

BELOIT CALL

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BHS ladies State Bound!

The Beloit Lady volleyball team is State bound on Friday, Nov. 1, to face Nemaha at 3:30, followed by Royal Valley at 5:30 and Halstead at 8:30 p.m., in the 3A State tournament in Hutchinson. Beloit is now 37-4 overall and is the number four seed entering the tournament. Shown is the Beloit team celebrating as senior Addison Budke holds up the Sub-State Championship plaque, after their win over Colby. They defeated Ellsworth in the first game win.

SHARON SAHLFELD PHOTO

Willoughby offers DVACK violence information

BY TERRY BAILEY

The Mitchell County Commissioners re-appointed Barb Wise to another term during the Monday, Oct. 28, 2024, meeting, as a Mitchell County representative to the Pawnee Mental Health Board of Directors.

– The commissioners approved a letter of support for Dunstan's equipment grant bid. This is necessary because there was only one bid for a piece of equipment for their grant application.

– Emily Benedick, Mitchell County Economic Development Director, and Hally Roberson, Beloit City Manager, were present to discuss an opportunity to present the City of Beloit and Mitchell County in a positive light via the PBS program, VIEWPOINT. This opportunity is in its formative stages where it could be paid advertising aimed at a national audience or more of an informational offering aimed at a more local audience. Anthony Roy is the executive producer of the VIEWPOINT series. A continued discussion with Mr. Roy will be necessary to work out the expectations and provisions of a relationship between VIEWPOINT and Mitchell County.

– Julie Willoughby represents the Domestic Violence Association of Central Kansas (DVACK). Willoughby pointed out that a working definition of domes-

tic violence is control by one partner over another in a current or past dating, marital or live-in relationship. Methods of control include physical, sexual, emotional, and economic abuse as well as intimidation, and/or isolation. It can happen to anyone regardless of size, gender, strength, or social class, yet is all too often overlooked, minimized or denied. Domestic violence is much more than black eyes and bruises. The effects of verbal and emotional abuse can be equally damaging, if not more, leaving deep lasting scars.

While there is a lengthy list of benchmarks for Domestic Violence, Willoughby offered five simple questions a person should ask their self. They are:

- Are you afraid of your partner?
- Has your partner ever hurt or threatened to hurt someone you love?
- Do you worry about your partner's mood?
- Do you feel helpless, trapped, alone, or isolated?
- Do you fear going home?

There are numerous other "red flag" questions associated with domestic violence, but the answer to these preliminary questions might be food for thought.

The toll-free phone number for DVACK assistance is 1-800-874-1499.

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Mike and Kathy Hope's kitchen in the house built by Ron Underhill on Eighth Street in Beloit.

Holiday Home Tour, Dec. 7

Hope and Clausen families open their homes in support of Summer Kids Cafe

BELOIT – The Beloit Summer Kids Cafe has announced their 3rd annual Holiday Home Tour. This year's tour will be on Saturday, Dec. 7, from 2- 5 p.m. Tickets can be purchased for \$20 (cash or check only) at Kettle and S&S, starting on Nov. 4.

One special home on the tour is one that is widely recognized- the "dome house" on Eighth Street built by Ron Underhill.

Mike and Kathy Hope purchased this unique home in the summer of 2021 when they moved to Beloit from Colorado. This home has a very open concept with one bedroom and one bathroom on each level. Besides some remodeling and updating done to the inside, the Hopes have added some personal touches to the home by adding a deck. They enjoy sitting outside in the evenings watching wildlife and listening to the sounds of nature.

"We haven't decorated for Christmas since we moved here, but we enjoy hosting friends and family in our cozy home, and we are looking forward to meeting new friends this holiday season," said Kathy.

Taylor and Ashley Clausen will be showcasing their newly remodeled home on Logan Ave.

"We had zero intentions of remodeling our home when we purchased it in 2022, but one project led to another and we ended up gutting it and knocking everything down to studs on the main floor," said Ashley.

"Our home has a lot of wooden features with black and white accents. I would consider my decorating style 'boho farmhouse,' and while my Christmas decorations change from year to year, I stay with a rustic Christmas style. My favorite feature is my flocked Christmas tree."



Taylor and Ashley Clausen's fireplace at their newly remodeled home on Logan Avenue.



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Goddard receives legacy scholarship

MANHATTAN – Kylie Goddard, Beloit, is one of 100 K-State legacies to have been recognized with the K-State Alumni Association's Legacy Scholarship.

The \$2,000 scholarships were awarded to 100 students who are children and grandchildren of K-State alumni for the 2024-25 academic year. K-State students receiving the scholarships are incoming freshmen as well as incoming transfer students. The recipients include both in-state students and out-of-state students. Applicants are considered if at least one parent or grandparent is a K-State alumnus, with preference given to members of the Alumni Association.

"This scholarship is a point of pride for our Alumni Association in many ways. It provides students an opportunity to attend K-State, while continuing their family connection to the university," said Adam Walker, president and CEO of the Alumni Association. "It is supported by loyal K-Staters who are paving the way for the next generation of K-Staters. It's an investment in the future for both our students and our university."

The scholarships are made possible through funds generated by the K-State License Plate program, administered by the Alumni Association for the university.

The state-issued license plates with the purple Powercat logo can be found on the back of more than 14,000 vehicles in four states: Kansas, Maryland, Oklahoma and Texas. The program began in 1996, and the tax-deductible royalties paid on K-State License Plates have raised more than \$7 million for student recognition and scholarships.

POLICE DEPT.

Beloit Police Department (BPD)

-On October 16 at approximately 9:22 am, BPD took a report of a non-injury vehicle accident involving a 2020 Freightliner M2106 driven by Cody Clifford Owen, Clyde, and an unoccupied 2017 Ford Edge.

-On October 16 at approximately 3:42 pm, BPD took a report of a non-injury accident involving a 2008 GMC Yukon driven by a Juvenile and a 2018 Chevrolet Malibu driven by Amber Lee Witt, Beloit.

-On October 16 at approximately 6:21 pm, BPD took a theft report.

-On October 18 at approximately 7:45 pm, BPD took a report of a non-injury accident involving a 2008 Chevrolet Uplander driven by Kari Moore, Beloit.

SHERIFF DEPT.

Mitchell County Sheriff's Office (MCSO)

-On September 20th at approximately 10:05 pm, MCSO responded to an injury accident in Cawker City. During the course of the investigation, it was determined that a 2021 Jeep Wrangler driven by Jonathan Adams, Cawker City, had rolled once, ejecting 4 out of the 5 occupants.

-On October 1 MCSO took a report of a non-injury accident involving a John Deere Skid-Steer driven by Charles Lowe, Cawker City, and a 2019 Ram 1500 driven by Skyler Wise.

-On October 1 MCSO investigated a single vehicle, injury collision South of K Rd on 130 Rd, Tipton, involving a 2005 Dodge Grand Caravan driven by Jeremy St. John, Tipton.

-On October 7 MCSO investigated a non-injury vehicle vs deer accident in the 1500 Blk of Hyde Ln. involving a 2022 Ford F150 driven by Roy Scoggan, Beloit.

-On October 10 MCSO took a report of a vehicle vs raccoon accident involving a 2013 Ford Edge driven by Kayla Tonne, Hunter.

-On October 11 at approximately 5:50 pm, MCSO observed a vehicle parked at an abandoned residence in the 2700 Blk of US 24 Hwy. Contact was made with two subjects who did not have permission to be inside the abandoned residence. With suspicion of further criminal activity going on, an investigation began and K9 Zed was deployed. Illegal narcotics were located and Rebekah Hougham, Wichita, was arrested with charges for Possession of Opiate/Opium/Narcotic/Certain Stimulant and Use/Possess with Intent to Use Drug Paraphernalia being forwarded to the County Attorney.

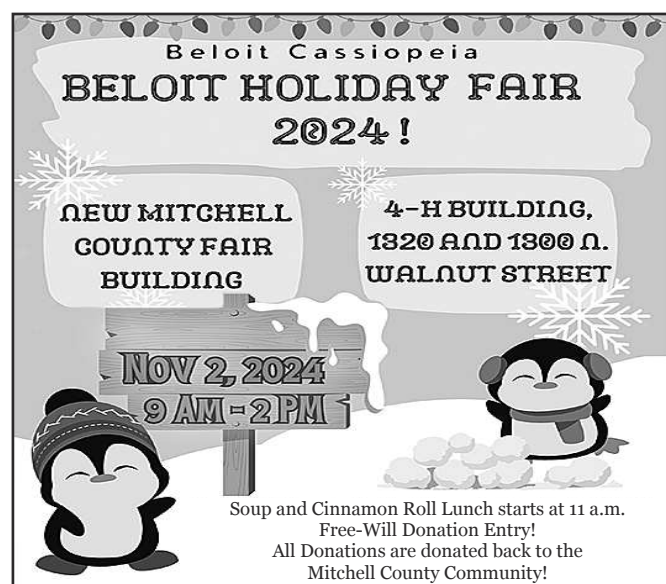
-On October 12 MCSO took a non-injury vehicle accident report involving a 2018 Chrysler Pacifica driven by Taylor Solt, Beloit.

-On October 13 MCSO investigated a single vehicle non-injury collision with a deer involving a 2023 Chevrolet Colorado driven by Mark Murphy, Cawker City.

-On October 16 MCSO arrested William Douglass, Memphis, TN, on an active warrant through Sharp County, Arkansas.

-On October 19 MCSO took a report of a 2 vehicle non-injury accident involving a 2003 Ford pickup driven by Michael Heller, Hunter, and a 2022 Ford pickup driven by Jonathan Stillwell, Beloit.

-On October 19 MCSO responded to a one vehicle accident on A Rd at 340th Rd. Lane Foulke, Beloit, was arrested for Driving Under the Influence and Transporting an Open Container.



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BELOIT HOLIDAY FAIR
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NEW MITCHELL COUNTY FAIR BUILDING

4-H BUILDING, 1320 AND 1300 N. WALNUT STREET

NOV 2, 2024
9 AM - 2 PM

Soup and Cinnamon Roll Lunch starts at 11 a.m.
 Free-Will Donation Entry!
 All Donations are donated back to the Mitchell County Community!

USD 273 addresses numerous matters

BY BRIAN DEBEY

At the Beloit USD #273 school meeting Monday, Oct. 14, numerous matters were addressed as the end of the first quarter approached.

Superintendent Jeff Travis announced that the district's Full-time Enrollment (FTE) is down, but enrollment is up. Travis said that this is the first time he has seen this in his term as superintendent. This anomaly is because the senior class that graduated in May was large, while this year's kindergarten class is smaller. Also, a large number of children are enrolled in the preschool, and each of these is counted as half a student for FTE.

Travis also announced that the Early Learning Center's after school program was closing, effective Friday, Oct. 18 -- the end of the first quarter.

Mitchell County Partnership for Children (MCPC) Executive Director Brady Dean said that this is purely a staffing issue. To provide the services it does, the ELC must meet Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) standards, including having a ratio of no more than 12 children to each teacher.

The termination of this program resulted in 24 children being displaced. Beloit Elementary School Principal Janet Porter formed a club that allows those children to stay at BES on school days.

Increasing wages would require MCPC to increase the fees it charges. Thus, Dean said he does not think that is a viable solution.

-- In his report, Travis stated that the USD 273 Educational Foundation agreed to join the Booster Club in fundraising to make improvements for the restrooms and locker rooms at Trojan Stadium. While such improvements were on one of the questions in the bond election earlier this year, they will not be in the upcoming election.

Travis said that District Attorney Jim Johnson helped with the Margaret Bowles Trust to create a scholarship fund for students interested in teaching music.

With the bond election approaching, numerous groups have toured the district's facilities recently. In a letter to the

district's patrons, Travis thanks those who have participated in recent tours.

Travis says that he believes that this bond election is an opportunity for open discussion about the pressing needs within the school district.

"Engaging in discussions, gathering information, and forming well-informed opinions is essential for making discussions that will impact our community for years to come," he states.

The superintendent says that the bond questions are rooted in the genuine need for school projects that will enhance the quality of education for all of our students. Travis urges the community to progress with a view toward unity.

"In Beloit, we have remarkable schools that deserve our support and investment," he states.

Travis invites people interested in taking a tour to call the district office at (785) 738-3261. Also, he highly recommends visiting forabetterbeloit.com

"As most everyone in Beloit, Kan., knows, the district ran a bond issue in April 2024 - and the referendum did not pass. We took immediate action to determine why the issue failed and what steps needed to be taken for a new referendum that would more closely match our patrons' needs."

Here's what transpired. forabetterbeloit.com, which provides details about the bond issue.

"Together, we can ensure that our community continues to thrive," Travis says.

-- Kris Jones with the 8-Man All-Stars committee addressed the board with concerns. He said that he was surprised that the board set a fee of \$4,500 for the two games at Trojan Field in June. Jones said that committee members have said that moving the games is a possibility.

He also questioned why high school students were not used for the work on a mural at BES.

Two weeks before this board meeting, Jones, fellow committee members Dave Dubbert and Eric Burks, plus Travis and Beloit Junior-Senior High School Principal Casey Seyfert, discussed fees, plus seeding and watering the field. Jones and Travis agreed it was a good discussion.

Jones asked that the board be more transparent. Travis said that the district looked at what other schools charge for the use of their fields, and the fee set was in the same range as those schools.

School board President Joe File thanked Jones for talking to Travis about his concerns, and said that the games are very important to Beloit.

"I don't think any of us want to lose them," File said.

-- Seyfert reported that BHS is hosting a Scholars Bowl competition on Oct. 29. Aimee Buckland is the school's new Scholars Bowl coach, taking over for Cay Wildfond, who is helping with the transition to a new coach.

Additionally, Seyfert reported that the school was celebrating Student Appreciation Week.

