seeking judgment of $3,570.32 plus interest and court costs.

Huntington Debt Holding L.L.C. vs. Thomas Cobb, seeking judgment of $1,363.60 plus interest and court costs.

Midland Credit Management Inc. vs. Teresa Deardorff, seeking judgment of $669.78 plus interest and court costs.

Marriage Licenses

Farhad M.A. Zarif, 56, Kansas City, Mo.
Omaira T. Malik, 59, Kansas City, Mo.

Holton Municipal Court

The following Holton Municipal Court dispositions were issued during September and include $85 in court costs.

Lucrecia Baltazar Sebastian, Holton, inattentive driving, $130.

Gage C. Colling, Sioux City, Iowa, speeding (20 mph over limit), $175.

Tamra K. Gwaltney, Topeka, failure to stop at signal/sign, $130.

Madalene Harrison, Omaha, Neb., driving while license canceled, suspended or revoked, $460.

Brasen E. Hogg, Wichita, speeding (17 mph over limit), $121.

Aimee N. Jones, Topeka, speeding (1-10 mph over limit), $100.

Sai Teja Mallineni, Maryville, Mo., speeding (16 mph over limit), $118.

Elise M. McHatton, Omaha, Neb., speeding (24 mph over limit), $211.

Naomi F. Morkert, Topeka, speeding (13 mph over limit), $133.

Juan C. Ortiz Martinez, Tacoma, Wash., speeding (18 mph over limit), $124.

Hannah D. Petree, Sedalia, Mo., speeding (13 mph over limit), $109.

Ahnaf T. Saqif, Lawrence, speeding (15 mph over limit), $115.

Theresa M. Sudbeck, Seneca, speeding (13 mph over limit), $133.

Ethan M. Teter, Holton, failure to stop at signal/sign, $130.

Naomi R. VanDien, Kalamazoo, Mich., speeding (12 mph over limit), $127.

Kurtis K. Wells, Circleville, speeding (11 mph over limit), $103.

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Arrested in county

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

■ On Oct. 10, Melissa Stolley, 47, Topeka, was arrested on a traffic warrant on a charge of failure to appear.

■ On Oct. 10, Tyler Ross, 46, Bern, was arrested on a charge of driving while license canceled, suspended or revoked.

■ On Oct. 11, Angela Moreno, 26, Topeka, was arrested on a traffic warrant on a charge of failure to appear.

■ On Oct. 12, Jeremiah Sweet, 34, St. Joseph, Mo., was arrested on two traffic warrants on charges of failure to appear, on a criminal warrant on a charge of failure to appear, trafficking contraband into a correctional facility, possession of drugs, possession of a depressant, interference with law enforcement, possession of illegal drug paraphernalia and distribution of drugs.

■ On Oct. 12, Isaaic Jameson, 26, Topeka, was arrested on two criminal warrants on charges of failure to appear.

■ On Oct. 14, Kristen Noll, 52, Topeka, was arrested on a criminal warrant on a charge of failure to appear.

■ On Oct. 14, Shauna Greiner, 44, Topeka, was arrested on a criminal warrant on a charge of failure to appear.

Sheriff's officers check into recent accidents

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

■ At 6:15 a.m. on Oct. 5, Timothy Koehn, 48, Hiawatha, was driving west on Kansas Highway 16 near O Road when his semi struck several deer in the road. Koehn's 2015 Kenworth semi sustained damage to its front left bumper and quarter panel.

■ At 2:31 p.m. on Oct. 1, Tara Werner, 54, Denison, was traveling south on U.S. Highway 75 near 126th Road when her 2014 GMC hydroplaned off the road and entered the northbound ditch. Werner's vehicle sustained damage to its right side and undercarriage.

■ At 5:30 p.m. on Oct. 7, Dolores Wright, 89, Holton, was driving north on Q Road and attempting to turn her 2000 Toyota left onto Banner Road.

According to the accident report, Wright made the turn too sharp, and her Toyota struck a 2013 Infiniti that was stopped eastbound on Banner Road at the intersection.

The Infiniti was driven by Zach Fate, 32, Holton, and it sustained damage to its front bumper. Wright's Toyota sustained damage to its front bumper and front left quarter panel.

