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Parents, Casey Mendenhall and Brandie Poe with baby Tyler Eugene, are welcomed with a special array of gifts after being named as the 2025 New Year's baby. Employees Joan Palen and Nicki Cleveland help present the congratulations.

MCHHS welcomes the first 2025 New Year's baby

BELOIT — Mitchell County Hospital Health Systems (MCHHS) welcomed the 2025 New Year's Baby, Tyler Eugene, on Jan. 20. Delivered by Dr. Christine Marozas, Tyler weighed 6 lbs. 14 ounces and measured 20 inches long. He is the son of proud parents Brandie Poe and Casey Mendenhall.

To celebrate this joyous occasion, the Mitchell County Regional Medical Foundation, alongside many generous community donors, presented Tyler and his family with a special array of gifts. This tradition highlights the community's commitment to supporting families and celebrating new beginnings.

This year's thoughtful contributions include a \$300 Educational Savings Fund that will be put in Tyler's name, Mom/Baby Journal, books, insulated cooler bag, newborn/size 1 Huggies diapers, blankets, clothes, toys, and more. The partners that contributed to making such a special gift include Beloit Medical Center, Mitchell County Health Department, Mitchell County

Hospital Health Systems and Mitchell County Regional Medical Foundation.

Over the years, the New Year's Baby program has welcomed 14 families, offering meaningful gifts and support to celebrate their newest addition. This effort reflects a shared dedication to fostering a supportive environment for young families in North Central Kansas.

"This program is a reminder of the collective generosity within our community," said Shelby Bohnert, executive director of the Mitchell County Regional Medical Foundation. "It truly takes a village, and the gifts and support provided to each New Year's baby's family shows just how much this community values its newest members. We are grateful to all who contribute to making this tradition so meaningful."

The Mitchell County Regional Medical Foundation looks forward to continuing this tradition for years to come. To learn more about the program or get involved, please contact the Foundation at (785) 738-9493 or email sbohnert@mitchellcountyrmf.org

MCHHS recognized as one of America's Best Hospitals

BELOIT — Mitchell County Hospital Health Systems (MCHHS) is proud to announce its recognition as a recipient of the 2025 Women's Choice Award®, honoring the organization as one of America's Best Hospitals for Patient Experience, Emergency Care, and Obstetrics (Labor & Delivery). This award highlights MCHHS's commitment to providing exceptional care and fostering trust with patients and their families.

The Women's Choice Award® is a trusted symbol of excellence in health-care, based on criteria that include patient satisfaction surveys and clinical performance metrics. Through receiving this award, MCHHS is among the top hospitals nationwide, affirming its role as a leader in delivering high-quality, patient-centered care.

MCHHS Outstanding Achievements in Three Key Areas:

- Patient Experience: MCHHS has been recognized as one of America's 100 Best Hospitals for Patient Experience for the third consecutive year. This distinction reflects the hospital's dedication to personalized care, which fosters positive health outcomes, improved disease management, and adherence to treatment plans. Patients consistently report feeling valued and respected throughout their healthcare journey.

- Emergency Care: MCHHS earned recognition for patient recommendations, demonstrating its commitment to delivering exceptional care. Additionally,

MCHHS received high ratings in minimizing total time spent in the emergency department and effectively responding to patients with severe sepsis symptoms.

- Obstetrics: MCHHS was recognized for exceptional obstetric services, evaluated through rigorous criteria that emphasize both patient satisfaction and clinical excellence. Additionally, MCHHS holds the CMS Baby-Friendly designation, reflecting its dedication to promoting best practices in breastfeeding education and counseling.

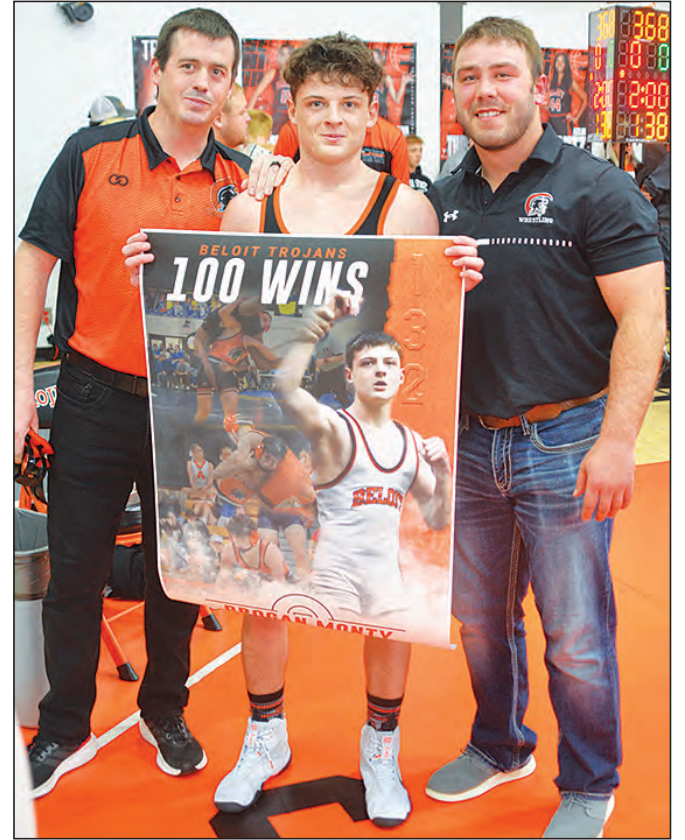
"This recognition is possible because of the genuine dedication of our health-care team and the exceptional care we consistently provide," said Janelle Kircher, CEO of Mitchell County Hospital Health Systems. "This accolade is yet another example that shows MCHHS truly cares about you as a person. We are grateful that you, our patients, have helped us achieve this award for the third year in a row."

The Women's Choice Award helps identify hospitals that excel in areas important to their well-being. From obstetric care to emergent care, to the latest advancements in robotic surgery and more, Mitchell County Hospital Health Systems is one of the select few health-care providers in the region to earn these prestigious awards, which highlights the hospital's unwavering dedication to serve the patients and communities with exceptional healthcare in a compassionate and healing environment.

Champion all around!

Beloit High School junior Brogan Monty poses with Head Coach Cade Hewitt (left) and Assistant Coach Zane Colson (right) after earning his 100th career win at the 55th Annual Beloit Invitational on Saturday, Jan. 25, 2025. Monty earned his third Beloit Invitational Championship title, this year in the 132 lb. weight division. Monty was also named the Larry Hewitt Outstanding Wrestler for the tournament. He is a two time 3-2-1A State Champion at the 106 and 113 lb. weight divisions as well. Monty's career record is now 100-3. See more inside on the sports pages.

SHARON SAHLFELD PHOTO



Burning brush in the winter time

KANSAS — Burning brush in the winter can be a good option in many situations, as the dry conditions and snow cover can help contain the fire and reduce the risk of it spreading, making it a relatively safe time to burn brush piles, but it's crucial to check local regulations with needed fire permits, and always prioritize safety by considering factors like wind direction and snow depth; however, depending on your location, the best time to burn might be later in the spring when vegetation is actively growing.

Key points about burning brush in winter:

- Reduced wildfire risk: Snow on the ground acts as a natural fire barrier, minimizing the chance of the fire spreading beyond the burn pile.
- Better air quality control:

Cold winter air can help disperse smoke more effectively.

- Accessibility: If you live in an area with heavy snow, access to your brush pile might be limited.

- Important considerations:
 - Check local regulations: Always check if burning permits are required in your area and what specific conditions need to be met.

- Weather conditions: Monitor wind direction and speed to ensure smoke is directed away from populated areas.
- Pile construction: Build compact piles with smaller material on the inside to burn more efficiently.

- Monitor the burn: Stay close to the fire and have a water source readily available to extinguish any flare-ups.



Fires in the winter time in Mitchell county should be watched over closely, as they can always spark back up, with high winds, or otherwise. Fire permits are also needed before burning.

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Beloit USD 273 progresses in bond process

BY BRIAN DEBEY

At the Beloit USD #273 school board meeting Monday, Jan. 13, the district moved closer to securing the bond that voters agreed to in November.

A special meeting for the bond sale with Clayton Kelley of Piper Sandler will be held at the district office on Monday, Feb. 3, at 6:30 p.m.

The board reviewed three bond proceeds investment bids, two of which were local. Solomon Valley Bank's bid, which was higher than the others, was approved. The interest rate in this bid -- the amount of interest that will be earned with that bank -- can fluctuate, but probably will vary little from the bid.

Superintendent Jeff Travis thanked the district's custodians and other community members for their work to get the schools ready to resume operations following the snowstorm in early January. Also, Travis announced that January is School Board Appreciation Month.

– Beloit Junior-Senior High School Principal Casey Seyfert thanked the school's custodians and Abrams Ready-Mix for their help to get the building and parking lot ready after the recent snowstorm.

On the last two full days of the first semester (Wednesday and Thursday), students had finals. Early in this semester, they were preparing for the student-led conferences, which will be Feb. 13.

A few students will participate in Dane Hansen mock interviews on Feb. 2. Leadership Mitchell County was to tour the school on Wednesday, Jan. 15.

– Beloit Elementary School Principal Janet Porter reported that the school's spelling bee was Thursday, Jan. 9. Sixth-grade student Kael Rabe was the champion and fifth-grader Max Miller was runner-up.

School nurse Jenny Isbell challenged all district staff members to a health and wellness challenge, which began Monday, Jan. 6, and continues to March 6.

The third-grade music program was scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 30, at 5:30 p.m. The kindergarten program will be Thursday, Feb. 20, at 5:30, with the sixth grade program following at 7 p.m.. The latter was rescheduled from January 16 due to snow days that limited practices.

The Keys to Success Assembly to honor students who displayed kindness, plus those given positive office referrals, was Wednesday, Dec. 19. January's character trait is responsibility.

– Beloit Special Education Cooperative Director Christie Gerdes reported that the Region 8 special education meeting was held virtually on Thursday, Jan. 9. The directors participating discussed the projection that federal funding for special education will decrease 2 percent next school year.

The regional meetings include reports on numerous matters, including legislation, Kansas Association of Special Education Administrators (KASEA) updates and Kansas Department of Education (KSDE) licensing, among others. The directors also receive updates from KSDE staff who participate in the meetings and from a Webkidss representative.

The cooperative was to have a certified staff meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 29, and the KASEA Winter Conference was scheduled for Jan. 30-31.

– Mitchell County Partnership for Children (MCPC) Executive Director Brady Dean reported that the application for an Early Childhood Block Grant was submitted the previous week. Also, An-

drea Scott with Greenbush will present "Building Skills in the Early Childhood Setting" on Friday, Feb. 7.

The special education co-op will join MCPC for this preschool professional development training, and there will be no preschool classes that day. On April 4, Tabatha Rosproy will present "Setting up for Success."

MCPC's Conscious Discipline parenting series will start Feb. 5, and continue every Wednesday in February. The last session will be Tuesday, March 4. Parents of children five and under will not have to pay for this service -- the costs are covered by grant funds.

– BJSHS Activities Director Kyle Beisner reported that the Beloit Invite wrestling tournament added four teams this year; it was to include 24 teams during the event on Friday, Jan. 24. Beisner added that the school is looking to start hosting a girls wrestling tournament in the next two to three years.

He reported that the junior high wrestlers include nearly the same number of boys and girls. Their practices began Jan. 13 and the first of their six competitions was scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 30.

– BHS Student Council President Olivia Wright reported that StuCo delivered Angel Trees in December. Also, the group provides service to community members through Meals on Wheels every Wednesday. StuCo is planning and hosting a charity event in February.

– JAG-K President Adi Francis reported that the group is preparing for a local Career Development Conference (CDC). Also, three JAG-K officers were to speak to the Odyssey Club.

– Reporting for the Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO), Porter announced that a Plum Creek fundraiser was scheduled for Jan. 21, and a BES Bingo night was scheduled for Jan. 23.

The Site Council did not meet. – In other business, the board discussed updates to the facility use agreement. Recently, some groups using BJSHS basketball courts have helped clean them after they were done using them. The district has decided that gym fees as specified in the facility use agreement can be reduced by cleaning sessions.

The board approved the updated fee schedule. Also, the board approved having the election of school board officers and establishing the dates and time of the regular meetings in July.

The board discussed implementing an Owl Lab system that will allow the audio recording of board meetings. The technology is designed for hybrid meetings that include people participating in person and virtually. The board approved having all board meetings, but not work sessions, recorded, upon the implementation of the system.

The board decided on the composition of the Southern Cloud cooperative agreement committee; KASB will moderate the meetings with the Southern Cloud district.

The local hospital is getting a surgical robot, and hospital officials want to expand the parking in the area to the southwest corner of the elementary school's property. The board discussed this matter but took no action on it.