-- In his report, Dean said that the beginning of the school year assessments have been completed; they identified children with social, emotional and behavioral issues.

-- Porter reported that the September Keys to Success Assembly was on Sept. 30. It recognized students who demonstrated respect in August and September.

Parent-Teacher conferences were scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 24. Also, the Creede Repertory Theatre of Creede, Col., will present "Coyote and the Counting Game" for the first through sixth grades on Wednesday, Oct. 30.

Porter and Seyfert attended the Conscious Discipline Workshop for administrators on Oct. 2-3. Conscious Discipline is a transformational, trauma-responsive approach to self-regulation that focuses on adults first. Porter said that she is committed to making adults aware of when they need to self-regulate.

-- Special Education Cooperative Director Christie Gerdes reported that the monthly Superintendents Council meeting was Oct. 2. She announced that a transition fair will be Nov. 14 at the technical college.

Numerous organizations will be represented there, including Pawnee Mental Health, Mitchell County Health Department and Central Valley Ag, among others. The director added that this is Disability Awareness Month.

-- In her report, Special Education Assistant Director Cassie Kopsa told about technology supports the co-op is using to help graduates transition after high school. One example is the Read&Write tool for Google Toolbar, which reads aloud Google Docs, web pages, etc.

The Marigold of the Month winner was Beloit Junior High teacher Kathi Boden, who implemented a voice recognition tool.

-- Seyfert gave the athletics report. The BHS cross country team will participate in the regional

meet on Saturday, Oct. 26. The tennis team participated in regional competition on Saturday, Oct. 12, with none of its members qualifying for state.

The Junior High football and volleyball teams were to face Republic County on Thursday, Oct. 17. Also, Junior High basketball practice was to start on Monday, Oct. 21.

-- BHS Student Council President Olivia Wright reported that the annual food drive will be in November. StuCo is requesting that classes be dismissed after the first half of the day on Dec. 20 if the goal is reached.

-- Recently elected JAG-K President Adi Francis reported that Beloit City Attorney Katie Schroeder spoke to the group recently. Also, some JAG-K students recently visited Agco.

JAG-K's other officers elected are Allison Leiva, Leadership vice president; Aiden Hoffer, Career Development vice president; Maddox Engelbert, Civic Awareness/Social Activities vice president; Paisley McMillan, Service Learning vice president; Katelyn Binder, secretary; and Saige Heiman and Lila Andraesen, co-social media directors/historians.

The group held its annual Initiation and Installation ceremony on Sept. 22. Francis reported that JAG-K students will continue to focus on career development events as they prepare for a competition in January.

-- Chrissie Harris with BES Site Council reported that the friends of BES are Guaranty State Bank for donating T-shirts; Mindy Sharp, who donated shoes for Kindness Closet; Janet Mueller and Lisa Dunstan, who donated clothes for Kindness Closet; Sloan Fugate, who donated Youth Expo proceeds to the school, and Maggie Riley, who donated markers for the Art classroom.

-- The board's proposed changes to sections A and B of the district's policies were presented to Kansas Association of School Boards (KASB) attorneys. The board members decided to consider the attorneys' feedback and wait until the November board meeting to decide whether to approve the changes.

Johnson said that with many changes to the policies, the board needs to be careful that it follows all of them.

-- In other business, the revised special education Grow Your Own application was approved. The board approved Patterson Educational Grants for Madison Cashatt, Alexa Boudreaux and Doris Hayden.

In addition, the board approved the contract of Cyrus Smith as custodian at BJSHS. It also accepted the resignation of Susan Grabon and was to petition the state school board to hold her K-12 teaching license for five years, because she resigned during the school year.

November Food Pantry items needed

BELOIT – Thanks so much for your help with food donations for our Mitchell County residents in need. We are striving for healthier options for our clients, so low fat, low/no salt, unsweetened/low sugar content options, etc. are good selections. No expired food items or dented/damaged items can be accepted. Here are our most needed items in November: canned sweet potatoes, brownie mix, cranberry sauce, canned pumpkin, Jiffy pie crust mix, evaporated milk, cream of chicken soup, canned fruit, gravy mix, dried noodles and other types of dried pasta, stuffing mix, muffin mix, and rice. Please drop off your donations at Ray's in the Food Pantry tub, the Port Library, or the Food Pantry on Tuesdays from 9 to 11 am or your local church. Please note: The Food Pantry will be closed the week of Thanksgiving.



The Beloit Lutheran World Relief group loading this year's quilts and kits include: front row: Azlin Pfantz, Aaron Mac-carone, Kayl Pfantz, Jacobi Tyson, Marla Cordel. Middle row: Linda Bowers, Carole Matter, Sharon Jordan. Back Row: Charley Bowers, Steve Donker, Sharon Eilert, Shirley Stewart, Pat Abercrombie, Goldie Weber.

Local Lutheran World Relief group sends over a ton of quilts and kits

BELOIT – This year's quilts and kits from the Beloit Lutheran World Relief group were taken to Salina on Oct. 24, to be loaded on a semi trailer which would continue the trip to the LWR warehouses. The local group had another successful year thanks to the generosity of many people, Beloit Economy Shop, The Agape Shop of Downs, KS, and Thrivent Financial.

A total of 69 quilts, 302 baby care kits, 115 school kits, 140 personal care kits, 7 fabric kits and 3 blankets were sent which totaled 636 items, 143 boxes and 2082 pounds.

Many appreciations to all those who donated or

contributed in any way. The quilts and kits will be distributed to those in need, either in the United States or all over the world and watched carefully that they get in the hands of people that truly need them.

The local LWR group meets every other Thursday at Zion Lutheran Church in Beloit, KS. Anyone is welcome to join the group in doing this ministry. The next work day is Nov. 7, starting at 9 a.m. The group welcomes donations of yarn (no wool yarn, please), gently used baby blankets, baby clothes sized 6 months -24 months/2T. If you have questions, please call the Zion Church office 785-738-2701.

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Because NOTHING you say or do EVER gives anyone the right to hurt you EMOTIONALLY, MENTALLY, PHYSICALLY, OR SEXUALLY.

To quote a well-known local mental health consultant, Ron Willis, WHERE THERE SMOKE, THERE IS AT LEAST SMOKE.

– Jim Lohmeyer, Group Sales Advisor for Blue

Cross/Blue Shield, was on hand to give the commissioners the quote for the 2025 year's medical insurance. He told the commissioners the county's health insurance would go up next year. The good news was that the raise would be 1.54%. Everyone agreed that was, indeed, good news.

Commissioners Mike Cooper and Tom Claussen were present, as was the County Clerk Heather Weston. Commissioner Jim Marshall was absent.

OCCK to provide free rides for Election Day During Kansas Mobility Week 2024

SALINA – OCCK Transportation is providing free rides to the general public on all services, including CityGo, regional paratransit, GoAbilene, GoConcordia, 81 Connection and KanConnect, on Election Day, Tuesday, November 5, 2024, during the 4th Annual Kansas Mobility Week happening November 3 – 9, 2024.

From November 3 to November 9, 2024, public transportation providers, Mobility Managers, the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) and partners across the state are celebrating the fourth annual Kansas Mobility Week. Agencies will host events to encourage Kansans to make efficient and safe transportation choices, promote multimodal transportation options, and roll out new initiatives and policies.

OCCK normally offers free rides on Election Day each year to help increase voter turnout.

"We are excited to provide free rides again for Election Day and as a way to celebrate Mobility Week," said Trell Grinter, transportation director for OCCK. "It's a great opportunity for people to experience public transit and increase their mobility choices."

OCCK, Inc. provides services in north central Kansas to anyone with any type of long or short-term disability, starting as early as birth and following people through their whole lives. OCCK provides an array of supports for success at home and in the community, including independent living skills and supports, employment and career training, Alzheimer's supports, autism services, assistive technology, children's services, transportation, specialized therapies, and home health care.

OCCK is committed to providing transportation services to the general public, seniors, and persons with disabilities, through a variety of programs, including a fixed route service in Salina, CityGo, a regional paratransit service that serves fourteen counties, non emergency medical transportation for people with Medicaid, as well as non emergency medical transportation for clients of Salina Regional Health Center, a regional fixed route service, 81 Connection, KANcycle – the regional bike sharing program, GoAbilene public transportation, GoConcordia public transportation, and the newest program, KanConnect.

For more information about OCCK, Inc., visit www.occk.com. For more information about CityGo and OCCK Transportation, visit www.salinacitygo.com. Or, contact the OCCK Transportation Center at 785-826-1583.

More information on how to participate in this year's Mobility Week is available at <https://ksrides.org/mobility-week/>

More information about the state's Mobility Managers can be found at <https://ksrides.org/our-team/>

Thank You for Reading the Beloit Call!

The Beloit Senior Center offers meals (served at 11:30 a.m., Monday-Friday) for the cost of \$3.50 to \$4 through the North Central-Flint Hills Area Agency on Aging Beloit 785-738-5802 / Glen Elder 785-545-3444

SR CENTER MENUS

Beloit/Glen Elder Senior Center
Week of Nov. 4 to Nov. 8

Monday - Spaghetti/ Meat Sauce, Peas and Carrots, Tossed Salad, Peach Crisp, Garlic Bread,

Tuesday- Ham and Beans, Coleslaw, Apple-sauce, Cornbread, Cookie, Milk

Wednesday- BBQ Meatballs, Rice, Brussell Sprouts, Mixed Fruit, Dinner Roll, Milk

Thursday- Pork Roast, Scalloped Potato, Steamed Cabbage, Hot Cinnamon Apples, Dinner Rolls, Milk

Friday- Fish or Chicken Strips, Hashbrown Casserole, Corn, Bread, Fruited Jello, Milk

FOR a better BELOIT.

USD 273 BOND

In our efforts to inform patrons about our needs for a new bond issue

and our pledge to make everything transparent, we want to share our in-depth thinking about each of the questions we are putting before the public. **The third project is the track & tennis court improvements.**

→ Question #3

TRACK & TENNIS COURT IMPROVEMENTS: \$1 MILLION

Project No. 3 seeks to enhance our athletic facilities, specifically updating the track and tennis courts for an estimated cost of \$1,000,000. Physical education plays a crucial role in developing teamwork, discipline, and resilience in our children. By improving these facilities, we provide our students with better venues to hone their skills, compete, and foster a sense of community spirit through sports. After all, a well-rounded education integrates both academic and physical growth.

Please visit our website for more information. www.forabetterbeloit.com or use this QR code.



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CAMP CONTACT
TRICIA LYNCH 785-650-4618

November 16, 2024 1:00 - 4:00 PM

\$55 camp fee (includes camp t-shirt and water bottle)

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SIGN UP TODAY!



Immediately following the basketball camp, join us for a catered meal and special Celebration of Life event for Tom Lynch. Details on the [Tom Lynch Educational Scholarship Fund](#) will be shared.

LETTER TO EDITOR

Dear Editor and most importantly, USD 273

I am writing this, not to tell you how to vote and why, but to say THANK YOU to a great school district. We moved here, 45 years ago. We had one child on the way.

My husband and I were young, scared, and clueless as to what we were doing. About to be parents for the first time, starting a new business, and moving into a new community without knowing very many people.

Both of us grew up in very small rural communities. One in Smith county, one in Jewell county. And, I went one year to country school, riding on a horse. Wow!! Showing my age!

Fast forward 5 years, and we were sending our first child to school. It was to a home on Main Street. Thank you to Michelle Heidrick for giving our son and two other children, a great beginning to school in what I perceived as a large school. My graduating senior class was 10. My husband's class was a little bigger, but not by much.

It was 10 years between our first and our last child. Our oldest began school in 1985 and our youngest graduated in 2007. Each of our children chose to attend the college of their choice. They all completed at least 6 years of college education, and none less than a master's degree in their chosen field. They all put themselves through college with very little college debt. Not because of us, but because of the great solid educational foundation they were given by the elementary and secondary education they received here at USD 273. Two out of the 4 children are serving in higher education in Arizona, NAU, and California Universities, CSUMB. The other two children are serving in other professions in this community and in Clay county.

From the beginning of our first child attending school in 1985 to the last one graduating in 2007 it was continual change. The cost of education has been on a steady rise forever, and will continue to do so. My husband served for 16 years on the school board. I want to thank ALL of those who have served and are serving on the school board. You are doing a great job of advocating for our children's future. Not only our children, but also the teachers and staff that it takes to run a public school. It costs more now per student than ever before. The public school system has to meet EVERY child's needs. I praise God that we serve ALL children. Our youngest son was diagnosed with dyslexia in the second grade. The school counselor did the testing, and Mrs. Kadel was his teacher and she asked to work with him through the summer to help him overcome it. They continued to work with him throughout elementary school. So, thank you Mrs. Kadel, Mr. Kopsa, and the special education teachers! What great team effort to help a child overcome a handicap.

I remember a time when I was in elementary school that there were people in our little community who did not want their kids going to school with the special needs kids. My dad served on the school board then. I don't believe there were any guidelines at that time for special needs children. My dad was adamant about education because he was only allowed to go to the eighth grade. He was adamant that ALL kids have the same opportunity. He also served on the board of the Vocational Technical School when it began. He knew how important higher education was.

I get it that you don't want your taxes to get higher, I don't either, BUT when it comes to our children's education, I KNOW it is money well spent. The high schools that my husband and I attended are no longer there. If we want to keep young people moving to the rural areas, we MUST INVEST in our school systems.

I want to speak LIFE into my children and grandchildren. We can either fight change with negative, critical, judgmental thinking or we can come alongside and say, "How can I help to make things better for the next generation?" We are willing to fight for and spend money on the unborn, which I agree with, but I feel that we need to advocate and fight for the born too! We MUST continue to support and encourage and strengthen those who are with us now. I am not talking about financial support only. Are you doing everything in your power to support the next generation? Are you SPEAKING LIFE or are you pointing out everything that has been done wrong? I have a quote on my office wall that says: "You can't go back and change the beginning, but you can start where you are and change the ending."