■ At 1:56 p.m. on Oct. 2, Julianna Whipple, 17, Holton, and Brodyn King, 17, Holton, were both reversing their vehicles out of parking stalls across from each other at the Holton High School parking lot when the two vehicles collided.

Whipple's 2014 Ford sustained minor damage to its rear right quarter panel, and King's 2016 Dodge did not sustain any damage.

Holton Police Calls

The following calls were handled by the Holton Police Department between Thursday, Oct. 1 and Wednesday, Oct. 14.

■ 11:22 a.m. Oct. 1, 800 block of Dakota Avenue, citizen assist.

■ 2:55 p.m. Oct. 1, 13500 block of Kansas Highway 16, outside agency assist.

■ 9:24 a.m. Oct. 2, 200 block of New Jersey Avenue, outside agency assist.

■ 6:52 p.m. Oct. 2, 900 block of New York Avenue, intoxicated subject.

■ 10:31 p.m. Oct. 2, 300 block of Ohio Avenue, outside agency assist.

■ 11:26 p.m. Oct. 2, 25400 block of U.S. Highway 75, outside agency assist.

■ 4:31 a.m. Oct. 3, 11900 block of Kansas Highway 16, outside agency assist.

■ 9:32 a.m. Oct. 3, 200 block of New York Avenue, fire call.

■ 12:44 p.m. Oct. 3, 900 block of Pennsylvania Avenue, animal complaint.

■ 2:46 p.m. Oct. 3, 400 block of Arizona Avenue, traffic problem.

■ 2:49 p.m. Oct. 3, 400 block of Arizona Avenue, outside agency assist.

■ 5:29 p.m. Oct. 3, 200 block of Arizona Avenue, citizen assist.

■ 9:13 p.m. Oct. 3, 100 block of Wisconsin Avenue, traffic problem.

■ 11:59 p.m. Oct. 3, 700 block of Colorado Avenue, disturbance.

■ 7:39 a.m. Oct. 4, 300 block of Pennsylvania Avenue, alarm.

■ 5:12 p.m. Oct. 4, 200 block of South Arizona Avenue, traffic problem.

■ 11:49 a.m. Oct. 5, 700 block of Kansas Avenue, outside agency assist.

■ 12:27 p.m. Oct. 5, 200 block of Ohio Avenue, parking complaint.

■ 1:33 p.m. Oct. 6, 800 block of West Fifth Street, disturbance.

■ 10:22 p.m. Oct. 6, 100 block of West First Street, citizen assist.

■ 11:26 p.m. Oct. 6, 800 block of New Jersey Avenue, domestic disturbance.

■ 10:38 a.m. Oct. 7, 200 block of Arizona Avenue, found property.

■ 8:55 p.m. Oct. 7, 700 block of Minnesota Avenue, illegal burning complaint.

■ 9:19 a.m. Oct. 8, 400 block of Juniper Drive, citizen assist.

■ 12:02 p.m. Oct. 8, 200 block of New York Avenue, fire alarm.

■ 12:14 p.m. Oct. 8, 1100 block of West Seventh Street, animal complaint.

■ 8:07 p.m. Oct. 8, 21600 block of U.S. Highway 75, outside agency assist.

■ 9:22 a.m. Oct. 10, 1100 block of Columbine Drive, non-injury accident.

■ 11:10 a.m. Oct. 10, 400 block of Cherokee Drive, citizen assist.

■ 2:53 p.m. Oct. 10, 500 block of Arizona Avenue, outside agency assist.

■ 6:49 p.m. Oct. 10, 200 block of South Arizona Avenue, trespassing complaint.

■ 7:08 p.m. Oct. 10, 600 block of Kansas Avenue, animal complaint.

■ 9:01 p.m. Oct. 10, 300 block of Wisconsin Avenue, domestic disturbance.

■ 1:37 a.m. Oct. 11, 1100 block of Columbine Drive, citizen assist.

■ 7:38 a.m. Oct. 13, 600 block of Idaho Avenue, animal complaint.

■ 10:16 a.m. Oct. 13, 200 block of Ohio Avenue, animal complaint.

■ 3:50 p.m. Oct. 13, 900 block of Kansas Avenue, juvenile matter.

■ 4:10 p.m. Oct. 13, 600 block of Dakota Avenue, citizen assist.

■ 10:34 a.m. Oct. 14, 400 block of New York Avenue, traffic problem.

