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## St. John's wins 13th straight 1A Math Relay title

### Overall 1A-6A top five for straight 12 years

HAYS – A total of 16 students from St. John's Catholic High School competed in the 45th annual Math Relays competition at Fort Hays State University on Nov. 14. The Blujays captured their 13th straight 1A title, while also finishing 3rd overall (1A-6A). They are the only school to finish in the overall (1A-6A) top five for 11 of the last 12 years.

#### 2024 results:

##### Seniors

Tyson Gates: Number Sense (3rd); Informal Geometry (6th)

Henry Holdren: Number Sense (6th); Trigonometry Team (5th); Algebraic Manipulations Team (5th); Informal Geometry (2nd); Applications of Algebra & Arithmetic (2nd); Calculations with Calculators (6th)

Gianna Horinek: Number Sense Team (4th); Trigonometry Team (5th); Algebraic Manipulations Team (5th)

Jonas Letourneau: Number Sense Team (4th); Trigonometry Team (5th); Algebraic Manipulations Team (5th)

Nicholas Niewald: Number Sense Team (4th)

##### Juniors

Lynelle Gengler: Algebraic Manipulations Team (3rd); Informal Geometry Team (2nd); Calculations with Calculators Team (5th)

Edward Horinek: Number Sense (2nd); Algebraic Manipulations Team (3rd); Informal Geometry Team (2nd); Calculations with Calculators Team (5th)

Greg Walter: Algebraic Manipulations Team (3rd); Informal Geometry Team (2nd); Calculations with Calculators Team (5th)

##### Sophomores

Kendra Gengler: Number Sense Team (6th); Calculations with Calculators Team (3rd)

Myla Holdren: Number Sense Team (6th); Calculations with Calculators Team (3rd)

Christiana Niewald: Number Sense Team (6th)

Carson Thomas: Calculations with Calculators Team (3rd)

##### Freshmen

Maryann Walter: Number Sense (3rd); Algebraic Manipulations (3rd); Informal Geometry (5th); Applications of Algebra & Arithmetic (2nd)

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#### 1A title winners

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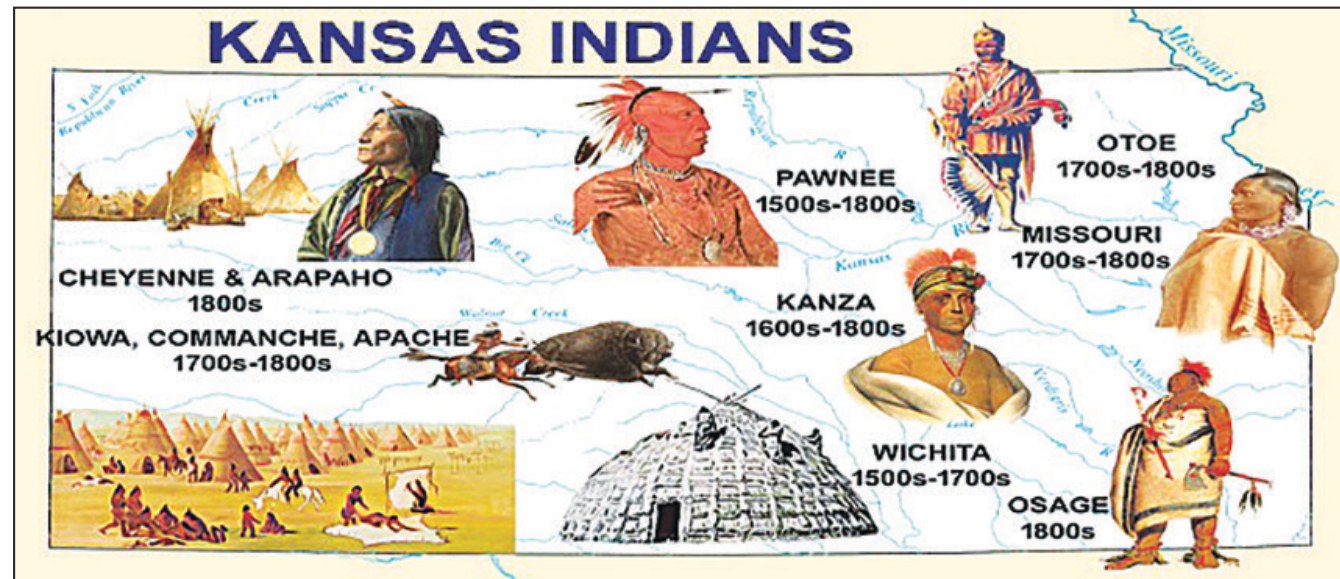
## Cheyenne Springs Brown's Creek trail crossing also known as "Saints Rest"

### November marks Native American Heritage Month

#### MITCHELL COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, BELOIT

Many historical sites in Mitchell County go back thousands of years in human story but not many are documented. The oral traditions of native ancestors are not heard on these plains anymore. We look to hold on to the morsels of written words that were recorded by the first trappers, hunters, explorers and homesteaders. Cheyenne Springs is one of those special places. Like many of the springs in the county, this was a special place to the Natives of many bands but the Cheyenne fought hardest to preserve its name sake, calling to its beautifully clear and sparkling water. This spring was famous to the hunters and many hard fought battles were waged there for its possession.

The location (section 3 of Turkey Creek Township, Mitchell County, Kansas) wasn't just famous for its water but also for a cave in the side



In Kansas, the Cheyenne Native American tribe historically occupied the central plains region, including areas that would later become Cheyenne Springs, but due to forced relocation and westward movement, their presence in the state was primarily during the mid-to-late 19th century, marked by significant conflict with encroaching settlers and the U.S. military, often leading to violent clashes and displacement from their traditional lands; notable events include the Sand Creek Massacre, which heavily impacted both Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes.

of the high embankment off of Brown's Creek. This cave was known as "Saints Rest" where many travelers to and from the West would call it a haven to safely rest. The trail crossing of Brown's Creek at Cheyenne Springs was

also referred to as "Saint's Rest." This trail was known to the homesteaders as Valley Road.

In the Fall of 1862, a 14 day expedition was led from the mouth of the Solomon River up 150 miles along its north branch.

Timothy F. Hersey was the captain, with members of his party being Dr. E.W. Seymour, W.W. Frost, W.R. Wilson, A. Hoig, John and Jonathon Sanderson and W. White. They state in their report about Cheyenne Springs:

"This limestone belongs to the formation called Oolitic or Juresiic, and is filled with fossils Oyster shells and Gryphaeus (a shell similar to the oyster). A bituminous shale abounds and extends for miles and miles up the val-

ley. When this rock is exposed to the action of water, the bitumen exudes to the exterior of the stone, giving it a strong resemblance to coal and probably this fact has deceived many of those who have reported such large seams of coal in this valley. Some specimens which are peculiarly rich in bitumen, they will burn with a smart crackle. We found places where it had been dug for, for what purpose, I know not. There is also an abundance of slate stone here, and all along the sides of the river bank and sides of the bluff for about 50 miles. Steatite or Soapstone of a fine character also exists. This may become valuable someday as a fire-stone for furnaces or stoves. It receives an excellent polish and can be very easily worked up into ornamental articles, which when varnished, would be very handsome. There is a bright yellow clay here also, and some dark color, nearly black."

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# SVED meeting covers many items

## Hotel Market Study project underway

BY SHARON SAHLFELD  
Call Editor

Curt Frasier opened the Nov. 21, 2024, meeting at the Solomon Valley Office Suites (SVOS) on Thursday. Robert Davis provided the financial report, and election of officers remained the same as last year.

– Solomon Valley Community Development Director, Emily Benedick, spoke some about the renovations being done at the SVOS, and asked for the approval of \$1,000 for upgrades on the second floor. Their previous insurance was dropped and they went to another policy that was \$300 less. The request for the \$1,000 was approved.

Benedick said memberships have steadily been coming in the mail and have been deposited.

Benedick discussed a Hotel Market Study project through her and Mitchell County Tourism Director, Mandy Fincham. The study would bring in a consultant, in providing answers, to the county bringing another motel in the area, as to being feasible. It would be looking at a 50-70 room motel – \$7-12 million investment, to be located on 1.50 acres. The charge for the study would be that of \$2,000. Benedick requested \$500 SVED dollars to go towards the study. It was approved.

According to Fincham, certain sporting events, etc. were unattainable to have in the Beloit area, due to lack of motel rooms, and this motel is said to be of a different caliber. Types of motels looked into included: Sleep-In of Norton, Mid-Level Motel, Comfort Inn, Best Western and Holiday Inn.

The Office Suites will be offering “End of the Year” specials including 12 months for \$500 monthly, \$600 monthly, new daily office rentals of \$30 daily or \$150 weekly.

– Fincham reported for MC Tourism, talking about two billboards that have been replaced – ones that focus on Waconda Springs – between Cawker City and Downs, and one on 81 Highway, after turning off Highway 24. A half page travel guide ad has also offered the billboard in its pages. Nine more billboards are a focus for 2025 to be placed. New members for Mitchell County Tourism are being sought after as well.

Fincham recently attended a three day State Tourism conference in Olathe. “Among learning a lot there, it was good to know that if Mitchell County tourism didn’t exist, that tax payers would be paying \$716 more on their taxes,” said Fincham. “We have a lot to offer and we receive a lot of tourism.”

Fincham reported that a “Sod and Stubble” movie will be playing at Smith Center only, during the Thanksgiving holiday. Miller Hardware of Downs is where you can get tickets.

– Benedick reported for Leadership Mitchell County, as Mark Palen was out of town.

The November session focused on Agriculture. They met at Rolling Hills Electric and then to Agco, and attended a Farmers’ panel. The January sessions will focus on Healthcare and Education.