I do not want to be one of those who sits, soaks and sours on the younger generation. They did not walk in my shoes and I know I could not walk in their shoes. USD 273 has a very positive, encouraging, caring, kind, joyful group of educators and staff working there. They want every young person to be successful in life. They are a National School of Character. They are SPEAKING LIFE into every student. They did it for my children and now my grandchildren.

We have always loved kids and we have always hired kids to work in our business. We want to be a positive influence on them and we want to SPEAK LIFE into them.

Let's STRENGTHEN, ENCOURAGE, SPEAK LIFE AND UNCONDITIONAL LOVE INTO ALL HUMAN BEINGS!

Jeannette Luke, Beloit

HAPPENINGS

Senior Center to host Medicare Part D Enrollment event

BELOIT – The Beloit Senior Center will be hosting a Medicare Part D enrollment event on **Thursday, Oct. 31**, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. There is no charge for this event. Reservations are not required, but are advised, and can be made by calling the Beloit Senior Center at 785-738-5802. Bring a complete list of all your prescription medications. A trained Medicare Drug Counselor will help you pick the plan that works best for you.

Trunk and Treat event on Halloween night

BELOIT – Zion Lutheran Church is hosting a Trunk and Treat Halloween event, from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. on **Thursday, Oct. 31** at Luther Park, west of Zion Lutheran Church, 621 N. Mill St., Beloit. Vehicles will be lined up with their trunks open and ready to pass out treats to the children in a safe, friendly environment. If you are interested in setting up a vehicle, please contact the church office – 785-738-2701.

FHTNC to present a 'Haunted Trail' event

BELOIT – Fort Hays Tech | North Central will present a 'Haunted Trail' from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. on **Thursday, October 31** at the Solomon River Trail. This is a free will donation admission or 5 items to donate to the Mitchell County food bank. All monetary donations will go towards the Willow Springs Courtyard project. This is open to the public, but might not be suitable for young children.

Pet Connection to host Native American flute lesson event

BELOIT – On **Nov. 1**, The Pet Connection will be hosting a Native American flute lesson at the sanctuary. You can connect with nature by playing this soulful instrument, with music therapist Janalea Hoffman, of Kansas City.

Beloit Holiday Fair presented by Beloit Cassiopeia Club

BELOIT – The Beloit Holiday Fair, presented by the Beloit Cassiopeia Club, will take place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on **Saturday, Nov. 2**, with a location change to the Mitchell County Fair Building and the 4H Building, 1320 and 1300 N. Walnut Street, Beloit. They will continue to have a food stand on site to serve lunch to vendors and guests. Soup and cinnamon roll lunch starts at 11 a.m. with a free will donation entry. All donations go back to the Mitchell County Community. Vendors can contact us by email at beloitholidayfair@gmail.com or visit the

Time to be packing your OCC Shoebox

You have less than one month to get your Operation Christmas Child Shoebox packed before National Collection Week, Nov. 18-24.

More than 4,000 locations will open to collect Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts for the Samaritan's Purse project.

Operation Christmas Child has been collecting and delivering shoebox gifts—filled with school supplies, hygiene items and fun toys—to children worldwide since 1993. This is a project that everyone can be a part of.

Individuals, families and groups still have time to transform empty shoeboxes into fun gifts, The OCC Shoebox project partners with local churches across the globe to deliver these tangible expressions of God's love to children in need. Find a step-by-step guide on the How to Pack a Shoebox webpage.

If you would like to pack an OCC Shoebox, you can pick one up at Beloit First Christian Church or at the Guaranty State Bank Beloit location.

Participants can find the nearest Shoebox drop off locations and hours of operation as they make plans to drop off their shoebox gifts. The online lookup tool is searchable by city or zip code. Signs at each location will identify the drop-off.

Beloit Drop-Off Location:

Beloit First Christian Church, 321 N Mill

Monday, Nov. 18 (9 a.m.-11:30 a.m.)

Tuesday, Nov. 19 (9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.)

Wednesday, Nov. 20 (2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.)

Thursday, Nov. 21 (6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.)

Friday, Nov. 22 (9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.)

Saturday, Nov. 23 (10:00 a.m.-Noon)

Sunday, Nov. 24 (8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.)

Monday, Nov. 25 (7:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m.)

Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse, seeks to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world and, together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has collected and delivered more than 220 million gift-filled shoeboxes to children in more than 170 countries and territories.

Facebook Page 'Beloit Holiday Fair' or cthlessen@ksu.edu at 785-738-3597.

Ladies Night Out

BELOIT – Boettcher Supply, Inc. will host a Ladies Night Out event from 6-8 p.m. on Wednesday, **Nov. 6, 2024**, at the Down Under Ballroom, 121 W. South Street, Beloit. There will be local vendors set up, along with Boettcher's & Milwaukee signature drinks, charcuterie boards, Milwaukee tool display and demos, Milwaukee special deals, door prizes, and cash and carry items. A total of 50 goody bags will available to win through a drawing. Call Laura or Cody for more information at 785-738-5781.

Boost Ministries Community Luncheon, Nov. 7

BELOIT – The Boost Ministries Community Luncheon will be held from 11-12:30 on **Thursday, Nov. 7**, at the Boost Ministries Blessing House, 120 N. Campbell Ave., Beloit. The meal of Macaroni and Cheese, Meatballs, Green Beans, Cookie – and water provided by Guaranty State Bank, is a free-will donation that will help others.

Jerod Waggoner - Live in Beloit

BELOIT – On Friday, from 11:30-1:30, on **Nov. 8**, at Kettle - Singer/Songwriters Jerod Waggoner and Colin Boutwell perform all original songs and share stories behind them. No cover.

On Saturday, **Nov. 9**, (Municipal Building)- Jerod Waggoner and Colin Boutwell perform as part of the BHS Booster Club's "Trojan Night Out" event, at the Municipal Building. Music closes out the night, but before that there will be dinner (Texas Red's), drinks available, a live auction, and a banquet honoring the '92/'93 and '93/'94 Men's State Basketball Runner Up teams. Tickets are on sale at all Beloit banks, S&S Drug, or through any BHS Booster Club board member.

Hunter's Soup Day

GLEN ELDER – The Glen Elder Lions Club will host Hunter's Soup Day from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on **Nov. 9, 2024**, at the Glen Elder Legion Hall. Chili, Chicken Noodle, and Cheesy Potato Soup and Dessert will be available in the Dine-In Free Will donation event. For more information, call 1-785-569-1660.

American Legion Riders, "All Vets Eat Free"

CONCORDIA – The American Legion Riders – Chapter 76 Concordia – are hosting an "All Vets Eat Free" event from 5-8 p.m. on **Nov. 9**, at 506 Washington St., Concordia. The meal will consist of a Chicken Dinner (2nd meat option available) with Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Vegetable and Roll, Coffee, Tea and Water provided. For others the meal is \$12 per plate (10 and under reduced price), with dine-in or to-go orders. The event is to help raise money to support the Legion Rider Program. For more information you can find them on Facebook at "American Legion Riders Chapter 76" or call 785-243-9834. Veterans are asked to bring their military ID.

Wellness Center offers free yoga classes

BELOIT — The Wellness Center in Beloit at 3033 U.S. Highway 24, will offer a free Yoga class—Yoga tober—at 5:30 p.m. on Mondays with Tara as well as Tuesdays and Thursdays with Mark. No guest fees. For more information call 785-738-3995 or go to www.nckwellness.com

Grief Recovery

BELOIT – GriefShare, a grief recovery seminar and support group meets from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the First Bank of Beloit meeting room, 101 E. Main (Use Mill St. entrance). The group will meet each Wednesday until Dec. 4 (except Thanksgiving week). GriefShare features nationally recognized experts on grief recovery topics. Seminar sessions include "Is This Normal?" "The Challenges of Grief," "Grief and Your Relationships," "Why?" and "Guilt and Anger." GriefShare is a weekly video seminar combined with a small group discussion time and a workbook with daily exercises. Participants can attend as many sessions as they are able. Facilitators are Melinda Kimple, Tami Roberts, Sharon Keister and Deb Hadachek. GriefShare is a project of the Beloit Ministerial Association. There is no cost to participate. Pre-registration is not required. For more information, call Deb Hadachek at 785-527-0052.

General Election is November 5, 2024

Monday, November 4: Advance voting closes at noon

Tuesday, November 5: GENERAL ELECTION

Thursday, November 7: Post-Election audit 2 p.m.

Friday, November 8: Last day to receive ballots post-marked ON or BEFORE Election Day

Tuesday, November 12: Canvass General Election

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OBITUARIES

Danny Simmelink

December 11, 1950 – October 23, 2024

ESBON – Danny Lee Simmelink was born to Mary (Tucker) and Floyd Simmelink on December 11, 1950, at Mitchell County Hospital, Beloit, KS. He passed away at his home surrounded by family on October 23, 2024, at the age of 73.



Danny grew up on a farm north of Cawker City, KS, until 1962 when his family moved to the farm northwest of Ionia, KS, where Danny farmed and ranched the rest of his life. In 1968 he graduated from Esbon High School. He attended Beloit Technical College for two years before being drafted during the Vietnam War. He joined the Navy Seabees where he served for 2 1/2 years. Danny wed Marcy Ann Voboril on August 24, 1974. To this union two children, Chad and Kelli, were born. Danny and Marcy celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this year with their family.

Due to the loss of his father, Danny began managing the family farm as a teenager. Following his time in the service, he returned to the farm where he continued to build the business with Marcy. In 2003, together with Chad, they started a bred heifer program, which was a highlight of his farming and ranching career. The friendships formed with the cattlemen they met along the way were very special to Danny.

Danny enjoyed many things throughout his life – snow and water skiing, fishing, officiating basketball, coaching baseball, following the markets (highs and lows), DIY projects with Marcy, traveling, and watching the kids and grandkids in their activities. He enjoyed visits with friends and family and rarely missed the opportunity for a good laugh.

A committed community member, Danny served on the White Rock School District board, Jewell County Conservation District board, Odessa Township board, Esbon Volunteer Fire Department, and Ionia Cemetery board. He was involved in numerous church projects and served as the Ionia Cemetery sexton for many years. A true neighbor, he was always ready to lend a hand when others were in need.

Danny will be greatly missed by his family and loved ones. He is survived by his wife, Marcy of the home; mother, Mary (Tucker) Fiene of Smith Center, KS; children and grandchildren, Chad (Jennifer), Hannah, Bethany, and Luke Simmelink of Esbon, KS and Kelli (Kurt), Brady, Collin, and Leah Childs of Belleville, KS. Brother, Scott (Cathy) of Waterloo, NE; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He is preceded in death by his father, Floyd Simmelink and brother, Ronnie Simmelink.

Funeral services were Monday, October 28 at the Ionia Church. Memorials may be given to the Esbon Community Center or Solomon Valley Hospice. Roberts Family Funeral Service is in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be left at www.robertsfamilyfs.com

Karen Jo (Shull) Sanders

December 8, 1950 – October 25, 2024

Karen Jo (Shull) Sanders, 73, of New Braunfels, Texas, passed away on Oct. 25, 2024. She was born Dec. 8, 1950, in Beloit, Kansas, to Joseph and Zola Shull. Karen married Jerry Sanders on Sept. 20, 1970. Together, they raised their kids, John Sanders and Krista Howard.



Karen was a devout Christian and was strong in her faith and her favorite Bible passage was "Count it Pure Joy" from James 1:2-4. She retired from American Airlines in 2009. She was an avid sewer and quilter and made many quilted gifts for her family and friends. She loved gardening, especially watching her iris garden bloom every year. Karen and Jerry had a fondness for buying and selling houses. In their 54 years of marriage, they owned 15 houses throughout Kansas, Nebraska, and Texas. They took many memorable trips together and always loved playing cards and watching the Nebraska Cornhuskers win.

She is survived by her husband, Jerry Sanders; her son, John (Shannon) Sanders; her daughter, Krista (Jeff) Howard; her sister, Marilyn Evans; her brother-in-law, Gary (Gliceria) Sanders; grandchildren, Jacilyn (David) D'Alessandro, Kyla Howard, Joshua Sanders, Kadey Howard, Paige (Evan) Fuhrmann, Joel Philpott; two great-grandchildren, Levi and Connor and the anticipated Riley Jo Elizabeth due on Karen's birthday this year; her very special niece, Sheri Sanders; and many other nieces, nephews and cousins.

Karen was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph and Zola Shull, her brother, Alan Shull, and brother-in-law, Michael Evans.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital. In lieu of funeral services, a celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Josephine Hartman

BELOIT – Josephine Hartman, age 103, of Beloit, died Friday, October 25 at the Nicol Home in Glasco. Funeral arrangements will be announced. Roberts Family Funeral Service is in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be left at www.robertsfamilyfs.com

Donald Ray Calhoon

From humble beginnings in the hills South of Speed, KS, to a mansion on the hilltop of heaven are the bookends of the journey of Donald Ray Calhoon on this earth. He was the second child born to Willis William Calhoon and Ruby Grace (Lindenmuth) Calhoon in a family of six siblings.

As a child living on many farms in rural Phillips County, he thought he must have attended most of the rural one-room schoolhouses before moving to Glade, KS, and being schooled there and at Phillipsburg and Densmore, KS.

He married his childhood sweetheart, Sharon Lee Van Allen, on September 29th, 1960 and they recently celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary, still in love.

Kansas was his home except for 3 1/2 years living in Denver, CO.

Don accepted Christ as his savior, was baptized in March, 1967 becoming a member of First Christian Church in Phillipsburg.

Don was talented with his hands using them to earn a living in many ways. From playing his guitar to welding, and his favorite of building engines. Mopar was his specialty and he quickly became the "go to" man for Dodge & Plymouth products.