Additionally, the board discussed how the city of Beloit will continue the street work north of the Hersey and 15th St. intersection. The work will go past Trojan Stadium, continue east to Walnut St., then north past the school.

Central Kansas) said her association has proclaimed National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month and National Stalking Awareness Month both for January.

– David Dohe, Mitchell County Emergency Service, discussed the CWPP, (County Wildfire Protection Plan). He said that he will be the point person for the county.

– A Neighborhood Revitalization Grant for Jesse and Emily Benedick, in the amount of \$82,490 for a barn rebuild, was approved

Having addressed all the items on the printed agenda, the meeting was adjourned.

Kansas Game Warden Q&A

BY LANDON CLEVELAND

Kids Lifetime Hunting Licenses

In 2022 Kansas Legislature passed a bill that gives Kansans the opportunity to purchase a lifetime combination hunting & fishing license to Kansas kids at a very reduced rate. Resident youth who are 5 years old or younger are eligible for a Kansas Kids Lifetime Combination Hunting and Fishing License for \$302.50. Resident youth who are 6 or 7 years old are eligible for a Kansas Kids Combination Lifetime Hunting and Fishing License for \$502.50. Now to answer the first question to those parents that already purchased a lifetime hunting or fishing license for their kid before this year. Sorry, no refunds on the license you paid full price for. If it makes you feel any better, my wife and I had already purchased our kids theirs before this and we don't get a refund. I would,

however, like to give you some examples of why this is such a good idea to purchase for your kids or grandkids. Once you purchase this and your kid gets this, they will always be considered a resident for purchasing big game permits. If your youngster that is 5 right now has it and you move away to another state, he/she can come back to Kansas anytime throughout their life and purchase resident deer/turkey/pronghorn permits as a resident. If you aren't sure on whether or not your kid is going to be outdoorsy at all, remember that everyone likes to fish. And if your kid doesn't, their kid might someday. When they do end up going, they will never need to purchase a fishing license before they hit the lake. If you have any questions, please email me at: landen.cleveland@ks.gov

Kansas Wildlife and Parks Commission to hold January meeting, seeks input on Coyote Night Vision hunting season

TOPEKA – The Kansas Wildlife and Parks Commission will hold its first public meeting of 2025 on Thursday, Jan. 30, 2025, at the K-State Alumni Center in Manhattan. The meeting will begin at noon and continue until all agenda items are addressed.

The meeting will open with a report from the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, during which commissioners will hear about regulations currently in promulgation. Following the department report, commissioners will take comments on non-agenda items, receive updates on the agency's fiscal status, and hear a legislative briefing.

Commissioners will then hear informational items, including:

- 2025 Commission Big Game Permit Program, to include the live drawing
 - Quail Eye-Worm Research
 - Review of the Prohibition of Trail Cameras on Public Lands
 - Night Vision Coyote Hunting Season
- A general discussion on 2025-26 waterfowl season dates, and bag and possession limits will follow.

Workshop session items—topics that may be voted on in the future—will also be discussed, including:

- K.A.R. 115-25-9a – 2025 Deer Seasons on Military Units
- K.A.R. 115-25-9 – Big Game Regulations

The public is encouraged to attend either in person or virtually to share their

thoughts on these informational items or other related topics. Wildlife officials are particularly interested in hearing public opinion about the coyote night vision season which was introduced in 2021 and currently runs from January 1. through March 31. The regulation allows hunters to use artificial light and thermal-imaging equipment during the season with an additional \$2.50 Night Vision Equipment Permit required to participate. No changes to the coyote night vision season have been proposed at this time, but Kansas Department of Wildlife and Park staff are gathering feedback to ensure it continues to meet the needs and expectations of Kansans. The regular coyote fur harvesting and hunting season in Kansas is open year-round with no limit on the number of coyotes that can be taken.

The meeting will conclude with an additional opportunity for public comment on non-agenda items.

An interpreter for the hearing impaired can be requested by calling the Kansas Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing at 1-800-432-0698. Individuals with disabilities may request other accommodations by contacting the Commission secretary at (620) 672-0702.

The next commission meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 27, 2025, at the Topeka & Shawnee County Library in Topeka.

Weather impact: Give Red Cross blood now

KANSAS — The American Red Cross encourages donors to give blood now to help protect the blood supply from the ongoing impact of severe winter weather and wildfires. Donors of all blood types — particularly type O negative blood donors — are needed to help save lives this month.

As dangerous snow and ice continue to sweep across the country, and wildfires in Southern California continue to burn and impact air quality, Red Cross blood drive cancellations have grown into the hundreds. Collectively, this has resulted in about 15,000 uncollected blood and platelet donations in January. Here in the Kansas and Oklahoma region, 30 blood drives have been cancelled since the new year due to weather, resulting in 657 uncollected blood product donations.

More winter storms are forecast for this week — including in areas of the U.S. that do not typically experience significant snowfall — which could further strain the blood supply. Additionally, hazardous weather conditions have the potential to make it tougher to move vital blood products across the Red Cross network, possibly affecting deliveries to hospitals in some locations. As National Blood Donor Month continues, the time to give is now.

Where it is safe to do so, donors are asked to book a time to give blood by

using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

As a special thank-you to donors for helping address the need for blood during this crucial time, those who come to give through Jan. 26, 2025, will be automatically entered for a chance to win a trip for two to Super Bowl LIX in New Orleans. The trip includes access to day-of in-stadium pre-game activities, tickets to the official Super Bowl Experience, round-trip airfare to New Orleans, three-night hotel accommodations (Feb. 7-10, 2025), plus a \$1,000 gift card for expenses. For full details, visit RedCrossBlood.org/SuperBowl.

All who come to give Jan. 27-Feb. 28, 2025, will get a \$15 e-gift card to a merchant of choice. See RedCrossBlood.org/Flurry for details.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities Jan. 22 – Feb. 15:

Jewell county:
Jewell 2/13/2025:
11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Jewell Community Building, 214 Delaware

Mitchell county:
Beloit 2/6/2025:
12 p.m. - 6 p.m., Fort Hays Tech North Central Wellness Center Gym, 3033 US Hwy 24
2/7/2025: 8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m., Fort Hays Tech North Central Wellness Center Gym, 3033 US Hwy 24.

County Commissioners approve agenda items

BY TERRY BAILEY

The Mitchell County Commissioners conducted their weekly meeting at the Courthouse Monday morning, Jan. 27. All Commissioners were present as well as the County Clerk.

Carol Torkelson from the Regional Planning Commission presented a bid for exhaust fans for Dunstan Trucking. These will be paid for with Community Block Grant CDBD funds

– Mark Noah was present to discuss the county coroner for the 12th Judicial district. They need to hire a new one.

– Julie Willoughby from DVACK (Domestic Violence Association of

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<i>Beloit/Glen Elder Senior Center</i>	Milk	Thursday- Taco Salad, Corn, Hot Cinnamon Apples, Garlic Sticks, Milk
Week of Feb 3 to Feb. 7	Tuesday- Salmon Party/or Hamburger, Party Potato, Normandy Blend Veg., Rosey Pears, Milk	Friday- Chick Tenders, Au gratin Potatoes, Green Beans, Ambrosia, Bread, Milk
Monday - Vegetable Beef Soup, Pickled Beets, Fruit, Cookie, Biscuit,	Wednesday- Scaloped Chicken, Broccoli, Cookie, Jello, Bread, Milk	

Kansas Game Warden Q&A

BY LANDON CLEVELAND

Non-Toxic Shot

Why is lead shot toxic?

In 1991, the USFWS placed a ban on lead shot being used to hunt waterfowl. When I was growing up, my misconception was lead shot would cause lead poisoning when something was shot with it. When I grew older, I found that lead poisoning comes from ingesting lead.

Therefore, the real reason lead shot is illegal is because waterfowl would eat the lead shot thinking it was a seed and it would poison them. There are also other factors that play into this since lead is toxic to other animals as

well when ingested. For instance, bald eagles eat ducks and other waterfowl.

What if I shot a duck with lead but didn't kill it or couldn't recover it? That duck may fly off and die of infection and an eagle or other animal find it and eat it. That animal would then ingest the lead the duck was shot with. These are some of the reasons lead is considered "toxic" shot and why the laws pertaining to waterfowl are the way they are.

If you have any questions, please visit the USFWS website or email me at: landen.cleveland@ks.gov.

Schroeder named to WU Fall 2024 President's list

TOPEKA – Breezy Schroeder of Beloit has been named to the Washburn University President's List honorees for the fall 2024 semester. To qualify for the President's List, a student must complete at least 12 hours of graded credits and earn a semester grade point average of 4.0.

Washburn was founded in 1865, Washburn University is a public institution with more than 6,000 students involved in more than 200 academic programs. Washburn's programs lead to certification, associate, bachelor, master's degree or doctor of nursing practice and juris doctor degrees. The programs are

offered through Washburn's six primary academic units - College of Arts and Sciences, School of Applied Studies, School of Business, School of Nursing, School of Law and Washburn Institute of Technology (Washburn Tech).

All programs are offered on either the 160-acre residential campus in the heart of Topeka, Kan., at Washburn Tech's campus on Topeka's west side or in the East Topeka facility. Washburn University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association and many of the individual programs have additional accreditations.

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FRANK LEIVA	
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KALIANA LONG	
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Money transfers approved by commissioners

BY TERRY BAILEY

The Mitchell County Commissioners conducted their weekly meeting at the courthouse on Tuesday, January 21, because Monday was the Federal holiday observing Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

– The meeting started with money transfers. Alan Eilert, representing Rural Fire District #3, requested a transfer of \$23,000 from their regular fund to their Special Equipment fund. The request was approved.

Transfers of this nature allow the governing bodies to build up a fund allowing them to purchase necessary equipment in the future.

Tom Deneke, representing Rural Fire District #1, requested a transfer of \$6,500 from their regular fund to their Special Equipment fund. The request was approved.

Tyler Jensen, representing the Rescue Squad, requested a transfer of \$15,000 from their regular fund to their Special Equipment Fund. The request was approved.

– Missy McGinnis, Director of the Mitchell County Emergency Medical Service, presented a request that has been anticipated for quite some time.

McGinnis requested an expenditure of \$336,443 for a new 2028 Ford F-550 vehicle chassis equipped with a new ambulance shell containing all the up to date and necessary equipment. Claussen said the cab and chassis cost \$70,000. Ambulances must be ordered this far in advance because of the long lead time between the order and the delivery. No money will change hands until the delivery of the new ambulance.

– Commission Chairperson Tom Claussen said, "This seems to be a lot of money, and it is. The commissioners have a long-held commitment to provide the best emergency care possible to the citizens of Mitchell County. Having modern and properly equipped ambulances is necessary to meet this goal."

McGinnis made two requests for money transfers. One was a request of \$40,000 from their regular fund to their Ambulance Capital Outlay fund. Her second request was a transfer of \$40,000 from their regular fund to their Special Equipment fund. Both requests were approved.

– Jesey Bliss, County IT Specialist, conducted a 15 minute executive session to provide an update on courthouse security.

Jeff Roberg has had a \$1,500 per month retainer agreement with the county to provide IT services. By mutual agreement this retainer agreement was terminated.

– Brian Streit, courthouse maintenance supervisor, requested the expenditure of \$5,954 for a surge suppressor that will protect all computers in the courthouse. The commissioners approved that purchase.

– Kegan Bailey from the North Central Kansas Planning Commission was present to discuss distribution of Community Development Block Grant distribution. She told the commissioners that Kettle, Dairy Queen, Trapper Joe's, and Dunstan Trucking completed the lengthy but necessary forms, and money had been distributed to them.

Having addressed all the items on the printed agenda, the meeting was adjourned.

All three commissioners, Tom Claussen, Mike Reiman, and Cole Eberle, as well as County Clerk Heather Weston were in attendance.

Janet Specht to celebrate 90 years

BELOIT – The family of Janet Specht, of Beloit, is hosting a card shower to celebrate her 90th birthday on Feb. 7, 2025.

Janet was born on Feb. 7, 1935, to Rev. George and Luella Eller in Fremont, Neb. She attended the Field School and graduated from Beloit High School in 1952.

On June 14, 1953, she married Edward L. Specht Jr. Janet and Ed were married for 52 years before Ed's death in 2005.

Janet is a homemaker and has worked at James'/Mainliner and Elk's restaurants. She has volunteered for the Mitchell County Hospital Auxiliary, Kids Cafe, Isle of Lights, and bakes cookies for the Isle of Lights volunteers.

Janet has two children, Dr. Gilbert and Jeanette Specht and Rogene and Randy Miller.

Janet would love hearing from her many friends, and cards may be sent to her "snowbird" address: Happy Days RV Park, 451 Meridan, Lot 83, Apache Junction, AZ 85120.



