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## Two Lights for Tomorrow

Two Lights for Tomorrow is a nationwide initiative to commence the celebration of the 250th birthday of the United States of America. The famous ride of Paul Revere occurred on the overnight of April 18 - 19, 1775.

Two Lights for Tomorrow commemorates that famous ride and uses the imagery of that shining light today as a unifying call to action for our citizens to celebrate and serve.

### HOW TO PARTICIPATE

On April 18, 2025, we're calling for two lights to be displayed in every statehouse in the nation. They will be a reminder that the visual of a light shining out in the darkness on Revere's ride is not just something that mattered then; it's something that matters today, and for our collective tomorrow.

Some commissions are planning a public program as two lights are lit at the statehouse. This is an opportunity to not only raise public awareness of the upcoming 250th and how that visibly will be marked, but also to communicate the meaning of Revere's ride as history and remind our citizens

of their part in the perpetual building of a more perfect union.

### INVOLVE YOUR COMMUNITY

From two spotlights at a state capitol building beaming in the darkness to smaller displays at municipal buildings, and lights in individual homes, every citizen can participate. For state-level displays, there isn't a specific kind of light, duration of display, or location because we want it to be approachable and achievable for everyone given that each state-level commission will need to coordinate the approval processes within their own systems.

Some governor's offices are considering issuing executive orders to encourage government department buildings, municipalities, and every citizen to participate.

We encourage participation at as many locations as possible - community centers, municipal and county administrative buildings, and private residences.



## Astrophysicist, Strategist to speak at CCCC Cook Series

Emma Loudon, an American astrophysicist, strategist, and speaker will present "Return to Home, Return to Hope: Charting the 3rd Phase of Space Exploration," at Cloud County Community College's Cook Series on Thursday, March 27, at 7 p.m.

All Cook Series events are free and open to the public.

Raised in Park City, Utah, Loudon spent many nights outside looking up at the Milky Way through the crisp and clear mountain air. After falling in love with the NASA rovers Spirit and Opportunity, her astrophysics pathway took off quickly. Since then, Loudon has attended the Summer Science Program, graduated Magna Cum Laude from Princeton University, and been selected as a Brooke Owens Fellow and a Quad Fellow.

As an astrophysics Ph.D. candidate at Yale



University, Loudon studies the geometry of exoplanetary systems. She uses the thinking spurred by this inquiry to help humanity develop a consciousness that puts the Earth in context and advances space exploration for the common good.

Loudon built Space To Sparkle, a consultancy that connects ambitious students committed to

creating a better world to new career paths in the space industry through career strategy workshops, an online community curated for people with a drive to change the world in STEM, and coaching experiences with Loudon.

Loudon is also a space strategy analyst and EarthDNA Ambassador. She co-founded the Ask-A-Brookie Mentorship program and serves on the American Astronomical Society Committee on Astronomy and Public Policy. She is deeply committed to sharing her passion for astronomy to spark curiosity and excitement in future scientists, especially minorities in STEM. She serves as a Young Professional Mentor for the Zed Factor Fellowship, a mentor for the Space Prize, and a lead for the SSP Connect mentorship program for alumni of the Summer Science Program.

See CCCC on 2A



CCCC Cook Theatre presents its spring production "The Effect of Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds." From left, Tillie, played by Georgia Rolph, watches a scene unfold with Nanny, the elderly resident, played by Mikki Nelson and Beatrice, her mother, played by Avery Brown. The play runs from April 9-11 at CCCC Cook Theatre.

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## CCCC theatre department presents Spring production

BY CYNTHIA WILSON  
Blade-Empire

Cloud County Community College (CCCC) presents its spring production, "The Effect of Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds," at the Cook Theatre on April 9-11, 2025.

The play was written by Paul Zindel, a playwright and science teacher, and is being directed by Julia Burr-Roveti.

The characters of the play include Matilda "Tillie" Hunsdorfer, played by Georgia Rolph; Ruth Hunsdorfer, played by Clare McKain; Beatrice Hunsdorfer, played by Avery Brown; Nanny, played

by Mikki Nelson; and Janice Vickery, played by Oluwadamilola "Dami" Sansa-deen.

The play revolves around a dysfunctional family consisting of a single mother, Beatrice, and her two daughters, Ruth and Tillie, who try to cope with their abysmal status in life. The play is a lyrical drama, with dark moments.

McKain said, "Even though it's a very dark, sad play, there are moments of funniness and laughter— kind of lightens the mood a little. So it's not just all sad and dark, there's a little bit of light."

See THEATRE on 2A

## Valcoure named CJSHS Student of the Month

BY RUSSELL GAGNON

Nevaeh Valcoure has been named the Concordia Junior/Senior High School (CJSHS) Student of the Month for March.

The daughter of Lisa and Bill Valcoure, Nevaeh carries a 3.8 GPA at CJSHS and is a member of the National Honor Society. She also participates in softball, powerlifting, student council, and trap shooting.

How good of a shot is she? "I average 23 out of 25," Nevaeh said. "I went to state last year, and I'm going again this year. I started in eighth grade, so this is my fifth season."

Nevaeh is also a Career and Technical Education (CTE) ambassador and a member of the First United Methodist Youth Group. In her spare time, she enjoys farming, showing livestock, hunting, spending time with friends and family, rodeo, and shopping.

Is she a savvy shopper? "I'm really good," she said, but then paused and added with a laugh, "Well, maybe not really. I always go for the expensive stuff, so maybe I'm not that good."

Nevaeh has been involved with powerlifting since her sophomore year. "I can hang squat 185 (pounds) and squat 245," she said. "I did almost every sport in junior high,



Nevaeh Valcoure has been selected as the Concordia High School Student of the Month for March.

but in high school I just stuck to the ones that I enjoyed the most. My favorite sport is softball - I have been playing since I was in elementary school. I may not be the top athlete, however, when I am out there I am giving my all, enjoy cheering on the team, and love staying active."

Nevaeh enjoys being outdoors and working on a farm. "I've been help-

ing Loren Swenson and Wayne Jeardoe since I was 11 years old," she said. "I also work at the Cloud County Co-op Terminal. And I help Mark Foley with his cattle. I also work with the Atwells and drove a swather. I wanted a job when I was young, and in a rural community, there are farmers who need help. Being a part of FFA really sparked me."

See VALCOURSE on 3A

# Theatre

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Tillie prepares an experiment involving marigolds raised from seeds exposed to radioactivity for her science fair. She is constantly thwarted by her mother Beatrice, who is self-centered and abusive, and by her extroverted and unstable sister Ruth, who submits to her mother's will.

The interpretation of the play, explained by Brown is, "The marigolds represent Beatrice and her daughters—the three marigolds, where two were exposed to gamma rays and one not exposed."

The dead marigold represents the mother, who is dysfunctional and stuck in life. Brown said, "Not making it in life."

The mutated marigold is Ruth, the extroverted, unstable sister. She wants to be normal and popular, but is not. "She will probably end up like her mother," said Burr-Roveti.

The normal, beautiful marigold is Tillie, the one who is succeeding in life and making it. She is the one who makes it out of her dysfunctional family.

The story is about "Making it or not making it: how to get out of a dysfunctional life, changing for the better," said Burr-Roveti.

The play, "The Effect of Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds," runs from April 9-11. The Wednesday showing starts at 1 p.m. and the Thursday and Friday showings will be at 7 p.m. The play will be at the Cook Theatre at CCCC.



## "What a Wonderful World"

On Thursday, March 13, the second grade students at Concordia Elementary School performed a spring music concert, directed by music teacher Ann Metcalfe. Metcalfe said, "We are all done with winter, we're ready for spring. We are ready to enjoy all the beautiful colors. That is what led to the theme and inspiration for tonight's concert." The last song the children sang was "What a Wonderful World." They enhanced the performance with the use of colored scarves.

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## "The Addams Family Musical"

Concordia Junior/Senior High School's Theatre Program performed a musical about the Addams Family on April 13-15, 2025. Wednesday Addams, played by Vanessa Brown, is torturing her brother, Pugsley Addams, played by Olivia Christensen, in this scene during the play. "The Addams Family Musical" was directed by Kelly Knedler. Knedler said, "Opening night was really good, well over 100 people in attendance. The cast lifted the caliber to another bar for opening night. It was a great turnout and performance."

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## Cloud County receives gift of \$300,000 from the Meridian Way Wind Farm and EDP Renewables

Cloud County has received its annual payment of \$300,000 from the Meridian Way Wind Farm and EDP Renewables.

The funds are used to support projects that improve the lives of residents in Cloud County. Businesses and organizations are encouraged to submit a request to receive a portion of the funding, which is dispersed by the Cloud County Commission.

The deadline for submitting a funding request is March 30.

Among the grant applicants so far are:

USD 333 for book carts, in the amount of \$5,000.

The city of Glasco for fire truck apparatus additions (skid and fire body box), in the amount of \$41,114.

The Cloud County Fair Board for

replacing four outside five-ton AC/furnace units, in the amount of \$38,375.

The Brown Grand Opera House, Inc. for replacing its lighting and sound system, and the theatre's vintage cyclorama, in the amount of \$20,000.

The Clyde Senior Citizens Center for replacing damaged roof membrane and guttering on its building, in the amount of \$5,000.

The Concordia Chamber of Commerce for a computer and printer upgrade, in the amount of \$7,254.77.

The Concordia Wesleyan Church for Easter Egg Event inflatables, in the amount of \$625.

The city of Clyde Beautification Committee for street sign/directional signage and missing street sign replacement, in the amount of \$30,888.43.

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Her expertise has been featured in talks at TEDx, Yale Law School, NPR, and the Jasper Dark Sky Festival. She was named one of the STEM Reinventors of the Year for 2021 and a Payload Pioneer 30 Under 30. She also serves on the Future Space Economy Webcast Advisory Board for SATELLITE. As a sought-after speaker, Loudon travels around the world

as a steward of the story of the next phase of space exploration, empowering the next generation of students in STEM and connecting the public to the transformative power of space exploration.

For more information, contact Brenton Phillips, dean of Humanities, Social Sciences and Business at Cloud, at 785.243.1435, ext. 244, or by email at bphillips@cloud.edu.

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The Nazareth Motherhouse had its annual Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, April 16. From left, Gerald Chavey, Joan Pentico, and Louise Summers are enjoying the dinner. The spaghetti dinner included egg rolls that were handmade by the Vietnamese Sisters of St. Joseph. There was a raffle, bake sale and silent auction at this year's event.

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# Above and Beyond the Call

BY LORI HALFHIDE

NOTC Head of Research

Sometimes there are people who take on tasks and get by doing the bare minimum. There are others who tackle those tasks head on and go above and beyond the call. I am going to tell you about two people who took on the job of foster parents and went above and beyond the call.

Edward Alexander Maxwell was born in Canada on January 13th of 1846. He immigrated to the United States as a young man. On the 21st of March 1877, Ed married Florence Estella Richardson in Iowa. Shortly after their marriage they moved to Riley County, Kansas, and settled near the village of Bala, not far from Leonardville. Ed established himself as a farmer and their family grew quickly. The Maxwells would be blessed with ten children: eight daughters and two sons. They were: Edna Margaret (b. 6 Jan 1878); Alexander "Allie" Stephen (b. 31 Oct. 1879); Jane Alma (b. 1 Feb 1882, died 28 May 1887); Mary Edith (b. 18 Aug 1884); Bertha Winifred (b. 16 Mar. 1887, died 18 Aug. 1890); Florence "Flossie" Gertrude (b. 29 Nov 1889); Cora Estalabelle (b. 29 July 1892); Emma Ruth (b. 29 March 1896); Edward Charles Raymond (b. 19 Sept. 1898), and Helen Idella (b. 28 June 1901).

Running a farm in the late 1800's was a family affair. The girls helped Mother with household chores, babysitting, laundry, gardening, and chickens. The boys helped Father in the fields, milking and caring for livestock. Ed was shorthanded on the farm work side.

When he heard neighbor Ellis Davies complaining that the New York orphan he'd taken in wasn't happy in his home and that Ellis was not wanting to continue to keep the youth, Ed volunteered to take the boy. Ellis was all too happy to let the boy go. So Ed Maxwell took Eugene Smith into his home. Ed was not a hard taskmaster. He taught his wards to love and appreciate the land and the livestock. He sent them to country school until eighth grade and also helped them go to college when they came of age. They ate meals with the family and were treated as a member of the family.

In 1894, Eugene Smith



Ed and Florence Maxwell

started his two years of college at Kansas Agricultural College in Manhattan. He married Ed and Florence Smith's oldest daughter Edna in 1898.

Not long after Eugene married Edna, Ed Maxwell contacted the Children's Aid Society in New York City. He was interested in finding another boy to take in. In the spring of 1899, Harry Colwell arrived in Leonardville and joined the Maxwell family. Once again, Ed took Harry under his wing and taught him farming. Harry reminisced in his memoir about the sweet smell of freshly turned

earth and his love of farming and animals. In 1902, with Harry starting to think about college and teaching school, Ed once again contacted the Children's Aid Society. They sent him another young man, James Bond. Again, Ed taught James his love of the farm and welcomed the boy into the family. James' brother William arrived in Leonardville the following year. He was taken in by a Mrs. Springale, but that placement did not work out. Ed Maxwell could not let this boy be sent away, so he took William Bond in as well. In 1904, the Maxwell

family suffered a double tragedy. Edna and Eugene Smith had moved to Colorado in 1902. Oldest son Allie went to Colorado on business and to visit his sister and brother-in-law. On the 7th of August, Allie was killed in a train crash near Eden, Colorado. His body was returned to Leonardville for burial. Ten days after Allie's tragic death, Eugene Smith died of typhoid fever in Denver. He, too, was returned to Leonardville for burial. Edna and their two children, Alice and Maxwell, returned to Leonardville to live near family.