He worked as a welder, tile installer and ran an "Old Home" bread route before going to work at the CRA Refinery around 1968 until it closed in 1982. He then opened Calhoon's Machine & Repair and spent 42 years doing what he really enjoyed, building & rebuilding motors and fine tuning engines.

He was proud of the success of his race car engines. Car racing was his passion, always actively involved in doing it, then cheering as his son, son-in-law and 2 grandsons took up the sport. You could always count on him for advice even if it wasn't followed.

Don organized a country western music band named "The Stringbenders" playing for many area dances.

He always said he was glad his wife drug him out of the shop to enjoy travels with her to a lot of special places, including Alaska, Hawaii, Panama Canal, England, Scotland and Ireland.

Don loved his family deeply, each one and was anxious to assure them of his love for them. He proved family extends beyond blood in the special relationship he formed with Kolton Vogel. Upon meeting Kolton's new baby, he asked if he could be his grandad.

He departed this chapter of life on October 13, 2024, at his home surrounded by his loving family.

He is survived by: his devoted wife Sherry, son - Brian (Melanie) Calhoon of Beloit, daughters - Sonya (Nick) Aiken of Phillipsburg and Laura (Tim) Watts of Beloit, 9 grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren, bonus grandson and great grandson. Sisters - Ruby (George) Phillips of Concordia, KS, Vicki (Dave) Weller, Westminster, CO, Sandra Calhoon (Don) of Phillipsburg. Brother - Wilbur (Donna) Calhoon of Weles, UT, sister-in-law - Karalee Calhoon, Glade, KS, along with a host of nephews, nieces and friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents Willis and Ruby Calhoon, and brother Wilmer Calhoon.

Rose M. Dockstader

CAWKER CITY – Memorial services for Rose Dockstader, age 96, of Cawker City, will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, November 2, 2024, at the Waconda Funeral Chapel in Cawker City, followed by burial in the Walnut Creek Cemetery.

Mrs. Dockstader died Sunday, October 20 at the Downs Care & Rehab Center. Survivors include her son, Jim Tietjens of Glen Elder; sister, Linda Billings of Downs; & many grandchildren, great-grandchildren & great-great-grandchildren.

Cremation has taken place and there will be no visitation. Memorials may be given to the Downs Care & Rehab Center staff. Roberts Family Funeral Service is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be left at www.robertsfamilyfs.com

LAND TRANSFERS

Kansas Warranty Deed

-Grantors Avery T LaCombe and Audrey LaCombe, husband and wife, convey and warrant to Grantee Dalton Schmitt, all of the following described real estate in Mitchell County, Kansas:

Lots 10, 11, 12, Block 29, City of Tipton, Mitchell County, Kansas, for the sum of \$1.00 and other good and valuable considerations except and subject to: easements, restrictions, covenants, and reservations of record, if any. Dated October 16, 2024.

-Grantors Grant W Sneath and Angela S Sneath, husband and wife, convey and warrant to Grantees Blake Perez and Sarah Perez, husband and wife, as Joint Tenants and not as tenants in common, with full rights of survivorship, the whole estate to vest in the survivor in the event of the death of either, all of the following described real estate in Mitchell County, Kansas:

Lot 3, and the S 10 ft of Lot 2, Block 36, Original Town of Beloit, Mitchell County, Kansas, for the sum of \$1.00 and other good and valuable considerations except and subject to: easements, restrictions, covenants, and reservations of record, if any. Dated October 17, 2024.

-Grantor Amie L Smith, a single person, conveys and warrants to Grantees Andrew F Niemczyk and Karen S Niemczyk, husband and wife, as Joint Tenants and not as tenants in common, with full rights of survivorship, the whole estate to vest in the survivor in the event of the death of either, all of the following described real estate in Mitchell County, Kansas:

A tract of land in Lots 4, 5, 6, Block 29, Original City of Beloit, Mitchell County, Kansas, containing 442 sq ft, more or less, for the sum of \$1.00 and other good and valuable considerations except and subject to: easements, restrictions, covenants, and reservations of

record, if any. Dated October 15, 2024.

-Grantor Amie L Smith, a single person, conveys and warrants to Grantees Grant Sneath aka Grant W Sneath and Angela Sneath aka Angela Su-Mi Sneath, husband and wife, as Joint Tenants and not as tenants in common, with full rights of survivorship, the whole estate to vest in the survivor in the event of the death of either, all of the following described real estate in Mitchell County, Kansas:

The E 97 1/2 ft of Lots 4, 5, and 6, and a strip 4 ft in width at the N side of Lot 4, 45 ft long extending W to the Alley, Block 29, all of which is situated in the City of Beloit, Mitchell County, Kansas, except the N 4 ft of Lot 4, Block 29, City of Beloit, Mitchell County, Kansas, and also except a tract of land in Lots 4, 5, and 6, Block 29, Original City of Beloit, Mitchell County, Kansas, containing 442 sq ft, more or less, for the sum of \$1.00 and other good and valuable considerations except and subject to: easements, restrictions, covenants, and reservations of record, if any. Dated October 15, 2024.

Kansas Warranty Deed-Transfer to Trust

-On this 22nd day of October 2024, Grantors Marc A Martin and Stacia M Martin, husband and wife, convey and warrant to Grantees Marc A Martin and Stacia M Martin, Trustees of the Marc and Stacia Martin Living Trust under trust agreement dated October 9, 2024, all of the following described real estate situated in Mitchell County, Kansas:

Lot 1, and 2, except the S 13 ft 7 in of Lot 2, all in Block 47, Original Town of Beloit, Mitchell County, Kansas, except and subject to: easements, restrictions, rights of way, zoning ordinances, reservations and restrictive covenants of record. This conveyance is a transfer to a trust and made without consideration.

Quitclaim Deed

-This Quitclaim Deed, executed this 17th day of October, 2024, by first party Eve Weidenhaft, a single person, quitclaims to 2nd party, Levi Weidenhaft, a single person, witnesseth that the said 1st party, for good consideration and for the sum of \$1.00 paid by the said 2nd party, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, does hereby remise, release, and quitclaim unto the said 2nd party forever, all the right, title, interest, and claim which the said 1st party has in and to the following described parcel of land, and improvements and appurtenances thereto in the County of Mitchell, State of Kansas, to wit:

One certain tract or parcel of land in the NE corner of the NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 27, Township 6 S, Range 9 W of the 6th P.M., Mitchell County, Kansas, also, one certain tract or parcel of land in the SE corner of the SE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 27, Township 6 S, Range 9 W of the 6th P.M., Mitchell County, Kansas, except the following described tracts of land:

1 Beginning at the NE corner of Lot 7, Block 10, Young's Addition, town of West Hampton, now in Glen Elder, Kansas, thence running N about 418 1/2 ft to the S line of the SE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 27, Township 6 S, Range 9 W of the 6th P.M.; thence NE 35 ft more or less to a stake & stone, thence S 439 ft more or less to a point 30 ft E of said NE corner of Lot 7, Block 10, Young's Addition to the City of Glen Elder, Kansas, thence W 30 ft to the place of beginning, said land to be used as a city street.

2 Beginning at a point 10 ft W of the SE corner of Lot 7, Block 11, Young's Addition to the City of Glen Elder, Kansas, thence running E 10 ft, thence S 15 ft, thence E 50 ft, thence N to the Center of Limestone Creek, thence W along the center of said creek 60 ft, thence S to the place 3 of beginning.

3 Beginning at a point 50 ft E and 135 ft SE of the NE corner of Lot 6, Block 11, Young's Addition to the City of Glen Elder, Kansas, running thence SE 75 ft more or less to the section line between Section 26 and Section 27, thence N to the center of Limestone Creek, thence W along the center of said creek 75 ft, more or less, thence S to the place of beginning.

4 Beginning at a point 50 ft E of the NE corner of Lot 6, Block 11, Young's Addition to the City of Glen Elder; thence running in a SE direction 135 ft, thence N to the center of Limestone Creek thence W along the center of said creek 135 ft, thence S to the place of beginning.

5 Commencing 30 ft E of the NE corner of Block 10, Young's Addition to the City of Glen Elder, Kansas, thence N 25 rods and 9 ft, thence E 30 ft, thence S 25 rods and 9 ft, thence W 30 ft to the point of beginning, also, commencing 60 ft E of the NE corner of block 10, Young's Addition to the City of Glen Elder, Kansas, thence E 100 ft, thence N 215 ft thence W 100 ft, thence S 215 ft to the point of beginning.

6 All of that part of the NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 27, Township 6 S, Range 9 W of the 6th P.M., Mitchell County, Kansas, lying E of Limestone Creek and all of 1 certain tract of land in SE corner of the SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 27, Township 6 S, Range 9 W of the 6th P.M., in Mitchell County, Kansas, lying S and E of Limestone Creek.

COURT NEWS

Limited Civil Settled

-Velocity Investments, LLC vs Stephanie Otte; Judgment in favor of the Plaintiff in the amount of \$6,838.35 plus costs and interest.

Criminal Filed

-State of Kansas vs Rebekah Elizabeth Hougham; Defendant is charged with 1 count Unlawful Possession of Controlled Substances- Meth, 2 counts Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, and 1 count Criminal Trespass.

Criminal Settled

-State of Kansas vs Christopher Adam Rosenberg; Defendant is sentenced to Kansas Department of Corrections for 20 months on 1 count Unlawful Possession of Controlled Substances- Methamphetamine with 12 months Probation granted and is ordered to pay \$1,481.50 in costs, fees, and fines. Two counts Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and 1 count Speeding - Dismissed by Prosecutor.

GOOD LUCK AT STATE BELOIT ATHLETES



Beloit Volleyball State Bound

The Beloit High School ladies are State Bound after their Sub-State championship wins on Saturday, Oct. 26 2024. They are now 37-4 and will play against Nemaha at 3:30, Royal Valley at 5:30 and Halstead at 8:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 1, in the 3A State Championship tournament in Hutchinson. Shown are, from left to right, front row: Colbi Stroede, Lundyn Knight, Ashlyn Loomis, Jaidyn Follis, Kailyn Follis, Landry Litton. Back row: Coach Stephiane Litton, Samantha Thompson, Addison Budke, Sophia Thompson, Reagan Cheney, McKenna Channell, Bently Pruitt, Brecken Boudreaux, Dakota Gray, Coach Josie Burke, Coach Brandy Paul with Zeplynn Paul.



Beloit seniors, from left to right: Kailyn Follis, Addison Budke, Ashlyn Loomis, Sophia Thompson and Jaidyn Follis celebrate with the 2024 Sub-State Champions Girls Volleyball plaque. They are State Bound on Friday at Hutchinson. SHARON SAHLFELD PHOTOS



St. John's Cross Country State Bound

The St. John's Catholic High School Boys' Cross Country team are state bound on Nov. 2, 2024, at Wamego. Left: Shown are the Blujay boys team, Canaan Letourneau, Henry Holdren, Nic Clark, Jeremiah Roderick, Jonas Letourneau, Henry Woods, Grant Letourneau, Nicholas Niewald, Gabe Roderick. Far left: Individual: Christiana Niewald placed 6th at Regionals and qualified to run as an individual at the 1A State meet.



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Beloit ladies win Sub-State Championship title – State bound NCAA League Champions and Regional Champions

BELOIT – The Beloit ladies volleyball team won the Regional Championship on October 21, after earning their ninth straight NCAA League Championship, on Oct. 17. Beloit was host to the Sub-State tournament on Saturday, October 26, in Beloit and won the Championship title to advance to state competition on Friday, Nov. 1, in Hutchinson. Beloit are now 37-4 on the season and are seeded number four to face Nemaha at 3:30, Royal Valley at 5:30 and Halstead at 8:30 p.m.

Regionals:
Beloit won over Goodland in two sets of 25-11 and 25-8.

Brecken Boudreaux led in scoring with 10 points, 5 ace serves; Addison Budke 8 points, 3 ace; Landry Litton 8 points; Kailyn Follis 5 points, 1 ace; Bently Pruitt 3 points, 1 ace; Samantha Thompson 3 points.

Budke led at the net with 13 kills, 1 block; Sophia Thompson 6 kills, 3 blocks; Boudreaux 5 kill, 3 blocks; Dakota Gray 4 kills; Jaidyn Follis 1 kill.

Jaidyn Follis led on assists with 21.

Kailyn Follis led the floor with 5 digs, 8 receives; Boudreaux 3 digs, 1 receive; Budke 2 digs, 6 receives; Landry Litton 2 digs; Jaidyn Follis 1 dig; McKenna Channel 2 receives.

Beloit ladies won over Smoky Valley in game two, in two sets of 25-13 and 25-14.

Kailyn Follis led in scoring with 7 points, 2 ace serves; Boudreaux 7 points; Litton 7 points; Budke 6 points, 1 ace; Samantha Thomson 3

points, 1 ace; Bently Pruitt 3 points.

Jaidyn Follis led on assists with 24.

Kailyn Follis led on digs with 8, 12 serve receives; Litton 7 digs, 1 receive; Jaidyn Follis 5 digs; Boudreaux 4 digs; Budke 3 digs, 5 receives; Bently Pruitt 2 digs; Channell 1 dig, 3 receives.

Beloit won the Regional Championship title after winning over Minneapolis in two sets of 25-17 and 25-10.

Pruitt led in scoring with 6 points, 1 ace serve; Litton 5 points, 1 ace; Boudreaux 5 points, 1 ace; Budke 5 points; Kailyn Follis 4 points, 1 ace.

Budke led at the net with 14 kills; Sophia Thompson 7 kills, 1 block; Litton 4 kills; Gray 2 kills, 2 blocks; Boudreaux 2 kills, 1 block; Jaidyn Follis 2 blocks.

Jaidyn Follis led on assists with 24. Kailyn Follis contributed 2.

