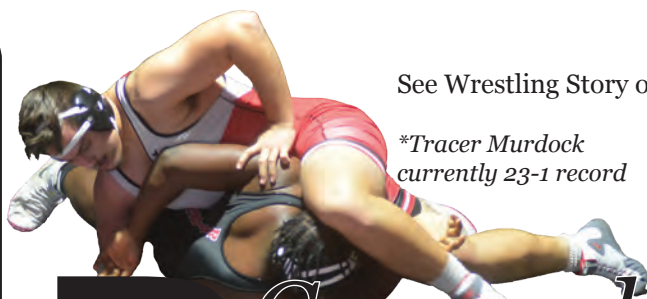


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Commissioners honor Metro

A Professional Services Agreement for the extension of the sanitary sewer main in the Kansas Street right-of-way between 18th & 19th streets, and an Extension Grant Easement for Rural Water District #1 were two of the agenda items at the regular meeting of the city commission on January 16.

Commissioner Christy Hasch was absent from the meeting.

The meeting began with a formal recognition of Jim Metro's 29 years of service to the city in the Streets Department. Metro is retiring at the end of the year. City Public Works Director Shane Kisby presented Metro with a key to the city, an award plaque, and a parting gift basket.

In the action item portion of the meeting, commissioners approved a professional services agreement with Campbell & Johnson Engineers, P.A. for the extension of the sanitary sewer main in the Kansas Street right-of-way between 18th & 19th streets. The agreement totals \$12,000, to be paid from the city's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) fund.

On January 2, commissioners executed a development agreement with LeDuc Properties for an extension of 220 feet of sanitary sewer main in the Kansas Street right-of-way between 18th & 19th streets to serve the devel-



The city commission meeting on January 16, started with recognizing Jim Metro's, left, 29 years of service to the city in the Streets Department. Metro is retiring at the end of the year. City Public Works Director Shane Kisby, right, presented Metro with a key to the city, an award plaque, and a parting gift basket.

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Per the professional services agreement, Campbell and Johnson will also administer bids for the construction of the sanitary sewer main extension. All work is expected to be complete by year-end, with effort made to coincide with completion of the private development.

If a lowering of the existing water main and natural gas main are needed due to the elevation of the

extension of 19th Street, a supplemental agreement will be brought to commissioners for consideration.

The \$12,000 agreement includes: \$7,500 for field work, design engineering, bid letting, and contracting, and \$4,500 for construction observation.

In further action, commissioners approved a Grant of Easement to Rural Water District #1 for a location at the Airport Park.

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A conversation with Mayor Amy Jackson

BY RUSSELL GAGNON

Spend a few minutes with Amy Jackson, Concordia's new mayor, and you quickly realize that she cares deeply about her community.

"Family means everything to me," Jackson said. "There was a need for somebody to fill this role and I wanted to be involved in our community and help ensure it was a place for families."

Jackson, along with her husband Nick, is the co-owner of Republican Valley Landscape LLC. She grew up in the Topeka area and graduated from Topeka Hayden High School. She then attended Neosho County Community College in Chanute, where she played volleyball.

"I then went to Washburn University and got my degree in psychology, with a minor in criminal justice," Jackson said. "I worked in the mental health field and children and family services after college. I worked with



Nick's sister, and she set us up on a blind date."

The Jacksons, who now have two boys and two girls, moved to Concordia in August 2011, and purchased Republican Valley Landscape in 2015.

"I really love this town and the community here," Jackson said. "It's a place for families."

Jackson ran for a seat on the city commission in 2022 and won. In December of 2024, her fellow commissioners elected her mayor.

"This city faces many challenges, some large and

some small," Jackson said. "I try to see everything from all perspectives and do what is right for the greater good of the community."

Jackson is impressed with how aggressive the city has been in finding, and obtaining, grants to help improve the community. "The development of the St. Joseph subdivision, the sidewalk and safety improvement around the schools, the new firetruck and improvements to the law enforcement center, and the new airport hangar are some of the things that have been or will be done to improve the community, and probably wouldn't have been possible without grant money."

The city's budget, and managing that budget, is one of the biggest challenges that Jackson and her fellow commissioners face on a weekly basis. "There are tough decisions that have to be made sometimes. We work to do the best we can with what we have."

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Bethune chosen as January Student of the Month

Kinsleigh Bethune, the Concordia High School (CHS) Student of the Month for January, is an athlete and a scholar. She has lettered in volleyball, basketball, and softball, and also carries a 4.0 grade point average.

The daughter of Danielle and Joel Mahin, and Craig and Allison Bethune, Kinsleigh said her favorite class at CHS is math. "I like the numbers," she said, and then added with a grin, "but not the letters. Numbers, yes; letters, no."

Kinsleigh said her favorite sport is both basketball and cheer. "I just like the game (basketball) in general. It's fun to play. "And I like my teammates and Trey (Coleman, the head coach)."

She loves doing cheer when she's not playing sports. "That's a lot of fun, too. I like performing for people."

At CHS, Kinsleigh also participates in the National Honor Society, Friends of Rachel, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and Chamber Choir. On top of all that, she is a Career and Technical Education (CTE) Ambassador for the school.

Kinsleigh doesn't have a lot of spare time, but when she does she enjoys being



Kinsleigh Bethune has been selected as Concordia High School Student of the Month for January.

with friends and families, going on adventures, and shopping with her mother.

She also likes to watch TikTok, a social media platform for creating, sharing short videos. "I watch it a lot. I like watching videos of people just doing random stuff, like getting ready for their day. This morning I watched

a lady shopping at Trader Joe's. I liked seeing what food she bought. I'm definitely a food person. I like food. A lot."

Food? Her favorite food? "Sushi. I eat at this place in Salina and have their Salina Roll. But I'll try all kinds of stuff. Food should be an adventure!"

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Winter Sports royalty

Luke Donovan and Asia Garcia were crowned as the 2025 Winter Sports King and Queen during the intermission between the Concordia Junior/Senior High School women's and men's basketball games against Abilene High School on Friday, Jan. 17, 2025.

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Rural Water District #1 once had three locations where they purchased water from the city of Concordia. The locations were abandoned years ago after improvements to the district were made. Last winter, circumstances occurred to the Rural Water District #1 system and it now wants to acquire a secondary water supply for emergencies.

The desired location was at Airport Park. The abandoned building is still there and water is still available.

Granting the easement allows for the installation of a new water main by Rural Water District #1 as a supplement in emergencies.

By unanimous vote, commissioners authorized Mayor Amy Jackson to sign an agreement with the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) to move forward with the CCLIP Resurfacing Project to take place in FY 2026.

This agreement covers the replacement of broken concrete on the mainline of US Highway 81 on both ends of the viaduct. No work will be performed on the bridge from the south edge of the wearing surface to the north end of the wearing surface.

The pavement restoration work will be 90% funded by KDOT through their CCLIP program, and KDOT awarded the city \$400,000 for the project. The city is responsible for

the remaining 10% of the construction costs as well as 100% of design and construction inspection costs, which will be funded through the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

The deadline for the initial submission of the design plans and specifications is May 1, 2025. Upon approval from KDOT, the tentative date for a public bidding of the project is August 2025.

Commissioners then approved an agreement with RMA Engineering, LLC to provide Blosser Municipal Airport with Jet-A fuel for future sales.

Over the last four years Jet-A fuel sales declined dramatically at Blosser Airport, from 10,078 gallons in 2021 to 800 gallons in 2024. This resulted in the fuel sitting in the tank and not being refreshed as often, which could affect the viability of the fuel.

Additionally, MKC - the current supplier of Jet-A fuel to Blosser Airport - will no longer deliver Jet-A fuel to airports in a quantity of less than 8,000 gallons.

Per the agreement, RMA - the main user of Jet-A fuel - will now supply the fuel to Blosser Airport and utilize the pumps at no cost. The revenue from the markup of the fuel sales will be reimbursed to the city.

In further action, commissioners approved writing off utility billing accounts in the amount of \$243,56, and ambulance accounts in the amount of \$13,286.80. The accounts have all been deemed

uncollectible.

Commissioners then approved Resolution 2025-2183 which waives Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) requirements for the city.

City Finance Director Amber Farha stated that, since 1983, the city of Concordia has used the regulatory basis of accounting and waived GAAP requirements. The regulatory basis of accounting results in a financial statement presentation which shows cash receipts, cash disbursements, cash and unencumbered cash balances, and expenditures compared to budget.

Balance sheets that would have shown non-cash assets such as receivables, inventories, and prepaid expenses, liabilities such as deferred revenue and matured principal and interest payable, and reservations of the fund balance are not presented.

Financial statements and reports required by GAAP are not relevant to the requirements of the cash basis and budget laws of Kansas.

Choosing to use the regulatory basis of accounting requires a resolution in compliance with K.S.A. 75-1120a(c). The waiver request cannot be for more than one year and the last requirement is that the resolution be supplied to the Kansas Department of Administration.

The commission meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.



Rajindra Campbell (middle) being inducted into the Cloud County Community College Athletics Hall of Fame. Campbell was awarded the honor by former coaches Ted Schmitz (left) and Harry Kitchener (right).

COURTESY PHOTO / JESSICA LEDUC

Campbell inducted into CCC Athletics Hall of Fame

BY TUCKER ASHBURN

Returning back to Concordia for the first time since 2017, Rajindra Campbell is the first member to be inducted into the Cloud County Community College Athletics Hall of Fame Class of 2025. He was inducted during halftime of the men's game against Cowley College on January 11.

"Cloud County Community College was a foundation, a stepping stone for me," said Campbell. "It propelled me in achieving a lot more."

Campbell competed in the 2024 Summer Olympics for his home county of Jamaica, where he took home the bronze medal, and was the first Jamaican

Olympian to earn a medal in a throwing event. "The Olympics is the highest level of track and field. Every athlete, young and old, from your first day the goal is to be an Olympian. I was able to achieve that and be in the one percent of the one percent."

The rest of the inductees for the 2025 Hall of Fame class will be introduced February 1 during the Fort Hays Northwest games.

"It is amazing. I came here and fell in love with the event, with the coaches and sacrifice they put in to my success. To be nominated for the Hall of Fame is special, to be inducted into it, is one of the memories I will take from this place."

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One thing Jackson appreciates, and wishes she had more of, is feedback from the people and businesses in the community. "I think it's very valuable to get feedback from people. It helps us seek out ways to improve things. I really hope that more people will take an active part in the process. It will make our community better."

Jackson is satisfied with the way the city has been operating, but knows there is always room for improvement. "Things have, for the most part, been running smoothly. Things come up that constantly test the resources and manpower that we have available - like this recent snowstorm."

One of Jackson's paramount beliefs is that

people need to be involved in their local government to make it better, and government needs to be good stewards of the people to ensure a better community. "There is a need for government, for laws, for certain things, like to keep people safe. For example: I value our police force and the laws that protect the lives of people and their property, yet I do not want a government that infringes on the rights of the people. And I want - I hope - to be a good steward, and help this community find the proper balance for the betterment of everyone."

When Jackson looks to the future she sees bright prospects for the city, and difficult challenges. "We've got some challenges still ahead. Of course, housing

is still our top priority. There is a shortage of available homes to purchase and places to rent at all price levels. Our aged infrastructure is going to take a while to fix. And the roads are just something we're always going to be dealing with, so we have to use the budget appropriately to address these issues."

For Jackson, personally, and professionally as a government official, one standard of living is paramount: "Quality of life. Give people the ability and opportunity to increase their quality of life in this community. I want to make decisions that impact people's quality of life in a good way, so that people who come here, and people who are already here stay here."

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After Kingsleigh graduates from CHS, she plans on attending Kansas State University. She's not sure yet what she will major in, but it will definitely be in the medical field. "I like to help people and make them feel better about themselves. So, right now, I'm leaning toward either physical therapy or maybe even an orthodontist. We'll just have to see."

When Kingsleigh looks to the future she sees a return to Concordia. "I'd like to come back here and be working in whatever field I pick. I think that would be great. And, hopefully, I'll have a family."

Attending K-State means she'll be liv-

ing away from home for the first. "Oh, I'm definitely nervous about that," she said. "But at the same time, I'm excited for the new experience."

Kingsleigh wanted to thank her parents for all they've given her. "They've just been so supportive of me all my life, and I really appreciate that. I also want to thank all the teachers and coaches I've had for all the things they've done for me. I'm going to miss the community here. They've all been very supportive of me over the years."

Congratulations to Kingsleigh Bethune, the CHS Student of the Month for January.

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Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Grain Belt Express Transmission Project (DOE/EIS-0554), Request for Comments

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, the U.S. Department of Energy's Loan Programs Office (DOE LPO) announces the release of a Draft EIS, DOE/EIS-0554, that considers the environmental impacts associated with providing federal financial assistance to support the development, construction, and operation of Phase 1 of the Grain Belt Express Transmission Project. This notice announces the release of and requests public review and comment on the Draft EIS. To view the full Draft EIS, visit <https://www.energy.gov/lpo/eis-0554-grain-belt-express-transmission-line>. For more information about the Grain Belt Express Transmission Project visit the project website at GrainBeltExpress.com. The public comment period closes on **March 3, 2025**.

Public Meeting Dates and Locations

To gather public feedback on the Draft EIS, open house public meetings will be held both in-person and virtually. Two meetings will be held in Kansas and two meetings will be held in Missouri. Two virtual meetings will also be hosted.

In-Person Public Meetings



Monday, Feb. 10, 2025 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. CST	Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2025 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. CST	Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2025 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. CST	Thursday, Feb. 13, 2025 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. CST
Dodge City Public Library 1001 N. 2nd Ave. Dodge City, KS 67801	Holiday Inn Express 2175 Lincoln St. Concordia, KS 66901	St. Joseph Museum Jackie Lewin Conf. Rm. 3406 Frederick Ave. St. Joseph, MO 64506	La Bella Casa Event Ctr. 5 South Main St. Carrollton, MO 64633

Virtual Public Meetings

Wednesday, February 19, 2025, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. CST

Thursday, February 20, 2025, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. CST

To register for a virtual meeting please visit <https://www.energy.gov/lpo/eis-0554-grain-belt-express-transmission-line> and fill out the registration form.

Public Comment Submission

If you are unable to attend a meeting but would still like to provide feedback, written comments may be submitted by March 3, 2025, in any of the following formats:

Online at <https://www.energy.gov/lpo/eis-0554-grain-belt-express-transmission-line>

By email to LPO_GrainBelt_EIS@hq.doe.gov

Online at [Regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov), search for Docket No. DOE-HQ-2023-0020

By mail enclosed in an envelope labeled "Grain Belt Express EIS" and addressed to:

Todd Stribley, NEPA Compliance Officer,
U.S. Department of Energy, Loan Programs Office - LP30,
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The Dearbecks of Evergreen Park

Looking Back

BY LORI HALFHIDE
NOTC Head of Research

One would think, after more than ten years of searching for Orphan Train Riders, there wouldn't be many more surprises for me. But it seems like there is always another unexpected twist or turn in almost every Orphan Train Rider story. In addition to client research and burrowing through piles of files with vague emails and letters, I have been playing with Orphan Train Riders to Washington County, Kansas. I was finally able to obtain the company lists (what the CAS called the list of children headed to each new location) for the Clifton, Kansas, train. In addition to that, I was able to get the two trains to Washington later the same year. It's been a fun little project when I hit a stumbling block on whatever project I was working on.

This week I'm going to tell you the story of Philip and Lizzie Dearbeck. Phillip and Lizzie were on the first Orphan Train to Washington, Kansas, on May 27, 1884. I had already researched these two, but there was more to be discovered! They were mentioned in the Clifton, Kansas, history book since they were raised in that part of the county. I assumed they were on the Clifton train; I assumed wrong.

Let's set the stage with background information. Philip and Lizzie Dearbeck were the children of John and Mary Dearbeck, German immigrants living in New York City. John was a brewer. They were living as a family in a few rooms at 429 5th Street in 1880. I find no further mention of either parent after that.

Eli Trott was the agent in charge of the Washington County Companies - all three of them. The May train to Washington was his second trip to the county. He had nearly twenty children under his watchful gaze, including eleven-year-old Philip and eight-year-old Lizzie Dearbeck. Charles William Hartman was in Washington that day, determined to take in one of the homeless waifs from New York.