Thank You for Reading the Beloit Call!

HAPPENINGS

Kansas 8-Man All-Star committee members and game day volunteers needed

BELOIT – Kansas 8-Man All-Star committee are seeking members and game day volunteers. Committee members meet once a month with a dedicated committee until games in June. They plan and execute successful state-wide football All-State games while getting the community involved.

Game Day/ Sub-committee volunteers help on a sub-committee including community involvement, sponsorships, vendors, and alumni involvement. They help with getting the field ready, concessions, vendor set up, and clean up after the games.

Beloit Chamber Office closed temporarily

BELOIT – The Beloit Chamber office is closed temporarily. Please leave voice message at 738-2717 or email beloitchamber@nckn.com and a board member will get back to you as soon as possible. Thanks for your patience as we are looking for a new director.

Mitchell County Food Pantry needs

BELOIT – Mitchell Co Food Pantry is striving for healthier options for its clients, so low fat, low/no salt, low sugar content options, etc. are good selections. No expired food items or dented/damaged items can be accepted. Most needed items for February include: canned corn, canned peas, canned fruit, beef or chicken broth and detergent. Please deliver your donations to either Ray's Food Pantry tub, Port Library, your church or the Food Pantry at 12th & Walnut on Tuesdays from 9 to 11 a.m.

Boost Ministries Community Luncheon

BELOIT – Boost Ministries Foundation will host a Community Luncheon, with dine-in, or curbside carry out from 11-12:30 on Thursday, **Feb. 6**. Choice of Chicken Noodle or Chili soups, Cinnamon Rolls and sides, and water bottles provided by the Beloit Police Department will be available at the Blessing House, 120 N. Campbell Ave., Beloit. Free-will donations will help others in their time of need.

MC Historical Society to host Annual Meeting

BELOIT – The Mitchell County Historical Society will host its annual meeting at 2 p.m. on Sunday, **Feb. 2**, 2025, at the Beloit Elementary School North entrance, 1201 N. Bell St., in Beloit. Film director and writer, Ken Spurgeon, will present, "From Book to Film: The Sod and Stubble Story." He is best known for *Home on the Range* and the *Road to Valhalla*, both recipients of the Wrangler Award for Best Documentary from the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. In addition to serving as a teacher for over 20 years, he has consulted on historical films and projects throughout the Midwest, specifically about the 19th Century, the Civil War and the West. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Beloit Community Blood Drive

BELOIT – A Beloit Community Blood Drive, sponsored by Mitchell County Regional Medical Foundation, will be held from 12-6 p.m. on Thursday, **Feb. 6** and from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday, **Feb. 7**, at the Fort Hays Tech | North Central Wellness Center Gymnasium. Schedule your appointment at RedCrossBlood.org and enter: Beloit

Valentine's Bake Sale

BELOIT – The Women of Faith Beloit Methodist Church will host a Valentine's Bake Sale from 7 a.m. until sold out on **Feb. 14**, 2025, at the First Bank Community Room. Donations go towards missions.

BHS Student Council Charity Event

BELOIT – Beloit High School Student Council has kicked off their 2024-2025 charity event. They are celebrating their 16th annual charity event this year and are excited to announce that they will be hosting the "Giving Away to Kids Cafe" on **Tuesday, Feb. 18** at a home basketball game against Sacred Heart. All proceeds earned this year will be donated to the local Summer Kids Cafe program. If you would like to support this cause, you can purchase T-shirts to wear at the home basketball game on Feb. 18. Online orders for T-shirts can be placed at this link: <https://messengerclothing.chipply.com/25319/> through midnight on Jan. 26, 2025. If you would prefer to donate and not

purchase a T-shirt, that is welcomed as well. Checks can be made payable to BJSHS, as one large check will be written to Summer Kids Cafe with total proceeds. None of this is possible without the help and contribution of the school and community, and BHS StuCo truly appreciates the support you have shown them over the years.

Beloit Bombers fundraising event Feb. 23

BELOIT – The Beloit Bombers 12U baseball team will be hosting a "Mom & Son Party" from 1-3 p.m. on Sunday, **Feb. 23** at the Mitchell County Fairgrounds building. The cost is \$25 for adult and child, \$10 for an additional child.

Registration is required due to limited space. <https://forms.gle/Dr3UfQHytSqpGhYx7> You can see more details on their FB at <https://www.facebook.com/share/165MADC7Wt/>

All proceeds will benefit the baseball team for tournament fees, uniforms, etc.

Grant Applications

BELOIT – The Solomon Valley Community Foundation (SVCF) is now accepting grant applications for their spring grant cycle. Online applications are now available and are due by Feb. 1, 2025. Complete funding criteria and grant applications are available at www.solomonvalleycf.org/garants In addition, the Foundation is now accepting scholarship applications for the 2025-2026 school year. Three scholarships are available to students in the Mitchell County area. For more information on either grants or scholarships, please contact SVCF Director Julia Rabe at julia@solomonvalleycf.org

KFB Foundation accepting scholarship applications

MANHATTAN — The Kansas Farm Bureau (KFB) Foundation for Agriculture is now accepting applications for 2025 scholarship awards. The program offers up to 47 scholarships at universities, community and technical colleges in Kansas for students who demonstrate a commitment to agriculture, leadership and community involvement. To apply, students or their parents must have an active Kansas Farm Bureau membership. Detailed guidelines and the application form are available at www.kfb.org/scholarships. **The deadline to apply is March 1**. The KFB Foundation for Agriculture has awarded more than \$250,000 in scholarships over the past decade to ensure the continued growth and success of the agricultural industry. For additional information about the scholarships, contact Shannon Martin at 620-886-1703 or martins@kfb.org.

Beloit Country Club fundraiser event

BELOIT – Beloit Country Club will host a Fundraiser event, with a dinner provided of Filet Mignon or Ahi Tuna for a \$50 ticket purchase. A Wine pull, a 50/50 raffle and a live auction will also take place at the 6 p.m. dinner and auction to follow on Saturday, **March 8**, 2025.

Laundry Love event

BELOIT –The Laundry Basket will host a Laundry Love event from 3-6 p.m. on Saturday, **Feb. 1**, at 200 S. Mill, Beloit. Laundry Love will provide funds and detergent to wash and dry your clothing, and/or bedding – up to four loads total per family. For more information call 1-785-302-9645 or careteam@nck.sprucecare.com

Summer Internship applications now open

NORTHWEST/NORTH CENTRAL KANSAS – Applications for our Nex-Generation Summer Internship Program opened on Jan. 1, 2025, and **closes March 1**, 2025. This is your chance to gain valuable hands-on experience with local businesses across Northwest and North Central Kansas. The program is open to high school and college students, looking to explore careers and build professional skills. This year has the highest number of businesses ever participating, along with the most positions we've ever had available. Go to nex-generation.org to apply.

Trojan Cards

BELOIT – Trojan Cards are now available to purchase at the Beloit Call for \$10 each.

Commissioner Vicki Schmidt announces \$11.8 million in recoveries for policyholders

TOPEKA – Kansas Insurance Commissioner Vicki Schmidt, today, announced the Kansas Department of Insurance recovered more than \$11.8 million for Kansans in 2024. The Department's Consumer Assistance Division has recovered over \$47.7 million for Kansans since Commissioner Schmidt first took office in 2019. "Consumer assistance is one of my top priorities and I am proud that we have been able to help so many Kansans," said Commissioner Schmidt. "If you have

an issue with insurance, I want to hear from you!" Funds considered "recovered" are calculated when Department staff assists individuals in need of support during their insurance claims process. If a dispute arises between a policyholder and an insurance company, regardless of the type of insurance, the Kansas Department of Insurance investigates the complaint. Department staff work with the consumer and the company to ensure the insurance policy is followed and benefits are

paid accordingly.

A county-by-county breakdown of the recoveries can be found here: 2024 Annual Report Recoveries.

If you or someone you know is having trouble with an insurance claim, please contact the Kansas Department of Insurance Consumer Assistance Division at 785-296-3071, email kdoi.complaints@ks.gov, or visit the Department online at insurance.kansas.gov for any claims-related questions or concerns.

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The St. John's/Tipton Blujay boys and the Lady Jays teams both earned the Northern Plains League Championship titles during the tournament played in Lincoln, Jan. 17-24. The boys are now 9-3 on the season, and the Lady Jays are 8-5 on the season.

Blujay boys win NPL championship title



Ryder Allen and Grant Goodaker fight for possession against the Lincoln Leopard offense.

LINCOLN – The St. John's/Tipton Blujays won over Lincoln to earn the Northern Plains League (NPL) Championship title on Jan. 24. They are now 9-3 on the

season and will prepare for Tescott on the road on Jan. 31.

The Blujays outscored 20-9 in the first quarter for the early lead. The Leopards outscored 15-11

in the second quarter and St. John's/Tipton held the 31-24 halftime lead. The Jays outscored 15-8 in the third quarter to extend their 46-32 lead. They outscored 13-11 in the fourth

quarter for the 59-43 NPL Championship win over Lincoln.

Both Edward Horinek and Gabriel Roderick led in first quarter scoring 7 points each off one trey and two field goals. Tyson Gates scored 4 points off two field goals. John Mick added 2 points from the free throw line, as the Jays led, 20-9.

Horinek led in the second quarter scoring 7 points. Grant Goodaker and Roderick both added field goals for 2 points each as St. John's/Tipton ended the first half, leading 31-24.

Horinek added 5 points off a trey and a field goal in the third quarter. Nicholas Niewald and Gates both landed three points shots. Mick and Roderick both added 2 points off field goals. The Blujays extended their lead, 46-32.

Horinek led the boards in the fourth quarter, scoring 9 points off a three point shot and was 6-8 from the free throw line. Ryder Allen and Roderick both added 2 points each off field goals.

Edward Horinek led the Blujays in scoring with 28 points followed by Gabriel Roderick with 13. Tyson Gates scored 7 points;



Blujay senior, Tyson Gates, on the play.

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John Mick 4; Nicholas Niewald 3; Grant Goo-

daker and Ryder Allen 2 points each.

Lady Jays win NPL Championship title

LINCOLN – The St. John's/Tipton Lady Jays won over Osborne on Jan. 24, 2025, to earn the Northern Plains League (NPL) Championship title. They are now 8-5 on the season and will face Tescott on Jan. 31 on the road.

The Lady Jays scored 14-10 for the early first quarter lead. Osborne turned the tables in the second quarter, scoring 12-8 to tie up the game at 22-22 at halftime. The Lady Bulldogs scored 14-10 in the third quarter to take over the 36-32 lead, but the Lady Jays came out strong in the fourth quarter, outscoring 18-9 for the NPL Championship title, 50-45.

Lynelle Gengler came out strong in the first

quarter, scoring 10 points with four field goals and two free shots. Kendra Gengler and Christiana Niewald both added two field goals for 2 points each, as the Lady Jays led, 14-10.

Lynelle Gengler added another 8 points in the second quarter off four field goals as the lone scorer. The Lady Mustangs added 12 points to tie up the game 22-22.

Ava Brummer, Kendra Gengler, Lynelle Gengler, Carlie Brummer and Christiana Niewald all contributed 2 points each in the third quarter for 10 points scored. Osborne scored 14 points to take over the lead, 36-32.

Carlie Brummer came out strong in the fourth quarter scoring 13 points

off three field goals and shot a perfect 7-7 at the free throw line. Ava Brummer scored 3 points off a field goal and a free shot. Kendra Gengler and Lynelle Gengler both landed free shots for 1 point each. The Lady Jays outscored 18-9 to recapture the lead for the 50-45 win over Osborne, and the NPL Championship title.

Lynelle Gengler led the Lady Jays scoring with 21 points followed by Carlie Brummer with 15. Ava Brummer and Kendra Gengler both scored 5 points each; Christiana Niewald 4 points.

Right: Carlie Brummer fights to keep possession for the St. John's/Tipton Lady Jays over the Lady Bulldogs of Osborne.

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SPORTS

Trojans place sixth in 55th Annual Beloit Wrestling Invitational

Monty earns third straight championship with 100th career win, and named Outstanding Wrestler

BELOIT – The Beloit High School wrestling team was host to their 55th Annual Beloit Invitational on Friday/Saturday, Jan. 24-25, at the Beloit High School gymnasium, with 24 teams competing including: Abilene, Beloit, Blue Valley Southwest, Chanute, Clay Center, Colby, Concordia, Decatur Community, Hill City, Hoisington, Holcomb, Hoxie, Marysville, Minneapolis, Nemaha Central, Plainville, Pratt, Republic County, Riley County, Saline South, Silver Lake, Smith Center, Stockton, Wichita West.