Kailyn Follis led the floor with 12 digs, 19 serve receives; Boudreaux 8 digs, 2 receives; Jaidyn Follis 5 digs; Budke 4 digs, 6 receives; Litton 2 digs, 1 receive; Pruitt 1 dig; Channell 1 dig, 3 receives.

Sub-State:
Beloit ladies won over Ellsworth in two repeating sets of 25-12.

Kailyn Follis led in scoring with 15 points, 1 ace serve; Brecken Boudreaux 10 points, 2 ace; Landry Litton 6 points, 1 ace; Bently Pruitt 2 points; Samantha Thompson 1 point.

Addison Budke led at the net with 12 kills, 1 block; Sophia Thompson 7 kills, 4 blocks; Boudreaux 6 kills, 2 blocks; Dakota Gray 2 kills, 1 block.

Jaidyn Follis led on assists with 19. Kailyn Follis contributed 3.

Kailyn Follis led the floor with 16 digs, 16 serve receives; Budke 5 digs, 8 receives; Boudreaux 3 digs, 2 receives; Jaidyn Follis 3 digs; McKenna Channell 2 digs, 4 receives; Landry Litton 2 digs.

Beloit won over Colby in two sets of 25-15 and 25-12.

Boudreaux led in scoring with 14 points, 2 ace serves; Kailyn Follis 6 points; Litton 4 points, 1 ace; Budke 3 points, 2 ace; Pruitt 3 points, 1 ace; Samantha Thompson 1 point.

Budke led at the net with 14 kills; Boudreaux 7 kills, 2 blocks; Sophia Thompson 7 kills, 1 block; Gray 3 kills, 3 blocks; Litton 1 kill; Jaidyn Follis 1 kill.

Jaidyn Follis led on assists with 20; Kailyn Follis contributed 4; Gray 1.

Kailyn Follis led the floor with 23 digs, 18 serve receives; Jaidyn Follis



Beloit Head Coach Brandy Paul, Assistant Coaches Josie Burke and Stephanie Litton fire up the Beloit ladies before the start of the 2024 Sub-State tournament held in Beloit on Oct. 26.

6 digs; Budke 4 digs, 8 receives; Litton 2 digs; Boudreaux 2 digs; Pruitt 2 digs; Gray 1 dig; Sophia Thompson 1 dig; Channell 3 receives.



Freshman, Landry Litton #22, attacks the net for the Beloit kill
SHARON SAHLFELD PHOTOS



Beloit senior, Addison Budke #15, attacks the net against Colby players, Sadie Cheney #5, and Alisabeth Barton #21.



Junior, Dakota Gray #5, goes up strong for the Beloit block.



Senior, Brecken Boudreaux #10, attacks the net for the Beloit point.



Senior, Kailyn Follis, digs for Beloit.



Beloit players, McKenna Channell, Addison Budke, Dakota Gray, and Jaidyn Follis celebrate the game point.



Senior, Sophia Thompson #6, executes a kill for Beloit.

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Buccaneers 5th/6th grade win 2024 Runners-Up title



The 5th-6th grade Beloit Buccaneers are the 2024 Sunflower State Youth Football League Runners-Up after the Sunday, Oct. 27, Championship game loss to undefeated Hoisington at 7-0 on the season at Fort Hays State University. Shown are from left to right, front row: Knox Harr, Miles Weston, Colt Eilert, Oren Nease, Laramie Winder, Aspen Forrest-Ortiz, Lyndon Rodriguez, Boyd Tice, Tucker Clark, Dayton Zimmer, Lincoln Baxa, Barrett Abercrombie, Hudson Finney. Middle row: Brycen Mears, Miles Litton, Cash Pruitt, Keelin Shaddock, Parker Rosebaugh, Landon Anderson, Cutter Shipp, Kael Rabe, Nolan Phillips, Bentley Gentry, Luke Eizmann, Wakefield Fincham. Back row: Coaches Tanner Litton, Jon Eilert, Cole Eberle, Jason Rabe.

The 2024 5th-6th grade Beloit Buccaneers ended their season with the 2024 Sunflower State Youth Football League Runners-Up title and a 5-2

season, after their loss to number one, undefeated Hoisington ending their season at 7-0, on Sunday, Oct. 27, at Fort Hays State University.

The Bucs opened with their first and only loss of the season on Sept. 7 to Hoisington, 0-19. They came back with five straight wins thereafter.

Beloit Bucs won over Phillipsburg, 24-14 on Sept. 14; over Larned Indians 47-0; over Colby Eagles 34-0 on Sept. 28; over Norton Jr. Jays, 30-0

on Oct. 5 and over the Russell Jr. Broncos, on 38-22. Beloit was ranked #2 after week 6, behind #1 Hoisington with an undefeated season of 6-0.

Ulysses was ranked #3 at 4-2; Panthers 4-2; Colby 3-3; Goodland 3-3; Norton 2-4; Russell 2-4; Larned 1-5 and Scott City 0-6.

St. John's boys CC team win Regional Championship Niewald earns girls state advancement

SABETHA – The St. John's Blujays Cross Country teams competed at the Sabetha 1A Regional cross country meet on Saturday, Oct. 21, 2024. Other schools represented included Northern Heights, Axtell, Burlingame, Centralia, Clifton Clyde, Colony Crest, Lakeside, Frankfort, Hanover, Hartford, Bishop Seabury Academy, Lebo, Lincoln, Rock Hills, Onaga, Osborne, Randolph-Blue Valley, Pike Valley, Tescott, Tipton, Troy, and Washington County.

Cross country Regionals are used to determine qualifying teams and individuals for the State meet that will be held Oct. 28. For 1A, there were three Regionals in the state, and the top four teams and top fifteen individuals from each Regional qualify for the State meet.

The Lady Jays placed

fifth as a team.

Christiana Niewald led the team with a 6th place finish in a time of 21:34. She was followed by Olivia Tighe in 36th, Myla Holdren 39th, Clare Meyer 48th, Barbie Knappert 52nd, Faith Woods 59th and Elizabeth Knappert in 62nd.

"All of the girls had great races," said coach Ben Letourneau. "We would have loved to take the team back to State this year, but we were just outside of the qualifiers. Christiana will represent us well as an individual. We will miss our seniors, Clare Meyer, Faith Woods, Johanna Clark, and manager Claire Hicks. They provided great leadership throughout the season."

The St. John's boys placed first as a team with 29 points. Axtell was 2nd with 59 and Clifton-Clyde



St. John's Catholic High School Girls' Cross Country team, from left to right: Elizabeth Knappert, Barbie Knappert, Olivia Tighe, Faith Woods, Clare Meyer, Christiana Niewald – State Bound, and Myla Holdren

was 3rd with 69.

The St. John's varsity boys' team was led by Gabe Roderick in 5th in 18:16 followed closely by Jonas Letourneau in 6th in 18:17. Nic Clark was 12th, Henry Woods 17th, Jeremiah Roderick 18th,

Henry Holdren 20th and Canaan Letourneau 28th.

"It was also a great day for the boys," said Letourneau. "We had 3 individual medalists and our number 4 was just outside with Henry Woods' 17th place. One of our seniors,

Nicholas Niewald, sat out today due to a foot injury he is working to get back into shape, so we were sorry that he wasn't able to run. Jeremiah is typically one of our top runners but is also working through a

minor injury. Hopefully everyone will be healthy for the State meet next Saturday."

Next week, the Blujays will compete at the State meet in Wamego on Saturday, Nov. 2.

Lady Jays earn 2024 Regional Championship St. John's/Tipton ends season in Sub-State action

BELOIT – The St. John's/Tipton ladies won the Regional Championship on Tuesday, October 22, winning over Pike Valley and Centre. Sub-State action on Saturday, October 26, and won over Tescott, but lost to Linn, and end their season at 31-8.

Regionals:

St. John's/Tipton won over Pike Valley in two sets of 25-12 and 25-9.

Carlie Brummer led in scoring with 15 points, 6 ace serves; Lynelle Gengler 12 points, 4 ace; Gianna Horinek 5 points, 1 ace; Ava Wiles 4 points, 2 ace; Kendra Gengler 1 point, 1 ace; Ava Brummer 1 point.

Carlie Brummer led at the net with 5 kills, 1 block; Kendra Gengler 4 kills; Lynelle Gengler 4 kills; Addison Bergmann 3 kills, 1 block; Emma DiNuzzo 1 kill; Jaedyn Arnoldy 1 kill; Gianna Horinek 1 kill.

Kendra Gengler led on assists with 8; Arnoldy 4.

Carlie Brummer led the floor with 13 digs, 6 serve receives; Gianna Horinek 4 digs, 4 receives; Arnoldy 4 digs; Ava Brummer 4 digs, 1 receive; Kendra Gengler 3 digs; Emma DiNuzzo 3 digs, 2 receives; Lynelle Gengler 3 digs, 4 receives; A Bergmann 2 digs.

The Lady Jays won over

and 25-19.

Ava Brummer led in scoring with 11 points, 3 ace serves; Lynelle Gengler 7 points; Kendra Gengler 6 points, 1 ace; Emma DiNuzzo 4 points; Carlie Brummer 3 points, 2 ace; Gianna Horinek 2 points.

Lynelle Gengler led at the net with 11 kills, 2 blocks; Carlie Brummer 11 kills; Gianna Horinek 5 kills, 1 block; Emma DiNuzzo 3 kills; Kendra Gengler 3 kills, 3 blocks; A Bergmann 1 block.

Kendra Gengler led on assists with 14; Arnoldy 10.

Carlie Brummer led the floor with 12 digs, 6 receives; Lynelle Gengler 11 digs, 7 receives; Kendra

Gengler 8 digs, 3 receives; Ava Brummer 6 digs; Gianna Horinek 5 digs, 5 receives; Emma DiNuzzo 4 digs, 2 receives; Arnoldy 3 digs; Ava Brummer 4 receives.

Sub-State:

St. John's/Tipton won over Tescott in two sets of 25-9 and 25-13.

Lynelle Gengler led in scoring with 14 points, 7 ace serves; Carlie Brummer 7 points, 3 ace; Emma DiNuzzo 6 points, 2 ace; Ava Brummer 5 points, 1 ace; Gianna Horinek 2 points; Kendra Gengler 1 point.

Carlie Brummer led at the net with 9 kills; Lynelle Gengler 6 kills, 5 blocks; Kendra Gengler

3 kills; Gianna Horinek 2 kills; Emma DiNuzzo 1 kill.

Kendra Gengler led on assists with 6; Emma DiNuzzo and Jaedyn Arnoldy 4 each; Carlie Brummer 1.

Carlie Brummer led the floor with 6 digs, 6 service receives; Kendra Gengler 7 digs, 1 receive; Ava Brummer 7 digs, 1 receive; Emma DiNuzzo 5 digs, 5 receives; Gianna Horinek 3 digs, 1 receive; Lynelle Gengler 1 dig, 1 receive.

The Lady Jays fell short to Linn, ending their season after two sets of 20-25 and 12-25.

Kendra Gengler led in scoring with 4 points, 1 ace; Gianna Horinek 3 points; Carlie Brummer 2

points, 1 ace; Lynelle Gengler 1 point, 1 ace; Emma DiNuzzo 1 point; Ava Brummer 1 point, 1 ace.

Kendra Gengler led at the net with 5 kills, 2 blocks; Carlie Brummer 3 kills, 2 blocks; Emma DiNuzzo 3 kills; Lynelle Gengler 2 kills, 2 blocks; Addison Bergmann 2 kills; Gianna Horinek 1 kill.

Kendra Gengler led on assists with 7 assists.

Lynelle Gengler led the floor with 21 digs, 6 serve receives; Kendra Gengler 16 digs, 6 receives; Carlie Brummer 15 digs, 5 receives; Gianna Horinek 12 digs, 7 receives; Ava Brummer 10 digs, 11 receives; Emma DiNuzzo 2 digs, 4 receives; Addison Bergmann 2 digs.

SPORTS

Blujays lose to Pike Valley in last regular season game Will host Wakefield on Thursday in Cross District play



St. John's/Tipton senior, Ryder Allen, carries the ball for gained yards against Pike Valley.

ANDREA WILES COURTESY PHOTOS

BELOIT – St. John's/Tipton lost to Pike Valley in their last regular season game and are now 0-8 on the season. They will now host Wakefield in Cross District play at 7 p.m. on Thursday, October 31, in Beloit.

Against Pike Valley, the Panthers outscored in the first quarter 38-6.

Senior, Andrew Cooper scored the first 20 yard touchdown run quickly with 11:27 on the clock. Mile Rickard punched in the PAT for the early 8-0 lead.

St. John's/Tipton turned over possession on downs at the Panther 20 yard line on the next play.

Rickard ran in a 1 yard touchdown at the 3:04 mark. Cooper passed for the 3 yard extra point conversion to extend the Panther lead, 16-0.

St. John's/Tipton forced a fumble by senior, Tyson Gates, at the Blujays 12 yard line, but a fumble was returned for the next Pike Valley 10 yard touchdown by Dayton Reeves, with 2:16 on the clock, for the 22-0 lead.

At the 2:00 mark, the Blujays, senior Ryder Allen, scored their first touchdown on a 76 kickoff return run. The PAT failed and St. John's/Tipton was on the board, trailing, 22-6.

Cooper passed to Ri-



Grant Germann #11, goes for the Pike Valley runner tackle.

kard on the next 12 yard touchdown run with 1:10 showing. Senior, Braxton Patterson, scored in the PAT. With just :42 seconds remaining in the first quarter, Cooper intercepted the Blujays pass to the Jays 35 yard line, and returned for the 35 yard touchdown. Senior, Sean Morgan, scored in the PAT and Pike Valley ended the first quarter with the 38-6 lead.

Pike Valley opened the second quarter with a 3 yard touchdown run by Reeves. The PAT failed and the Panthers extended their lead, 44-6, at the 11:04 mark.