Police also handled 225 area checks (74 at parks and recreation facilities, 62 at local businesses, 29 at Holton schools, 28 at local apartment complexes, 24 in the Holton Community Hospital/Industrial Park area and eight on the Town Square), 47 traffic stops, 10 traffic citations, 26 traffic warnings, six case follow-ups, two 911 misdials, six medical assists, three welfare checks, one escort and five requests to speak with an officer during the reporting period.

Holton police report arrest

The following arrest was reported in recent days by the Holton Police Department.

■ Maria R. Vacha, 40, Omaha, Neb., was arrested Oct. 12 on charges of speeding, driving under the influence and interference with law enforcement.

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More than 20 schools from the FFA's Northeast Kansas district — including Holton, Jackson Heights and Royal Valley — took part in FFA dairy cattle judging at Sabetha's Rokey Road Creamery on Tuesday, Oct. 13. More than 350 students were registered in the judging competition, it was reported. *Submitted photo*

Netawaka/ Whiting United Methodist

By Helen Edwards

It was a beautiful fall morning Sunday, Oct. 18, as the Whiting and Netawaka parishioners gathered together for worship at the Whiting United Methodist Church. Marilyn Banaka played "Softly And Tenderly Jesus Is Calling" with recorded music for the prelude as Helen Edwards served as acolyte.

Pastor Angela welcomed everyone and gave the announcements. A reminder was given that the upcoming charge conference will be held at 6 p.m. on Nov. 12 at the Whiting UMC. There is still time to provide cans of corn for the JCMA Christmas Store food pantry. We discussed the mission and vision statements and decided each would circle their choice option on the insert and then hand them in after services. Jon will collect them and give the results next week.

The songs sung on Sunday morning were "Rock Of Ages" and "Give Thanks" and the prayer response hymn was "It Is Well With My Soul."

Paul shared that his surgery on his Achilles heel went well and that he is recovering with the help of a knee scooter. Mike and Helen were glad to have their grandson, Henry, in worship with them before he returns home after visiting since Wednesday. Prayers were requested for Pastor Angela, who is experiencing car trouble, and for Kelly Bagley, who is facing medical concerns.

Jon Yingst read from Psalm 99 for the Old Testament reading and Pastor Angela read from the gospel of Matthew 22:15-22 for the New Testament reading. The sermon was titled "Chosen To Always Give Thanks."

Pastor Angela's message was a reminder that we are to give joyfully, whether we tithe, give some other amount or make donations to other charities. We are reminded that all good gifts come from God and to give generously and joyfully to those less blessed. As hard as it is to give, God will bless the giving and bless you for being faithful. God is good and will provide.

The closing hymn was "Lord Of The Dance" followed by the benediction. Marilyn chose "Heal Me, Hands Of Jesus" for the postlude.

Some upcoming events around the community are the Whiting Fire Department's Trunk or Treat from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Oct. 24 at the fire station. Whiting Connect is having a Trunk or Treat the same day from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Whiting City Park.



Circleville Christian Church

By Jeannie Arnold

Jake Spalding opened the Oct. 18 service at Circleville Christian Church by giving the welcome and announcements. Dr. David Allen asked Luke Wright to come forward and extended a gift from the congregation in honor of pastor appreciation month. Jake then gave the opening prayer.

Music was provided by the praise team of Dr. David Allen, Annie Browning, Lindsay Alley, Lori Thomas and Travis Self as they led the congregation in singing "How Great Is Our God," "How Great Thou Art" and "Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me."

Dr. David Allen used text from Galatians 2:20-21 as he gave the communion meditation titled "Christ Living In Us." Communion servers were Johnny Lynch, Bill Dyer, Donald Askren and Allan Simmons. The praise team sang "Nothing But The Blood" as communion was served. David gave the prayer for the offering, and the praise team sang "Gratitude" as the offering was received.

Luke Wright brought the morning sermon titled "Wise Up About Friends." He used text from Proverbs 13:20: "He who walks with the wise grows wise, but a companion of fools suffers harm."

Friends shape who you become, and you will become like the people you surround yourself with. Choose them carefully. Bad company corrupts good character. A real friend will tell you the truth even when it stings. A good friend will encourage and correct you.