On the 13th of January 1910, Edward Alexander Maxwell passed away. He'd been a prominent man in Riley County: Sunday School superintendent, school board member, and prominent farmer. He was well known for his beneficence. Six months later, Harry Colwell married the second Maxwell daughter, Mary Edith.

After Ed's death, Harry Colwell ran the farm with assistance from Jim and Willie Bond. The three young men took care of all of the work with the help of the youngest Maxwell son, Eddie.

Shortly before deploying for World War I service, James Bond married the third Maxwell daughter, Florence "Flossie" Maxwell.

In 1920, James had returned from war, and he and Flossie were living with the widow Florence Maxwell and the two youngest Maxwell children, Eddie and Helen. James was the man of the house, running the farm. After Florence retired and moved the two children into a house in Leonardville, James and Flossie went their own way to start a new life in Wyoming.

Florence Maxwell died on the 29th of September, 1940, in Lawrence, Kansas. She rests along with Ed, Eugene, Allie, and the two daughters who died as children at the Leonardville Cemetery.

What a wonderful couple the Maxwells were, offering their home to four young men in need of home and family. In addition, three of their daughters married three of these young men, cementing their position in the family. They truly went above and beyond the call of duty for foster parents.



Ed Maxwell home



# SUDOKU

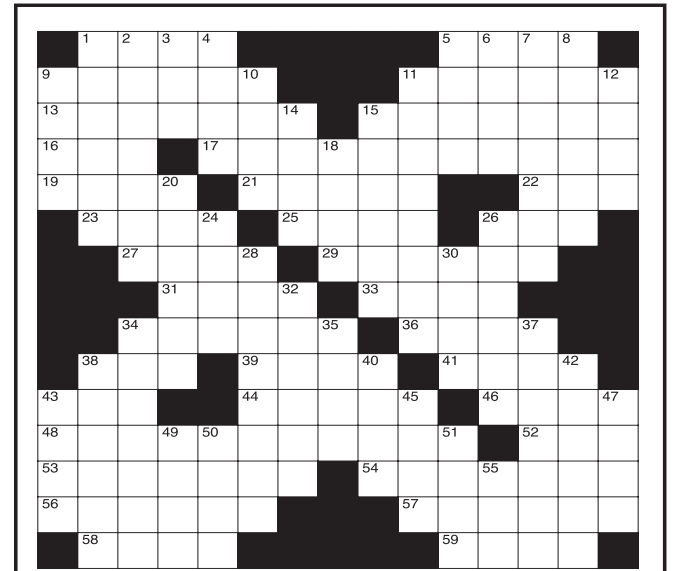
Here's How It Works:

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

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Level: Intermediate

# Crossword



## CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Take heed
- 5. One's superior
- 9. Prepped meat
- 11. Tighten anew
- 13. Type of textile fiber
- 15. Animalistic
- 16. When you hope to get somewhere
- 17. Offender
- 19. Former NYC mayor Ed
- 21. Type of cryptocurrency
- 22. Mauna \_\_, Hawaiian volcano
- 23. Herring-like fish
- 25. Popular PBS program
- 26. Congressman (abbr.)
- 27. Flightless Australian birds
- 29. Defrosted
- 31. Prior Yankee sensation Kevin
- 33. Nasal mucus
- 34. Some are southern
- 36. A place to construct
- 38. Popular beer brand
- 39. Shouts of farewell
- 41. Network of nerves
- 43. Make a mistake
- 44. Showed old movie
- 46. Body parts
- 48. A divisor
- 52. Congressional investigatory body
- 53. Papers
- 54. Most unnatural
- 56. Judge the worth of something
- 57. Makes sounds while sleeping
- 58. Which
- 59. Hungarian Violinist

## CLUES DOWN

- 1. Pages
- 2. Head pain
- 3. A loud utterance
- 4. Large brown seaweed
- 5. Hulu's chef Carmine
- 6. Greek mountain
- 7. Made final
- 8. Bar
- 9. Tai subgroup
- 10. What you eat
- 11. Teaches again
- 12. Small constellation
- 14. Type of berry
- 15. Cows fattened for meat
- 18. A way to hoof it
- 20. Exaggerated a role
- 24. About two
- 26. Long upholstered seat
- 28. What employees earn
- 30. Fiber from a coconut husk
- 32. Digits
- 34. Polish by rubbing
- 35. Liquid body substances
- 37. Furniture with open shelves
- 38. Edible part of a chicken
- 40. Satisfy
- 42. Tool used to remove
- 43. Icelandic poems
- 45. Swiss village
- 47. Drunks
- 49. Evergreen plant genus
- 50. Light precipitation
- 51. Ribosomal ribonucleic acid
- 55. An informal debt instrument

Puzzle Answers on Page 11A

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Nevaeh truly enjoys working with, and being around, animals. "I like working with cattle a lot. And I love to ride horses."

Nevaeh entered her first rodeo last year, as a barrel racer. "It was fun," she said. "I learned a lot."

Nevaeh has won two Round Robins for showmanship at the Cloud County Fair, showing a variety of livestock including goats, pigs, and sheep.

After she graduates from high school, Nevaeh plans to attend Cloud County Community College to earn her associate degree in science. She then intends to go to Fort Hays State University and study agricultural business.

When she looks to the future, she sees herself right here in the Cloud County area. "Hopefully I'll meet a guy who has a farm that I can help on. I'd like to travel to rodeos and spend the summers at the lake. I really like the animals, so maybe I'll have a job working on the nutrition side of things for animals, or even keep working at the Co-op."

Nevaeh wanted to thank her parents, teachers, close friends and family, and all her bosses and coworkers. "I'm so grateful for a lot of people," she said.

Congratulations to Nevaeh Valcoure, the CJSHS Student of the Month for March.

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In today's financial world, your credit report is more than just a statement of your borrowing history—it's a key to your financial future. Whether you're applying for a mortgage, securing a car loan, or even landing a new job, your credit history plays a critical role in determining your financial opportunities. That's why regularly reviewing your credit report is an essential habit everyone should adopt.

Your credit report summarizes your financial behaviors, detailing your credit accounts, payment history, and outstanding debts. Lenders, landlords, and sometimes employers use this information to assess your financial responsibility. By checking your report regularly, you can detect errors early, guard against fraud, and monitor your financial health.

Mistakes on credit reports are more common than you might think. A reporting error could lead to a lower credit score, which may affect your ability to secure loans at favorable rates. Identity theft is on the rise, and fraudulent activity on your credit report could signal that someone is misusing your personal information. Reviewing your credit report helps you track your debt-to-credit ratio, payment history, and overall creditworthiness.

In the U.S., you are entitled to a free credit report from each of the three major credit bureaus—Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion—once every week through AnnualCreditReport.com. Checking all three reports ensures that your information is consistent and accurate across different sources.

When reviewing your credit report, pay close attention to your personal information, account details, payment history, and credit inquiries. Ensure your name, address, and Social Security number are correct. Verify that all listed accounts belong to you and are accurately reported. Ensure payment history is correct as late or missed payments can negatively impact your credit. Unauthorized or unfamiliar inquiries could indicate fraud.

If you spot an inaccuracy, contact the credit bureau (Equifax, Experian, TransUnion) to file a dispute with the credit bureau reporting the error. If the mistake stems from a lender, contact the creditor directly to resolve the issue. Continue to monitor your credit report to ensure the issue is corrected.

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# Looking Back

## 75 Years Ago—1950

Commissioner Ernest Huscher officially mounted Concordia's first street marker at Seventh and Washington. Similar signs were placed at nearly every intersection over town... Miss Esther Sjogren, author of "Decimal Fractions," an arithmetic resource unit published by the Department of Education, and elementary teacher at Concordia, appeared on the cover of the March issue of the Monthly Bulletin published by the State Department of Public Instruction, along with four of her fifth grade pupils, Lloyd Cunningham, Kenneth Harman, Sherri James, and Mary Beth Gamble... Melvin Swenson, Concordia, received the degree of doctor of philosophy in veterinary pathology at Iowa State University... Clair "Jack" Campbell, Cloud County farmer living west of Miltonvale, had been declared national winner in an American Farm Bureau Federation "Get Out the Vote" slogan contest... the Phoenix schoolhouse was sold at public auction, followed by the sale of the White Star schoolhouse, four miles west and three miles south of Aurora, four miles south of the Phoenix schoolhouse... American Legion members held their annual "chicken and bean" dinner which climaxed the annual membership drive—the winning team ate chicken while the losers dined on beans and water... Lewis Edwards and Vernon Stewart attended the electric show in Kansas City... the White Star school building, four miles west and three miles north of Aurora, was destroyed by fire... Penney's was selling men's fleece-lined union suits for one dollar... A. A. Wilson Furniture Company advertisement in the Blade: "SPECIAL! Gay Wallpapers for Spring- 1950, beginning at 10 cents" ... "Boston Blackie's Chinese Venture" was showing at the Strand, Concordia's Family Theater...

## 60 Years Ago—1965

Listed in Concordia High School News in the Blade-Empire on March 15: "Beginning today there will be no study hall at noon, except during bad weather. All students will leave the cafeteria by the north door and remain out of doors until the bell rings. The students are to stay off the grass, keep sidewalks open and if they wish to play the students are asked to go to the City park"... city commissioners approved the plat of the Nor'East Industrial Park... Mike Reeves, Concordia High School junior, was selected on the Wichita Eagle's mythical Class A basketball team... Buford Miller, with a score of 655, was singles winner in the men's city bowling tournament. Ray Harper and Grady Coker were doubles winners with a score of 1234... Miss Anna Marie Kindel's engagement to Raymond Charbonneau of Clyde was announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Kindel of Aurora... Richard Green of Concordia, a junior in business administration, had been made Cadet First Lieutenant in the Air Force ROTC Cadet Wing at Kansas State university... Mrs. Ida Mae Lewis, longtime resident of Concordia and mother of Rueben, Francis, and Everett Mendenhall, celebrated her 100th birthday... Miss Sonja Blackwood had been chosen to attend Girls State at Kansas university, sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary of Clyde. Miss Mickey Hiner was chosen as alternate... Camp Fire Girls of Troop 16 made mint cups with large green shamrocks in honor of St. Patrick's Day and after filling the cups with candy, took them to the residents at St. Ann's Home for the Aged...

## 50 Years Ago—1975

Rae Lowe, Rhonda Bohm and Ann Jackson, students of French at Concordia High School, entered the French contest, Concours de Capacie en Langue Francais, held at Wichita State University... Laurence Coker had received a letter of acceptance into the University of Kansas Medical School... Mary Ann

Hart, Jamestown; Pam Johnson, Pat Colby, Carol Lagemann, Ivy Birdsall, Mike Fuller, all of Concordia, were among the 13 Cloud County Community College sophomores who had been recognized by Who's Who in American Junior Colleges... the Lakers: Scott Sheely, David Zugelder, Mike Winter, Alan Collette, J. C. Cory, Curtis Mansfield and Ivon Owen, won the fifth grade intrasquad basketball tournament. The Bullets: Brad Turnbull, Mike Baumann, Joel Boucher, Danny Delforge, Scott Yoxall and Dick Vignery took second place... Concordia High School juniors Kent Doyen, Larry Hamel, Drew Hanson, Mike Hower and Kirk Lowell had been selected as delegates for Boys' State. Scott Nicholson and Steve O'Conner were alternates...

## 25 Years Ago—2000

Cloud County Junior Miss Maria Letourneau, senior at Concordia High School, competed in Belleville in the 2000 Kansas Junior Miss State Finale... Bill and Fran Garrison had been named the recipients of the Master Farmer-Master Farm Homemaker Award... CHS student Julie Revell finished first in FFA livestock judging at Washington... Ray and Judy Kircher were crowned king and queen of the Cloud County Health Center Auxiliary Mardi Gras... Hood Heating, Air, Plumbing, Electric, Inc., recognized Tony Weiche for five years of service with the company... Jake Weaver, son of Richard and Glenda Weaver, was the Glasco High School Student of the Month for February... Brett Erkenbrack, who led the Cloud County Thunderbirds to a fifth-place finish in the Jayhawk Conference Western Division, had been named coach of the year... Robert "Bob" Tyler, 1971 graduate of CHS, received Winfield's First National Bank's First Citizen Award... CHS basketball players Matt Bartz, 6-4 forward, and Spencer Farha, 5-11 point guard, had been named first-team All-North Central Kansas League...

## 10 Years Ago—2015

A surprise donation of an array of framed artwork, candlesticks and other decorative pieces from Jilka Furniture in Salina added excitement to the silent auction at the annual Motherhouse Spaghetti Dinner, hosted by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Concordia... Caitlyn Cyre, fourth grade, Concordia Elementary School and high school seniors Shelby Noel and Brandon Tang all had their artwork on display, and fourth grader Moyra Barnes' artwork was displayed in a slide presentation, all part of the Kansas Art Education Association's Youth Art Month celebration in Topeka... Shirley Johnson and Dolores Thompson gave a presentation called "Trunk Show or Pandora's Box" at the Concorde Lutheran Church, combining comedy with a trunk show featuring a selection of 20-30 mission quilts made by volunteers... Cody Letourneau's drawing was chosen to represent CES in a virtual art show at the National Art Education Association in New Orleans...

## 5 Years Ago—2020

Fifteen students and two instructors from Vassar College in Poughkeepsie, New York, used their spring break to take a trip to Concordia... after 15 years with Cloud County Extension and the River Valley Extension District, Denise Swenson announced she would retire on April 3... Concordia High School students Jacob Williams, Taegen Larsen, Bethanie McCall, Maddie Johnson and Cassidy Leiszler were named winners of Dane G. Hansen scholarships... toilet paper shelves at local grocery stores were empty as area residents stocked up amid the coronavirus pandemic... Rusti Greenwood was the grand prize winner of the St. Patrick's Day Hide and Seek contest in the Blade-Empire, having been the lone participant who had the correct number of graphics found for each day...