Charles Hartman and his wife Louisa were also German immigrants who were nearing their 50's. Louisa had given birth to eight children, but only three survived at that point in time. The Hartmans endured terrible luck. Charles had owned a boarding house in St. Louis, but went bankrupt when a railroad went out of business and did not pay the tab for their employees. From there they moved to Chicago and settled in for Charles to begin working making brooms. They'd been there three

Evergreen Park
JULY 4.
Mr. Hartman the proprietor of **EVERGREEN PARK**, three miles north of Palmer, is making great preparations for a grand celebration on **JULY FOURTH!**
There will be good speaking.
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The advertisement from the Washington Republican, June 30th, 1893.

days and had the new business up and ready to go when the Great Fire struck, destroying everything they owned. Finally, after working for several years he had enough money to start over again and chose Washington County, Kansas, for his new beginning in 1877. He found 160 acres four miles west of Linn and four miles north of Palmer. He quickly set out, with his three grown sons, to build up one of the finest farms in the area which they called Evergreen Park.

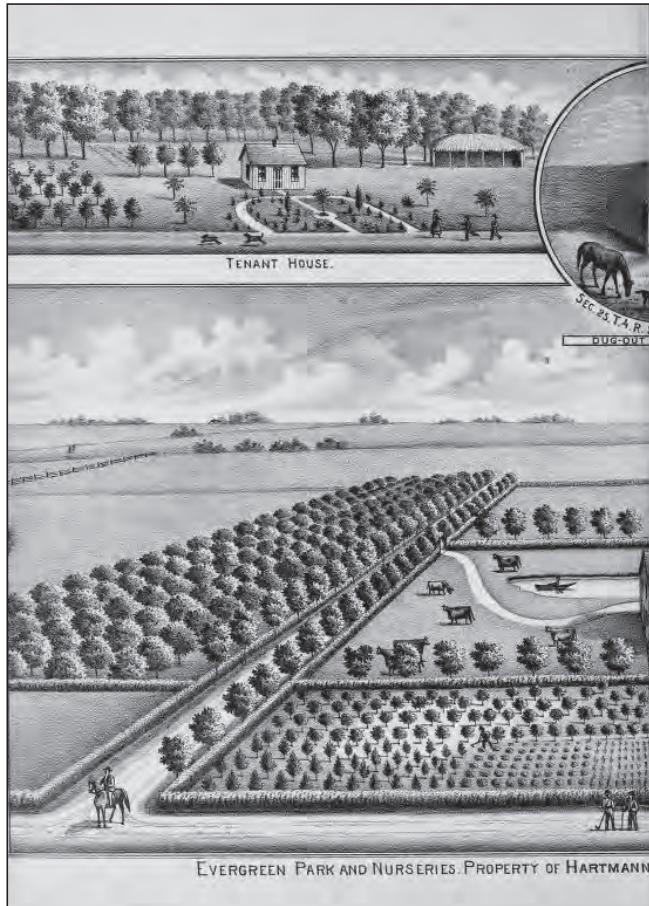
Charles took both Philip and Lizzie Dearbeck home that day. They settled in to the Hartman family. For a while, they went by the name Hartman, but took Dearbeck back when they reached adulthood. Just a year after taking the Dearbeck children in, Charles Hartman set out to build a fine new home on his farm. He spent well over \$3,000 (almost \$100,000 today) on the construction of a two-story home. There was a park on the grounds. The Hartman men grew broom corn and made brooms in addition to other farming and stock

raising efforts. The surprise in the Dearbeck case was found in the Washington (KS) Republican newspaper on June 30th of 1893. Charles and Louisa Hartman were always hosting parties at their home and park, but this advertisement caught me off guard. The Hartman's were hosting a massive Fourth of July extravaganza at Evergreen Park. Bands, singers, minstrel shows, food, speeches, fireworks and more were promised. And down toward the bottom of the large advertisement it said that "the entire net proceeds of the Celebration will be devoted to two orphan children Lizzie and

Philip Dearbeck passed away in Oklahoma in 1950 at the age of 75. He rests in Oklahoma City.

Lizzie married Ed Wilkinson on September 26th, 1896, at Washington. They settled in Linn and had one daughter, Lillian. Lizzie and Philip took turns visiting each other, always remaining in contact. Lizzie also died in 1950. She was walking along the railroad tracks and was hit by a train. She was seventy years old and rests at the Linn City Cemetery.

Bad luck had not finished with the Hartman family. In 1897, the beautiful home they were so well known for in Wash-



This is an artist's rendition of Evergreen Park, the home of the Hartmann family and the Dearbeck siblings. This appeared in the 1891 History of Washington, Riley and Clay counties.

Phillip Dearbeck." This was a first for me. I was disappointed that I could not find any mention in later newspapers about how much was raised for the Dearbeck children.

Once he reached manhood, Phillip began spending a lot of time in Kingfisher, Oklahoma, where he married Katie Brown. They spent time in both Kansas and Oklahoma. Newspapers talked of Katie's health often and mentioned an infant daughter dying. I suspect that Katie passed away, for on January 1st 1904, Philip Dearbeck married Addie Allison in Kingfisher. Philip had no children that survived to adulthood. Philip had learned much from the Hartmans and started his own broom-making business in Kingfisher.

ington County burned to the ground. Mr. Hartman was sure that it was arson, but could never prove it. Charles William Hartman was a litigious fellow, whose name was continually in the newspaper for some new legal suit. After the loss of their home, they moved to Clay Center where the three sons started a broom-making plant; Mr. Hartman cultivated flowers in his yard and around the spot at Greenwood cemetery where he would later rest. He died in 1905 with his three sons and two foster children by his side.

The story of the Dearbeck children was a delight to research. It's always wonderful to put together so many fun facts. It is also rewarding to know that the placement was successful as outlined by the goals of the Children's Aid Society, those of finding good, loving homes that would allow orphaned children the opportunity for education and training to be successful in adulthood.

75 Years Ago—1950

Edmund Lasnier announced that he was retiring as a partner of the Bon Marche, Concordia's oldest department store... Pvt. Stanley Albert Grounds, 19, of Concordia and Pvt. James Jones, 18, Jamestown, reported to Lackland Air Force base in Texas to begin their basic air indoctrination... Miss Joyce Spiegel was crowned Basketball Homecoming Queen of 1950 at the high school, and attendants were Miss Jo Ann Cousins and Miss Sue Shirling... Charles Chaput, 5, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Chaput, had his tonsils removed at St. Joseph hospital... Dr. Willard Van Pelt, chiropractor, had obtained space in the Masonic building in the rooms formerly occupied by the draft board... a well-arranged first platoon of the Concordia Catholic Wildcats was broken up when Jim Haynes suffered a severely sprained ankle in a non-league game against Tipton... Mr. and Mrs. Mel Cool entertained at their home with a buffet dinner and cards for the Seymour employees... Mr. and Mrs. Harold Fick had chosen the name Richard Paul for their son, and a daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Johnson had been named Pamela Kay...

60 Years Ago—1965

Some interesting mementos of a bygone era were found by Carl and Emil Swenson when they started to dismantle a house on a farm they purchased north of Concordia, known as the old Fred Sanders farm: Copies of Army communications sent to the late Fred Sanders and dated in 1865; a handbill advertising Lake Sibley as a picnic and boating resort; a booklet put out by the Concordia Fair Association dated 1896, including a list of businesses that provided the prizes for the fair—Benjamin Lake Harness and Saddle Store, Wiard Jewelry store, Bean and Beck restaurant, Judy Millinery, Avery Jewelry, C. Hinman dry goods, John Stewart Produce, Thomas Lamay harness store, A.H. Bolinger men's clothing, Marshall and Barton. H. League blacksmith, George Mohr shoes, The Bon Marche, Rigby and Wilson furniture, Renard grocery, Cobb and Lam clothing, Paradis and Cartney meat market, Martin Brothers grocery, Fred Hahn shoemaker, Sorgatz book store, First National Bank, Cloud County Bank, Kelly and Parker meat market, McCarty drug store and Paul Lanoue restaurant... Laurel and Gale King, Concordia High School students, attended a science seminar on the K-State campus... at the Rotary club meeting where student guests were Kenneth Carlson and Loren Swenson, Miss Sandra Johnson gave an illustrated talk about her work in Malaysia as a member of the Peace Corps... Jackie Martin had been named 1965 Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow for Notre Dame high school and was eligible to participate in the Betty Crocker state contest...

50 Years Ago—1975

Police in Concordia had received a number of complaints about youths throwing snowballs at vehicles, and officers advised the snowballers to "cease and desist" from the annoying practice... Barbara Felt and Beatrice Lewis, with a bid of \$117,000, were the successful bidders for a 300-acre farm located north of Jamestown... Mara Rasure had been selected as one of the top four alto sax players in Kansas high schools and had been named to the All-State band... Marjorie Ashby was congratulated for 25 years of devoted service at Boogaarts downtown... the Fyfe Sand Company in Concordia had been honored for its outstanding safety record during 1974, going accident free throughout the year... Concordia high's junior wrestling squad picked up 30 points from five falls by Chris Huber, Bruce Tracy, Randy Sorell, David Kim and Dana Newton, to defeat Southeast of Saline's varsity... Gale Fuller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Fuller of Miltonvale, received his Ph.D. degree in plant physiology at Purdue University... Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Tatro of Glasco announced the birth of a daughter, Shayla Rachele... Burt Lancaster starred in "The Midnight Man," showing at Sigma I...

25 Years Ago—2000

Three Concordia High School students won medals and cash awards in the VFW #588 and Auxiliary Voice of Democracy Contest: Katie Baldwin, first; Shane Chaplin, second; Spencer Farha, third... students in the Concordia Middle School After School Program sent posters, cookies and gifts to the Task Force 1-16 Infantry in Bosnia to cheer up the men and women who were not able to be home for Christmas... Harley Adams and John Adams of Concordia Tractor Inc. had purchased Dummermuth Implement Company, Inc., the John Deere Dealer in Clay Center... Doradeane Bates and Ethel Henthorne received 55-year membership pins and Maxine Flesher earned a 50-year pin at the VFW #588 66th anniversary celebration and Voice of Democracy dinner... Kelly Wertz presented a special program, "Kansas Pioneer Music," for students at the Concordia Elementary School... George and Aurel Zohn Elliott, Concordia, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary...

10 Years Ago—2015

Donna Nelson, Concordia, gave a program on her love of needlecraft, "Anything with a Needle," in conjunction with the Stained Glass Stitchers Quilt Guild's January meeting... January Students of the Month at Concordia Middle School were Riley McMillan, fifth grade, and Teresa Barnes, sixth grade... Mrs. Winifred "Pete" Danenbarger, formerly of Concordia, celebrated her 103rd birthday... Kathleen McAlister, Glasco, a freshman English major at Grove City College, had been named to the Deans' List with Distinction for the Fall 2014 semester...

5 Years Ago—2020

The Citizens National Bank hosted a sendoff for the CHS debate team: Connor Thrash and Ye Gang Lee (affirmative team) and Braxton Kindel and Keegan Grogan (negative team), with Kylie Hower as alternate, which would be competing in the Class 3-2-1 A State Tournament in Fort Scott... Francis "Toddie" Todd celebrated his 90th birthday... a party at the Concordia American Legion helped Larry Shuler celebrate his 65th birthday and retirement from the Cloud County Highway Department...

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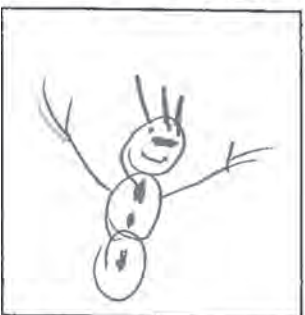
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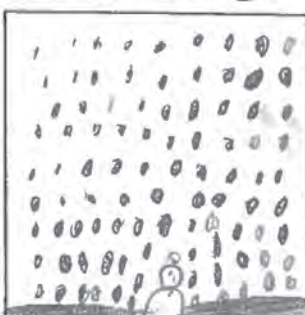
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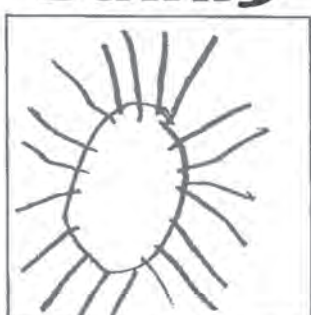
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Presenter: Janet LeDuc, CSJ
The death of a loved one and other losses change our lives forever. Grief is a journey that deserves attention, respect, and the support of others to heal. Journey Through Grief is a grief support group with eight sessions to help you understand and embrace the journey. Caring for your needs will help you discover the fullness of living and loving again. Every other Wednesday, 3:30-5:00 p.m. Cost: \$100 or \$15 per session. Please call 785-243-4428 or visit www.mannahouse.org to register.

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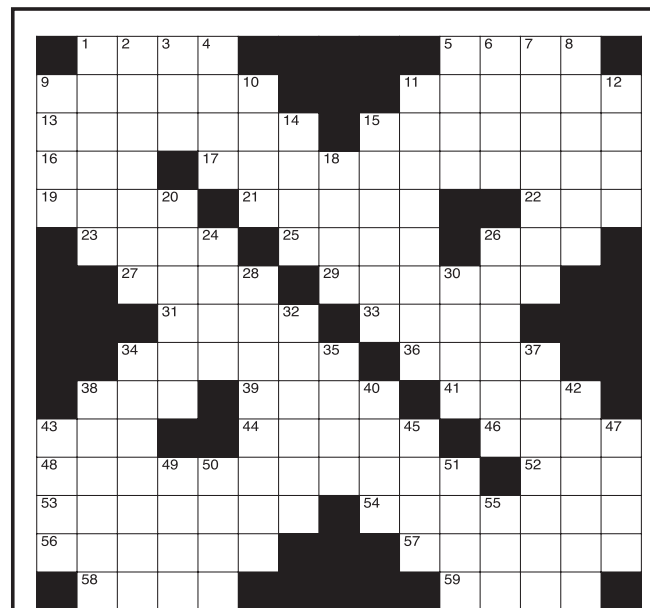
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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in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

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3					9	7		2
	9						6	4

Level: Intermediate

Crossword



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. "Loser" rocker
- 5. Partner to relaxation
- 9. Mixing
- 11. Winged nut
- 13. Expression of blame
- 15. Vast ocean
- 16. Comedienne Gasteier
- 17. Multiply
- 19. Meat from a pig (French)
- 21. Related
- 22. Rocker Stewart
- 23. Surprise completely
- 25. Loon
- 26. Canister
- 27. Large, deep-bodied fish
- 29. Takes forcefully
- 31. Oil cartel
- 33. Palmer and Hepburn are two
- 34. More than one
- 36. Places down purposefully
- 38. Pitching statistic
- 39. Type of sword
- 41. Witnesses
- 43. Body part
- 44. Mixes slowly
- 46. Satisfy
- 48. Strong belief
- 52. One's physique (slang)
- 53. More frightening
- 54. Soup cracker
- 56. Teaches
- 57. One who carries something
- 58. Actor Sean
- 59. Changes

CLUES DOWN

- 1. __ Aires, city
- 2. Coarse grass
- 3. Type of gene
- 4. Door handle
- 5. Competition
- 6. Muslim ruler title
- 7. Hunting expeditions
- 8. Large mollusk
- 9. Bind securely
- 10. Former U.S. presidential candidate
- 11. 2-point plays in football
- 12. Breezed through
- 14. Type setting
- 15. Felt for
- 18. Codified rules
- 20. Small dome
- 24. Chevrotain
- 26. Male reproductive gland
- 28. Controversial beliefs
- 30. Z Z Z
- 32. One who confines another
- 34. Bishop
- 35. Garlands
- 37. Bird that flies by the coast
- 38. Optical device
- 40. Greek goddess of discord
- 42. Some are "Rolling"
- 43. Formerly (archaic)
- 45. Thrust a knife into
- 47. German river
- 49. Atomic #26
- 50. Make a grotesque face
- 51. Primordial matter of the universe
- 55. Chinese philosophical principle

Puzzle Answers on Page 15

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PEO chapters celebrate Founder's Day

Chapter AO of PEO hosted Chapter EV for a Founder's Day brunch at the Presbyterian Church on January 18, 2025. Susan Kueker and Julie Bowers provided beautiful tablescapes for the brunch. Janice Swenson, president of Chapter AO, welcomed everyone, and Linda Hayden led devotions.

Following the brunch, Chapter AO members read facts about the seven women who began the PEO organization in 1869. PEO's mission is to promote educational opportunities for women.

At the conclusion of the brunch, Pat Iestas of Chapter EV won the drawing held.

The event was a wonderful opportunity for members of both chapters to come together and celebrate the founding of PEO. It was also an opportunity to learn more about the organization's history and mission.

SENIOR CENTER

Menu

Thurs., January 23 - PORK SLIDERS, french fries, salad, fruit, brownie.