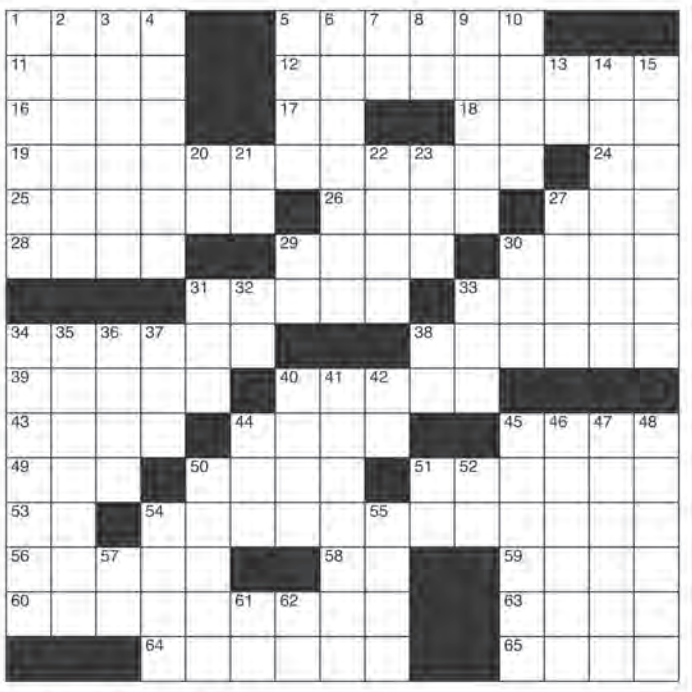
People can meet Christ through their friendships with Christians, and you have a friend in Jesus. You can trust Him as you walk with Him. We get to know God better as we seek his wisdom.

Following the message, the young ones attending children's church came forward and presented two songs they had written during their church time. The service closed by singing "I'll Fly Away."

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11. Give temporarily
12. Frivolousness
16. Military arm
17. "Westworld" actor Harris
18. Persian Gulf port city
19. Air hostesses
24. Partner to "Pa"
25. Percussion instrument
26. Raincoats
27. Lower the light
28. Asian mountain range
29. Every one of two or more
30. Lack of difficulty
31. A public announcement of a proposed marriage
33. Reduces in size
34. Make an impact
38. Serviceman
39. A French river
40. Prehistoric people
43. Messenger ribonucleic acid
44. "Layla" singer Clapton
45. Ancient Greek sophist
49. Largest English dictionary (abbr.)
50. "Top Gun: Maverick" actor Powell
51. A way to disentangle
53. Atomic #93
54. Manifesting approval
56. Indigo bush
58. Larry and Curly's pal
59. Off-Broadway theater award
60. Fencers
63. Masses of fish eggs
64. Passerine birds
65. Arrange systematically

CLUES DOWN

1. Colorless part of blood
2. Of a main artery
3. Photog's tool
4. Blues Traveler hit "But __"
5. Grew older
6. Not the leader
7. __ Lang: country singer
8. A driver's license is one
9. Nests of pheasants
10. Antelopes
13. One quintillion bytes
14. Japanese lute
15. A type of cat
20. It cools your home
21. Dorm official
22. Pouches
23. German trigraph
27. Form of Persian
29. __ route
30. Upper body part
31. Bridge building degree
32. Indicates position
33. Political action committee
34. Edible nuts
35. Front part of a quadruped
36. Locate
37. Geological time
38. Of I
40. Northern Utah city
41. They work in the trenches
42. Hammer is one
44. Tall deciduous tree
45. Performers
46. Slang for mistake
47. More open
48. Most slick
50. Provokes
51. Home of the NCAA's Flyers
52. Sodium
54. Large fish of the mackerel family
55. Not one
57. __ and behold
61. Atomic #21
62. "The Great Lakes State"

Puzzle Solution On Classified Page!

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.

Quit claim deed: Colene Moser-Gutierrez to same, three tracts of land in the southwest quarter of S19, T7S, R16E of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

Warranty deed: Joshua W. Greenlee, also known as Joshua William Greenlee, and Lauren R. Greenlee, also known as Lauren Rene Greenlee, to Brandon L. Holding and Patricia L. Roloff, all of Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4 and part of Lot 5, Lincoln Avenue, Interstate Addition, city of Holton, Jackson County.

Warranty deed: Janice M. Smith to Jamie Kay Pettit, Lots 51, 53, 55, 57, 59, 61, 63, 65, 67 and 69, Western Avenue, city of Denison, Jackson County.