Beloit boys placed sixth as a team and placed junior Brogan Monty as a Champion in the 132 lb. weight division as he earned his 100th career win and his third championship in the Beloit Invitational. He was also named with the Larry Hewitt Outstanding Wrestler for the tournament. He is a 2x 3-2-1A State Champion at the 106 and 113 lb. weight divisions as well. Monty's career record is now 100-3, after scoring 25.5 team points for Beloit on Saturday.

Senior, Brodie Boudreaux (21-2), placed 3rd and scored 20.0 team points, in the 215 division.

Freshman, Kross Kemmerer (15-8), placed 5th and scored 11.0 team points, in the 285 division.

Freshman, Trace Conn, placed 6th for 11.5 team points, in the 106 weight division.

Beloit will now prepare for the Rocky Welon boys tournament on Jan. 31, before the NCAA League tournament on Feb. 6, in Minneapolis.

55th Annual Beloit Wrestling Invitational results:

106
Trace Conn (Beloit) placed 6th and scored 11.5 team points.

Round 2 - Trace Conn (Beloit) 16-8 won by major decision over Jackson Whitley (Concordia) 2-6 (MD 20-9)

Quarterfinal - Keyen Taplin (Abilene) 26-4 won by fall over Trace Conn (Beloit) 16-8 (Fall 1:21)

Cons. Round 3 - Trace Conn (Beloit) 16-8 won by tech fall over Ronnail Beougher (Clay Center) 10-18 (TF-1.5 1:55 (17-0))

Cons. Quarter - Trace Conn (Beloit) 16-8 won by fall over Blaine Schuh (Riley County) 10-6 (Fall 0:15)

Cons. Semi - Julian Salcido (Colby) 25-5 won by

tech fall over Trace Conn (Beloit) 16-8 (TF-1.5 2:21 (18-0))

5th Place Match - Vincent Maturio (Blue Valley Southwest) 26-9 won by tech fall over Trace Conn (Beloit) 16-8 (TF-1.5 4:22 (18-0))

113
Wyatt Mcmillan (14-9) place is unknown and scored 0.0 team points.

Round 2 - Garison Easterberg (Riley County) 1-2 won by fall over Wyatt Mcmillan (Beloit) 14-9 (Fall 4:58)

Cons. Round 1 - Wyatt Mcmillan (Beloit) 14-9 received a bye () (Bye)

Cons. Round 2 - Wyatt Mcmillan (Beloit) 14-9 received a bye () (Bye)

Cons. Round 3 - Bradyn Wilson (Hoxie) 16-13 won by fall over Wyatt Mcmillan (Beloit) 14-9 (Fall 2:58)

120
Carson Thomas (12-7) place is unknown and scored 3.5 team points.

Round 2 - Carson Thomas (Beloit) 12-7 won by tech fall over Calder Elmer (Stockton) 2-9 (TF-1.5 3:40 (18-3))

Quarterfinal - Rush LeDuc (Concordia) 19-9 won by fall over Carson Thomas (Beloit) 12-7 (Fall 0:38)

Cons. Round 3 - Angelo Otero (Holcomb) 15-14 won by fall over Carson Thomas (Beloit) 12-7 (Fall 3:57)

126
Henry Tice (14-13) place is unknown and scored 7.0 team points.

Round 2 - Henry Tice (Beloit) 14-13 won by fall over Simon Bauman (Riley County) 3-9 (Fall 1:20)

Quarterfinal - Hayden Kalivoda (Clay Center) 19-7 won by fall over Henry Tice (Beloit) 14-13 (Fall 2:28)

Cons. Round 3 - Henry Tice (Beloit) 14-13 won by fall over Gus Rusche (Nemaha Central) 4-12 (Fall 2:39)

Cons. Quarter - Ryan Budig (Hill City) 19-11 won by fall over Henry Tice (Beloit) 14-13 (Fall 0:36)

132
Brogan Monty (23-0) placed 1st and scored 25.5 team points.

Round 2 - Brogan Monty (Beloit) 23-0 received a bye () (Bye)

Quarterfinal - Brogan Monty (Beloit) 23-0 won by fall over Beau Bussman (Marysville High School) 21-9 (Fall 0:43)

Semifinal - Brogan Monty (Beloit) 23-0 won by tech fall over Chase Meyer (Hoxie) 19-9 (TF-

1.5 5:52 (18-3))

1st Place Match - Brogan Monty (Beloit) 23-0 won by decision over Noah Wuthnow (Abilene) 26-5 (Dec 4-1)

138
Kellen Elam (14-13) place is unknown and scored 4.0 team points.

Round 1 - Kellen Elam (Beloit) 14-13 received a bye () (Bye)

Round 2 - Guage Evans (Wichita West) 2-2 won by decision over Kellen Elam (Beloit) 14-13 (Dec 11-6)

Cons. Round 1 - Kellen Elam (Beloit) 14-13 received a bye () (Bye)

Cons. Round 2 - Kellen Elam (Beloit) 14-13 won by fall over Jacob Olvedo (Holcomb) 7-12 (Fall 0:22)

Cons. Round 3 - JT Alton (Clay Center) 15-7 won by major decision over Kellen Elam (Beloit) 14-13 (MD 8-0)

144
John Lomax (14-15) place is unknown and scored 4.0 team points.

Round 1 - John Lomax (Beloit) 14-15 received a bye () (Bye)

Round 2 - Keagan Warders (Marysville High School) 20-7 won by fall over John Lomax (Beloit) 14-15 (Fall 1:45)

Cons. Round 1 - John Lomax (Beloit) 14-15 received a bye () (Bye)

Cons. Round 2 - John Lomax (Beloit) 14-15 won by fall over Slade Pickerill (Salina South) 8-10 (Fall 0:55)

Cons. Round 3 - Dayven Cuba (Abilene) 22-7 won by fall over John Lomax (Beloit) 14-15 (Fall 2:32)

150
Marshall Green (9-16) place is unknown and scored 0.0 team points.

Round 1 - Maddox Girard (Salina South) 20-12 won by fall over Marshall Green (Beloit) 9-16 (Fall 2:58)

Cons. Round 1 - Lane Hoekman (Abilene) 15-11 won by tech fall over Marshall Green (Beloit) 9-16 (TF-1.5 3:03 (17-2))

165
Kashtyn Ryser (9-18) place is unknown and scored 5.0 team points.

Round 1 - Kashtyn Ryser (Beloit) 9-18 received a bye () (Bye)

Round 2 - Archer Amrein (Hill City) 27-7 won by fall over Kashtyn Ryser (Beloit) 9-18 (Fall 0:42)

Cons. Round 1 - Kashtyn Ryser (Beloit) 9-18 received a bye () (Bye)

Cons. Round 2 - Kashtyn Ryser (Beloit) 9-18 received a bye () (Bye)

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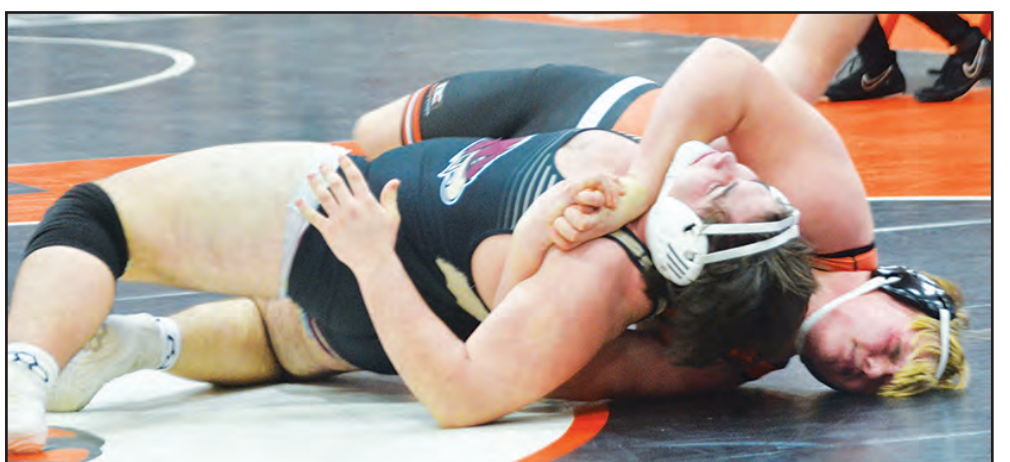


Beloit junior, Brogan Monty, wins by decision over Noah Wuthnow of Abilene, to be named the Champion in the 132 weight division, during the 55th Annual Beloit Invitational tournament on Saturday, Jan. 25, at the Beloit High School gymnasium. He also earned his 100th career win and was also named with the Larry Hewitt Outstanding Wrestler award.

SHARON SAHLFELD PHOTOS



Beloit senior, Brodie Boudreaux, over Max Johnson of Concordia by a fall for the Beloit Trojan 3rd place finish.



Beloit freshman, Kross Kemmerer, works hard during the Cons. Semi - won by Kendrick Vande Velde of Silver Lake by decision , to place Kemmerer in the 5th place match he won over Colby.

tyl Ryser (Beloit) 9-18 won by injury default over Wyatt Lovell (Pratt High School) 11-16 (Inj. 0:00)

Cons. Quarter - Quinton Harding (Chanute) 9-10 won by fall over

Kashtyn Ryser (Beloit) 9-18 (Fall 1:54)

175
Kaden Lomax (4-8) place is unknown and scored 0.0 team points.

Round 1 - Wayman

Kidd (Wichita West) 3-5 won by tech fall over Kaden Lomax (Beloit) 4-8 (TF-1.5 2:24 (16-1))

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1/20-25 Basketball Scores

Boys
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Lakeside 52 vs Rock Hills 35 (Monday)	Lincoln 74 vs Pike Valley 41 (Monday)	Natoma 28 vs Stockton 39 (Monday)	St. John's/Tipton 70 vs Sylvan-Lucas 69 (Monday)	Tescott 57 vs Thunder Ridge 60 (Monday)	Lakeside 37 vs St. John's/Tipton 70 (Tuesday)	Lincoln 50 vs Thunder Ridge 37 (Tuesday)	Stockton 53 vs Osborne 24 (Tuesday)	Rock Hills 43 vs Sylvan-Lucas 45 (Tuesday)	Tescott 53 vs Pike Valley 43 (Tuesday)	Lincoln 43 vs St. John's/Tipton 59 (Friday) (1st place)	Thunder Ridge 37 vs Lakeside 52 (Friday) (3rd place)	Sylvan-Lucas 52 vs Tescott 30 (Friday) (5th place)	Pike Valley 45 vs Rock Hills 44 (Friday) (7th place)	Osborne 43 vs Natoma 40 (Friday)
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NCAA

Republic County 42 vs Ell-Saline 59 (Tuesday)	Republic County 58 vs Solomon 52 (Thursday)	Republic County 44 vs Wichita Classical 38 (Friday) (5th place)	Beloit 48 vs Colby 66 (Thursday)	Beloit 52 vs Concordia 42 (Friday)	Beloit 56 vs Pine Creek (Co.) 41 (Saturday) (7th place)	Minneapolis 33 vs Pratt 46 (Monday)	Minneapolis 52 vs Otis-Bison 46 (Friday)	Minneapolis 54 vs Ellinwood 57 (Saturday) (5th place)	Ellsworth 39 vs Ellinwood 38 (Tuesday)	Ellsworth 28 vs Hoisington 53 (Friday)	Ellsworth 34 vs Victoria 41 (Saturday) (3rd place)	Southeast of Saline 52 vs Hugoton 60 (Tuesday)	Southeast of Saline 69 vs Hutchinson-Trinity 48 (Thursday)	Southeast of Saline 48 vs Smoky Valley 32 (Friday) (5th place)	Lyons 66 vs Kingman 28 (Tuesday)	Lyons 21 vs Sterling 50 (Thursday)	Lyons 63 vs Hugoton 62 (Friday) (3rd place)	Girls
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Beloit Trojan boys fall to Colby in opening round

BY BRIAN DEBEY

The Beloit Trojans lost to the Colby Eagles, 66-48, Thursday, January 23, in the opening round of the 40th annual Orange & Black Classic.

With the loss, which ended its seven-game winning streak, Beloit fell to 7-3. The Trojans faced Concordia on Friday, January 24 in a consolation game. The Panthers were 6-2 heading into the rematch of both teams' season opener.

On Thursday, Brayden Foss made a three-pointer to give Colby an early 3-0

lead. Senior Eli Johnson answered with a basket to cut it to 3-2.

Grant Stephens responded with another trey, which started a seven-point run that pushed the edge to 10-2. Junior Brody Litton's bucket ignited Beloit's offense.

Another Eagle basket restored the eight-point lead before junior Luke Cheney hit a trey. He later made a basket inside the arc to complete the 7-1 spurt that narrowed the gap to two.

Both offenses continued their proficiency through

the rest of the first quarter.