Fri., January 24 - VEGETABLE BEEF SOUP, slice of bread, fruit, cookie.

Mon., January 27 - HAMBURGER GRAVY over MASHED POTATOES, pasta salad, corn, fruit, pudding.

Tues., January 28 - FRIED CHICKEN, mashed potatoes, asparagus, fruit, jello.

Wed., January 29 - SPAGHETTI, garlic bread, salad, fruit, brownie.

Includes choice of milk, iced tea, coffee, or water. Available for Meals on Wheels, to-go/pick-up, as well as in-house.

Meals start around 11:45 a.m., to-go/pick-up meals by 11:30 a.m.

All ages welcome to dine-in or pick-up a meal. Ages 60 and above—\$5. Ages 59 and below—\$6.

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Thurs., January 23 - Pool (Billiards) 7:45 a.m., Puzzles anytime.

Fri., January 24 - Pool (Billiards) 7:45 a.m., Exercise 10 a.m., Cards 1 p.m., Puzzles anytime.

Mon., January 27 - Pool (Billiards) 7:45 a.m., Exercise 10 a.m., Puzzles anytime.

Tues., January 28 - Pool (Billiards) 7:45 a.m., Puzzles anytime.

Wed., January 29 - Coffee Club 9 a.m., Exercise 10 a.m., Cards 1 p.m., Puzzles anytime.

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Bomgaars' store manager, Michael Blevins, presents a check to Neighbor to Neighbor's program coordinator, Myrna Shelton.

Concordia Bomgaars "Ladies Night" benefits Neighbor to Neighbor

Concordia Bomgaars hosted a special "Ladies Night" fundraiser last November. "Ladies Night" was a night of festive and fun fall shopping with a 20% discount on regular-priced merchandise for a three-hour time period. Five percent of the evening's total sales from the fundraiser's duration was designated to benefit Concordia's own Neighbor to Neighbor women's center. This is the second consecutive year that Concordia Bomgaars has chosen to sponsor Neighbor to Neighbor.

This week, store manager Michael Blevins presented a check for \$246.33 to Neighbor to Neighbor's program coordinator Myrna Shelton. The center opened in 2010 as a ministry to help women and women with young children. Neighbor to Neighbor is a ministry of the Sisters of St. Joseph. The center is located at 103 E. Sixth Street in downtown Concordia.

SUPPORT GROUPS

MONDAY
Bereavement Support Group, 6:00 p.m. Zion Lutheran Church parish hall (second Monday of the Month) 785-614-9351.

WEDNESDAY
TOPS (take off pounds sensibly) Weigh In from 7:45-8:30 a.m., Meeting 8:30 a.m. at North Central Medical Center, 155 College Drive, Concordia. Call 785-243-3730 for more info. Come join us!

THURSDAY
Celebrate Recovery Christ-centered Recovery Program at the Wesleyan Church Sanctuary, 16th and Cedar St. (18 years and older) 7:00-8:45 p.m.

CONCORDIA AREA
Do you know someone that has a problem with alcohol or drugs? For a listing of local AA, NA, OA, AL-ANON, or NAR-ANON meetings; go to ks-aa.org, NA.org, Al-Anon.org, and nar-anon.org, or meetings at 317 W 5th St, Concordia at the Freedom Club (HA).

AA MEETINGS (NS): Sunday—Came to Believe 10 a.m. (O); Tuesday—Concordia Gateway Group 8 p.m. (C); Wednesday—Brown Baggers' Meeting—Noon (O), New Beginnings for Women 5:30 p.m. (C); Thursday—Primary Purpose Group 7 p.m. (C); Friday—Brown Baggers' Meeting—Noon, Concordia Gateway Group 8 p.m. (O) - Speaker last Friday of each month and Sobriety Birthday Night; Saturday—Primary Purpose Group 7 p.m. (C)

NA MEETINGS (NS): Sunday—New Freedom 6 p.m. (O); Monday—New Freedom-Noon (O) and 6:30 p.m. (O); Tuesday—New Freedom-Noon (O); Wednesday—New Freedom 8 p.m. (O, BS); Thursday—New Freedom-Noon (O); Saturday—New Freedom 5 p.m. (O)

OA MEETINGS (NS): Friday—5:15 p.m. (O)
AL-ANON MEETINGS (NS): Monday—6:30 p.m. (O); Tuesday—8 p.m. (O)

NAR-ANON MEETINGS (NS): Wednesday—6:30 p.m. (O)

Chamber Corner

Please join us on January 28, 2025, from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. for our weekly Chamber Coffee. If you are interested in becoming a Chamber Member or being a Chamber Coffee Sponsor, please contact Annie Bergmann at 785-243-4290 or email info@concordiakansaschamber.com.

Join us for coffee and donuts: Donuts are provided by Me and Ma's Bakery. Keep up to date on all the events and activities happening in Concordia and the surrounding area.

Our coffee sponsor for January 28, 2025, will be Cloud County Tourism. On January 29, each year, residents of Kansas celebrate their state's birthday. Kansas Day has been observed annually since 1877.

Susie Haver and Michelle Bombardier will be here to share Fun Facts about Kansas as they prepare for their Kansas Day annual celebration at the tourism center.

The Cloud County Tourism Kansas Day Event will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the tourism center on January 29, 2025. There will be a Kansas "scavenger hunt" for those who attend. Please join them for this fun-filled event.

Upcoming Events:

- The Grind Coffeehouse, 104 E 7th - Ribbon cutting on January 30th at 10 a.m.
- CJ's Car Wash, 201 20th St, -Ribbon Cutting on February 13th at 11 a.m

Check out the Concordiakansaschamber.com website for information on all our businesses. Please continue to check out Facebook, twitter and Instagram.

If you do not have social media, continue to listen to KNCK 1390 for all updates with the Chamber.



Manna House holds Sweetheart Raffle and Food Drive

Participate in our Sweetheart Raffle and help out your dear neighbor at the same time! Manna House of Prayer needs your donations for their Helping Hands Ministry food bank at 323 East Fifth St. When you donate five non-perishable food items between now and February 13, you will be entered into a raffle to win a beautiful quilt, made by Sister Jean Ann Walton! "Blueberry Pie" is the prize for this raffle. This 64" x 56.5" quilt may remind you of grandma's delicious pies and features dark and light blues that are complimented by a lattice pattern of neutral tan, embellished with various shades of rose and tied together with a floral edge and a solid backing. It was quilted by Lori Bond.

Receive one ticket with every five donations. Items may be dropped off at Manna House or the Nazareth Convent. Drawing takes place on Valentine's Day, February 14. Need not be present to win!

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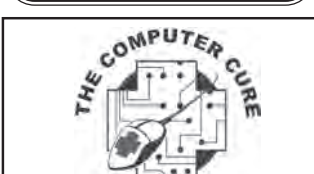
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BY TUCKER ASHBURN
 Suffering their first loss of the season, the fifth ranked Panthers suffered a 68-54 loss at home to eighth ranked Abilene. Both teams would start on a roll, executing their offenses with little flaw. It would be the Panthers who cooled off first, missing back to back threes as the Cowboys held an 8-7 lead. After taking the lead thanks to two Chane Parker free throws, Abilene would go on a 13-2 run to close the quarter, leading 20-11. Abilene would maintain the momentum, forcing the Panthers into tough shots and forcing turnovers as the Cowboys led 31-17 halfway through the second quarter. The Panthers' woes would continue for the rest of the quarter as the Cowboys' lead continued to grow, leading to a halftime Concordia deficit of 41-21. After opening up a mid-range shot by Ayden Krier,

the Cowboys scored eight straight points and forced three turnovers before the Panthers got back on the board, behind 49-25. The Cowboys' continued to execute their game plan to near perfection entering the fourth quarter with a 57-35 lead. The fourth wouldn't go in the Panthers' favor. Every attempt they made to chip away at the lead was met by a Cowboys response that pushed the lead back up and never letting Concordia in the game. As the final buzzer sounded, the Cowboys celebrated their most impactful win of the season, defeating the Panthers 68-54. The Panthers will travel to Colby to participate in the Colby Black & Orange tournament, facing off against 5A Hays, and either Colby or a potential rematch against rival Beloit. First game is Thursday, January 23 with a 3 p.m.



TUCKER ASHBURN/BLADE-EMPIRE

CHS's Isaias Irigoyen attacking an Abilene defender. tipoff in the Auxiliary gym. Picking up right where it left off before break, the number five-ranked Concordia High School boys' basketball team picked up a road victory against Wamego last Tuesday, winning 67-53. After both teams struggled early on, it would be Wamego striking first with

thers were ahead 13-12. Both teams would be in a slug-fest throughout the quarter, with the defenses keeping the game close for the first half of the quarter. The Panthers would take the lead back with 2:03 remaining, thanks to two Peyton Retter free throws. A Loudermilk put-back and three-quarter court heave at the buzzer would give the Panthers a five-point lead, 26-21 entering halftime. The Concordia defense would keep the Red Raiders at bay, allowing the Panthers to run their offense how they wanted and expand their lead to double digits. With a late Red Raider push, the Panthers led going into the fourth quarter, 43-36. The fourth quarter was when the Panthers pulled away, outscoring the Red Raiders 24-17. When Wamego was hitting twos, Concordia would turn around and hit a three.

Concordia's effort off the glass wouldn't allow the Red Raiders to make the game close, concluding in the Panthers remaining undefeated and picking up the 67-53 win. "It took us almost all of the first half to kind of shake the rust off from the long break, especially offensively," said head coach Shane Traugher. "Wamego had a couple games under their belt since break, but also had the disadvantage of having to play the night before. I was proud that we found a way to pull away at the end and get a league road win, which is always tough, even when we didn't play our best." Retter led with 19 points, two rebounds, two assists, and four steals. Loudermilk had 12 points, five rebounds, and a steal. Seven Panthers recorded an offensive rebound.

CHS girl's basketball falls to Abilene 49-45, Wamego 56-46

BY TUCKER ASHBURN
 Falling at home in a nail biter, the Concordia High School girl's basketball team dropped their fourth straight game in a 49-45 loss to Abilene, who won their first game since January 20, 2023. The Panthers took a quick 7-2 point lead, but the Cowgirls would fight back and make it a one point 7-6 game. A 6-0 run in would see the Panthers play some of their better basketball. However the Panthers' two biggest flaws would start to haunt them: rebounding and turnovers. Abilene's work on the glass and defensive pressure would make it a one point game after one quarter, with Concordia leading 15-14. Opening the quarter with a quick three, the Cowgirls took their first lead of the game and would go on a 9-0 run to open the second quarter before a Charliz Cash three would break the run. Both teams would keep the game close, but Abilene would hold a seven point lead to end the half, 32-25. This was the best first half of the entire season for the Cowgirls.



TUCKER ASHBURN/BLADE-EMPIRE

CHS's Charliz Cash contesting an Abilene layup. under two minutes to go. The Panthers missed their chance to tie, missing two shots and committing two turnovers in the final minute of play as Abilene squeezed by with a 49-45 win. Cash had 15 points, nine rebounds, six assists, two steals, and a block. Jessup had 12 points, including three three's, and three rebounds, all offensive. "I was very pleased with how we started the game," said head coach Trey Kuhlman. "I thought we brought great energy and were prepared to play. We just didn't knock down big shots like they did and had costly turnovers late in the game." The Panthers will travel to Colby to participate in the Colby Black & Orange tournament and will matchup with number one in 4A Wellington. "It will definitely be our toughest matchup so far this year. They did not graduate anyone from last year's 4A State Runner-Up team. It is a very loaded tournament for the Girls



TUCKER ASHBURN/BLADE-EMPIRE

CHS's Tracer Murdock wearing down a bloodied Josh Flanigan. Murdock would win by decision over the number five ranked heavyweight.

Wrestling sweeps Wamego in NCKL dual, pick up 19 wins

BY TUCKER ASHBURN
 Picking up boys and girls team victories in dominant fashion against NCKL opponent Wamego, including a top five state heavyweight match, Concordia wrestling's momentum continues to roll. They will travel to Chapman Thursday, January 23 for another NCKL duel. **GIRLS RESULTS** The girls team defeated Wamego 48 team points to 36, Concordia went 5-3 in wrestled matches, and 8-6 overall. Taygnn LeDuc loss by fall to #2 ranked 100 pound wrestler Peyton Brazzle. Tierney Breault loss by fall to Isabella Stream in three minutes. Harlin Bannister loss by fall to Rachel Barber in 3:30. Bridgett Blochlinger won by fall over Allison

Sprengle in 1:15. Airiana Wogoman won by fall over Eva Lull in 1:30. Gabi Lange won by fall over Trinity Propst in 40 seconds. Ruby Genereux won by fall over Ella Yakel in 20 seconds. Jordi Jones won by fall over Ciara Hoffman in one minute. Jezia Hernandez, Isabella Alexander, Harley Weathersbee all won by forfeit. **BOYS RESULTS** The Concordia varsity boys team dominated Wamego, 56 team points to the Red Raiders' 15, with the Panthers picking up 10 straight victories in a full slate of matches. Jackson Whitley lost by fall to Greyson Stream in 2:52. Quinn Kymer lost by fall to # 4 Harry Costa in 1:30. Rush LeDuc pinned Joe Ney in 3:59.

Bryson Sorenson pinned Cooper Weaber in 1:50. Francisco Ayala pinned Tyler Hecke in 1:40. Carter Eakins won by tie breaker 7-5 over Duke Beggs. Drew Sterrett pinned Zaylund Lee in 40 seconds. Deekon Holbert pinned Jaxon Phillips in 1:40. #4 Drake Blochlinger pinned Liam Smith in 2:26. Braytin Hake won by technical fall, 19-3, over Kelton Ross. Tre Hamiel pinned in Haidan Simon in 3:20. Clayton Viereck won by sudden victory, 6-3, over Eli King. Max Johnson loss by decision, 4-1, to Talon Conrad. #3 Tracer Murdock won by decision, 7-3, over #5 Josh Flanigan to close the night in a technical showdown.



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CHS's Ruby Genereux attempting to pin Eva Lull. Genereux would pick up the win in only 20 seconds.



SCOUT SKOCNY

Clifton-Clyde's Luke Nobert driving the ball down the court against Blue Valley-Randolph.

Clifton-Clyde advances in TVL tournament, defeats Blue Valley 52-38

FRANKFORT - Picking up a second win in a week over Blue Valley-Randolph, the Clifton-Clyde High School boys' basketball team advanced to the semifinals of the Twin Valley League Tournament.

Clifton-Clyde, which had defeated Blue Valley 61-54 in a home league game back on January 14, downed the Rams 52-38 in the tournament match-up last Monday night.

The fourth-seeded Eagles (6-4) will take on top-seeded Hanover (6-3) at 6 p.m. Friday.

Hanover got past Doniphan West 70-56 in the quarterfinals.

Fifth-seeded Blue Valley drops into the consolation bracket and will play Doniphan West on Friday.

In the other quarterfinal games, second-seeded Axtell defeated seventh-seeded Linn 55-33 and third-seeded Centralia got past sixth-seeded Frankfort, 54-47.

Clifton-Clyde, led by

senior Jack Skocny, raced out to a 21-11 lead on Blue Valley in the opening quarter.

Skocny scored 15 of his 33 points in the period.

Blue Valley doubled up the Eagles 14-7 in the second stanza to make it a 28-25 game at halftime.

Clifton-Clyde limited the Rams to eight points in the third quarter, and scored 13 points, to go on top, 41-33.

The Eagles added 11 points in the final period and gave up just five points.

Jarin Brenner led Blue Valley with nine points.

Clifton-Clyde 61, Blue Valley 54

In the first of the two meetings between the two teams this season, Clifton-Clyde battled back from a seven-point halftime deficit to knock off Blue Valley 61-54 in a Twin Valley League matchup it hosted on January 14.

Blue Valley led the game 35-28 at halftime.

Clifton-Clyde limited the Rams to 10 points in the third quarter and scored 15 to close the gap to 45-43.

The Eagles then doubled up Blue Valley 18-9 in the final period to pull out the win.

"We made some adjustments at half and our defense stepped up," Clifton-Clyde coach Josh Skocny said.

Jack Skocny matched a career high with 34 points. He also had seven rebounds and three steals.

Oliver Nobert finished with 10 points and six rebounds for the Eagles.

Trextin Koch had eight rebounds to go with five points.

Clifton-Clyde had a slim 13-12 lead after one quarter of play.

The Rams poured in 23 points in the second stanza, to 14 for the Eagles, to go up 35-28 at halftime.

Clifton-Clyde then rallied in the second half to get the win.



SIDELINE SUMMARY

This week in sports...