Warranty deed: Duane A. Klahr, as president, and Cheryl Klahr, as secretary of AK Farms Inc. to Dustin R. King and Andrea King, two tracts of land in S36, T6S, R14E of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

Warranty deed: Tyler Eugene Gleason and Kaylee Nicole Gleason to Clint Larson and Michelle Larson, land in the northwest quarter of S2, T8S, R16E of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

Warranty deed: Floyd McMillin, as president of F&L Enterprise to Mikeal Dean and Jackie Dean, land in the northwest quarter of S30, T9S, R16E of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

Kansas transfer on death deed: Christopher R. Nocktonick to Rachel L. Garrison, all of Lot 3 and part of Lot 2, S.B. Landis Addition, First Street, city of Hoyt, Jackson County.

Quit claim deed: Robyn Sharee Jones, also known as Robyn Sharee Burns Jones to Robyn S. Jones and Jan Paul Lubbe Siska, all of Lot 14 and part of Lot 16, Cherokee Drive, Schultz' First Addition, city of Holton, Jackson County.

Quit claim deed: Nancy J. Swenson to Nancy J. Swenson and Christopher T. Swenson, land in the southeast quarter of S14, T8S, R15E of the 6th P.M., Jackson County.

Quit claim deed: Joan K. Rickel and Dan Rickel to MJS Properties L.L.C., Lot 20, Hoyt Highlands Addition, city of Hoyt, Jackson County.

Glatczak graduates from ESU

Katie Glatczak of Holton was among nearly 150 students who completed degrees from Emporia State University at the conclusion of the summer 2026 semester.

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Immanuel Lutheran Church

By Nancy Schumann

Services opened on Sunday, Oct. 18, at Immanuel Lutheran Church celebrated the Martyrdom of Saint Luke. Pastor Ian Kinney welcomed everyone to the worship service and the confession and absolution followed. The scriptures for the day were then read.

The Lord bids us to "pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." (Luke 10:2.) The fields look more like deserts, filled with jackals (Isaiah 35:6-7), and the Lord sends His laborers out "as lambs in the midst of wolves."

But Christ's word of "peace" heals the sick and brings the very "kingdom of God… near" to those who hear it (Isaiah 35:5; Luke 10:3-9).

St. Luke, the beloved physician (Colossians 4:14), did "the work of an evangelist" (2 Timothy 4:5). He diligently prepared both a gospel, the history of Christ's work in the flesh before His ascension and the acts of the apostles, the history of His continued work among His church.

Luke and his scriptures are a gift from this ascended Lord (Ephesians 4:8-12), written for Theophilus and for "all who have loved his appearing." (2 Timothy 4:5-8.)

Tradition suggests that Luke was one of the 72 sent out ahead of Jesus, "two by two." (Luke 10:1.) Luke proved himself to be a faithful companion throughout St. Paul's missionary journeys, through many trials and crosses and even to Rome, where he went alone with Paul.

Following the reading of the holy gospel, the congregation professed its faith in the words of the Nicene Creed. The sermon hymn, "O God Of God, O Light Of Light," was sung.

In Pastor Kinney's sermon, he addressed the office of the keys. This is the special authority that Christ has given to pastors. Christ said on the Mount of Olives that "all authority in heaven and on earth is given to me. Therefore, I give it to you to make disciples, preach and teach everything I have commanded you."

The life that God set up for His church and the congregation should be encouraged to conduct themselves in a Christian manner regarding their pastor. You should also instill this in your children and grandchildren.

The office of the ministry is not about any one man. It is about the office that Christ has established for the word of God to be preached and the sacraments to be administered. The Lord of the harvest sends laborers into His harvest to labor in the Lord's church for the sake of the Lord's people.

Following the sermon, the offertory was sung and offerings were gathered. Prayers were said for the whole church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Healing prayers were said for Linda Bohnenkemper, Janet Amon, Beth Amon, Nancy Porter, Larry Schumann, Rich Heitzman and Marcia Coufal.

The service of the sacrament followed with the singing of the Nunc Dimittis. Pastor Kinney gave the benediction and the closing hymn, "By All Your Saints In Warfare," was sung.

Rich led Bible study in the church basement following services. Those assisting in Sunday's service were Rich and Travis, elders, Beverly Reichart, organist, and Inga and Heather, altar committee.

