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Candidates for Cloud County Community College (CCCC) 2025 homecoming are, front row, left to right: Maëva Cure, Ashley Suter, Paige McWhorter, Cami Anderson, and Stephanie Whitney. Back row, left to right, are: Matthew Garber, Mac Chambers, Daniel Vines, David Simmons, and J'marie Bobo.

PHOTO COURTESY CCCC

Cloud County Homecoming, Hall of Fame inductions Saturday, February 1

Cloud County Community College's 2025 homecoming queen and king will be crowned on Saturday, Feb. 1, between the men's and women's basketball games against Fort Hays Tech Northwest.

Students will be casting their votes throughout the week to select the winners.

On Saturday, the Thunderbirds will play host to Fort Hays Tech Northwest in Arley Bryant Gymnasium. The women will tip off at 2 p.m. The crowning of the king and queen will take place prior to the start of the men's game at 4 p.m.

Queen candidates are: Maëva Cure, Black River, Mauritius; Stephanie Whitney, Alma; Ashley Suter, Strafford, Mo.; Cami Anderson, Concordia; and Paige McWhorter, Concordia.

King candidates are: Daniel Vines, Concordia; Mac Chambers, Salina; Matthew Garber, Sabetha; David Simmons, Atlanta, Ga.; and J'marie Bobo, Chicago, Ill.

During halftime of the men's game, four members will be inducted into the Cloud County Athletics Hall of Fame – Darcie Schmitz (Riordan), track and field; Zach Ferris, wrestling; Steve Schroeder, Athletic Trainer; and Rajindra Campbell, track and field.

Darcie Schmitz

Schmitz, a native of Baileyville, Kan., competed at Cloud County from 2006-2008 and became an NJCAA All-America performer and junior college Academic All-America selection. Schmitz played volleyball and competed in long jump and triple jump for the T-Bird track and field teams, establishing school records in both the indoor and outdoor long jump. Schmitz was a four-time Region 6/Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference champion in the long jump, and was a five-time NJCAA Track and Field All-American.

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CCCC president reports to board Erkenbrack recognized for 750th win

The Cloud County Board of Trustees met for its regularly scheduled meeting on January 27, 2025, at 5 p.m. in the President's Addition.

Members Jesse Pounds, David Garnas, Kevin Pounds, Richard Hubert and Amber Hanson were present. Member Kevin Muff joined the meeting later.

In action items, the board voted unanimously to waive policies C7 and E4 to allow alcohol and the consumption of alcoholic liquor on campus in Arley Bryant Gymnasium on April 11, 12 and 13, 2025, for the Cloud County Community College Foundation Scholarship Auction on April 12.

In reports, President Amber Knoettgen gave an update on the legislative session, already in full swing. She reported that community colleges continue to be strongly united in their commitment to providing affordable access for students across the state.

While the schools hope to keep funding at or above last year's rate, they have been advised to expect potential cuts.

Knoettgen also spoke about the suc-

cess of recent promotional videos. She referenced a digital ad report from JNT Company, which showed the college's ads reached 2.2 million people across all platforms and resulted in 15,000 website visits.

The college will also have an ad appearing at the end of the Super Bowl on February 9.

The president also congratulated women's basketball coach, Brett Erkenbrack, on his 750th win against Garden City Community College.

Upcoming for the college is the 44th Annual Scholarship Auction on April 12. Preparations are in full swing on campus and this year's theme, "An Evening at Tiffany's: A Diamond Celebration" will mark the 60th anniversary of Cloud.

Dr Brandon Galm, vice president for academic affairs, reported on a new online teaching certificate course for all instructors of Cloud.

This course is to prepare instructors for what expectations Cloud has for them.

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Foundation for Health Care, NCKMC to host Casino Night

BY BRANDT HUTCHINSON
Cloud County Foundation President

Cloud County Foundation for Health Care and North Central Kansas Medical Center will be hosting a Casino Night at the hospital (NCK Medical Center) on March 8, 2025. Proceeds from this event will be used to fund needed equipment and projects for the hospital. We invite you to participate in this exciting event!

Ways to participate in this event:

- Purchase tickets to Casino Night at \$15 each
- Silent Auction Donation (Need by March 1)
- Donate Prizes
- Cash Donation

We highly encourage purchasing tickets - possibly as a gift to employees. We would like to have a good crowd at this event. For donations of \$50 or more, you will receive two free tickets.

Check donations can be made payable to Cloud County Foundation for Health Care or CCFHC and sent to:

North Central Kansas Medical Center
Attn: Pam Campbell
155 W. College Drive
Concordia, KS 66901

If you would like more information about this event, please contact any of the Foundation Directors or Brandt Hutchinson at 785-614-2590 or Pam Campbell at 785-243-8523 or 785-275-2157.



CJ's Car Wash to open soon in Concordia

BY CYNTHIA WILSON
Concordia Blade-Empire

CJ's Car Wash has its grand opening February 13, and it's a state-of-the-art facility designed to provide cutting-edge car cleaning services. The car wash features an advanced onsite water reclamation system, reducing water consumption and benefiting the Concordia community and surrounding areas.

CJ's Car Wash owners are Jason and Christi Gordon. They currently live in Parker, Colorado, but Christi grew up in Beloit. Jason's family roots run deep within the community of Concordia - he is related to the Gennette family. As they said, "For us, it's simple—Concordia feels like home."

The Gordons have businesses in Colorado, Kansas, California and many other places. They work with Heartland Energy.

According to the Gordons, "Our car wash is built on the site of the old bowling alley...a place we both visited as kids. After it burned down, we felt a strong pull to bring new life to this familiar spot."

CJ's Car Wash has a general manager Cody Walters. Walters is originally from Salina, KS. Walters went to Cloud

County Community College (CCCC) to play baseball in 2015. He met his wife, Skylar, while working at Easy G's. They both eventually went to Kansas State University to finish their schooling and graduated in 2020. The Walters have lived in multiple places in Kansas and finally settled in Concordia.

CJ's Car Wash is different from other car washes because of its water reclamation system. The facility uses a belt system, not a rail line, to move cars through the car wash. This allows for bigger vehicles, including dually trucks. Other features include a light show in the car wash, free amenities, a vending machine with car detailing items and Level 3 DC Fast EV Chargers on-site.

The amenities include free vacuums, towel usage, window cleaner and air guns that mud wash with high-pressure water.

CJ's Car Wash's EV chargers deliver 180 kW of power with CCS1 and Tesla connectors to ensure quick charging for electric vehicles. "There is a huge gap from Salina to Nebraska where there are not any EV charge stations," Walters said. "This gives an opportunity for people to stop in Concordia and visit, who would not normally stop."

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There is also a component of this course that can be completed by face-to-face instructors, who may also earn a certificate and a small stipend.

Eventually, this may become best practice for all instructors at Cloud, although at present it is not required.

The nursing program submitted an application to the Kansas State Board of Nursing to enter into a bi-level nursing program.

If approved, this will allow associate degree nursing (RN track) students at Cloud to take the Practical Nurse NCLEX after the first year. Students could then work as an LPN during the second year of the program if they choose to do so.

Stefanie Perret, MSN, RN, dean of Nursing and Allied Health, says this is a way to combat the current nursing shortage on all levels of nursing.

Galm also reported on receiving an Integrating Academics and Technology grant through KBOR/Perkins to fund the development of a battery storage course and purchase the battery storage equipment.

The Renewable Energy Department will work with math and science faculty and adult education staff to incorporate these directly into course outcomes.

Caesar Wood reported on the migration of the Jenzabar system to the Cloud and thanked staff for assisting in this transition away from desktop versions of Jenzabar.

Web modules and financial aid will begin their migrations soon.

Wood also reported on enrollment in the Children's Center. All rooms are currently full and an intern for Project Search will begin in February for the spring semester.

The board heard the findings from the 2024 audit, which received a clean report.

The board also took this opportunity to have the organizational meeting for 2025.

They elected officers and the results were: David Garnas will be the 2025 chairman, Kevin Muff will be the vice-chairman, Samantha Pounds will remain as clerk-secretary and Caesar Wood will remain as treasurer.

Ferrell Law Office, LLC will remain as legal counsel and Central National Bank will remain as the depository destination.

All other committee assignments remained the same.

The board voted to keep its meetings on the fourth Monday of the month, at 5 p.m. in the President's Addition, with the noted exception of May, November and December.

These meetings are open to the public and the next meeting is Monday, February 24 at 5 p.m. in the President's Addition.

Extension Extra

KAITLYN NELSON, LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION AGENT

River Valley Extension District

Preparing for Calving Season

January is quickly coming to a close and February is right around the corner. Some cattle producers might have started calving already and others are anticipating when the first calf will hit the ground. When it comes to having a successful calving season, now is the time to make those preparations. Even if there are already calves on the ground here are some recommendations to help get through the rest of the season. If you haven't started calving here are some management tips to best prepare for when you start.

Pay attention to body condition of cows and bred heifers prior to calving. Adequate body condition at the time of calving for young females and mature cows is important as it impacts stamina during delivery of the calf, colostrum quality, calf vigor, and also impacts subsequent rebreeding.

Examine calving facilities making sure they are in good working order. The last time this area was in use could potentially be 9-10 months ago. Inspect gates, pens, alleys and head catches, fixing or replacing broken items. Make sure cows will be calving in a clean, dry environment with wind protection. Wet, muddy conditions are stressful both to cows and calves. This kind of environment also provides a situation where disease proliferation is more likely to occur. Having a dry place for calves and cows to lay down will reduce stress and promote calf health.

Make sure your calving kit is ready in case a cow needs help in delivering her calf. Some items to include in your kit are plastic sleeves, obstetrical lube, obstetrical chains or straps, esophageal feeders and calf feeding bottles. Include flashlights or spotlights but test them to make sure they are working as well. Additional items to think about is take inventory of halters and ropes. Make sure the fetal extractor (calf puller) is clean and working properly. It is better to be prepared then to scramble when you need to provide assistance during calving.

Have colostrum or colostrum replacement products on hand. Quality colostrum consumption by the calf shortly after birth is foundational for the health of the calf throughout its life. The calf's ability for absorption of immunoglobulin across the intestine decreases rapidly 6-12 hours after birth. If quality or quantity of the colostrum is a concern, other sources of colostrum or colostrum replacement products should be used. Use caution when bringing outside sources of colostrum into the herd. Disease transfer can occur. The best source of colostrum is from within your own herd. Colostrum replacement products can be a good option to utilize when calves are not vigorous at birth, after a prolonged calving event, cold stress or where there is poor maternal bonding.

A fresh crop of calves is something cow-calf producers look forward to each year. Having a plan and preparing ahead of time for the calving season can help to minimize calf loss and reduce stress on those caring for the cowherd. If you have any questions feel free to stop by or contact Kaitlyn Nelson, Livestock Production Agent, in the Washington office, 785-325-2121 or khildebrand@ksu.edu.

*Thank You for Reading the Blade-Empire!
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Manager's Minutes

AMY L. LANGE, CITY MANAGER, CONCORDIA, KANSAS

January 2025

Welcome 2025! Last year the Kansas Department of Commerce began a new campaign to promote the joy of living and working in Kansas. Appropriately, this campaign was titled "Love, Kansas." You may have seen the postcards CloudCorp produced to support the local Love, Kansas campaign. These cards include a beautiful artist's rendition of a wintry downtown Concordia streetscape. What's not to love?

Building on the momentum of the Love, Kansas campaign, the theme of the 2025 monthly Manager's Minute articles is "Loving Our Community." These articles endeavor to share the work of the City while reinforcing stated priorities of the City Commission. I hope you enjoy this monthly series.

Let's talk snow. January's blizzard brought 15 inches of snow to Concordia, covering a glaze of ice. Everything stopped. For the first time in many of our memories, KDOT closed all highways in North Central Kansas. Yet, certain functions needed to proceed: The snow plows and salt trucks ran, albeit slower than normal it seemed. Hospital workers were expected to report, though modifications were made to help ensure their safety were traveling. Law enforcement and EMS responded to calls, even if that meant sending a snow plow ahead of them. And our area farmers tended to their livestock. They did this because of their commitment to serve others.

Concordia's Streets crews began salting on Saturday afternoon. The viaduct typically becomes slick first, which is our trigger to begin salting it, intersections, and snow routes. They also began snow removal on Sunday to get ahead of the predicted large amounts. These 12-hour shifts continued through the following Friday, beginning at midnight and working until noon to optimize times when traffic was low on both collector and residential streets. Eighty-two (82) tons of salt were spread. Three trucks, one grader, one skid steer, and one front end loader cleared the streets and hauled 393 loads of snow from the downtown area. Teamwork was in full force as City Streets, Parks, and Utilities staff worked together to ensure streets were traversable, public grounds and adjacent sidewalks were clear. They did this because of their commitment to our community.

Overall, I believe snow removal went very well, especially understanding the magnitude of this snow, and limitations of the City when providing this service with both lean staffing and equipment.

I also observed numerous occasions of people helping their friends, family and neighbors. Our residents proactively moved their vehicles off snow routes when snow was forecast. Our residents shoveled their sidewalks (sometimes twice) to ensure pedestrians could get to their destinations. Our residents cleared sidewalks and driveways for their neighbors, and they helped their friends dislodge their vehicles from the snow. They did this because they care about their friends, family and neighbors.

People talk about being "Kansas nice." What is "Kansas nice?" It is what Concordia residents demonstrated during the blizzard of January 2025. "Kansas nice" is loving your community by demonstrating patience and helping others. Thank you, Concordia, for loving your community!

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Since having the EV stations installed and open at CJ's Car Wash, they have seen double digits of cars stop for charging in the last month.

CJ's Car Wash will have three levels of car washes to pick from, ranging in prices. They will have a monthly membership and even a multi-car discount for households. For the membership holders, there will be a member only lane and license plate recognition, for contactless service.

Come join CJ's Car Wash on February 13, 2025, for its grand opening. The ribbon-cutting ceremony will be at 11 a.m., hosted in collaboration with the Chamber of Commerce, featuring two food trucks in the parking lot's permanent food truck court, offering delicious dining options throughout the day.

For more information, visit www.cjs-carwash.com or follow CJ's Car Wash on Facebook. The car wash is located along Highway 81, at 201 East 20th Street, Concordia, KS 66901.



Trump's geographic renaming plans leave mapmakers pondering what to do next



Retaliatory tariffs threaten U.S. agricultural trade

Homecoming

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In 2007, Schmitz qualified for the USA U-20 Outdoor Track and Field Championships organized by USA Track & Field, reaching the finals in long jump.

After her time at Cloud, Schmitz transferred to Fort Hays State University, becoming a seven-time All-American (four outdoor, three indoor). She was the 2010 NCAA Division II Indoor National Champion in the long jump and was national runner-up in the triple jump that same season. Schmitz still owns both the indoor and outdoor records in long jump and triple jump at Fort Hays State, and was inducted into the FHSU Tiger Sports Hall of Fame in October 2024.

Zach Ferris

Ferris, originally from Chapman, Kan., competed at Cloud County from 2020-2022, becoming the school's first two-time wrestling All-American. Ferris went undefeated during his freshman season on his way to winning the 2021 NJCAA national championship at 197 lbs. The following year, Ferris finished third at 197 lbs. at the NJCAA National Championships. During his two years as a T-Bird, Ferris posted an overall record of 40-6 and established school records for national tournament wins (nine) and career win percentage (.869), while finishing tied for second place in career pins.

A 4.0 student, Ferris was named the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) College Division Academic All-American Team Member of the Year in 2022, and was one of seven student-athletes to be named to the CoSIDA College Division Academic All-America Team.

Following his time at Cloud County, Ferris transferred to New Mexico Highlands University, an NCAA Division II institution in Las Vegas, New Mexico. Ferris was named First-Team All-Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference at 197 lbs., after posting a 13-6 record during his senior season. Ferris was named RMAC Wrestler of the Week on February 13, 2024. Ferris also earned All-Academic First-Team honors this past spring.

Steve Schroeder

Schroeder has been the Head Athletic Trainer at Cloud County since 1994, overseeing the health and care of athletes in 10 varsity sports. The longest-serving athletic trainer in the Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference, Schroeder is a Board of Certification (BOC) certified trainer through the National Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA). Schroeder has provided care for thousands of athletes, including multiple national championship teams at Cloud County. A particularly meaningful highlight of his career was providing care for his daughter, Laken Schroeder, during her time as a member of the T-Birds volleyball team.

In addition to his athletic training responsibilities, Schroeder teaches courses at Cloud County on the care and prevention of athletic injuries. Over the course of his career, Schroeder has mentored and trained more than 300 student athletic trainers, many of whom have gone on to notable careers, including roles such as Senior Associate Director of Athletics at Illinois, Head Athletic Trainer for Men's Basketball at Kansas State, as well as doctors, chiropractors, nurses, and coaches.

Schroeder has twice earned the distinction as Kansas Jayhawk Conference West Athletic Trainer of the Year. Schroeder has served as the host athletic trainer for various conference championships throughout his tenure, and has been the athletic trainer for the annual eight-man all-star football games in Beloit, Kansas for 30 years.

Rajindra Campbell

Campbell, originally from St. Ann's Bay, Jamaica, competed at Cloud County from 2015-2017. During his two years as a T-Bird, Campbell established school records in the discus, as well as in both indoor and outdoor shot put. Campbell was named the 2017 Men's Field Athlete of the Meet at that year's Indoor Region 6/Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference West Championships in Pittsburg, Kansas, posting a then-school-record setting performance in the shot put with a throw of 17.50-meters (57 ft. 5 in.).

Campbell later went on to compete for the Missouri Southern State University Lions. While in Joplin, Campbell earned All-American honors in the shot put at the NCAA Outdoor Championships in 2019. Campbell set that program's shot put records for both indoor (20.07-meters) and outdoor seasons (19.99-meters), and holds the second best discus throw (58.73-meters) in Missouri Southern history.

This past summer, Campbell, representing his home country of Jamaica, became the first former T-Bird to receive an Olympic medal, winning bronze in the men's shot put in the 2024 Summer Games in Paris, France. Campbell, making his Olympics debut, recorded a massive second round throw of 22.15-meters to win the bronze medal. In doing so, Campbell became the first Jamaican man to win an Olympic medal in a throwing event.

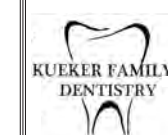
Due to a scheduling conflict, the induction ceremony for Campbell took place Saturday, January 11, 2025.

The high prize of life, the crowning fortune of man, is to be born with a bias to some pursuit which finds him in employment and happiness.

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

Dr. Abbey Allen joins Matthew Kueker Family Dentistry

We're excited to welcome Dr. Abbey Allen (formerly Abbey Anderson), along with her husband, Tanner, and their three children—Locke (4), Myles (2), and Crew (2)—back to North Central Kansas. Starting in February 2025, Dr. Allen will join the Matthew Kueker Family Dentistry team, bringing her passion for high-quality, compassionate care to everyone who walks through our doors.