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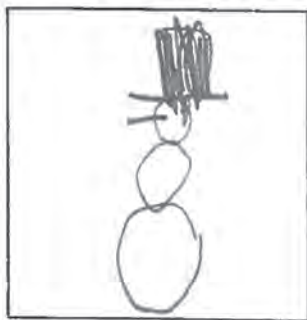
Today's weather artwork by Addison Hagen a Kindergartner in Mrs. Herman's class

## Snowy



Today's weather artwork by Merett Brown a 3rd grader in Miss Balthazor's class

## Snowy



Today's weather artwork by Aria Grant a Kindergartner in Mrs. Dannenberg's class

## Rainy



Today's weather artwork by Kaden Gordon a Kindergartner in Mrs. Gile's class

## Sunny



Today's weather artwork by Logan Miller a Kindergartner in Mrs. Herman's class

## Rainy



Today's weather artwork by Kennedy Reedy a 3rd grader in Mr. Kuhlman's class

## Stormy



Today's weather artwork by Emilia Burton a Kindergartner in Mrs. Herman's class

## Windy



Today's weather artwork by Justice Owen a 3rd grader in Mrs. Nease's class

## Snowy



Today's weather artwork by Piper Synder a Kindergartner in Mrs. Davis' class

## Stormy



Today's weather artwork by Emersyn Czapanskiy a 3rd grader in Mrs. Balthazor's class

## Snowy



Today's weather artwork by Sylar Santos a 1st grader in Mrs. Popelka's class

## Snowy



Today's weather artwork by Melody Stedman a Kindergartner in Mrs. Davis' class

# Chamber Corner

Please join us on March 25, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. for our weekly Chamber Coffee. This week, we are traveling to NCK Medical Center, our Chamber Coffee sponsor.

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. This is a great chance to discuss upcoming events, promotions, and other items of general community interest. Everyone is welcome.

## North Central Kansas Medical Center Concordia, Kansas

North Central Kansas Medical Center is fortunate to have a number of volunteers as part of the hospital services. One organization is the NCK Medical Center Volunteers, formerly called CCHC Auxiliary. This group meets monthly to discuss ways to support the hospital. The Gift Shop in the main hallway of the hospital is staffed by these volunteers Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon and 1:00-4:00 p.m. Janet Istas, Gift Shop manager, provides a wide variety of items for patients, visitors, and employees.

NCK Medical Center Volunteers conduct a number of fundraisers throughout the year, including a large linen sale, bake sale at Fall Fest, uniform sale, and serving meals at various events. They enjoy giving small gifts to staff in recognition of their service to our patients. Each year a scholarship is awarded to two or three students entering a healthcare field of study.

The Volunteers are hosting a Collective Goods sale March 20-21 in the lower level conference rooms of the hospital. Books and all kinds of gifts just in time for Easter, Mother's Day, graduation, and other special days.

Anyone can join NCK Medical Center Volunteers. Meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday of the month, and dues are just \$5. Contact one of the officers: Marilyn Flesher, Shirley Moynihan, Marie Cairns, and Janet Istas.

For more information, join us for Chamber Coffee on March 25 at NCK Medical Center, 155 College Drive, Concordia.

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# USD #333 SCHOOL NEWS

## CONCORDIA JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Congratulations Nevaeh Valcoure!  
March Student of the Month!

- March 27—JH Festival Concert 7:30 p.m.
- March 29—PROM
- March 31—Festival Concert 7:30 p.m.
- April 3—Night of Dances 6 p.m.
- April 5—Regional Music Festivals
- April 9—NO SCHOOL Regional Music Festival
- April 16—FHSU Art Show
- April 17—Highland Community College Art Show 9 a.m.
- April 18—NO SCHOOL Good Friday

Enjoy Spring Break, Panthers!

## CONCORDIA MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

- April 7—Home and School Meeting 7:40 a.m.
- April 9—NO SCHOOL Regional Music Festival
- April 14-15—Cosmosphere Outreach
- April 18—NO SCHOOL Good Friday

Mr. Noon, CMS principal, was notified that Concordia Middle School has been recognized again this year as one of U.S. News and World Report Best Middle Schools!

## CONCORDIA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

- March 28—Career Day Grades 2-4
- March 31—PIE Meeting 5:30 p.m.
- April 3—3rd Grade Concert
- April 4—Panther Pride Day
- April 9—NO SCHOOL Regional Music Festival
- April 11—4th Grade Ag Day
- April 11—Kindergarten Roundup
- April 18—NO SCHOOL Good Friday

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## JUST A LITTLE LIGHT

BY DAWN PHELPS  
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### A Farmer from Our Little Town

On March 2, Calvin Schultz, a farmer from our community, went to his heavenly home at the age of 74 years. He farmed on the outskirts of our little town of Miltonvale, Kansas, for many years with his brother Richard.

Through his work on the farm, he helped put food on the tables for hundreds of people during his lifetime. He was an EMT for 26 years and served as director for 5 years. He was a volunteer fire fighter for many years, and he was a wonderful brother, uncle, and friend to many.

On March 8, the church was packed with family and friends for his funeral service. The video about Calvin's life began with Paul Harvey's voice stating, "So God made a farmer." Some of the photos in his video were set to the song "The Outskirts of Heaven," written by Craig Campbell and Justin Dave Turnbull.

Paul Harvey's narrative about farmers was written in 1978, and it is still narrated today. It was printed in *The Atlantic* and is now on Farms.com. Harvey's piece about farmers describes Calvin well. Here it is in italics:

*And on the 8th day, God looked down on his planned paradise and said, "I need a caretaker."*

*So God made a farmer.*

*God said, "I need somebody willing to get up before dawn, milk cows, work all day in the fields, milk cows again, eat supper and then go to town and stay past midnight at a meeting of the school board."*

*So God made a farmer.*

*"I need somebody with arms strong enough to rustle a calf and yet gentle enough to deliver his own grandchild. Somebody to call hogs, tame cantankerous machinery, come home hungry, have to wait lunch until his wife's done feeding visiting ladies and tell the ladies to be sure and come back real soon—and mean it."*

*So God made a farmer.*

*God said, "I need somebody willing to sit up all night with a newborn colt. And watch it die. Then dry his eyes and say, 'Maybe next year.' I need somebody who can shape an ax handle from a persimmon sprout, shoe a horse with a hunk of car tire, who can make harness out of haywire, feed sacks and shoe scraps. And who, planting time and harvest season, will finish his forty-hour week by Tuesday noon, then, pain'n from 'tractor back,' put in another seventy-two hours."*

*So God made a farmer.*

*God had to have somebody willing to ride the ruts at double speed to get the hay in ahead of the rain clouds and yet stop in mid-field and race to help when he sees the first smoke from a neighbor's place.*

*So God made a farmer.*

*God said, "I need somebody strong enough to clear trees and heave bales, yet gentle enough to tame lambs and wean pigs and tend the pink-combed pullets, who will stop his mower for an hour to splint the broken leg of a meadow lark. It had to be somebody who'd plow deep and straight and not cut corners. Somebody to seed, weed, feed, breed and rake and disc and plow and plant and tie the fleece and strain the milk and replenish the self-feeder and finish a hard week's work with a five-mile drive to church.*

*Somebody who'd bale a family together with the soft strong bonds of sharing, who would laugh and then sigh, and then reply, with smiling eyes, when his son says he wants to spend his life "doing what dad does" (written by Paul Harvey).*

Calvin was a good farmer like his dad had been before him. According to the USDA and American Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture, there are about 1.9 million farms in the U.S. that are operated by families such as Calvin's and his brother Richard. And even though the life of a farmer is probably not easy, it must be fulfilling, or farmers would not work such long, hard days, year after year.

Whoever wrote the song about living in the "outskirts of heaven," may have grown up on a farm like Calvin. I grew up in Tennessee on a farm, so I still love the country with "the dogwood trees, blue skies, honeybees, and the green grass" as mentioned in the song.

To the readers of this article, perhaps you too grew up in a farming family. And maybe you, like Calvin, are physically strong, hard-working, and have a kind, generous heart.

Perhaps you too would like to live in the "outskirts of heaven" someday—I'd like to imagine Calvin being there now. Calvin, a farmer from our little town, will be greatly missed.

## LOOKING BACK

### 100 YEAR March 26, 1925

Professor Claude K. Shedd, of the State Agricultural College, accompanied by a cement specialist of the Portland Cement Association, will demonstrate the proper methods of doing concrete work on the farm... Wheat condition is reported as 50% in Cloud County, as compared to other years... Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Wymore were driving south of Bennington at the river bridge and lighting struck the power plant there and the charge charged the bridge. Mr. Wymore was knocked unconscious and Mrs. Wymore was unaffected. After a few minutes he recovered and they resumed their journey home... The new 1 1/2 cent postage stamp that goes into service April 15th, will carry the portrait of the late President Harding... At the Opera House Thursday, Friday and Saturday showing will be "The Hunchback of Notre Dame," admission 25 and 50 cents... BIRTHS: Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Anderson have a new baby boy... Frank, Charles and Sam Fitch returned home Friday night from Siloam Springs, Arkansas, where they had been on a visit with their father...

### 75 YEAR MARCH 23, 1950

BIRTHS: Mr. and Mrs. Warren S. Spetman of Council Bluffs, Iowa, have a girl... Wheat \$2.05... The Minneapolis FFA was the guest of the Miltonvale FFA. After they played a game of basketball, they all enjoyed chili, sandwiches and fruit salad and drank all the cocoa. The lunch was prepared by Mrs. Henry and Mrs. Pokorney... When you want Fuller Brushes or products, see or call Frances Lyne of Clay Center...

### 50 YEAR MARCH 20, 1975

The new facility at the Farmers Union Coop, delivered the first load of feed to Daniel Stevenson. It is a great addition for the farmers of the community... Debbie Catlin has been selected to attend Girl's State in Lawrence this year. Terri Shannon has been picked as alternate for Girl's State in case Debbie cannot go... ANNIVERSARIES: Mr. and Mrs. Walter B. Palmer will celebrate their 50th... WEDDINGS: Marlene Pacey to Terry Walker. Vicki Jean Gepner to Clifton Dennis Larson... BIRTHS: Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Boss have a girl... Rainfall for the week .07... In 1915 Lovell Babbitt, the mail man, says the roads are so bad he has to change horses as one team cannot make it in one day. All roads are just mud holes now... Turner's Grocery has fresh ground beef for 59 cents a pound and 2 heads of lettuce for 59 cents and mystery special 2/33 cents. Hours open 8:30 A.M. and close 5:30 P.M....

### 25 YEAR MARCH 23, 2000

BIRTHS: Edward and Kristie Chavey have a girl... John Chapman was the real name of "Johnny Appleseed," the American pioneer who planted large numbers of apple trees along the frontier in the late 1700's and early 1800's... Moisture for the week .55... Wheat \$2.31, Milo \$3.18, Corn \$1.88, Soybeans \$4.72 and Oats 95 cents... Now is the time for pond and lake stocking. Dunn's Fish Farms will be at the elevator March 31. They will have Hybrid Bull Gill, Bass, Channel Catfish, Flathead Minnows and Grass Carp. Discount and free delivery are available on larger orders... Obstacles are the frightening things you see when you take your eyes off your goal...

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

Thought for the day: Jesus is constantly interceding for us before the throne of our Father. We can follow suit and pray for others. Luke 22:31-32 says, "Simon, Simon, behold, Satan has demanded permission to sift you like wheat; but I have prayed for you, that your faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned again, strengthen your brothers."

## BITS AND PIECES

BY MEGAN MYER

### Just a Salon or Something Special?

I have gone to many a salon in my years of trying to maintain my youth or just keep up with the beauty standards of the day. As a woman, it's a painful reality—one that I usually fall for hook, line, and sinker. But, when diving headfirst into the tempest of hair dye and nail designs there is one chair I know I can safely fall into, and that's where Mandy Elzinga of Starr Avenue Salon in Miltonvale, KS, comes into play.

When it comes to beauty, women don't play around. I say this because I am a woman and I know of what I speak: you either get it right or you're not for me. It sounds vapid but the reality still stands: if I am going to trust you to enhance my appearance, which you can't hide from the rest of the world, then you better be a safe bet. Well, Mandy has been a safe bet for me since my very first visit to her salon almost five years ago.

But for me, there is more to Mandy and Starr Avenue Salon and Spa than the outcome of my appearance: I feel better on the inside as well, and personally, that's hard to come by. This isn't because salons of the past were awful towards me, but because no one worked quite as hard to create a personal connection and understanding as Mandy and her staff.

Don't be fooled—this isn't just a business strategy for Mandy: from our interview, and my years going to the salon, I learned that connecting with, loving on and helping people has always been on Mandy's heart: "I really love to build relationships. If I could have every person by themselves in the chair, it would be great. I just love it. That's part of why I like working in a community such as Miltonvale— you get that chance." And that natural tendency to connect with others has been part of the successful foundation of her salon and business.

I think this is why I continue to go to Starr Avenue: not only do I know my hair (and nails) are in safe hands, but I know I will walk out feeling a bit more connected to another human being in a genuine way. And in today's world of social media insta-connections, this is wonderfully refreshing and necessary for one's overall well-being.

If Mandy seems a bit of a wildcard so far just wait; I've got more to tell you. Yes, besides the warm connections the salon helps to establish for all those who walk through their door, Mandy wants to establish a more solid foundation within the Miltonvale community:

"Our goal is that we aren't going to let Miltonvale die" she says as she discussed her future hopes and plans for the business. "We are going to let people know we are here." One idea that Mandy has been chewing over to help out the community is an academy: "We are hoping to start an academy on a small level, maybe during the summer, an academy day, where girls can come and curl hair all day or braid. There are lots of things I want to do."

And there are things Mandy has already done inside, and outside, of the community such as letting youth shadow her so they can garner a bit of understanding as to what it takes to work in, and own, a salon. It is her belief that if someone wants to run their own business or become a hairstylist, they should have some experience beforehand; she opens that opportunity up when she can.