Birthday blessings were given to Chloe Keehn, Gene Gerhardt, Jennifer Mellies, Amber Grollmes and Aslyn McMahon.

The congregation is supplying shelf stable milk for the JCMA Food Pantry. Please leave your donation at the back of the church.

Weekly wisdom: "The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into His heavenly kingdom. To Him be glory forever and forever. Amen."



Students from Jackson Heights Elementary School's preschool classes recently paid a visit to the Holton Fire Department, where they got to see the department's "first out" fire engine and other firefighting equipment up close.

Photo courtesy of Jackson Heights

Potawatomi Community Church

By Tina Pugh

The Sunday-morning worship services on Oct. 11 and Oct. 18 at Potawatomi Community Church were opened by Judy Thoman and led by the Rev. Dave Jones. Both services opened with singing the invocation, "Spirit Of The Living God," followed by the congregational call to worship from Psalm 95 and 91, respectively.

The congregational hymns on Oct. 11 were "This Is My Father's World," "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" and "God Will Take Care Of You."

On Oct. 18, the hymns were "O Worship The King," "Amazing Grace" and "All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name." Tina Pugh accompanied everyone on the piano both days.

Laura Schreiber served as acolyte on Oct. 11, and Jack Comer served as acolyte on Oct 18. Chuck Jacobson and Darby Comer served as ushers on Oct. 18.

Gina Hegemann read the scriptures both Sundays: Psalms 37:1-7 and Jeremiah 17:5-8. Pastor Dave delivered a children's message at both services.

"The Spotted And Speckled Things" was the title of the sermon on Oct. 11, based on Genesis 30:25-43 and 31:4-13. How many times do we think we have nothing? Jacob must have thought this same thing when he had to leave home, traveling alone in unfamiliar land.

When Jacob encountered God at a place he called Bethel, he vowed to worship God, if God would provide him with food and clothing. God provided for Jacob; he provided for us as well. Without Jesus' sacrifice, we have nothing. With Jesus, we have everything.

A quarterly board meeting with refreshments followed the service.

"The One Thing," a sermon from Matthew 6:31-41 and 13:44-46, was delivered on Oct. 18. Scripture tells us there is not just one way to find Jesus. We may stumble upon Him, or we may find Him after a long search.

The big question is this: What do you do when you find Him? It doesn't matter if you are like the man who discovered a treasure hidden in a field, or if you are like the merchant who found the pearl he was searching for. Will you sell everything so you can buy the field or the pearl, or will you let the treasure slip away?

The adult Sunday school class is continuing its study of the book of Psalms.

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Holton First Christian Church

By Peggy Hill

In many denominations, October is Pastor Appreciation Month. First Christian Church Disciples of Christ selected Sunday, Oct. 18, to recognize Pastor Dr. Jim McCollough and his wife, Charlotte. Dr. McCollough has ministered at First Christian for the past 13 years and has served churches for five decades, including congregations in Topeka and Chanute.

Kathi Kimmi welcomed everyone in attendance, then called for prayer requests and announcements. Michael and Millie Bickford led the congregation in praise music with a trio of songs: "Change My Heart O God," "Come Now Almighty King" and "Spirit Of The Living God."

An ensemble performed "We Gather Together" as the invitation to worship. Kimmi then led everyone in the responsive reading, reflecting on the importance of renewing our minds to seek God's voice. The invocation and congregational reciting of the Lord's Prayer followed.

Special music was the song "In This Very Room," performed by the Chancel Ensemble and directed by Michael Bickford. Alta Morris was accompanist.

Bill Rose-Heim of Overland Park was the guest speaker. He is Associate Regional Minister for Leadership Development for First Christian Disciples of Christ in Kansas. Rose-Heim praised Dr. McCollough for his years of service and continued ministry.

The sermon was titled "Transforming Transformers!" Rose-Heim's message was based on Romans 12:2, which encourages believers to not be conformed by the patterns of this world, but to be transformed by renewing our mind. This does not mean a "moral polishing," but rather an activity of transformation by the Holy Spirit. Renewal can occur through prayer, worship and service.

The hymn of response was "Here I Am Lord."

Mary Shupe and Rhett Murphy served as deacons during offertory and communion. Michael Bickford led the invitation to receive. Kathi Kimmi gave the communion meditation. The communion hymn was "One Bread, One Body."