The Eagles led, 20-17, going to the second. Beloit's offense cooled off in the last three quarters as Colby pulled away late in the first half and early in the second.

A bucket by Guy Tubbs early in the second quarter pushed the lead to five. After numerous scoreless possessions, junior Joel Rexroat sparked the Trojan offense with a trey. He added two more baskets to finish a 7-2 spurt that evened the score at 24.

After the teams alter-

nated baskets, the Eagles' 8-2 run gave them a 34-28 lead at the break. The hometown team opened the third quarter with seven points to prompt a Beloit timeout.

Rexroat's basket ended the Trojans' drought before the Eagles answered with a basket to push the edge to 43-30. Johnson and Litton combined for six of the next seven points before a Colby free throw closed the quarter.

The Eagles led, 45-36, headed to the fourth. Beloit's offense stopped its decline in the final frame,

but its defense allowed Colby to pull away to win by a comfortable margin.

Jones opened the fourth with a basket before Luke Cheney's three cut the gap to eight. Jones answered with a trey to push the lead to 11; Colby led by double digits the rest of the night.

After the Eagles' edge grew to 15, Rexroat's basket and two free throws reduced it to 56-45. Colby outscored Beloit 10-3 to finish the contest.

Johnson and Rexroat led Beloit with 16 and 13 points, respectively, while

Jones paced Colby with 28.

Beloit Head Coach Ryan Eilert was pleased with how Rexroat sparked the team's offense at crucial times before Colby pulled away late.

"He was aggressive offensively," the coach said. "He's quick, was able to get in the lane."

Eilert said his team's rematch with Concordia would be intriguing.

"It'll be interesting to see how we come out," he said. "We got to find a better rhythm offensively."

Beloit Trojans take down Concordia in consolation semi-finals

BY BRIAN DEBEY

The Beloit Trojans defeated the Concordia Panthers, 52-42, Friday, January 24, in the consolation semifinals of the Colby tournament.

With the win, Beloit improved to 8-3. The Trojans advanced to face Pine Creek in the fourth place game on Saturday, January 25. The Eagles of Colorado Springs were 7-6.

On Friday, Chane Parker made a free throw to give Concordia an early lead before senior Jackson Cheney made a

three-pointer to put Beloit ahead, 3-1.

Parker responded with two baskets to give the Panthers a 5-3 edge before junior Charlie Burke's trey put the Trojans ahead, 6-5.

Luke Donovan answered with a basket, and junior Kale Leners late made a free throw to even the score. Concordia responded with two buckets, including a three, to give the Panthers a 12-7 lead.

Leners followed with a three-point play. The Panthers led, 12-10, going to the second quarter.

Parker opened the second with a basket before senior Ryker Clark's bucket and junior Joel Rexroat's two free throws, which tied the score at 14.

Junior Luke Cheney followed with a trey before sophomore Hudson Remus' layup completed the 9-0 run, which put Beloit ahead, 19-14.

The Panthers responded with six of the next seven points to match Beloit with 20 points. Johnson answered with a basket and free throw. Beloit led, 23-20, at halftime.

Peyton Retter made

two free throws early in the third quarter before Donovan's basket gave Concordia a brief edge. Leners' free throw tied the score at 24.

Neither team led by more than three throughout the third. Litton and Clark each made a bucket as Beloit scored four of the next five points to lead, 28-25. The teams alternated scores before a basket and free throw by the Panthers drew them even with Beloit headed to the fourth quarter.

Rexroat opened the final frame with a basket as Beloit's offense got

into a rhythm, which the Trojans have lacked much of the season. After a Luke Cheney free throw, Johnson's putback pushed the lead to five.

Concordia responded with two buckets, including a Retter trey, to force a 35-all tie, the game's last.

Johnson answered with a basket, and Jackson Cheney added a three, to put Trojans up five. A three-point play cut the gap to two with three minutes left.

Jackson Cheney hit another trey to push the edge to 43-38. This was the game's last field goal

-- free throws accounted for all of the offensive production in the final two minutes.

Johnson made a pair of free throws before Concordia made four of the next six to reduce the edge back to five. Johnson and Clark combined for the last five free throws to close the 10-point win.

Beloit Head Coach Ryan Eilert said that his team's role players performed well, which the team needs. He added that his team was fortunate to win on Friday, and its game against Pine Creek would be a battle.

Beloit Trojans fly past Pine Creek Eagles at Colby Johnson scores 27 points as team places 4th

BY BRIAN DEBEY

The Beloit Trojans defeated the Pine Creek Eagles, 56-41, Saturday, January 25, to place fourth at the Orange & Black Classic.

With the win, Beloit improves to 9-3. The Trojans were to travel to Salina Tuesday, January 28, to face Sacred Heart. The Knights were 10-0 and 5-0 in the NCAA.

On Saturday, junior Joel Rexroat made a shot

to give Beloit an early 2-0 lead. Numerous possessions later, senior Eli Johnson's basket pushed it to 4-0.

After Blake Marshall's basket, junior Brody Litton's bucket increased the edge to 6-2.

Marshall added a basket and free throw before Johnson sparked a run with a basket. He added two more to push the lead to 12-5 going to the second quarter.

Johnson and sophomore Hudson Remus combined for the next six points to complete the 12-0 run that increased the edge to 18-5. Pine Creek added two buckets to prompt a timeout.

The Eagles, who are from Colorado Springs, scored the next five points to complete a 9-0 spurt that narrowed the gap to 18-14.

Rexroat closed the half with a basket; Beloit led,

20-14, at intermission.

The teams alternated buckets to open the third quarter. Johnson's three-point play and junior Luke Cheney's trey pushed the edge to 28-16.

After an Eagle basket, Litton's bucket continued Beloit's surge. Johnson scored six points to fuel the Trojans' 14-0 run to close the third.

Beloit led, 42-18, after junior Charlie Burke closed the quarter with a

three.

Maddux Hepperle opened the final frame with a trey. After a Johnson basket, Pine Creek scored the next five points to get within 18.

Clark scored four of the next seven points; Beloit led, 48-29. Two Eagle threes completed the 17-6 spurt that cut the gap to 48-35.

The Trojans then outscored the Eagles, 8-6, to close the 15-point win.

Beloit Head Coach Ryan Eilert said that his players came out with the kind of energy they needed.

"I thought our kids did a good job of focusing and adjusting," he said.

The coach said that this tournament improved his team's fortitude.

"It gave us confidence," he said. "I felt like we were able to string together a couple of complete games."



Cheering on Beloit teams!

Beloit Cheerleaders during a home game routine include left: top: Barklee McMillan with Brylee Herrman, Addison Thompson, Tatum Seyfert, Hattie Anderson, Savannah Smith. Right: top: Miley Kemmerer, with Bentley Pruitt, Ashlyn Loomis, hidden, Kat Gray, Ava Sloan, Saige Heiman. The Beloit Cheerleaders showed up big time to cheer on both the boys and girls during the Black and Orange basketball tournament games in Colby.

SHARON SAHLFELD PHOTO



Named for All-Tournament Team!

Eli Johnson was named for the All Tournament team at the Orange and Black tournament, where the Beloit Trojans placed fourth place.

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Beloit ladies run past Ulysses Tigers in Colby

BY BRIAN DEBEY

The Beloit Lady Trojans defeated the Ulysses Lady Tigers, 69-35, Thursday, January 23, to open the Orange & Black Classic in Colby.

With the win, Beloit improved to 7-3. The Lady Trojans advanced to face Colby in the semifinals on Friday. The Lady Eagles were 10-1.

On Thursday, senior Cassandra Thompson made a shot to give Beloit an early 2-0 lead. After two free throws by senior

Olivia Wright, Thompson and senior Addison Budke each added a basket to push the edge to 8-0.

Budke made a three-pointer, increasing it to 11-0, before Nayeli Romero answered with a trey to start the Lady Tigers' scoring.

The Lady Trojans responded with the next six points before Ulysses closed the opening quarter with the last six points. Beloit led, 17-9, going to the second.

Thompson opened the

second with a basket to push the edge to 19-9. Budke scored four of the next eight points to close the 10-0 run that increased the advantage to 27-9.

After the Lady Tigers scored four of the next five points, Beloit outscored Ulysses 6-3 to lead, 34-16, at intermission.

Budke opened the third quarter with a bucket before Thompson followed with the next four points to push the lead to 40-16.

After a Ulysses basket,

Beloit used a 10-0 spurt to take a 34-point lead. The Lady Tigers added a basket and free throw to close the third. Beloit led, 52-21, headed to the fourth.

The Lady Trojans opened the final frame, which featured a running clock, with a 12-0 run to push the lead to 64-21.

Led by multiple baskets by Clarissa Sianuqui, Ulysses outscored Beloit 14-5 to close the contest.

Beloit's success is typically sparked by its defense; this was the first

time the team surpassed 60 points since late last January against Republic County.

Beloit Head Coach Keith Kresin was pleased with his team's offense.

"I thought our guards did a good job against their pressure," he said. "We never got beat in transition."

The coach said that this game was a nice tune-up for the team's semifinal matchup against Colby.

"We're up to the challenge," Kresin said. "We

got to keep our mistakes to a minimum to have a chance in the game."

Cassandra Thompson led the Beloit ladies on the boards, scoring 22 points followed by Reagan Cheney with 14 and Addison Budke 11. Autumn Lorenz scored 6 points; Emma Rice, Samantha Thompson and Landry Litton 3 points each; Kolbee Bergmann, Olivia Wright and Azlin Pfantz 2 points each; McKenna Channell 1.

Beloit ladies fall to Colby Eagles in semi-finals

BY BRIAN DEBEY

The Beloit Lady Trojans lost to the Colby Lady Eagles, 48-30, Friday, January 24, in the semifinals of the Colby tournament.

With the loss that ended its five-game winning streak, Beloit fell to 7-4. The Lady Trojans were to face Wellington on Saturday, January 25, in their Orange & Black Classic consolation game. The Lady Crusaders were 10-1 after losing to Hays in overtime on Friday.

On Friday, senior Addison Budke made a shot to give Beloit an early 2-0 lead. Later in the first

quarter, senior Olivia Wright's basket doubled the edge.

Alisabeth Barton answered with a bucket in the middle of the first. Sophomore Samantha Thompson made a three-pointer to push the lead to 7-2 before Brenn Stanley's basket.

Following another Colby basket, Cassandra Thompson's putback increased the edge to 9-6. Junior McKenna Channell followed with a free throw.

Shaylee Holzmeister closed the quarter with a free throw and trey to tie the score at 10 going to the

second. She opened the second with a basket to complete the Lady Eagles' 10-3 spurt, which put them ahead, 12-10.

Cassandra Thompson responded with a bucket to even the score. After the teams alternated baskets, freshman Landry Litton's basket gave the Lady Trojans a 16-14 lead.

After two Colby baskets, Budke's bucket eved the score at 18. The hometown team added two more buckets, including a trey, before Budke's basket that completed the quarter's offensive production.

The Lady Eagles led,

23-20, at intermission. They opened the third quarter with five points before Wright made a basket to cut the gap to 28-22 in the middle of the third.

After a three-point play by each team, Cassandra Thompson's bucket narrowed the deficit to 31-27 late in the quarter. Holzmeister closed it with a basket; Colby led, 33-27, headed to the fourth.

The Lady Eagles dominated the final frame, scoring 15 points in the first six minutes to push the lead to 48-27. Junior Autumn Lorenz made a basket and free throw be-

fore the game's scoreless final minute.

Beloit Head Coach Keith Kresin was disappointed that his team lost, but it kept the game competitive before Colby's spurt late in the contest.

"We hung with them," he said. "We played well the first half."

Kresin praised his team's opponents for their performance.

"My hat's off to Colby," he said. "They played a heck of a ballgame. They were quicker to the ball than we were."

The coach is pleased with his players' steady

progress.

"We're going to continue to make improvements," he said. "Our guards are all getting better."

Kresin praised Channell for how her performance is improving.

"I'm excited for McKenna," the coach said. "She's coming along. She's a playmaker."

Kresin said his team would not dwell on this loss but would look ahead to performing as well as possible.

"We just got to put this game behind us and execute," he said.

Beloit ladies finish 5th at Orange & Black Classic

BY BRIAN DEBEY

The Beloit Lady Trojans lost to the Wellington Crusaders, 77-21, Saturday, January 25, to finish fifth at the Colby tournament.

With its second consecutive loss, Beloit fell to 7-5. The Lady Trojans were to travel to Salina on Tuesday, January 28, to face Sacred Heart. The Lady Knights were 4-6 overall and 2-3 in the NCAA.

On Saturday, Britt Zeka made a three-pointer to give Wellington an early 3-0 lead. A free throw and

another trey pushed it to 7-0 before junior McKenna Channell made two free throws to cut the gap to five.