St. John's/Tipton scored their second touchdown on a Brooks Dunstan pass to Gates on a 3rd and 20 for the 75 yard play, with 10:36 on the clock, and the 44-14 score.

On Pike Valley next possession, Rickard scored on a 58 yard kickoff return to up the score, 50-14, at the 10:25 mark.

Dunstan three a 6 yard pass to John Mick for the Blujays last touchdown, trailing 50-20.

Pike Valley added the last 16 points by Rickard with 7 yard and 1 yard touchdown runs. He scored in the PAT's with 3 yard runs for the ending

Panther 64-20 win.
St. John's/Tipton stats:
Offense:
Passing:
Brooks Dunstan 10/22 - 134 yards
Rushing:
Tyson Gates 3-3 yards
Ryder Allen 6-13 yards
Receiving:
Tyson Gates 5-105 yards
Ryder Allen 1-10 yards
John Mick 3-17 yards
Kaden Phillips 1-2

yards
Defense:
Ryder Allen 8 solo, 5 assists
Dominic Eilert 3 solo, 6 assists
Brooks Dunstan 5 solo, 3 assists
Kaden Phillips 4 solo, 4 assists
Tyson Gates 5 solo, 1 assist
John Mick 4 solo, 2 assists
Samuel Towner 2 solo, 4 assists

Gunner Pruitt 3 solo, 3 assists
Grant Germann 1 assist
Kickoffs:
Tyson Gates 1-20 yards
Gunner Pruitt 3-82 yards
Punts:
Ryder Allen 2-74 yards
Kickoff and Punt Returns
Ryder Allen 5-167 yards
Points:
Tyson Gates 8 points
Ryder Allen 6 points
John Mick 6 points

This week in sports...

BELOIT

Football

The Beloit Trojans defeated the Russell Broncos, 46-12, Friday night, to end the regular season. With the win, Beloit improves to 6-2 overall and 3-1 in district. On Friday, November 1, the Trojans will host Minneapolis to start the playoffs. The Lions are 3-5.

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ST. JOHN'S

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Atwood-Rawlins Co. 6 @ Hoxie 52
Augusta 14 @ Towanda-Circle 25
Axtell 76 @ Frankfort 30
Baldwin 1 @ Osawatomie 0 (forfeit)
Baxter Springs 20 @ Galena 36
Bishop Ward 20 @ Santa Fe Trail 33
Blue Valley 27 @ Bishop Miege 7
Bonner Springs 28 @ KC Schlagle 18
Cair Paravel 14 @ Olpe 42
Canton-Galva 32 @ Goessel 24
Central Burden 0 @ West Elk 60
Central Heights 0 @ Humboldt 40
Centralia 34 @ Riverside 28
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Chapman 6 @ Rock Creek 69
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Linn 0 @ Hanover 48
Little River 56 @ Solomon 0
Logan-Palco 56 @ Deerfield 6
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SPORTS

Beloit Trojans dominate Russell Broncos Rexroat scores 6 TD's as Beloit wins district

BY BRIAN DEBEY

The Beloit Trojans defeated the Russell Broncos, 46-12, Friday night, to end the regular season.

With the win, Beloit improves to 6-2 overall and 3-1 in district. On Friday, November 1, the Trojans will host Minneapolis to start the playoffs. The Lions are 3-5.

Beloit, Phillipsburg and Norton tied for the best record in the district. Beloit won the tiebreaker to earn the district championship. "It's a credit to our kids," said Beloit Head Coach Brad Gober.

Against Russell, Beloit started its initial possession at its 29-yard line. The Trojans advanced to the Russell 30 with numerous runs by junior Joel Rexroat before an unsuccessful fourth-down attempt ended the possession.

Senior J. J. Sloan promptly intercepted a pass and returned it to the Broncos' 25. Two plays later, Rexroat completed the short drive with a 20-yard touchdown run.

After he ran for the PAT, Beloit led, 8-0.

The ensuing kickoff was returned to the Russell 39. The Trojans' defense stifled the Broncos, and a fourth-down punt was received by sophomore Joel Fuller at the Beloit 28.

A few plays later, senior Ashton Bletscher's 29-yard run produced a first down at the Broncos' 17.

Later in the drive, the

hosts recovered a fumble, losing four yards. Rexroat followed with a run to inches from the goal line, then proceeded to run for a touchdown.

Sloan's run for the two-point conversion pushed the lead to 16-0 in the final minute of the opening quarter.

Russell advanced to the Beloit 23 before an unsuccessful fourth-down attempt ended its possession.

The Trojans' offense stalled, and senior Eli Johnson's fourth-down punt went to the Broncos' 34.

The visitors advanced to only the 40 before an unsuccessful fourth-down attempt allowed Beloit to regain possession.

Two plays later, Sloan's 21-yard run resulted in a first and goal at the 8. Rexroat followed with another touchdown run. After his PAT run, Beloit led, 24-0.

Russell's next possession ended with another punt, which senior Alex Laflen returned to the Beloit 40.

Two plays later, Rexroat's 41-yard reception gave the Trojans a first down at the Russell 19. A few plays later, he finished the quick drive with a nine-yard touchdown run.

Rexroat's run for the two-point conversion extended the advantage to 32-0 late in the second quarter. Intermission arrived shortly thereafter.

The Broncos' first possession of the third quarter ended with a punt, which Rexroat returned to the Trojan 44.

The next possession concluded with a fumble that Russell recovered at its 15. Two plays later, Sloan forced a fumble, which Beloit recovered at the Broncos' 29.

A few plays later, Sloan's 17-yard run produced a first down at the 3. Rexroat proceeded to run for a touchdown, then the PAT.

The Trojans led, 40-0, with less than four minutes left in the third.

Dominick Hernandez started the final quarter with a 33-yard touchdown reception that cut the lead to 40-6. On the two-point attempt, Johnson intercepted a pass.

The ensuing possession ended when Russell recovered a fumble. Beloit's defense forced another unsuccessful fourth-down attempt to end the following possession.

The next quick drive resulted in Rexroat's 36-yard touchdown run. The Trojans led, 46-6, in the middle of the fourth.

Trey Zorn completed the next drive with a touchdown run, narrowing the gap to 46-12.

The contest ended after a scoreless possession for each team.

Coach Gober complimented Rexroat, whose performance included more than 200 rushing

yards to go with his trips to the end zone.

"He was able to make some good cuts after getting through the initial hole," Gober said.

The coach was pleased with the performance of his offensive and defensive linemen in the rout.

"We did a really good job up front," he said.

Beloit totaled 72 plays with 380 yards in 54 passing yards and 326 rushing yards, 21 First Downs, and 1 penalty for a 5 yard loss.

Beloit stats:
Passing:
J Weston 4/10 54 yards
Rushing:
J Rexroat 32-331 yards,
6TD

A Bletscher 10-58 yards
J Sloan 3-49 yards
P Fouts 2-6 yards

Receiving:
J Rexroat 2-44 yards
J Hand 2-10 yards
Defense:

Tackles:
E Johnson 5 solo, 3 assists, 2 sacks, 2 TFL
B Boudreaux 5 solo
J Sloan 4 solo, 2 assists,
1 Int

B Jones 3 solo, 3 assists
D Dunigan 3 solo, 3 assists

A Bletscher 2 solo
B Litton 2 solo, 2 assists, 1 sack, 1 TFL
A Laflen 2 solo, 2 assists

C Walters 2 solo, 2 assists, 1 sack, 1 TFL
J Rexroat 1 solo, 2 assist

G Johnson 1 solo
K Kemmerer 2 assists
C Jermark 1 assist



Junior, Joel Rexroat #21, scores one of six touchdowns for Beloit. SHARON SAHLFELD PHOTOS



Beloit senior, Brooks Jones #55, tackles the Russell runner.



Trojan senior, Ashton Bletscher #12, gains yards for Beloit.



Senior, Jennings Sloan #5, gains to the 5 yard line for Beloit.



Beloit senior, Alex Laflin #3, carries the ball for the Trojans.



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RESEARCH

We did statistically valid quantitative research to get measurable opinions, and qualitative research to hear the voice of the people. The purpose and execution of the survey were not to call people who voted, "Yes" or "No" in the last election (which would be impossible, since we did not know who voted for what). The purpose was to talk to 300 randomly selected citizens to gather their thoughts about the district, criticisms of the last election, projects they felt good about moving forward, and their tolerance for a tax increase.

This methodology has been used since the 1950s and is accurate to a 5.6% Margin of Error with a 95% confidence factor. That means that 95% of the time the Margin of Error will be within 5.6%. This is the same methodology used by Gallup, Pew, and the other national research firms. It is the same methodology that our PR vendor has used for 16 years to help more than 165 school districts raise more than \$8 billion in new tax revenue.

It is possible that people taking a quantitative survey feel secure in knowing that their opinions are anonymous and that they have carte blanche to say how they really think and feel. With qualitative research (like an online survey), there is a tendency to be aware that "big brother" could be watching by tracing IP addresses. The same is even truer with word-of-mouth. Patrons often couch their opinions so as not to look/sound like they don't support something as beloved as the local school district. Finally, school officials are much more likely to have interactions with loyal fans than detractors. Thus, the data is skewed by an audience that is out of balance.

To see the research findings go to www.forabetterbeloit.com/research.

FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

There is a claim that USD 273-Beloit's per pupil spending is \$22,679, and the claim states there was a substantial increase of \$4,895 per student over the last year.

This is simply a false fact that has been placed out there to cause doubt for people. The FAQ section at www.forabetterbeloit.com addresses this in the Financials and Costs section. Here are the actual numbers and explanation of the costs.

The issue of whether spending per student is similar to other districts in the state came up in the previous bond campaign. Our spending level is monitored by the state and reported in the ESSA Building Expenditure Report. Our ESSA Building Expenditure Report includes the Special Education budget for Beloit USD 273, Waconda USD 272, Lincoln USD 298, Sylvan-Lucas USD 299, and Rock Hills USD 107. This budget runs through the Beloit budget because Beloit is the sponsor of the Special Education Cooperative. All of the expenses for the Special Education Cooperative run through Fund 78 in our school budget. This added \$5,177,251 in actual expenses into that average, not to mention each of the schools contribute budgetary dollars on top of this for the expenses not covered by the federal government or the state government for the special education students, the \$22,322 per pupil compared with the state's \$14,570. The other factor is Fund 28, which is the Parents As Teachers program that runs through our budget as well, adding \$244,713 in actual expenses for those same five districts, plus Osborne USD 392 in the 2022-2023 school budget. This is not to mention that the St. John's Catholic School in Beloit received Special Education and Parents As Teachers services as well as Tipton Private School that resides in the Waconda 272 district. So, that number is really not a fair number for judging only USD 273 per pupil spending.

These Cooperatives exist because they are less expensive (can pool resources) for the districts who are in this agreement. One of the districts has to be the sponsor, and it happens to be Beloit. It's been this way for a long time. This number adds to all the expenses in all of those districts that serve more than 1,800 students.

When you take out those expenses from the USD 273 budget for 2022-2023, it takes that average down to \$15,617 per pupil, compared to the state's average of \$14,570. USD 273 still spends \$1,047 more per student. Note that the difference between the \$22,322 and the \$15,617 is reimbursed to USD 273 by the other districts in the cooperative.

USD 273-Beloit is one of the largest employers in the Solomon Valley area. There are 270 combined full time, part time, and substitute employees during the school year on a normal basis.

In the 2023-2024 fiscal year, USD 273 had \$24,565,332 in actual expenditures. This included federal flow through dollars that come in the budget and leave the budget to go back to the state of Kansas for federal programming and Special Education co-op and Parents As Teachers as stated above. The district had net expenditures of \$18,794,265. Locally there were \$3,736,764 for taxes levied to generate the \$18,794,265 spent. Eighty-four percent of the actual expenditures are for salaries across the district, the Special Education cooperative, the Early Learning Center, the Mitchell County Partnership for Children, and the Parents As Teachers program that all run under the USD 273-Beloit budget. The vast majority of the \$18,794,265 of actual expenditures can be said to have been spent locally. As property and casualty insurance, utilities, and fuel make up another 6% of these expenditures.

Looking at the facts, the expenditures are close to six times the local taxes levied, with the majority of the close to \$19 million being spent locally on jobs, goods, and services. The trend and the facts presented that can be found by looking at the published Code 99 for the school budget and for the local economy here is huge. Please remember that these dollars are circulating over and over in our local economy and will continue to do so for the future.

USD 273 completes many maintenance projects regularly. These projects include items such as flooring, interior painting, exterior painting, and general grounds and facilities improvements. The school district has teamed up with local vendors such as the local True Value Hardware Store and the Ace Hardware Store to complete many of these interior painting jobs. We appreciate our local vendors and use them very frequently and will continue to do so.

USD 273 has done three phases of HVAC over the past five years. These phases have totaled just around \$2 million. This has refurbished current equipment, brought in new equipment, and made current equipment run properly. These phases have made the district's classrooms more efficient and more comfortable so that students and staff may have proper temperatures and air movement in the classrooms. This next phase will cost the most but is the next step in this part of the district's infrastructure.