– Julia Rabe of Solomon Valley Community Foundation, reported on the November Match Month that is taking place through the Dane Hansen and Patterson foundations of \$73,000. A grant cycle opens on Dec. 1 and remains open until Feb. 1, and will be announced and handed out on March 1. A Dream Big 2.0 will allocate \$70,000 to counties to receive \$10,000 in exchange that they host a meeting in their community. Simpson held a meeting in October. Glen Elder is on the list and Cawker City in January. A Strategic Doing meeting helps increase Dane Hansen grant money. In January 2025, “Your Family, Your Fund, Your Foundation” event will begin. This will partner with individuals to help families create funds to keep. It will start with a \$2,000 grant with \$25,000 grant money available.

– Hannah Bowers, Chamber of Commerce director, talked about her changing careers. She will end her full-time status with the Chamber at the end of November and then start at GMC on Dec. 2 and work part time for the Chamber until her shoes are filled. She spoke of several Christmas events coming up for Beloit and will help with those as well.

“I have appreciated getting to know everyone and will still be in the community,” said Bowers.

“You have done a good job and put a lot of effort into the Chamber,” said Frasier.

– Mitchell County Commissioner, Tom Clausen, spoke about the recent election of 68 percent registered voters and how it went well. “We had a good staff” said Clausen. We also have two new employees at the courthouse with Hannah Snyder in the Clerk’s office and Jody Mosher in the County Treasurer’s office. The Register of Deeds office is looking for a full-time employee as well.

Clausen talked about attending a zoom meeting regarding the Electric Corridor, with Oklahoma, Texas, Arizona, and New Mexico, attending as well.

“This isn’t new, said Clausen. It was suggested by President Bush in 1982, and is now being pushed forward. New Mexico is very outspoken on the matter as they have more to lose, being a larger state.”

*Thank You for Reading The Beloit Call!*  
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# USDA Rural Development invests in 17 Kansas clean energy projects

## Carrico Implement Co Inc., to receive \$126,000 grant for solar project

KANSAS – U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Kansas Director Christy Davis announced today that Rural Development is investing \$2,665,042 to lower costs, expand clean energy production and strengthen Kansas farms and small businesses.

USDA invests through the Rural Energy for America Program (REAP), which provides guaranteed loan financing and grant funding to agricultural producers and rural small businesses for renewable energy systems or to improve energy efficiency. Agricultural producers may also apply for new energy-efficient equipment and new system loans for agricultural production and processing.

“Rural Development is ensuring farmers and rural small business owners have the resources they need for the future,” Davis said. “These investments will help Kansas communities with lower costs and better availability of clean energy.”

Today’s announcement is part of a larger national announcement that includes projects in 39 other states. The details of the Kansas Projects are:

• A \$42,500 grant will help install a 15 kilowatt (kW) wind turbine for Mark Eitel, an ag producer in Lane County. This project is expected to generate 40,464 kilowatt hours (kWh) per year, enough energy to power three homes.

• A \$54,750 grant will help S&K Agronomy, of Hiawatha, purchase and install a 15 kW wind turbine. The project is expected to generate 38,831 kWh of electricity per year, which is all the company’s electricity use and enough to power three homes.

• A \$57,250 grant will help Junior Nelson Farms Inc. purchase and install a 15 kW wind turbine to support its agricultural operation in Troy. The project is expected to generate 33,593 kWh of electricity per year, which is all the company

uses and enough to power three homes.

• A \$57,250 grant will help Johnson Farms Inc. purchase and install a 15 kW wind turbine to support its agricultural operation in Benden. The project is expected to replace 35,804 kWh of electricity per year, which is all the company uses and enough to power three homes.

• A \$57,250 grant will help Gerald Boos purchase and install a 15 kW wind turbine to support his agricultural operation in Denton. The project is expected to generate 32,066 kWh of electricity per year, which is all the company’s electricity use and enough to power three homes.

• A \$77,047 grant will help update refrigeration equipment for Kiers Thriftway, a grocery store in Clay Center. The project will save 74,076 kWh annually and lower the business’s annual energy usage by 13 percent.

• A \$60,359 grant will help Business Logistics LLC, a lessor of nonresidential buildings in Hutchinson, purchase and install a 27.5 kW solar array. The project is estimated to replace 40,319 kWh per year, enough energy to power three homes.

• A \$54,941 grant will help Clay County Lumber and Supply LLC of Clay Center purchase and install a 31.395 kW solar array. The project is estimated to replace 40,117 kWh annually, enough energy to power three homes.

• A \$144,675 grant will help Waltons Inc., a merchant wholesaler in Bel Aire, purchase and install a 130 kW solar array. The project is estimated to replace 182,617 kWh annually, enough energy to power 17 homes.

• A \$71,408 grant will help purchase and install a 50.4 kW solar array for Bender Steel and Repair Inc., a building architectural and metal work business in Valley Center. The project is estimated to replace 77,289 kWh annually, enough

energy to power seven homes.

• A \$27,504 grant will help Re: Done LLC, a residential home remodeling contractor in Manhattan, purchase and install two photovoltaic solar systems with a total system size of 12.64 kW. The project is estimated to generate 18,833 kWh annually and replace 85 percent of the business’s annual energy needs.

• A \$64,974 grant will help purchase and install a 40.74 kW solar array for TK Investment Group LLC, a lessor of non-residential buildings in Hutchinson. The project is estimated to replace 62,395 kWh annually, enough energy to power five homes.

• A \$189,950 grant will help purchase and install a 93.5 kW solar array for Nation Inc., a specialized design services company in Hutchinson. The project is estimated to replace 144,047 kWh annually, enough energy to power 13 homes.

• A \$551,684 grant will help Kejr Inc., a fabricated metal manufacturer in Salina, purchase and install a 648.6 kW solar array. The project is estimated to replace 842,241 kWh annually, enough energy to power 77 homes.

• A \$126,000 grant will help Carrico Implement Co Inc., a farm and garden wholesaler in Beloit, purchase and install a 150 kW solar array. The project is estimated to replace 221,226 kWh annually, enough energy to power 20 homes.

• A \$27,500 grant will help Advance Seal Kansas LLC, a drywall and insulation company in Pratt, purchase and install a 9.12 kW solar array. The project is estimated to generate 12,845 kWh annually, enough energy to power one home.

• A \$1,000,000 grant will help Crestwood Inc., a kitchen cabinet and countertop manufacturer in Salina, purchase and install a 1,499 kW solar array. The project is estimated to replace 2,166,776 kWh annually, enough energy to power 196 homes.

# Jewell and Mitchell counties included in Bezos Day 1 Families Fund

HIAWATHA – NEK-CAP, Inc., a Community Action Agency that provides services and stabilization to families experiencing homelessness, today announced that it has received a \$2.5 million grant from Jeff Bezos and Lauren Sánchez through the Bezos Day 1 Families Fund. This is the seventh year that the Day 1 Families Fund has awarded grants to organizations across the country that are leading the way to move the needle on family homelessness with the goal of ensuring that no child sleeps outside.

“On behalf of the families experiencing homelessness, who we will now be able to serve through this grant opportunity, we express our sincere gratitude to the Day 1 Families Fund,” said Jeanette Collier, executive director of NEK-CAP, Inc. “NEK-CAP, Inc. is devoted to ending family homelessness and ensuring no child sleeps outside.”

Family homelessness in the U.S. rose dramatically from 2022 to 2023, and families now represent more than 28 percent of the country’s homeless population, according to a 2024 report from the National Alliance to End Homelessness. With its one-time Day 1 Families Fund grant, NEK-CAP, Inc. will work to reverse this national trend by serving families experiencing homelessness throughout its 16 county service area, including Atchison, Brown, Doniphan, Jackson, Jefferson, Jewell, Leavenworth, Marshall, Mitchell, Nemaha, Osborne, Pottawatomie, Republic,

Riley, Smith and Washington Counties.

Specifically, NEK-CAP, Inc. plans to use its funds to develop partnerships and collaborate with other entities to address short-term and long-term strategies related to ending family homelessness by employing a whole-family, strengths-based model of service delivery.

A group of national advisors who are leading experts on family homelessness and its solutions, including the intersection of homelessness and housing policy, child welfare, racial equity and service provision, identified the organizations selected for funding.

“We are looking forward to this opportunity and the ability to expand some of our services in the next few years to include counties and families who may typically fall outside the scope of our current homeless program funding,” said Belinda Estes, director of community services at NEK-CAP, Inc.

Since 2018, the Day 1 Families Fund has awarded 248 grants totaling nearly \$750 million to organizations serving families in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. The grants are uniquely flexible and enable organizations to support families experiencing homelessness—including those who are unsheltered or staying in shelters—to regain safe, stable housing and achieve well-being.

This year, the Fund issued a total of \$110.5 million in grants to 40 organizations, and for the first

time, nonprofits in Kansas and New Jersey are among the awardees. The full list of awardees is available at [bezosdayonefund.org/day1familiesfund](https://bezosdayonefund.org/day1familiesfund).

NEK-CAP, Inc. is a Community Action agency that has provided services to low-income families since 1965. Programs have included housing and homeless stabilization assistance, Head Start and Early Head Start, Weatherization, and various other programs aimed at removing barriers to economic opportunity and creating financial resilience. As part of the Community Action Promise, NEK-CAP, Inc. is dedicated to helping people help themselves and each other.

Launched in 2018, the Bezos Day One Fund made a \$2 billion commitment to focus on making meaningful and lasting impacts in two areas: funding existing nonprofits that help families experiencing homelessness, and creating a network of new, nonprofit tier-one preschools in low-income communities. The Bezos Day 1 Families Fund issues annual leadership awards to organizations and civic groups doing compassionate, needle-moving work to help families experiencing homelessness—including those who are unsheltered or staying in shelters—regain safe, stable housing and achieve well-being. The vision statement comes from the inspiring Mary’s Place in Seattle: no child sleeps outside. For more information, visit [www.BezosDayOneFund.org/Day1FamiliesFund](https://www.BezosDayOneFund.org/Day1FamiliesFund)

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# Beloit USD 273 discusses HVAC, other issues

BY BRIAN DEBEY

At the Beloit USD #273 school meeting Tuesday, November 12, many topics were discussed, including the first question of the bond election being approved.