Following two more Wellington threes, junior Autumn Lorenz's basket narrowed the deficit to 13-4. The Lady Crusaders doubled their point total the rest of the opening quarter to lead, 26-4, going to the second.

Valerie Norwood's basket early in the second continued Wellington's dominance. A free throw

and basket completed the 18-0 run before senior Olivia Wright's basket cut the gap to 31-6.

Dru Zeka's trey pushed it to 34-6 in the middle of the quarter. Wellington outscored Beloit 10-3 the rest of the half to lead, 44-9, at the break.

After a Wellington basket early in the third quarter, senior Addison Budke's bucket cut the edge to 46-11. Channell added two baskets later in the quarter while Lorenz had one.

Wellington led, 71-15, headed to the fourth. The final frame featured a running clock as the Lady Crusaders scored six of the ten points.

Senior Azlin Pfantz and sophomore Reagan Cheney each made a shot in the fourth to complete the Lady Trojans' offensive output.

This was Beloit's second consecutive year facing Wellington in the last game of the Orange & Black Classic. Both years, the Class 4A powerhouse

was undefeated as it went to Colby.

Also, senior Cassandra Thompson missed the contest due to sickness.

Beloit Head Coach Keith Kresin said that his players played well in some stretches and did not let the large deficit dishearten them.

"I thought we played some really good minutes in the game," he said. "The girls were pretty resilient."

The coach said that facing a team of Wellington's caliber will benefit

his team.

"If we can handle this pressure, it's only going to make us better," he said. "There's a lot of positives from this. We need to regroup, brush this off."

Kresin said that his players are getting to know each other better.

"I think we're becoming a tighter-knit group," he said. "If you know someone, you're not afraid to communicate."

St. John's/Tipton Lady Jays over Sylvan/Lucas Carlie Brummer leads the boards with 30 points

LINCOLN — The St. John's/Tipton Lady Jays faced Sylvan/Lucas on Tuesday, Jan. 21, in the Northern Plains League tournament and defeated the Lady Mustangs, 49-34, to advance in Friday's game against Osborne.

Lady Jays outscored 13-9 in the first quarter

for the early lead. They outscored 10-6 in the second quarter for the 23-15 halftime lead. Lady Jays outscored 13-11 for the 36-26 lead and 13-8 in the fourth quarter for the 49-34 win.

Carlie Brummer led the Lady Jays in the first quarter, scoring 7 points off

two field goals and a three point shot. Christiana Niewald scored on a three point shot and Lynelle Gengler scored 2 points off a field goal. Addison Bergmann added a free shot for 1 point.

Lynelle Gengler led the Lady Jays in the second quarter scoring 6 points

off three field goals. Carlie Brummer scored 4 points off a field goal and two free shots, as St. John's/Tipton led 23-15.

Carlie Brummer led in the third quarter as the solo scorer with 13 points off three treys and two field goals, to help extend the Lady Jay lead, 36-26.

Carlie Brummer added 6 points in the final quarter with three field goals. Lynelle Gengler scored 5 points off two field goals and a free shot. Kendra Gengler added a 2 point field goal, as the Lady Jays won over the Mustangs, 49-34.

Carlie Brummer led the Lady Jays on the board with 30 points followed by Lynelle Gengler with 13 points. Christiana Niewald scored 3 points; Kendra Gengler 2; Addison Bergmann 1.

St. John's/Tipton boys fly past the Knights, 70-37 Horinek scores big with 32 points for the Jays

LINCOLN — The St. John's/Tipton Blujay boys faced Lakeside on Tuesday, Jan. 21, in the Northern Plains League tournament and defeated the Knights, 70-37 to advance in Friday's game against Lincoln.

The Blujays outscored 23-10 for the early first quarter lead. They scored

13-4 to extend their half-time lead, 36-14. The Jays continued to outscore in the third quarter, 25-12 for the 61-26 lead. With using the Blujay bench in the fourth quarter, Lakeside scored 10-9, and St. John's/Tipton won over the Knights, 70-37.

Edward Horinek led the boards in the first quarter

scoring 10 points off five field goals. Tyson Gates scored 6 points off three field goals, and Grant Goodaker landed a field goal and a trey for 5 points. Gabriel Roderick scored 2 points, for the first quarter 23-10 lead.

Horinek led in the second quarter scoring 7 points off three field goals

and a free shot. Dominic Eilert landed two field goals for 4 points and Nicholas Niewald landed a field goal for 2. The Blujays extended their halftime lead, 36-14.

Horinek continued to be hot on his shot scoring 15 points in the third quarter with three field goals and three treys. Roderick

scored 5 points off a three point shot and a field goal as the Jays led 61-26.

Carson Thomas scored 5 points in the fourth quarter off a three point shot and a field goal. Dominic Eilert added 4 points off two field goals, and St. John's/Tipton won the game, 70-37, over the Knights.

Edward Horinek led on the boards with 32 points. Dominic Eilert scored 8 points; Gabriel Roderick 7; Tyson Gates 6; Carson Thomas and Grant Goodaker 5 points each; Kaden Rabe 3; Nicholas Niewald and John Mick 2 points each.

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OBITUARIES

Sonja Bean

September 23, 1938 – January 25, 2025

BELOIT – Sonja Charlene Bean, a beloved mother, grandmother, and friend, passed away on January 25, 2025, at the age of 86. Born on September 23, 1938, in Sheridan County, Kansas, Sonja was the youngest child of Mirium and Lillie Randolph. She grew up alongside her siblings, Ernest, Mervin, Lucille, Freda, Mildred, Rose, Mirium Jr., Wilma, Robert, Derrel, and Ervin, whose presence in her life shaped the values she carried into adulthood.



After graduating from Hoxie High School, Sonja spent time working in restaurants and managing a couple bars with her husband Earl. They eventually settled in Cawker City, KS, where she provided daycare for several years before going to work at Sunflower Manufacturing. She spent many years working at the Cawker location and eventually the Beloit location. Even after stepping away from her role at Sunflower, her commitment to serving others continued as she returned to the workforce at Hilltop Lodge for several years.

Sonja was known for her infectious sense of humor and her love for laughter. She had a remarkable ability to engage in conversation, making everyone feel welcomed and valued. Her passion for life extended to her family, with whom she cherished spending quality time, creating lasting memories. Organizing Randolph Family Reunions was just one of the many ways she nurtured connections among her loved ones.

On October 26, 1957, Sonja married Earl Bean, a union that would later dissolve but still marked an important chapter in her life. Together they raised three children: Roxie, Ranae, and Randy. Sonja's legacy continues through her grandchildren.

Sonja was a woman of many talents; she took great pleasure in making baked goods, particularly her famous cinnamon rolls, which will be sorely missed by all who had the delight of enjoying them.

Sonja is survived by her children, Roxie (LaVern) Boxberger, Ranae (Chris) Helmbrecht, Randy (Laura) Bean; grandchildren, Derek Boxberger, Quentin Boxberger, Brandon (Ashley) Behymer, Brett (Jenica) Behymer, Megan Helmbrecht, Abby (Cody) Wuthnow, Brayton Bean, and great-grandchildren, Jenna, Easton, Cloton, Kensley, Cash, Whitley, and Luca. She is also survived by a host of other relatives including nieces and nephews that she cherished deeply. She is preceded in death by her parents and her siblings.

Visitation with Family present will be at Schoen Funeral Home and Monuments in Beloit on January 30, 2025, from 5:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Funeral Services will be January 31, 2025, commencing at 10:00 a.m., also at Schoen Funeral Home. Sonja will be laid to rest the same day with interment following at Elmwood Cemetery in Beloit at 11:00 a.m. Memorials may be made to Solomon Valley Hospice in care of Schoen Funeral Home and Monuments, 302 N. Hersey Ave. Beloit, KS 67420. Online condolences to schoenfhm.com

Vivian Lynn Pavlacka

August 18, 1948 – January 24, 2025

GREAT BEND, Kansas – Vivian Lynn Pavlacka, 76, passed away January 24, 2025, at Ascension Via Christi St. Teresa, Wichita, Kansas. She was born on August 18, 1948, in Beloit, Kansas, to Virgil Charles and Helen Ann (Pahls) Mayers. Vivian was married to Dennis Comer. Their union brought three children; they later divorced. On December 31, 1993, she married Jim Pavlacka in Wichita, Kansas. He passed in August of 1999.



A lifetime area resident, Vivian was a multi-business owner. She enjoyed going to casinos, reading, gardening, and in her younger years, making stained glass and going to garage sales. Vivian most enjoyed spending time with her family.

Survivors include son, Denny Comer and wife Stefanie of Clearwater; two daughters, Kimberly Porter and husband Todd of Wichita, and Kristey Andrews and husband Todd of Kansas City, Missouri; seven grandchildren, Ashley Porter and husband Grant Peevyhouse, Aly Fink and husband Caleb, Alexys Porter Bilka and husband Miles, Jake Andrews, Belle Andrews, Daylen Reeves, and Kenzie Reeves; one great-grandchild, Taytum Fink; two brothers, Joe Mayers of Great Bend, and John Mayers and wife Marie of Albert; two sisters, Virginia Ramey and husband Rex of Great Bend, and Barbara File and husband Allyn of Beloit; two sisters-in-law, Roxanne Mayers of Great Bend, and Jolene Mayers of Lawrence; and former husband, Dennis Comer of Albert.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Jim; parents; and two brothers, Steven Mayers and Frank Mayers. Visitation will take place from noon to 8:00 p.m. Friday, January 31, 2025, at Bryant Funeral Home. Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, February 1, 2025, at Bryant Funeral Home. Interment will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Park. Memorials have been designated to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, in care of Bryant Funeral Home, 1425 Patton Rd., Great Bend, KS 67530.

Condolences may be sent and notice viewed at www.bryantfh.net

Arrangements by, Bryant Funeral Home, 1425 Patton Road, Great Bend, Kansas 67530.

Jennifer Fisher

September 20, 1972 – January 22, 2025

CAWKER CITY – Jennifer Marie Fisher passed away on January 22, 2025, at the age of 52. She was a long-time resident of Cawker City, KS.



Jennifer truly knew it meant so much more to give, than to receive. Her generosity knew no bounds and her heart was always so full of love. Jennifer was a loving wife, mother and grandmother and a beautiful soul who was willing to help anyone. Her radiant smile lit up any room she entered. She enjoyed traveling and listening to music. She lived life to the fullest and especially loved spending time with her family, friends, and her beloved dogs, Milo and Sarge.

Allen and Jennifer were married March 14, 2009 and spent 17 years happily married together. Truly living their lives, every single day, for one another and their beloved grandchildren.

“Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day. Unseen, unheard, but always near; still loved, still missed, and very dear.”

Jennifer is survived by her beloved husband Allen Fisher; her children, Jered and his wife Kim (Underwood); Jordan and his wife Nichole (Underwood); Janae and her husband Preston (Stebens); Justin and his wife Ashley (Underwood); Jennifer has 3 wonderful stepdaughters, Regan and her fiancé Xavier; Haley and her husband Tyler (Sutton); Hannah and her husband Brady (Firley). Jennifer and Allen also adopted two children together, Ariel Fisher and Simon Fisher. Jennifer is also survived by her mother, Debbie Barnes, her brother Tim Barnes, her sister, April Morgan, and sister, Kari Blair. Jennifer's pride and joy were her 11 grandchildren. Every single one of them meant the world to her and they were all very spoiled!

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m., Friday, January 31 at Glenwood Cemetery, Glen Elder, KS. Following, a meal will be provided at the Methodist Church in Downs, KS. Schoen Funeral Home and Monuments in care of arrangements. Online condolences to schoenfhm.com

Dee A. Hahn

RUSSELL – Dee A. Hahn, 86, of Russell, passed away, Tuesday, January 21, 2025. A memorial service will take place at a later date. Schoen Funeral Home and Monuments in care of arrangements. Online condolences to schoenfhm.com

LAND TRANSFERS

General Warranty Deed

-Norbert P. Kohler, a single person, conveys and warrants to John Kohler all undivided interest in and to the following described real estate in the County of Mitchell and the State of Kansas, to-wit:

Lots 7, 8, and 9, Block 8, East Beloit, City of Beloit. Dated January 17, 2025.