Dr. Allen and the team are now accepting new patients of all ages. Call (785) 243-2212 to learn more and schedule an appointment today. Dr. Allen is thrilled to be back home and looks forward to caring for your family's smiles!

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LETTER TO EDITOR

Dear Editor,
I would like to commend Dylan Morris and his friends on their efforts towards Dylan's Eagle Scout project. It is important to honor the men and women who have fought to keep us a free nation. And, when the project required more time and effort than they had planned, they didn't quit!

About 20 years ago, as an amateur genealogist, I discovered my great-great grandfather Fritzinger's grave in Belleville without a flag-holder. He had fought in a war in Alsace-Lorraine, and as an immigrant fought here in his new country in the Civil War. I reported this oversight to my first cousin, a retired Marine officer. Next Memorial Day a flag-holder and American flag flew there to honor him. Remember to check your family tree for American veterans and make sure their graves have flag-holders.

Secondly, for any living vets we encounter, we must be sure to offer a handshake and verbal thanks for their service. And, remember to honor them on Veteran's Day by flying the American flag, donating to veteran's programs, and listening to their stories if they are willing to share.

Also, let's support scouting programs in our area in any way we can. These youth vow to honor "God and Country." What could be more admirable than that?

I'll close with an interesting statistic. Since the Eagle Scout Award was created in 1912, 10% of our military has been comprised of Eagle Scouts.

Diane Johnson
Snowflake, AZ.

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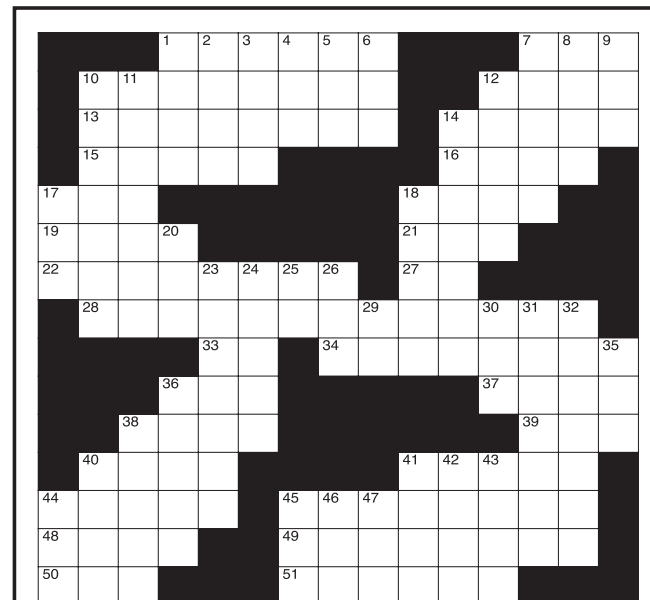
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Level: Intermediate

Crossword



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Where entertainers perform
- 7. Miller beer variety
- 10. Ageless
- 12. River in SE Europe
- 13. Able to be repaired
- 14. Type of wrap
- 15. Atomic #54
- 16. Type of tent
- 17. U.S. Treasury position
- 18. Opposed to
- 19. Protective covering
- 21. Bridge building degree
- 22. Clouding of the lens
- 27. Priestess of Hera loved by Zeus
- 28. Unacceptable
- 33. Mr. T's "The A-Team" character
- 34. American national park
- 36. One point south of due east
- 37. Assist in a crime
- 38. Greek mythological personification of Earth
- 39. A major division of geological time
- 40. German courtesy title
- 41. English family dating back to Norman times
- 44. Discounts
- 45. South American nation
- 48. Former Milwaukee Buck Michael
- 49. Hostile
- 50. Passports and drivers licenses are two
- 51. Discourages from doing

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Supreme god of ancient Egyptians
- 2. Nevada city
- 3. Energy, style and enthusiasm
- 4. Bird's beak
- 5. Language
- 6. Midway between south and southeast
- 7. Punjab village
- 8. Small biting flies
- 9. Sportscaster Patrick
- 10. A way to get around
- 11. Repeat
- 12. A way to cook with fat
- 14. Temporary loss of consciousness
- 17. Reciprocal of a sine
- 18. Fir tree genus
- 20. "Transformers" director Michael
- 23. Criminals who steal
- 24. Genus of leaf-footed bug
- 25. Music product
- 26. "Talk to you"
- 29. Santa says it three times
- 30. Doctors' group
- 31. African nation
- 32. Ageless
- 35. When you hope to get somewhere
- 36. Worn
- 38. Deprives of vigor
- 40. Used to have (Scottish)
- 41. Where you live
- 42. Muslim ruler title
- 43. Basics
- 44. Type of drug (abbr.)
- 45. Spanish soldier
- 46. It precedes two
- 47. Illuminated



USD #333 SCHOOL NEWS

CONCORDIA JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Congratulations Kinsleigh Bethune!
January Student of the Month!

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

Congratulations January Rotary Students of the Month!
Nevaeh Valcoure & Addison Stupka

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

Concordia High School production of *The Addams Family* musical will be performed Thursday-Saturday, March 13-15, 2025, at 7 p.m. in the CHS Auditorium. *The Addams Family* musical is a new musical based on the wacky 1960s characters of the TV show *The Addams Family*.

CONCORDIA MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

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

Congratulations January Pawsitivity Count Students!
Aurora Lesslie & Braxton Loeffler

- February 3—Home and School Meeting 7:40 a.m.
- February 7—Brown Grand Play
- February 10—NO SCHOOL

The Frank Carlson Library, starting in January, will have Maker Mondays at 4 p.m. For school-aged children, kindergarten through 5th.

CONCORDIA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

Congratulations January Students of the Month!
Liv Gennette & Avery Strait & Emery Brooks!
Jordan Fuller & Anders Herman!

- February 7—Panther Pride Day
- February 10—NO SCHOOL

Check out all the greatness happening at CES this last week! Lots of hard-work, creativity and smiles!! Go to Concordia Elementary School on Facebook to see the activities the children are doing.

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Right to repair laws coming into effect

DUIS MEAT PROCESSING

Weekly Specials

January 30th to February 5th

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Extra Lean Ground Beef Patties: \$5.69/lb.

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OBITUARIES

Hon. John Stephen Nyswonger June 20, 1941 – January 20, 2025

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Hon. John Stephen Nyswonger, affectionately known as "The Judge," on January 20, 2025, at the age of 83.

A beloved husband, father, grandfather, Navy veteran, and dedicated public servant, Steve's life was a testament to integrity, service, and love for his family.

Born on June 20, 1941, in Stillwater, Oklahoma, Steve was the son of Stanley W. and Mary Jane Nyswonger. He grew up in Topeka, Kansas, graduating from Topeka High School before earning his undergraduate degree in engineering and subsequently his law degree from Washburn University School of Law, laying the foundation for a distinguished career in the legal profession.

On September 3, 1966, Steve married the love of his life, Faith Marie Owens, and together they built a family defined by love, respect, and shared values.

He is survived by Faith, their sons Matthew Nyswonger (wife Kristy) of Manhattan, Kansas, and Luke Nyswonger (wife Kelley) of San Diego, California, as well as four grandchildren: Jake Nyswonger, Serena Anwar, Kirstyn Nyswonger, and Kaylee Nyswonger.

He was preceded in death by their son, Scott Xeland, and his siblings, Janie Palubinski and Stan Nyswonger.

Steve proudly served his country as a naval officer during the Vietnam War. As a flight intelligence advisor with the Naval Advisory Group in Southeast Asia, he played a critical role in planning and executing combat missions, often under hazardous conditions.

Additionally, Steve conducted intelligence gathering aboard Patrol Boat, Riverine (PBRs), navigating challenging waterways to support critical military operations and ensure the success of his missions. His work involved analyzing intelligence data to support operations, ensuring the safety and success of his fellow servicemen. Steve flew numerous missions alongside pilots, earning the prestigious Air Medal for his meritorious achievements. His courage, analytical brilliance, and unwavering dedication to his duty were hallmarks of his service, reflecting the highest traditions of the United States Navy. His experiences in the Navy shaped his resilience and commitment to serving others, qualities that he carried into his legal career.

Before embarking on his legal career, Steve worked in a Pennsylvania steel mill, an experience that shaped his work ethic and resilience. He began his legal career in Garden City, Kansas, as an attorney before achieving a major milestone in his life—being appointed district judge for the 25th Judicial District. His swearing-in ceremony was a moment of pride and celebration, attended by family, friends, and colleagues who admired his integrity and dedication.

As a judge, Steve was known for his fairness, compassion, and keen legal insight. His courtroom was a place where justice was served with respect and dignity, earning him the trust and admiration of peers, attorneys, and the community alike. Steve was renowned for his unwavering integrity and fairness, a judge whose reputation for impartiality and wisdom led many to seek him out for their cases. He was deeply respected for his ability to balance compassion with justice, making him a pillar of the judicial community.

Steve served with distinction in this role until his retirement in 2000, at which time he relocated to Concordia, Kansas, to embrace a quieter life filled with crossword puzzles, golf, and cherished time with family. Steve's faith was central to his life.

A devout Catholic, he found strength and guidance in his spirituality. During the 1970s and 1980s, he was an active member of the Shriners, dedicating his time to charitable work and fostering community connections.

He also loved traveling, an interest sparked by his military service. Among his most treasured trips was the "100 Year Anniversary Trip" to Ireland, celebrating 50 years of marriage with Faith and 25 years of marriage for each of his sons. During this unforgettable trip, Steve kissed the Blarney Stone, marveled at the Ring of Kerry, and shared pints of Guinness with his sons in an Irish pub, savoring the camaraderie and heritage they celebrated together.

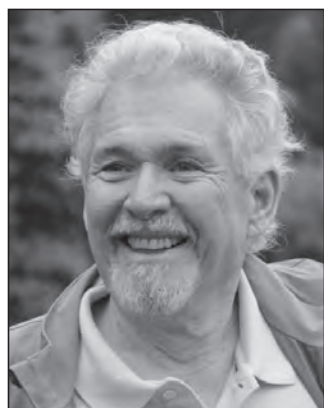
An avid fan of NASCAR, the Pittsburgh Steelers, and hockey, Steve found joy and connection in sports.

He also cherished time with his grandchildren, creating memories filled with love and laughter. As a father, he was a pillar of strength and wisdom, teaching life lessons on and off the golf course, tackling calculus problems late into the night, and encouraging military service by sharing wisdom from his own experiences.

The family extends their deepest gratitude to the caregivers, staff, and nurses at Ascension Living Via Christi Village for their exceptional compassion and care during Steve's final days.

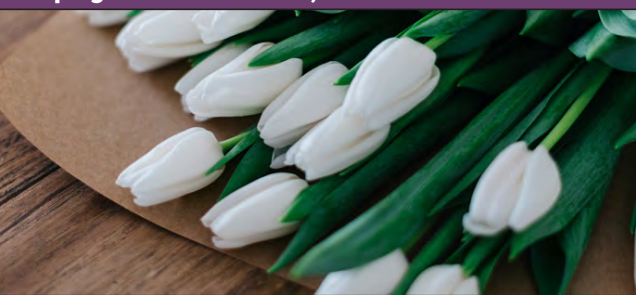
A memorial service celebrating Steve's extraordinary life will be held on Thursday, January 23, 2025, at 10 a.m. CST at Ascension Living Via Christi Village in Manhattan, Kansas. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in Steve's honor to the Wounded Warrior Project at <https://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/donate>.

The Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas 66502, is assisting the family with service arrangements. ymfuneralhome.com



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Clint Walker

September 11, 1974 – January 24, 2025

Clint H. Walker, age 50, entered into rest on Friday, January 24, 2025, in Jamestown, Kansas. He was born in Belleville, Kansas, to James and Christine (Petersen) Walker.

He was a 1993 graduate of Concordia High School, Concordia, Kansas. He graduated from North Central Kansas Technical College, Beloit Campus, with a degree in Heavy Equipment Operations.

He was a member of the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, Sons of American Legion Post #76 both of Concordia, Kansas. Clint served as a volunteer fireman for the Jamestown Fire Department.

Clint was an equipment truck driver for CTI in Concordia, Kansas, for several years, later hauling for Exline out of Salina. He was also a heavy equipment operator for Omaha Track. Clint also worked as a mason and bricklayer for the Cyphers Masonry and Construction.

He enjoyed trucks, tractor pulls, threshing bees, mud drags, demo derbies. Clint was always there to lend a helping hand to anyone in need. Most of all he loved spending time with his family and friends.

Clint is survived by his son, Corbin Walker, Belleville, KS; daughter, Kaliegh Brown of FL.; son, Jackson from Utah; father and mother, James and Christine Walker, Jamestown, KS; three brothers, Kevin Walker (Ashtyn), Jamestown, KS, C.J. Walker (Siarra), Boone, IA, Justin Walker (Nikki), Valley Center, KS; two sisters, Christina Fall (Alex), Concordia, KS, Angelina Miranda (Luke), Concordia, KS.

He was preceded by his grandparents. Visitation will be held on Thursday, January 30, 2025, from 1-8 p.m. with the family receiving friends from 6-8 p.m. that evening, all at the Chaput-Buoy Funeral Home, Concordia, Kansas.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held 10:30 a.m., Friday, January 31, 2025, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, Concordia, Kansas, with Fr. Joseph Kieffer officiating.

The burial will take place at a later time. The family suggests memorials to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church or the Jamestown Fireworks in care of Chaput-Buoy Funeral Home, PO Box 606, Concordia, KS 66901. For online condolences please visit www.chaputbuoy.com.



Robert "Coach" Baumann

July 2, 1941 – January 21, 2025

Robert "Coach" Baumann, age 83, passed away on Tuesday, January 21, 2025, at the NCK Medical Center, Concordia, KS. He was born on July 2, 1941, in Oceanside, NY, to Harry Howard & Elise "Doris" (Rohmann) Baumann II.

He graduated from Oceanside High School in 1959. He graduated from Kansas State Teachers College (Emporia State University) in 1962 with a double major in history and physical education. He later earned his master's degree in P.E. and counseling in 1973.

He taught social science and physical education and coached at Hartford High School for 5 years until Harold Clark recruited him to Concordia High School in 1968. He spent 37 years as the head track coach, 17 years as the cross-country coach and 10 years as an assistant and head football coach. He taught social science and physical education in Concordia and served as activities and athletic director for 5 years.

His track teams won 4 state championships, 16 regional championships, 28 NCKL titles and counts over 100 individual state champions. In 2005 he returned to coaching at Pike Valley High School as an assistant track coach for another 16 years. In addition to coaching, Bob was a longtime wrestling official for over 27 years, officiating several state championships. He also served as a KSHSAA area supervisor for wrestling for 20-plus years.

He was a lifetime member of the NEA, a member of the KNEA, Kansas Track Coaches, Kansas Coaches Association & the United State Track and Field Coaches Association. Bob was selected by the United States Olympic Committee as one of the coaches to attend the Learn by Doing Camps in 1970, 1972 and 1974. Additionally, was 1 of 10 coaches to attend the elite javelin camp at the Olympic Training Center in 1990. He was honored in 1993 as the NFIOA Outstanding Official and named the Kansas Wrestling Official of the Year in 1979-1980. He was recognized by the Kansas Coaches Association in 2003. Bob also served as the Concordia City Recreation director for 25 years and was responsible for the design and building of the new sports complex in Concordia.

He married Gwendolyn "Betsy" Hancock on June 10, 1961, in Woodmere, Long Island, NY. She preceded him on September 9, 2007.

He is survived by sons, Michael Baumann & Scott Baumann (Denise), both of Concordia, KS; daughter, Dawn Baumann-Payeur (Chad), Concordia, KS; grandchildren: Amanda Choitz (Ethan), Carlee Stensaas (Brandon "Woody"), Blane Payeur (Michelle Davis), Jaden Payeur, Blaze Payeur (Mattie Rossi) & Deklyn Stoeklein (Cody); great-grandchildren, Cayden Honts, Reynyn & Rhett Choitz, Addyson, Jaxson & Peyton Stensaas & Hallie Payeur & Denton & Easton Beam; brothers, Stephen Baumann (Chris Newbold), LA, CA, Lance Baumann (Pam), Gig Harbor, WA & John Baumann, Shelton, WA; sister, Elyse Harrington (Stephen), Palm Desert, CA & Montauk, NY & a host of former students, athletes, coaches and friends over multiple decades.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Betsy, his parents & brother, Harry Baumann.

It was Bob's wishes to be cremated and a memorial service will be at 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 5, 2025, at The Brown Grand Theatre, Concordia, KS, with Rev. Delvin Strecker officiating. Burial of the cremated remains will be at Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Concordia, KS. Friends may sign the register book from 1-8 p.m. with the family greeting friends from 5-7 p.m., Tuesday, February 4, 2025, at Chaput-Buoy Funeral Home, Concordia, KS. To honor Bob's love of sports, the family requests that everyone who attends the services please dress casually and wear their favorite sports team apparel.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials to Bob Baumann Memorial Fund to be used for youth activities in the local area in care of Chaput-Buoy Funeral Home, PO Box 606, Concordia, KS 66901. For online condolences please visit www.chaputbuoy.com.

Chamber Corner

Please join us on February 4, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. for our weekly Chamber Coffee.

If you are interested in becoming a Chamber Member or being a Chamber Coffee Sponsor, please contact Annie Bergmann at 785-243-4290 or email info@concordiakansaschamber.com

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

Our coffee sponsor for February 4 is Independent Connection Inc.

Independent Connection Inc. is a Center for Independent Living (CIL) based in Salina, Kansas, that provides an array of independent living services to people with disabilities. Like all CILs, we are a consumer-controlled, community-based, cross-disability, non-residential private non-profit agency designed and mostly operated by individuals with disabilities.

Headquartered in Salina, Independent Connection serves nine North Central Kansas counties, including Cloud, Dickinson, Ellsworth, Jewell, Lincoln, Mitchell, Ottawa, Republic and Saline. Our process is simple: you contact us, we meet with you, we complete some paperwork, and you choose how involved we are.

•CJ's Car Wash, 201 20th St., Concordia-Ribbon Cutting, February 13 at 11 a.m.

Check out the Concordiakansaschamber.com website for information on all our businesses. Please continue to check out Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. If you do not have social media, continue to listen to KNCK 1390 for all updates with the Chamber.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

COMMODITIES DISTRIBUTION

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

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OBITUARIES

Irma "Jean" Smith

May 3, 1938 – January 25, 2025

It is with heavy, but grateful hearts, that the family of Irma "Jean" Smith, 86, announces her passing. Jean went home to be with her Lord on January 25, 2025.