Mandy's success hasn't just come from Miltonvale, however. Some patrons come from Minneapolis, Concordia and Clay Center. As Mandy explains, "As some customers have told me, they love coming to a quiet little town; they love that quaint experience and people will drive for that. That can keep us thriving and it has." I think that, alone, speaks for itself: it's not just those in Miltonvale who enjoy being patrons to Starr Avenue Salon and Spa, but those in the surrounding towns. With the salon's pleasing country aesthetic, Christian music softly weaving its way through the hair dryers and small-town talkers, and Mandy and her staff waiting to help you feel better about yourself, I don't find this a difficult reality to envision.

Mandy Elzinga and her salon are just one of the many little sparks of life and color within the town of Miltonvale. She is creative and caring and when you stop in just to chat, it's as welcome as if you came in for an appointment: all are welcome in this quaint little salon on Starr Avenue. So, maybe if you get a wild hair to follow some modern day beauty trends, or just need a quick trim, or a day out to wander around, take my advice: come down to Miltonvale and get your name on Mandy's books or just stop in to chat. Either way, you won't regret it; I never have.



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# OBITUARIES

## Rex Dean Copple

November 27, 1939 – March 13, 2025

Rex Dean Copple, 85, Miltonvale, died Thursday, March 13, 2025, in Salina. Rex was born November 27, 1939, in Delphos, to Loyd and Mable Copple.

He and Gayle L. Phillipson were united in marriage on August 18, 1963. They lived in Miltonvale for many years and recently relocated to Salina. Rex was a lifelong farmer, and he wasn't shy about starting a conversation with a stranger. He was known as an ornery jokester and Rex always had a story to tell. He was often seen entertaining other patients at the dinner table or in rehab sessions.



He was preceded in death by his parents and siblings, Loyd Copple and Jolene Copple; and brother-in-law, Steven Cramer.

Survivors are his wife of 61 years, Gayle; children, Dixie Burrows and husband, Bill and Ray Copple and wife, Kim; grandchildren, Bryce Burrows and wife, Alice and Brock Burrows and wife, Hannah; great-grandchildren, who were his Sweetie Pies, Emma Burrows and Olivia Burrows; siblings, Donald Copple and wife, Maria, Max Copple and wife, Alice, Gail Copple and wife, Barbara, Ivanell Bulleigh and husband, Joe, and Debra Cramer; and a host of nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., Thursday, March 20, at Wilson Family Funeral Home, 405 Argyle Ave., Minneapolis, KS 67467. Graveside services will be at 9 a.m., Friday, March 21, at Hall Cemetery, rural Delphos. Memorial services will be at 11:00 a.m., at Words of Light Fellowship Church, Delphos. Memorials may be made to the Miltonvale E.M.S. and left in care of the funeral home.

# FOLLOWING ON

## PASTOR SAM FLICK

About 15 years ago, I happened to attend a lecture given by a survivor of World War II. At that time he was a very old man and was telling about being held prisoner by the Japanese. It might have been a very good story; in fact, I think it probably was. He told about some of the brutality of his Japanese captors. He told about how the war just suddenly ended. He told about walking across this twisted, strange landscape and later learned that he was walking across the dying lands that had been destroyed by the atomic bomb dropped on Nagasaki.

But honestly, he was very hard to listen to. His voice would get loud and then it would get very soft. He would ramble on and on about uninteresting things that mattered only to him. He would get lost on rabbit trails and then 10 minutes later finally find his way back to the story again. I kept thinking to myself, "There's a good story here if you'll just stick it out." I was never so glad for a speech to end, while at the same time feeling sort of honored to be among those sharing in this man's journey.

At the end of his lecture, he said four words - and it was these words, "Thank you for listening." I think he meant, "Thank you for spending your time listening to some foolish old man." I think he meant, "Thank you for listening to these things that are important to me." I think he meant "Thank you for allowing me to share something that might change you and make you different down the road."

In Ephesians chapter 1, Paul writes to the church at Ephesus in verse 15, "... ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers." Essentially Paul is saying, "Thanks for listening to a message that will make you different," because by listening they were becoming coworkers in the gospel with him.

So today, stop and tell the people around you, "Thank you for listening; thank you for helping; thank you for understanding and thank you for giving your precious time to me." A well placed "thank you" might be worth a hundred, "because I said so's," don't you think?

# MOUNT LIBERTY

BY VIRGIL VESTERBERG

I'm not too good at predicting but it seems to me like Spring is just around the corner. The tame tom turkeys are busy "strutting their stuff" by having their feathers all fluffed out so they look bigger and dragging their wings on the ground. The wild turkeys are also showing up in the fields moving out of where they wintered and looking for suitable nesting sites. Waves of geese are seen and heard. We see flocks of thousands flying over or sitting in the fields filling their craws. We see big flocks for a day or two then not a one for several days. When there are so many they completely fill a pond. They are mostly Canada geese but sometimes there are a few white ones scattered amongst them. Very few ducks pass through here anymore.

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Did you see the eclipse of the moon recently? I went out around 2 AM and the moon was partly covered. I wasn't dressed for the occasion so I didn't watch long. I don't know why but the sun and moon fascinate me. A few years ago we even watched the solar eclipse in Fairbury, NE. No, we didn't go that far to see it but was part of a trip to check on our cattle in a feedlot up that way. I was told that thousands of cars travelled US 81 to observe good viewing spots. When they headed back south the stop lights in Concordia made for major congestion until the police started helping.

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Have you followed the problems in Salina with the Cozy Inn? Almost everyone has eaten a hamburger from the Cozy at some time and if not, they have smelled them when driving down 7th. Salina has had some massive murals painted on lots of buildings and even elevators. The Cozy did the same thing but didn't jump through all the hoops to get it done. The city of Salina couldn't let that happen so they sued the place before it was finished. So far they have spent \$538,000 for lawyers to pursue the case. Does that make some Salina lawyers rich? NO! It has all gone to some lawyers in Colorado. It seems like there should have been an easier solution. The case hasn't even gone to court yet so lots more taxpayer money will go out of state.

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My grandson made an HVAC call in Salina and the client recognized the name as from this area. He showed him a Mt. Liberty column from 31 years ago. It included info about the "Flower Circle" meeting from Valentine's Day that year. It was interesting that 5 of the 22 members attending are still living around here. Thanks for sharing that. The Flower Circle was started by Mary Comfort in 1929 and existed for some 80 years. Sadly, Mary passed away before the first year was over.

# TOOTLE'S TALES

BY JUDY LOBAUGH

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Spring officially starts Thursday, March 20th. We've had a lot of wind lately from the storm system that moved across the country from west to east. We were fortunate that the worst part of the storm developed to the east of us where they had a lot of damaging tornadoes.

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Happy Birthday to: Lindsey Forslund, Jim DeMars, Cassie Lobough, Chance Beach, Karla Nelson, Myra Jamison, Phillip Welsh, Melissa Gisselbeck, Dylan Anderson, Max Trahan, Mikeal Vesterberg, Catelin Benyshek, Rick Wright, A.J. Richard, Blake Graham, Ranece Lyne, Robin Adam, Will Dulohery, Katie Dulohery.

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Happy Anniversaries to: Matt and Ricki Ludwick.

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

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We send our sympathy and prayers to the family of Rex Copple who passed away last week.

TT

The Kansas Men's Basketball Team and the Kansas State Women's Basketball Team made the NCAA Tournament Bracket. Hope they play well enough to keep moving through the bracket.

Shop Local! Eat Local! Support Local!

# Ohlde wins Pioneer Award

TOPEKA, Kan. – The Kansas Bankers Association (KBA) and its Kansas Ag Bankers Division are honored to announce Tim Ohlde, board chairman of Elk State Bank in Clyde, as the recipient of the 2025 Kansas Ag Bankers Pioneer Award.



With over 40 years in community banking, Ohlde has demonstrated exceptional professionalism and leadership in the industry. He has extensive knowledge of agricultural lending, having grown up on a dairy farm near his current residence. His strong connection to agriculture is further supported by his degree in Agricultural Education with an emphasis in Agricultural Economics from Kansas State University.

Ohlde served 27 years as president of Elk State Bank and currently holds the position of board chairman. Early in his career, he prioritized loan portfolio quality and developed a proprietary analysis system, which led to the creation of Country Banker Systems, LLC, a loan analysis software company where he serves as CEO. Committed to borrower education, he has spearheaded initiatives to bring high-quality speakers and training opportunities for agricultural borrowers and small business owners in Clyde.

Education has been a focal point throughout Ohlde's career. He has taught over 5,000 bankers in more than 70 banking schools across 30 states on agricultural lending and economics. His contributions include instruction for the Graduate School of Banking Colorado, Barret School of Banking, Kansas and Nebraska Schools of Banking, North Dakota and South Dakota Schools of Banking, the Oklahoma Bankers Association, the Independent Bankers of Texas, and the Louisiana Bankers Association. He has also led educational efforts in Clyde, Seneca, and Concordia, providing training and resources for ag borrowers and small business owners.

Beyond his banking career, Ohlde has provided leadership to numerous boards and organizations at the local, state, and national levels. He has played a vital role in community development efforts in Clyde, helping to establish the Clyde Area Foundation and the Clyde Community Development Resource Committee. He also serves as chairman of Woods Charitable Trust. Additionally, he has served on the board of directors for Banker's Bank of Kansas, KBA's Kansas Ag Bankers Division, the American Bankers Association's Ag Committee, and the Executive Committee for the Farm Financial Standards Council.

The Kansas Bankers Association congratulates Tim Ohlde on this well-deserved recognition for his outstanding contributions to community banking and agricultural finance.

# 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. 785-243-4560.

To be eligible your household's total monthly income must be below •1 person, \$2,322 •2 people, \$3,152 •3 people, \$3,981, • 4 people, \$4,810. For each additional family member add \$830.

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## Wanted Lawn Care / Mowing Services

Southern Cloud USD 334 is reopening its mowing bid request for mowing at certain properties in Miltonvale. Applications are available upon request at the district office in Glasco, 202 Haynes, 568-2291 or at the Miltonvale Grade School, 520 Oak, 427-3365. Specific details are available from Terry Tate at T and T Service in Miltonvale. Applications accepted until noon, March 21, 2025.

## City of Glasco – Request for Sealed Bids

The City of Glasco is accepting sealed bids for 2025 summer mowing contract. The contract would include mowing and maintenance of designated areas, including city rights-of-ways, the city park, RV park, empty lots owned by the city, ditches and other areas as specified by the city. For a copy of city map with all locations marked please contact Glasco City Hall. Sealed bids must be submitted to City Hall by April 4, 2025. Bids will be opened at the April 8, 2025, City Council meeting, and bidder will be notified. Each bidder must provide proof of liability insurance. Please submit bids in a sealed envelope clearly marked "Grass Mowing Bid" and either mail or drop off at City Hall. City of Glasco - 206 E. Main St. - PO Box 356 - Glasco, KS 67445 Questions, please call City Hall at 785-567-2705 or email glascoctyclerk@twinvalley.net

## MARCH 2025 - NICOL HOME MEALS ON WHEELS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
16	17 ST PATTY'S DAY LUNCH	18 RESIDENT BIRTHDAY LUNCH	19 Ham, Baked Potato, Candied Carrots, Frosted Cake	20 Fried Steak, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Peas, Bread Pudding	21 Fish, Mac & Cheese, Green Beans, Mandarin Orange Fluff	22
23	24 RESIDENT BIRTHDAY LUNCH	25 CHOICE DAY	26 Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Creamed Peas, Lemon Bar	27 Pork Roast, Corn Casserole, Green Beans, Pineapple Upside Down Cake	28 Tilapia, Rice, Mixed Veggies, Roll, Per Crisp	29
30	31 Pork Loin, Sweet Potatoes, Cabbage Apple Cobbler					

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# MARCH Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
16	17 No School St. Patrick's Day	18 Spring Break	19 Spring Break	20 Spring Break	21 Spring Break	22
23	24 No School	25	26 Salina Family Dental @ Glasco 8:00am: Glasco Preschool Visit & Lunch	27 Salina Family Dental @ Glasco	28 Farm Bureau 4th Grade AG Days @ Cloud County Fair Grounds 8:30 am Salina Family Dental @ Glasco	29

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## COMMUNITY SUPPER

• **Wednesday, April 2, 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, April 9, 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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• **Saturday, March 29, 2025** – **Estate Auction at 10:00 a.m.** located at the National Guard Armory on South 81 Highway on the South side of Concordia, Kansas. Black Ford Taurus, Household and Antique Furniture. **Kearn Auction, 785-243-3773 or 785-614-2082. Go to kearnauction.com for a full listing and pictures. Web site www.kearnauction.com E-mail @ kearnauction@yahoo.com**

• **Saturday, April 12, 2025**– **Farm Machinery Auction at 11:00 a.m.** located at the farm 2 1/2 miles North of Concordia on Highway 81 to Wagon Road then West 2 1/2 miles (2307 N 120th Road Concordia, Ks) Tractors, Combines, Headers, Trucks, Trailers and Machinery. Merl and Jackie Ramsey, Sellers. **Thummel Real Estate & Auction LLC, 785-738-0067**

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### UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Regular session of the March meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on March 3, 2025, in the Commissioners' room at 811 Washington, Concordia, Kansas, with Chairman Michael Cleveland, Members Dannie Kearn and Ron Copple, and County Clerk Shella Thoman present.

County staff attending was: Rod Michaud, Highway / Weed Administrator; Mike Hake, Solid Waste Director; Kim Winsett, County Appraiser; James Quillen, Emergency Preparedness Director; and Jeff Thoman, Maintenance Manager.

Others attending: Ryan & Thea McMillan; Greg Thoman; Dean Anderson; Bryan & Fred Larson; David Hanson; Kirby Fox, LockIT Technologies; Wonda Brunkow, Sue Sutton & Joan Fraser, National Orphan Train; and Jon Halbegwachs, Kirkham Michael & Associates.