General Warranty Deed- Joint Tenancy

-Mark R. Brummer and Michele L. Brummer, husband and wife, convey and warrant to Mark R. Brummer and Michele L. Brummer, husband and wife, as Joint Tenants and not as tenants in common, with full rights of survivorship, the whole estate to vest in the survivor in the event of the death of either, all of our interest in the following described real estate in the County of Mitchell and the State of Kansas, to-wit:

The E 10 ft of the W 60 ft of Lots 5 and 6, and the E 10 ft of the W 60 ft of the S 19 ft of Lot 4, Block 28, Original City of Beloit, and

The W 50 ft of Lots 5 and 6, and the S 19 ft of the W 50 ft of Lot 4, Block 28, Original City of Beloit, and

Commencing at the NW corner of the NE ¼ of Section 34, Township 7 S, Range 6 W of the 6th P.M., Mitchell County, Kansas, thence E 14 rods; thence S 13 3/5 rods; thence W 14 rods; thence N 13 3/5 rods to the place of beginning, subject to all reservations, restrictions, easements, and right-of-way of record and all other visible easements, except easements and restrictions of record, for the sum of \$1.00 and other good and valuable consideration. Dated January 17, 2025.

Kansas Warranty Deed

-Grantors C&C Rental, LLC, a Kansas Limited Liability Company, conveys and warrants to Grantee Joshua L. Hollerich, a single person, all of the following described real estate in Mitchell County, Kansas:

A tract of land in the SE ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 9, Township 7 S, Range 7 W of the 6th P.M., City of Beloit, Mitchell County, Kansas, containing 0.65 acres, more or less, for the sum of \$1.00 and other good and valuable considerations except and subject to: easements, restrictions, covenants, and reservations of record, if any. Dated January 15, 2025.

-Grantor Kadel Farms, LLC aka Kadel Farms Limited Liability Company, a Kansas Limited Liability Company, conveys and warrants to Grantees Eric J. Eilert and Jennifer L. Eilert, husband and wife, as Joint Tenants and not as tenants in common, with full rights of survivorship, the whole estate to vest in the survivor in the event of the death of either, all of the following described real estate in Mitchell County, Kansas:

Tract 1: The E ½ of the E ½ of Section 25, except all that part of the NE ¼ lying S and W of the center of the Solomon River; all that part of the W ½ of the SE ¼ of Section 25, lying S and E of the center of the Solomon River, all in Township 7 S, Range 7 W of the 6th P.M., Mitchell County, Kansas, and

Tract 2: All that part of the NE ¼ of Section 36 lying N of the center of the Solomon River, all in Township 7 S, Range 7 W of the 6th P.M., Mitchell County, Kansas, and

Tract 3: All that part of the NW ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 30; all that part of the SW ¼ of the NW ¼ of

Section 30 lying W of the center of the Solomon River, and all that part of the W ½ of the SW ¼ in Section 30 lying W of the center of the Solomon River, all in Township 7 S, Range 6 W of the 6th P.M., Mitchell County, Kansas,

For the sum of \$1.00 and other good and valuable considerations except and subject to: easements, restrictions, covenants, and reservations of record, if any. Dated November 15, 2024.

-Grantor Drew Winder, a single person, conveys and warrants to Grantee Skilar Winder, all of the following described real estate in Mitchell County, Kansas:

Tract 1: A tract of land in the NE ¼ of Section 24, Township 6 S, Range 7 W of the 6th P.M., Mitchell County, Kansas, containing 6.64 acres more or less.

Tract 2: A tract of land in the NE ¼ of Section 24, Township 6 S, Range 7 W of the 6th P.M., Mitchell County, Kansas, exclusive of existing highway right-of-way, all in Mitchell County, Kansas, for the sum of \$1.00 and other good and valuable considerations except and subject to: easements, restrictions, covenants, and reservations of record, if any. Dated January 9, 2025.

-Grantor Skilar Winder, a single person, conveys and warrants to Grantee Jennifer Drake, all of the following described real estate in Mitchell County, Kansas:

Tract 1: A tract of land in the NE ¼ of Section 24, Township 6 S, Range 7 W of the 6th P.M., Mitchell County, Kansas, containing 6.64 acres more or less.

Tract 2: A tract of land in the NE ¼ of Section 24, Township 6 S, Range 7 W of the 6th P.M., Mitchell County, Kansas, exclusive of existing highway right-of-way, all in Mitchell County, Kansas, for the sum of \$1.00 and other good and valuable considerations except and subject to: easements, restrictions, covenants, and reservations of record, if any. Dated January 16, 2025.

-On this 14th day of January, 2025, William L. Wendell, aka William Wendell and Martha A. Wendell, husband and wife, convey and warrant to William L. Wendell and Martha A. Wendell, Trustees of the Bill and Marty Wendell Trust under agreement dated January 14, 2025, or their successors, all of the following described real estate in Mitchell County, Kansas:

Lots 7 and 8, Block 11, E Beloit, Addition to the City of Beloit, Mitchell County, Kansas

Beginning at the NE corner of the NW ¼ of Section 22, Township 7 S, Range 7 W of the 6th P.M., Mitchell County, Kansas, thence running W along the N line of said Section 22, 825.5 ft; thence S parallel with the E line of said NW ¼ to the center of the Solomon River; thence in a S direction along the center line of said Solomon River to the S line of said NW ¼; thence E along said S line about 792 ft to the SE corner of said NW ¼; thence N along the E line 2,660.5 ft to the place of beginning, containing 50 acres except a tract of land for right-of-way purposes.

SE ¼ of Section 32, Township 7 S, Range 7 W of the 6th P.M., Mitchell County, Kansas

Beginning at the NE corner of the SW ¼ of Section 22, Township 7 S, Range 7 W of the 6th P.M.; thence W on the N line of said SW ¼ of said Section 22 to the center of the Solomon River; thence down the center of said Solomon River to the point where the E line of said SW ¼ of said Section 22 crosses said Solomon River; thence N to the place of beginning except therefrom 1.68 acres, more or less, for right of way purposes, exclusive of existing highway conveyed to Mitchell County, Kansas;

The SW 11/4 of Section 25, Township 6 S, Range 7 W of the 6th P.M., Mitchell County, Kansas;

W ½ of the SE ¼ of Section 29, Township 7 S, Range 7 W of the 6th P.M., Mitchell County, Kansas, except a tract in the NW corner of the said W ½ of the SE ¼, containing 10 acres more or less, and except a tract in the W ½ of the SE ¼, containing 16 acres, more or less;

The SE ¼ of the SE ¼ of Section 29, Township 7 S, Range 7 W of the 6th P.M., Mitchell County, Kansas, except: a tract of land in said SE ¼ of the SE ¼, containing 19.5 acres exclusive of road right-of-way;

A tract of land in the NE ¼ of Section 29, Township 7 S, Range 7 W of the 6th P.M., Mitchell County, Kansas, containing 6.4 acres;

The S ½ of the NW ¼ of Section 15, Township 8 S, Range 7 W of the 6th P.M., Mitchell County, Kansas; and

The W ½ of the NW ¼ in Section 29, Township 7 S, Range 7 W of the 6th P.M., Mitchell County, Kansas.

Except and subject to: easements and restrictions of record.

-Grantors Aaron James Bachura and Kaley Lyn Bachura, husband and wife, convey and warrant to Grantees Taylor Litton Crumbaker and Maggie Sue Crumbaker, husband and wife, as Joint Tenants and not as tenants in common, with full rights of survivorship, the whole estate to vest in the survivor in the event of the death of either, all of the following described real estate in Mitchell County, Kansas:

A tract of land in the NE ¼ of Section 14, Township 8 S, Range 7 W of the 6th P.M., beginning at a point 520 ft E and 223 ft S of the NW corner of the NE ¼; thence N 223 ft to the N section line; thence E along the N section line 504 ft; thence S perpendicular to the N section line 1,045 ft; thence W parallel with the N section line 330 ft; thence NW to the Point of Beginning, Mitchell County, Kansas, for the sum of \$1.00 and other good and valuable consideration except and subject to: easements, restrictions, covenants, and reservations of record, if any. Dated January 15, 2025.

Transfer on Death Deed

-Mark Pastrovich and Joyce A. Pastrovich, as husband and wife and owners, transfer on the death of the survivor to Claire Pastrovich as Grantee Beneficiary, the following described interest in real estate located in Mitchell County, Kansas:

The E ½ of Lots 5 and 6, Block 13, Except the W 20 ft thereof, in the Original Town of Beloit, Mitchell County, Kansas, and

Lots 7, 8, and 9, Block 31, W Beloit, City of Beloit, Mitchell County, Kansas, and

Lots 4, 5, and 6, Block 31, W Beloit, City of Beloit, Mitchell County, Kansas,

Subject to all reservations, restrictions, easements, and rights-of-way of record and all other visible easements.

This Transfer on Death Deed is revocable. It does not transfer any ownership until the death of the owners. It revokes all prior beneficiary designations by these owners for this interest in real estate. Dated this 15th day of January, 2025.

An inside perspective from St. John's for Catholic Schools Week

BY ALAN HOLDREN,
ST. JOHN'S HIGH SCHOOL
ENGLISH TEACHER

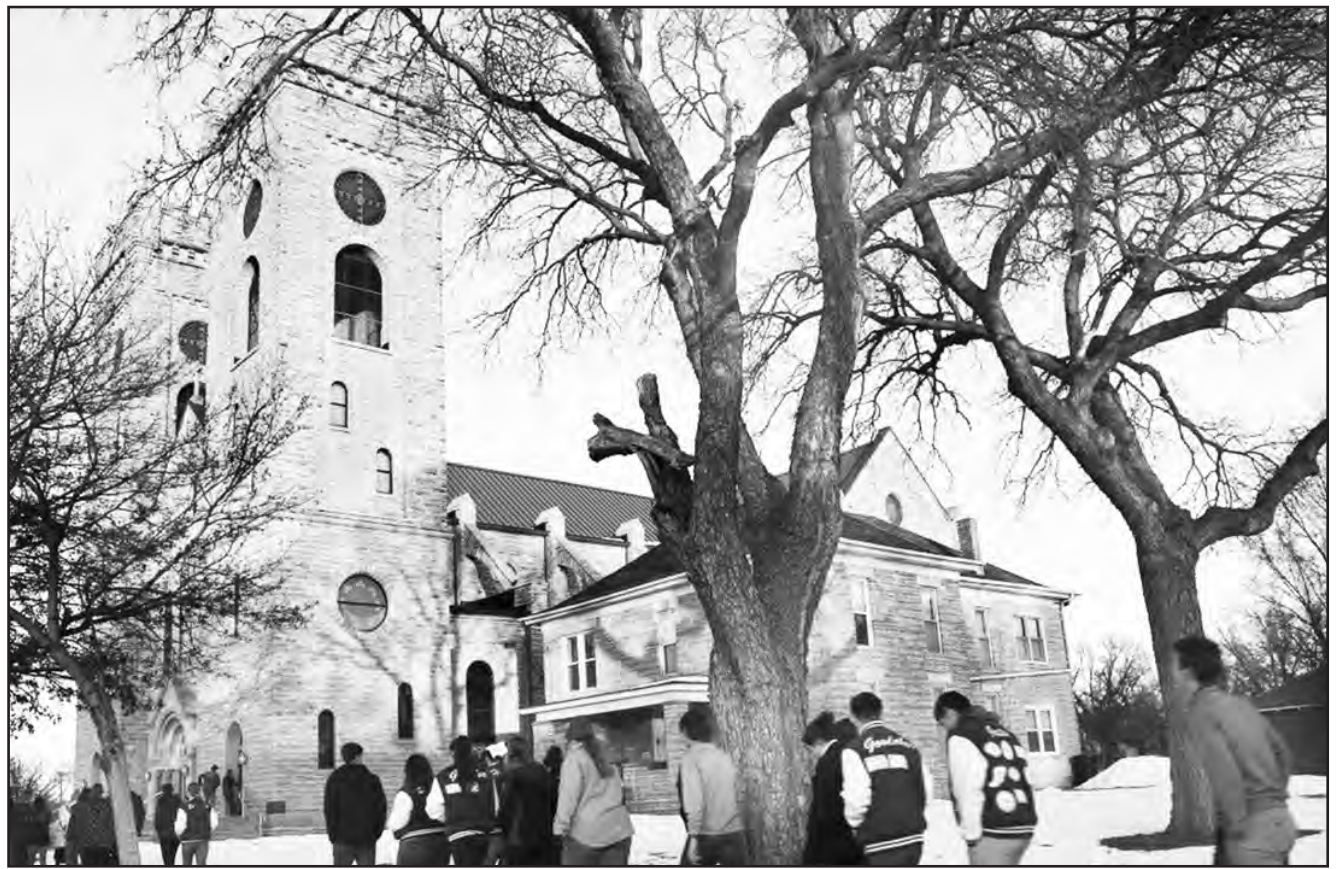
From the outside, St. John's sounded like a small town school that punched way above its weight. It had a legacy of academic and athletic accomplishments I had long heard about through my brother, Joe, the vice principal and science teacher since 2008. Granted, in those years the school had produced state champion scholars' bowl, girls and boys basketball, and sand green golf teams as well as numerous individual state champions. Where I grew up in Nebraska, at our very slightly larger school, state championships were uncommon feats. At St. John's, it had become a tradition, and in the broadest variety of events. From my brother's stories, St. John's came across as a Division 1-A reality with a family feel and a focus on faith and excellence. I was living in a city of four million inhabitants at the time. My family and I sought something smaller, more personal. We wanted our kids to be close to family and part of a tight knit community where they could best learn the basic foundations of life surrounded by people who cared about them, where they were known.