Rose-Heim led the closing benediction. Pastor Appreciation Sunday continued with a potluck fellowship meal after the service.

Jackson Heights Senior of the Month



Tryston Honeyman has been named a Senior of the Month for October at Jackson Heights High School.

Throughout high school, Honeyman has been very active in e-sports. He said his biggest accomplishment was the 2A Overwatch Esports State Championship.

After high school, Honeyman plans to one day become the owner of a restaurant.

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 5004

A PROPOSITION to amend section 1 of article 5 of the constitution of the state of Kansas to require individuals to be citizens of the United States, at least 18 years of age and a resident of the voting area in which such person seeks to vote in order to vote in this state.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Kansas, two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the House of Representatives and two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the Senate concurring therein:

Section 1. The following proposition to amend the constitution of the state of Kansas shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the state for their approval or rejection: Section 1 of article 5 of the constitution of the state of Kansas is hereby amended to read as follows:

"§ 1. Qualifications of electors. ~~Every~~(a) *No person shall be deemed a qualified elector unless such person:*

(1) *Is* a citizen of the United States ~~who~~;

(2) has attained the age of eighteen years; and ~~who~~

(3) *except as provided in subsection (b) or (c),* resides in the voting area in which ~~he or she~~ *such person* seeks to vote

~~shall be deemed a qualified elector.~~

(b) Laws of this state relating to voting for presidential electors and candidates for the office of president and vice-president of the United States shall comply with the laws of the United States relating thereto. A citizen of the United States, who is otherwise qualified to vote in Kansas for presidential electors and candidates for the offices of president and vice-president of the United States may vote for such officers either in person or by absentee ballot notwithstanding the fact that such person may have become a nonresident of this state if ~~his or her~~ *such person's* removal from this state occurs during a period in accordance with federal law next preceding such election.

(c) A person who is otherwise a qualified elector may vote in the voting area of ~~his or her~~ *such person's* former residence either in person or by absentee ballot notwithstanding the fact that such person may have become a nonresident of such voting area during a period prescribed by law next preceding the election at which ~~he or she~~ *such person* seeks to vote, if ~~his~~ *such person's* new residence is in another voting area in the state of Kansas."

Sec. 2. The following statement shall be printed on the ballot with the amendment as a whole:

"*Explanatory statement*. 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."

Sec. 3. This resolution, if approved by two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the House of Representatives and two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the Senate, shall be entered on the journals, together with the yeas and nays. The secretary of state shall cause this resolution to be published as provided by law and shall cause the proposed amendment to be submitted to the electors of the state at the general election in November in the year 2026, unless a special election is called at a sooner date by concurrent resolution of the legislature, in which case the proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors of the state at the special election.

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They have one daughter, Kendra Moppin, and her husband, Troy, of Holton.

PBP Elder Center Menus

Meals at the Prairie Band Potawatomi Elder Center are served from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The menu is subject to change.

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Enrolled tribal members age 50 and older may eat for free. Non-member seniors, non-seniors and children will be charged a fee for meals.

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Menus listed for the week of Monday, Oct. 26 through Friday, Oct. 30 are as follows:

Monday, Oct. 26: Biscuit and gravy, boiled egg, orange juice and pineapple fruit cup.

Tuesday, Oct. 27: Peanut butter and jelly sandwich, potato soup, juice box and cheese stick.

Wednesday, Oct. 28: Pork tenderloin sandwich, seasoned wedges, banana and pasta salad.

Thursday, Oct. 29: Ghoul-lash, boo berries, dirt n' worms and lady finger.

Friday, Oct. 30: Chicken salad sandwich, kettle chips, applesauce cup and brownie.



Members of the Cobras #1 first through second-grade parks and recreation flag football team this fall season are shown above and included (front row, from left) Reece Fund, Boyd Lucas, Connor Wilson, (second row, from left) McCoy Wheeler, Ledger Kirk, Maverick Smith, Bronx Jones, Hudson Reed, Watson Richter, Flint Beightel, Henry Howe and Atticus Hainline, (back row, from left) coaches Corey Jones, Trent Reed and Hunter Howe. *Submitted photo*

School Menus

Jackson Heights

Monday, Oct. 26: Breakfast – Strawberry bagel, fruit, juice and milk; Lunch – Ham and cheese sub, chips, tomato slices, salad, fruit and milk.