The Board opened the hearing for the Vacation of Trail Road as described in the February 10th minutes. The Board did not approve the Vacation but closed the described road to the public. Any improvements can be made by landowners at their own expense with approval through the County Highway Request and Petition process. The hearing closed at 9:12 a.m. Ryan & Thea McMillan; Greg Thoman; Dean Anderson; Bryan & Fred Larson; David Hanson; Rod Michaud, Highway / Weed Administrator; and Kim Winsett, County Appraiser were present.

Ryan McMillan requested upgrades with work to be done by Snyder Construction. The Board requested McMillan complete the Petition & Request form.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Kearn, unanimous vote the Board approved a 5-minute executive session for personnel exception to discuss non- elected personnel resuming open session at 9:35 a.m., including Jeff Thoman, Maintenance Manager.

James Quillen, Emergency Preparedness Director, reported that the Miltonvale and Transfer Station generators are complete and that the last storm did not meet the threshold for disaster relief. This week is Severe Weather week. The Board discussed filling the position of Emergency Management Director. Quillen has filed for retirement.

On a motion by Commissioner

Copple, second by Commissioner Kearn, unanimous vote the Board approved a 5-minute executive session for personnel exception to discuss non- elected personnel resuming open session at 9:52 a.m., including James Quillen.

Kirby Fox, LockIT Technologies, discussed a change to the anti-virus on the 14 computers at the Highway Department, Solid Waste & Recycling Center. Upgrades need to be made to keep the entire County system safe.

Wonda Brunkow, Sue Sutton & Joan Fraser, National Orphan Train, thanked the Board for their support with Wind Farm funds in the past and presented a request for 2025. They are receiving a heritage Trust Fund grant for \$90,000 for the preservation of the Depot.

The Board received a Wind Farm request in the amount of \$9,000, total project \$9,977 from the National Orphan Train Museum. The project will assist in installing an irrigation system in the main section of the museum courtyard and reseed that area with Kansas premium fescue and clean off and landscape areas around three statues using weed barrier covered with rock.

Rod Michaud, Highway / Weed Administrator, discussed stripping cost for Ames / Miltonvale and Noble Roads. Michaud reported that he will be receiving Noxious Weed bids from suppliers. The Board asked Michaud to create a report that residents purchasing chemicals complete at the time of purchase.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Kearn, unanimous vote the Board approved the Agreement for Engineering Services with Kirkham, Michael & Associates, Inc. for the Noble Road project including a total fee for construction engineering not to exceed \$136,714.13.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Kearn, unanimous vote the Board approved accepting the base bid from Shilling Construction Co., Inc. for overlaying Noble Road & authorizing the Chairman to sign the Notice of Award for \$729,495.00.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Kearn, unanimous vote the Board approved a 10-minute executive session for personnel exception to discuss non- elected personnel resuming open session at 10:58 a.m., including Rod Michaud and Richard Kindel.

Accepted the resignation of Terry Racette effective February 10,

2025. Mike Hake, Solid Waste Director, presented a fuel cost report from Republic County Solid Waste for the month of February and discussed contracting with Hamm's. Hake was meeting with the Republic County Director this week.

The Board received a Wind Farm request in the amount of \$5,000, total project \$12,125 from the Clyde Senior Citizens Center. The project is to reroof and replace damaged guttering on the Clyde Senior Citizens Center.

The Board received a Wind Farm request in the amount of \$625.00, total project \$6,875 from the Concordia Wesleyan Church. The project is for half the cost of inflatable for the Community Easter Egg Event.

The deadline for Wind farm applications is March 30th. Sales tax received February 26, 2025, totaled \$100,023.93 compared to the prior year totaling \$95,471.98.

The Board approved the following payroll expenses totaling \$190,217.39

General Fund – \$101,188.44  
Road & Bridge - \$49,434.27  
Appraiser - \$5,790.98  
County Health - \$20,305.26  
Noxious Weed - \$1,452.36  
Election - \$2,179.66  
Solid Waste - \$9,866.42  
Payroll Deductions & Benefits - \$81,41.36

The above expense detail is available at the County Clerk's office and the Clerk's Public Records webpage.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Kearn, unanimous vote the Board approved abatements 2025-45 with a net change of (\$749.52) and no refund.

Commissioner Copple attended the Pawnee Mental Health Board meeting on Tuesday. Commissioner Cleveland attended the KWORCC Board of Trustees meeting on Thursday, February 27th and the County Risk Management meeting on Wednesday, February 26th. Commissioner Kearn attended County Risk Management meeting on Wednesday, February 26th.

On a motion by Commissioner Kearn, second by Commissioner Copple, unanimous vote the Board approved the February 21, 2025 and 24, 2025 minutes as presented.

On a motion by Commissioner Copple, second by Commissioner Kearn, unanimous vote the Board adjourned at 12:50 p.m., until Monday, March 10, 2025.



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Krause 20ft tandem disk  
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250bu gravity wagon Parker  
250bu gravity wagon w/fill auger Nice  
New Holland Bale Wagon 1012  
7ft Rhino mower Nice  
JD 1518 10' mower  
JD 20' mower 1518  
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### Trucks

Chevy 2011 3/4 ton exd cab 8' flat bed gas 4x4  
International pickup  
'88 Freightliner FLD120 Day cab  
Volvo 12.7 10spd air ride

### Trailers

2018 Timpfe 42' grain trailer  
2021 Wilson 43' ag hopper  
2004 Van trailer 53' air ride  
Pickup bed trailers

2021 Wilson electric tarps/ hyd traps  
2019 Cornhusker hyd traps/ electric tarp/ spread axle  
16' Bumper pull Livestock trailer  
8 bale hay trailer  
25' stock trailer  
5250 gal Tanker

### Misc

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Skid loader bucket  
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Rescheduled for Wednesday, March 26

Scheduled date: March 19, 2025.

First published in the Concordia Blade-Empire on March 20, 2025)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS CIVIL DEPARTMENT

Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC Plaintiff,

vs.

Spencer J. Edwards; Unknown Spouse, if any, of Spencer J. Edwards; John Doe (Tenant/Occupant); Mary Doe (Tenant/Occupant) Defendants.

Case No. CD-2024-CV-000024 Court Number: Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 60

Notice Of Sale

Under and by virtue of an Order of Sale issued to me by the Clerk of the District Court of Cloud County, Kansas, the undersigned Sheriff of Cloud County, Kansas, will offer for sale at public auction and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand, at the Front Door of the Courthouse at Concordia Cloud County, Kansas, on April 14, 2025, at 10:00 AM, the following real estate:

Lots Nineteen (19) and Twenty (20) except the North Sixty-eight (68) feet thereof, Block Nine (9) in Elmhurst Addition to the City of Concordia, Cloud County, Kansas, according to the recorded plat thereof, commonly known as 930 Elmhurst Blvd, Concordia, KS 66901 (the "Property")

to satisfy the judgment in the above-entitled case. The sale is to be made without appraisal and subject to the redemption period as provided by law, and further subject to the approval of the Court. For more information, visit www.Southlaw.com

Ken Davis, Sheriff Cloud County, Kansas

Prepared By: SouthLaw, P.C. Blair T. Gisi (KS #24096) 13160 Foster., Suite 100 Overland Park, KS 66213-2660 (913) 663-7600 (913) 663-7899 (Fax) Attorneys for Plaintiff (245921)

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First published in the Concordia Blade-Empire on March 13, 2025)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Marriage of Shalina Justine Hilger and James Bradley Hilger

Case Number SG-2024-DM-8284

NOTICE OF SUIT

The State of Kansas to James Bradley Hilger

- 1. You are notified that Shalina Justine Hilger has filed a Petition for Divorce. 2. The Petition for Divorce has been filed in the District Court of Sedgwick County, Kansas. 3. Shalina Justine Hilger is asking the court to grant a divorce and to make other orders. 4. You may file an Answer/response to the Petition for Divorce with the court and provide a copy to the Petitioner on or before April 23, 2025, but not more than 41 days after first publication of this Notice of Suit in the newspaper.

If you do not file an Answer/response with the court before the date stated above, the court may grant the divorce and make other orders.

Shalina Justine Hilger 1300 E. Denver Dr. Park City, KS 67219 316-742-1658

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LOCAL MARKETS

TUESDAY'S CLOSING Local Markets - East Wheat \$5.46 Milo (per bushel) \$3.64 Corn \$3.99 Soybeans \$9.18 Concordia Terminal Loading Facility Local Markets - West Wheat \$5.46 Milo (per bushel) \$3.64 Jamestown Markets Wheat \$5.36 Milo (per bushel) \$3.54

(Published in the Concordia Blade-Empire on March 13 and March 20, 2023)

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-2198

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the City of Concordia, Kansas:

WHEREAS, the enforcing officer pursuant to K.S.A. 12-1750 et seq., as provided by Section 6-101 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Concordia, Kansas, has informed the governing body that in his opinion the following structures are unsafe and dangerous:

The residential structures located on the premises at 211 East 5th Street, Concordia, Kansas and more completely described as:

Lot 24, 25 and 26, Block 159, Concordia Original Town Site, in the City of Concordia, Cloud County, Kansas.

The residential structure located on the premise at 1016 Washington Street, Concordia, Kansas and more completely described as:

North 1/2 of Lots 19 and 20, Block 88, Concordia Original Town Site in the City of Concordia, Cloud County, Kansas.

AND WHEREAS, the enforcing officer has determined that this structure should be condemned and ordered repaired or removed, all pursuant to K.S.A. 12-1752.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF CONCORDIA, KANSAS that on Wednesday, May 7, 2025 at 5:30 o'clock p.m., the owner, the owner's agent, any lienholders of record and any occupant of such structures may appear at City Hall, 701 Washington Street, Concordia, Kansas, and show cause why such structures should not be condemned and order repaired or demolished. Notice shall be given by the City Clerk as required by K.S.A. 12-1752.

Passed by the Governing Body and signed by the mayor on this 5th day of March, 2025.

Amy Jackson Mayor

ATTEST:

(Seal)

Stacey Smith City Clerk

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First published in the Concordia Blade-Empire on March 13, 2025)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

In the Interest of A.K. (DOB: 2017), Respondent.

Case No. CD-23-JC-300003.

SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF HEARING

TO:

Unknown paternal grandparents, and unknown maternal grandfather, whereabouts unknown, and any other person or persons having or claiming to have an interest in the captioned case.

A Petition has been filed in this Court to terminate the parental rights of the above-captioned Respondent's father.

You are required to appear before this Court, via Microsoft TEAMS with the District Court of Cloud County in Concordia, Cloud County, Kansas, on April 9, 2025, at 1:30 o'clock p.m., or prior to that time file their written defenses or responses to said Petition with the Clerk of the District Court of Cloud County, Kansas. If, after a child has been adjudged to be a Child in Need of Care, the Court finds a parent or parents to be unfit, the Court may make an order permanently terminating the parent's or parents' parental rights. Should the Court make such a finding, the Court shall proceed directly to a dispositional hearing, pursuant to K.S.A. 38-1584(c), to determine if adoption of the respondent is a viable alternative.

Joseph A. Allen has been appointed Guardian ad Litem for the Respondent. Each parent or legal guardian or custodian has the right to appear and be heard personally either with or without an attorney. The Court will appoint an attorney for a parent who is financially unable to hire one.

Dated and signed in Concordia, Cloud County, Kansas, March 7, 2025.

Electronically signed by the Clerk of the District Court.

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(First published in the Concordia Blade-Empire on March 6, 2025)

Millsap & Singer, LLC 8900 Indian Creek Parkway, Suite 180 Overland Park, KS 66210 (913) 339-9132 (913) 339-9045 (fax)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CLOUD County, KANSAS CIVIL DEPARTMENT

PennyMac Loan Services, LLC Plaintiff,

vs. Debra S. Whitesell, Loran Whitesell, Jane Doe, John Doe, and Secretary of Veterans Affairs, an officer of the United States, et al., Defendants

Case No. CD-2025-CV-000006 Court No. Title to Real Estate Involved Pursuant to K.S.A. §60

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF KANSAS to the above named Defendants and The Unknown Heirs, executors, devisees, trustees, creditors, and assigns of any deceased defendants; the unknown spouses of any defendants; the unknown officers, successors, trustees, creditors and assigns of any defendants that are existing, dissolved or dormant corporations; the unknown executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors, successors and assigns of any defendants that are or were partners or in partnership; and the unknown guardians, conservators and trustees of any defendants that are minors or are under any legal disability and all other person who are or may be concerned:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in the District Court of Cloud County, Kansas by PennyMac Loan Services, LLC, praying to foreclose a mortgage on the following described real estate:

THE SOUTH SIXTY-SIX FEET (S66") OF LOTS ONE (1) AND TWO (2), IN BLOCK SIXTY (60), IN THE CITY OF CONCORDIA, CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF. Parcel ID No. 015-082-04-0-10-14-002. Commonly known as 1304 Olive St, Concordia, KS 66901 ("the Property") MS 226098

and all those defendants who have not otherwise been served are required to plead to the Petition on or before April 16, 2025 in the District Court of Cloud County, Kansas. If you fail to plead, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the request of plaintiff.

MILLSAP & SINGER, LLC

By: Dwayne A. Duncan, #27533 dduncan@msfirm.com 612 Spirit Dr. St. Louis, MO 63005 (636) 537-0110 (636) 537-0067 (fax)

ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF

MS 226098.454109 KJFC

MILLSAP & SINGER, LLC IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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(First Published in The Blade-Empire, Thursday, March 13, 2025)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of CAROL SUE DEAN, Deceased

Case No.: CD-2025-PR-000008

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on March 3, 2025, a Petition for Issuance of Letters of Administration Under the Kansas Simplified Estates Act was filed in this Court by Kristin S. Halfhide, an heir of Carol Sue Dean, deceased.