Jean Smith was born May 3, 1938, and spent her early years in Goodland, KS, where her father, Kenneth Carl, worked on the Rock Island Railroad. Her mother, Laurene Carl, was a hard-working homemaker and chef who never knew a stranger. Jean met her husband, Dennis, when her family moved to Topeka while she was in high school. They were married for 46 years prior to his passing in 2001.



Jean spent her time as a loving mother and homemaker and was an avid golfer and painter. She won multiple club tournaments while living in Concordia and taught junior golf for several years. Her painting skills were honed in Concordia as well, where her father made wooden crafts and she painted them for sale and gifts to family. After she and Dennis moved to Topeka, her paintings became more artistic using acrylics on canvas.

Jean was honored to be a Deacon at the Community of Christ Church for many years and her faith was ever present in all she did. She was always happy to pray with people and had a special prayer room in her home just for that purpose.

More than anything else, Jean was a loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother and was very proud and supportive of each of her children and grandchildren.

Jean is survived by her brother, Monte Carl, and his family in Omaha, NE. Also, her children, Debbie Kelley and Chris Smith (Jennifer Smith), both of Topeka. In addition, she is survived by her grandchildren, Nathan and Seth Kelley (Olivia) and Skyler and Wren Smith and great-grandchildren, Payton, Mason, and Diana Kelley and Brody Empson and Brody and Marley Kelley.

The family will receive friends from 10:00 a.m. until the service hour which begins at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 1, 2025, at Parker-Price Davidson Funeral home at 245 NW Independence Ave, Topeka, KS 66608. Interment will follow in Memorial Park Cemetery. A reception will follow the graveside service at the Parker-Price and Davidson Reception Center.

Donations can be made in her honor to three places that were near and dear to her heart: Midland Hospice, The American Cancer Society or to Doorstep.

Her love, humor, and generosity will forever be missed by all who knew her.

Rick Philip Hoppe

June 27, 1985 – January 22, 2025

Rick Philip Hoppe was born June 27, 1985. He was only expected to live a few hours, but he defied all odds and blessed his family and friends with 39 years of smiles and laughter. Rick was released from his broken, earthly body on January 22, 2025 and is now running and singing with his fellow Angels.



We must be willing to relinquish the life we've planned, so as to have the life that is waiting for us.
- Joseph Campbell

During his life, Rick faced significant challenges, any one of which would have discouraged most, but Rick lived his life with courage, fortitude, and strength and made for himself the best life possible. Rick was not able to communicate with words, but he was able to clearly communicate his needs and desires and make his opinions known. He laughed easily and scowled when necessary. Rick loved movies. He also loved every type of music from Celtic bagpipes to Fleetwood Mac. It was life's simple pleasures that made him happy. His only expectation was to be treated with kindness.

Rick may not have lived the kind of life that most enjoy, but for those things he was unable to do physically, he made up for by bringing so much light, energy, and joy into this world. Just like it was almost impossible for Rick to verbalize his thoughts and feelings, it is almost impossible to put into words what a wonderful son and person he was and how much he was loved by those fortunate enough to have met him. Rick was fluent in a love language all his own which was understood by those who were a part of his life and through which he clearly expressed his deep love for his parents, family, and friends. Rick gave us so much more than he received. He was and always will be an inspiration to us all.

He will be dearly missed by his parents, Rick A. and Susan Hoppe, caregivers, Edie Briley and Gloria Briley, and his Aunt Janna Hoppe, all of Wichita, KS. Uncles, Bruce Johnston (Terry) of Plano, TX, Mark Johnston (Kathy) of Concordia, KS, Jerry Johnston (Terry) of California, MD, and Bryce Johnston (Tracey) of Victorville, CA, and many cousins who were always very kind and his greatest cheerleaders. He will be welcomed into heaven by his grandparents, Myrle and Thelma Hoppe and Dean and Marilyn Johnston.

Family burial of cremains will be at the West Branch Cemetery, Concordia, Kansas, at a later date.

Chaput-Buoy Funeral Home of Concordia is assisting the family with arrangements. For online condolences please visit www.chaputbuoy.com.

Concordia Junior-Senior High School announces recipients of the first semester Honor Roll

Students had to receive a 4.0 GPA to be on the Honor Roll, a 3.5-3.99 GPA to be on the Panther Honor Roll and a 3.00-3.49 GPA to be on the Principal's Honor Roll. Congratulations to all students.

Concordia Junior High School (CJH)

Honor Roll:

Seventh graders—Ellie Abitz, Mckenzie Breault, Maklen Brown, Boedy Chavey, Juliann Clanin, Baron Farha, Jaden Farha, Liam Francis, Madilynn Gilsdorf, Henry Hutchinson, Allie Keller, Ellesyn Kueker, Kensington Lambert, Norah Lambertz, Liam Mikesell, Sydney Redden, Sean Reedy, Case Richard, Addyson Stensaas and Jerrick Williams.

Eighth graders—Gehrig Bechard, Kyndra Brandt, Nolan Christensen, Sophia Fraley, Carson Gallardo, Colton Gallardo, Skylah Garst, Tyler Jordan, Daniel Kemling, Kingly Kisby, Seth Lacy, Preslee Marsh, Ella Roeder, Hailee Shore, Rubi Trost, Kylie Urban and Eli Versch.

CJH Panther Honor Roll:

Seventh graders—Brayleigh Biery, Dominick Bliss, Logan Bray, Sophie Buckley, Maizy Ferrell, Kinley Huggans, Lilian Parker, Keaton Robeson, Kaylie Suiter, Tyler Applebee, Christopher Duvall, Liv Kindel, Kiersyn Koch, Deacon Widen, Cale Bridwell, Ivy Colby, Bruno Eubanks, Aralyn Nuss, Gavin Robinson and Maverick Strait.

Eighth graders—Kasen Dorman, Benjamin Finley, Brady LaBarge, Eugene Lesslie, Tenley Snavely, Jay Yang, Mackenzie Beam, Trinity Bechard, Landen Belden, Bailey Champlin, Michelle Gilbert, Dayton Johnson, Wyatt Joubert, Brooks Kindscher, Ian McMillan, Bennett Metcalf, Juliet Nease, Kolby Buckley, Elliemay Dillow, Easton Knox, Zoie Luecke, Christopher Pineda, Jessa Ringer, Avalin Sandoval and Serenity Walker.

CJH Principal's Honor Roll:

Seventh graders—Frankie Schmittou, Isabella Waechter, JeraLee Casey, Chase Fox, Cameron Klein, Skyler Medina, Bentley Peterson, Brooklyn Wagner, Logan White, Mateo Irigoyen, Jackson Jorgensen, Thayer Reed, Skyra Barboza, Kathryn Bowman, Jaxon Brown, Carter Dykes, Chloe Freeman, Brantley Ingwerson, Bartelbe Jackson, Toby Radford, Beautiful Rogers and Abigail Trigueros.

Eighth graders—Leland Bowman, Dane Headrick, Xezander Motes, Ava Rowland, Tia Strait, Alexis Wetzel, Dyron Zielinski, Tucker Davis, Trigg Fraser, Graysen James, Krue Johnson, Zackarie Stovall, Treyton Biery, Vinton Burgess, Keith Day, Nash Franz, Sky Girardot, Jacob Gordon, Korbyn Haskett, Calvin Keller, Colton McWhorter, Aleah Nault, Aubrianna Ngo, Trenton Nutsch, Layla Aggson, Kasey Pearson, Bridget Waite and Lola Weidner.

Concordia High School (CHS) Honor Roll:

Freshmen—Addison Abitz, Eduardo Ayala, Bridgett Blochlinger, Tessa Breese, Rylan Christensen, Laila Evers, Grayson Farha, Piper Ferrell, Garrett Forshee, Maxson Frey, Zaeley Garst, Aren Gennette, Camleigh Hake, PeightonJean Halverstadt, Abby Herman, Brooklyn Huebert, Morgan Huebert, Avery Kueker, Morgan Lister, Matthew Naillieux, Daniel Reedy, Caden Stein, Timothy Turner, Marlee VanMeter and Brandon Vignery.

Sophomores—Danner Benfer, Emma Bray, Noah Demars, Allison Finley, Kloe Haskett, Parker Jackson, Skye Johnson, Jalarie Johnston, Gabrielle Lange, Kinzee

Motes, Lillian Nuss, Boone Richard, Andrew Romero, Stella Trost, Ayden Williams and Koehn Williams.

Juniors—Baylen Arnold, Gunner Barnes, Mya Bauer, Hanna Eggert, Keri Farmer, Kynlee Hamel, Lane Hansen, Rylie Jessup, Taylor Parker, Grant Robinson, Leathan Stevenson, Isaac Thoman and Anna Widen.

Seniors—Francisco Ayala, Kinsleigh Bethune, Carly Brown, Brigham Chavey, Daegen DeGraff, Bethany Demars, Bentley Douglas, Zachary Finlayson, Kaide Gropp, Acacia Kindel, Taylor McDaniel, Kyle McFadden, Tracer Murdock, Kacie Price, Katelyn Reedy, Aubrey Stahlman, Drew Sterrett and Addison Stupka.

CHS Panther Honor Roll:

Freshmen—Ava Braun, Teagan Breault, Bailey Conner, Brady Drury, Kynlee Flesher, Daylee Garman, Key-Lee Gennette, Ashlynn James, Cory Klein, Brody Knox, Martin Lesslie, Alexander McMillan, Lyllian McNutt, Keagan Merritts, Bryson Sorensen, Carson Tholstrup and Jacksen Whitley.

Sophomores—Drake Blochlinger, Madalyn Bowers, Hannah Bridwell, Jakub Brooks, Lili Brooks, Trae Champlin, Alex Gallardo, Ronald Tre Hamiel, Isaia Irigoyen-Perez, Burklee Jackson, Burke Kindel, Brellynn Koch, Samuel McDole, Trinity McWhorter, Mya Niehues, Vivian Owen, Emma Ramirez, Ryker Ramirez, Breckyn Reynolds, Jaylin Roush, Grace Rowland, Ariana Rupert, Kale Schroeder, Alaina Shore, Raylea Studt, Oakleigh Teel, Lila Wallace, Ryker Wildeman, Gabriella Wilson and Lucas Zielinski.

Juniors—Catalin Benyshek, Jacob Henderson, Logan Jackson, Elodee Kindel, Traxlur Kindel, Baylor Knox, Jori Letourneau, Ilyssa Maya, Madison McDaniel, Daysha Nault, Scarlet Nease, Chane Parker, Alyssa Patterson, Bella Stuber, Kyla Trost, Jackson Valeka and Alexis Winters.

Seniors—Brooke Alvord, Tierney Breault, Dane Cleveland, Trey Collins, Heath Cress, Lukas Donovan, Carter Eakins, Kolton Haskett, Jagger Johnson, James Keltch, Keely Kindel, Christopher LaPolice, Logan Lilja, Alexander McDaniel, Lennon Ninemire, Peyton Retter, Brianna Sheets, Celsie Stein, Kylie Trost and Nevaeh Valcoure.

CHS Principal's Honor Roll:

Freshmen—Harlin Bannister, Jonathan Bowman, Zoe Braun, Jack Bridwell, Bella Cleveland, Genevieve Demanett, Bentley Dykes, Macon Farha, Javen Garcia, Landen Jorgensen, Ayden Krier, Xoe Larson, Jaksyn Lavoie, Taygnn LeDuc, Grady Lister, William Metcalf, Ayden Murry, Kaziah Regnier, Eden Schmidt and Myles Weidner.

Sophomores—Olivia Christensen, Patrick Cyphers, Warric Eakins, Evan Giersch, Braytin Hake, Jazlyn Henderson, Eli Henderson, Alexa Jordan, Blaike Joubert, Allisyn Lewellyn, Cole Liby, Kaden Looper, Ian Loudermilk, Ava Metro, Kohl Newlin, Keltyn Newton, Ayden Nutsch, Peyton Pruser, Madison Reed, Kaizen Riley, Alyssa Robbins, Sadie Starr, Jayden Vanous, Alexandria Wagner, Quensheia Shae Weber and Noah Wood.

Juniors—Samantha Bartlett, Joe Berk, Lindsey Berk, T.J. Bonneau, Cole Britt, Mackenzie Brown, Charlize Cash, Cali Duderio, Kylee Herrman, Marlie Johnson, Max Johnson, Draven Luecke, Samantha McManus, Coleman Plymessenger, Brady Strait, Clayton Viereck, Cristina Warren, Tameka Weber, David West, Shane Williams and Rylee Wogomon.

Seniors—Brandin Aldridge, Jacob Barr, Coby Chaplin, Asia Garcia, Andrew Henderson, Jeiza Hernandez, Karson Lister, Sara Lorenz, Dylan Morris, Alex Mould, Lily Ramirez, Jadrian Riley, Kiara Rugg, Ayden Seward, Noah Shockley, Jerica Snyder and Kenlee Williams.

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

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

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of **Lawrence M. Hansen, deceased.**
Case No. CD-1993-PR-000072

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on January 23, 2025, a Petition for Order Appointing Successor Co-trustees Without Bond And For Authority to Execute Deeds And For Authority to Close the Lawrence M. Hansen Estate And For Authority to Close the Lawrence M. Hansen Testamentary Trust, was filed in this Court by David M. Hansen and Mary F. Holloway, Co-Administrators c.t.a. of the Estate of Lawrence M. Hansen, deceased, requesting that the Court appoint Successor Co-Trustees to serve without bond, with authority to execute deeds, with authority to close the Lawrence M. Hansen Estate, and with authority to close the Lawrence M. Hansen Testamentary Trust.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before February 28, 2025, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. in the District Court, Cloud County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 2021-PR-021, the hearing will be conducted remotely by Microsoft TEAMS, using computer or cell phone or the Cloud County, Kansas Courthouse Community Computer. Parties must contact the Court at (785) 243-8130 within three (3) days prior to the hearing to be included and shall provide an email address to participate in the remote hearing. Participants in the remote hearing shall abide by the Remote Hearing Procedures, a copy of which shall be emailed to the participants prior to the hearing.

David M. Hansen and Mary F. Holloway Co-Administrators c.t.a. of the Estate of Lawrence M. Hansen, deceased

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You have to have confidence in your ability and then be tough enough to follow through.

-Rosalynn Carter

(Published in the Concordia Blade-Empire on Thursday, January 30, 2025.)

NOTICE OF ROAD VACATION

COUNTY OF CLOUD, STATE OF KANSAS,
TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED

Public Notice is hereby given that at the adjourned regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Cloud County, Kansas, held at the Courthouse in the City of Concordia, in said County and State on the 27th day of January, 2025, in accordance with K.S.A. 68-102a, the Board of County Commissioners proposed to vacate the following described road, to-wit:

Beginning ¼+/- miles (or 1320+/- feet) West of the East Quarter corner of Section 23, Township 5 South, Range 4 West in Cloud County, Kansas; said Point of Beginning also being known as the Northwest corner of the East Half of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 23; thence running east on the common line between the Northeast Quarter and Southwest Quarter of said Section 23 a distance of ¼+/- miles (or 1320+/- feet) to the east Quarter corner of said Section 23; said point being the Point of Termination of this description.

Said Board of County Commissioners, under the authority of K.S.A. 68-102a, found that, in their judgment, those roads are not public utilities by reasons of neglect, non-use, or inconvenience, or from other causes, said roads have become practically impassable and the necessity for said roads as public utilities does not justify the expenditure of the necessary funds to repair said roads or put the same in condition for public travel, and for this reason, no formal petition to vacate shall be required; and that said Board of County Commissioners will act as viewers of said roads and designate the time and place of the meeting as hereinafter stated.

Public notice is hereby given that said viewers will meet on the 18th day of February 2025, at the Courthouse in Concordia, in the County, with said Commissioners and the County Highway Administrator, and will give parties a hearing; that in case of a failure to meet on said day, they will meet on the following regular meeting day of the County Commission at the same place and hour without further notice.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and official seal this 27th day of January, 2025.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS

Chairman

Member

Member

ATTEST:

County Clerk

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(First published in the Concordia Blade-Empire on Jan. 30, 2025)

REQUEST FOR BIDS

Notice is hereby given that Cloud County, Kansas, is soliciting bids for construction of **NOBLE ROAD PAVEMENT PRESERVATION PROJECT**. The project consists of ¾" HMA leveling course, 2" HMA Surfacing, and pavement markings on Noble Road from K-9 to US-81. Cloud County shall provide all of the funds required for this project. All Federal, State and County regulations must be complied with. Online Bids (vBids) for the proposed construction will be received by Cloud County via QuestCDN Virtubid until **3:00 p.m. local time February 21, 2025**. Bids will be presented to the Cloud County Commissioners at their meeting in the Cloud County Courthouse Commission room, located at 811 Washington, Concordia, Kansas, at **9:00 a.m. local time February 24, 2025**.

All Bidders are to be prequalified with the Kansas Department of Transportation, as outlined in Section 102 of the KDOT Standard Specifications or receive approval to bid the project from the owner.

All bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Bond or a Certified or Cashiers check in the amount of 5% of the total bid. Checks or bonds are to be made payable to Cloud County and serve as a guarantee of the sincerity and integrity of the bidder, and shall be forfeited to the County if said proposal or bid is accepted and the bidder fails to execute the contract and file the required statutory and performance bonds as required in the contract documents.

Work will commence no sooner than **March 24, 2025 (earliest start date)** and no later than **August 4, 2025 (late start date)**. All work shall be completed within **25 working days, with an additional 5 working days if add alternate pavement markings on 260th Road is awarded**, after the Notice to Proceed. Plans, Specifications and Contract Documents may be examined at the County Clerk's Office in the Cloud County Courthouse, County Public Works Office, and at the Engineer's Office at the following address:

Kirkham, Michael & Associates, Inc.
217 N. Douglas, Ellsworth, Kansas 67439

The contract documents are available at www.questcdn.com. This contract is **QuestCDN project #9439279**. A contractor may view the contract documents at no cost prior to deciding to become a Planholder. To be considered a Planholder for bids, a contractor must register with QuestCDN.com and purchase the contract documents in digital form at a cost of **\$22.00**. Registering as a Planholder is recommended for all prime contractors and subcontractors as Planholders will receive automatic notice of addenda and other contract document updates via QuestCDN. Contact QuestCDN Customer Support at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in membership registration, downloading digital project information and vBid online bid submittal questions. For this project, bids will ONLY be received and accepted via the online electronic bid service through QuestCDN.com. To access the electronic bid form, download the project documents and click on the online bid button at the top of the bid advertisement page. After the bid closes, bidders will be charged a fee of **\$42.00** for successful bid submission. Prospective bidders must be on the Planholder list through QuestCDN for bids to be accepted. Questions regarding bids shall be directed in writing to Jon Halbgewachs, jhalbgewachs@kirkham.com a minimum of two (2) calendar days prior to the date of the bid opening.