Because Monday was Veterans Day, this meeting was on Tuesday.

Unofficial results showed that the first question of the bond election passed by more than 420 votes in Mitchell County. Furthermore, the second failed by close to 240 votes, while the third failed by close to 250.

With the first proposition passing, the district will work to secure a \$10 million bond to fix the Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) situation at both of the district's schools. Superintendent Jeff Travis said that there is much work to do.

The projects under consideration in the two failed propositions are needs, not wants, he said. Thus, the district must figure out other ways to pay for an Ag center and athletic improvements.

"When the HVAC work begins depends on how quickly the equipment arrives," Travis said. He said that Clayton Kelly with Piper Sandler will be at the December board meeting.

Travis thanked everybody for their hard work with the bond issues. He also thanked the public for their support for the first proposition.

Board President Joe File thanked Travis for his efforts and never complaining as he worked diligently.

"No one deserves thanks more than you do," File said.

-- Beloit Junior-Senior School Principal Casey Seyfert reported that 68% of the high school students' parents attended Parent Teacher conferences, led by 81% of the freshmen's parents. Also, 75% of the junior high students' parents attended, and 71% of all BJSHS students' parents attended.

Former NBA referee Gary Zielinski recently spoke to BHS students enrolled in RefReps. Junior High students worked to set up the Isle of Lights displays, accomplishing more this year than any previous year. Also, BHS students helped unload the trucks with the displays.

Seyfert also reminded the board that the school's musical, "Footloose," would

be performed the following Thursday, Saturday and Sunday.

-- Beloit Elementary School Principal Janet Porter reported that BES is featured in Character.org's "Growing Goodness: How 12 Schools are Fostering Character in Early Childhood." The article focuses on conscious discipline and self-regulation.

On Election Day, the Student Leadership Team (SLT) sponsored a mock election. The lower grades voted on their favorite color and animal, with blue and dog receiving the most votes. The upper grades and staff voted for the U.S. President and Vice President, with Trump and Vance getting the most votes.

Parent-Teacher Conferences were held on Oct. 24, with 90% of parents attending. The monthly character assembly was on Oct. 30. It recognized students who demonstrated friendship, and the kindergarten class made a video for it about being a good friend.

Kindness is the character trait for November. Students and parents will be able to shop at the annual Scholastic Book Fair in the BES library Dec. 2-6. The school's annual food drive will be November 18-22. On Friday, Nov. 22, orchestra students will go to Hutchinson for the Western Kansas Orchestra Festival.

-- BES Assistant Principal Garry Lowry reported that the fifth grade music program was Nov. 7. This first music program was earlier in the school year than usual. The school has rearranged the schedule for the programs to better fit the school calendar.

BES observed Kindness Week and Bully Prevention Week Oct. 28-31, with different daily themes focused on spreading kindness. The SLT will take items collected in the food drive to the Mitchell County Food Pantry.

The school's Marigold Committee worked the concession stand at the last BHS home football game in October. The committee has been focusing on staff appreciation recently. "Cheers for Peers" involves employees recognizing each other for outstanding work.

-- In her report, Special Education Cooperative Director Christie Gerdes announced that she and her assistant director, Cassie Kopsa, went to the Tri-State Law Conference Nov. 7-8. The topics covered included discipline,

behavior, conflict resolution, transportation and facilitating collaboration between regular and special education, among others.

BES employee Kayla Bonebrake was selected as the October Marigold of the Month winner. Special Education staff members were to nominate workers who are not scared to try something new. In his nomination, Brad Treaster wrote that he usually does not need to deal with special education students, because "she is already doing it."

Gerdes reported that Specialized Learning Services with Greenbrush will attend a department meeting for the co-op's school psychologists. A top objective will be determining areas to focus on for growth.

-- In his report, Mitchell County Partnership for Children Executive Director Brady Dean said that applications for Early Childhood Block Grants could start on Monday, Nov. 18. Dean expects that applications will be due in late December.

Also, Dean reported that MCPC social workers and school readiness specialists have been working with preschool teachers to provide interventions for students who did not meet the expected standards.

-- Reporting for the BES Site Council, Porter announced that the Friends of BES selected Ace Hardware for donating tape measures to all students in the Math Squad and Hoffer Farm and Produce for donating a pumpkin to every student, including preschoolers.

-- Also reporting for the BES Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO), Porter announced that T-shirts were sorted and delivered on Tuesday. A Plum Creek fundraiser was underway during the board meeting.

On Dec. 18, the kindergarten through fifth grade students will watch a movie at the Solomon Valley Cinema. Meanwhile, the sixth grade will have a pool party at the NCK Wellness Center's pool.

With members of the BHS Student Council and JAG-K participating in the dress rehearsal for the school's musical, Seyfert provided the report for both groups.

-- In the JAG-K report, Seyfert announced that the group organized a hygiene drive. Dental Designs of Solomon

Valley donated 172 toothbrush kits. Also, JAG-K students are preparing for an upcoming career development conference. The group's officers will organize a Christmas party.

-- Seyfert reported that the BHS Student Council recently coordinated a Powder Puff Football game. Spectators gained admission by donating items for the local food pantry. A recent blood drive was successful, with 20 units of blood donated.

-- Seyfert also provided the athletics report. The BHS winter sports meeting for parents was the same night as this meeting. The previous day, the junior high boys' basketball team had an exciting game as it lost to Ellsworth on a last-second basket. After arriving from the parents' meeting, Athletics Director Kyle Beisner added that practices for winter sports would start the following Monday (Nov. 18).

-- BES's goal for the food drive -- the largest food drive in this county -- is 2,100 items, while BJSHS's goal is 14,000 points. The board approved the schools' requests to be dismissed from classes early on Dec. 20 if they reach their goals.

Travis said that the district continues to work through its facility use agreement. If a group needs to use a bus, it must have liability insurance. Also, there will be signs at the track informing people that they must contact BJSHS's Athletics Director (currently Kyle Beisner) about using the facility.

-- The board approved changes to two policies in Section B of its policies; it has now reviewed Sections A-C. Also, Travis addressed the Southern Cloud cooperative agreement, which affects nine students in that district. He said that two or three board members needed to be on a new committee, which will probably have its initial meeting in January.

-- The board also approved updates to other policies, including open enrollment and workers compensation. Other policies updated were those dealing with family medical leave, sick leave sharing, and compensation guidelines and contracts.

Also, the board approved a contract for \$28,226.12 with Presence, a company that provides speech pathology assistance.

# City Council discusses several agenda items

## *1 million grant dollars awarded for North Walnut Street improvement plan*

BY TERRY BAILEY

During the Beloit City Council meeting held on Nov. 20, City Manager Halley Roberson, reported that the RAW water line has been successfully bored under the railroad tracks. Eventually, the water line should be connected to the water plant.

-- It was reported that Olson Architects needs to provide more information to the city so that plans can be drawn up for a new hanger at Moritz Airport.

-- There is currently a 40% tax incentive for building a new addition to the solar farm. Batteries are also part of this tax rebate process.

-- The 30-year agreement with Beloit Country Club will soon be up. The country club uses waste water to irrigate the fairways at the golf course. Currently the country club pays a rate of five cents per thousand for the water. Roberson said, "Five cents per thousand was worth a lot more 30 years ago than it is today." Roberson told the councilors that a rate of one dollar per thousand gallons would be more appropriate in the economy of 2024. She suggested a steady rate of increases over a period of time rather than one big jump all at once.

-- Beloit Chief of Police, Chad Lackey, told the council that the new Durango patrol vehicle is now at the lighting vendor for the installation of lights. He

said the grant that was applied for with the Hansen Foundation to help pay for the new radar signs was declined.

Lackey reported the Veterans Day Parade was a success again this year. This event continues to be a source of pride for the city.

Lackey said he had been invited by the Kansas Law Enforcement Association to serve as a District Governor for the six-county North Central Division. He said it was quite an honor to be selected to serve as a District Governor.

-- Emily Benedick, Solomon Valley Economic Development director, told the council that she has applied for an EPA grant to eliminate the asbestos from the old Administration Building at the North Campus. She said they will not know until May if their proposal has been accepted.

-- City Attorney Katie Schroeder reported that some properties have been or will be identified as Unfit Structures. If the property owners want to work with the city to avoid this identification they will need to meet with city officials to develop a plan to improve the properties.

A strong discussion developed over the property located at 627 East Main. The owner of the property has decided to donate it to the Cornerstone Ministries. The property has a good frame structure but has numerous

cosmetic problems. It is hoped that the house can be salvaged and become a suitable residence.

-- All three members of the Beloit Land Bank Board were reappointed to another three-year term.

The business meeting was adjourned, and the work session was called to order.

-- Schroeder reported she had discussed the contract for the farm ground near the sewer facility with the tenant. She had pointed out to Mr. Thiessen that an additional solar farm is being considered by the city. If this happens it could have a significant impact on the number of acres available at the site for farming.

-- Roberson told the council that City Clerk Amanda Lomax has worked hard to apply for grant money to be applied to the North Walnut improvement plan. Roberson said Lomax's efforts have paid off. The city has been awarded one million dollars in grant money to the North Walnut Street improvement plan. The total estimated cost of this improvement is about three million dollars. The one million in grant funds will significantly reduce the amount of cash the city will have to contribute to the total cost.

All councilors were present with the exception of Lee McMillan. Also in attendance were City Manager Halley Roberson, City Attorney Katie Schroeder, and City Clerk Amanda Lomax.

## HAPPENINGS

### **SVCF Match Month ends Nov. 30**

BELOIT -- There's still time to get donations in before the end of the month. Visit <https://solomonvalleycf.org/> to give online, or you can mail a check to SVCF, 102 S. Mill St. Suite 5, Beloit, KS 67420.