All creditors of the decedent are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate within the later of four months from the date of the first publication of notice under K.S.A. 59-2236 and amendments thereto, or if the identity of the creditor is known or reasonably ascertainable, 30 days after actual notice was given as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

KRISTIN S. HALFHIDE, Petitioner

KAMMIE DILLNER #24568 Clutter, Aadalen & Dillner, LLP 2201 SW 29th St., Ste. 100, Topeka, KS 66611 Phone: 785-266-5121/Fax: 785-266-2116 E-mail: dillner@cadlawyers.com Attorneys for Petitioner

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(Published in the Concordia Blade-Empire on March 6, 13 & 20, 2025.)

KLEENDA AUSTERMAN LLC Michelle L. Brenwald #19287 Christopher A. McElgunn #13359 301 N Main, Suite 1600 Wichita, KS 67202 Phone: (316)267-0331 Fax: (316) 267-0333

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.

CAROL A. BISNETTE, et al., Defendants.

Case No. CD-2024-CV-000016

SECOND AMENDED NOTICE OF JUDICIAL SALE

NOTICE is hereby given that by an Order for Sale issued by the Clerk of the District Court of Cloud County, Kansas, I shall, on Monday, April 7, 2025, at 1 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, KS 66901. Payment at auction must be in the form of cash or check only. All individuals wishing to bid at the sale must first register with the Cloud County Treasurer's Office at 811 Washington Street, Suite K, Concordia, KS 66901, no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday April 4, 2025. Bidder registration is currently open.

This sale proceeding was originally scheduled for February 19, 2025, but cancelled due to inclement weather. Additional details on each parcel were already published in the Concordia Blade-Empire on January 16, 23 and 30, 2025, a copy of which is available online at www.klendalaw.com/taxsales.

Ken Davis, Sheriff Cloud County, KS

Amounts listed are calculated as of date of the filing of this action. Current amounts available at the Treasurer's Office.

No. 1: Lots 4 & 5 in Block 191, City of Concordia, Cloud County, KS. \$3,321.25

No. 2: Lot 6 Block 191, City of Concordia, Cloud County, KS. \$6,143.92 No. 3: Lot 14 Block 3, in M.L. Brierley's Add., an Addition to the City of Glasco, formerly Town of Dell Ray, Cloud County, KS. \$5,281.80

No. 4: Lot 1 and the North 1/2 of Lot 2, Block 2, Spaulding's First Add. to the City of Glasco, formerly Town of Del Ray, Cloud County, KS. \$4,524.47

No. 5: The W 1/2 of the NW 1/4 of Block 7 in East Concordia, an Addition to the City of Concordia, Cloud County, KS, EXCEPT the South 87 feet of the West 1/2 of the NW 1/4 of Block 7 of East Concordia, an Addition to the City of Concordia, Cloud County, KS. \$8,741.29

No. 6: 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, KS. \$5,252.31

No. 8: All of the East 1/2 of Lot 19, all of Lot 20, and all of Lot 21, in Block 64, in the City of Concordia, Cloud County, KS. \$13,222.53

No. 9: Lot 3, Block 7, in Spaulding's Second Addition to the town of Dell Ray, now City of Glasco, Cloud County, KS. \$2,529.56

No. 14: Lot 7 and the South 1/2 of Lot 8, in Block 10, City of Jamestown, Cloud County, KS. \$1,577.02

No. 15: The North 1/2 of Lot 10 and all of Lots 11 and 12, Block 30 of North Addition to the City of Miltonvale, Cloud County, KS. \$5,414.55

No. 16: A tract beginning at a point on the East line of Matthew Street in East Concordia, an addition to the City of Concordia, Cloud County, KS, 448.5 feet North of the South line of the NW 1/4 of the 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. \$33,256.19

No. 17: A Tract of land starting at a point 166 feet south of the NE corner of Block 6 in the Spaulding's 2nd Addition to the City of Glasco; thence South 130 feet; thence west 155 feet; thence North 130 feet; thence east 155 feet, to the place of beginning, in the Spaulding's 2nd Addition of the Town of Del Ray, now the city of Glasco, Cloud County, KS. Subject to an easement of access over the West 15' of the above described property. \$4,891.11

No. 18: Jamestown, Original Town, Block 4, Lot 1 & N 1/2 of Lot 2, Block 4 and vac alley adj section 22 township 05 Range 05 Cloud County, KS. \$2,448.77

No. 19: A tract of land in Cloud County, KS 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. \$2,685.08

No. 20: A tract in Block 56, in west addition to Miltonvale, in Cloud County, KS, 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. \$861.76

No. 22: Lot 11, Block 35, North Addition to the City of Miltonvale, Cloud County, KS. \$4,160.94

No. 23: The East 100' of the SE 1/4 of Block 56 of the West Addition to the City of Miltonvale, according to the recorded plat thereof in Cloud County, KS. \$860.05

No. 24: The West 1/2 of Lot 2, and all of Lot 3, in Block 184, in the City of Concordia, Cloud County, KS. \$3,691.22

No. 25: Lot 11 in Block 42, North Addition to City of Miltonvale, Cloud County, KS. \$4,409.95

No. 28: A Tract in Block 11 in West's addition to Dell Ray, now City of Glasco, Cloud County, KS: 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. \$983.43

No. 29: The North 1/2 of Lots 1 and 2 in Block 179, City of Concordia, Cloud County, KS. \$5,743.81

No. 31: A tract of land in the SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 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, KS (Now Vacated). \$1,322.15

No. 32: Lot 6 in Block 3 of the Original Town of Dell 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 Dell 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. \$2,791.91

No. 33: All of Lot 9, in Block 7, in the town of Aurora, Cloud County, KS. \$833.74

No. 34: West 46 feet of Lot 9 in Block 8, in the City of Aurora, Cloud County, KS. \$1,404.20

No. 35: Lot 17, in Block 7, in the City of Jamestown, Cloud County, KS, according to the recorded plat thereof (surface rights only). \$790.04

No. 37: All of Lots 1 and 2, Block 35, North Addition to the City of Miltonvale, Cloud County, KS. \$7,103.14

No. 39: 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, KS. \$25,676.55

No. 40: The East 28 Feet of Lot 11 in Block 192 in the City of Concordia, Cloud County, KS. \$11,022.56.

No. 41: Lot 10 and the West 16 Feet of Lot 11, in Block 192, in the City of Concordia, Cloud County, KS. \$4,032.38

No. 42: All of Lot 14 in Block 177, in the City of Concordia, Cloud County, KS. \$2,789.43

No. 44: Lot 16 and the West 1/2 of Lot 17, in Block 78, in the City of Concordia, Cloud County, KS. \$10,234.83



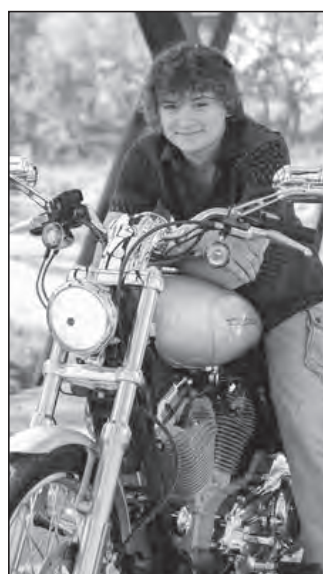
Drew Sterrett



Andrew Henderson



Dylan Morris



Jagger Johnson

## Rotary Club announces Students of the Month

The Concordia Rotary Club is proud to announce the selection of Concordia High School seniors Drew Sterrett, Andrew Henderson, Dylan Morris and Jagger Johnson as February Rotary Students of the Month.

Drew Sterrett is the son of Debra and Damon Sterrett. He is involved in football, baseball, wrestling, and track. He plans to attend Cloud County Community College to earn a business degree.

Andrew Henderson is the son of Scot and Chrissy Henderson. He is involved in golf, vice president of the National Honor Society, CYO and FCCLA. He plans to attend K-State for a major in computer science and a minor in business.

Dylan Morris is the son of Zac Morris and Nicki Taylor-Morris. He is involved in Troop 38 Boy Scouts, chess, marching band, pep band, National Honor Society, theater, and D&D Club. He plans to attend Colby Community College and enter its veterinary tech program.

Jagger Johnson is the son of Andrea & Jason Johnson. He is JAG-K president at the high school. He has also participated in track and tennis and plans to go into law enforcement when he turns 21.

## K-State students earn honors

MANHATTAN — More than 4,600 Kansas State University students have earned semester honors for their academic performance in the fall 2024 semester.

Students who have completed at least 12 graded credit hours and earn a semester (term) grade point average of 3.75 or higher will be recognized with semester honors. This designation is determined by a snapshot of grades taken on grade day for fall and spring semesters only, and any updates resulting from grade changes will not be reflected in the honors calculation.

Students from Cloud County who earned honors include Dawson Girard, Weston Girard, Douglas Koch, Emma Nobert, James Nobert, Trinity Robbins and Whitley Sikes, Clyde; Juana Ayala, Ashley Bartlett, Payton Breese, Belle Chavey, Tessa Christensen, Tyler Hobrock, Dayton Moeschler, Jessica Palmer, Taye Retter, Phillip Shirkey, Cole Stahlman, Isaiah Steffen and Georgia Trost, Concordia.

## Area students earn fall degrees, graduation honors

MANHATTAN — More than 1,300 students completed degree requirements from Kansas State University in fall 2024. The graduates are from 80 Kansas counties, almost 40 states and more than two dozen countries.

The university awarded approximately 900 bachelor's degrees, 250 master's degrees and 80 doctorates. Several students earned multiple degrees.

Students with exceptionally high grade point averages received honors for outstanding academic performance: summa cum laude for students with a grade point average of 3.95 or above, magna cum laude for those with a grade point average of 3.85 to 3.949, and cum laude for students with GPAs of 3.75 to 3.849.

Students from Cloud County receiving degrees were Dawson Girard, Clyde: Bachelor of Science; Cole Stahlman, Concordia: Bachelor of Science, summa cum laude.

## Club Notes

Chapter AO of PEO held their meeting on March 11, 2025, hosted by Sue Regan and co-hosted by Jane Richard. During the meeting, new officers were elected and installed, including President Janice Swenson, Vice President Jane Richard, Corresponding Secretary Christy Hasch, Recording Secretary Cheryl Holmes, Treasurer Margo Hosie, Chaplain Linda Hayden, and Guard Deanna Link.

Jane Richard presented a video showcasing her recent travels to Southeast Asia, featuring highlights from Singapore, 3 port stops in Vietnam, and also Hong Kong. The group enjoyed the stunning visuals and fascinating insights shared by Jane.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 8, 2025, at 7:00 p.m., hosted by Margo Hosie at her home and co-hosted by Linda Culley.

## Senior Center

**Menu**  
**Thurs., March 20** - CHICKEN RANCH PAS-TA, corn, fruit, cookie.

**Fri., March 21** - TUNA CASSEROLE, beets, fruit, cake.

**Mon., March 24** - CHEESY BEEF TACO SOUP, corn chips, fruit, jello.

**Tues., March 25** - MEATLOAF, baked potato, glazed carrots, fruit, cookie.

**Wed., March 26** - ENCHILADAS, rice, corn, fruit, pudding.

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., March 20** - Pool (Billiards) 7:45 a.m., Puzzles anytime.

**Fri., March 21** - Pool (Billiards) 7:45 a.m., Exercise 10 a.m., Puzzles anytime.

**Mon., March 24** - Pool (Billiards) 7:45 a.m., Exercise 10 a.m., Puzzles anytime.

**Tues., March 25** - Pool (Billiards) 7:45 a.m., Puzzles anytime.

**Wed., March 26** - Coffee Club 9 a.m., Exercise 10 a.m., Cards 1 p.m., Puzzles anytime.

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

## Pitch party

Card players played two tables of pitch at the pitch party at the Concordia Senior Center on Wednesday, March 12.

Debra Hubert was the first-place winner. Richard Hubert was the second-place winner. Third place ended in a tie between Mary Guidry and Eunice Eakins.

Upcoming pitch parties will be held at the senior center on Wednesday, March 26 and Friday, March 28.

## Area students receive Hansen scholarships



Francisco Ayala



Aubrey Stahlman



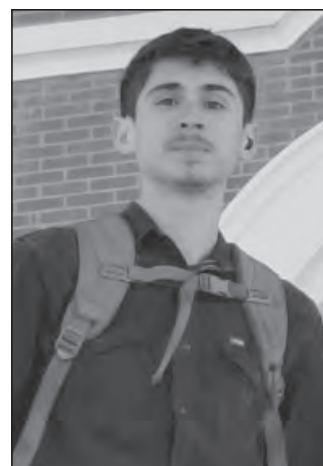
Jack Skocny



Kaide Gropp



Andrew Henderson



Nicholas Centro



Quinn Coles



Mylee Hammond



Brandt Knoettgen

The Dane G. Hansen Foundation of Logan, Kansas, has named 228 high school seniors from 43 Northwest Kansas schools as winners in its 50th annual scholarship competition.

In selecting award winners, the Scholarship Committee considered proficiency in verbal and writing skills. Other important factors are academic records, test scores, and community service in which the student may have participated.

Thirty-five Hansen Scholar winners were selected. The stipend of \$6,500 was granted for one year and may be renewable for three additional years. Renewal of scholarships is based upon continued regard for the principles which guided the success of the late Dane G. Hansen, a 3.00 or better GPA at the college level and a progress update describing progress towards educational goals. This year's winners include Concordia High School students Francisco Ayala and Aubrey Stahlman.



Emily Porter



Trey Collins

The Foundation offered seventy scholarships for Hansen Student winners. These awards are for \$4,000 and may be renewed for one additional year provided the student has maintained a satisfactory academic record. This year's winners include Jack Skocny, Clifton-Clyde, and Kaide Gropp and Andrew Henderson, Concordia High School.