CONCORDIA

Boys Basketball

The number five ranked Concordia Panthers lost their first game of the season, losing to Abilene at home, 68-54. After a close opening to the game, the Cowboys would take the momentum and never look back, expanding their lead more as the game progressed. Travelling on the road to Wamego for the first game of 2025, the Panthers and Red Raiders kept the game close throughout the first three quarters, before the Panthers pulled away in the fourth to pick up the 67-53 win. Peyton Retter led all scorers with 19 points in the win.

Girls Basketball

The Concordia Panthers girls' basketball team's struggles continued, dropping a game to Abilene 49-45, with the Cowgirls winning their first game in nearly two years. Charlize Cash had 15 points, Rylie Jessup had 12 points in the loss. Traveling to Wamego, the Panthers offense couldn't get in rhythm. Finding themselves down 30-16 at half, the Panthers finally found a groove too late, falling 56-46.

Wrestling

The Concordia High School boys and girls' wrestling team picked up wins in a dual against NCKL rival Wamego at home. The girls went 8-5 overall and 5-3 in wrestled matches with Bridgette Blocklinger, Airiana Wogomon, Gabi Lange, Ruby Generuex, and Jordi Jones all won by fall. The boys went 11-3 with Rush LeDuc, Bryson Sorensen, Francisco Ayala, Carter Eakins, Drew Sterrett, Deekon Holbert, Drake Blochlinger, Braytin Hake, Tre Hamiel, Clayton Viereck, and Tracer Murdock all earned wins. Wrestling will travel to Chapman for a dual

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CLIFTON-CLYDE

Boys Basketball

Led by Jack Skocny, the Clifton-Clyde Eagles hosted Blue Valley-Randolph for the second time in a week, winning both games, with the second game being in the opening round of the Twin Valley League tournament. The Eagles won the first game 61-54 before beating them again 52-38.

Girls Basketball

After receiving a first round bye in the TVL tournament, the Eagles got stunned by sixth-seeded Valley Heights, 63-57. After a slow start they found themselves down 37-22 at halftime. Sevy Wurtz had 42 points in the loss. The Eagles hosted Blue Valley-Randolph, defeating the Rams 61-50. Wurtz led with 28 points, Mylee Hammond chipped in 10 points.

CLOUD COUNTY

Men's Basketball

Breaking their losing streak at home against Pratt, the T-Birds won thanks to their efficient offense, shooting over 50 percent from the field in the home win. Travelling south to take on the Butler Grizzlies, the T-Birds would come up short after being down nine points at half. An explosive run late pushed the game out control, with Butler extending Cloud's losing streak to seven games.

Women's Basketball

Picking up a massive 28 point win against Pratt, in which the T-Bird defense limit the Beavers to being rivaled by individual players in quarters. Lilliana Petersen, Talasia Thomas and Shae Wurtz combined for 46 points in the win. The T-Birds fell short against Butler Community College 62-57 after holding the Grizzlies scoreless from deep in the first half.

Wrestling

The Cloud County Community College wrestling team competed in a tri-dual against Prat and Labette Community College. Cloud lost the duals 45-6 and 45-9.

ATHLETE of the week

TRACER MURDOCK



Concordia High School Senior Tracer Murdock, who is currently 23-1, defeated the number five ranked heavyweight (285+) wrestler in Kansas 4A Josh Flanigan of Wamego last Thursday, January 16. Murdock also placed first place in the Ellsworth Tournament January 11, picking up four wins by fall (0:27, 0:31, 0:37 4:33), including pinning the number sixth ranked (3-2-1A) heavyweight wrestler Brody Bell to a first place finish.



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Girls BB

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The first quarter went just how the red Raiders wanted, efficient offense and physical defense had Wamego leading 17-10 after the first stanza.

The Panthers would show some of the rust of the extended break in the second quarter, turnovers and missed opportunities on offense would arise. On the defensive side, the panthers half-court defense would start to sharpen up, holding Wamego to 13 points, as the Red Raiders went

into the locker room leading 30-16.

Coming out of half-time, the Panthers started to shape up to the team they can be, out-scoring the Red Raiders for the half 30-26, and was improving on both side. As Concordia tried to fight back into the game and getting the Wamego lead to single figures last in the fourth, Wamego's knockdown shooting halted any comeback attempt as Wamego would pick up their first win of 2025

after losing two straight to start the year.

"Took a little bit to get the rust off of having 25 days of no games," said Kuhlman. "Not going to use that as an excuse though, our girls battled all four quarters and just came up short at the end." Cash led in scoring with 21 points, on 6/7 shooting, including 3/3 on threes, picking up four rebounds and four steals.

VanMeter had 10 points, two rebounds, and three steals.

CCCC dominates Pratt 82-54, falls at Butler 62-57

BY TUCKER ASHBURN

In a 28-point routing, the Cloud County Thunderbirds hosted Pratt Community College, defeating the Beavers 82-54, handing Pratt their fifth straight loss.

Thanks to their efforts on the glass and efficient offense, the T-Birds quickly established a double digit lead just five minutes into the first quarter, leading 15-5. The T-Birds would stretch their lead to 14 points off of a Lillian Peterson three point shot. When the Beavers tried to chip away at the lead, Cloud responded and led 24-16 after the first stanza. Peterson scored 13 points in the quarter.

The Beavers offense would continue to be efficient in the second quarter, shooting 50 percent from the field and for the half. Cloud did their best to limit Pratt, matching the Beavers and keep at least a three possession lead for the entire quarter, constantly bounding between an eight to 12 point lead. The T-Birds expanded their lead slightly, outscoring the Beavers by two points, and entered halftime with a 43-33 lead.

The T-Birds would explode in the third quarter. Shea Wurtz alone out-scored the Beavers, falling 12 points while Pratt only scored nine. The Beavers were limited to only two baskets in the third quarter, shooting 16.7 percent from the field and getting four of their points from the free throw line.

The T-Birds' defense would continue to hamper Pratt, allowing their offense to expand their lead up to 27 points with 4:26 remaining, while only allowing five points. Cloud kept the pace and finished the game with their third most points scored of the season, 82 points, and holding Pratt to 54.

Petersen led with 24 points, 11 rebounds, and three steals.

Talasia Thomas had 18 points and four rebounds.

Wurtz had 14 points, a season-high 15 rebounds, and two steals.

TiAna Davis had 10 points, five assists, four steals, and three rebounds.



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Cloud's Shea Wurtz attempting a fastbreak layup against Pratt.

Cloud will host Dodge City on Saturday, January 25. Tipoff is 2 p.m.

Traveling south to one of the toughest places to play, the Lady Thunderbirds fell just short to Butler Community College, 62-57.

The game would be close for the entire first half, with the T-Birds able to keep the Grizzlies from hitting from deep for the entire first quarter, going 0-7 from beyond the three-point arc. But the Grizzlies work on the glass would keep them close, outrebounding the T-birds 14 to eight, including six offensive rebounds. A 9-2 run by the T-Birds to end the quarter would make the game tied 12 all.

The Grizzlies' struggles from deep continued in the second, going 0-6, while the Thunderbirds' rebounding problems continued, getting outrebounded 12 to five. The Grizzlies started to pull away, going on a 6-0 run to take a 24-18 lead, before the T-Birds went on a 5-0 run to take a one-point lead with two minutes remaining. Butler would get a layup with 22 seconds remaining, and a missed layup at the buzzer sent the T-Birds to the locker rooms down by one point, 26-25.

Unfortunately for the T-Birds, the Grizzly offense could only struggle for so long, opening the third quarter with a 9-0 run, including their first three-point shot of the day. The Grizzlies would develop a 15-point lead, as their defense held the T-Birds to just four field goals in the quarter. The T-Birds went into the fourth quarter down 50-39.

The T-Birds clawed their way back into the game, limiting the Grizzlies to only one field goal in the first six minutes. Cloud cut the lead down to three with 4:12 remaining. After a three-point play by Butler, it wouldn't be until 43 seconds remaining before either team scored again when Cloud's Talasia Thomas made a three-point play to cut the Grizzly lead to three. After a steal by Danae Crosby, the T-Birds' offense couldn't convert. They were forced to foul, and Grizzlies put in two free throws, Cloud fell 62-57.

Bre Frazier led in scoring with 16 points, four assists, and three rebounds.

TiAna Davis had 14 points, three rebounds, and two assists.

Peterson chipped in 13 points, eight rebounds, and two blocks.



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Cloud's DaNae Crosby and TiAna Davis double teaming a Pratt player.

Valley Heights stuns top seeded Clifton-Clyde in TVL tournament 63-57

FRANKFORT — Sixth-seeded Valley Heights upset third-seeded Clifton-Clyde 63-57 in the second round of the Twin Valley League Tournament played last Monday night.

Clifton-Clyde (8-2) drops into the consolation bracket and will play Blue Valley at 4:30 p.m. Friday.

The Eagles downed Blue Valley 61-50 in a home league game on January 14.

Valley Heights advanced to the semifinals and will face second-seeded Hanover on Thursday night.

Hanover rolled past Blue Valley 59-27 in the quarterfinals.

In the other quarterfinal games, top-seeded Centralia knocked off eighth-seeded Axtell 61-34 and fourth-seeded Doniphan West downed fifth-seeded Linn, 55-31.

Centralia and Doniphan West will play in the other semifinal game.

Valley Heights, which thumped 11th-seeded Onaga 65-24 in the opening round of the tournament, jumped out to a 17-8 lead on Clifton-Clyde in the opening quarter.

Clifton-Clyde received a bye in the opening round.

The Eagles were outscored 20-14 by the Mustangs in the second period, and trailed 37-22 at halftime.

Valley Heights put up 12 points in the third quarter, to eight for Clifton-Clyde, and led 49-30.

Led by junior guard Sevy Wurtz, the Eagles mounted a furious fourth-quarter rally.

Wurtz scored 23 of her game high 42 points as Clifton-Clyde erupted for

Cloud snaps losing streak, defeats Pratt 84-74

BY TUCKER ASHBURN Finally finding themselves back in the win column for the first time since November 30, the Thunderbirds picked up an 84-74 win over Pratt Community College.

Having one of their best offensive performances of the season, the T-Birds shot over 50 percent from the field, including 37.5 percent from deep, while holding Pratt to only 38 percent from the field.

After finding themselves down 16-7 early in the first half, Cloud would go on a 13-0 run to take an 18-16 lead. After exchanging baskets, Cloud would go on another run, this time expanding the score from 25-22 to 41-24 off a 16-2 run. Cloud ended the first half with a 43-31 lead.

Cloud would hold on to the big lead for the entire second half. With the time on their side and with seven different Thunderbirds picking up points in the half, the team shot an incredible 57.7 percent from the field.

Sincere Burnette led in scoring with 19 points, five rebounds, four assists, and two steals.

Keyon Garrett-Miller had 18 points, four assists, and three steals.

Elidjah Savane had 15 points, 12 rebounds, four assists, three steals, and two blocks.

Losing their seventh straight game, the Cloud County Community College Thunderbirds fell to #11 Butler Community College 89-70, thanks to a huge second-half run.

After taking a quick 5-0 lead to start the



SCOUT SKOCNY

Clifton-Clyde's Sevy Wurtz attempting a layup against Blue Valley-Randolph. Wurtz had 28 points in the 61-50 win.

27 points over the final eight minutes.

Wurtz knocked down five three-point shots and connected on 9 of 10 free throws in the quarter.

Valley Heights put up 14 points in the period and was able to hold on for the win.

Wurtz was the only Clifton-Clyde player to score more than six points.

Anne Toerber led a balanced Valley Heights attack with 13 points.

Mia Vermetten scored 12 points for the Mustangs and Josie Parker added 11 points.

Clifton-Clyde 61, Blue Valley-Randolph 50 Clifton-Clyde notched a

Twin Valley League home win by downing Blue Valley Randolph 61-50 on January 14.

Wurtz connected on 9 of 18 field goal attempts, including three of six from three-point range in scoring 28 points for Clifton-Clyde. She also had 10 rebounds and four assists.

Mylee Hammond finished with 10 points, six rebounds and four assists.

Steinbrock added eight points and five assists.

Clifton-Clyde made 11 of 13 free throws in the game for 85 percent.

Brynlynn Brockman and Bryleigh Brockman scored 16 points each for Blue Valley.



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Cloud's Elidjah Savane shooting a contested layup against Pratt. Savane had 15 in the win over the Beavers.

game, the Grizzlies would go on a 22-7 run to build a 22-13 lead. The Grizzlies would do their best to match the T-Birds' offense, even expanding their lead to 14 points, 37-23. But Cloud then went on an 8-2 run to get the lead down to five. The Cloud offense would stumble and Butler took advantage of the opportunity and pushed their lead to 12, before three Cloud free throws would send the T-Birds to the locker room down by nine, 52-43.

Butler came out of the half trying to put the game away early, going on a 13-2 run to take a 65-45 lead. Cloud would

flip a switch, going on a 16-2 run of their own to drop the lead down to six, 67-61, with 11 minutes remaining. But the Grizzlies then slammed the door on the 'Birds with a 20-5 run, stretching their lead to 21 points with less than three minutes remaining. The Grizzlies ultimately won the game 89-70.

Burnette had 15 points, hitting four threes, eight rebounds, five assists, and two steals.

Savane had 14 points and 10 rebounds.

Coming off the bench, Fallou Koite had 11 points, hitting three three's, and two steals.

OBITUARIES

Betty Ann Strait

March 30, 1943 – January 8, 2025

Betty Ann Strait, age 81, of Concordia, Kansas, passed away surrounded by her loving family at Sunset Home in Concordia, KS, on January 8, 2025.

Betty was born March 30, 1943, in rural Narka, KS, to Ernest and Helen (Blazek) Klima.

She married Bill Beaumont, to which the union brought her two sons, Pete and Randy Beaumont. They later divorced and she then married the love of her life, Harold "Bo" Strait, on June 24, 1974, at the Cloud County Court House.

She held many jobs over her lifespan, which included retiring from F & A Retail Store after working 38 years.

She was a member of the American Legion Post #76 Women's Auxiliary, and The Citizen's National Bank Friendship Club. Betty was an active dancer who loved going to Jolly Mixers in Salina, KS, every Wednesday night.

With her husband Bo, they enjoyed fishing, driving around, and spending endless time together. In any free time, you could find her putting puzzles together, doing word searches, and Sudoku. But most of all she treasured her family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Ernest and Helen (Blazek) Klima, and her late husband, Bo Strait.

She is survived by her sons, Pete (Tina) Beaumont and Randy (Annette) Beaumont; grandchildren, Ashley (Shelby) Hagen, Brent (fiancé Julie) Beaumont, Allie Beaumont, and Amber Beaumont; great-grandchildren, Addison and Beau Hagen, and Baby Beaumont, to arrive in March 2025.

Visitation was held Thursday, January 9, 2025, at Nutter Mortuary, 2:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., with the family receiving friends from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Funeral Services were held at Trinity United Methodist Church, Concordia, KS, on Friday, January 10, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. The burial followed at Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Concordia, KS.

A memorial fund has been established, In Memory of Betty Strait, to be designated at a later date.

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Linda Mae Essmiller

November 2, 1940 – January 15, 2025

Linda Mae (Melton) Essmiller, 84, passed away in Wichita, Kansas, January 15, 2025. She was born November 2, 1940, in Concordia, to William N. and Vera Leone (Overman) Melton.

Linda had a passion for teaching and children and obtained her master's degree in education. She moved to Great Bend from LaCrosse in 1967. She began her career with USD 428 as a teacher in Park elementary and eventually worked her way as principal for Eisenhower elementary from 1991, until her retirement in 1999. Linda's hard work and dedication to her students placed her as a finalist for the Outstanding Teacher Award. She was a member of Kansas National Education Association. Her care and compassion for her many students will forever be remembered.

Linda married Lilbourn Roy "L.R." Stoskopf, August 23, 1959, in Concordia. From this union, they had two boys. They later divorced in 1985. Linda married James A. "Jim" Essmiller, March 20, 1998, in Las Vegas, Nevada. He preceded her in death on March 7, 2018. Linda was a First United Methodist member. She enjoyed and was active in 4-H and was a Kansas Farm Bureau member.