### **MCHS to host Cawker City Methodist Church Tour**

CAWKER CITY -- The Mitchell County Historical Society will host a historical Cawker City Methodist Church Tour from 2-4 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 1, 2024, at 608 Lake Drive, Cawker City. This event is free to the public. For more information, call 785-738-5355, or the Mitchell County Historical Society Museum Facebook page.

### **Chautauqua Isle of Lights to host tractor/trailer rides**

BELOIT -- Chautauqua Isle of Lights will host tractor/trailer rides 6-9 p.m., on Friday

and Saturday, Nov. 29 - 30. Pick-up and drop-off will be at the vacant lot, corner of Hersey and South streets.

### **Chautauqua Isle of Lights hosts need-ed**

BELOIT -- Hosts for the Chautauqua Isle of Lights are needed for the dates of: Dec 20, 21, 24, 26-28, 30. Hours are from 6-9 p.m., Sunday thru Thursday and 6 - 10 p.m., Friday and Saturday. Please contact Melissa at Bell Memorials, 785-738-2257.

### **Boost Ministries Community Luncheon**

BELOIT -- Boost Ministries, 120 N. Campbell Ave., Beloit, will host a Community Luncheon from 11-12:30 on Thursday, Dec. 5 with a free will donation. Choice of Chili or Broccoli Cheddar soup, Cinnamon Rolls & sides, and water bottles provided by Fort Hays Tech | North Central. Donations will go towards helping others in their time of need.

## MCHHS receives National 'Birthing-Friendly' designation

BELOIT -- Mitchell County Hospital Health Systems (MCHHS) is one of the first rural hospitals in Kansas to receive a "Birthing-Friendly" designation from the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). This recognition signifies the health system's commitment to providing clinical practices that promote improvements in birth outcomes.

"Birthing-Friendly" is the first-ever CMS designation to describe high-quality maternity care. To earn the designation, hospitals must prove that they have participated in a statewide or national perinatal quality improvement collaborative program and have implemented evidence-based quality interventions in hospital settings to improve maternal health.

"At MCHHS, we want to ensure every woman who chooses our facility for their birth has access to a safe, equitable, and dignified experience," said Nicki Cleveland, chief nursing officer. "We are grateful to be recognized with this designation which aligns with our hospital's mission to serve our patients and communities with exceptional health care in a compassionate and healing environment."

MCHHS is also focusing on expanded support of their health system by

being involved in the Kansas Perinatal Quality Collaborative's (KPQC) Fourth Trimester Initiative. This program aims to improve health outcomes for mothers and infants during the postpartum period by focusing on comprehensive care, addressing medical and social health factors, and offering tailored support such as breastfeeding guidance and educational resources for families.

MCHHS provides its clinical team with specialized training and resources to support both physical and emotional well-being. The hospital further enhances maternity care with prenatal classes, staff certified in neonatal resuscitation, and implementation of best practices including being recognized as a High 5 for Mom & Baby facility.

Rural obstetrics is imperative as it provides access to vital prenatal and delivery care for pregnant women living in rural areas.

"Without hospitals like MCHHS committed to providing excellent labor and delivery services, many patients face significant barriers which can ultimately lead to poor maternal and infant outcomes. MCHHS is committed to ensure families of our communities receive the highest levels of quality and compassionate care right here at home."

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  
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## SR CENTER MENUS

### **Beloit/Glen Elder Senior Center**

Week of Dec. 2 to Dec. 6

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**Tuesday** - Hamburger,

Scalloped Potato, Beets, Mandarin Oranges, Bun, Cookie, Milk

**Wednesday**- Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potato/Gravy, Broccoli, Apricots, Dinner Rolls, Milk

**Thursday**- BBQ Chicken, Au gratin Potato, Strawberry & Banana, Cookie, Dinner Roll, Milk

**Friday**- Meatballs in Gravy, Baked Potato, Peas & Carrots, Peaches, Bread, Milk

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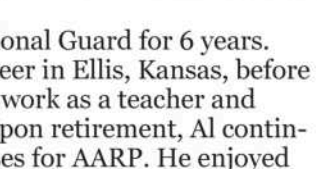
Al Schoen
December 24, 1942 – November 20, 2024

SHAWNEE - Al Schoen, 81, passed away Wednesday, November 20, 2024, at his home in Shawnee, Kansas. He was born on December 24, 1942, in Holton, Kansas, to Eldon and Lucille (Emmot) Schoen.



Al graduated from Beloit High School (Kansas) and earned his Bachelor's & Master's Degree in Education from Fort Hays State University. He served in the United States Army National Guard for 6 years.

He is survived by his children, Spence and wife Joan of Kansas City, Missouri, Lance Schoen of Lenexa, Kansas, Shelli Gill and husband Mike of Baytown, Texas; grandchildren, Jacob Schoen of Manhattan, Kansas, Jaxon Schoen of Lenexa, Kansas, and Andrew Gill of Baytown, Texas; sister, Rose Smith of Holton, Kansas; brother-in-law, Bob Meats of Beloit, Kansas, and daughter-in-law, Becca Schoen of Lenexa, Kansas.



COURT NEWS

Civil Settled - Builders Financial Service LLC vs Debra G Beam; Default Judgment in favor of the Plaintiff in the amount of \$63,429 plus \$11,602.91 interest, \$1,090 fees, and \$230.25 costs.

Small Claims Settled - Crumbaker Oil and Feed LLC vs Jonathan Heller; Judgment by Agreement in favor of the Plaintiff in the amount of \$1,806.47 plus costs and fees.

Criminal Settled - State of Kansas vs Daniel Owen Lane; Defendant is sentenced to 12 months in the Mitchell County Jail for 1 count Unlawful Possession of Controlled Substance- Alprazolam and 6 months for 1 count Unlawful Possession of Controlled Substances- Marijuana which shall run concurrently.

Criminal Filed - State of Kansas vs Adam Matthew Webster; Defendant is charged with 3 counts Driving while Under the Influence of Alcohol and 1 count Failure to Install Ignition Interlock Device.

Criminal Filed - State of Kansas vs Joeline Wezlie Smiley; 1 count Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon, 1 count Criminal Threat, and 3 counts Interference with Law Enforcement- Dismissed by Prosecutor. Case Dismissed without Prejudice.

LAND TRANSFERS

Quit Claim Deed - R Michelle Winkel, a single person, quit claims to Christopher Winkel, aka Chris Winkel, aka Christopher B Winkel, aka Chris B Winkel, a single person, all of her right, title, and interest in the following described real estate in the County of Mitchell and the State of Kansas, to-wit: The W 1/2 of the NW 1/4 and the W 1/2 of the SE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 15, Township 7 S, Range 9 W of the 6th P.M., Mitchell County, Kansas...

442 sq. Ft., more or less, subject to all reservations, restrictions, easements, and rights-of-way of record and all other visible easements. Except and subject to: This Transfer on Death Deed is revocable. It does not transfer any ownership until the deaths of both owners. It revokes all prior beneficiary designations by the owners for this interest in real estate. Dated November 12, 2024.

Trustee's Warranty Deed - This indenture, made this 7th day of November, 2024, between Russell Carter, Trustee of the Russell Carter Revocable Trust dated March 19, 2014, as Grantor, and Grantee Trever Lee Grace, a single person, witnesses that said Grantor, in consideration of the sum of \$1.00 and other valuable considerations, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, does by these presents, grant, bargain, sell, warrant, and convey unto said Grantee, all of the following described real estate, situated in Mitchell County, KS, to-wit:

A tract of land in the NW 1/4 of Section 10, Township 7 S, Range 7 W of the 6th P.M., Mitchell County, Kansas, except the N 30 ft, and A tract of land in the NW 1/4 of Section 10, Township 7 S, Range 7 W of the 6th P.M., Mitchell County, Kansas, except the N 30 ft.

To have and to hold the same, together with all and singular the tenements, hereditaments, and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining, forever. And said Grantor, for himself, his successors and assigns, does hereby covenants, promise, and agree to and with said Grantee, that the undersigned is the duly appointed and acting Trustee under the terms of the Russell Carter Revocable Trust dated March 19, 2014, which Trust Agreement remains in full force and effect and has not been otherwise amended or revoked; and that the terms of such Trust Agreement authorized and empower said Trustee to sell and convey any real estate in the said Trust. In witness whereof, Grantee has hereunto caused this deed to be signed the day and year first above written.

POLICE DEPT.

Beloit Police Department (BPD) - On November 12 at approximately 2:12 pm, BPD arrested Jessica Patterson, Clay Center, for Driving While Suspended, Suspended Registration, No Proof of Insurance, and on an Arrest Warrant.

On November 15 at approximately 4:51pm, BPD arrested Scott Plush, Salina, for Driving while Suspended. On November 16 at approximately 3:43 pm, BPD arrested Kayla Carrico, Salina, for Driving while Suspended, Possession of Meth, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, and Obstructed License Plate.

SHERIFF'S DEPT.

Mitchell County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) - On November 1 MCSO investigated a single vehicle, non-injury collision with a deer on KS Hwy 9, W of Hope Ln. involving a 2009 Honda Odyssey driven by Charles Diers, Beloit.

On November 4 MCSO investigated a single vehicle, non-injury, rollover collision with a deer on 110 Rd, N of O Rd involving a 2015 GMC Sierra driven by Aaron Hake, Tipton. On November 7 MCSO took a report of a vehicle vs deer accident in Cawker City involving a 2017 Suburu Impreza driven by Julie Lyn Alford, Cawker City.

On November 8 MCSO investigated a single vehicle collision E of 350 Rd on KS Hwy 9 involving a 1994 Buick Regal driven by Lance Sonner, Beloit. On November 8 MCSO took a report of a non-injury accident involving a 2019 Ford Edge driven by Taylor Solt, Beloit.

On November 11 at approximately 9:20 pm, MCSO investigated a non-injury accident with a deer in the 2500 Blk of US 24 Hwy involving a 2011 Chevrolet Impala driven by Grace Smith, Glen Elder. On November 12 MCSO conducted a traffic stop which led to the arrest of Brandon Harding, Clay Center, for a Clay County Arrest Warrant.