For students interested in seeking competence through career and technical education in one of

the pre-approved schools in Northwest Kansas, the Foundation offered the following scholarships. These awards are for \$4,000 and may be renewed for one additional year provided the student has maintained a satisfactory academic record. The winners of the Career and Technical Education scholarships include Nicholas Centro, Quinn Coles, Mylee Hammond, Brandt Knoettgen and Emily Porter, Clifton-Clyde High School, and Trey Collins, Concordia High School.

*Thank You for Reading the Blade-Empire!  
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**Our Lady of Perpetual Help**  
**in the Parish Hall**  
307 East 5th St. • Concordia  
**Serving 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.**

- We also have meals for pickup
- Curbside pickup available - north entrance
- For delivery call by Fri. 4:30 p.m. 785-243-1099



**March 7th, 14th, 21st,  
28th & April 11th**

Pollock Fish, Scalloped Potatoes, Vegetables,  
Cole Slaw, Roll, Dessert with Tea or Coffee

**Freewill donation accepted**

*The true spirit of conversation consists in building on another man's observation, not overturning it.*

*-Edward Bulwer-Lytton*

## OBITUARIES

### S. Joan Johnson

August 4, 1938– March 11, 2025

S. Joan Johnson, age 86, of Concordia, KS, passed away on Tuesday, March 11, 2025, surrounded by her family at Sunset Nursing Home. She was born on August 4, 1938, in Concordia, KS, to Joseph Earl and Selma Emma Laura (Fritze) Hoover.



She graduated from Concordia High School in 1956. She married Jerome K. Johnson on September 16, 1956, at the Presbyterian Church in Concordia, KS. From this union, Deanna, Kenneth, Brenda, and Rhonda were born.

In her family's earlier years, Joan worked as a homemaker, and a farm wife. Later, she worked at J.C. Penney in Concordia.

She was a member of the Huscher United Methodist Church, Eastern Star, and Social Order of the Beauceant. She enjoyed gardening, crocheting, sewing, baking, and taking care of her family. She was happiest when spending time with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Joan is survived by her husband, Jerome, Concordia, KS, and children: Deanna Leon (Stuart), Surprise, AZ; Kenneth Johnson, Concordia, KS; Brenda Johnson (Michael), Salina, KS; and Rhonda Ailsieger (Kristafer), Topeka, KS; grandchildren, Joshua Leon (Susan), Sarah Kilpatrick (Troy), Stacy Duis (Jeremy), Michelle McKittrick (Jake), Katie Whitely (Levi), Emily Black (Colton), Ryan Johnson, Megan Johnson, Lauren Ailsieger, Morgan Ailsieger, Braden Ailsieger and 20 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, March 18, 2025, at Chaput-Buoy Funeral Home, Concordia, KS, with Pastor Al Paredes officiating. Burial will follow at the Nelson Center Cemetery, Huscher, KS. Visitation will be on Monday, March 17, 2025, from 1-8 p.m. with the family receiving friends from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

The family suggests memorial contributions to Gentiva Hospice or Dementia Society of America in care of Chaput-Buoy Funeral Home, PO Box 606, Concordia, KS 66901. For online condolences or memorial contributions please visit, [www.chaputbuoy.com](http://www.chaputbuoy.com)

### Paul M. Gladbach

November 9, 1961– March 10, 2025

Paul M. Gladbach, 63 years of age, of Clyde, passed away Monday, March 10, 2025, at Salina Regional Health Center in Salina. He was born on November 9, 1961, in Kansas City, Missouri, to James and Patricia (Renicker) Gladbach.



He was a 1980 graduate of Concordia High School, Concordia, Kansas. He received his bachelor's degree from K-State in Animal Science and master's degree from K-State Ag Education.

Paul married Jody Ann McGinnis on July 18, 1981, at The Baptist Church, Concordia, Kansas. To this union five children were born, David, Phillip, Elaine, Thomas, and Joseph.

He was an area cattleman, farmer, ag teacher, welding instructor, ag equipment salesman, sports coach and according to some, a professional talker.

Paul worked for USD #224 Clifton-Clyde and for USD #333 Concordia.

He was a member of The Knights of Columbus Council #1142, Concordia, Kansas, and The American Angus Association.

Paul's hobbies included hunting, shed hunting, sports, Auction-Time, but his lifelong obsession was cattle.

Paul is survived by his wife, Jody Gladbach, Clyde, KS; his five children, David Gladbach (Amanda), Sequim, Washington, Phillip Gladbach (Chandra), Concordia, KS; Elaine Sloan (Jason), Hays, KS, Thomas Gladbach (Alisha), Alta Vista, KS, Joseph Gladbach (Heather), Wamego, KS; 13 grandchildren, 10 boys and 3 girls; father, James Gladbach, Deerfield, MO; brother, Jim Gladbach, (Lucy) Deerfield, MO; two sisters, Julie Gladbach, Ft. Scott, KS; Jeannie McKee, Carthage, MO.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Patricia Gladbach, Deerfield, MO; Paul's sister, Mary Harkins, Kansas City, KS (Frank), and brother-in-law, John McKee, Carthage, MO.

Visitation will be held from 1-8 p.m., Friday, March 14, 2025. The family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m., all at the Chaput-Buoy Funeral Home, Concordia, Kansas.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held 10:00 a.m., Saturday, March 15, 2025, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, Concordia, Kansas, with Fr. Joseph Kieffer officiating. Burial will follow in the St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery, St. Joseph, Kansas.

Memorial contributions may be given to Cloud County FFA Chapters, Saint Jude Children's Research Hospital, and Morrison House in Salina, KS, in care of Chaput Mortuary, PO Box 291, Clyde, Kansas 66938. For online condolences please visit [www.chaputbuoy.com](http://www.chaputbuoy.com)

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## POLICE DEPT.

**Arrests**—On March 12, at 4:44 p.m., officers conducted a traffic stop at the 200 block of Spruce Street. Upon investigation, Travis Main, Belleville, was arrested and transported to Cloud County Corrections, where he was booked in for driving on a revoked license—repeat offender.

On March 15, at 7:09 p.m., officers made contact with a male individual, who appeared to be intoxicated, walking down 11th Street. Upon investigation, Jessie Kiser, Salina, was arrested and transported to Cloud County Corrections. Kiser was booked in for pedestrian under the influence, battery on a law enforcement officer, obstruction, and resisting arrest.

**Non-injury accident**—On March 10, at 7:25 a.m., officers responded to the 500 block of East 15th Street for a report of a non-injury accident.

**Stolen vehicle**—On March 16, at 12:41 p.m., officers responded to the 1900 block of Lincoln Street for a report of a stolen vehicle. Upon investigation, the vehicle was recovered, and charges will be forwarded to the Cloud County attorney.

**Theft**—On March 11, at 12:58 p.m., officers responded to the 1800 block of Lincoln Street for a report of a theft.

On March 11, at 4:14 p.m., officers received a report of theft of a package. Upon investigation, the items were brought back to the original owner.

On March 13, at 9:23 a.m., officers responded to the 800 block of Russ Street for a report of theft.

On March 14, at 11:51 a.m., officers responded to the 1500 block of East Seventh Street for a report of a theft by services. Charges will be forwarded to the city attorney.

On March 14, at 2:14 p.m., officers responded to the 2200 block of Campus Drive for a report of a theft.

**Scam**—On March 15, at 12:02 a.m., officers took a report of a phone scam.

**Criminal trespass**—On March 12, at 9:35 a.m., officers responded to the 900 block of Russ Street for a report of a criminal trespass. When officers arrived, the suspect was no longer on the property. The suspect was located and advised not to return.

**Property damage**—On March 10, at 11:23 a.m., officers received a report of criminal damage to property.

**Civil dispute**—On March 11, at 6:06 p.m., officers responded to the 500 block of West 11th Street for a civil dispute.

**Civil standby**—On March 14, at 12:05 p.m., officers responded to the 400 block of West 12th Street for a civil standby.

On March 15, at 6:25 p.m., officers responded to the 700 block of West 11th Street for a civil standby.

**Welfare check**—On March 13, at 8:07 a.m., officers responded to the 800 block of Church Street for a welfare check.

On March 13, at 7:51 p.m., officers responded to the 400 block of East Fifth Street for a welfare check.

On March 13, at 10:20 p.m., officers responded to the 300 block of East 11th Street for a welfare check.

### Shirley Stolzenburg Nutter

July 9, 1937 – March 13, 2025

Shirley Jean (Clark) Stolzenburg Nutter was born in rural Cloud County, Kansas, to James Clark and Alice (Kimmel) Clark on July 9, 1937. She passed peacefully on March 13, 2025, at Presbyterian Manor in Salina, KS.



Shirley was a devoted daughter, sister, wife, mother, aunt, and grandmother. As a child Shirley attended the Methodist Church, the Church of Faith, and Sibley Rural Elementary School; and graduated with honors from Concordia High School in 1955 while also

working part-time at the Delmer F. Harris Company, a local playground manufacturer. She met and married Harlan Stolzenburg in 1956 and enjoyed working on the farm with Harlan as well as several bookkeeping, banking, and customer service jobs over the next few years. She especially enjoyed her career with KPL Gas Service where she built lifelong relationships and was grateful for the opportunity to leave and return multiple times as needed to focus her attention on her three children, Susan, Rhonda, and Matt. She retired from KPL (Western Resources) in 1991 with over 15 years of service to the company in various roles.

For the next several years, Shirley and Harlan cherished spending time with their young granddaughter, Stephanie, and later enjoyed traveling across the country as tour guide, bus driver and part-owners of Thunderbird Travel.

Upon Harlan's passing in 1996, Shirley began working at Centel Electric and later returned to the banking industry as a teller at Citizens National Bank where she formed close bonds with her co-workers and loved taking care of her customers.

After retiring once again, Shirley still felt the need to "be useful" and chose to volunteer her time as a North Central Kansas Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA), devoting herself to conducting investigations to help Courts make informed decisions regarding the fostering and care of neglected and abused children.

In 2008, Shirley met Charles Nutter (also a 1955 graduate of Concordia High) through former classmates. They were married in 2011 and spent the next 14 years sharing common interests in farming, antique cars, and travel, making occasional trips to casinos, NASCAR races and rodeos; and organizing high school reunions while living primarily in Salina and spending winters in Tucson, Arizona. Charles remained devoted to Shirley during her last few months of life, making frequent trips to spend time with her while she received nursing care in Salina.

Shirley is survived by her husband, Charles Nutter of Concordia; daughters, Susan Melhus (Tim Nicholson) of Concordia, and Rhonda Palmquist of Solomon; son, Dr. Matthew Stolzenburg (Shelly Korinek) of Salina; one granddaughter, Stephanie Melhus of Concordia; stepson, Steve Nutter (Christine Gailey), Foster City, CA; stepdaughters, Diane Hieb (Charles Hieb), Prescott, AZ; Debbie Nutter, Naalehu, HI; and Rachel Nutter (Ton van Schijndel), Uden, The Netherlands; and many other treasured friends and family members including nieces and nephews who were dear to her.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her first husband, Harlan Stolzenburg; sisters, Harriet Tatro and Phyllis Bryan; four nephews; one grandnephew; and several other cherished friends and relatives.

Shirley loved and cared for her family selflessly, and will be remembered by many for her kindness, sharp wit, and quick sense of humor which she continued to share with her family and those who cared for her during her last few months of life.

Shirley's wish was for immediate cremation. There will be no visitation or service at this time. A family gathering at Mount Hope Cemetery northwest of Clyde is planned for later this summer to bury Shirley's remains next to Harlan.

Memorials contributions may be made to Gentiva Hospice or NCK CASA - Cloud County, KS, in care of Ryan Mortuary, 137 N. 8th Street, Salina, KS 67401.

## FIRE DEPT. / EMT

### Tuesday, March 11

At 10:03 a.m., M-4 was dispatched for a medical call. One patient was transported to North Central Kansas Medical Center (NCKMC).

At 10:43 a.m., M-4 was dispatched for a medical call. One patient was transported to NCKMC.

At 4:47 p.m., M-4 was dispatched for a medical call. One patient was transported to NCKMC.

At 11:35 p.m., M-5 was dispatched for a long distance transfer to Wesley Medical Center.

### Thursday, March 13

At 9:15 a.m., M-4 was dispatched for a basic life support transfer from NCKMC back home. One patient was transported.

At 6:43 p.m., M-4 was dispatched for a medical call. One patient was transported to NCKMC.

### Friday, March 14

At 3:33 a.m., Medic-4 was dispatched for a medical call. One patient was transported to NCKMC.

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# National Honor Society

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Induction of new members into the Concordia Chapter of the National Honor Society was held Monday, March 10, at 6:00 pm in the CJSHS media center.



Front Row (L-R): Mya Niehues, Gabi Lange, Stella Trost, Skye Johnson, Lili Brooks, Bella Stuber, Jalarie Johnston, Ilyssa Maya, Ronald (Tre) Hamiel, Ryker Wildeman, Gunner Barnes

Middle Row (L-R): Mya Bauer, Keri Farmer, Jori Letourneau, Taylor McDaniel, Katelyn Reedy, Boone Richard, Danner Benfer, Leathan Stevenson, Nevaeh Valcoure, Kinsleigh Bethune, Aubrey Stahlman, Daegen DeGraff

Back Row (L-R): Dylan Morris, Kyle McFadden, Andrew Henderson, Zach Finlayson, Luke Donovan, Tracer Murdock



Front Row (L-R): Mya Niehues, Gabi Lange, Stella Trost, Skye Johnson, Lili Brooks, Bella Stuber, Jalarie Johnston, Ilyssa Maya

Back Row (L-R): Gunner Barnes, Boone Richard, Danner Benfer, Leathan Stevenson, Ryker Wildeman, Ronald (Tre) Hamiel



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# National Honor Society

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## Gunner Barnes



Gunner is the son of Josh and Dyan Barnes. He participates in cross country, basketball, track, band, CLC youth group, 4-H.