Tuesday, Oct. 27: Breakfast – Pancakes, sausage links, fruit, juice and milk; Lunch – Crispito, refried beans, salad, salsa, tortilla chips, fruit and milk.

Wednesday, Oct. 28: Breakfast – Breakfast pizza, fruit, juice and milk; Lunch – Chicken bowl (chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, corn and gravy), fruit and milk.

Thursday, Oct. 29: Breakfast – Cheese omelet, hashbrown, fruit, juice and milk; Lunch – Pizza, salad, carrots, fruit and milk.

Friday, Oct. 30: Breakfast – Biscuit and gravy, fruit, juice and milk; Lunch – Bats, balls, ghost brains, toes, jack-o-lanterns and milk.

Holton

Monday, Oct. 26: Breakfast – Oatmeal breakfast round or cereal, choice of fruit, juice and milk; Lunch – Yogurt and granola parfait or crispy chicken on a bun, vegetable, fruit and milk.

Tuesday, Oct. 27: Breakfast – Pancake stick or cereal bar, choice of fruit, juice and milk; Lunch – Chili or popcorn chicken, vegetable, fruit and milk.

Wednesday, Oct. 28: Breakfast – Cinnamon roll or cereal, choice of fruit, juice and milk; Lunch – Chicken nuggets or hamburger on a bun, vegetable, fruit and milk.

Thursday, Oct. 29: Breakfast – Strawberry bagel or Pop Tart, choice of fruit, juice and milk; Lunch – Baked ham and roll or grilled chicken on a bun, vegetable, fruit and milk.

Friday, Oct. 30: Breakfast – Donut or cereal, choice of fruit, juice and milk; Lunch – Pizza or macaroni and cheese with meatballs, vegetable, fruit and milk.

Royal Valley

Monday, Oct. 26: Breakfast – Frudel, fruit or juice and milk; Lunch – Chicken parmesan, rotini noodles, breadstick, broccoli, fruit and milk.

Tuesday, Oct. 27: Breakfast – Donut and yogurt, fruit or juice and milk; Lunch – Hamburger, french fries, pork and beans, tomato, cucumbers, fruit and milk.

Wednesday, Oct. 28: Breakfast – Mini french toast, fruit or juice and milk; Lunch – Chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, carrots and broccoli, roll, fruit and milk.

Thursday, Oct. 29: No school.

Friday, Oct. 30: No school.

Kientz Corner

By Beverly Ramey Newell

On Oct. 11, the Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church worship service opened with Rodger Fry assisting his son, Barrett Fry, with the lighting of the altar candles while Mary Smith played the prelude, "Love The Lord Your God."

The praise team led everyone in singing "Be Glorified." Those singing were Kevin Feleay, Michelle Caudill, Atlas Fitzgerald and Kelly Neiman. Marc Serrano played his guitar.

Rodger Fry gave the call to worship. Rejoice in God always! Rejoice in God's steadfast love. Rejoice in Christ's enduring grace. Rejoice in God's saving word. Rejoice in the Spirit's gentle guidance. Rejoice in God's healthy presence. Again, I say, rejoice! Rejoice in God always!

John Wilson led everyone in singing "Come, Sinners, To The Gospel Feast" while Mary Smith accompanied everyone on the organ. Rodger Fry led everyone in prayer.

Linda Smith gave the children's story. She asked them, "Do you like to have parties? Do you like to go to parties?" Parties are fun. God wants us to come to His party. God is our king and we are His servants. Let us tell everyone about God and His love. God is always with us.

Rodger Fry read the scriptures Philippians 3:12-4:1. The sermon, "Wedding Guests," was given by Pastor Marge Cox. She read the scriptures Luke 22:1-14. May we be invited guests to God's kingdom. Our lives may be transformed to be ready to attend God's party. God wants us to love and respect one another, just like God loves us.

The praise team sang "Truth Be Told." The offering was taken up by Daryl and Joy Jepson, Atlas Fitzgerald and Gary Slimmer. John Wilson led everyone in singing the closing hymn, "Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us," while Mary Smith accompanied everyone on the organ.

Pastor Marge Cox gave the benediction. Mary Smith played the postlude, "Sent Out In Jesus' Name."

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'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.

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