NO REFUNDS WILL BE MADE

Cloud County reserves the right to waive any and all technicalities and to reject any and all bids.

Sheila Thoman
Sheila Thoman, County Clerk

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(First published in the Concordia Blade-Empire, Thursday, January 30, 2025.)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of **Charolette K. Deneault a/k/a Charolette Kay Deneault, Deceased.**
Case No. CD-2025-PR-000004

(Proceeding Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition for Determination of Descent has been filed in this Court by Denell Wheeler, daughter of Charolette K. Deneault a/k/a Charolette Kay Deneault, deceased, requesting:

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

The South One-half (S ½) of Lot Eighteen (18), and the South One-half (S ½) of East Eighteen feet (E18') of Lot Seventeen (17), in Block Fourteen (14) in the City of Concordia, Cloud County, Kansas, according to the recorded Plat thereof.

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

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or February 28, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at the Cloud County Courthouse, in the City of Concordia, Cloud County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

Denell Wheeler, Petitioner

William "Ross" Van Horn
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Attorneys for Petitioner

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(First published on Thursday, January 30, 2025)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of **Bradley G. Dutton, whose full name was Bradley Gene Dutton, who was sometimes known as Bradley Dutton, deceased**

CASE NO. CD-2022-PR-000001

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are notified a Petition has been filed in this Court by Craig H. Dutton, duly appointed, qualified and acting Executor of the Estate of Bradley G. Dutton, deceased, requesting that Petitioner's acts be approved; account be settled and allowed; the heirs be determined; the Will be construed and the Estate be assigned to the persons entitled thereto; the costs be determined and ordered paid; the administration of the Estate be closed; find that receipts have been filed and that Petitioner be finally discharged as the Executor of the Estate of Bradley G. Dutton, deceased, and the Petitioner be released from further liability.

You are required to file your written defenses to the petition on or before February 28, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. in the District Court, in Cloud County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

Craig H. Dutton
Executor

Respectfully Submitted,
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Attorney for Petitioner

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City of Jamestown Treasurer's Annual Report For the Year-to-Date as of December 31, 2024

	Beginning Cash	Cash Receipts and Transfers	Cash Disbursements and Transfers	Ending Cash	Accounts and Payroll Payable	Ending Cash Less Payables
General Fund	16,707.72	78,528.85	73,408.49	21,828.08	0	21,828.08
Special Revenue						
Employee Benefits Fund	3,116.34	26,556.30	28,499.74	1,172.90	0	1,172.90
Noxious Weed	53.11	2,942.49	1,973.61	1,021.99	0	1,021.99
Library Fund	637.44	4,765.67	4,202.97	1,200.14	0	1,200.14
Special Highway Fund	2,729.85	6,373.47	8,624.44	478.88	0	478.88
Special Park and Rec	1,364.02	2,207.74	2,381.08	1,190.68	0	1,190.68
Industrial Development	950.70	1,943.74	600.00	2,294.44	0	2,294.44
Building Rent	162.91	6,307.81	5,583.51	887.21	0	887.21
COVID Grant Fund	15,831.97	0	15,525.71	306.26	0	306.26
Feb 21 Gas	8,992.06	39,110.31	34,475.19	13,627.18	0	13,627.18
Fueling Station	1,837.85	13,247.80	12,209.60	2,876.05	0	2,876.05
Enterprise						
Gas Fund	1,339.10	115,276.36	115,800.65	814.81	6.00	808.81
Water Fund	557.09	56,842.73	44,236.60	13,163.22	0	13,163.22
Sewer Fund	1,258.78	27,231.96	23,893.62	4,597.12	0	4,597.12
Solid Waste	9,916.25	25,871.90	29,007.00	6,781.15	0	6,781.15
Capital Improvement Fund	17,291.85	7,435.00	19,438.50	5,288.35	0	5,288.35
Electric Sys Savings	36,899.81	0	0	36,899.81	0	36,899.81
Agency						
Payroll Clearing Fund	3,054.32	93,758.38	92,906.61	3,906.09	0	3,906.09
Sales Tax Clearing Fund	1,019.27	1,619.17	1,742.80	895.64	0	895.64
Deposit Clearing Fund	8,534.32	19,010.83	24,799.08	2,746.07	0	2,746.07
Penalty Clearing Fund	0	110.95	0	110.95	0	110.95
Total	132,254.76	529,141.46	539,309.20	122,087.02	6.00	122,081.02

Note: Payroll is encumbered only for year-end financial statement reporting.

Outstanding Debt as of Statement Date:	G.O. Bonds	0
	Revenue Bonds	0
	Other Debt	197,735
	Total Debt	197,735

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PUBLIC NOTICE

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 2025

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

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

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

CAROLA A. BISNETTE, et al.,
Defendants.

PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 60 AND 79 OF
KANSAS STATUTES ANNOTATED

NOTICE OF JUDICIAL SALE

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

Ken Davis, Sheriff
Cloud County, Kansas

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EXHIBIT A

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

PARCEL NUMBER: 1

Tax ID No.: CC2085
Legal Description: Lots 4 & 5 in Block 191, City of Concordia, Cloud County, Kansas.

Approx. Location: 110 E. 1st St., Concordia, KS 66901
Delinquent Years: 2016-2023 Redemption Costs: \$3,321.25
Owners of Record: CAROLA BISNETTE

PARCEL NUMBER: 2

Tax ID No.: CC2086
Legal Description: Lot 6 Block 191, City of Concordia, Cloud County, Kansas.

Approx. Location: 108 E 1st St., Concordia, KS 66901
Delinquent Years: 2016-2023 Redemption Costs: \$6,143.92
Owners of Record: LEON I BISNETTE

PARCEL NUMBER: 3

Tax ID No.: GL0452
Legal Description: Lot 14 Block 3, in M.L. Brierley's Addition, an Addition to the City of Glasco (formerly Town of Del Ray), Cloud County, Kansas

Approx. Location: 610 1st St., Glasco, KS 67445
Delinquent Years: 2015-2023 Redemption Costs: \$5,281.80
Owners of Record: W. C. CARTWRIGHT

PARCEL NUMBER: 4

Tax ID No.: GL0326
Legal Description: Lot 1 and the North ½ of Lot 2, Block 2, Spauldings First Addition to the City of Glasco, formerly Town of Del Ray, Cloud County, Kansas.

Approx. Location: 201 S. Railroad Ave., Glasco, KS 67445
Delinquent Years: 2016, 2017, 2019-2023 Redemption Costs: \$4,524.47
Owners of Record: Crissman, Jerry and Mary

PARCEL NUMBER: 5

Tax ID No.: CC2654
Legal Description: The West 1/2 of the NW ¼ of Block 7 in East Concordia, an Addition to the City of Concordia, Cloud County, Kansas, EXCEPT the South 87 feet of the West ½ of the NW ¼ of Block 7 of East Concordia, an Addition to the City of Concordia, Cloud County, Kansas.

Delinquent Years: 2017-2023 Redemption Costs: \$8,741.29
Owners of Record: DONALD L. DAVIS

PARCEL NUMBER: 6

Tax ID No.: GL0274
Legal Description: 1st add Glasco, AKA Del Ray, S14, T08, R05, Block 6, E. 36' of Lot 9, All of Lot 10 & W 3' of Lot 11, Cloud County, Kansas

Approx. Location: 308 3rd St., Glasco, KS 67445
Delinquent Years: 2015-2023 Redemption Costs: \$5,252.31
Owners of Record: PEGGY DAVIS

PARCEL NUMBER: 8

Tax ID No.: CC0549
Legal Description: All of the East ½ of Lot 19, all of Lot 20, and all of Lot 21, in Block 64, in the City of Concordia, Cloud County, Kansas.

Approx. Location: 421 W. 14th St., Concordia, KS 66901
Delinquent Years: 2014-2023 Redemption Costs: \$13,222.53
Owners of Record: Derald R. Deal

PARCEL NUMBER: 9

Tax ID No.: GL0375A1
Legal Description: Lot 3, Block 7, in Spaulding's Second Addition to the town of Del Ray, now City of Glasco, Cloud County, Kansas.

Approx. Location: 403 N. Railroad Ave., Glasco, KS 67445
Delinquent Years: 2017-2023 Redemption Costs: \$2,529.56
Owners of Record: Samantha Dillow, Randy Ryals, Haley Schenk

PARCEL NUMBER: 14

Tax ID No.: JA0120
Legal Description: Lot 7 and the South ½ of Lot 8, in Block 10, in the City of Jamestown, Cloud County, Kansas.

Approx. Location: 219 Elm St., Jamestown, KS 66948
Delinquent Years: 2014-2023 Redemption Costs: \$1,577.02
Owners of Record: Van Elmore

PARCEL NUMBER: 15

Tax ID No.: MI0297
Legal Description: The North ½ of Lot 10 and all of Lots 11 and 12, Block 30 of North Addition to the City of Miltonvale, Cloud County, Kansas.

Approx. Location: 615 3rd St., Miltonvale, KS 67466
Delinquent Years: 2016-2023 Redemption Costs: \$5,414.55
Owners of Record: Leroy John Enoch

PARCEL NUMBER: 16

Tax ID No.: CC0018
Legal Description: A tract of land described as beginning at a point on the East line of Matthew street in East Concordia, an addition to the City of Concordia, Cloud County, Kansas, 448.5 feet North of the South line of the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) of the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of Section 34, Township 5 South, Range 3 West, running thence East on a line parallel with the South line of 6th street, 132 feet; thence running North on a line parallel with the East line of Matthew Street 46.5 feet to the South line of 6th Street thence West on the South line of 6th Street 132 feet to the East line of Matthew Street, thence South 46.5 feet to the place of beginning, subject to any and all easements of record.

Approx. Location: 603 Matthew St., Concordia, KS 66901
Delinquent Years: 2015-2023
Redemption Costs: \$33,256.19
Owners of Record: Annette Lee Fields

PARCEL NUMBER: 17

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

of the above described property.

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

PARCEL NUMBER: 18

Tax ID No.: JA0054
Legal Description: Jamestown, Original Town, Block 4, Lot 1 & N 1/2 of Lot 2, Block 4 and vac alley adh section 22 township 05 Range 05 Cloud County, Kansas.

Approx. Location: 102 Cedar St., Jamestown, KS 66948
Delinquent Years: 2017-2023 Redemption Costs: \$2,448.77
Owners of Record: Karen K. Gustavson

PARCEL NUMBER: 19

Tax ID No.: MI0554
Legal Description: A tract of land in Cloud County, Kansas, beginning at a point 290 feet South of the NW corner of Block 55; thence East 150 feet; thence South 110 feet; thence West 150 feet; thence North 110 feet to place of beginning, all in Block 55 in West Addition to City of Miltonvale, subject however, and this deed is accepted with the understanding and agreed that a strip of land, to wit; The east 10 feet and extending across the East end of the above described tract, be and is hereby reserved for perpetual public and common use as an alley or passage way.

Approx. Location: 321 6th St., Miltonvale, KS 67466
Delinquent Years: 2016-2023 Redemption Costs: \$2,685.08
Owners of Record: Kyle Haley

PARCEL NUMBER: 20

Tax ID No.: MI0568
Legal Description: A tract in Block 56, in west addition to Miltonvale, in Cloud County, Kansas, described as follows: Beginning 100 feet west of the SE Corner of Said Block, running thence West 110 feet; Thence North 140 Feet thence East 110 feet; Thence South 140 feet to the place of beginning.

Approx. Location: 00000 Williams Ave., Miltonvale, KS 67466
Delinquent Years: 2017-2023 Redemption Costs: \$861.76
Owners of Record: Kyle Haley

PARCEL NUMBER: 22

Tax ID No.: MI0357
Legal Description: Lot 11, Block 35, North Addition to the City of Miltonvale, Cloud County, Kansas.

Approx. Location: 517 1st St., Miltonvale, KS 67466
Delinquent Years: 2016-2023 Redemption Costs: \$4,160.94
Owners of Record: George E. Hotz

PARCEL NUMBER: 23

Tax ID No.: MI0570
Legal Description: The East 100 Feet of the SE ¼ of Block 56 six of the West Addition to the City of Miltonvale, according to the recorded plat thereof in Cloud County, Kansas.

Approx. Location: 00000 Williams Ave., Miltonvale, KS 67466
Delinquent Years: 2017-2023 Redemption Costs: \$860.05
Owners of Record: William Jackson

PARCEL NUMBER: 24

Tax ID No.: CC2021
Legal Description: The West ½ of Lot 2, and all of Lot 3, in Block 184, in the City of Concordia, Cloud County, Kansas.

Approx. Location: 528 E. 2nd St., Concordia, KS 66901
Delinquent Years: 2015-2023 Redemption Costs: \$3,691.22
Owners of Record: Sharon K. Jensen

PARCEL NUMBER: 25

Tax ID No.: MI0429
Legal Description: Lot 11 in Block 42, North Addition to City of Miltonvale, Cloud County, Kansas.

Approx. Location: 319 4th St., Miltonvale, KS 67466
Delinquent Years: 2016, 2019-2023 Redemption Costs: \$4,409.95
Owners of Record: Kenneth Johnson

PARCEL NUMBER: 28

Tax ID No.: GL0666
Legal Description: A Tract in Block 11 in West's addition to Del Ray, now City of Glasco, Cloud County, Kansas: Beginning at the NW Corner of Said Block; Thence East 75 feet; Thence South 135 Feet; Thence West 75 feet; Thence North 135 Feet to the Place of Beginning

Approx. Location: 501 Spaulding Ave., Glasco, KS 67445
Delinquent Years: 2017-2023 Redemption Costs: \$983.43
Owners of Record: Lavern C. Liby

PARCEL NUMBER: 29

Tax ID No.: CC1955
Legal Description: The North 1/2 of Lots 1 and 2 in Block 179, City of Concordia, Cloud County, KS

Approx. Location: 202 Broadway St., Concordia, KS 66901
Delinquent Years: 2015-2023 Redemption Costs: \$5,743.81
Owners of Record: Carolyn Sue & James Lynn

PARCEL NUMBER: 31

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

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

PARCEL NUMBER: 32

Tax ID No.: GL0064
Legal Description: Lot 6 in Block 3 of the Original Town of Del Ray now the City of Glasco, Cloud County, KS and a Tract of Land Beginning at the NW Corner of Lot 6, Block 3, of the original Town of Del Ray now the City of Glasco, Cloud County, KS, Thence South along the West Line of Said Lot 6, 115 1/2', Thence West 19', Thence North 115 1/2', Thence East 19' to the Point of Beginning

Approx. Location: 302 N. Railroad Ave., Glasco, KS 67445
Delinquent Years: 2017-2023 Redemption Costs: \$2,791.91
Owners of Record: Braydon Prochaska

PARCEL NUMBER: 33

Tax ID No.: AC0101
Legal Description: All of Lot 9, in Block 7, in the town of Aurora, Cloud County, Kansas.

Approx. Location: 0 1st St., Aurora, KS 67417
Delinquent Years: 2017-2023 Redemption Costs: \$833.74
Owners of Record: Robert A. Putman

PARCEL NUMBER: 34

Tax ID No.: AC0111A1
Legal Description: West 46 feet of Lot 9 in Block 8, in the City of Aurora, Cloud County, Kansas.

Approx. Location: 111 E. Washington St., Aurora, KS 67417
Delinquent Years: 2017-2023 Redemption Costs: \$1,404.20
Owners of Record: Robert A. Putman

PARCEL NUMBER: 35

Tax ID No.: JA0077
Legal Description: Lot 17, in Block 7, in the City of Jamestown, Cloud County, Kansas, according to the recorded plat thereof (surface rights only).

Approx. Location: 0 Chestnut St., Jamestown, KS 66948
Delinquent Years: 2014-2017, 2020-2023 Redemption Costs: \$790.04
Owners of Record: Allan D. Reetz

PARCEL NUMBER: 37

Tax ID No.: MI0348
Legal Description: All of Lots 1 and 2, Block 35, North Addition to the City of Miltonvale, Cloud County, Kansas.

Approx. Location: 509 Starr Ave., Miltonvale, KS 67466
Delinquent Years: 2016-2023 Redemption Costs: \$7,103.14
Owners of Record: James A. Rickard

PARCEL NUMBER: 39

Tax ID No.: CC0312A2
Legal Description: The West 47 feet of Lot 1, and the East 22 feet of Lot 2, of Block 41 in the City of Concordia, Cloud County, Kansas

Approx. Location: 642 E. 15th St., Concordia, KS 66901
Delinquent Years: 2014-2023 Redemption Costs: \$25,676.55
Owners of Record: Steven D. Schenk

PARCEL NUMBER: 40

Tax ID No.: CC2102
Legal Description: The East 28 Feet of Lot 11 in Block 192 in the City of Concordia, Cloud County, Kansas.

Approx. Location: 129 W. 2nd St., Concordia, KS 66901
Delinquent Years: 2014-2021, 2023 Redemption Costs: \$11,022.56
Owners of Record: Robert Shanks

PARCEL NUMBER: 41

Tax ID No.: CC2101
Legal Description: Lot 10 and the West 16 Feet of Lot 11, in Block 192, in the City of Concordia, Cloud County, Kansas.

Approx. Location: 119 Washington St., Concordia, KS 66901
Delinquent Years: 2016-2023 Redemption Costs: \$4,032.38
Owners of Record: Clinton Shepherd

PARCEL NUMBER: 42

Tax ID No.: CC1935
Legal Description: All of Lot 14 in Block 177, in the City of Concordia, Cloud County, Kansas.

Approx. Location: 321 W. 3rd St., Concordia, KS 66901
Delinquent Years: 2015-2023 Redemption Costs: \$2,789.43
Owners of Record: Dustin R. Timmons

PARCEL NUMBER: 44

Tax ID No.: CC0753
Legal Description: Lot 16 and the West ½ of Lot 17, in Block 78, in the City of Concordia, Cloud County, Kansas.

Approx. Location: 325 E. 12th St., Concordia, KS 66901
Delinquent Years: 2015-2023 Redemption Costs: \$10,234.83
Owners of Record: Mark Aaron Winkel

3th

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CLOUD COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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

ONE:

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

TWO:

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

The term of Kevan Portenier is expiring.