Survivors include sons, Brad Stoskopf and his wife Kim of Wichita, Brian Stoskopf and his wife Whitney of Riverbank, Calif.; stepsons, Kyle Essmiller of Edmond, Okla., John Essmiller and his wife Kimberly of South Pasadena, Calif.; grandchildren, Matthew Stoskopf and his wife Jamie, Gregory Stoskopf and his wife Kelly, Kevin Stoskopf and his wife Anna, Bryce Stoskopf; step-grandchildren, James Essmiller, Kennedy Essmiller, Emiko Essmiller, Kenji Essmiller; great-grandchildren, Lauren, Sullivan, Dean, Wesley, Harrison; brothers, Lavern "Vern" Melton and his wife Sheryl of Rush Center, Jerry Melton and his wife Vickie of Vicksburg, Miss.; sisters, Jan Melton of Wichita, Janie Sihilling and her husband Cal of Casa Grande, N. M., Vera Jean Brichalli and her husband Mario of Springfield, Mo. She was preceded in death by her parents, and husband, James A. "Jim" Essmiller.

Funeral service will be held at 3:00 p.m., Saturday, January 18, 2025, at Bryant Funeral Home with Reverend Robert Selvakumar presiding. Burial will follow at Great Bend Cemetery North. Visitation will be from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Friday, January 17, 2025, with family receiving from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Bryant Funeral Home. Memorials have been designated to USD 428 Foundation or Barton County Food Bank, in care of Bryant Funeral Home, 1425 Patton Road, Great Bend, KS 67530.



Eleanor A. Zohn

November 1, 1933 – January 16, 2025

Eleanor A. Zohn, the only daughter of George and Lucille (Mahaffey) Barleen, was born November 1, 1933, in Rural Scandia, KS and passed away at Sunset Home in Concordia, KS on Thursday, January 16, 2025, at the age of 91 years, 2 months, and 15 days after a long battle with renal failure. Eleanor attended Country School and then graduated from Concordia High School in 1951. On December 28, 1952 she was united in marriage to Darrell E. Zohn at the Baptist Parsonage in Belleville, KS. From this union, three children were born; Randall Eugene Zohn, Rodney Dean Zohn, and Rebecca Lynne Zohn. Eleanor loved the farm life from an early age, spending time with her Grandpa Charlie Barleen and her dad, George. Her life was a reflection of dedication to family, hard work, and a deep love for the land.

Her son, Randy, always said most people work their way through college, but Eleanor worked her way through high school. She always had a job, starting at the grocery store in Concordia during high school. She would return to the farm on weekends to help her dad. The local banker in Concordia visited the grocery store and asked Eleanor to come work for his bank. Her love for numbers started while working at the bank. After graduation, her marriage, and birth of Randy, the three moved to Great Bend for Darrell's job. She was the bookkeeper for the Great Bend city office. On weekends she played short stop on a women's traveling softball team. After a few years, her dad encouraged the couple to move home to work on the family farm. Shortly thereafter, Rodney then Rebecca was born. Eleanor raised her children while working with the farm's hogs, cattle, and bottle-fed sheep. She and Darrell owned a dog kennel, which became a special passion of hers. It was during this time that her love for bulldogs blossomed, and she developed a deep affection for the breed. She was involved in her children and grandchildren's many interests. Family was the foundation of Eleanor's life.

In 1973, she started at Cloud County Community College. She worked her way up into the accounting department. Eleanor retired in 1990, after 17 years of dedicated service, to help care for her parents. With her retirement came a return to the life she had always cherished—life on the family farm.

She had two televisions; one for regular TV and one for sports. She loved all sports but never missed watching a Royals, K-State, or a Chief's game. Her most meaningful passions involved her husband, children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and many friends.

Eleanor was preceded in death by her parents George and Lucille Barleen, her husband Darrell Zohn, grandson Ryan Zohn, and sister-in-law Aurel Elliott.

She is survived by two sons; Randy Zohn (Kathi) Newton, KS and Rod Zohn (Lorita) Norway, KS, a daughter; Becky Reed (Bob) Courtland, KS and sister-in-law Sheryl Andersen, Concordia, KS. Grandchildren include Shannon Kirtley (Aaron), Natasha Elwood, Stephan Zohn (Rachel), Blake Reed (Ali), and Brittany Vigilius (Daniel). Great-grandchildren include Eli Kirtley, Cole Kirtley, Aaron Elwood, Peyton Elwood, Nalaina Underwood, Landry Zohn, Liam Zohn, Charlotte Zohn, Griffin McNeil, Bowen Reed, and Lucille Reed.

Visitation and viewing will be 1 p.m. - 7 p.m. on Monday, January 20, 2025, at Bachelor-Surber Funeral Home in Belleville, KS with the family greeting friends from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. on Monday. Private family graveside services will be held on Tuesday, January 21, 2025, at the Pleasant Ridge Cemetery, rural Norway, KS, with Pastor Kathy Aeillo, officiating.

Memorials are suggested to the Pleasant Ridge Cemetery or Gentiva Hospice.

Bachelor-Surber Funeral Home, 1322 19th St., Belleville, KS is assisting the family.

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Donald Nulton

Donald Nulton, 86, Technician, died Thursday, January 16, 2025. Memorial Service will be at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, January 25, 2025, at Downing & Lahey East Mortuary, Wichita, KS.

Preceded in death by his parents, Lester and Geraldine Nulton; sister, Linda Nulton; grandchild, Ally Baier.

Survived by his wife, Ellen Nulton of Wichita; sons, David (Randi) Nulton of Austin, TX, Richard (Crysta) Baier of Overland Park, KS, Brandon (Katie) Baier of Derby, KS; daughter, Jill (Travis) Turek of Grand Island, NE; brother, Ronald Nulton of Tyler, TX; grandchildren, Abel and Olivia Nulton, Justin and Ashley Schrott, Molli and Tanner Turek, Joel, Ben, and Charlie Baier.

In memory of Ally Baier, donations may be made to Head for the Cure Foundation, 1607 Oak, Kansas City, MO 64108. Share tributes online at: www.dlwichita.com



Margaret Marie LeDuc

May 16, 1937 – January 17, 2025

Margaret Marie (Edwards) LeDuc, age 87, passed away Friday, January 17, 2025, at Park Villa Nursing Home in Clyde, KS. She was born May 16, 1937, to Lester and Lucille Edwards.

Margaret was a 1955 graduate of Clyde High School, Clyde, Kansas.

She married LeRoy LeDuc on August 26, 1956, in Clyde, KS, at the Christian Church.

Margaret was a homemaker, substituted at Clifton-Clyde School cafeteria and office. She also worked for the Clyde Republican newspaper. She enjoyed spending time with her family, playing cards and crocheting. Her favorite crochet projects were blankets for her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, along with crocheted name doilies as wedding gifts for family and friends.

She is survived by her children: Debbie Deneault (Galen), Concordia, Jim LeDuc (Susan), Clyde, Dan LeDuc (JoDee), Clyde, & Sally Martin (Todd), Herington; her 8 grandchildren, Eric Deneault, Jenny Tischhauser, Kathy Sourille, Alan LeDuc, Adam LeDuc, Amber Schuessler, Jason Martin, Katie Martin & 22 great-grandchildren, Gaven, Braelyn, Maelie, Hallie, Parker, JD, Owen, Madi, Hudson, Finley, Ace, Abel, Alex, Logan, Adam, Paxton, Oakley, Oliver, Arthur, Winnie, Anne Mae, Maxine.

She is preceded in death by her husband, LeRoy, granddaughter Tiffany, her parents & two brothers, Lynn & infant Bobby.

Visitation will be held from 1-8 p.m., on Monday, January 20, 2025, at the Chaput Mortuary in Clyde. The family will receive friends from 5-7 p.m.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 21, 2025, at the Clyde Christian Church, Clyde, Kansas, with Pastor Michael Osterman officiating. Burial will follow in the Mount Hope Cemetery, Clyde, Kansas.

The family suggests memorials to the Clyde Christian Church or the Clyde Senior Citizen Center in care of Chaput Mortuary, PO Box 291, Clyde, Kansas 66938

For online condolences please visit www.chaput-buoy.com.



UPCOMING EVENTS

•Friday, February 14, 2025 – Neighbor to Neighbor Reading with Friends Preschool story time at 9:00 a.m. located in downtown Concordia.
Pre-register at (785) 262-4215

COMMODITIES DISTRIBUTION

Cloud County Commodities distribution is scheduled for **Every 2 Months from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. on the Third Wednesday of the Month**, at the First United Methodist Church, 740 W. 11th Street, Concordia, Kansas. Scheduled date: March 19, 2025.

Happiness is when what you think, what you say and what you do are in harmony.

-Mahatma Gandhi

OBITUARIES

Ronald LaVerne Insley

January 18, 1948 – January 18, 2025

Ronald LaVerne Insley of Hays, Kansas, passed away Saturday, January 18, 2025, at the KU Medical Center in Kansas City surrounded by his loved ones. It was his 77th birthday.

Ron was born in Concordia, Kansas, on January 18, 1948, the son of Murl and Vivian (Hansen) Insley. His childhood was spent in nearby Miltonvale where he rode his bike with friends, climbed trees and jumped out of barn lofts – always hoping to fly, but too often ending up with a broken arm. He was free to have all the adventures he wanted as long as he returned home before the evening town whistle.



His family moved often during his high school years, but he spent his senior year at Hays High, graduating in 1966, along with his future wife Carolyn Gassner. They officially met two years later during a square dancing class at Fort Hays State.

Ron and Carolyn wed on June 27, 1970, and were married 54 years. They had three children: a daughter, Lisa Marie, a stillborn daughter, Holly Dawn, and a son, Matthew LaVerne. Ron was a constant presence at both of his children's sports, music and school activities. He mourned Holly Dawn's death until his own.

Ron worked as a maintenance technician at Travenol Laboratories, Hadley Hospital/Hays Med, Hussman Corporation, and the Hadley Center. He was known for his dedication to work, his ability to fix anything and his compressor-carrying strength. He was also a well-liked colleague who was always willing to share a cup of coffee.

Ron's story was also one of survival. He overcame colon cancer in 1988 and then in 1992 he became just the fifty-first liver transplant patient at KU Med. During those challenging middle years, Ron's Christian faith sustained him and his family. He remarkably recovered and always had a grateful heart for each extra day God granted him.

Those days were filled with joyful activity. He shared his love of Wilson Lake with his family and friends, and they spent countless hours boating, water skiing, tubing and eating there. Even though he was an amazing water skier, he spent most of the time piloting the boat so that others could enjoy the lake.

Perhaps Ron's most important trait was his servant heart. He led the high school youth group at North Oak Community Church as a volunteer for 15+ years, always eager to take them to a church conference, on a mission trip, or for a skiing adventure. He was a warm mentoring presence for countless young people through the years. At home he served his family by whipping up delicious meals and working in the yard; his neighbors by clearing snow and fixing things; and his community by using his boundless energy to help in any way that he could.

Always someone who enjoyed the simple pleasures of life, Ron tended and shared beautiful roses from his garden with his family and neighbors. He delighted in trains of all sizes, often setting up a model railroad around the Christmas tree. He loved dogs and always welcomed Rio and Lago to share part of his electric blanket. Ron had a sweet tooth, especially for salt-water taffy, licorice and chocolate-covered cherries.

Ron will be remembered as a devoted and loving husband, father, and grandfather. He cherished his three granddaughters, Tiffany, Corlyn, and Alayna. The girls remember always trying to be the first one awake so that they could cuddle with grandpa, ordering any breakfast they wanted in grandpa's short-order kitchen, swinging for hours in the backyard as he pushed them tirelessly, sharing road trips across the country, and, most importantly, knowing that he unconditionally loved them.

Ron is survived by his wife, Carolyn; his daughter Lisa, her husband John and their three daughters; and his son Matthew and his wife Jennifer. He is also survived by his brother Rudi, his sister-in-law Donna and her husband Robert as well as nieces & nephews and grandnieces & nephews. He was preceded in death by his father Murl, his mother Vivian and daughter Holly Dawn.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 am on Saturday, January 25, 2025 at North Oak Community Church. Burial will follow in Fort Hays Memorial Gardens Cemetery. Visitation will be from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Friday and from 9:30 a.m. until service time on Saturday, all at the church. Memorials are suggested to the North Oak Community Church youth group. Funeral services are in the care of Hays Memorial Chapel Funeral Home, and condolences and memories of Ron may be left for his family at www.haysmemorial.com

Carol Jean Thrasher

August 18, 1953 – January 20, 2025

Carol Jean Thrasher, 71, of Clyde, Kansas passed away at NCK Medical Center on January 20, 2025. She was the oldest child born to Salomon and Susie (Garcia) Sigala, on August 18, 1953, in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

The family moved to La Puente California where she attended school and graduated from La Puente High in 1971.

She met Kevin Thrasher in a bowling league in the winter of 1971 and they were married on March 9, 1974. This union brought three children, Kevin, Jr., Paul, and Jamie.

The family moved to Kansas City in 1991 where Carol continued managing food establishments until she began working security at Kansas City International Airport.

Carol enjoyed crafting with her Cricut. Her craft room was filled to the brim and she took her things to craft shows, and made things that can be seen at Brantford Community Church.

She loved to be outside, going to the lake and pool, and taking her children camping. Her children fondly remember movies at the Merriam Drive In.

She was loved by all and loved everyone back. She was stubborn and a firecracker. Kevin declares that when God created her, there was no mold.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Salomon and Susie Sigala.

She will be missed by her husband, Kevin Thrasher, Clyde, KS; children, Kevin Thrasher, Jr (Sheena), Clyde, KS, Paul Thrasher (Georgia), Kingsport, TN, and Jamie Holmden, Kansas City, MO; grandchildren, Haley, Levi, and Chase Thrasher, Rex and Susie Thrasher, and Tommy, Noah, and Liam Holmden; her siblings Joaneva Cameron, Marcella Roark, Annette Sigala, and Sal Sigala, Jr; along with many other relatives and special friends.

A family-led memorial service will be held 2:00 p.m., on Saturday, February 8, 2025, at the Brantford Community Church, with Pastor Michael Ostermann officiating.

For online condolences please visit www.chaput-buoy.com.



EMT/FIRE DEPT.

Fire/EMS

Tuesday, January 14

At 2:43 a.m., M-2 was dispatched for a medical emergency. There was no patient transport.

At 7:45 a.m., M-2 was dispatched for a medical emergency. There was no patient transport.

At 8:33 a.m., M-5 was dispatched for a long-distance transfer to Salina Regional Health Center (SRHC).

At 3:12 p.m., M-3 was dispatched for a medical emergency. One patient was transported to SRHC.

Wednesday, January 15

At 10:16 a.m., M-2 was dispatched for a medical emergency. One patient was transported to North Central Kansas Medical Center (NCKMC).

At 11:04 a.m., M-2 was dispatched for a medical emergency. One patient was transported to NCKMC.

Friday, January 17th

At 3:14 a.m., Medic-4 was dispatched for a medical emergency. One patient was transported to North Central Kansas Medical Center (NCKMC).

At 5:53 a.m., Medic-4 was dispatched for a medical emergency. One patient was transported to NCKMC.

At 10:55 a.m., Medic-4 was dispatched for a medical emergency. One patient was transported to NCKMC.

At 1:03 p.m., Medic-5 was dispatched for a basic life support, long distance transfer. One patient was transported to Salina Regional Health Center.

At 4:56 p.m., Medic-5 was dispatched for an advanced life support, long distance transfer. One patient was transported to KU Medical Center in Kansas City.

At 7:57 p.m., Medic-4 was dispatched for a smell of smoke.

Saturday, January 18th

At 4:02 a.m., Medic-4 was dispatched for a medical emergency. One patient was transported to NCKMC.

At 6:29 a.m., Medic-4 was dispatched for a medical emergency. One patient was transported to NCKMC.

At 12:03 p.m., Medic-4 was dispatched for a medical emergency. One patient was transported to NCKMC.

At 6:34 p.m., Medic-4 was dispatched for a medical emergency. One patient was transported to NCKMC.

At 9:44 p.m., Medic-4 was dispatched for a medical emergency. No patient was transported.

Sunday, January 19th

At 3:27 p.m., Medic-5 was dispatched for a basic life support, long distance transfer. One patient was transported to Wesley Medical Center in Wichita.

SHERIFF DEPT.

Cloud County Sheriff's Report

Tuesday, January 14

At 7:16 a.m., deputy took a report of a non-injury accident located in the 1800 block of K-9 Highway.

At 4:29 p.m., deputy pulled over a vehicle in the 500 block of Highway US-81 and after on scene investigation Joshua Franklin Jack of Concordia was arrested for an outstanding warrant and for possession of opiate opium narcotic or certain stimulant, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

At 4:35 p.m., deputy met with an Ottawa County Deputy and took custody of Shelly Marie Mceachin of Ada, Kansas for an outstanding Cloud County warrant.

