

Local 4-H county fairs to be held soon

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It's fair time! The county fair is an opportunity for communities to come together. It doesn't matter if it is a small fair or a large fair; it is the people who matter.

In my world, the county fair is a place to have youth showcase their projects, largely through 4-H or FFA. It is where they can have their efforts be rewarded and show growth from the past year.

As a spectator, I love to delight in the entries on display. One truth about county fairs is that all the entries mark effort and learning. The ribbon is just that: a ribbon. It is important to remember that success for one does not mean failure for another. The county fair is a place where all accomplishments are recognized.

A simple county fair ties the past to the present and provides hope for the future. It is amazing to reflect on the collective memories of county fairs. Everyone can relate to the hot days walking through the barns and seeing that one goat contorted to nibble hay from a side stall or youth with red

sno-cones after the bucket calf show just before the parade.

On parade night, people line the edges of the streets in small towns to watch the display of community roll by. I enjoy it when the 4-Hers come through on horseback with flags raised. The crowd automatically stands, removes cover and smiles with patriotism as the flags pass. This is the county fair.

There are little children scrambling along the curbs collecting Dum-Dums and Tootsie Rolls that were tossed from a community float. The Pee-Wee football team float is always full of young boys in uniform, laughing and waving on square hay bales being pulled by a team dad.

There are all sorts of community groups, mainly comprised of volunteers, enjoying the evening and trying to help bring communities together for the benefit of everyone. Parade nights usually

end with watermelon and bingo provided by the Lions or Kiwanis Club.

Another key event at the county fair is the livestock sale on the final night. This is an exciting time, a social time and a poignant time. I remember my first livestock sale night as the parent of a 4-Her. My young son entered the auction ring with his first steer, Rocky. The previous year, Rocky was the black white-faced bucket calf that had captured our hearts. However, a hard truth is that the second year, Rocky was a market steer.

I remember my son leaning on his steer back in the barn after the sale and sobbing as he knew the finality. An older woman and her family were walking through the barns, and she stopped to talk to him. She told him that he would grow into a good, strong cattleman one day. She said that she knew this because she saw that

he cared so much for his animal. That was community. That was a collective memory. That was the culmination of a county fair.

Take time to visit your county fair. Take the time to notice, appreciate and celebrate all that makes our communities what they are.

The Jackson County fair will be held July 14-18 at the Northeast Kansas Heritage Complex in Holton. This year, 2025, marks the fair's 100th anniversary. The theme is "100 Years Through The Decades."

The Nemaha County fair in Seneca will be held July 24-28 with the theme "Cowboy Boots And Fair Roots." The Jefferson County fair in Valley Falls will be held July 28-31 with the theme "Sew It, Grow It, Show It."

Come on out and soak in the sights and sounds of your county fair, while making cherished memories with your family.



Couple to celebrate 25th anniversary

Gary and Marilyn Watkins of Holton will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary on Tuesday, July 1. They were married at Trinity Lutheran Church in Holton on July 1, 2000.

The couple has five children, Deb Watkins of Holton, Aaron and Brandy Watkins of Holton, Heather Bachman of Wichita, Kelly and Troy Hennington of Manhattan and Kevin and

Lyndsy Carmody of Palm Harbor, Fla.

The couple has 12 grandchildren, Janae and Slater Skaggs, Carter and Raegan Watkins, Cameron, Ashlyn and Kaeden Bachman, Elihu, Brock and Haley Hennington and Skylar and Sidney Carmody.

A celebration with kids and grandkids will be held this summer.

Circleville Christian Church

By Jeannie Arnold

The welcome, announcements and opening prayer for the June 22 service at Circleville Christian Church were given by Jake Spalding.

Music was provided by the praise team of Dr. David Allen, Max Lierz, Shelly Will, Lori Thomas and Travis Self as they led the congregation in singing "To God Be The Glory," "Grace Alone" and "Grace Greater Than Our Sin."

Brandon Will used text from 2 Peter 3:10-18 as he gave the communion meditation and he spoke about spiritual growth. Communion servers were Bill Dyer, Larry Self Jr., Carter Will and Allan Simmons. The praise team sang "The Heart Of Worship" as communion was served. Brandon gave the prayer for tithes and offerings and the praise team sang "Turn Your Eyes" as the offering was received.

Ryan Hayden used text from Romans chapter 4 as he brought the morning sermon about the lessons of Abraham and his faith. Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord never counts against them. The promise comes by faith, not by works.

Abraham was justified by works, but not before God, he needed faith. God calls us righteous because of faith and we ought to live Godly lives. Jesus died for our sins and was raised for our justification.

The service closed by singing "Follow You."

Next Sunday, June 29, will be fifth Sunday and there will be a potluck fellowship dinner following the service. Please bring a favorite dish to share.

Radio club to host Field Day this weekend

The JARC, Jackson Amateur Radio Club of Holton, will conduct its annual Field Day event this weekend, it has been reported.