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

By Kevan Portenier, Chairman
Cloud County
Conservation District

Attest:
Gunner Coffman
District Manager

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JANUARY 30, 2025]

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS
PURSUANT TO K.S.A. CHAPTER 59

In the Matter of the Estate of
PATSY M. VALLIANT, Deceased

Case No. CD-2025-PR-000003
Title as to Real Estate Involved

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by TERRY C. VALLIANT, Surviving Spouse and an heir of PATSY M. VALLIANT, deceased, requesting:

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

The North Half of the Northwest Quarter (N½ NW¼); the North Half of the Southwest Quarter (N½ SW¼), and the South Half of the Northwest Quarter (S½ NW¼), all subject to the railroad right-of-way, in Section Twenty-nine (29), Township Six (6) South, Range Two (2) West of the 6th Principal Meridian, in Cloud County, Kansas, EXCEPT a tract of land in the Northwest Quarter (NW¼) of Section Twenty-nine (29), Township Six (6) South, Range Two (2) West of the 6th Principal Meridian, in Cloud County, Kansas, described as follows:

Beginning at the Northeast corner of the Northwest Quarter (NW¼) of said Section Twenty-nine (29), being Corner 1, marked by a 3/4" iron rebar; thence S 00°29'10" E 988.25 feet along the East line of the Northwest Quarter of said Section Twenty-nine (29), to Corner 2, marked by a 1/2" iron rebar; thence S 89°23'30" W 2240.38 feet to the East right-of-way line of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad and Corner 3, marked by a 1/2" iron rebar; thence along the East right-of-way line of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad the following two courses:

Course 1: N 16°07'45" W 720.27 feet to Corner 4, marked by a 1/2" iron rebar;

Course 2: on a curve to the left, having a radius of 2076.21 feet, an arc distance of 311.61 feet, chord of said curve being N 19°40'11" W 311.32 feet to the North line of the Northwest Quarter of said Section Twenty-nine (29) and Corner 5, marked by a 1/2" iron rebar; thence N 89°23'30" E 2536.89 feet to the point of beginning, containing 54.00 acres. Subject to easements and restrictions of record.

and all other personal property and Kansas real estate owned by the Decedent at the time of her death. And, that such property and all other personal property and Kansas real estate owned by the Decedent at the time of her death be assigned to him.

You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before February 28, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. in the District Court, in Concordia, Cloud County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard via Microsoft Teams. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

/s/ Terry Valliant
TERRY VALLIANT, *Petitioner*

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JUST A LITTLE LIGHT

BY DAWN PHELPS
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The Wedding Dress

The sixty-two-year-old wedding dress was still white and pristine even though it had been packed away for thirty years. It was last worn on August 22, 1992. That is when my daughter Misty (Thorn) Elliott wore it for her wedding—thirty years after the dress had been purchased by its original owner.

And when I saw my granddaughter, Audrey Joy Elliott, Misty's daughter, wearing the dress, my heart almost burst with pride—she was beautiful in the dress—a striking resemblance to her mother in looks and demeanor.

When Audrey had tried on the rumpled dress several weeks before her wedding, her younger brother Will Thomas had told her, "You look just like a princess!" Perhaps that was when Audrey made the final decision to wear the dress for her wedding on December 17, 2024, in Springfield, Missouri. But there's more to the story.

My beautiful daughter Misty, who married Bryan Elliott in 1992, had also worn the dress. After their wedding, Misty had carefully put the dress away, not knowing that her daughter would someday wear it. In the next three decades, four children were added to their household—Sam, Livi, Audrey, and Will—the four are now on their own.

But Misty was not the original owner of "the dress"—I was. I purchased the dress on the Square in Springfield, Missouri, at a bridal shop in 1962 after my first husband Ralph Timothy Thorn had asked me to marry him. When I saw the dress, I knew it was the right one. So, I put it on layaway and paid it out in payments.

The dress cost \$125—a considerable amount of money then. I wore the dress when my husband and I were married on December 28, 1962, in McEwen, Tennessee, the town where I graduated from high school before moving to Springfield, Missouri.

But there are more ironies to this story. After graduating from high school, I moved to Springfield, Missouri, to attend college and to work, and so did my granddaughter Audrey.

My first husband and I lived in Missouri for a few years before we moved to Miltonvale, Kansas, in 1971. And three of my grandchildren now live in Missouri even though their parents, Misty and Bryan, are still living in Wales.



Another interesting fact is that Audrey, Misty, and I wore the same wedding dress, and the dress fit all three of us without alterations. (That is proof that all three of us were very thin when we were married.)

Audrey chose to be married in a little chapel about the size of the church where I was married in Tennessee 62 years earlier. And, to my surprise, her decorations were like mine even though we had never talked about my wedding.

She chose to use mostly greenery and candles in the windows of the building, very much like mine, with minimal flowers. (She and her husband, like my husband and I, were students.)

It's interesting how a dress can bring back so many memories of the sixty-two years in between. The births of my two daughters and the births of my four grandchildren—happy events. And yet, sprinkled in those year were some sad times with the deaths of my parents and my husband's parents.

Also, my husband Ralph was diagnosed with kidney cancer in 2000. He died in 2006 but lived to see two more grandchildren (Audrey and Will) born before his death. At the time of my husband's death, Will was still a baby, but he would reach for his grandpa and call him "Papa."

Audrey was only four years old when Ralph died. I remember Audrey standing on a little stool, holding her grandpa's hand above the hospital bedrail, talking to him. And then, 18 years later, Audrey was a beautiful bride, wearing my wedding gown. Her grandpa would have been so proud!

Where had the years gone? Audrey's wedding reminded me of the words of a song from "Fiddler on the Roof" by lyricist Sheldon Harnick:

"Sunrise, sunset, sunrise, sunset, swiftly fly the years. . .

"Is this the little girl I carried? Is this the little boy at play?"

"I don't remember growing older, when did they?"

"When did she get to be a beauty? When did he grow to be so tall?"

There is nothing like attending a wedding and seeing two grandsons taller than you and a granddaughter wearing your wedding gown to remind you of how fast the years have flown by.

My life has been mostly happy with some sadness intermingled. "Sunrise, sunset, sunrise, sunset, swiftly fly the years." But I am glad my memories have been mostly happy ones with a new memory of beautiful young woman wearing my 62-year-old wedding dress in 2024.

Since there is nothing so well worth having as friends, never lose a chance to make them.

-Francesco Guicciardini

LOOKING BACK

BY LINDA AND DOYLE SCOTT

100 YEAR JANUARY 29, 1925

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

75 YEARS FEBRUARY 2, 1950

The second meeting of the stockholders, of the Miltonvale Pottery was held last Thursday. The first shipment of ware was made on August 17, with a total of wares to Dec. 31, 1949 to be \$6745. They elected the same officers of next, they were A.C. Belisle, Frank F. Jones, Delmar Gathers, S.V. Wells and Geo. H. Palmer... BIRTHS: Mr. and Mrs. Vic Bulleigh have a son...Wheat \$1.98... Bottle Propane users. Effective February 1, 1950. The price of Propane refills is reduced from \$6 to \$5 each...

50 YEARS JANUARY 30, 1975

The census of Miltonvale shows a gain of 32 people. The population of Miltonvale is 626. The females out number the males by 70. The oldest person is Myrtle Dickey, age 96, with Walter Lassey and George Palmer both 92. There were 8 new babies in 1974, youngest is Aaron Crismas. Also there are 50 people 80 years and over... Fire last Monday destroyed one of the turbines at the Hydro Carbon Transportation Inc. site northwest of Miltonvale...Miltonvale girls' basketball won their first game in the Eisenhower League Tournament. Laurence Pacey was their coach... Junior Pirates won both boys and girls. Girls A team downed Delphos 34 to 12 and the B team dropped Delphos 30 to 23... The Boy Scouts will hold a ground and pancake supper on Saturday, February 1. At the VFW building in Miltonvale. All you can eat ages 14 to 100 for \$1 and 13 and under 50 cents. Rainfall for the week .06... Turner's Grocery has Bestyet low fat one gallon \$1.19, fresh lean ground beef 59 cents a pound, bacon \$1.19 and Tescott Longhorn cheddar 99 cents a pound.

25 YEAR FEBRUARY 3, 2000

JV Boys placed 2nd at Mankato tourney. Their record was 2-1. They lost to Pike Valley 50-42, Mankato was a win 60-52 and defeated St. John's Beloit 48-35...The Lady Braves lost to the St. John Bluejays 40-22... The Southern Cloud Warriors won over Bennington 70-54 then lost to Pike Valley 96-70...Snowfall for the week 1 inch...The United States ranks as the world's leading producer of matches... Wheat \$2.26, Milo \$3, Soybeans \$4.51...

FOLLOWING ON

PASTOR SAM FLICK

I looked at my photo album the other day, making a list of what to keep or throwaway, and on page one - there was grandpa fighting in the war.

Him, Sergeant Vance and the boys of the Mighty 44.

So, I sat staring at that picture for a while, all those boys with hollow eyes and slow sad smiles who had seen things no man ought to ever see while out on the fields of Danzig and of Normandy.

It was grandpa and them other boys - raised on a farm who stood in the gap to save us all from certain harm and gave their all so a failing world might see what it means to stand for life and liberty.

Looking at that picture, I guess I wondered some about my life and all the things that I have done. And whether I would have answered the call they heard and would have stood the same test of which they stood?

Because there's a calling that comes to every life, of whether to do wrong or to do what is right, of whether I'll stand straight or whether I'll fall when the voice comes for me to answer that call.

In Philippians 3:13 the apostle Paul writes, "This one thing [I do], forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

Paul is doing all that he can to live out the high calling of Jesus. He wants to be a man of courage, integrity and honor. He wants to strengthen the weak and to lift up the downtrodden. He wants to save men and women from hollow lives of personal failing. He wants to be used by God to do some good thing while living this life on earth.

In the photo album, Paul is a hero. Who will I be? Who will you be? This year for the new year, let's make it our resolution to find God's purpose and live in it. Devotion writer Lisa Riggs writes, "At the threshold of this new year, let us ask the Lord for direction on what he wants us to do. Are we walking in a manner worthy of his calling?"

That's the question - what will your answer be when the call comes to you?

Thank You for Reading the Blade-Empire!

BITS AND PIECES

BY MEGAN MYER

Thankful for an "Unusual" Childhood: A Teacher's Perspective

To my mind, my childhood was not what I would have considered unusual. I had the basic nuclear family with the assorted pets, family vacations, schooling opportunities, as well as friends, favorite meals, good clothing, and lots of toys. However, it is the opinion of many that my childhood really was unusual, and after much contemplation, plus working as an educator for almost a decade now, I think I understand why: I had very active and involved parents who didn't shy away from ensuring their children received a love of learning and education. To expand on this point, my parents, namely my mother, would read to me almost every night. My family would have "Tea Time" every afternoon at 4pm where we would watch British television together and talk. We played Scrabble and other board games in the evenings, which were full of hilarity and conversation. Our favorite forms of entertainment were audiobooks, British histories, Shakespeare's plays, poetry, mysteries, and in-depth discussions about life and morality. I garnered a strong vocabulary, not intentionally, but through the vehicles my parents utilized as their entertainment. Due to my parents' fascination with both history and psychology, I, too, fostered a love of each. I found myself forced to dig deeper, think differently, and grow during inactive silences as much as during active discussions. My parents were not perfect but looking back I see that they worked hard to raise my sister and me to the best of their abilities, and of course, to the best of their interests. They shaped how and what I learned, but most importantly, they shaped my expectations.

Even though my parents did a wonderful job of preparing me for adulthood while encouraging my curiosity and love of learning, there were certain aspects of teaching in the modern classroom I was not ready for. On my first day of teaching, I happily skipped into my new role with so many ideas and daydreams of how things would go, but I came to earth quickly. You see, my childhood led me to believe that most children were raised in a similar fashion to me: lots of reading, questioning, forced patience, curiosity, and so on. The culture shock I experienced was so unexpected and I felt bewildered about many students and their lack of curiosity, reading, self-reflection, determination, and even behavior. My expectations were not met and my skill-set for encouraging those expectations were not useful. So, I had to learn all over again while still finding the balance between childhood lessons and the modern classroom. Not an easy task, but surprisingly, not impossible.

It's been seven, sometimes difficult, years of being an educator. The world is different today, even from thirty years ago. But, even with the changes and the every-day difficulties, with feelings of being too odd, too outmoded, or too exhausted to do my job with a convincing smile on my face, I have learned so much. Even with all the differences of how I grew up versus how my students are growing up, I can say I am blessed to be with these kids and watch them become adults. They are smart, capable (whether they want to act on it or not) and with them around, they help me grow as a person. Yes, I do believe there are some downfalls in childrearing today but, hidden beneath the difference in generations, there is still so much potential, creativity, and humor inside all of these angry, jaded, adolescents.

Through the constantly changing world of education and the fast-paced life I live in, I have held on tightly to my childhood lessons and expectations. And thankfully, there are students who also help keep my expectations thriving and I'm thankful for that. These are the kiddos who try to get the answers, ask the questions, keep the debates going, and work to understand their surroundings. But, even with other students who haven't quite figured things out yet, I haven't quit; I try to give them a bit of my "unusual" childhood if I can. Everyone deserves someone to read to them, talk to them, listen to audiobooks with them, share poetry, and play Scrabble with them.

TOOTLE'S TALES

BY JUDY LOBAUGH

The snow that fell over three weeks ago set records for the most snowfall in one day. The 1959-60 school year was hampered by so much snow over that school year that most schools lost almost four weeks of school time. My dad was the Delphos Grade School principal and was worried that school would run past the middle of June to make up the time lost. The state board voted to give two weeks back to schools for time lost and school was able to end in May instead of June.

TT

Happy Birthday to: McKenzie Beals, Ron Olson, Sandy Tate, Andralea Davis, Carla Smith, Kassie (Willard) Mulligan, Pat Jensen, Elaina Spencer, Grace Spencer, Calvin Schultz, Daniel Hutabarat, Devita Beals, Mitchell Sipe, Cheryl Dulohery

TT

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

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Sunday, February 2, is "Ground Hog Day." Wonder if he will see his shadow this year!

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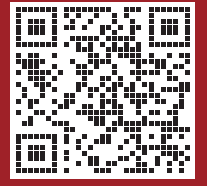
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Blackwood named to President's List

TOPEKA, KS—Washburn University is pleased to announce Hattie Blackwood from Clyde, to its 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.

More than 775 students qualified for the President's List.

"These students have excelled in the classroom through a lot of hard work and dedication. We congratulate them for reaching this milestone, earning a place among the best and brightest at Washburn," said Dr. JuliAnn Mazachek, president, Washburn University.



Nevaeh Valcoure



Addison Stupka

Rotary Club announces Students of the Month

The Concordia Rotary Club is proud to announce Nevaeh Valcoure and Addison Stupka as the January Rotary Students of the Month.

Nevaeh Valcoure is the daughter of Lisa and Bill Valcoure. She is involved in FFA, NHS, Trap Club, FUMC Youth Group, NCK Saddle Club, Powerlifting, and Softball. Nevaeh plans to attend Cloud County Community College to finish my Gene EDS and then transfer to Fort Hays for a Bachelor in Ag Business & major in Animal Science.

Addison Stupka is the daughter of Todd Stupka and Melissa Crump. She is involved in FFA as a third-year officer and holds the treasurer position. Addison plans to attend Fort Hays University for their psychology program to become a clinical therapist.

Sisters of St. Joseph honor employees



Vicky Thoman
45 years



Susan LeDuc
35 years



Joy Bliss
25 years



Barbara Kortman
20 years



Tina Goff
15 years



Pam Huber
15 years



Sheri Krause
15 years



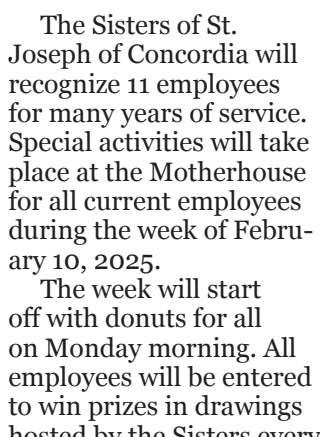
Kim Brownell
15 years



Cindy Dunlap
10 years



Katy Brown
10 years



Fr. Barry Brinkman
5 years

They are looking forward to celebrating with hearts full of thankfulness!

SENIOR CENTER

Menu
Thurs., January 30 - PORK SLIDERS, french fries salad, fruit, brownie.

Fri., January 31 - VEGETABLE BEEF SOUP, slice of bread, fruit, cooking.

Mon., February 3 - CHICKEN PICCATA, asparagus, rice, fruit, cake.

Tues., February 4 - MEATLOAF, mashed potatoes, glazed carrots, fruit, pudding.

Wed., February 5 - PHILLY CHEESESTEAK, chips, fruit, apple cobbler.

Includes choice of milk, iced tea, coffee, or water.

Available for Meals on Wheels, to-go/pick-up, as well as in-house.

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

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

Activities

Thurs., January 30 - Pool (Billiard) 7:45 a.m., Puzzles anytime.

Fri., January 31 - Pool (Billiard) 7:45 a.m., Exercise 10 a.m., Puzzles anytime.

Mon., February 3 - Pool (Billiard) 7:45 a.m., Exercise 10 a.m., Puzzles anytime.

Tues., February 4 - Pool (Billiard) 7:45 a.m., VA 9 a.m., Puzzles anytime.

Wed., February 5 - Coffee Club 9 a.m., Exercise 10 a.m., Red Hats, Puzzles anytime.

Come down to the Concordia Senior Center at 109 West 7th Street, Concordia. Call for more information or to reserve at 785-243-1872.

Pitch party

One table of cards was played at the January 22 pitch party at the Concordia Senior Center.

Richard Hubert won first place. There was a two-way tie for second place between Eunice Eakins and Debra Hubert. Rose Hansen was in third place.

One table of cards was played at the pitch party on January 24 at the Concordia Senior Center.

Richard Hubert won first place. Eunice Eakins won second place. Debra Hubert won third place.

The next pitch parties will be February 12 and February 14 at the Concordia Senior Center.

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Concordia Elementary School Students of the Month

January 2025

ABC

A+

Liv Gennette, Kindergarten
 Avery Strait, 1st Grade
 Emery Brooks, 2nd Grade
 Jordan Fuller, 3rd Grade
 Anders Herman, 4th Grade

Students of the month

CES students of the Month for January are (pictured left to right; top to bottom) Kindergarten: Liv Gennette, 1st: Avery Strait, 2nd: Emery Brooks, 3rd: Jordan Fuller and 4th: Anders Herman. These students were selected by their teachers for this honor for being great students, hard-workers, displaying respect and showing friendship, kindness and empathy. Students will be recognized at Morning Assembly, receive a coupon for a treat from Local Businesses and enjoy Pizza at Pizza Hut. Keep up the great work!



Kinsleigh Bethune (right), Concordia High School's Student of the Month for January, accepts her commemorative plaque from David Garnas (left) of North Central Kansas Medical Center, Student of the Month sponsor.