On November 13 MCSO arrested Denis Hernandez Andendano, Portland, OR, for Driving without a Valid License, Expired Registration, Obstructed License Plate, and No Valid Insurance. On November 13 MCSO took a report of a non-injury accident with a deer involving a 2021 Chevrolet Silverado driven by Andrew Niemczyk, Beloit.

On November 13 MCSO took a report of a non-injury accident involving a 2014 Jeep Wrangler driven by Matthew Dillon, Beloit. On November 14 MCSO arrested Adam Webster, Goddard, for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol and Transporting an Open Container. On November 16 MCSO took a report of a non-injury vehicle vs deer accident involving a 1999 Ford F150 driven by Ronald Brooks, Glen Elder.

On November 17 MCSO conducted a traffic stop in which Jay Buser, Cawker City, was arrested for a Russell County Warrant.

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John Miller

FORT WORTH, TEXAS – Memorial services for John E. Miller, age 77, of Ft. Worth, Texas, will be at 1 p.m. Friday, Nov. 29 at the Roberts Family Funeral Home. Mr. Miller died November 14 in Van, TX. Survivors include his sons, Mickey Miller & Cale Miller, both of Texas; and sister, Marie (Max) Roberts of Beloit. Cremation has taken place & private family burial will take place at a later date. Roberts Family Funeral Service is in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be left at www.robertsfamilyfs.com

Math

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- Top 10 Overall Places (1A-6A) 1. Maize South (5A), 166.5 points 2. McPherson (6A), 107.5 points 3. St. John's Catholic (1A), 73.5 points T4. Garden City (6A), 66 points T4. Goddard (5A), 66 points 6. Ellsworth (3A), 65.33 points 7. Great Bend (5A), 65 points 8. Hays (5A), 62 points 9. Sacred Heart (2A), 53.83 points 10. Gardner Edgerton (6A), 53.5 points Top 10 Places (1A Division) 1. St. John's Catholic - 73.5 points 2. Rock Hills - 32 points 3. Osborne - 26.5 points 4. Minneola - 12 points 5. Tipton Catholic - 11 points 6. Thunder Ridge - 10 points 7. Bucklin - 6.5 points 8. Wheatland - 6 points 9. Northern Valley - 4 points 10. Western Plains - 2.5 points Highest Scoring Totals (since 2002... no data before then) 2009 - Thomas More Prep - 184 points 2008 - Thomas More Prep - 174 points 2015 - McPherson - 167.5 points 2024 - Maize South - 166.5 points 2018 - St. John's Catholic - 160 points 2021 - Hays - 158.5 points 2004 - Hutchinson - 152.5 points St. John's Catholic Math Relays history 2024 - 73.5 points - 1st in 1A, 3rd overall 2023 - 91 points - 1st in 1A, 3rd overall 2022 - 81.5 points - T1st in 1A, T4th overall 2021 - 88 points - 1st in 1A, 3rd overall 2019 - 119 points - 1st in 1A, 1st overall 2018 - 160 points - 1st in 1A, 1st overall 2017 - 102 points - 1st in 1A, 2nd overall 2016 - 79.33 points - 1st in 1A, 2nd overall 2015 - 56 points - 1st in 1A, 7th overall 2014 - 82 points - 1st in 1A, 5th overall 2013 - 68 points - 1st in 1A, T3rd overall 2012 - 58.5 points - 1st in 1A, 5th overall 2011 - 48.5 points - 1st in 1A, 8th overall 2010 - 21 points - 2nd in 1A, 14th overall

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Transfer on Death Deed - Owners Andrew F Niemczyk and Karen S Niemczyk, husband and wife, transfer on the death of the survivor of the owners to Andrew F Niemczyk and Karen S Niemczyk, Trustees, and their successors in trust, of The Andrew F Niemczyk and Karen S Niemczyk Trust dated October 5, 2021, all of our interest in 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

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## Beloit Trojans fall to Southeast of Saline in thriller Sub-state clash decided on final play



Beloit senior quarterback, Jackson Weston #2, prepares to hand off to junior Joel Rexroat #21, as the offensive line makes room for gained yards on the play against Southeast of Saline, in the 2A Substate football playoff game on Friday, Nov. 22, 2024, at Kansas Wesleyan University, in Salina. COURTESY PHOTOS

BY BRIAN DEBEY  
 The Beloit Trojans lost to the Southeast of Saline Trojans, 34-30, Friday night, on a last-play touchdown.

With the loss, Beloit ends its season with a 9-3 record. Southeast, the top-ranked team in Class 2A, advances to the state championship game against Nemaha Central. At Kansas Wesleyan University in Salina, senior Ashton Bletscher returned the opening kickoff to the Beloit 30-yard line. A few plays later, Tucker Thaxton intercepted a pass and returned it to the 18.

After a penalty against Beloit, Southeast started its initial possession at the 14. Gannon Jacobson ran for seven yards before Beloit's defense stymied the hosts.

An incomplete pass on fourth down allowed Beloit to regain possession at its 9. Junior Joel Rexroat's second run produced a first down at the 20.

The visitors used many plays as they advanced down the field. Rexroat's run to less than a yard from the goal line closed the first quarter.

The second quarter opened with Rexroat's touchdown run. After this drive of more than eight minutes, junior Oscar Angeles' extra-point was blocked. Beloit led 6-0.

The ensuing kickoff by Angeles was taken at the Southeast 34. A nine-yard touchdown reception by Evan Watkins completed the drive, tying the score at 6.

Beloit's offense stalled on the next possession, and senior Eli Johnson's

punt went to the hosts' 26. Several plays later, Kaden Barragan's 45-yard touchdown reception finished the drive. After Jacobson's run for the two-point conversion, Southeast led, 14-6, with less than four minutes left in the half.

Sophomore Joel Fuller received the following kickoff at the Beloit 17. In the last minute of the half, junior Kale Leners' 37-yard reception gave the visitors a first down at the 15.

A few plays later, Leners completed the drive with a four-yard touchdown reception. Southeast led, 14-12, with 10 seconds remaining in the half. Intermission arrived shortly thereafter.

The hosts started their first possession of the third quarter at their 9. Stout defense and a pair of penalties led to fourth down and 16.

Johnson blocked the punt, and sophomore Colton Adolph recovered it at the 4. A penalty against Beloit pushed the visitors back to the 7.

Rexroat's touchdown run put them ahead, 18-14, nearly three minutes into the second half. Southeast began its next possession at its 39.

Beloit allowed one first down before forcing an unsuccessful fourth-down attempt. Beloit's next possession ended on third down with an interception by Thaxton.

The hosts started the ensuing possession at their 36. Beloit's defense again stifled them, and a punt went to the visitors' 24. Rexroat then ran



Beloit Trojans prepare for their play against the Southeast of Saline Trojans during Sub-State action at Kansas Wesleyan, Salina.

through a big hole for a 76-yard touchdown run to extend the edge to 24-14. Watkins returned the kickoff to the Southeast 43.

Thaxton finished the ensuing drive with a 33-yard touchdown reception, narrowing the lead to 24-20 late in the third.

Senior Demetrius Dunigan returned the kickoff to the Beloit 37, but the offense stalled again. Johnson's punt early in the fourth quarter went to the Southeast 21.

Grady Gebhardt's 79-yard touchdown reception followed. His reception for the PAT gave the hosts a 28-24 lead.

Fuller returned the kickoff to the Beloit 32. His five-yard run numerous plays later produced a first down at the Southeast 44.

Two plays later, freshman Jacob Hand's 41-yard touchdown reception finished the drive. Beloit led, 30-28, nearly five minutes into the fourth.

The two-point attempt was stopped, like Beloit's previous PAT tries. The kickoff was returned to the Southeast 40. Beloit's

defense stymied the hosts, and a punt went to the 39.

The ensuing possession ended with a Johnson punt, which went to the Southeast 28. A few plays later, senior Ryker Clark intercepted Jacobson's pass around the hosts' 40 with 1 1/2 minutes left in the contest.

Beloit's offense took some time of the clock but did not advance down the field. Johnson's punt was returned to the Southeast 18 with 42 seconds remaining.

A few plays later, a 16-yard reception moved the hosts, who had no timeouts left, to the Beloit 24.

After Jacobson spiked the ball, seven seconds remained. Canyon Douglas then stunned Beloit with a 24-yard touchdown reception that used all of the time remaining.

Southeast won, 34-30, after the game's fifth and final lead change.

In spite of the tough loss, Beloit Head Coach Brad Gober said that he was super proud of his players.

"We got a lot better as the year went on," he said.



Beloit Trojans on the play.

Beloit competed against its formidable opponents better than nearly all of Southeast's previous opposition.

Gober said that his team was confident the contest would be a battle, and it was quite memorable.

"We knew coming into the game it was going to be a dogfight," he said. "It was one of those games you'll always remember. Just wish we had been on the other end of it."

The coach praised his

team's numerous seniors, who provided strong leadership throughout a remarkable season.

"Our seniors were just great," Gober said. "They're all fantastic kids."

The only stats provided before the time of this publication, included:

Joel Rexroat carried for 243 yards and had a 79 yard touchdown run; Jacob Hand had a 42 yard touchdown reception; Kale Leners a 6 yard touchdown reception.

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## Budke named CapFed® True Blue ® Student of the Week

BY BRENT MAYCOCK,  
KSHSAA COVERED

When Brandy Paul was guiding Beloit's volleyball program to its first-ever state appearance in 2015, she couldn't help but take notice of a young girl who was always around.

Addison Budke was only seven years old at the time, but already she stood out on the volleyball court.

"She had three older sisters who were on my first state team, so she was around the program from the get-go," Paul said of Budke. "Of course, she admired her sisters and was always wanting to be out there with them playing with them. And even then, she was one of the most natural athletes I've ever been around."