During this annual event, area Hams (amateur radio operators) gear up to set long distance contact records and practice emergency communication skills.

Amateur radio operators will work around the clock to set up field radio communication stations, get on the air and contact thousands of other operators in the United States and Canada. Use of voice modes, Morse code, digital communication and other modes will be used and demonstrated.

Field Day is an annual exercise to test out emergency communication capabilities of Ham radio operators. It is Ham Radio's open house. Every June, more than 40,000 Hams throughout North America set up temporary transmitting stations in public places to demonstrate Ham radio's science, skill and service to communities and the nation. The event is sponsored by the American Radio Relay League based in Newing-

ton, Conn.

The public is welcome to visit. Visitors may communicate over HAM radio with or without an FCC issued HAM license during the event. A GOTA (Get On The Air) station will be provided for that purpose. Assistance to operate will be provided by a licensed HAM radio operator.

This year's event will be held at Jackson Heights Elementary School at 12763 266th Rd., Holton. It will begin at 1 p.m. Saturday, June 28 and run continuously for 24 hours through Sunday, June 29.

The ARRL Field Organization has been effective in establishing emergency communication nets during floods, hurricanes, fires, earthquakes, tornadoes and other major disasters around the world.

Local, state and federal emergency and law enforcement agencies often work seamlessly with HAM radio in times of dire communication emergencies.

Members of formal emergency organizations such as the Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES), the Radio Amateur Communication Emergency Ser-

vices (RACES), Skywarn and others regularly participate.

According to JARC members, "Field Day is a way for Hams to get outdoors and have fun. It is also a chance to fine-tune emergency communication capabilities. We invite the public to visit and will be happy to answer any questions regarding amateur radio. There are several active Ham radio operators in this area with room for many more."

JARC members will set up homemade emergency antennas in the field. The idea is to put together self-sufficient, working HAM radio stations quickly as an exercise practice simulating real disaster communication capabilities.

For more information, contact JARC secretary/treasurer Ross McClain at 785-364-2949 or 785-851-7380 (cell).

AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

Please report any changes in service or personnel to the Recorder at 785-364-3141 or holtonrecordernews@gmail.com. Thank you.

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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 Nick Marsh Sunday: 8:30 a.m. Worship (rotate between Whiting & Netawaka monthly)
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Public Notice

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CITY OF HOYT, KANSAS RESOLUTION NO. 2025-1

A Resolution Regarding the Condition of Property at 104 Highland Avenue, Hoyt, Kansas and Scheduling Hearing Relating to Such Property

WHEREAS, the Public Officer of the City of Hoyt, pursuant to the provisions of Section 4-604 of the City of Hoyt has made an investigation of the structure(s) at the above-named address in the City of Hoyt; and

WHEREAS, such investigation disclosed that the structure(s) are dangerous and/or unsafe and/or unfit for human habitation; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the findings of his/her investigation, the Public Officer provided a written report to the governing body of the City of Hoyt.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the governing body of the City of Hoyt, Kansas, that:

1. A hearing will be held on the 20th day of August, 2025 at 6:45 p.m. before the governing body of the City of Hoyt, Kansas related to the above-named structure(s) in the City of Hoyt. Such hear-

ing shall be held at the City's offices at 201 E. 4th Street, Hoyt, Kansas.

2. At the above-named hearing, the owners, the owners' agent, any lienholders of record and any occupants of such structure(s) may appear and show cause why such structure(s) should not be condemned and ordered repaired or demolished.

3. At the above-named hearing, the governing body shall hear all evidence submitted by the owners, the owners' agent, lienholders of record and occupants having an interest in such structure(s) as well as evidence submitted by the Public Officer or his/her authorized representative and shall make findings by resolution.

If the governing body of the City finds that such structure(s) are unsafe and/or dangerous and/or unfit for human habitation, such resolution shall fix a reasonable time within which the repair or removal of such structure(s) shall be commenced and such resolution shall state that if the owner of such structure(s) fails to commence the repair or removal of such structure(s) within the time stated or fails to diligently prosecute the same until the work is completed, the governing body will cause the structure(s) to be repaired or removed, as appropriate.

If the governing body of the City finds that such structure(s) are abandoned property, the governing body may authorize the rehabilitation of such property as provided by K.S.A. 12-1756a.

4. The governing body shall cause this Resolution to be published twice each week on the same day of each week, in the official City newspaper. At least thirty (30) days shall elapse between the last publication and the date set for the hearing. Further, the governing body shall cause a copy of this Resolution to be mailed, within three (3) days of its first publication, to the owners, agents, lienholders of record and the occupants of the above-named structure(s), in conformity with the provisions of Section 4-606 of the Code of City of Hoyt.

Adopted by the governing body of the City of Hoyt, Kansas, this 18th day of June, 2025.

Signed by the Mayor this 19th day of June, 2025.

/s/ Robert Bell
Mayor

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ATTEST:

/s/ Shawna Blackwood
City Clerk