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Orphan Train Riders to Concordia

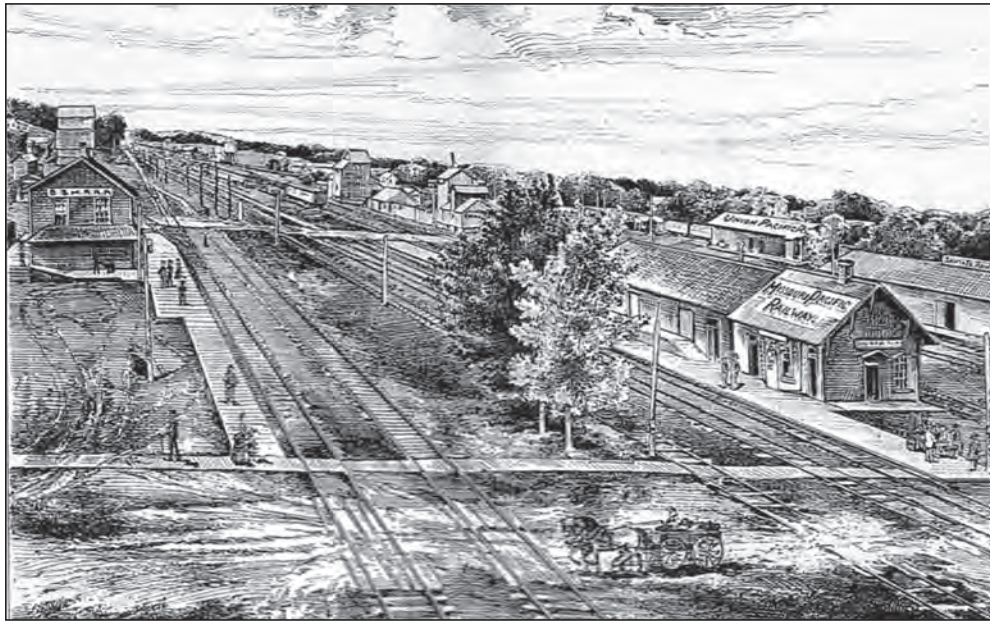
BY LORI HALFHIDE

NOTC Head of Research

One question we often are asked by visitors to the National Orphan Train Complex is, "How many Orphan Train Riders actually came to Concordia?" That's a great question and today we'll answer it. There are two categories of Orphan Train Riders to Concordia: First, the children who came into town on the train. The second is people who were Orphan Train Riders to other locations, but chose to make Concordia, Kansas, their home. Let's focus on actual Orphan Train Riders to Concordia.

Three Orphan Trains bought children to Concordia. The Children's Aid Society (CAS) sent these companies of children with Rev. James Mathews in charge. Rev. Mathews was NOT an ideal agent and was the ONLY agent to be fired, in 1885. He did not adhere to the procedures the CAS had set for the safe placement of their children. His record keeping was lackadaisical at best. Mathews appeared to give kids away willy nilly. If the trains stopped for water and coal, he'd get the kids off (not ordinarily done) and while they were standing on the platform, if someone expressed interest, he'd send that child off with them. He did not bother to set up a placement, he just gave the kids away at the Depot. That is what happened with the children in Concordia. The trains were set up to bring children to Wayne, Kansas, in Republic County. Rev. Mathews distributed children all along the trip and the ones who weren't placed in Wayne rode the train on to Concordia, which was the end of that rail line. He placed the children out with new families at the Burlington & Missouri River Railroad Depot; the train was turned around at the round house, and Rev. Mathews was on his way back to New York.

The children that were distributed in Concordia were all older, from 12 to up to 20 years old. Older children were less likely to stay where they were placed. Most had already been fending for themselves for some time and a small town like Concordia probably did not hold a lot of interest to them. The 1885 census was taken on the first of March and some of those from the first two trains had already departed the area. I tried to find these kids but



An artist's rendering of the Depot area in Concordia, drawn in 1886. The artist was east of Broadway Street, looking west. The Burlington & Missouri River Railroad Depot is on the left, it was directly behind the Barons House Hotel. This is where the children were distributed in Concordia. The next depot is the first Missouri Pacific Depot (where the large brick depot stands now) and the third depot is the first Union Pacific Depot standing where our Depot is now.

they all had very common names. The biggest glitch locating them was the 1921 fire that destroyed the 1890 census. Kansas does have the advantage of agricultural censuses in 1885

and 1895, but for children on the move such as these, that ten years is not a gap but a chasm.

From the company lists of those three trains, I plucked out the ones that

had other towns written beside the names of the folks who took the kids. That left me with the following children that I think came as far as Concordia.

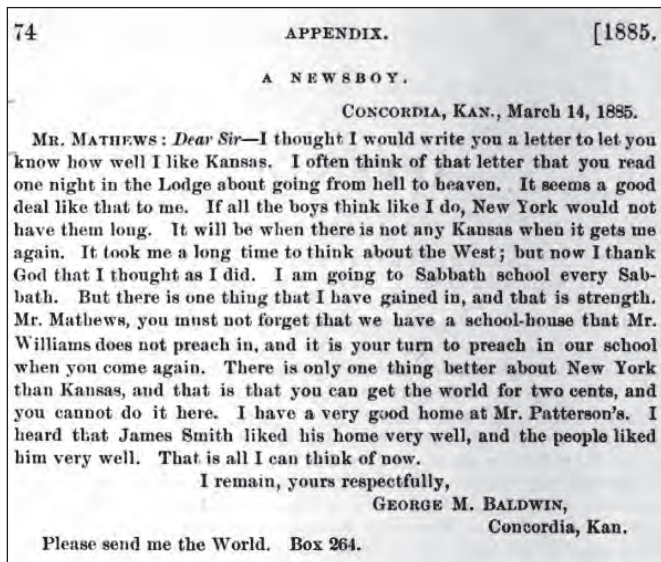
January 10, 1885: Mary O'Brien (18), Eugene Schlessinger (15)

February 21, 1885: George Baldwin (14), Charles Bellows (12), Martin Christie (12), Charles Gilbert (20), Frank Haynes (11), William O'Brien (15), John R. Stryker (13), Francis Traynor (16), Charles J. Weiss (16).

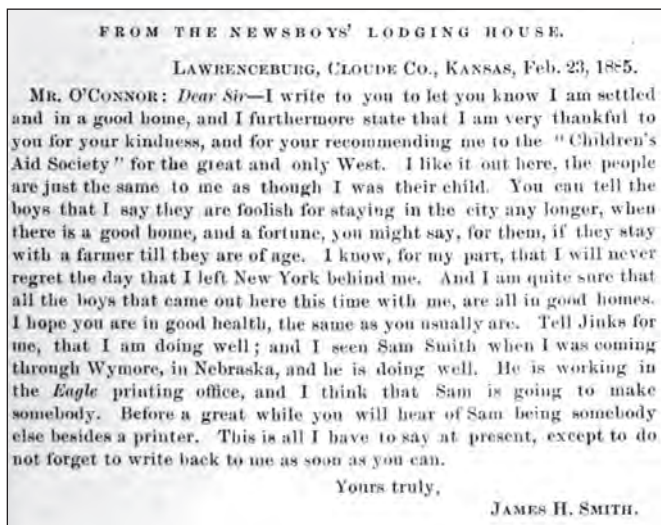
April 4, 1885: John Flock (17), Santo Price (17).

Children placed out by the CAS were encouraged to write letters back to the Society. The Society published Annual Reports detailing placements and many times, these letters. The 1885 Annual Report contains letters from Concordia! One letter was from George Baldwin and the other was from James H. Smith, who did not appear on any of the company lists. Again, this lack of information is due to the poor record keeping by Rev. Mathews. Both boys seemed satisfied with life on the prairie and wanted the boys in New York to know that Kansas was a pretty good place to settle. James even wrote twice.

So, for the visitors to the Complex who ask, I have settled on 15 as the number of Orphan Train Riders who arrived in Concordia, Kansas, aboard an Orphan Train. Am I right or wrong? We may never know for sure. But with the sparse facts I have available to me, that is what I can come up with.



A letter to the Children's Aid Society from George Baldwin, living in Concordia.



James Smith wrote from Cloud County as well, both letters printed in the 1885 CAS Annual Report.



Looking Back

75 Years Ago—1950

Creamery stations in Concordia had discontinued grading eggs... two six-year-olds with an urge to collect things took keys from all the cars they could find in the 100 block of W. Seventh St., including the keys to a few of Jim Conleys' sooper-doooper new demonstrator models. Police picked up the pair and restored keys to the owners... Russell Peck, junior high athletics coach, announced the junior high lettermen for 1949: J. L. Neal, Arnold Flesher, Gary Lapo, Warren Smith, Harry Lee Walters, Perry Miller, Billy Hoag, Francis Haist, Ector Thyfault, Earl Guiot, Jim Alderman, Larry Peck, Garald Walker, Gerald Fredrickson and David Brummett... Mrs. Lloyd Russel and Mrs. A. M. Cherington, with student assistants Doris Edwards and Pat Russell, prepared the lunches for the newly inaugurated lunch program at Concordia high school... Mrs. Wesley Harman gave a dinner party for her son, Kenneth, in honor of his 12th birthday. Invited guests were Buddy Wilcox, Gene Shrader, Tommy Brady, Brad Lowell, Jim Kirk, LaVern Raven, Glen Hedquist, Billy Gruver and John Henthorne... Concordia library report for the 1949 year showed 10,378 adult books on the shelf and 3,997 juvenile books on the shelf...

60 Years Ago—1965

Dale Swenson and Don Brunell were co-chairmen of the Concordia Junior Chamber of Commerce committee seeking nominations for the Outstanding Young Man of the Year in Concordia contest... Pvt. Harold Vignery was on a tour in Angoulene, France, with the Army's heavy duty equipment maintenance shop... the P.O.W. Club was holding its grand opening with a free chicken dinner and a dance, featuring music by The Continentals IV... David Fisher, Blade carrier in the northeast part of Concordia, who was bitten on the thumb by an opossum while on his paper route, said he wanted the 'possum and tried to catch it... Mr. and Mrs. Donald Breault were making Aurora their home after their December 31 wedding... Campfire Girls of Troop 20, Patricia Cline, Mary Budke, Regina Fraser, Marilyn Sorell, Angela Odette, Nancy Overstreet, Felicia Hanson, Ann Tyler and Hober-ta Gagna, visited the Blade-Empire plant... Mr. and Mrs. Larry Brownell were the parents of a son born January 23 at St. Joseph hospital... students on the honor roll at Aurora High School: "A"—Charlene Letourneau, Gloria Schell, Mary Beth Collette. "B"—Carolyn Begnoche, Dorothy Cote, Aldia Collins, Anna Marie Kindel, Donna L'Ecuyer, Anna Wopat, Delores Weaver, Mary Ann Cote, Pamela Demars, Joan Istas, Richard Demars...

50 Years Ago—1975

City commissioners awarded a construction contract to Western Construction of Salina to build a new municipal pool in Concordia... Douglas Blair Montoya, graduate of Concordia High School, had entered the Air Force Delayed Enlistment Program, and was scheduled to enter active duty and begin basic military training June 1975... Army First Lieutenant David Hanson, Jamestown, completed an adjutant general officer basic course at the U.S. Army Adjutant General School, Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Ind. ... Lyle Pounds, former Concordian, had been named Outstanding Young Educator of the Year in Newton... Mr. and Mrs. Duane LeBlanc, Clyde, announced the engagement of the daughter, Paula Jean, to Paul Tatum, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Tatum of Concordia... a daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stolzenburg, Ames, on January 16 at St. Joseph hospital... Cloud County Community College girls' basketball coach Karla Stangel had Jana Ward, Pat Clark and Gina Rasure, and Jan Webster score in double figures in the win over Pratt Community College, 81-24... Mr. and Mrs. Terry Shrader had selected the name Brian Allen for their son born January 24 at St. Joseph hospital... a son, Jeffery James, was born January 19 to Mr. and Mrs. James Koch, Clyde, at St. Joseph hospital...

25 Years Ago—2000

Dr. Joe Fakler received the Silver Beaver Award at the Coronado Area Council Recognition Dinner Program in recognition of his many years of "distinguished service to boyhood"... Michele Paris, daughter of Pat and Mike Paris, Concordia, graduated from The School of Culinary Arts, Colorado Institute of Art, Denver... Webelos I Scouts of Cub Pack 31 who placed first in their age group at the Klondike Derby in Brantford were Isaac Rothfuss, Braden Bruntzel, Ian Smith, Jefferson Molter and Jordan Cyphers... Crystal and Jason Gilkeson, Concordia, announced the birth of their daughter, Britney Ann... Concordia High School Ag students won the NC District Dairy Evaluation. Individual placers were Christine Larsen, third; Bret Nelson, fourth; Julie Revell, ninth; and Trent Weber, twelfth... Curtis Demars, Concordia, was among the candidates for homecoming king at Cloud County Community College...

10 Years Ago—2015

Cloud County Health Center honored the following employees for longtime service: Mary Ann Barlow, 50 years; Eunice Eakins, 40 years; Christine Marcotte, Patricia Johnson, Janet Pierce, 30 years; Linda Musselwhite, Dixie Trost, Rose Anderson, 25 years; Heather Trigg, David Vance, 15 years; Dianne LaBonte, 10 years; Richard Baxter, Dawn Thoman, Sara Ramirez, Michelle Ringer, Gary Welch, Jennifer Odette, Kim Holloway, Dorene Hatesohl, Rhona Annon, Debra Mosher, Jami Beswick, Melinda Sallman, Theresa Hammond, Amy Hittle, and Layce Siemsen, 5 years... "Paws"itive Counts winners at Concordia Middle School for January were Skylar Plush, fifth grade, and Cayden Hayward, sixth grade... Cameron Collins led the Panthers with 14 points and 11 rebounds when the Concordia junior varsity girls' basketball team placed third in the Smoky Valley Tournament...

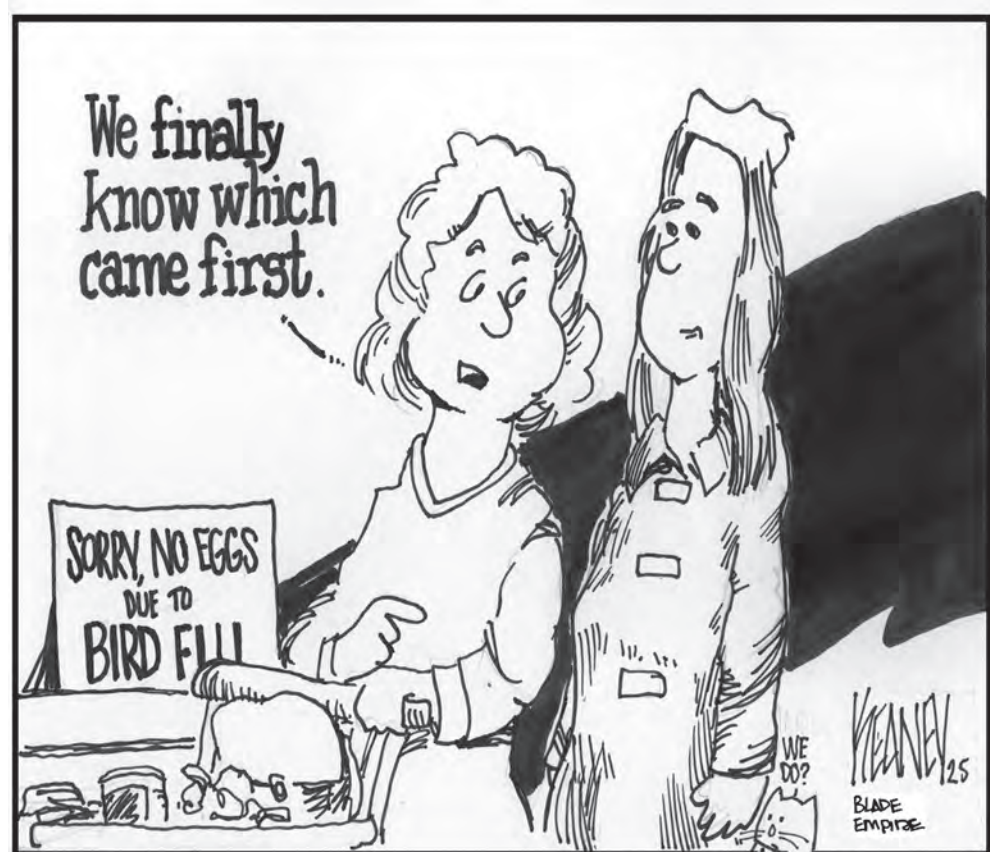
5 Years Ago—2020

An event hosted by the Cloud County Community College Black Student Union honored Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., including a keynote address from President Dr. Adrian Douglas, presentations by students, faculty and administrators, musical selections, speeches, poetry and dance routines performed by the students... the Concordia High School dance squad (Katie Trecek, Kiara Kilian, Derica Reed, Alison Snyder and Paige McWhorter) competed in the Miss Kansas Dance Competition at Olathe South High School... division winners in the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championships were Payton Breese, KcAnna Keiswetter, Baylor Knox, Charlyze Cash, Kale Schroeder, Ayden Krier, and Gehrig Bechard... Tim Stangel celebrated his 60th birthday...

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Wrestling finishes fourth in Beloit Invite, wins Chapman dual

BY TUCKER ASHBURN
BELOIT — Picking up 24 wins in the Beloit Invitational, with four top-three finishes, the Concordia High School varsity boys' wrestling team capped off three straight days of wrestling with a fourth-place team finish.

Jackson Whitley went 0-2 in the tournament. After receiving a first-round bye, Whitley lost by major decision to Trace Conn of Beloit, then had two more byes, before dropping his second match to Samuel Hutchinson of Chanute.

Quinn Kymer went 0-2 in the tournament. Having a bye in the first round, Kymer lost his first match of the day to Heero Franco of Salina South, before having back-to-back byes, then falling to Caden Magdefrau of Blue Valley Southwest to end the tournament.

Rush LeDuc went 2-2 and placed fourth in the tournament. Having a bye in round two of the tournament, LeDuc won his first match by pinning Carson Thomas of Beloit in 38 seconds. After going the distance with Blaize Charbonneau of Clay Center before losing by fall in 3:59, LeDuc picked up a win against Jacob Canaday of Wichita West in the consolation bracket, before falling to Angelo Otero of Holcomb by technical fall in the third-place match.

Bryson Sorenson went 0-2 in wrestled matches. After a first-round bye, he lost to Jhadyn Turner of Hoisington before having another bye, then lost to



SHARON SAHLFELD/BELOIT CALL PHOTOS

CHS's Rush LeDuc attempting to pin Wichita West's Jacob Canaday. LeDuc would win by fall in 1:24.

Gus Rusche of Nemaha Central.

Francisco Ayala went 0-2 in the tournament. Having a first-round bye, Ayala lost in the second round to number three (3-2-1A)-ranked Brayton Peters of Minneapolis, before having another bye, then falling to Cyrus England of Riley County to end the tournament.