Wanting to make sure she maximized the ability she saw in Budke, Paul planted a seed that Budke really took to heart.

"I just wanted to make her aware of her talent," Paul said. "Everything had always come so easy for her that I don't think she was aware of how good she really was. ... I think it definitely motivated her."

Indeed it did. Budke blossomed from a promising young athlete into one of the top hitters in state history. The Trojan stand-out finished her career last month with 2,302 career kills, ranking No. 2 on the state's career list behind only Hutchinson Central Christian's Jamie Patrick, who recorded 2,635 kills from 2008-11.

"In sixth grade when Brandy was my club coach, she told me she couldn't wait for me to get up to high school and that I would be really good," Budke said. "It made me push myself because I didn't want to let people down and I had so much support along the way from my family, friends and coaches. I just wanted to push myself to be the best I could."

"Getting 2,000 kills and being second all-time in Kansas is such a cool accomplishment."

A four-time first-team All-Class 3A selection by the Kansas Volleyball

Association, Budke was recently named the Class 3A player of the year for the first time in her career. She's also CapFed® True Blue ® Student of the Week for 11-20-2024.

While Budke is widely known for her volleyball exploits, it only scratches the surface of her contributions to Beloit High School. She's a three-sport athlete, also starring in basketball and track and field and is a member of a handful of clubs at Beloit, including Seatbelts Are For Everybody (S.A.F.E.) and the Science Club, as well as a member of Beloit's National Honor Society.

Outside of school, she's actively involved in her church, St. John's Catholic Church, going through the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine program.

Truth be told, Budke would love to be involved in even more. But her demanding athletic schedule that includes playing volleyball nearly year-round only allows her so much time. She even took a year off from playing basketball to focus on her volleyball future, but returned last season in large part "because I felt I let my team down."

But as busy as she is, Budke refuses to slow down.

"I've always got something going on, always on the go," she said. "But I really like it that way. I always have something to do and I'm not just sitting at home not doing anything. It keeps me going and I kind of thrive off that."

"Sometimes, it doesn't let me do things I'd like to try. This year, we have a school play and obviously that takes a lot of time with rehearsals and everything. I really wanted to do it, but volleyball was more important to me. So I had to skip out and that was kind of sad."

Even without being actively involved in more school activities, Beloit principal Casey Seyfert said Budke still has become a significant leader at the school.

"She's just nice to everyone at our school," he

said. "She's going to help out wherever and whenever she can. And she always treats people the right way. What makes her special is, yes, sports are a big part of what she does, but she works hard in class, she sets a good example for the younger kids and is involved in a multitude of ways with other kids even though she doesn't have a lot of time because she's always doing something. She's a friend to all."

Seyfert has known Budke virtually her entire life with his daughter, Tatum, also a senior at Beloit. The two have been life-long friends and have competed in track and field with each other since an early age.

Both compete in throwing events with Seyfert one of the state's best in the shot put and discus – a two-time Class 3A state shot put and the 2023 champion in the discus. Budke finished third to Seyfert in the shot put at last year's State Outdoors and was second to Seyfert in the shot put in 2023. She's also a two-time state qualifier in the javelin, but doesn't throw the discus.

And while Budke has become a role model for many young volleyball players in Beloit, she said she's always looked up to Seyfert as well.

"Our friendship has been very strong, even when we're not in track season," Budke said. "She holds me accountable and makes me work hard. I've always looked up to her because she's obviously so good and so strong. She's just so good and I love cheering her on and pushing her to be better."

Budke's first athletic role models came from within her own family. Those three older sisters – Kirsten Joy and twins Alexis and Alana Budke – were seniors on Beloit's first-ever state-qualifying volleyball team in 2015.

And as the younger sister by more than nine years, she took it all in.

"They would pepper with me and show me what to do," Budke recalled. "My sisters have always been my biggest role

models. I always went to their games and watched them play and it inspired me to be like them."

Now, it's Budke who's the role model for the next generation of Beloit volleyball players, a position she's embraced throughout her high school years after bursting onto the scene with a freshman season in which she ranked among the state leaders with a whopping 679 kills.

Whenever she gets the chance, she goes out of her way to mentor and work with younger players, whether it's those on Beloit's sub-varsity squads or in the youth camps the high school conducts.

"I love seeing those little girls in the stands and helping them out at volleyball camps," Budke said. "It means a lot that they want to be like me. I try to be a positive, good role model for them. I hope that I left a positive mark and that I've shown how to be responsible and how I was the best I could be. I hope people try to set out to beat all my accomplishments."

Paul said the legacy has definitely been left and Budke has been paying it forward to a program she grew up dreaming of starring for and led to great heights with the Trojans capturing North Central Activities Association titles each of her four seasons as well as qualifying for state all four years.

"What stands out with her is she doesn't necessarily want the attention on her," Paul said. "She would cheer on her teammates more than herself. She was very humble about her talents and was such a great teammate."

"She's been a great mentor to the young girls and even this year I saw her with one of our freshmen and would take her on the court and mentor on what she needed to be doing to improve, and you could just see that freshman shaking her head, 'OK,' and taking it all in."

"For all these younger girls coming up, Addie's their idol. That helps the program because these young girls fall in love



Beloit High School senior, Addison Budke.

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with the game and want to be her and we're going to see the dividends for years to come from that."

Though it was a dream for Budke to play college volleyball at the Division I level for the University of Nebraska, she's instead signed with Division II Nebraska-Kearney, which captured its seventh MIAA title this fall and is currently ranked No. 5 in the nation with a 28-1 overall record.

She'll head to Kearney a well-rounded player, also posting 931 career digs and 185 career aces to go along with her eye-popping kill total that saw her have at least 530 each of her four seasons.

Before she leaves, Budke will look to lead Beloit's basketball team back to the state tournament for the first time since the 2015 team that included Alexis and Alana, as well as challenge for state track and field titles.

While her presence in the athletic arena will certainly leave a major hole, Casey Seyfert said the one she leaves at the school in general will be just as big.

"When all is said and done, it's going to be hard on me, personally because I'm losing multiple kids in this class because I think of her as my own kid for how long I've known her," Seyfert said. "She's always been there and been very active. Just watching her grow up and evolve has been truly special because she's just a sweet kid who's so endearing."

"We're going to have great kids coming up because that's what we do. But we'll miss her because she's such a great leader in so many facets. She's kind of been the face of volleyball and been really good in basketball and track for so long that we'll need to find a new identity."

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Andover Central (11-1) 41 @ Buhler (9-3) 14  
 Axtell (12-0) 52 @ Frankfort (9-3) 20  
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# SPORTS

## Seyfert signs with Oklahoma State University track

BELOIT – Beloit senior, Tatum Seyfert signed with Oklahoma State University on Nov. 19, 2024, at the Beloit High School library.

Seyfert has been a standout in Beloit Track and Field throwing events, and will now continue at the college level as a Cowgirl.

Seyfert said she chose Oklahoma State because she really liked the coach and it isn't too far away – that in being 3.50 hours. "It just feels like a really good fit," said Tatum.

Seyfert is looking forward to the new competition at the college level, and traveling to various other places to compete. For now, she says she will probably be focusing on shot put, but is open to trying other events as well.

At the high school level, Seyfert has accomplished:

Shot Put:  
Freshman year: Season Best - 42' 7.75" - finished 6th in state

Sophomore year: Season Best - 44' 10.5" - State Champion

Junior year: Season Best - 45' 11.25" - State Champion, School Record, State Record



Beloit senior, Tatum Seyfert, has signed with Oklahoma State University, for track and field. Shown at her signing are, from left to right, front row: Casey Seyfert (Dad and BHS Track and Field Coach), Tatum, Amanda Seyfert (Mom). Back row: Beloit Track and Field Coaches: Grant Deneke and Ryan Isbell.

Discus:  
Freshman year: Season Best - 133' 2" - finished 2nd in state

Sophomore year: Season Best - 141' 2" - State Champion

Junior year: Season

Best - 144' 4" - State Runner-up

Seyfert will have the 2025 Beloit High School track and field season to accomplish even more.

"I have been taught

how a team can be compared to as a family during my high school career, and on having good morals" said Tatum. "I will miss my friends a lot, moving forward, and also the high school atmosphere."

The college level was always a goal to reach, for Tatum, and she was able to accomplish that goal.

"I'm very proud of Tatum for the work that she has put in to develop as a thrower but even

more impressed with her moral and religious compass that guides her in life, said BHS Throwing Coach and Dad, Casey Seyfert.

Seyfert will be majoring in Elementary education in college.

## KVA All-State 1st team Thompson signs with WSU volleyball

BELOIT – Beloit High School senior, Sophia Thompson, signed with Wichita State University volleyball on Thursday, Nov. 21, at the high school gymnasium, to continue at the college level as a Shocker. Thompson was recently named to the KVA All-State First Team in Class 3A, adding to her several high school career achievements.

"I chose WSU, because as soon as I stepped on the campus, I felt like it was home. It was beautiful, the coaches were very welcoming, and it felt like family," said Thompson.

When asked about what she looked forward to the most about playing at the college level, Thompson said she was excited to get the opportunity, to improve, and to showcase her talent as a volleyball player.

Thompson said Coach Pauls taught her everything she knows.

"She encouraged me, and was with me every step of the way to reach this goal" said Thompson. "I did everything I could, completing the extra



Beloit senior, Sophia Thompson, has signed with Wichita State University, to play volleyball as a Lady Shocker. Shown at her signing are, from left to right, front row: Chad Thompson (Dad), Sophia, Sheila Thompson (Mom), Samantha Thompson (sister). Back row: Beloit High School Coaches Steph Litton, Brandy Paul, Josie Burke, and Mamba Coach Jarne Carroll, of Manhattan.

minutes, extra reps, and always made sure to give it my best."