Wednesday, January 15

At 12:00 p.m., deputy took a child sex crimes case out of Aurora the case is still under investigation.

Thursday, January 16

At 5:06 p.m., deputy was called to the Concordia Hospital for an Animal Bite case out of Glasco, KS. The animal in question is owned by the victim's family and the bite was unintentional.

Friday, January 17

At 4:50 a.m., deputy took an animal at large case, which is still under investigation.

At 4:15 p.m., deputy pulled over a vehicle at Highway US-81 and Hawk Road. After on scene investigation Bobby Wayne Thompson of Dallas, Texas was arrested for an outstanding Texas warrant, distribution of marijuana, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Saturday, January 18

At 2:08 p.m., deputy took a report of littering/illegal dumping the case is still under investigation.

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POLICE DEPT.

Concordia Police Department

On January 13, 2025, at 12:42 PM, Officers responded to the 100 Block of East College Dr. for a Non-Injury Accident.

On January 13, 2025, at 10:32 PM, Officers responded to the 1700 Block of Lincoln St. for a report of Harassment. No case was needed.

On January 15, 2025, at 10:17 AM, Officer responded to the 200 Block of West 21st St. for a report of Disorderly Conduct. Charges have been forwarded to the Cloud County Attorney,

On January 15, 2025, at 2:26 PM, Officers responded to the 400 Block of East 5th St. for a welfare check.

On January 15, 2025, at 3:12 PM, Officers responded to the intersection of Cedar St. and 7th St. for a welfare check.

On January 15, 2025, at 4:12 PM, Officers responded to the 400 Block of West 11th St. for a Non-Injury Accident.

On January 16, 2025, at 7:50 PM, Officers responded to the 400 Block of West 13th St. for a report of a theft. Investigation continued.

On January 17, 2025, at 10:38 AM, Officers responded to the 1100 Block of Village St. for a welfare check.

On January 18, 2025, at 2:13 AM, Officers conducted a traffic stop at the 1000 Block of Lincoln St. After running the driver's information, officers discovered the driver, Jerome Johnson, had an active warrant out of Louisiana. Johnson was arrested and transported to Cloud County Corrections on his Louisiana Warrant, original charge: Probation Violation.

On January 19, 2025, at 6:23 AM, Officers responded to the 80 Block of Lincoln St. for an individual who was laying on the ground in the cold. When officers arrived, the individual was unconscious but breathing. Officers requested Concordia Fire Department to scene, who transported the individual to North Central Kansas Medical Center for a medical evaluation.

On January 19, 2025, at 8:24 PM, Officers responded to the 400 Block of East 15th St. for a report of an internet scam.

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JUST A LITTLE LIGHT LOOKING BACK

BY DAWN PHELPS
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Remembered for . . .

A few years ago, Tom and I, along with some of my sisters and husbands, drove to Fairbanks, Alaska, where one of my sisters lived. During the trip we visited Craigdarroch Castle, a massive castle, in Victoria, British Columbia, Canada. It was four stories high and was built of stone from 1887-1890.

No lords or knights lived in this castle, and there was no moat or drawbridge. But, like castles of medieval times, the castle held stories of happiness and sadness, stories of struggles for riches and power. Let me tell you a little about the Dunsmuirs, the owners of Craigdarroch Castle.

In 1851 Robert and Joan Dunsmuir left Scotland to travel to Canada. Joan had become pregnant out of wedlock and was ostracized from Scottish society. They married and traveled to Canada where Joan and Robert later had ten children, two sons and eight daughters.



While in Scotland, Robert was an indentured coal miner. After arriving in Canada, he began work as a miner. He and Joan lived in a cabin where Joan took in washing to help make a living.

Robert was known as “a driven man,” and he soon moved up from working in the mines, to a manager, later becoming a coal baron with mines worth \$245,000. After earning a fortune, he built the castle in Victoria to try to make it up to Joan for their leaving Scotland.

The 39-room castle is ornate with stained glass, spiral staircases, and Victorian furnishings. The castle displays the wealth of the Dunsmuir family, the first millionaires in Victoria.

By the time Robert died, one year before the castle was completed, his relationship with his wife Joan was strained. When he died, he left behind a fortune of \$20,000,000, yes, twenty million, for his wife.

But how, in the 1800s, could a man make such a fortune? Coal, black coal, brought him his wealth! Robert Dunsmuir was the owner of a profitable coal mining operation, and most of the coal miners were Chinese immigrants who worked for cheap wages. But there is more to the Dunsmuir story.

One of the guides at the castle told of how Robert Dunsmuir had burned down the coal miners’ bunkhouse when they wanted better wages. One source describes Robert as “an awful drinker” with “a heart as black as the coal he mined.” When Robert heard that the miners were threatening to go on strike, he shut down the entire mining operation for four months, essentially starving the workers into submission.

But that is not the worst part of the story. When the miners returned to work after four months, he re-hired them for one-third less wages than before.

Robert’s wealth was acquired at the expense of others! But the story does not end there. After Robert’s death, the two sons, Alex and James, battled their mother in court for the coal mines, with litigation lasting years. Perhaps, they, like their father, thought wealth would bring them happiness.

Later Alex, like his father, built a castle, not in Canada but in California. He was also known for boozing, and Alex died before his castle was completed. James, who had worked hard in the mines, ended up missing after the ship Lusitania sank at sea. His body was never found—a tragic ending.

The Dunsmuir castle holds stories of squabbles, greed, power struggles, and sadness. The daughters were not exempt from troubled lives with one daughter ending up in a madhouse and others in bankruptcies. Wealth did not buy peace and happiness for the Dunsmuir family.

Some historians depict Robert Dunsmuir as an entrepreneur, a noted businessman, and builder of a fortune, and Victoria mourned his death. But other historians remember him as a ruthless, vindictive exploiter of men!

I remember a beautiful sandstone castle standing proudly on a high hill, but I also remember how Robert Dunsmuir made his fortune. I remember a tyrant who began as a miner, who later became a legislator and a man of prestige. But I will also remember him as a man who gained his fortune at the expense of others.

For me, the Dunsmuir story reminded me that money cannot buy happiness and that when we die, we will be remembered for how we treated others in this life. Recently attending three funerals in about a week, I remembered the story of the castle and how differently the three from our town lived their lives when compared to Robert Dunsmuir.

All three—Darlene Smoot, Charlotte Fuller, and Bud Dulohery—will be remembered for their integrity, kindness, love for God and others, and their good names! Proverbs 22:1 says, “A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches....” Our three friends were rich when they died, and they will be greatly missed.

BY LINDA AND DOYLE SCOTT

100 YEAR JANUARY 29, 1925

Horn Bros. are trying something new. They have a Coupe Ford on display in their shop and you can examine it and then put a bid on it. The highest bidder will get the Coupe on next Sat... The local town basketball team defeated Agenda in a game 29 to 20. Agenda had the lead at the end of the 3rd quarter 20 to 19...The exemptions under the revenue act of 1924 are \$1,000 for single persons and \$2,500 for married persons. Each child will have an exemption of \$400... The fair grounds at Concordia will be sold at a Sheriff’s auction. The fair board is in extreme debt... District 92 school had as visitors, county health nurse, Miss Henry and her sister and they spent the day inspecting the pupils...BIRTHDAYS: A birthday party was given at the Roy Duckworth’s home in honor of his son, William’s seventeen birthday... P.H.L. Tanzer had a birthday with family members... Births: Mr. and Mrs. Fritts have a son, Mrs. Fritts was formally Miss Segra Floberg, of Miltonvale... The price of gasoline, which has been selling for 15 cents per gallon, was hiked to 17 cents per gallon...

75 YEAR JANUARY 26, 1950

The organization that will collect data for the 1950 census, will have 17 people working to collect the census for Cloud County... ANNIVERSARIES: Mr. and Mrs. Eli Breault, 50th. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Fuller, 49th... BIRTHDAYS: Mr. Virgil Adams. Robert Lee Charbonneau. George Young... Hopewell School toured the businesses of Miltonvale. There teacher was Laurence Pacey. They ate dinner with the high school pupils. Their escorts about town were Peggy Urban and Doyle Turner. The pupils were Glenn Lee Lacy, Delores Lacy, Arlene Fyfe, Rosalie Wright, Lloyd Wright and Rosa Lee Urban... Maurice Wear has taken over the duties of Russel Bray local high school teacher... MARRIAGES: Miss Freda Marie Gunter to Mr. Ezra O. Koerber.

50 YEAR JANUARY 23, 1975

Elizabeth (Sullivan) Neef has been named Miltonvale High School 1974-75, Betty Crocker Family Leader of tomorrow... Last October, the State Great Plains Committee selected Elmer Cyr’s farm near Miltonvale to see examples of conservation, he applied through his 9 year Great Plains Conservation Program...It’s Girl Scout Cookie time... Birth: Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bailey have a boy. Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Novotny have a daughter... Ina Mae Watson has spent the past week taking census for the city of Miltonvale...New officers for the YOUNG FARMERS, are Ed Mottin Pres., Calvin Schultz V. Pres., Charles Pacey Reporter, Richard Chartier Sec. and Max Coleman Treas... Rainfall for the week .11 and for the year .53... The kitchen in Fellowship Hall at the Wesleyan Church has undergone some revamping recently with more cupboards and counter space. Leonard Parrish and Wm. Hotchkiss did most of the work...

25 YEAR JANUARY 27, 2000

Southern Cloud competed at the Pike Trail League Tournament last week and had a record of 1-2 and took 6th place... BIRTHS: Greg and Eve Garrison have a son... Snowfall for the week 1/10”... Wheat \$2.36, Milo \$3.11, Corn \$ 1.84, Soybeans \$4.58 and Oats 95 cents... Oakland Pork has pork chops ¾” thick \$1.90 per pound, reg. \$2. Oakland Pork is owned Mike and Linda Richards of Miltonvale... Sonia Cote, Miltonvale High School and Cody McClellan, Glasco High School have been chosen as Coca-Cola Scholars semi-finalists. They will be required to send in more info. such as a biography and two personal recommendations by February 1st...

MOUNT LIBERTY

BY VIRGIL VESTERBERG

People continue to dig out of the snow problems. I am so thankful for a son that knows how to use a scoop shovel as he has had to scoop several times. As I write this we have a good day for melting followed by several days back in the deep freeze. It has been easier to walk places in the mornings as a little sun on the snow and ice makes it really slick. I recall an old-timer telling of wrapping barb wire around his boots so he could walk on the ice. Only 90 days until the cows can get a bite of green grass, we hope. The snow should give enough moisture to start the grass anyway. That isn’t always the case. The snow has sure made the hay supplies go down rapidly.

Have you seen the price of eggs in the store? I saw at Aldi’s they were \$4.99/dozen with a limit of 2 doz. With the cold nasty weather the hens have slowed down so we have hardly enough to use in the house. I read that over 44,000,000 laying hens have been euthenized (that means killed) because of the bird flu. With the wild birds being carriers there can’t be a lot of control by people.

The government does feel like it has a handle on the screw worm problem again. They have now lifted the ban on importing feeder cattle from Mexico. We hope that is the case. There has also been an outbreak of foot and mouth disease in Germany after no cases in 40 years. How quickly things can change.

Even if you could get shoes and socks on a bear, it would still have bear feet!



Ron Compton, Miltonvale’s dedicated UPS driver, delivered his last packages at the end of December. He retired at number two in seniority, with over 25 years of safe driving behind the wheel of the big brown truck.

More Than a Driver

BY RON FOSTER

He’s been delivering packages for UPS long enough that he remembers a time before GPS navigation, a time when he used a plat map to locate the address on the package and find the best route from where he was to where he was going. It was a necessary skill, one he was good at, one he used often because he didn’t always drive the same route. Instead, he drove several different routes, filling in when the regular driver was on vacation for five, six, seven weeks at a time, a job most drivers didn’t like but a job that fitted his inherent skill - once he drove to a place he could always remember how to get there again.

He must have filled in for Miltonvale’s driver at some point, because when that driver decided to retire in 2015, Ron Compton had the desire, the knowledge, and the seniority to take over the route, and he has been Miltonvale’s UPS driver ever since. But the good folks of Miltonvale soon learned that Ron didn’t just remember places, and he didn’t just deliver packages. People were known to Ron, and if he had a package for you but saw you at your neighbor’s house or downtown, he would deliver it there. He remembered the places, he remembered the people, and he made it all work. But just as important, Ron was a bringer of good will, whether it involved giving treats to dogs, taking time to talk to the kids of the house, or spending an extra couple minutes getting to know the person whose name was on the package.

And then came the day in mid-December when Ron delivered sad news for the residents on the Miltonvale route - he is retiring, and December 27 was to be his last delivery day. In the days leading up to his last day in Miltonvale, people dropped off cards and treats for Ron, thanking him for being our faithful UPS driver but, more importantly, thanking him for being a friend. But wouldn’t you know it, management had Ron doing something other than delivering packages in Miltonvale that day, so cards and wishes sat on a shelf for several days, and then the big snow arrived. Finally, early last week, Ron and his wife, Karen, made another trip to Miltonvale, and this time the package was addressed to him.

FOLLOWING ON

PASTOR SAM FLICK

Every day my computer gives me a verse for the day on my computer desktop. For today that verse was from Psalm 124:7 which says, “We have escaped like a bird out of the fowler’s snare; the snare has been broken, and we have escaped.” Well good ... I guess. I don’t really understand what that verse is about. Who is the bird? How did it escape?

We can’t understand that verse until we know the context. In Psalm 124:2 the Psalm writer says that “Men attacked us. Their anger flared against us. They wanted to swallow us alive. [They were like a] flood that would have engulfed us.”

We’ve seen that scene in a movie. The wagon train is slowly making its way through the mountains, but up on the hillside bandits are waiting. They’re hiding in the rocks. We see one bandit peek his head up from out of the sagebrush. Then he points his rifle. The settlers in the wagon train don’t know the danger they’re in. We jump up from our easy chair and shout at the television screen, “Look out! He’s got a gun!”

David says that there were men against him who were ready to attack. He and his little band were making their way through the valley. They didn’t know that attackers were hiding in the rocks ready to jump down and kill.

In verse six David writes, “Praise be to the LORD, who has not let us be torn by their teeth.” In verse 2 he says, “If the LORD had not been on our side when men attacked us ... they would have swallowed us alive ...”

And now we come to verse 7 (the verse I didn’t understand). “But We have escaped like a bird out of the fowler’s snare; the snare has been broken, and we have escaped.” God was with us. He stretched out his arm to save us. In verse eight, “Our help is in the name of the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.”

Do you feel as if you are under attack? Does the enemy come in like a flood? If so, call upon the name of the Lord, for he is your helper. God rises in defense of his children. Trust him. Run to him. Your help is in the name of the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.

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USD 334, Southern Cloud Schools has a mowing position open at Miltonvale Schools. Anyone interested may pick up or inquire about a proposal sheet at Southern Cloud BOE Office in the basement of Miltonvale High School. Proposals will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. on January 14, 2025. Any questions contact Superintendent Larry Lysell at BOE Office or call 785-568-2291.

TOOTLE'S TALES

BY JUDY LOBAUGH

Colder temperatures were predicted for last Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. Unfortunately the weather forecasters were correct. Early Sunday morning our thermometer read 9 degrees and Monday morning we had 13 degrees. Many places had much lower readings than these. Early Monday we woke up to another covering of new snow. Not sure how much snow fell, but probably less than an inch.

TT

Happy Birthday to: Carly Wood, Gage Cox, Sally Stevenson, Nathan Fowler, Melvin Braun, Isaac Stauffer, Max Hines, Bob Grant, Kathy Urban Kadavy, Kevan Welsh, Rodney Yonally, Emily Baysinger, Glenn Lee Lacy, Nathan Halepeska, Jesse Cumberland, Aaron Hoover, Clinton Cris-mas Jr., Cody Procaska, Connie Wilcox

TT

Anniversary wishes to: Richard and Sheri Kindel, James and Dixie Revell.

TT

We send our prayers and get-well wishes to: Calvin Schultz, Gary Turner, Terry Tate, Nancy Crowl, Kyle Stolzenburg, Eric Stevenson and their caregivers.

TT

Last Monday, January 20, was the inauguration of President Trump and it was also Martin Luther King Day. It was a busy day in Washington D.C.