Carter Eakins went 3-1 and placed in third place. Starting with a bye, Eakins pinned Beau Koster of Hoxie before losing by decision to Talon Wark of Colby, then picking up two straight wins against JT Alton of Clay Center by technical fall, and by decision, 13-7, in a rematch against Koster in the third-place match.

Drew Sterrett went 3-1, only losing in the championship match. Sterrett won by technical fall over Vance Dempewolf of Colby, won by fall over

Jayden Waterer of Silver Lake, won by major decision, 15-5, over Giovanni Gomez of Hoxie, before losing by decision to number three (3-2-1A)-ranked Owen Weatherhead of Republic County in the first-place match.

Deekon Holbert went 4-2 to earn a fifth-place finish. Holbert won his first match against Cohen Higbee of Wichita East by fall, before losing by decision to Etson Moreno of Hoxie. In the consolation bracket, Holbert won back-to-back matches, first by fall over Kaden Sowers of Oberlin-Decatur, then by decision over Sylar Rohr of Hill City, before losing by decision to Lucas Holthaus of Nemaha Central. Holbert ended the tournament with a win over Maddox Girard of Salina South by decision, 4-1.

Number four (4A)-ranked Drake Blochlinger

went 4-1 and finished in third place. Blochlinger started with a technical fall win over Travis Johnson, then won by fall over Emerson Lowry, before falling to number five (4A)-ranked Joseph Walsh of Abilene by decision. Blochlinger picked up back-to-back wins to end the tournament, winning by decision over Travis Johnson of Hoxie, 5-3, and major decision over Emerson Lowry of Stockton in the third-place match.

Braytin Hake went 0-2. After having a bye, Hake lost by fall to Evan Richardson of Blue Valley Southwest, and Mikey Silva of Riley County.

Tre Hamiel went 1-2. Starting with a bye, Hamiel won by decision, 4-1, over number six (4A)-ranked Cael Casteel of Abilene, before falling to number two-ranked (3-2-1A) Dayton Stephen of

Hill City, and Cai Lanning of Colby.

Clayton Viereck went 1-2. After losing the first match to McCager Wright of Colby and having a bye, Viereck picked up a win against Alvy Morales of Riley County, then falling to Raul Perez of Pratt to end the tournament.

Max Johnson went 4-2 in the tournament and finished in fourth place. Picking up a win in round one by fall over Mathew Bretz of Hoxie, Johnson fell to number three (3-2-1A)-ranked Brodie Boudreaux by fall. In the consolation matches, Johnson won three straight matches, first by technical fall over Carter Beswick of Clay Center, then by fall over Carter Spreer of Silver Lake, then by decision, 10-4, over James Moore of Wichita West. In a rematch for third place, Johnson matched up against Boudreaux, falling once again to earn fourth place.

Number two (4A)-ranked Tracer Murdock went 2-1 and finished in second place. Starting with a bye, Murdock won two straight matches, both by fall. The first was over Kendrick Vande Velde of Silver Lake, then over Chance Johnson of Wichita West in 33 seconds. In the first-place match, Murdock lost by decision to Kharson Montgomery, who is currently ranked number one in 3-2-1A and seventh across all classes.

The wrestling team will host NCKL opponent Rock Creek in a dual. Start time is 6 p.m. at Concordia Junior/Senior

High School.

On the first day of competition, the Concordia High School varsity boys' wrestling team travelled to Chapman for an NCKL dual, leaving victorious with 46 team points.

After dropping five of the first six matches, the Panthers would pick up wins in seven of the last eight matches, and six of those wins were by fall.

Jackson Whitley lost by fall to Cael Rowley in 3:52.

Quinn Kymer lost by decision, 10-6, to Brenden Westfall.

Cooper Jaeger lost by technical fall to Levi Willmann in 3:46.

Rush LeDuc won by fall over Jonah Frey in 2:19.

Francisco Ayala lost by fall to Jeremiah Frey in 3:32.

Carter Eakins lost by decision, 12-8, to Colton Bell.

Drew Sterrett won by fall over Blake Barnum in 35 seconds.

Landon Jorgensen lost by technical fall to Audiel Becker in 3:16.

Deekon Holbert won by fall over Ian Sayers in 5:20.

Drake Blochlinger won by fall over Giovanni Becker in 57 seconds.

Tre Hamiel won by major decision, 11-1, over Nezhiah Brown.

Clayton Viereck won by fall over Quinton Mann in 1:49.

Max Johnson won by fall over Seth Gatewood in 1:11.

Tracer Murdock won by fall over Hayden McGlothlin in 29 seconds.

Panther boys go winless in Colby Black and Orange tournament

BY TUCKER ASHBURN
COLBY — Closing out the Colby Black and Orange tournament fighting for seventh place, the Concordia High School fell in a brutal loss to Ulysses 60-51, after entering the tournament 6-1 and leaving 6-4.

Jumping out to a quick 8-2 lead in the first quarter, the Panthers' hot start quickly got doused, as the Tigers roared awake, taking the lead, 16-15. The Panthers spurred another run and ended the quarter with a 21-18 lead.

As the game progressed, the Tigers' lead and momentum just kept growing, tying the game up at halftime 36 all, taking a five-point lead, 51-46, after three quarters, and holding the Panthers to five points in the fourth, before winning 60-51.

Dropping to the consolation bracket, the Panthers got a rematch with a familiar foe, Beloit, three hours west of their usual stomping grounds. Unlike earlier in the season, Beloit got their revenge, 52-42.

Just like in their previous matchup, the two teams locked horns and were physical and neither team let each other gain any ground. The Panthers got out to an early lead, at the cost of getting into early foul trouble, ending the first quarter leading 12-10.

With Concordia picking up more fouls to start the second quarter, Beloit tied the game up 14 all, and Beloit's defensive pressure limited the Panthers to only eight points in the quarter, and the Trojans entered halftime

with a 23-20 lead.

After a Peyton Retter layup to start the quarter, the bout continued, with both teams unable to gain ground over one another. Both offenses would struggle to score, only having 17 combined points as they entered the fourth quarter tied 30 all.

Beloit would finally be able to pull away, jumping to a five-point lead. The Panthers would fight back and keep the game close, with a five-point game late, but Beloit would go on a nine to four run to end the game and get the revenge win, 52-42.

In a 5A vs 4A matchup in the first round of the Colby Black and Orange tournament, the Concordia High School boys' basketball team fell to Hays 51-31.

After a tumultuous start to the game by both teams, with both teams unable to get any offense going between missed shots and turnovers, the first quarter ended with Hays leading with an 8-7 advantage.

In the second quarter, Hays would start to pull away, crashing the offensive glass and capitalizing on the Panthers' mishaps. Led by six-foot-six-inch Dawson Ruder, the Indians slowly started to establish their presence before ending the half with an eight-point lead, 25-13.

The Panther offense continued to hinder the team. Between turnovers, poor shooting, and Hays' defensive presence, the Indians blew the game wide open, handing the Panthers a 51-31 point loss in the opening round.

Retter had 28 points in



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CHS senior Peyton Retter setting up the offense.

the tournament, alongside seven rebounds and nine assists.

Chane Parker had 27 points and 24 rebounds in the tournament.

Boone Richard had 16 points and seven steals.

Ian Loudermilk had 17 points.

"We faced some adversity this weekend," head coach Shane Traugher said. "Defensively, we played well enough to win games, but live-ball turnovers are undercutting that right now. With a young team and backcourt especially, we have to learn to stay calm and not speed up when pressure comes, and I think we will—it just takes some time. We're going to need to come together as a team and fight to get back to how we were playing earlier this season, along with making some adjustments on how teams are attacking us as well."

The Panthers will travel to Clay Center in an NCKL matchup Friday, January 31, with a competition start time of 4 p.m.

Girls' wrestling team picks up 14 wins in Osborne, falls to Chapman in NCKL dual

BY TUCKER ASHBURN
OSBORNE — Participating in the Osborne Girls Invitational, the Concordia High School girls' wrestling team picked up 14 wins in the 14-team tournament last Saturday.

Taygnn LeDuc went 1-4 on the day and placed fourth, winning her first match by major decision, 9-1, over Caydence Ewing of Phillipsburg, before losing by fall to Rylin Johnson of Minneapolis (number six in 3-2-1A), Callie Loesch of Hoisington, and Estefani Contreras-Munoz of Beloit, before receiving a bye to end the day.

Tierney Breault went 0-2, losing her first match of the day to Jocelyn Leanna of Phillipsburg by fall, and Presleann Kerr of Red Cloud/Blue Hill (Ne.), before having two byes to end the day.

Harlin Bannister went 2-3 on the day and placed fourth. Losing her first match of the day to Annabelle Gonzalez of Hoisington, before picking up back-to-back wins over Abigail Rigney of Osborne and Aerianna Gruber of Phillipsburg, before dropping two straight versus Mya Trevino of Sylvan-Lucas/Russell and Andrea Gonzalez of Hoisington.

Bridgett Blochlinger went 4-1 and placed fifth. She won her first two matches over Maddie Kolas and Annika Hinz of Hoisington, both by fall. Amiyah Sharp of Minneapoliaw flared the record by pinning Blochlinger in 4:23, before

Blochlinger picked up two more wins, defeating Leila Stone of Russell by pin, and a rematch with Hinz saw Blochlinger win by decision, 15-10, to pick up fifth place.

Gabi Lange went 2-3 and placed fourth. She picked up two wins to start, both by fall, over Lyli Noah of Beloit in 40 seconds, and Kamyla Mendoza of Holcomb in 20 seconds. She proceeded to drop three straight matches to McKenzie Simon of Holcomb, Kinsey Zorn of Sylvan-Lucas/Russell (number one ranked 3-2-1A 135 lb.), and Cheyenne Knoll of Osborne in the third-place match.

Jezia Hernandez went 1-4 on the day, winning in round one by fall over Desiree Cleveland of Red Cloud/Blue Hill, before dropping four straight. In round two she faced off against teammate Jordi Jones, losing by fall. She then lost to Johnna Ebner of Phillipsburg (number six in 3-2-1A), Teagan Maxwell of Smith Center, and Cleveland in a rematch for seventh place.

Jordi Jones went 2-1 on the day, picking up a win in round two over teammate Jezia Hernandez, before falling to Cleveland of Red Cloud/Blue Hill. After having two byes, Jones won by fall over Jasira Nieto of Holcomb.

Isabelle Alexander went 0-2 on the day and earned third place. After losing the first match by decision to Isabelle Epoley of Phillipsburg, and after three straight byes,

dropped her second match of the day to Nevaeh Graves of Hoisington, number three in 3-2-1A 170 lb.

Harley Weathersbee went 0-2 on the day, placing third. Dropping the first match of the day to Abigail Redden, Holcomb, before having back-to-back byes, before dropping a round-four match to Haylee Holinde of Hoisington before receiving a bye in round five to end the day.

Concordia will travel to Manhattan with the JV team for the Manhattan Invitational Friday, January 31, with a start time of 4 p.m.

Traveling for a league dual in Chapman, the Concordia girls' wrestling team fell to the Fighting Irish, 36 team points to 22.

Taygnn LeDuc won by major decision, 11-3, over Amara Wright.

Tierney Breault lost by fall to Cambree Obermeyer in 1:23.

Harlin Bannister won by forfeit.

Bridgett Blochlinger lost by fall to Alyssa Calovich in 1:16.

Gabi Lange won by forfeit.

Ruby Generuex lost by fall to Taya Rowley in 3:12.

Jezia Hernandez lost by fall to Montana Kayl in 3:02.

Isabelle Alexander lost by fall to Faith Enger in 1:25.

Harley Weathersbee won by forfeit.

Panthers place seventh in Colby Black and Orange tournament

BY TUCKER ASHBURN
COLBY — Fighting for seventh place in the Colby Black and Orange tournament, the Panthers ended the tournament on a high note, defeating Ulysses 62-44.

After finding themselves down 3-2 to start the game, the Panthers roared to a 16-3 lead after the first quarter.

Ulysses gained its footing in the second quarter, even outscoring the Panthers 16-10, until Rylie Jessup hit a three at buzzer to keep the lead at double digits, keeping the Panthers in the lead, 29-19.

In the third quarter, the Panthers did their best to put the game away, with strong defense and having their hard work on the offensive glass start to pay off, with Stella Trost alone scoring five straight points. The Panthers got on a 17-0 run late in the quarter before entering the fourth with a 48-28 lead.

Ulysses did its best to go on a miracle run, but the Panther offense matched the Tigers' attack, holding on to pick up their second win of the season as the Panthers bested the Tigers 62-44.

In the consolation bracket, the Panthers matched up with a talented Goodland team which came off a 54-31 loss to number eight-ranked Hays. The Panthers were handed a 54-16 loss in a game which saw the Panthers commit 41 turnovers.

After two Char Cash free throws to start the game, the Cowgirls went on an 8-0 run, forcing 10 straight Panther turnovers in the process. A Cash self-assist inbound play would be all the Panthers could manage in the first quarter, falling behind 11-4.

With the Cowgirls ramping up the defensive pressure even more, the Panthers only managed to score one basket, and attempt only seven shots to conclude the first half. Doing their best on defense to limit the damage, the Panthers found themselves down 19-8 at halftime.

The second half was all Goodland. Forcing more Panther turnovers, and finding their offensive



TUCKER ASHBURN/BLADE-EMPIRE
CHS junior Rylie Jessup shooting a three-point shot.

groove, the Cowgirls pulled away in the third quarter, taking a 38-16 lead. The Panthers were held scoreless in the fourth quarter, only shooting 4-16 for the entire game, as Goodland took the 54-16 victory.

Matched up with the number one team in the state of Kansas for 4A to start the Colby Black and Orange tournament, the Concordia High School girls' basketball team fell to Wellington 74-24.

Led by division one (Lindenwood) commit Val Norwood and Fort Hays State commit Brit Zeka, the Crusaders opened the game with an 8-0 run before Kinsleigh Bethune would find Jaylin Roush on a pick and roll to put Concordia on the board. Wellington would hold Concordia to only six points for the quarter, while taking a 19-point lead, ending the quarter 25-6 Crusaders.

Lady Eagles go 2-1, earn fifth place in TVL tournament

FRANKFORT - Junior guard Sevy Wurtz knocked down a shot with three seconds on the clock to give the Clifton-Clyde High School girls' basketball team a 46-44 victory over Axtell in the fifth-place game of the Twin Valley League Tournament played January 25.

Clifton-Clyde trailed Axtell 42-36 with under a minute to play in the game.

Back-to-back three-point shots by Lillian Steinbrock and Wurtz pulled Clifton-Clyde even with Axtell at 42-42.

Wurtz then came up with a steal and scored to give Clifton-Clyde a 44-42 advantage.

Axtell tied the game at 44-44 with 20 seconds remaining.

Clifton-Clyde called a timeout and then got the ball to Wurtz, who scored the winning basket.

Wurtz finished the game with 19 points, seven rebounds and seven steals.

Paige Joy scored 10 points for Clifton-Clyde, eight in the fourth quarter.

Calyn Baker added eight points.

Katelyn Detweiler led Axtell with 11 points. Maggie Strathman scored 10 points.

Clifton-Clyde, seeded third in the tournament, received a bye in the opening round and was then up-



SCOUT SKOCNY
Clifton-Clyde's Lillian Steinbrock shooting a contested shot against Axtell.

set 63-57 by Valley Heights in the quarterfinals.

The Eagles bounced back to defeat Blue Valley-Randolph 65-44 on January 23 to set up the matchup against eighth-seeded Axtell.

Top-seeded Centralia rolled past second-seeded Hanover 71-43 in the championship game.

Doniphan West defeated Valley Heights 56-41 in the third-place game and Linn knocked off Blue Valley in the seventh-place game.

Clifton-Clyde led Axtell

14-11 after one quarter of play.

Axtell outscored Clifton-Clyde 10-6 in the second stanza to go up 21-20 at halftime.

Clifton-Clyde was limited to three points in the third quarter. Axtell scored six points, and led 29-23.

Pouring in 23 points over the final eight minutes, Clifton-Clyde rallied for the win.

Clifton-Clyde 65, Blue Valley 44

Racing to a 29-20 halftime lead, the Clifton-Clyde Eagles posted a second win this season over the Blue Valley Rams.

Blue Valley managed just one free throw in the first quarter, and trailed 14-1.

Clifton-Clyde added 15 points in the second stanza, to eight for the Rams.

The Eagles outscored Blue Valley 18-17 in the third quarter to make it a 47-26 game.

Each team scored 18 points in the final period. Wurtz led the way for the Eagles with 32 points, nine rebounds and five steals.

Steinbrock scored 13 points.

Baker had eight rebounds to go with six points.

Balynn Brockman scored 14 points for Blue Valley.

Eagles finish third in Twin Valley League tournament

FRANKFORT - Avenging an earlier loss, the Clifton-Clyde High School boys' basketball team knocked off Centralia 65-51 in the third-place game of the Twin Valley League Tournament played on January 25.

Centralia had defeated Clifton-Clyde 60-55 in a regular season matchup back on January 3.

The Eagles raced out to a 28-10 halftime lead on their way to picking up the win in the rematch.

Fourth-seeded Clifton-Clyde suffered a 58-48 loss to top-seeded Hanover in the tournament semifinals on January 24.

Hanover fell 70-61 to second-seeded Axtell in the championship game.

Frankfort got past Blue Valley 54-46 in the fifth-place game and Linn toppled Doniphan West 50-39 in the seventh-place game.

Clifton-Clyde led Centralia 12-7 after one quarter of play in the third-place game.

The Eagles limited the Panthers to three points in the second stanza and scored 16 points to make it a 28-10 game.

"Our defense held them to 10 at the half and only allowed three points in the third quarter," Clifton-Clyde coach Josh Skocny said.

Centralia tossed in 19 points in the third quarter, to 17 for Clifton-Clyde, and it was a 45-29 game.

The Eagles knocked down 13 of 19 free throws on their way to scoring 20 points in the fourth quarter.

Jack Skocny, who led all scorers with 25 points, was 10 of 11 from the line and scored 15 points in the period.

Centralia added 22



SCOUT SKOCNY

Jack Skocny shooting a three. Jack surpassed 1000 career points on this shot.

points in the final quarter.

Skocny pulled down five rebounds in the game.

Oliver Nobert scored 11 points for the Eagles.

Ethan Sacco made three of four three-point attempts on his way to scoring nine points.

The Eagles shot 56 percent (19 of 34) from the field and were 10 of 17 from three-point range for 59 percent.

Quentin Alderfer scored 16 points for Centralia.

Hanover 58, Clifton-Clyde 48

Suffering through their worst shooting performance of the season (38 percent), the Eagles fell to Hanover in the semifinal game.

Hanover got out to a 17-13 first-quarter lead.

The Wildcats outscored the Eagles 12-10 in the second quarter to go up 29-13 at halftime.