Sophia Thompson, #6, 6'1, senior, Middle Hitter/Blocker accomplished a lot during her years at Beloit

High School, including:

- 2-year Letter Winner
- Verbally Committed to Wichita State

Wichita State

- NCAA League Champ 2 years
- Sub-State Champ 2

years

- State 2 years
- NCAA All League 2 years

years

- 2023 3a 2nd Team All State
- 2024 State Tourna-

ment Team

- 2024 KVA All-State First Team

- AVCA Phenom Watch List

- School season record for Blocks

Season Stats:

- Attacks: 362 kills;
- 62.1 kill %; .497 hitting %

- Blocks: 139 Blocks

Thompson will be majoring in Biology at Wichita State University.

## Follis signs with Barton Community volleyball

BELOIT – Beloit senior, Kailyn Follis, signed with Barton Community College on Friday, Nov. 22, at the high school gymnasium, to continue at the college level as a Lady Cougar. Kailyn was recently named to the KVA All-State Honorable Mention in Class 3A, adding to her several high school career achievements.

Kailyn said she really likes the 2-year Barton program and the culture they have. She will be majoring in Elementary education and would like to be a coach as well someday, and possibly transfer for more volleyball as well.

Kailyn feels like the Beloit High School volleyball program has supported her from all of her coaches and teammates, and have pushed her forward to this college level moment.

"The past two years, I have made it a goal to pursue college level play," said Kailyn. "It has been awesome playing alongside my twin sister, Jaidyn,



Beloit senior, Kailyn Follis, has signed with Barton County Community College, to play volleyball as a Lady Cougar. Shown at her signing are, from left to right, front row: Courtney Follis (Mom), Kailyn, Clayton Follis (Dad). Back row: Jaidyn Follis (Sister) and Gage Follis (brother).

and I will be sad and miss that. She has definitely pushed me through."

Kailyn Follis, #27, 5'4, Libero, high school achievements include:

· 4-year Letter Winner

- Verbally Committed to Barton County

- NCAA League Champ

- 4 years Sub-State Champs 4 years, State qualifier- All

4 Years

- NCAA All-League 1st Team 3 years

- AVCA Phenom Watch List

- Got the School record

for season digs and serve receive passes this season

- KVA All-State Honorable Mention in Class 3A

Career Stats:

- Assist: 131 assist

- Serve Receive: 1762 career serve receive passes

- Digs: 1667 digs

- Serving: 131 Aces



Brennah Wahweotten (Women's Fancy Shawl Dancer).

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Flute player, Michael LittleVoice, shares dancing, flute playing and education about the flute.



Greg Victors (Wichita War Dancer/Educator) of the Ponca Nation- Southern Plains War Dancer opens the ceremonies held at the 9th Annual Wakonda Indian Festival.



Tony Wahweotten (Men's Traditional Dancer).



Greg Victors and Brennah Wahweotten includes crowd participation in the Snake Dance during the 9th Annual Wakonda Indian Festival, held at Glen Elder State Park, on Oct. 5, 2024.

November is National Native American Heritage Month (NNAHM), a time to recognize the history, culture, and achievements of Native Americans, Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians, and affiliated Island communities:

- Celebrate: Honor the traditions, languages, and stories of Native Americans and their descendants
- Learn: Increase knowledge of the challenges faced by Native Americans and how historical trauma has impacted them
- Honor veterans: Recognize veterans who have served to defend the nation
- Bring attention: Draw attention to missing and murdered Indigenous peoples

President George H. W. Bush signed the official designation of NNAHM into law in 1990. The month is sometimes also referred to as American Indian Heritage Month.

### Cheyenne continued from the front page

Mr. Hersey, one of Mitchell County's founders, also told about helping Dr. George Brown with building a cabin at Cheyenne Springs in the Fall of 1863. Dr. Brown was a buffalo and wolf hunter. He holds the distinction for the name-sake of Brown's Creek. Dr. Brown was pushed out by the Native Americans in 1864 during many of the raids happening along the Solomon River, as well as the large prairie fires that were set. Thus, the founding of Fort Solomon in 1864 in Ottawa County was justified. Mr. Hersey also made claims about coming up the Solomon in June of 1858 with a Mr. Collins and Mr. Drake who were laying claims on the Limestone Creek north of present day Glen Elder.

The first settlements of the Republican Smoky Hill, and Solomon valleys were between 1865 and 1870, when the Junction City land office did more business than any other land office in Kansas. A number of applicants were waiting at the office almost every day. With so many homesteaders traveling to the Solomon River valley via Junction City, it brought about entire families trying to grab as much land as possible.

In April of 1866, Richard M. Smith and John S. Smith came to Mitchell County with many other homesteaders. They took up claims all around Brown's Creek. They were acquiring land in the names of their father, mother and siblings too. Their mother Elinor Smith Stout's claim could not be finalized because of her death in 1868, but her probate wasn't recorded until 1871. In August of 1866, 400 Pawnee, 400 Omaha and numerous others started at the forks of the Solomon and pushed east driving back settlers and killing seven. Capt. Reese helped get most back to Fort Solomon. This raid caused the Smith families, totaling nine persons, to go back to Ottawa and Cloud counties for better protection.

John Smith and Richard Smith are the two

that came back in 1867 fortifying the Saint's Rest. They were able to protect themselves in the 1868 raids and started a good trading post business with the Campbell brothers. Their father and brother were not so lucky. They were killed while making hay not far from Delphos, KS. Their Mitchell County land claims were relinquished to heirs. These raids caused much fear in the settlers but military and local militia organized created a sense of security. By late 1869, the Campbell brothers were soliciting for settlers to come in. The whole area was moving towards county organization. Forty families from Iowa were on their way to Cheyenne Springs.

Alexander Parker January 27, 1871, is one of the most pivotal days in the history of Cawker City, Kansas. On that day, Alexander Parker, a well-seasoned, 43-year-old merchant from St. Joseph, Missouri and his side kick, Frank Leggett, drove a wagon into town. He was looking for a new location to open a business house at the edge of the frontier and make a ton of money. Other than a stake driven at the intersection of four homestead claims on which hung a sign proclaiming "This is Cawker City," there were no more than five finished structures and 25 inhabitants to mark the town.

As the Kansas Legislature was in session, Col. Cawker, his wife and child, were all in Topeka at the time, but John Seger greeted the men and invited them into his home that doubled as the town's real estate and post office and which had a warm, stone fireplace. Seger had recognized Frank Leggett, but couldn't place him. Frank revealed how ten years previously, as he turned 21 years old, he had boarded with John in Milwaukee. As the conversation turned to business, Seger presented the standing offer of a free town lot to any person who would build a store upon it. They stepped outside to consider the lay of the land and future prospects of the

town when James Arthur, who owned and operated the saw mill, appeared and greeted Mr. Parker with the Masonic grip which was enthusiastically accepted.

Mr. Parker wanted a larger stake in the town commensurate to the size of the investment he was preparing to make for the town's success. He did in fact, ultimately build five substantial buildings of stone as well as the first brick building in town. At one point during negotiations, he demanded 40 town lots which included half a block (six lots) on the north side of the main east-west road at the center of town. He left his counter offer and continued on his tour further west.

On his return east, Mr. Parker visited the town of Waconda at the forks of the Solomon, which was quickly becoming the major rival to Cawker City. He was equally well received at Waconda until he requested a similar inducement of town lots which he made at Cawker. Unable to come to some agreement, Parker continued on his journey home. But Parker was an expert at haggling, and in the future he would take advantage of the rivalry between the two struggling towns to his advantage.

Parker and Leggett arrived in St. Joseph, but because the weather remained mild, they returned to the Solomon Valley a couple weeks later with four wagon loads of corn, bacon, cornmeal, flour, potatoes and offered them for sale at Cawker City. Having made good on the first part of the deal, Mr. Parker was prepared to start building on his chosen lot. However, the town had still not been surveyed. In frustration, Mr. Parker had Frank Leggett pace the distance off and building commenced. When the official survey was completed later that year, the cottonwood store was found to have been built right over the alley that was planned to have run through the center of the block. The cottonwood building was soon replaced by the substantial stone one that still stands

today (2021) and for many years, Dr. G.W. Chapman petitioned the city council to vacate that alley or remove the structure. The alley was finally vacated in 1883.

With the first store completed, Alexander Parker purchased \$7,000 worth of horses, mules and harness to haul goods from the terminus of the Central Branch of the Union Pacific RR at Waterville the 112 miles to Cawker. He made a \$13,000 "sight draft" on his brother for 15 wagon loads of dry goods and groceries and made the second trip. Then for three days, beginning on April 1, 1871, 90 tons of goods were hauled to Cawker City which was noted in a Clyde newspaper article: "Parker & Co. took 70 wagon loads of goods through this city Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, last bound for Cawker City, Mitchell County. This is the largest stock of goods ever taken west of Clyde, and is in the hands of competent men, who will succeed." A September 1871 Waterville article described the store: "We had heard of his store through the papers, and can say that neither its extent or appearance were in the least exaggerated. We seldom see such stocks of goods in cities of much greater pretensions than Cawker. When we stood at the front door, and looked down the long narrow aisles between the immense piles of goods, we almost imagined ourself at the west terminus of the second hundred miles of the Central Branch railroad looking down the track to see what was going on in Waterville. It is long, wide and well filled."

When the previous description was published, Parker had already begun construction of his stone store building to the east of his cottonwood store, as well as a substantial stone residence. The east stone store was completed in the spring of 1872 and the west store replaced the frame one by November of that year. The second story of the second building was used by the Masons and was later referred to as Parker's Hall. Both of

these buildings still stand today. In 1877, a single story stone warehouse 32x100 was built on the east side of the double front store. The Parker mansion was also completed in 1872 and had ample room for his wife Melissa, son Harry, and daughters Flora, Effie and Etta. However, to herald the arrival of the railroad in 1879, Parker decided to make his home even more impressive with the addition a three story tower with gothic arched windows on top. Later known as the Rothschild mansion, this was the most imposing home in Cawker until it was torn down in 1955 by Henry Koster.