The Notice of Hearing for the 2024-2025 budget shows three separate budgets. It shows the actual revenues and expenditures for fiscal year 2022- 2023 and for fiscal year 2023-2024. It shows other items, such as actual taxes levied for those fiscal years as well. The 2024-2025 fiscal year is a Proposed Budget. These are not actual numbers, the district must publish a Proposed Budget each year. This is for the purpose of having Budget Authority. Items that need to be understood in having budget authority are:

1. Special Education is figured at 20% more than expected. It is a normal procedure to do this so districts around the state do not have to spend more money to republish a budget when they do not have the authority to do so, because the federal government may reimburse at a different rate than expected, or other costs come into play because a district may receive a student that has catastrophic disabilities.
2. The district is expected to estimate 10 to 15 students more than what they expect to have in the district, due to unforeseen situations, again this allows the district to not have the need to spend dollars on republishing.
3. The district is expected to show all of the dollars spent in the capital outlay budget, so that if there is a catastrophic event, the district will have the authority to spend those dollars.
4. The capital outlay payments come from the State of Kansas in different payments. The payments will be disbursed on January 20, 2025 at 56%, on March 20, 2025 at 5%, on June 5, 2025 at 24%, September 20, 2025 at 10%, and October 31, 2025 at 5%. This amounts to five different deposits over this time. The deposits are given from the calendar year, but the school works on a fiscal year.

There are regular maintenance projects completed over the entire school year that have dollars already budgeted for as well. Capital outlay dollars can be used for, but are not limited to, transportation costs, remodeling costs, grounds and maintenance costs, and many other items that can be found at: https://www.ksde.org/Portals/0/School%20Finance/guidelines_manuals/capital%20outlay%20resolut_guide.pdf

Please understand that conclusions about the school budget cannot be limited to looking at the Proposed Budget from the Notice of Hearing. This is a guideline that then is audited by the Superintendent's Report that is turned into the Kansas State Department of Education and then audited by the State of Kansas' audit team. This report audits student headcounts, and many other student categories such as transportation, at-risk, bilingual, career and technical education, free and reduced meals, and other categories that come into play. One item that can be concluded from the Notice of Hearing is the USD taxes levied. In 2022-2023, the actual taxes levied on the district were \$3,527,245. In 2023-2024, the actual taxes levied in the district were \$3,375,764. The maximum taxes to be levied on the district in 2024-2025 are \$3,568,654. It looks like USD 273-Beloit has been very responsible with the taxes being levied on the district.

Our neighbors within Mitchell County will be assessed higher taxes on their vehicles if the bond passes. This also goes into effect if any of the 100 plus taxing entities within Mitchell County raises the taxes levied throughout their own fiscal years. Unfortunately, this is how this particular law works, this is not the School District's fault.

Projects within the bond will go out for bid and meet all legal requirements. Anyone wanting to bid a project may bid on the project. The bids and the work done to complete the projects must be certified and meet the specifications of the project. The school district is the owner of these projects, and as the owner the district has the final say on all of the project scopes. As district owners, your local School Board represents us as taxpayers. All of these projects, labor of the projects, parts, etc. are of public record. The School Board has assembled a team consisting HTK (architect firm), Piper Sandler (bonding specialist), and Nabholz (construction management at risk) to bring the best decisions at the best price for the school district, always keeping our students first in every decision made. All local contractors will be encouraged to bid on the projects.

THE AG CENTER IS A CRITICAL NEED

While many might view the Ag Center solely as a space for welding, it encompasses so much more. This facility will be designed as a multifunctional learning area. The Ag Center will significantly contribute to the growth of our Ag and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) classes. It will have three separate multifunctional classrooms and a larger shop area. These classrooms will host 25 different classes throughout the school year. These classes will include STEM classes and Ag classes (e.g., Ag Mechanics, Plant and Animal Sciences, Horticulture, and Welding). This expansion will allow for our students to have a better capacity in the Ag and STEM classrooms, have better safety, and have the opportunity to continue to expand their Ag education in the Beloit Schools. The inclusion of the Ag classes allows for an integrated curriculum that encourages students to explore multiple pathways within the agricultural sciences. Moreover, the emphasis on STEM education ensures that students are equipped with essential skills and knowledge that are increasingly relevant in today's technology-driven world.

Additionally, while Fort Hays Tech North Central in Beloit offers valuable educational opportunities, high school students from Beloit face significant challenges in utilizing these resources. One major issue is the scheduling conflict between the high school and the college. Unless a student is enrolled as a full concurrent credit student and attends the college for half of the day, it is nearly impossible to balance both schedules. The timing of classes at the two campuses varies significantly, making it difficult for students to attend just one or two classes at the technical college while still maintaining a regular high school schedule.

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USD 273 BOND

The following are the main reasons the partnership does not work between the college and the high school on a daily basis:

- First, as mentioned, the tech college classes run at the same time as the high school ones, so spaces becomes an issue. The college cannot accommodate its students and the high school students at the same time.
- Second, while the college does offer classes to high school students during the day, many students opt to not take them because of the time commitment. Due to the wonderful CTE offerings at the high school, they choose to take those electives instead.
- Third, the only way the college facilities could be used for stand-alone high school programs would be to hold classes after hours or on weekends, which would interfere with extracurricular activities. The college could seek funding to expand its facilities for high school programming, but it makes more sense for our district to seek its own funding for these facilities.

The statistics supporting this initiative speak volumes.

Forty percent of Beloit High School graduates pursue careers in agriculture, and a striking 50% express a preference for hands-on learning. The Ag Center is not just an investment in infrastructure but also an investment in the needs of our students. By providing them with better safety measures and greater capacity, we create an environment that promotes active engagement and fosters a deeper understanding of their chosen fields. Beloit's identity is deeply rooted in agriculture. By preparing our students to thrive in this area, we are laying the groundwork for a prosperous future. Many of our graduates are likely to return to Beloit, bringing with them the knowledge and skills necessary to propel our community forward. Furthermore, it is crucial to recognize the broader impact of the Ag Center on other programs, such as Woods and Construction Science. By allocating space for these disciplines within the existing Ag classrooms, we ensure that all students can learn in a well-equipped environment conducive to their growth.

CAPITAL OUTLAY EXPENDITURES

The Greenhouse was funded through a Dane Hansen Grant. The Dane Hansen Foundation paid for the entire greenhouse so their grant readers and Board of Directors thought it was essential for our students. USD 273 paid for the metal to build the tables in the greenhouse. The tables were created by our Ag students as part of their welding unit, so that project was a capital outlay expenditure. Another capital outlay expenditure that goes along with the greenhouse is the tool storage shed that sits to the north of the greenhouse. The horticulture students store all the equipment (pots, soil, seeds, utensils, hoses, etc.) in the greenhouse. The supplies for this shed were paid for out of capital outlay, and our carpentry students built the shed. They poured the concrete, framed it, sided it, and shingled it. OUR students did all the labor and created a project that is used for years. But in total transparency, the district paid for the raw materials.

The outdoor eating area in the front of the Jr/Sr High School was created by our Student Council because the students wanted this area. They had a plan, raised the money, and were responsible for the construction of the area. This area is used as an outdoor classroom as well as a lunchroom. The Student Council paid for the flower bed as well. Student Council members leveled the ground and poured the concrete themselves. The tables were paid for through a Dane Hansen grant as they felt an outdoor eating area/classroom were essential for student learning. Taxpayers did not pay for the outdoor classroom, our students fundraised to pay for the area and a grant was used to purchase the tables.

There is a second outdoor eating area that was put in during the pandemic. ESSER dollars, and extended food service dollars were used for this particular area. This area is also used as an outdoor classroom for students in all areas of study. This also created a safe area outside for students with disabilities to use, and it allows all students to have an outdoor space for eating, studying, and getting out of the indoor setting during the school day allowing them to get some fresh air.

The mural at the Elementary School is one of the most popular places in Beloit for taking pictures. Many parents take pictures of their children there on the first day of school each year. USD 273-Beloit does routine painting each year, and in 2023, it was time for the mural to receive maintenance. It has been asked, why we didn't have our high school students redo the mural. Simply, the district felt this project needed to be done correctly and in a safe manner. The painting exists at a height that needed to be done from scaffolding and ladders. It would be a liability to not have a professional do this work. Our local artist did a fantastic job with the original mural, and one of our local painters did a phenomenal job at restoring the mural, at an affordable cost to the district.

Many of the facility tours of the needs listed in the bond questions have been given to several different groups. These tours have been invaluable in showing the critical needs outlined in the three questions for the upcoming bond election. Groups and individuals can still take these tours and educate themselves on the bond needs. These tours have given an opportunity for open discussion about the pressing needs within our school district. Engaging in discussions, gathering information, and developing well-informed opinions is essential for making decisions that will impact our community for years to come.

CLARIFICATION

In our efforts to be fully transparent and provide accurate information, Beloit Schools wants to make a clarification for one of the slides on the video posted to our Facebook page on October 21, 2024. The St. John's parishioners were a focus group, not the Taxpayers for Responsible Spending, and we apologize for this miscommunication and honest mistake. Members of the Taxpayers for Responsible Spending were invited to be a part of the St. John's focus group. We are providing this clarification because we are committed to 100% transparency and accuracy.

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The North Fifty (50) feet of the following described tract: Commencing 406.56 feet South of the Northeast corner of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SW 1/4 SE 1/4) of Section Nine (9), Township Seven (7) South, Range Seven (7) West of the 6th P.M., and 30 feet west of the center of Brooklyn Avenue in the City of Beloit, Kansas; thence running North along the West line of Brooklyn Avenue 127.56 feet, thence running West 169.98 feet, thence running South 127.56 feet, thence running East 169.98 feet to the point of beginning, subject to Brooklyn Avenue, Mitchell County, Kansas. 510 Brooklyn Ave., Beloit, KS 67420 and for a further Order confirming the private sale thereof to Ashlyn Nicole Clark and Cody Blake Mullins as joint tenants, for Fifty-Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty and No/100 Dollars (\$57,850.00).

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 18th day of November 2024, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. of said day, in said Court in the City of Beloit, in Mitchell 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 the Petition.

Laura Dunnam, Petitioner

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Attorneys for Petitioner

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NOTICE OF COUNTY CANVASS AND AUDIT
General Election November 5, 2024

Pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 25-3104 notice is given that the CANVASS for the 2024 General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Room, Mitchell County Courthouse.

As required by K.S.A. 25-3009, a post-election audit of ballots cast in 1% of precincts in Mitchell County Kansas will begin at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 7, 2024, in the Mitchell County Commissioner's Room, Mitchell County Courthouse. We will audit no less than one precinct and one contested race for this primary election. The precincts and races to be audited will be selected at random. When the audit has been completed, the audit results are used by the county board of canvassers when certifying the official election results.

WITNESS MY HAND and seal at Beloit, Kansas, this 31st day of October, 2024.



Heather Weston

Heather Weston
Mitchell County Clerk & Election Officer

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National First Responders Day

On Oct. 25, the Glen Elder Senior Center hosted an appreciation dinner for all Mitchell County First Responders. National First Responders Day was Oct. 28.



Glen Elder Senior Center receives GBE grant

The Glen Elder Senior Center recently received a \$500 grant from Grain Belt Express. Ron Gillett, Field Representative, presents the check to Joe Denes, Mo Hancock, Anna Sears, Donna Brohman, Ron McBlair.

“We Are Privileged!”

Psalm 132 reminds us of the Lord’s choice of Zion as His dwelling place. In the same way that God selected Zion, He entrusts us to make wise choices about the leaders we select. When we choose to disengage from politics, we end

up neglecting one of the areas of stewardship God has placed in our purview. God has blessed us with the opportunity to elect our leaders. Most people around the world don’t get to enjoy this opportunity as they live under modern-day kings and

dictators. Regarding this election, we can’t afford to sit this one out. When Christians make the choice to disengage, it leaves room for policies and leaders that don’t reflect biblical values. We can’t let that happen. This election isn’t just

about the President. There are key races up and down the ballot that will impact our communities and our nation for years to come. Your vote is part of your stewardship over the land God has given you, and now is the time to take that responsibility seri-

ously. So, here’s my challenge: if you’ve already voted, great! But don’t stop there. Get others out to vote. Share why this matters from a biblical perspective. If you haven’t voted yet, mark it on your calendar and make a plan

to get to the polls. Let’s remain focused, prayerful, and committed to being salt and light. This is how we make a real Kingdom impact. *In Christ, Walker Wildmon, CEO, AFA Action*

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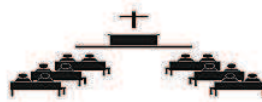
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Lucas/Sylvan music students recognized

SYLVAN GROVE – On Saturday, Nov. 2, 2024, the following students will be representing the Lucas-Sylvan Junior High as they were selected to the Northwest District Kansas Music Educator's Junior High Honor Choir: Cason Hlad, Jaxson Meitler, Chrissy Balluch, Aeris Brock, Sarah Florian-Butler, Grace Krucher, Madilyn Reicher, Tayleigh Denning, Allie Gier, Peyton Neilsen, Keira Palmer, Keegan Barta, Zander Florian, Nicholas Oltean, Nash Seehafer and Liam Stone. These students were selected by a vocal audition, leadership qualities and academic status. Selected to the Northwest Junior High Band is Ben Feldkamp who plays trumpet in the Junior High Band. Ben was also selected by an audition, leadership and academics.

The Junior High Honor Choir and Honor Band will perform, along with the High School Honor Jazz Band, at 3:30 p.m. in the Hays High School Gymnasium in Hays, Kansas. The admission fee is \$5.00 for adults and students get in free.

The clinician for the Junior High Choir is Gabe Lewis O'Connor who directs the Lawrence Children's Choir in Lawrence, Kansas.