Clifton-Clyde managed just nine points in the third period, to 14 for Hanover, and it was a 43-32 game.

The Eagles tacked on 16 points in the fourth quarter to 15 for the Wildcats.

Skocny led Clifton-Clyde with 23 points and six rebounds.

Kye Chase added eight points and five rebounds.

Tanner Bruna led three Hanover players in double figures with 21 points.

Garrett Martin scored 14 and Braylon Meyn added 12.

Cloud Women's Track and Field earns 2nd place in NAIA/JUCO Challenge, Men finish 18th place

BY TOBY NOSKER

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Women's

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Freshman Maimuna Jallow delivered two first-place wins, setting new meet records in the 60M Dash in a national qualifying time of 7.35 and in the 200M Dash in a national qualifying time of 24.39.

In the 400M Dash, sophomore Rafiatu Nuhu established a new meet record with a national qualifying time of 55.48.

The T-Birds went 1-3-4 in the 800M Run. Sophomore Nontokoze Ncube broke the meet and program record in a national qualifying time of 2:10.80.

Sophomore N Vanee Anchike clocked a national qualifying third place time of 2:13.93. Freshman Amanda Kotambe was fourth in a national qualifying time of 2:22.03.

Anchike posted a winning run in the 3,000M

in a new meet record, national qualifying time of 10:19.11.

In the One Mile Run, Kotambe was fourth individually in a time of 5:16.86.

Sophomore Chenessa Davis recorded a second-place finish in the 60M Hurdles in a national qualifying time of 8.71.

Freshman Tahlia Lienert took fifth in a time of 9.12.

Davis also took seventh in the high jump with a leap of 4'8". Lienert and sophomore Cordaelia Williams tied for 10th with a height of 4'8".

Sophomore Bradie Medina posted a fifth place finish in the Pole Vault at a height of 10'9".

Freshman Nele Goesl took fifth in the Triple Jump with a leap of 35'7".

Freshman Nanhi Pannu finished sixth in the 600M Run, crossing the finish line in a time of 1:41.75.

Cloud County scored 90.5 points and finished 6.5 points behind first-place Barton. Evangel (52), Cowley College (40) and Crowder Community College (30) rounded out the top five.

Men's

The Cloud County Community College men's indoor track and field squad made its way to Pittsburg State University to compete in the NAIA/Juco Challenge on Saturday, January 25. Cloud County placed 18th out of 30 teams with a score of 16.6 points.

In the 800M Run, freshman Abdelaziz Benbrahim had a strong first place finish in a national qualifying time of 1:53.01. Benbrahim's time also set a new meet record.

Sophomore Bradley Nkosi secured third place in the 60M Hurdles in a time of 8.27.

Freshman Mory Diop tied for seventh place in the High Jump with a national qualifying height of 6'3".

The T-Birds next will take part in the Herm Wilson Invitational at the Heskett Center at Wichita State University on Friday, January 31, and at the Washburn Open & Multi at Washburn University in Topeka, Kansas, on Friday, January 31 and Saturday, February 1.

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Cloud's Elidjah Savane contesting a Dodge City layup. Savane had 25 points, 10 rebounds, and four blocks in the loss to the Conquistadores.

T-Birds lose heartbreaker to Dodge City, Seward on the road

BY TUCKER ASHBURN
Dropping their ninth game out of their last 11, the Cloud County Community College men's basketball team fell to Dodge City at home in a heartbreaking 86-85 loss.

Finding themselves down early in the first half, the T-Birds refused to let the game get away, and took their first lead with eight minutes remaining in the half, 28-27.

Cloud would hold onto the lead for the rest of the half and the vast majority of the second half. The T-Birds would get the lead up to 14 points, before taking a 49-37 lead at halftime.

Three T-Birds found themselves with double-digit scoring in the first half: Elidjah Savane (14), Matthew Garber (12), and Syncere Burnette (10).

Dodge City would start to chip away at the lead in the second half, and even taking it, thanks to a three-point shot, taking a 52-50 lead. After back-to-back threes, Cloud took the lead back and got it up to 14 with 4:08 remaining for an 81-67 lead.

The Conquistadores proceeded to go on a



TUCKER ASHBURN/BLADE-EMPIRE
Cloud's Kuel Akot defending a Dodge City player.

13-3 run to get the lead down to four, before a layup with 23 seconds remaining made it a two-point game, 84-82. An intentional foul by Dodge City sent Burnette to the line. After making the first one and putting the lead to three, Burnette missed the second in what would prove to be costly. The Conqs slowly went up the court and hit a three with eight seconds remaining, getting fouled in the process. Converting the four-point play and taking a one-point lead, a terrible shot by Cloud as time expired would solidify the loss.

Savane finished with 25 points, 10 rebounds, and four blocks.

Burnette had 25 points, eight rebounds, five assists, and three steals.

Garber had 14 points and five rebounds.

Heading to southwest Kansas for a KJCCC matchup against Seward, Cloud fell to the Knights 76-66, thanks to a big Seward second half.

The struggling T-Birds found themselves in a tight match with the Knights, leading by five at halftime, 39-34.

Seward flipped the script in the second half, holding Cloud to only 27 points and scoring 42 in the half to pull away to a 10-point win.

This is Cloud's third loss scoring 66 points, their second lowest point mark outside of the 65 points scored in a loss to Cowley on January 11.

Savane had 17 points and 11 rebounds.

Burnette had 14 points and five assists.

Kuel Akot had 14 points.

Fallou Koite had 13 points and five rebounds.

Cloud had two points off the bench.

Cloud will host Fort Hays Tech Northwest Saturday, February 1.



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Cloud's DaNae Crosby attempting a layup against Dodge City. Crosby finished with a team-high 21 points and three steals in the home loss.

Tough second quarter dooms T-Birds, fall to Dodge City 77-69

BY TUCKER ASHBURN
Going blow for blow for three quarters, a crucial second quarter doomed the Thunderbirds, causing the home loss, 77-69, to Jayhawk Conference foe Dodge City.

Cloud opened up with a quick 4-0 run to start the game, and built their lead up to seven points, 12-5, with 3:38 remaining in the first quarter. Dodge City was able to tie the game up with 30 seconds left in the quarter, tied at 13 all.

The Thunderbirds would strike first in the second quarter thanks to a Talasia Thomas layup. Both teams would go back and forth scoring baskets before the Conquistadores finally nabbed the lead with 5:01 remaining. Dodge City would build its lead up to 10 points, 31-21, with 2:17 remaining, and held a 34-24 point lead entering halftime, outscoring the Panthers by 10 critical points.

The T-Birds shot 25 percent from the field in the quarter while Dodge City shot 61.5 percent from the field.

Cloud would do its

best to eliminate the lead, but could not get it below seven points in the quarter. For every shot Cloud made, the Conqs responded and entered the fourth quarter leading 59-50.

Cloud shot 50 percent from the field and 42.9 percent from deep, while Dodge City shot 47 percent from the field, and 45.5 percent from deep.

The back and forth continued for both teams. Cloud would get the lead down to four points with two Shea Wurtz free throws with 1:44 remaining, before Dodge City slammed the door on the 'Birds, getting the lead back up to eight and holding Cloud off the board, handing the T-Birds a 77-69 loss.

DaNae Crosby had 21 points and three steals.

Thomas had 15 points and 11 rebounds.

Wurtz had 13 points, seven rebounds, and five steals.

TiAna Davis had 11 points, and six rebounds.

Traveling to Seward, the Knights downed the T-Birds 68-41 to hand the 'Birds their largest loss of

the season.

After finding themselves down 16-11 in the first quarter, a terrible second quarter saw the T-Birds only score five points compared to Seward's 16, putting the T-Birds in a 32-16 hole at halftime.

Cloud would start to get back in the game, outscoring the Knights 16-10 in the third quarter. Finding themselves down 42-32 entering the fourth quarter, another poor shooting streak happened and Cloud was held to only nine points, while Seward exploded for 26 fourth-quarter points. The 27-point difference would be the largest negative point difference on the season.

Cloud shot 27.1 percent from the floor,

Thomas had nine points, six rebounds, and two steals.

Davis had seven points and two steals.

Bre Frazier had seven points and three rebounds.

Lauren Marron had seven points off the bench.



SHARON SAHLFELD / BELOIT CALL PHOTO

Boen Blochlinger watches his big brother Drake wrestle with his grandmother, Nancy Holbert, during the Beloit Invitational on Saturday, Jan. 25, in Beloit.



TUCKER ASHBURN/BLADE-EMPIRE

Cloud's Mac Chambers defending against a Neosho lunge.

Cloud County Wrestling Team Splits Home Jayhawk Conference Duals

BY TOBY NOSKER
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The Cloud County Community College wrestling team went 1-1 in a pair of Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference duals on Wednesday, January 22 in Arley Bryant Gymnasium. The T-Birds lost to Neosho County Community College, 24-21, but bounced back to take down Colby in the nightcap, 27-17. Sophomore Macal-listair Chambers, ranked No. 6 nationally in the 174 lbs. weight class, went 2-0 on the day. Chambers scored a second period fall over Maleek Ayonrinde of Neosho County, before taking down Cah'mari Johnson of Colby by a 7-3 decision. Freshman Jacob Vasquez won two matches by decision at 157 lbs. Vasquez picked up an 8-5 decision over Hunter Jennings of Neosho County, followed by a 3-0 decision over Alec Schmuck of Colby. Freshman Micah Cauthers, wrestling at 184 lbs., captured a 5-0 decision over Dylan Waggerman of Neosho County, before scoring a first period pin over Mouhamadou Sene of Colby. Nolan Bradley won by forfeit against Neosho County in his 125 lbs. bout. In his final match of the night, Bradley secured a 15-5 major decision over Luis

Vasquez of Colby. Jayden Berry, Darian "D.J." Gillins, Kaleb Talkington and Daniel Vines each went 1-1 in the tri-dual. Neosho County defeated Cloud County 24-21. 125 - Nolan Bradley (Cloud County) over Unknown (Neosho County) Forf. 133 - Evan Coble (Neosho County) over Kaleb Talkington (Cloud County) Dec 5-4. 141 - Caden Smith (Neosho County) over Daniel Vines (Cloud County) Fall. 149 - Kasen Smith (Neosho County) over Lukas Zodrow (Cloud County) Dec 12-6. 157 - Jacob Vasquez (Cloud County) over Hunter Jennings (Neosho County) Dec 8-5. 165 - Kelton Howard (Neosho County) over Unknown (Cloud County) Forf. 174 - Mac Chambers (Cloud County) over Maleek Ayonrinde (Neosho County) Fall. 184 - Micah Cauthers (Cloud County) over Dylan Waggerman (Neosho County) Dec 5-0. 197 - DJ Gillins (Cloud County) over Dravin Pipkin (Neosho County) Dec 7-1. 285 - Jayden Berry (Cloud County) over Unknown (Neosho County) Forf. Cloud County defeated Colby 27-17.

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SIDELINE SUMMARY

This week in sports...

CONCORDIA

Boys Basketball

The CHS boys' team entered the Colby Black and Orange tournament with a 6-1 record, but dropped three straight games to drop their season mark to 6-4. The Panthers lost to Ulysses 51-60, Beloit 42-52, and Hays 31-51.

Girls Basketball

Competing in the 40th annual Colby Black and Orange tournament, the CHS girl's basketball team went 1-2 in the three day tournament, falling to number 1 4A team Wellington 74-24, Goodland 54-16, before picking up their sole win of the tournament against Ulysses 62-44..

Wrestling

The Panther boys finished fourth as a team at the Beloit Invitational, but won their dual with Chapman. The Panther girls picked up 14 wins at the Osborne Girls Invitation, a 14-team event. Earlier in the week, the Lady Panthers dropped a dual meet to Chapman 22-36.

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CLIFTON-CLYDE

Boys Basketball

Avenging an earlier loss, the Eagles beat Centrailla 65-51 to finish third in the TVL Tournament. Earlier, the Eagles lost to Hanover, 58-48.

Girls Basketball

The Lady Eagles beat Axtell 46-44 on a last-second shot to finish fifth in the TVL tournament. Earlier, the Lady Eagles had beat Blue Valley 65-44.

CLOUD COUNTY

Men's Basketball

The Cloud County Men's Basketball team fell to Dodge City at home 86-85. Cloud held a 15-point lead in the second half, before a four-point play in the final 10 seconds pushed Dodge City over the edge. Facing off with Seward on the road, the Thunderbirds fell 76-66. This is the third time the T-Birds scored 66 points in a loss, their second lowest point number on the season.

Women's Basketball

Dropping their second straight game, the Lady T-Birds fell to Dodge City at home 77-69 in a hard-fought battle. Cloud had four players in double figures: DaNae Crosby, Talasia Thomas, Shea Wurtz, TiAna Davis. The T-Birds fell at Seward 68-41 in their largest loss on the season.

Wrestling

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Track and Field

The T-Birds placed 18th out of 30 teams at the NAIA/Juco Challenge at Pittsburgh State University on Saturday. CCCC's Abdelaziz Benbrahim finished first in the 800M race and set a new meet record of 1:53:01. The Lady T-Birds turned in five-first place finishes, and finished second as a team at the NAIA/Juco Challenge at Pittsburg State University. Miamuna Jallow won both the 60M and 200M races.

CHS ATHLETE of the week

DRAKE BLOCHLINGER



Concordia High School sophomore Drake Blochlinger went 5-1 on the week, 4-1 in the Beloit Invitational, finishing in third place with the sole loss to #5 (4A) Joseph Walsh of Abilene. He won his dual by fall against Giovanni Becker, Chapman, in 57 seconds.

Sunday-Thursday:
11:00 AM to 12:00 AM
Friday - Saturday:
11:00 AM to 2:00 AM



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POLICE DEPT.

Arrests—On Monday, January 20, at 6:59 p.m., officers responded to the 200 block of East Fifth Street for a report of a verbal dispute. Upon investigation, Katherine West, Concordia, was arrested for criminal threat-domestic. West was transported and booked into Cloud County Corrections.

On Friday, January 24, at 3:07 a.m., officers responded to the 900 block of Matthew Street for a report of a fight in progress. Upon investigation, Dustin Monson, Concordia, was arrested for domestic battery and criminal damage to property. Monson was transported and booked into Cloud County Corrections.

On Friday, January 24, at 5:07 p.m., officers conducted a traffic stop at the 400 block of Spruce Street. After running the driver's license through dispatch, Raeisha Owens, Concordia, was noted to have an active warrant out of Ottawa County. Officers also found marijuana inside of the vehicle. Owens was arrested and transported to Cloud County Corrections for possession of marijuana and her Ottawa County warrant—original charge: failure to appear.

On Saturday, January 25, at 3:30 p.m., officers took a report of domestic battery and criminal threat that had occurred prior in the day. Officers were able to locate the suspect at the 1300 block of Cedar, identified as Travis Gilbreath, Concordia. Gilbreath was arrested for domestic battery and criminal threat. Gilbreath was transported and booked into Cloud County Corrections.

Gunshots—On January 25, at 7:00 p.m. and 9:50 p.m., officers investigated a report of gunshots. Upon investigation, it was determined that the gunshots occurred outside of city limits.

Medical emergency—On Tuesday, January 21, at 1:28 p.m., officers responded to the 1300 block of Lincoln. Upon investigation, officers requested Concordia Fire Department due to a medical emergency. The individual was transported to North Central Kansas Medical Center.

Criminal threat—On Wednesday, January 22, at 6:11 p.m., officers responded to the 100 block of East College Drive for a report of criminal threat. Due to

where the crime occurred, the case was forwarded to Republic County Sheriff's Office.

Theft—On Monday, January 20, at 8:08 p.m., officers responded to the 200 block of West Sixth Street for a report of a theft. Charges for theft have been forwarded to the Cloud County Attorney.

Criminal trespass—On Sunday, January 26, at 7:57 a.m., officers responded to the 800 block of West Fourth Street for a report of criminal trespass. This incident is still under investigation.

Welfare check—On Monday, January 20, at 11:02 a.m., officers were dispatched to the 400 block of West Sixth Street for a welfare check.

On Tuesday, January 21, at 10:14 a.m., officers responded to the 400 block of West 15th Street for a welfare check.

On Thursday, January 23, at 8:12 p.m., officers responded to the 1300 block of Cedar Street for a welfare check.

On Saturday, January 25, at 3:51 a.m., officers responded to the 100 block of West College Drive for a welfare check.

EMT/FIRE DEPT.

Tuesday, January 21

At 1:47 p.m., Medic-4 was dispatched for a medical emergency. One patient was transported to NCKMC.

Wednesday, January 22

At 11:59 a.m., Medic-4 was dispatched for a medical emergency. One patient was transported to NCKMC.

At 12:32 p.m., Medic-4 was dispatched for a medical emergency. No transport was needed.

Thursday, January 23

At 8:29 a.m., L-1 was dispatched for a fire call.

At 2:30 p.m., M-5 was dispatched for a long-distance transfer. It was cancelled on scene.

At 4:39 p.m., M-5 was dispatched for a long-distance transfer to Salina Regional Health Center.

Friday, January 24

At 5:15 a.m., Medic-5 was dispatched for a basic life support, long-distance transfer. One patient was

transported to Salina Regional Health Center (SRHC) and then back to North Central Kansas Medical Center (NCKMC).

At 2:13 p.m., Medic-4 was dispatched for a medical emergency. There was no patient transport.

Saturday, January 25

At 11:51 a.m., Medic-5 was dispatched for a basic life support, long-distance transfer. One patient was transported to SRHC.

At 3:32 p.m., Medic-4 was dispatched for a medical emergency. There was no patient transport.

At 9:23 p.m., Medic-4 was dispatched for a medical emergency. One patient was bypassed to SRHC.

Sunday, January 26

At 1:59 p.m., Medic-4 was dispatched for a medical emergency. One patient was transported to NCKMC.

Monday, January 27

At 12:38 a.m., Medic-4 was dispatched for a medical emergency. One patient was transported to NCKMC.

At 8:24 p.m., Medic-4 was dispatched for a medical emergency. One patient was transported to NCKMC.

SHERIFF DEPT.

Non-injury accidents—On Wednesday, January 22, at 6:26 a.m., a deputy took a report of a non-injury accident located at Lost Creek Lane and 11th Street on the outskirts of Concordia.

On Friday, January 24, at 8:07 p.m., a deputy took a report of a non-injury accident located at Trail and 20th roads.

Criminal damage—On Thursday, January 23, at 1:18 p.m., a deputy took a report of criminal damage to property on Main Street in Glasco. The case is still under investigation.

Child abuse—On Sunday, January 26, at 10:38 a.m., a deputy took a report of possible child abuse in Cloud County. The case is still under investigation.

Unattended death—On Friday, January 24, at 2:13 p.m., a deputy received a call about an unattended death in Jamestown.

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