Until the U.S. Land Office opened in Cawker City on June 23, 1872, the rivalry with Waconda for superiority raged. On at least one occasion, Parker moved a part of his stock of goods to Waconda and threatened to permanently locate there until new inducements in Cawker were offered. Land records confirm that on August 1, 1871, Parker received 14 town lots from Henry Huckell (1st Ward) and 13 lots from R.G.F. Kshinka (3rd Ward) for which he paid a total of \$4.00. Six weeks later, Parker purchased 20 town lots each of E.H. Cawker (2nd Ward) and J.P. Rice (4th Ward) for a total of \$2,000. All of these town lots were located on blocks facing Wisconsin (US-14) and Pennsylvania (Lake Dr.) avenues.

Liquor was an important staple on the Kansas frontier until its prohibition in 1881. Earlier in life, Parker had lived in Cincinnati and was well aware of the work of Nicholas Longworth in creating the wine industry there. In 1850, Parker opened the "Wild Cat" grocery store in Hannibal, Missouri and sold Cincinnati whiskey. An 1867 ad for Parker's store in St. Joseph, Mo., specifically mentions the sale of Catawba Brandy directly from the Longworth vineyards. In Cawker City, it was reported that Parker kept 19 barrels of whiskey on hand which most likely also came from Cincinnati. James Decker described his first visit to the Parker

store: "Having occasion to visit the land office in 1873, we took advantage of the opportunity and did some trading at the general store of A.A. Parker, who by the way, was one of the really famous merchants in Western Kansas. Since that time, we have traveled quite a lot, but never have we met such a surprise as greeted us at the Parker store, where we found a barrel of good old Kentucky whiskey standing at the rear of the grocery department and near it hung a tin cup. We were invited a drink and not limited to one drink, either."

In 1873, the double stone storefront of Parker and Co. boasted an inventory of well over \$30,000. One recorded shipment of goods included 4,000 pounds of salted pork, 50 barrels of pickled pork, and 2,500 pounds of flour. A visit from a St. Joseph newspaper correspondent described how, "an array of dry goods, clothing, notions, boots, shoes, hats, caps, queensware, hardware, agriculture implements, groceries, provisions and liquors greet the eye, and the first impulse of the stranger is "what in the world can any man want with so large a stock of goods in this country?" The answer is, make money! In 1872, Parker sold 60,000 pounds of hides to the eastern markets. Out of the reach of the railroads, Parker was an essential link to the eastern markets and soon opened more stores in Gaylord and Osborne. He had something for everyone and would exchange merchandise for anything the homesteader needed to dispose of. Frederick Hulaniski described Parker in less than glowing terms: "He bought everything anyone had to sell, from the hide of defunct beef critter to a load of buffalo bones, and had everything to sell, or trade, from a yard of blue calico to a glass of rotgut whiskey. He was worth a hundred thousand dollars, went around in overalls and cow hide boots, swindled everybody who had any dealings with him on week days and prayed long and loud on Sundays."



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*Thank you!*

(First Published in the Beloit Call on November 21, 2024)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MITCHELL COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF TERRY L. HARNETT, DECEASED.  
No. MC-24-PR-000040

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in this court by Tyler Harnett, as one of the heirs of Terry L. Harnett, deceased, requesting:

Descent be determined of the following described real estate situated in Mitchell County, Kansas:

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in the City of Cawker City, Mitchell County, Kansas.

and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by decedent at the time of death. And that such property and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by the decedent at the time of death be assigned pursuant to the laws of intestate succession.

You are hereby required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before December 23, 2024, at 9:30 o'clock a.m., in the City of Beloit, Mitchell County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

Tyler Harnett, Petitioner

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### Preparing for colder temperatures!

Squirrels and hawks are preparing for the colder winter months. Squirrels eat more in the fall to gain weight and build up fat reserves to survive the winter. They store nuts, berries, vegetables, grains, and twigs in shallow holes near trees or in the ground. They use their memory and sense of smell to find their food caches. Squirrels build warm nests in trees to withstand the cold, and grow a thick coat to help them stay warm. They use vocalizations and body language to communicate with each other, especially to share information about food sources and warn each other of danger. Squirrels use their photo-neuroendocrine system to sense when the days are getting shorter in the fall, which signals that it's time to prepare for winter. They don't hibernate like other animals, but instead rely on their fat reserves, stored food, and warm nests to survive the winter. Hawks prepare for winter by gaining weight to build up fat reserves, molting to grow thicker feathers for better insulation, and for many species, migrating to warmer climates where food is more readily available during the colder months; they also fluff their feathers to trap air and stay warm when temperatures drop. Hawks eat more during the fall to accumulate fat reserves which act as energy stores during the colder months when food may be scarce. In the fall, they undergo a molt, growing new, thicker feathers that provide better insulation against cold weather. Some hawk species, particularly those from northern regions, migrate south to warmer climates with more available prey during winter. When cold, hawks will fluff up their feathers to create air pockets that trap heat around their bodies. Resident hawks may choose sheltered areas or perch on sunny spots to stay warm.

SHARON SAHLFELD PHOTOS

*“All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.”*

## “Happy Thanksgiving!”

“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

Always? Without ceasing? In ALL circumstances? But what about... and what do you really mean by “without ceasing”...

and surely you don't mean I have to give thanks for THAT?

Our joy as a Christian shouldn't be based on our circumstances, because those will ALWAYS change. We should rejoice always because we can find joy in the fact that God doesn't change even when our circumstances,

good or bad, fluctuate all of the time.

Our conversation with God never has to cease and that is the basis of prayer – communicating with God. Praying with ceasing is a constant, flowing, and relaxed conversation with God and is not limited by anything but ourselves and our willing-

ness to start that process. We don't have to use an audible voice or be on our knees in prayer, or be in a certain place. Just begin! In your heart and mind, right where you are.

Give thanks in ALL circumstance? But that's really hard to do. Yes it is. We have been so programmed to see the

negative side of almost any situation that we don't find favorable to us. What if you didn't allow yourself to think about the negative but looked, REALLY LOOKED, for what you could give thanks for in any circumstance you are in?

As we celebrate Thanksgiving, what a

great time to start doing exactly what this verse says. You have to work at it and give it a try, but we can do it because, as the last part of these verses say, “this is the will of God... for YOU.” With God on our side, we know we can accomplish anything.

*God Bless and Happy Thanksgiving from the Beloit Methodist Church*

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“Finally, be strengthened by the Lord and his powerful strength.”

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The sky was amazing on Monday, Nov. 16, showing all its glory through needed rain. SHARON SAHLFELD PHOTO

## Some November record-setting rains Drought conditions still remain

KANSAS — As drought conditions still continue, with 6,145 people in Mitchell County being affected, the month of November has Wichita setting a record for monthly rainfall in November. The National Weather Service (NWS) in Wichita says that as of 8 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 18, Dwight D. Eisenhower National Airport recorded .95 inches of rainfall, bringing the monthly

total to 6.92 inches. As it looks so far, Thanksgiving day is forecast by the NWS to be partly sunny, with a high near 42 degrees. As of November 12, 2024, approximately 33% (27,181 square miles) of Kansas is under drought conditions and 40% (33,056 square miles) is abnormally dry. Cheney Lake still reads 7.49 below normal after the recent November rains.



"Because you received a double dose of shame and dishonor, you will inherit a double portion of endless joy and everlasting bliss!" Isaiah 61:7 TPT

COURTESY PHOTO, CAPTURED EARLIER IN THE YEAR BY LEIA HYMAN



Terry Peterson captures beautiful rays of a rainbow, east off No. 9 Highway, on Monday, Nov. 16, 2024.



Regina L. Lynch captures a beautiful rainbow over the Mitchell County courthouse in Beloit, after the needed rain on Monday, Nov. 16.



### Special shirt orders due by Dec. 1

BELOIT — Christian Condiment t-shirts (God's Word - the Secret Ingredient) are available to order and orders are due by Dec. 1. All proceeds will go to the local food pantry and every shirt sold is a witness for Jesus. There are six designs to choose from in both adult and youth sizes, at \$16.99 plus \$4.99 delivery, and \$5 from each t-shirt ordered will go to the food pantry you choose. Direct shipping or local delivery in Beloit is available. "This is a perfect mission project for any group," said Angela Lynch, and she can be contacted at 785-738-2979. Order online by Dec. 1 to receive before Christmas at MessengerClothing.com > Custom Stores > Christian Condiment T-shirts. Their goal is to feed the body and the spirit.



Shown from left are Bob Lampert, First Bank; Joyce McKinney, Beloit Methodist Church; Cyndee McCullough, Angel Tree coordinator, First Presbyterian Church; Kevin Marozas, Beloit Methodist Church; and Brian Eilert, First Bank.

## Angel Tree now available

The Angel Tree is now available in the lobby of First Bank of Beloit, at the corner of Main and Mill St. Community members can choose angels that list the Christmas gift wishes of school-age children to help their families provide a brighter holiday season.

The Angel Tree, a project of the Beloit Ministerial Association and the First Bank staff, with assistance from the Student Council at Beloit and St. John's High School, and the BHS JAG students, is fully decorated with many angels made and decorated by the West Beloit 4-H club.

All one has to do to participate in the Blessing of Giving is to pick an angel off the tree, tell one of the bank employees the number, and then purchase a wished

for item or items. The wrapped gifts, labeled only with the angel number, are to be returned to the bank no later than Monday, Dec. 9, as gifts will be delivered on Dec. 11. People who wish to provide gifts are encouraged to choose their angels soon and return the gifts to First Bank prior to that day.

Anyone who takes an angel from the tree will be entered into a drawing. First Bank of Beloit will be sponsoring two gift baskets to be given away at the end of the season. Angel Tree families will also receive a holiday food box from the Mitchell County Food Pantry and a voucher for perishable items at Ray's Apple Market, thanks in part to a grant from the Solomon Valley Community Foundation.

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