MILTONVALE HAPPENINGS

Church Listings:

- Catholic Mass @ 8:30 a.m.
- Christian Church Sunday School @ 9:30, Worship @ 10:30
- Bible Methodist Sunday School @ 9:45, Worship @ 10:45 and 6:00
- Hope Church fellowship @ 9:00, Worship @ 9:30
- Wesleyan Sunday School @ 9:30, Worship @ 10:45, Bible studies @ 6:00, Thursday @ 9:00, Awanas 4:15-5:30 when school is in session
- Idana Presbyterian Sunday School @ 9:00, worship @ 10:15
- Mt. Liberty United Methodist @ 11:00
- Oak Hill Presbyterian @ 9:00

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CITY OF MILTONVALE - FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2024

	Balances 01/01/24	Revenue	Expenses	Balances 12/31/24
FUNDS:				
General Operating	239,692.46	484,069.12	277,451.02	446,310.56
Firemen's Reserve	4,947.68	62.20	0.00	5,009.88
Special Highway	105,724.17	230,373.47	277,924.09	58,173.55
Special Road Fund	17,815.63	241.93	0.00	18,057.56
Water	30,672.60	91,864.62	86,221.51	36,315.71
Water Reserve	70,859.22	12,514.88	0.00	83,374.10
Water Deposits	12,392.66	3,000.00	0.00	15,392.66
Sewer	69,857.71	835,474.18	832,898.50	72,433.39
Sewer Reserve	135,587.13	39,486.98	0.00	175,074.11
Landfill	12,490.93	80,775.55	64,918.85	28,347.63
Landfill Reserve	12,695.60	172.41	0.00	12,868.01
Ambulance	205,402.18	91,560.99	72,161.18	224,801.99
Ambulance Reserve	45,213.72	599.55	0.00	45,813.27
Endowment	6,967.17	1,200.00	0.00	8,167.17
Endowment Reserve	18,674.27	253.60	0.00	18,927.87
TOTALS:	988,993.13	1,871,649.48	1,611,575.15	1,249,067.46
OBLIGATIONS:	12/31/24	LIABILITIES:		
		General Operating		52.36
TOTAL:	0.00	Subtotal:		52.36
TOTAL:				1,249,119.82
ACCOUNTS:				
Checking Account				613,091.53
General Fund CD				120,000.00
Firemen's Reserve CD				5,009.88
Special Road Fund CD				18,057.56
Water Reserve Savings				16,918.63
Water Reserve CD				66,455.47
Sewer Reserve Savings				175,074.11
Landfill Reserve CD				12,868.01
Ambulance Reserve CD				45,813.27
Endowment Reserve CD				18,927.87
2024 Park Project savings				156,903.49
TOTAL:				1,249,119.82

As City Treasurer, I certify the above information to be true and correct, to the best of my knowledge.

Julie Queen 1-15-25

JANUARY 2025 - NICOL HOME MEALS ON WHEELS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
19	20 Pork loin, Sweet Potatoes, Cabbage Apple Cobbler	21 Chicken Pot Pie, Lima Beans, Fruit Salad, Fudge Oatmeal Bar	22 Ham & Beans, Fried Potatoes, Mixed Greens, Mocha Brownie	23 Italian Chicken, Rice, Broccoli, Ice Cream	24 Fish, Macaroni Salad, Green Beans, Glazed Lemon Cake	25
26	27 Goulash, Salad, Breadstick, Blueberry Crisp	28 Pork Fritter, German Potato Salad, Brussel Sprouts, Roll, Chocolate Chip Cake	29 Mushroom Chicken, Herb Noodles, Zucchini & Onion, Creamy Lemon Pie	30 Beef Stew, Peas, Biscuit, Sweet Potato Crumble Cake	31 Fish & Cheese Sandwich, Potato Chips, Stewed Tomatoes, Ice Cream	



JANUARY Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
19	20 No School Martin Luther King Jr. Day	21 ● 9:00am: Konza Dental Screenings @ MGS	22 ● 9:00am: Konza Dental Screenings @ MGS	23 ● 5:00pm: Art Family Engagement Night @ MGS	24	25
26	27 No School	28	29	30	31	

For spring gardens, start transplants now, says K-State horticulture expert

Onions, many other vegetables need time to germinate before spring planting

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Spring gardens may seem distant in the midst of winter, but Kansas State University horticulture expert Cynthia Domenghini says it's not too early to begin gathering seeds for the coming season.

In fact, many vegetables need to be started in January if gardeners intend to transplant them to the outdoor garden in March or April.

"Transplants for the vegetable garden typically require 4-6 weeks from seeding to transplant date," Domenghini said.

Onions take longer, as much as 10-12 weeks. Domenghini said guidelines

for vegetables commonly grown in Kansas are available in the Kansas Garden Guide, available from the K-State Research and Extension bookstore.

Look for the Average Expected Planting Calendar to determine when to start vegetable transplants.

For most vegetables, Domenghini offers the following tips for starting transplants indoors:

Always use a disease-free, soilless planting media or seed-starting mix for seeds. The containers for seed-starting mix can be individual cups, trays or even recycled containers as long as they have drainage holes in the bottom.

Fill the container with two inches of media and lightly cover the seeds with the mix after planting. Keep the soil moist until the seeds germinate, and keep the containers under lights in a warm location.

When the seedlings have grown 2-4 small

leaves, they are ready to be transplanted into small pots. This will allow them to continue growing until it's time to transplant them into the garden.

"It's important to give plants time to harden off before transplanting," Domenghini said. "This should typically be started 10 days before the transplant date, and involves gradually acclimating the seedlings to the outdoor conditions by reducing the amount of water the plants receive, while slowly increasing their exposure to outdoor conditions."

Starting onions indoors

Onions are typically planted in late March to avoid summer heat, so if growing them from seed, the plants need to be started 10-12 weeks before transplant date. That means as early as mid-January.

To start onions indoors, Domenghini

suggests:

Place seeds 1/2 to 1 inch apart in a tray filled with seed-starting media. Keep the tray in a warm location (75-80 degrees Fahrenheit) until seeds germinate.

When the seedlings are 1-2 inches tall, move the tray to a cooler location (60-65 F).

Provide adequate light and use a water-soluble, general-purpose fertilizer no more than once per week when seedlings reach 2-3 inches in height.

Domenghini and her colleagues in K-State's Department of Horticulture and Natural Resources produce a weekly Horticulture Newsletter with tips for maintaining home landscapes and gardens.

Interested persons can subscribe to the newsletter, as well as send their garden and yard-related questions to hortsupport@ksu.edu, or contact your local K-State Research and Extension office.

The benefits of gardening in the winter

K-State horticulture expert says gardening is good for mental wellness

K-State Research and Extension news service

MANHATTAN, Kan. — After the holiday rush, it can be challenging to return to a "normal" routine. Having something to look forward to is important after visits with family and friends come to an end and dreary weather continues.

Kansas State University horticulture expert Cynthia Domenghini said research has shown mental health benefits associated with gardening, including reduced levels of depression, anxiety and increased satisfaction with quality of life.

"Perhaps you have your own experiences with such benefits and that's why you continue to garden," Domenghini said. "Gardening can alleviate stress by providing food security. It is a source of physical activity and can serve as a social hobby."

Each of these benefits supports why gardening is valuable for mental health, she said.

January is designated as Mental Wellness Awareness Month, and with alarming reports of the prevalence of mental health concerns in youth and adults alike, there is reason to bring attention to this campaign, Domenghini said.

"This may be the year to seek out someone you know who could benefit from time in the garden. Maybe they need a gardening mentor or space to grow a few veggies," Domenghini said.

Or, she adds, perhaps you're the one who could spend more time in the garden.

Domenghini encourages Kansans to check out the indoor gardening activities included in the K-State horticulture newsletter to start gardening and reap the wellness rewards. Some ideas include:

Forcing paperwhites.

Starting onions indoors.

Starting garden transplants.

"Here's to a year of improved well-being through gardening," Domenghini said.

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Cattle Chat: Special needs for old cows

K-State beef cattle experts say cows' metabolisms change as they age

BY LISA MOSER

K-State Research and Extension

MANHATTAN, Kan. — While a young person who turns 10 is considered an adolescent, cows at that age are considered old, according to the experts at the Kansas State University's Beef Cattle Institute.

Speaking on a recent Cattle Chat podcast, K-State veterinarian Brian Lubbers and beef cattle nutritionist Phillip Lancaster offered management tips for caring for older cows and factors that should be considered in making a culling decision.

"At some point, a cow's reproductive ability will wane and at 10 years of age I'm going to be really critical if she does not have a calf every year and get bred on time," Lubbers said. "Just because she is 10 years old or older, it doesn't mean she can't be a productive cow."

A cow's metabolism changes as they age, Lancaster said.

"Cows that are 10 years or older have trouble keeping their body condition and their milking ability tends to drop off, so they typically will wean a smaller calf than they have in the past," Lancaster said.

He added that older cows often require more supplementation.

"Giving them extra feed to maintain body condition isn't a big expense, but if you are feeding them more to help with their lactation now you are feeding the cow to feed the calf and that isn't efficient. In that case, you'd be better off just letting her produce a calf with a lower weaning weight and then feed the calf more once it is weaned," Lancaster said.

As cows age, it is important to check their mouths, Lubbers said.

"It is important to check their teeth as they age because an older cow with no teeth is going to require a lot more care to keep her body condition," Lubbers said.

To hear the full discussion, listen to Cattle Chat on your preferred streaming platform.

PUBLIC NOTICE

(Published in the Concordia Blade-Empire on **January 16, 23 and 30, 2025.**)

**IN THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT, CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS
CIVIL DEPARTMENT**

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF CLOUD, KANSAS
Plaintiff,

vs. Case No. CD-2024-CV-000016

CAROLA A. BISNETTE, et al.,
Defendants.

PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 60 AND 79 OF
KANSAS STATUTES ANNOTATED

NOTICE OF JUDICIAL SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that by virtue of an Order for Sale issued by the Clerk of the District Court of Cloud County, Kansas, in the above-entitled action, I shall, on the 19th day of February, 2025 at 1 o'clock p.m., offer for sale at public auction and sell to the highest bidder the property described below. The sale will be held in the main foyer of the Cloud County Courthouse, 811 Washington Street, Concordia, Kansas 66901. Payment at auction must be in the form of **cash or check only. All persons wishing to bid at the sale must first register with the Cloud County Treasurer's Office, 811 Washington Street, Suite K, Concordia, KS 66901, no later than 4:00 p.m. on February 18, 2025. Bidder registration will open January 29, 2025.** All bidders must be registered in order to bid. The redemption amounts are calculated as of date of the filing of this action.

Ken Davis, Sheriff
Cloud County, Kansas

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EXHIBIT A

Parcels not specifically listed have been redeemed or are subject to separate order. Payoff amounts are estimates; contact the Treasurer's office for current amounts.

PARCEL NUMBER: 1

Tax ID No.: CC2085
Legal Description: Lots 4 & 5 in Block 191, City of Concordia, Cloud County, Kansas.
Approx. Location: 110 E. 1st St., Concordia, KS 66901
Delinquent Years: 2016-2023 Redemption Costs: \$3,321.25
Owners of Record: CAROLA BISNETTE

PARCEL NUMBER: 2

Tax ID No.: CC2086
Legal Description: Lot 6 Block 191, City of Concordia, Cloud County, Kansas.
Approx. Location: 108 E 1st St., Concordia, KS 66901
Delinquent Years: 2016-2023 Redemption Costs: \$6,143.92
Owners of Record: LEON I BISNETTE

PARCEL NUMBER: 3

Tax ID No.: GL0452
Legal Description: Lot 14 Block 3, in M.L. Brierley's Addition, an Addition to the City of Glasco (formerly Town of Del Ray), Cloud County, Kansas
Approx. Location: 610 1st St., Glasco, KS 67445
Delinquent Years: 2015-2023 Redemption Costs: \$5,281.80
Owners of Record: W. C. CARTWRIGHT

PARCEL NUMBER: 4

Tax ID No.: GL0326
Legal Description: Lot 1 and the North ½ of Lot 2, Block 2, Spauldings First Addition to the City of Glasco, formerly Town of Del Ray, Cloud County, Kansas.
Approx. Location: 201 S. Railroad Ave., Glasco, KS 67445
Delinquent Years: 2016, 2017, 2019-2023 Redemption Costs: \$4,524.47
Owners of Record: Crissman, Jerry and Mary

PARCEL NUMBER: 5

Tax ID No.: CC2654
Legal Description: The West 1/2 of the NW ¼ of Block 7 in East Concordia, an Addition to the City of Concordia, Cloud County, Kansas, EXCEPT the South 87 feet of the West ½ of the NW ¼ of Block 7 of East Concordia, an Addition to the City of Concordia, Cloud County, Kansas.
Delinquent Years: 2017-2023 Redemption Costs: \$8,741.29
Owners of Record: DONALD L. DAVIS

PARCEL NUMBER: 6

Tax ID No.: GL0274
Legal Description: 1st add Glasco, AKA Del Ray, S14, T08, R05, Block 6, E. 36' of Lot 9, All of Lot 10 & W 3' of Lot 11, Cloud County, Kansas
Approx. Location: 308 3rd St., Glasco, KS 67445
Delinquent Years: 2015-2023 Redemption Costs: \$5,252.31
Owners of Record: PEGGY DAVIS

PARCEL NUMBER: 8

Tax ID No.: CC0549
Legal Description: All of the East ½ of Lot 19, all of Lot 20, and all of Lot 21, in Block 64, in the City of Concordia, Cloud County, Kansas.
Approx. Location: 421 W. 14th St., Concordia, KS 66901
Delinquent Years: 2014-2023 Redemption Costs: \$13,222.53
Owners of Record: Derald R. Deal

PARCEL NUMBER: 9

Tax ID No.: GL0375A1
Legal Description: Lot 3, Block 7, in Spaulding's Second Addition to the town of Del Ray, now City of Glasco, Cloud County, Kansas.
Approx. Location: 403 N. Railroad Ave., Glasco, KS 67445
Delinquent Years: 2017-2023 Redemption Costs: \$2,529.56
Owners of Record: Samantha Dillow, Randy Ryals, Haley Schenk

PARCEL NUMBER: 14

Tax ID No.: JA0120
Legal Description: Lot 7 and the South ½ of Lot 8, in Block 10, in the City of Jamestown, Cloud County, Kansas.
Approx. Location: 219 Elm St., Jamestown, KS 66948
Delinquent Years: 2014-2023 Redemption Costs: \$1,577.02
Owners of Record: Van Elmore

PARCEL NUMBER: 15

Tax ID No.: MI0297
Legal Description: The North ½ of Lot 10 and all of Lots 11 and 12, Block 30 of North Addition to the City of Miltonvale, Cloud County, Kansas.
Approx. Location: 615 3rd St., Miltonvale, KS 67466
Delinquent Years: 2016-2023 Redemption Costs: \$5,414.55
Owners of Record: Leroy John Enoch

PARCEL NUMBER: 16

Tax ID No.: CC0018
Legal Description: A tract of land described as beginning at a point on the East line of Matthew street in East Concordia, an addition to the City of Concordia, Cloud County, Kansas, 448.5 feet North of the South line of the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) of the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of Section 34, Township 5 South, Range 3 West, running thence East on a line parallel with the South line of 6th street, 132 feet; thence running North on a line parallel with the East line of Matthew Street 46.5 feet to the South line of 6th Street thence West on the South line of 6th Street 132 feet to the East line of Matthew Street, thence South 46.5 feet to the place of beginning, subject to any and all easements of record.
Approx. Location: 603 Matthew St., Concordia, KS 66901
Delinquent Years: 2015-2023
Redemption Costs: \$33,256.19
Owners of Record: Annette Lee Fields

PARCEL NUMBER: 17

Tax ID No.: GL0372
Legal Description: A Tract of land starting at a point 166 feet south of the NE corner of Block 6 in the Spaulding's Second Addition to the City of Glasco; thence South 130 feet; thence went 155 feet; thence North 130 feet; thence east 155 feet, to the place of beginning, in the Spaulding's Second Addition of the Town of Del Ray, now the city of Glasco, Cloud County, Kansas. Subject to an easement of access over the West 15'

of the above described property.