Now, we've been here for nearly four years. I'm on the inside, you could

say. I teach at St. John's. Our children study here. I've often thought about why such a place exists, why it makes sense to scrape and claw every year to cover the budget to keep it alive and independent.

From the inside, St. John's students are similar to students everywhere. They have the same challenges, hopes, and dreams. They can be serious. They can be silly. They can make good and bad decisions. They're curious, hungry for knowledge, need guidance and direction like all young people.

From the inside, I see that they are surrounded by people who know them almost like family. In class sizes of 10 to 18 students, they are known. There's a sibling-like quality to their relationships with their schoolmates. Teachers know their interests and passions and can tailor assignments to the individual. Faith is brought into the day-to-day life of the school, where classes often begin with a prayer and the whole student body celebrates the greatest prayer, the Mass, twice a week together. Non-Mass days start with "morning prayer," all-school assemblies punctuated by updates, prayer, and the pledge of allegiance. Everyone is there and each and every one is seen.



From the inside, I've learned that the academic and athletic excellence that first attracted my family to this place is merely a by-product, a result of a system that cares for individuals as individuals and "wills their good," the very definition of love. Everyone here learns service through the mentorship and example of their elders and sometimes from those younger than them. Students are brought up to know that

their contribution not only matters, but is essential to the achievement of everything. They learn to be independent, but to depend on each other. They can't help but live community life deeply and they learn to serve each other and others - and also because they get a grade for that. They hear that they have God-given talents and a God-given vocation that it's their life's work to discover and fulfill for God's glory. Students learn

their dignity as "children of God". It's repeated to them thousands of times over their years here, and they learn their responsibility as their brother's keeper, to hold accountable and be held accountable. This school community is a body that strives to reflect the teachings of Christ as individuals and as a group. It's able to name those objectives and seek them overtly, openly sharing the faith in Christ together.

This isn't a commentary on what is or isn't the reality of any other place, but a reflection, a comment from the inside during the national "Catholic Schools Week" when we celebrate Catholic educational institutions. St. John's is not Heaven on Earth, but it's full of people trying to make it there.

Catholic Schools Week is being celebrated from Jan. 26-Feb. 1, 2025 with the theme "Faith, Excellence, Service."

"Giving Glory to God in all that we do"

After the recent national championship football game, Ohio State quarterback Wil Howard had this to say, "First and foremost, I got to give the glory and the praise to my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I wouldn't be here without him." If you listen in to postgame interviews, it seems that a LOT of athletes are declaring their faith and making sure they don't take the credit, but are giving it all to God. They

have a national platform and some of them are choosing to use that time they have in the spotlight to call attention to their faith and the reason behind their success, the relationship they have with Jesus Christ.

Even though the quarterback for Notre Dame, Riley Leonard, was on the losing side of the national championship, he too began his interview with this statement, "Before I answer your question,

I want to thank my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, for giving me the opportunity to play in this game. I wrote on my hand Proverbs, 27:17: 'As iron sharpens irons, so should one man sharpen another.' And I think, like I said throughout the week, you know, us and Ohio State, we're the two teams who praise Jesus Christ the most. And I think that we strengthen each other in our faith through coming to this game and compet-

ing against each other. So I'm happy to see godly men come out on top, no matter what the circumstances," he added. "I'm very, you know, happy to praise Jesus in the lowest as well."

We should apply this to our everyday lives as well, not just when something big or outstanding or amazing happens, but even in the little miracles that happen around us every day. Just think if we praised God with the same enthusiasm that these ath-

letes have, but applied it to all that God provides for us on a daily basis. Food, clothing, shelter, community, family, church, snow (it was a beautiful snow, but yes, we are all a little tired of it now), watching our kids compete in local sporting events, successful businesses, and the list goes on and on.

1 Chronicles 16:24 says "Declare His glory among the nations, His wonderful works among all peoples." It doesn't say just when we "win" or when great

things happen. Declaring His glory is something that we experience every day of our lives, and we should share that with everyone and help them grow closer to God in their own lives. We know the "wonderful works" He has done in our lives. Share it with others so they can experience it too.

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Sunday: 2 & 7 p.m.
Tuesday-Thursday: 7 p.m.
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Tuesday-Thursday: 7:30 p.m.
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Tuesday Night Pinsplitters
January 21, 2025

Eagles	6	2
S&S Drug	4	4
Calhoon Racing	4	4
Screwballs	2	6


High Score Game - Men
Shawn Heidrick 194
Joe Witt 186
Brandon Rogers 185

High Hcp Game - Men
Mick McGuire 228
Ray Conway 225
Gary Pahls 217

High Score Series - Men
Shawn Heidrick 504
Dave Roberts 495
Roger Simoneau 485
Brandon Rogers 485

High Hcp Series - Men
Dave Roberts 591
Mick McGuire 585
Gary Pahls 580

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Wednesday All Star
January 1, 2025

Bowling Burns	4	0
PB Falcons	3	1
Busch League	1	3
Split Happens	0	4

High Score Game - Men
Micah Tice 237
Dennis Mihm 219
Joe Witt 180

High Hcp Game - Men
Micah Tice 261
Dennis Mihm 252
Adam Stortz 217

High Score Series - Men
Micah Tice 565
Dennis Mihm 513
Joe Witt 506

High Hcp Series - Men
Micah Tice 637
Dennis Mihm 612
Adam Stortz 595

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Bake Sale

VALENTINE'S BAKE SALE: The Women of Faith Beloit Methodist Church will host a Valentine's Bake Sale from 7 a.m. until sold out on Feb. 14, 2025, at the First Bank Community Room. Donations go towards missions. 2-13tc

Where to go to for help.....

Resource List

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MITCHELL COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CLYDE WILSON, JR., DECEASED
NO. MC-23-PR-000027

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE AT PUBLIC AUCTION

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that William Clyde Wilson, Administrator of the above-entitled estate, will offer for sale at public auction the following described real estate, to-wit: CENTRAL PARK ADD, LOTS 5 & 6, S9' ALLEY, BLK 1, 806 N HERSEY, BELOIT, MITCHELL COUNTY, KANSAS
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William Clyde Wilson, Petitioner

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MITCHELL COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DENNIS STEWART, DECEASED
No.MC-24-PR-000016

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in said court by Tammi S. Mong, Jason Stewart, and Stephanie Boeve, Co-Administrators of the estate of Dennis Stewart, deceased, praying for final settlement of said estate, allowances for attorney's fees and expenses, determination of the heirs entitled to the estate and assignment to them in accordance with the laws of the State of Kansas. You are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 3rd day of March 2025, at 9:00 o'clock a.m. on said day, in said court, in the City of Beloit, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said petition.

Tammi S. Mong, Jason Stewart, and Stephanie Boeve, Petitioners

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MITCHELL COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOSEPH P. GREGG, DECEASED.

NO. MC-25-PR-000001

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on January 3, 2025, a Petition was filed in this Court by Joseph Kirke Gregg, an heir, devisee and legatee, of the Last Will and Testament of Joseph P. Gregg, deceased, dated October 9, 2023. All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the estate within four (4) months from the date of first publication of this Notice, as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

Joseph Kirke Gregg, Petitioner

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Wright signs with Sterling College softball



Olivia Wright throws the strike across the plate for Beloit.

BY SHARON SAHLFELD
CALL EDITOR

Beloit High School senior, Olivia Wright, signed with Sterling College, on Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2025, to play softball as a Lady Warrior.

Wright says she has been playing softball since she was eight years old, and loves the sport.

"After visiting the college, I liked the atmosphere and the people there and I can continue my education in Biology and Pre-Physical Therapy there as well. It just felt like home there."

Wright feels like the Beloit softball program has helped her through to this moment in advancing to the college level.

"They have given me

the confidence and the opportunity to figure out what I wanted to do through college sports and my education as well," said Wright.

"I am looking forward to my senior year, on playing the best I can," Wright said. "As a team, we have every opportunity to make it to State this year, if we play the way we know how."

This year, a new face will be present as Head Coach in Darby Sweat, who is a Beloit 2020 graduate. Assistant Coaches are Kelsey Treaster and Paige Goddard.

"We have a lot of returning athletes this season and I am looking forward to working with them and their leadership," said Sweat. "We have a good chance to make it to State."

Sterling College softball Coach Taylor Lira is excited about adding Wright to the team.

"Olivia is a perfect fit for our program," said Lira. "Academically, spiritually, and at the softball college level, I can see her coming in to start at the mound for the Lady Warriors. She is a top pick as a freshman, and we are excited to have her added to our program."

The Beloit ladies' softball team season ended at regionals on Tuesday, May 14, 2024, in Hoisington, as they lost by just one run, 2-3. Olivia Wright started the game for Beloit recording 18 outs. She ended the season named NCAA



Beloit senior, Olivia Wright, signed with Sterling College on Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2025, and celebrates with her family, from left to right: Brother Gavin Wright, Mom Debra Wright, Olivia Wright, Dad Scott Wright.



Olivia Wright poses with this year's coaches, from left to right, front row: Assistant Coach Kelsey Treaster, Olivia Wright, Head Coach Darby Sweat. Back row: Assistant Coach Paige Goddard, and retiring Coach Tyler Odle.

All-League.

Sterling College Warriors is located in Ster-

ling, KS and the Softball program competes in the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference (KCAC)



Olivia Wright with upcoming college level, Sterling College softball Coach Taylor Lira.

SHARON SAHLFELD PHOTOS

conference. They are also a member of the National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA),

primarily competing as an independent in the Central Region of the Division I level.



St. John's spelling bee

St. John's 4th-8th grade students participated in the school spelling bee on Wednesday, January 22. Congrats to all participants, particularly the top spellers! Pictured L-R: Karridy Dunstan 3rd, Isabel Holdren 1st, Hope Woods 2nd, Tommy Holdren 4th, Kolbe Konrade 5th, Selma Holdren Alt. The top five spellers advance to the Mitchell County Spelling Bee which will be held on February 5 at the Beloit Elementary School.



Kenton McGuire presents his goat tagging demonstration during the Asherville Achievers meeting.

COURT NEWS

Limited Civil Settled

-Galt Ventures, LLC Dba Speedy Cash vs. Tiffany M Adkins; default judgment in favor of the plaintiff in the amount of \$275 plus \$290.94 interest.

Limited Civil Filed

-Credit Management Services, Inc vs. Ryan Nelson; plaintiff seeks judgment in the amount of \$1,104.22 plus interest and costs.

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This young girl is learning photography at a young age while shooting pictures at the 55th Beloit Annual Wrestling Invitational, in Beloit.

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SHERIFF DEPT.

Mitchell County Sheriff's Office (MCSO)

-On January 10th, MCSO responded to the 200 Block of S Sturgis St. for an incident involving a legally parked vehicle and a 1997 GMC Yukon driven by Connor Hewitt of Beloit.

4-H NEWS

Asherville Achievers hold Jan. meeting

BY KENTON MCGUIRE
Club Reporter

The Asherville Achievers monthly meeting was held on Monday, Jan. 13, 2025, at the Zion Lutheran Church in Beloit at 6:30 p.m. President Kayley McGuire called the meeting to order. The Roll Call "Would you rather live in the country or city?" was answered by 27 members, with 14 parents present.

Club Secretary, Aspen Thiessen, read several Thank You communications from recipients of the Christmas Goodie Baskets that were delivered to them.

Amanda McGuire gave a leader's report, thanking the eight youths who competed in the 4-H Quiz Bowl on Jan. 11. She reminded club members of upcoming 4-H activities, including 4-H Day and Judging Extravaganza in Beloit on Feb. 8 at the Methodist Church and beef weigh-in at Solomon Valley Vet Hospital on Feb. 12 from 4-6 p.m. She also shared that this year's Mitchell County Fair will be July 23-26.

A health talk was given by Rebekah Lueger on "How to Stay Healthy in Winter." Paige Bell gave a project talk on her Sewing Project, and Kenton McGuire gave a demonstration on "How to Tag a Baby Goat," bringing his newborn goat "Georgia" to the meeting to tag her. Paige and Lindsey Bell led the club in singing "Home on the Range," in honor of Kansas Day, and Hayven McMillan taught the club how to play "Upset the Fruit Basket" for recreation.

The next meeting is on Feb. 3 at 6 p.m., when the members will gather to make Valentines for the Beloit Senior Center and Meals on Wheels.

Thank You for Reading the Beloit Call!