On Saturday, Dec. 7, 2024, the following students will be singing in the Northwest District Elementary Honor Choir: Benton Barta, Briggs Seehafer, Micah Agler, Ronni Stoppel, Cassidy Seibert and Emerald Ugbo. Jacob Gosvener is the alternate for this outstanding group. These stu-

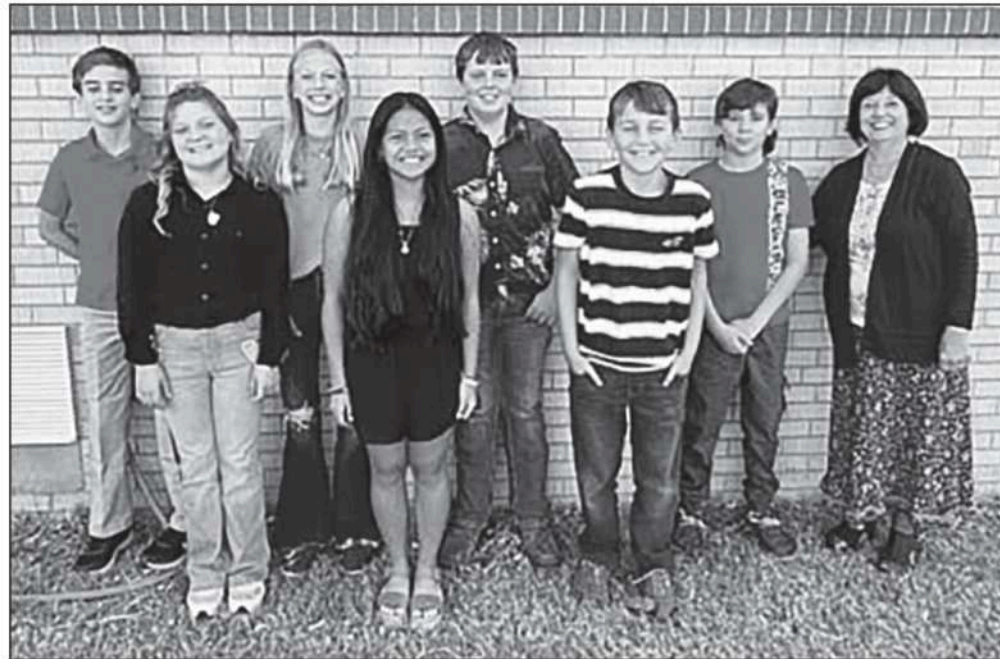
dents were selected by a vocal audition, leadership qualities and academics. Their clinician is Shana Lander from Manhattan, Kansas. She teaches at Anthony Middle School. Their concert is at 12:30 p.m. in Beach/Schmidt Auditorium on the campus of Fort Hays State University in Hays, Kansas. The admission for the concert is \$5.00 for adults with students getting in free.

High School students who will be auditioning for the Northwest District KMEA Honor Choir and the State Honor Choir on Nov. 2, at Hays High School are Hannah Pahls, Macie Ortiz, Lydia Heffel, Lexi McCarter, Aubrelle Hurlbut, Evelyn Reichel, Kadence Palmer, Mina Pahls and Leila Stone. Students selected to the High School Honor Choir will perform on Saturday, Dec. 7 at Beach/Schmidt Auditorium on the campus of Fort Hays State University, along with the



High School Honor Band. Students from the Northwest District Honor Choir will also be selected to the State Choir which performs at the KMEA State Convention in Wichita, Kansas, in February 2025.

Sylvan-Lucas Unified Schools are very proud of these fine young musicians who put so much time and effort into their music education. Congratulations on such great accomplishments!



Understand Your Options Before Open Enrollment

Medicare Open Enrollment is Oct. 15 through Dec. 7

Medicare open enrollment is scheduled to run Oct. 15 to Dec. 7. That's when seniors can switch coverage between Original Medicare and Medicare Advantage or change a prescription drug plan.

Original Medicare is a health plan that has two parts: Part A (hospital insurance) covers in-patient hospital and skilled nursing care, and Part B (medical insurance) covers physician services. Original Medicare is managed by the federal government. This is the typical Medicare insurance most people are familiar with. These plans typically cost about \$175 a month (with the cost deducted from your social security check). Many people pay extra for Medigap, to cover copays and other out-of-pocket costs, as well as a Part D plan for drugs.

Medicare Advantage is a health plan called Part C and is offered by private insurance companies as an alternative to Original Medicare. It replaces and cancels your Original Medicare plan if you choose this option. It provides the benefits of Part A, B, and often D, usually for about the same amount, with lower copays, so there's no need for Medigap. Some Medicare Advantage plans offer benefits not in Original Medicare, such as fitness classes or vision and dental care.

Choosing between Original Medicare and Medicare Advantage requires careful consideration of your finances and health needs. Medicare Advantage plans can carry

hidden risks, especially for people with major health issues. Some people in Medicare Advantage plans may end up paying unexpectedly high costs when they become ill or find that their network lacks the providers they need.

With Original Medicare individuals can see any provider who accepts Medicare, which is most. However, Medicare Advantage plans typically require that you get care from a more limited network of providers, and in most cases, you will need a pre-authorization from the insurance payer to see specialists, receive Part B drugs, get skilled nursing facility stays or inpatient hospital stays, receive mental health services or receive diagnostic services such as procedures, labs, tests, therapy, dialysis, hearing, eye exams, dental care and many other services.

A recent Kaiser study found that about half of all Medicare Advantage enrollees would end up paying more than those in Original Medicare for a seven-day hospital stay. Medicare Advantage plans may be especially problematic for people in rural areas. A 2021 study found that rural Medicare Advantage plan enrollees were nearly twice as likely to switch back to Original Medicare as those in urban areas. The networks of providers in rural areas are especially narrow, making it harder for people to get care.

In addition, several hospitals across the county have decided not to accept Medicare Advantage plans

as they can be detrimental to the patients they serve and often not reliable in payments for care. This also is true in Kansas, where we have seen an increasing number of hospitals not accepting Medicare Advantage plans.

Nearly all Medicare Advantage plans (99%) require approvals and authorizations before care can be given. In a 2022 American Medical Association survey, 94% of physicians polled said authorizations delayed medical care. According to KFF, two million Medicare Advantage requested authorizations and approvals were denied in 2021 by Medicare Advantage plans.

Kansans should be aware that the only way to learn about a Medicare Advantage plan's approval and authorization practices is to ask your physician and hospital provider. Contact your local health care providers. They can connect you with individuals who can help you navigate the differences between Original Medicare and Medicare Advantage.

The Kansas Hospital Association is a voluntary, non-profit organization existing to be the leading advocate and resource for members. KHA membership includes 237 member facilities, of which 121 are full-service, community hospitals. Founded in 1910, KHA's vision is: "Optimal Health for Kansans." For further information contact Cindy Samuelson at csamuelson@kha-net.org.

Post Rock Extension Answers

By Sandra L. Wick
Crop Production Agent
Post Rock Extension District #1
K-State Research and Extension



BY SANDRA L. WICK, CROP PRODUCTION AGENT
K-State Research and Extension-Post Rock District

Be on the lookout for insects in your newly emerged wheat!

Most producers are working on or finishing up drilling their 2025 wheat crop. Especially with the dry conditions, the wheat has been slow to germinate and when it does, there will be limited growth. So, it won't take very many worms to actually damage the wheat. Scouting is the key and producers should take the time, once the wheat germinates, to look for the worms to determine if damage has occurred.

Some insects that could be invading your wheat crop include grasshoppers, flea beetles and several different "worms." These "worms" are most commonly armyworms, fall armyworms, and/or army cutworms. Identification is important for these "worms" because armyworms and fall armyworms will feed until the temperatures cool into the mid-20's or they pupate, whichever comes first. Army cutworms, however, are and have been hatching from eggs deposited by moths as they return from over-summering, probably in Colorado. These army cutworm larvae will feed a little this fall, overwinter, then start feeding again in early spring. So, if the "worms" causing the defoliation now are relatively large, 1/2 inch or more, they are probably armyworms and/or fall armyworms. The K-State Research and Extension Insect Diagnostic Lab staff are seeing a mixture of both armyworms and fall armyworms, in the field, along with getting samples in the lab. Below is more specific information on each of the insects mentioned.

Flea beetles are tiny, jumping insects that are dark, shiny and strip off the upper surface of leaves causing whitish streaks. They are typically a problem along field margins, especially in western Kansas in early plantings. Forage sorghum or weedy borders often harbor summer populations that can migrate to wheat fields in the fall. Injury is more severe when beetles are present as plants emerge. A population of three to five beetles per row foot can kill seedling plants. Since damage is often localized along a field border, spot treatment of affected rows may be sufficient to control populations.

There are many species of grasshoppers in Kansas, and not all are crop pests, although most have the potential to inflict damage if present in large numbers. Grasshoppers have slowed down, but are still present and could cause some damage if enough are present. Damage can occur in fall or spring. Typically, grasshoppers invade from field margins as fall-planted wheat emerges. Once wheat has been planted, three or more hoppers per square yard within the field can destroy seedling wheat.

The fall armyworm generally is all shades of brown and at maturity is about 1 1/2 inches in length. The moth from this worm does NOT overwinter in the Great Plains. It lays its eggs in July in Kansas on corn, sorghum and other summer crops. Hatching can occur in August, September and October with favorable weather conditions. The first sign of damage is "windowpane" injury caused by the tiny larvae chewing on the seedling leaves. The larvae, which are difficult to find at first, tend to hide in or around the base of seedlings. However, the larvae grow at a very fast rate and can damage wheat in a short amount of time, especially if the wheat is stressed with not much growth. They could move from the sorghum or corn to the newly emerged wheat. Generally, if 25-30% of the leaves are showing the "windowpane" signs, then treatment may be necessary. Without treatment, problems can continue until the larvae reach maturity or until a killing frost. Flocks of birds in wheat fields in the fall are often indicative of a "worm" infestation as the birds are feeding on the worms.

The armyworm is different than the fall armyworm, especially in color, as they are green to black with stripes of various colors. The head capsule is medium brown with dark markings. Most damage to wheat occurs during warm, moist periods in the spring, but can also occur in the fall. When leaf feeding is observed, look for the worms curled up on the ground under litter, especially in patches of lodged plants. Treatment is usually not necessary below levels of four or five larvae per foot, but is probably justified at infestations of five to eight per foot provided most larvae are still small.

The army cutworm is a late fall to early spring pest. Adult moths lay eggs in soil in the fall and the brown, faintly striped larvae hatch during the fall and early winter. The larvae begin feeding during the winter whenever temperatures rise a few degrees above freezing and present the same "windowpane" damage as the fall armyworm. Larvae hide in loose soil at the base of plants, emerging to feed in the evening. In most fields, treatment will not be necessary until populations average four to five worms per square foot. It might be a little early to find any of these pests.

K-State Research and Extension has an excellent publication, "Wheat Insect Management 2024" available online or in any of the Post Rock Extension District offices in Beloit, Lincoln, Mankato, Osborne or Smith Center. This publication provides guidelines and recommendations for managing insects in your wheat crop.

For further questions on wheat insect management, contact me at any Post Rock Extension District Office.

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Celebrating 25 years

People gathered around to celebrate on Friday, Oct. 25, 2024, with Mary Kirkpatrick, on her 25 years of service at the Solomon Valley Home Center in Beloit. She received a gift of a quilt of thanks for her many years, which was pieced together by Dona Koster, and quilted by Tonya Kuhn. Shown are from left to right, front row: Sara Lervold, Mary Kirk-

patrick, Cheyenne Pixler, and Jennifer Thompson. Back row: Tom Koster, Duane Schleifer, Brian Koster, and Kendall Henriksen. Mary was greeted with several hugs from those who stopped by to show her how loved she is in the community, as she continues her job there.

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Get Out and VOTE!



Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2024, is the official Election Day!



Coach Curt Saint was the winner of the 20 gauge giveaway presented by Alijah Krier, president of the Waconda Ringnecks chapter.

Trap Shoot a success

The trap shoot hosted by the Waconda Ringnecks Chapter of Pheasants Forever on Saturday was a huge success, with 58 participants, including some trap team kids and their parents who got the opportunity to shoot with each other. A few participants were not experienced shooters, but thanks to some of the trap team coaches for their expertise and willingness to help everyone become more proficient in this sport, they quickly gained confidence and skill. Coach Curt Saint was the winner of the 20 gauge over under; he plans to keep it around for educational purposes at the trap range.



Happy Halloween!

Halloween is coming, and nothing is considered more scarier than the spider. These spiders have motherly love as one is carrying a sack of babies, and the other carries already born babies on its back. The other is just creeping around. If you want to be the most popular trick-or treat house in Kansas, load up on Reese's Peanut Butter Cups, M&M's and Kit Kat bars as they are rated the three favorite candies in the state, according to BetCarolina.com as they tabulated the most popular chocolate candies in each state. Halloween is Oct. 31 and National Chocolate Day is just before that, on Oct. 28. So BetCarolina.com used Statista's research on the most consumed chocolate candy as a starting point, then they used Google Trends to search the level of interest in each chocolate candy from Oct. 1, 2023 to Oct. 31, 2023, to determine the top three chocolate candies of each state. Kansas has a long list of ghost towns that were once either booming cattle towns, stops on the Oregon Trail or just got surrounded by bigger towns. That could be one reason why Kansas is also a hotbed for ghost sightings across the state. BetKansas.com took a break from their main job to venture into some paranormal activity, striving to find the Kansas cities where the most ghost sightings have occurred. Using GhostsofAmerica.com, a website that collects and shares users' eyewitness accounts of hauntings, they compiled a list of the 10 cities where the most ghost sightings have been reported. Salina, Kansas is second on the list of most likely cities you will see a ghost, with a number of 34 sightings.

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Happy moment!

A crowd showed for the Sweet Mama Lea's bakery grand opening and ribbon cutting on Friday, Oct. 25, 2024, at the former Kettle building on south Mill Street, in Beloit. Several relatives and friends help Lea Teresa celebrate her special moment. Shown, from left to right, are: Carolyn Kelley Plotts (Halley's mother), Halley Roberson, Lea Teresa - with happy scissors in hand, Marie Timbreza (her dear friend from Denver), Jill Logan (Leah's mom, from New Mexico - not seen.) Not pictured was a dear friend, Emily Lindsay (also from Albuquerque, NM). "She has been in the F and B industry for 20 plus years, came and helped put the front of the house together and ran the counter and register for me. I couldn't have done this without everyone that came to help," said Lea.

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