Approx. Location: 207 Railroad Ave., Glasco, KS 67445
Delinquent Years: 2016-2019, 2022, 2023 Redemption Costs: \$4,891.11
Owners of Record: John M. Griffin

PARCEL NUMBER: 18

Tax ID No.: JA0054
Legal Description: Jamestown, Original Town, Block 4, Lot 1 & N 1/2 of Lot 2, Block 4 and vac alley adh section 22 township 05 Range 05 Cloud County, Kansas.
Approx. Location: 102 Cedar St., Jamestown, KS 66948
Delinquent Years: 2017-2023 Redemption Costs: \$2,448.77
Owners of Record: Karen K. Gustavson

PARCEL NUMBER: 19

Tax ID No.: MI0554
Legal Description: A tract of land in Cloud County, Kansas, beginning at a point 290 feet South of the NW corner of Block 55; thence East 150 feet; thence South 110 feet; thence West 150 feet; thence North 110 feet to place of beginning, all in Block 55 in West Addition to City of Miltonvale, subject however, and this deed is accepted with the understanding and agreed that a strip of land, to wit; The east 10 feet and extending across the East end of the above described tract, be and is hereby reserved for perpetual public and common use as an alley or passage way.
Approx. Location: 321 6th St., Miltonvale, KS 67466
Delinquent Years: 2016-2023 Redemption Costs: \$2,685.08
Owners of Record: Kyle Haley

PARCEL NUMBER: 20

Tax ID No.: MI0568
Legal Description: A tract in Block 56, in west addition to Miltonvale, in Cloud County, Kansas, described as follows: Beginning 100 feet west of the SE Corner of Said Block, running thence West 110 feet; Thence North 140 Feet thence East 110 feet; Thence South 140 feet to the place of beginning.
Approx. Location: 00000 Williams Ave., Miltonvale, KS 67466
Delinquent Years: 2017-2023 Redemption Costs: \$861.76
Owners of Record: Kyle Haley

PARCEL NUMBER: 22

Tax ID No.: MI0357
Legal Description: Lot 11, Block 35, North Addition to the City of Miltonvale, Cloud County, Kansas.
Approx. Location: 517 1st St., Miltonvale, KS 67466
Delinquent Years: 2016-2023 Redemption Costs: \$4,160.94
Owners of Record: George E. Hotz

PARCEL NUMBER: 23

Tax ID No.: MI0570
Legal Description: The East 100 Feet of the SE ¼ of Block 56 six of the West Addition to the City of Miltonvale, according to the recorded plat thereof in Cloud County, Kansas.
Approx. Location: 00000 Williams Ave., Miltonvale, KS 67466
Delinquent Years: 2017-2023 Redemption Costs: \$860.05
Owners of Record: William Jackson

PARCEL NUMBER: 24

Tax ID No.: CC2021
Legal Description: The West ½ of Lot 2, and all of Lot 3, in Block 184, in the City of Concordia, Cloud County, Kansas.
Approx. Location: 528 E. 2nd St., Concordia, KS 66901
Delinquent Years: 2015-2023 Redemption Costs: \$3,691.22
Owners of Record: Sharon K. Jensen

PARCEL NUMBER: 25

Tax ID No.: MI0429
Legal Description: Lot 11 in Block 42, North Addition to City of Miltonvale, Cloud County, Kansas.
Approx. Location: 319 4th St., Miltonvale, KS 67466
Delinquent Years: 2016, 2019-2023 Redemption Costs: \$4,409.95
Owners of Record: Kenneth Johnson

PARCEL NUMBER: 28

Tax ID No.: GL0666
Legal Description: A Tract in Block 11 in West's addition to Del Ray, now City of Glasco, Cloud County, Kansas: Beginning at the NW Corner of Said Block; Thence East 75 feet; Thence South 135 Feet; Thence West 75 feet; Thence North 135 Feet to the Place of Beginning
Approx. Location: 501 Spaulding Ave., Glasco, KS 67445
Delinquent Years: 2017-2023 Redemption Costs: \$983.43
Owners of Record: Lavern C. Liby

PARCEL NUMBER: 29

Tax ID No.: CC1955
Legal Description: The North 1/2 of Lots 1 and 2 in Block 179, City of Concordia, Cloud County, KS
Approx. Location: 202 Broadway St., Concordia, KS 66901
Delinquent Years: 2015-2023 Redemption Costs: \$5,743.81
Owners of Record: Carolyn Sue & James Lynn

PARCEL NUMBER: 31

Tax ID No.: ST0108
Legal Description: A tract of land in the SW1/4 of the SW1/4 of Section 16, Township 8 South, Range 1 West of the 6th P.M., described as follows: Beginning at a point 570 East and 33 feet North of the Southwest corner of Said SW1/4, Thence North 132 feet, Thence West 9 feet, Thence North 132 feet, Thence East 131 feet, Thence South 132 feet, Thence East 3 inches, Thence South 132 feet to the point 33 feet North and 692 feet 3 inches East of said Southwest Corner of said SW1/4, Thence West 122 feet 3 inches to the Point of Beginning. The same being Lots 1 and 2, except the East 1 foot of said Lot 1, Lot 19, except the West 9 feet thereof, and Lot 20 except the East 9 inches thereof, all in Block C in the Northeast Addition to the City of Miltonvale, Cloud County, Kansas (Now Vacated)

PARCEL NUMBER: 32

Approx. Location: 2615 Camp Rd., Miltonvale, KS 67466
Delinquent Years: 2016-2023 Redemption Costs: \$1,322.15
Owners of Record: Thomas Macrae

PARCEL NUMBER: 33

Tax ID No.: GL0064
Legal Description: Lot 6 in Block 3 of the Original Town of Del Ray now the City of Glasco, Cloud County, KS and a Tract of Land Beginning at the NW Corner of Lot 6, Block 3, of the original Town of Del Ray now the City of Glasco, Cloud County, KS, Thence South along the West Line of Said Lot 6, 115 1/2', Thence West 19', Thence North 115 1/2', Thence East 19' to the Point of Beginning
Approx. Location: 302 N. Railroad Ave., Glasco, KS 67445
Delinquent Years: 2017-2023 Redemption Costs: \$2,791.91
Owners of Record: Braydon Prochaska

PARCEL NUMBER: 35

Tax ID No.: AC0101
Legal Description: All of Lot 9, in Block 7, in the town of Aurora, Cloud County, Kansas.
Approx. Location: 0 1st St., Aurora, KS 67417
Delinquent Years: 2017-2023 Redemption Costs: \$833.74
Owners of Record: Robert A. Putman

PARCEL NUMBER: 37

Tax ID No.: AC0111A1
Legal Description: West 46 feet of Lot 9 in Block 8, in the City of Aurora, Cloud County, Kansas.
Approx. Location: 111 E. Washington St., Aurora, KS 67417
Delinquent Years: 2017-2023 Redemption Costs: \$1,404.20
Owners of Record: Robert A. Putman

PARCEL NUMBER: 39

Tax ID No.: JA0077
Legal Description: Lot 17, in Block 7, in the City of Jamestown, Cloud County, Kansas, according to the recorded plat thereof (surface rights only).
Approx. Location: 0 Chestnut St., Jamestown, KS 66948
Delinquent Years: 2014-2017, 2020-2023 Redemption Costs: \$790.04
Owners of Record: Allan D. Reetz

PARCEL NUMBER: 41

Tax ID No.: MI0348
Legal Description: All of Lots 1 and 2, Block 35, North Addition to the City of Miltonvale, Cloud County, Kansas.
Approx. Location: 509 Starr Ave., Miltonvale, KS 67466
Delinquent Years: 2016-2023 Redemption Costs: \$7,103.14
Owners of Record: James A. Rickard

PARCEL NUMBER: 42

Tax ID No.: CC0312A2
Legal Description: The West 47 feet of Lot 1, and the East 22 feet of Lot 2, of Block 41 in the City of Concordia, Cloud County, Kansas
Approx. Location: 642 E. 15th St., Concordia, KS 66901
Delinquent Years: 2014-2023 Redemption Costs: \$25,676.55
Owners of Record: Steven D. Schenk

PARCEL NUMBER: 40

Tax ID No.: CC2102
Legal Description: The East 28 Feet of Lot 11 in Block 192 in the City of Concordia, Cloud County, Kansas.
Approx. Location: 129 W. 2nd St., Concordia, KS 66901
Delinquent Years: 2014-2021, 2023 Redemption Costs: \$11,022.56
Owners of Record: Robert Shanks

PARCEL NUMBER: 41

Tax ID No.: CC2101
Legal Description: Lot 10 and the West 16 Feet of Lot 11, in Block 192, in the City of Concordia, Cloud County, Kansas.
Approx. Location: 119 Washington St., Concordia, KS 66901
Delinquent Years: 2016-2023 Redemption Costs: \$4,032.38
Owners of Record: Clinton Shepherd

PARCEL NUMBER: 42

Tax ID No.: CC1935
Legal Description: All of Lot 14 in Block 177, in the City of Concordia, Cloud County, Kansas.
Approx. Location: 321 W. 3rd St., Concordia, KS 66901
Delinquent Years: 2015-2023 Redemption Costs: \$2,789.43
Owners of Record: Dustin R. Timmons

PARCEL NUMBER: 44

Tax ID No.: CC0753
Legal Description: Lot 16 and the West ½ of Lot 17, in Block 78, in the City of Concordia, Cloud County, Kansas.
Approx. Location: 325 E. 12th St., Concordia, KS 66901
Delinquent Years: 2015-2023 Redemption Costs: \$10,234.83
Owners of Record: Mark Aaron Winkel

3th

(Published in the Blade-Empire on Thursday, January 23, 2025)

**Inventory of the
Concordia Land Bank**

The Concordia Land Bank, an entity of the City of Concordia, pursuant to K.S.A. 12-5903 (f), publishes the following inventory of all property held by the Concordia Land Bank as of December 31, 2024:

Kansas Military Board tract, 2.65 acres bordering Airport Drive
104 Lincoln; Lots 2 & 3, Block 199
Lot 1, Block A, College Drive Park
Lot 2, Block A College Drive Park
Block C, St. Joseph Subdivision
Lot 1 – 820 & 830 W. 11th Street
Lot 2 – 840 & 850 W. 11th Street
Blocks A and B, St. Joseph Subdivision
Block A, Lot 1 – 802 Sunflower Circle
Block A, Lot 2 – 804 Sunflower Circle
Block A, Lot 3 – 806 Sunflower Circle
Block A, Lot 4 – 808 Sunflower Circle
Block B, Lot 1 – 1102 Highland Drive
Block B, Lot 2 – 1104 Highland Drive
Block B, Lot 3 – 1106 Highland Drive
Block B, Lot 4 – 1108 Highland Drive
Block B, Lot 5 – 1110 Highland Drive
Block B, Lot 6 – 1105 St. Joseph Circle
Block B, Lot 7 – 1103 St. Joseph Circle
Block B, Lot 8 – 1100 St. Joseph Circle
Block B, Lot 9 – 1102 St. Joseph Circle
Block B, Lot 10 – 1104 St. Joseph Circle
Block B, Lot 11 – 805 Sunflower Circle
Block B, Lot 12 – 807 Sunflower Circle
0 Spruce Street
429 W. 8th Street

Amy Lange
City Manager
For the Board of Trustees
of the Concordia Land Bank

1th

(Published in the Concordia Blade Empire on Thursday, Jan. 23 and Jan. 30, 2025)

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF
THE CLOUD COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

To all qualified electors residing within the boundaries of the Cloud County Conservation District, notice is hereby given that pursuant to K.S.A. 2-1907, as amended, on the 6th day of February, 2025, at 6:30 o'clock p.m., an annual meeting of the Cloud County Conservation District will be held at the Our Lady Of Perpetual Help Catholic Church Parish Hall, 307 East 5th Street, Concordia, Kansas.

The meeting agenda shall include the following business items:

ONE:

The supervisors of the Cloud County Conservation District shall make full and due report of their activities and financial affairs since the last annual meeting.

TWO:

The supervisors shall conduct an election by secret ballot of qualified electors there present, of one (1) supervisor to serve for a term of three years from date of said meeting.

The term of Kevan Portenier is expiring.

All in the County of Cloud, in the State of Kansas.

By Kevan Portenier, Chairman
Cloud County
Conservation District

Attest:
Gunner Coffman
District Manager

2th

UPCOMING EVENTS

•Friday, February 14, 2025 – Neighbor to Neighbor-Reading with Friends Preschool story time at 9:00 a.m. Pre-register at (785) 262-4215

Shirl's Doll & Toy Museum

As of Feb. 1, 2025, Shirl's Doll & Toy Museum in Clifton will no longer have designated days to be open. They will only be open by Chance or by Appointment.

Entry to the Museum is FREE and can be toured by calling Shirley at 785-455-3449.

NOTICE

In accordance with K.S.A. 79-306 all Kansas taxpayers were required to annually list, sign and submit a personal property rendition to the County Appraiser's office for all tangible personal property subject to taxation. The 2024 Kansas legislature passed Senate Bill 410, which removes the annual reporting requirement. Therefore the County Appraiser's office will not mail a rendition in 2025. Any changes to your personal property or questions, please come in or call our office.

Cloud County Appraisers Office; 811 Washington; 785-243-8100
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SALES CALENDAR

• **Wednesday, February 5, 2025**— Land Auction at 2:00 p.m. located at the Golden Wheel Senior Center, 114 S. Concord St., Minneapolis, Kansas. 1 Tract, 157.9 Acres +/- in Ottawa County. **Ranch and Farm Auctions, Steve Shaffer, 785-738-0037.**

• **Saturday, February 8, 2025**— Public Auction at 10:00 a.m. located at the farm located at the East side of Jamestown, Kansas (2024 N 40th Road Jamestown, Kansas). Tractor, Machinery, Trailers, Mowers, Livestock Equipment, Tools, Buggy, Antiques and Other. **Ron and Wendy Jones, Sellers. Thummel Real Estate & Auction LLC 785-738-0067**

• **Wednesday, February 26, 2025**— Real Estate Auction at 2:00 p.m. located at the Aurora Knights of Columbus in Aurora, Ks. **TRACT I:** SW 1/4 1-7-2 Cloud Co. Kansas. The farm is located 2 miles East of Aurora, Ks on Jade road then 1 mile North on 230 th road on a gravel road. There are 161.82 farmland acres, with 161.82 crop acres. **TRACT II:** E 1/2 SE 1/4 & 26 acres in E 1/2 NE 1/4 24-7-2 Cloud Co. Kansas. The farm is located 3 miles East of Aurora, Ks on Jade road then 1 1/2 miles South on 240 th road. There are 105.65 farmland acres, with 76.70 crop acres, 28.95 acres CRP. **Kay Cummins, Nancy Simpson and Richard Boling, Sellers. Thummel Real Estate & Auction LLC 785-738-0067**

• **Saturday, March 22, 2025** — 39th Annual Optimist Club Auction located at the Coud County Fairgrounds on Industrial Road- East Side of Concordia, Kansas. Farm & Construction Equipment, Trucks, Cars, Shop Tools, Household Goods and Estate Items. **For Questions Call: Gale Longenecker - 785-243-5598 or Mike Cleveland - 785-826-7897.**

COMMUNITY SUPPER

• **Wednesday, February 5, 2025**— Cloud County Community Supper from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. Free Hot Meal, All Are Welcome! Concordia National Guard Armory, 2115 Blosser Drive. Curbside Pick Up Only! For information, call (785) 614-0148.

• **Wednesday, February 12, 2025**— Cloud County Community Supper from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. Free Hot Meal, All Are Welcome! Concordia National Guard Armory, 2115 Blosser Drive. Curbside Pick Up Only! For information, call (785) 614-0148.

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USD #333 SCHOOL NEWS

CONCORDIA JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Congratulations Kinsleigh Bethune!
January Student of the Month!

Congratulations 2025 Winter Sports King & Queen!
Luke Donovan & Asia Garcia

January 30—JAGK Day @ the Capital
February 3—Open Mic Night 7 p.m.
February 5—NCKL League Band @ Clay Center
February 8—Regional Piano Festival
February 8—Casino Night - High School 8 p.m.
February 10—NO SCHOOL

Scholarships: Blosser Foundation Flight Training Scholarship - aspiring student pilots, up to \$6,000 for applicants seeking a Private Pilot Certificate.

CONCORDIA MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

Congratulations January Students of the Month!
Rachel Fleming & Brecken Lange!

January 27 & 28—Cosmophere Outreach
February 3—Home and School Meeting 7:40 a.m.
February 7—Brown Grand Play
February 10—NO SCHOOL

Congratulations to January CMS "Paws"itivity Count students, fifth-grader Aurora Lesslie and sixth-grader Braxton Loeffler. Both students were entered into a drawing and won a pizza party with Mr. Noon.

The Frank Carlson Library, starting in January, will have Maker Mondays at 4 p.m. Maker Monday is for all school-aged children, kindergarten through 5th. It will be overseen by Shelby Neville, the children and teen librarian. Legos, crocheting, experiments and more. Shelby also assists with CMS' crochet club every Wednesday and Friday after school. If you want to learn how to crochet or advance your skills, ask your teacher how you can join!

CONCORDIA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

January 27—PIE 5:30 p.m.
February 7—Panther Pride Day
February 10—NO SCHOOL

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