*Junior*


## Danner Benfer



Danner is the son of DeVon and Dena Benfer. He participates in track, FCA, Baptist youth group, Delta Chi.

*Sophomore*

## Lili Brooks



Lili is the daughter of Josh and Mayra Brooks. She participates in volleyball, cheer/Pantherettes, track, FCA, CYO, Baptist youth group.

*Sophomore*

## Ronald (Tre) Hamiel



Tre is the son of Sherri Hamiel. He participates in football, trap, powerlifting, wrestling, Boy Scouts, HOSA, FOR, NSHSS.

*Sophomore*

## Skye Johnson



Skye is the daughter of Troy and Jeni Johnson - participates in StuCo, FCA, Baptist youth group, Concordia Hurricanes.

*Sophomore*

## Jalarie Johnston



Jalarie is the daughter of Jarrod and Jerlynn Johnston. She participates as a manager in football and wrestling.

*Sophomore*


## Gabi Lange



Gabi is the daughter of Byron and Amy Lange. She participates in volleyball, wrestling, track, swim team, StuCo, FCA.

*Sophomore*

## Ilyssa Maya



Ilyssa is the daughter of Tony and Crystal Brown. She participates in JAG, cheer, dance, band, colorguard.

*Junior*

## Mya Niehues



Mya is the daughter of Ryan and Sara Niehues. She participates in golf, yearbook, FCA, CYO, Baptist youth group.

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## Boone Richard



Boone is the son of Casey and Krystal Richard. He participates in football, basketball, baseball, FCA.

*Sophomore*

## Leathan Stevenson



Leathan is the son of Sandy Chrisman. He participates in choir, theatre, FCCLA, FOR, forensics, NSHSS.

*Junior*

## Bella Stuber



Bella is the daughter of Mike Stuber, Kendra Krier and Zach Garst. She participates in golf, cheer, softball, CYO, FOR, StuCo.

*Junior*

## Stella Trost



Stella is the daughter of Justin and Jonna Trost. She participates in volleyball, basketball, softball, StuCo, FCA.

*Sophomore*

## Ryker Wildeman



Ryker is the son of Brad and Amy Wildeman. He participates in football, track, FCA, FOR, HOSA.

*Sophomore*

## Jamie Meyer



Jamie has been teaching mathematics for 29 years and has been the National Honor Society sponsor for 21 years. My husband, Josh, is the manager of Chaput-Buoy Funeral Home and our daughter, Madelyn, teaches second grade in Manhattan.

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TUCKER ASHBURN/BLADE-EMPIRE

Members of the 2024-25 wrestling team presenting their awards. Back row from left to right: Deekon Holbert, Tracer Murdock, Drew Sterrett, and Tre Hamiel. Front row from left to right: Airiana Wogomon, and Gabi Lange.

## CHS Wrestling Banquet Awards

BY TUCKER ASHBURN

At the postseason award banquet for the Concordia High School wrestling team, members were recognized by their coaches and their peers for their hard work during the season.

The Most Outstanding Wrestler award, voted on by their teammates, went to Drew Sterrett and Gabi Lange.

Young Wrestler of the Year, voted on by teammates for underclassmen, went to sophomores Tre Hamiel and Deekon Holbert.

Panther Leader Award, voted on by the coaching staff, went to Tracer Murdock.

All-League First

Team: Drew Sterrett, Drake Blochlinger, Tracer Murdock, and Harley Weathersbee.

All-League Honorable Mention: Carter Eakins, Braytin Hake, Tre Hamiel, Max Johnson, Airiana Wogomon, and Gabi Lange.

Kansas Wrestling Coaches Association regional All-Academic Team, for wrestlers with a 3.5 GPA or higher: Jacksen Whitley, Bridgett Blochlinger, Bryson Sorensen, Brexlynn Koch, Francisco Ayala, Gabi Lange, Carter Eakins, Drew Sterrett, Drake Blochlinger, Braytin Hake, Tre Hamiel, and Tracer Murdock.

KWCA regional All-Academic honorable mention, for boys with a 3.0-3.49 GPA, and girls with 2.8-3.19 GPA: Quinn Kymer, Taygnn LeDuc, Max Johnson, Tierney Breault, Harlin Bannister, and Airiana Wogomon.

KWCA All-State First team: Drew Sterrett, Drake Blochlinger, and Tracer Murdock.

KWCA All-State Honorable Mention: Gabi Lange, Airiana Wogomon, Harley Weathersbee, Tre Hamiel, and Max Johnson.

## Clifton-Clyde falls to South Central in state tourney 52-38

DODGE CITY — A 15-4 run over the final 6:26 of the game propelled second-seeded Coldwater-South Central High School to a 52-38 win over the seventh-seeded Clifton-Clyde High School Eagles in the opening round of the Class 1A-Division I state tournament played March 13 at the United Wireless Arena.

Clifton-Clyde, after trailing by as many as 14 points in the third quarter, made it a 37-34 game when Luke Nobert connected on his second three-point shot with 6:26 remaining.

The Eagles would be limited to just four free throws as South Central pulled away.

Clifton-Clyde, making a third consecutive appearance in the state tournament, finished the season 17-7.

South Central defeated defending state champion Montezuma-South Gray 64-49 in the semifinals before falling 47-34 to Olpe in the championship game.

South Gray knocked off Central Plains 66-56 in the third-place game.

Clifton-Clyde led South Central just once in the opening round game at 2-0.

The Timberwolves scored the next nine points to go on top to stay.

Two free throws by Jack Skocny left Clifton-Clyde trailing 9-4. The Eagles were score-



SCOUT SKOCNY

Clifton-Clyde's Jack Skocny driving the ball against South Central.

less over the final 3:23 of the first quarter and South Central scored four points to go up 13-4.

Clifton-Clyde used an 8-3 spurt to open the second period to close the gap to 16-12.

Skocny, a 6-4 senior averaging 25 points per game, picked up his third foul and had to go to the bench.

Consecutive three-point shots by Jamie Gardea and Jase Rutherford gave South Central a 22-12 advantage.

Ethan Sacco hit a three for Clifton-Clyde.

A jumper by Jack Herd put South Central on top 24-15.

Sacco made one of two free throws, and the Eagles trailed 24-16 halftime.

Scoring the first six points of the second half, the Timberwolves opened

up a 30-16 lead.

Skocny scored eight straight points to make it 30-24.

Rutherford followed up a missed shot, and it was a 32-24 game.

Nobert and Skocny drilled threes and Clifton-Clyde trailed just 32-30 with 1:20 to play in the third quarter.

Herd scored on a drive for South Central.

The two teams traded free throws and the Timberwolves led 35-31 heading into the fourth quarter.

Gardea, who led South Central with 15 points, hit from 12 feet early in the final period.

The three by Nobert pulled Clifton-Clyde within three points.

The Eagles would not score from the field again.

South Central scored six points in 1:17 to go on top 43-34.

Skocny, who finished with 18 points and 13 rebounds, and Trextin Koch combined to go three of five from the free throw line to get the Eagles within six points, 43-37.

That is as close as Clifton-Clyde would get.

The Eagles shot just 24 percent (10 of 41) from the field and committed 19 turnovers.

Herd scored 12 points and grabbed 11 rebounds for South Central.

Rutherford added 11 points and eight rebounds.

## Con-Kids wrestling competes in USAWKS District 4 Championship

BY TUCKER ASHBURN

HAYS — Con-kids wrestling competed in the USAWKS 2025 District 4 Championship in Hays on March 7-8. Con-kids sent 31 wrestlers to the 30 team event, in which 1,104 wrestlers competed.

Hadleigh Snavelly, 10U girls 80 pounds, earned a sixth-place finish with a 1-3 record.

Korbyn Ramirez, 12U girls 105 pounds, earned a third-place finish with a 4-1 record. Ramirez won two straight matches before falling in the semifinal, then won two straight in the consolation bracket.

Ava Day, 12U girls 105 pounds, earned a sixth-place finish with a 3-3 record. Day won her first match, before losing in the quarterfinal, then won two straight before losing to teammate Korbyn Ramirez, and falling in the fifth place match.

Sophie Buckley, 12U girls 120 pounds, earned a first-place finish with a 3-0 record. Buckley won all her matches by fall, 4:13, 2:54, and 2:46.

Allie Strait, 12U girls 140 pounds, went 0-2 on the day.

Anniston Coates, 12U girls 165 pounds, earned a fourth-place finish with a 1-3 record. Coates won in the fifth round by fall in 2:56.

Layla Aggson, 14U girls 119 pounds, went 0-2 on the day.



SHERRI HAMIEL

Tre Hamiel, High School 190, won first place at the district championship.

Tenley Snavelly, 14U girls 127 pounds, went 2-2. Snavelly won her first two matches, before falling in her next two to end the day.

Kenzie Beam, 14U girls 145 pounds, earned a fifth-place finish with a 2-2 record. Beam won her first match, lost the championship and consolation semifinal match, before winning in the fifth-place match.

Ava Rowland, 14U girls 235 pounds, earned a first-place finish with a 2-0 record. Rowland defeated Nova Rodriguez of Ellsworth County in both matches by fall in 13 and 31 seconds.

Hoyt Snavelly, 8U

boys 49 pounds, went 0-2 on the day.

Oden Kisby, 8U boys 55 pounds, went 0-2 on the day.

Blake Wiese, 8U boys 61 pounds, went 2-2 on the day. Wiese won his first match in 28 seconds, before falling in round two, then winning in consolation round three, then falling in round four.

Ashton Dutton, 8U boys 88 pounds, earned a fourth-place finish with a 2-2 record. Dutton lost his first match of the day to Cooper Schoendaler of Hoxie by decision, before winning two straight matches in the consolation bracket, before falling to Schoendaler again in the third-place match.

Evan Francis, 10U boys 58 pounds, earned a fourth-place finish with a 2-2 record. Francis won his first match in 36 seconds, before falling in the semifinals. He then won in his consolation semifinal match before dropping the third-place match.

Witten Roe, 10U boys 58 pounds, went 0-2 on the day.

Collin Roe, 10U boys 64 pounds, went 0-2 on the day.

Hudson Frazier, 10U boys 76 pounds, went 1-2.

Ezekiel Millikan, 10U boys 79 pounds, went 0-2.

Robert Lawson, 10U boys 90 pounds, went 0-2.



SHERRI HAMIEL

Landen Jorgensen, 14U 155, finished in second place at the district championship.

Jaxon Dutton, 10U boys 100 pounds, earned a sixth-place finish with a 3-2 record. Dutton won his first match in 12 seconds, before falling in the quarterfinal, then winning two straight matches, then losing two straight.

Liam Francis, 12U boys 80 pounds, earned a fourth-place finish with a 2-2 record. Francis won his first match, fell in the second, won the third, and lost in

the third-place match.

Carter Dykes, 12U boys 140 pounds, went 0-2 on the day.

Brantley Odette, 12U boys 150 pounds, earned a sixth-place finish with a 0-3 record.

Trigg Fraser, 14U boys 85 pounds, earned a fourth-place finish with a 1-2 record, with the lone win being in the consolation semifinal match, before falling in the third-place match.

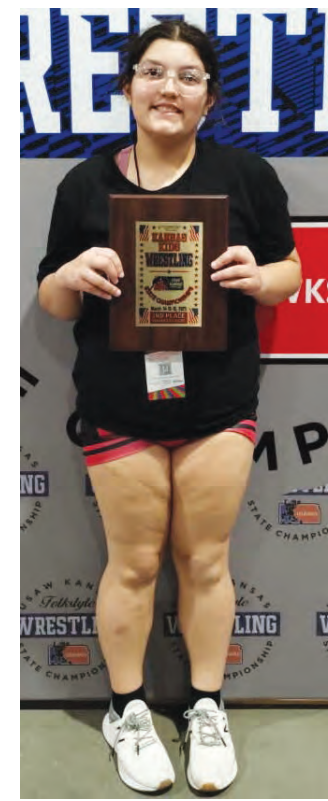
Landen Belden, 14U boys 100 pounds, went 0-2 on the day.

Jacksen Whitley, 14U boys 100 pounds, earned a fourth-place finish with a 2-2 record. Whitley won his first match, before falling in the semifinals, then won in the consolation semis, then lost in the third-place match.

Jaksyn Lavoie, 14U boys 150 pounds, earned a sixth-place finish with 2-3 record. Lavoie won his first two matches before dropping three straight.

Landen Jorgensen, 14U boys 155 pounds, finished in second place with a 3-1 record. Jorgensen won his first two matches by major decision then picked up a forfeit win, before falling in the championship match.

Zackarie Stovall, 14U boys 160 pounds, earned a fifth-place finish with a 1-2 record, with the sole win being in the fifth-place match. Carson Brooks, 14U



SHERRI HAMIEL

Ava Rowland, 14U 235, finished in first place at the district championship.

boys 175 pounds, went 0-2 on the day.

Carter Eakins, High School boys 144 pounds, earned a fourth-place finish with a 2-2 record. He won his first match before falling in the semis. Eakins won in 51 seconds in the consolation semis then lost in the third place match.

Tre Hamiel, High School 190 pounds, earned a first-place finish with a 2-0 record. Hamiel won his first match by decision, 5-4, before winning by major decision, 13-0 in the championship match.

# T-Bird basketball ends with 100-87 loss to #14 Barton

BY TUCKER ASHBURN  
GREAT BEND — The Thunderbird men's basketball season ended in the second round of the Region VI tournament after Cloud suffered its sixth straight loss to #14 Barton with a 100-87 defeat.

Barton would develop a cushion early in the first half, holding at least a two-possession lead from 17:11 till 9:25 remaining when the T-Birds got the lead down to three. Barton would then hold a double-digit lead for the final five minutes of the half, going into halftime with a 54-40 lead.

Only four T-Birds scored in the first half,

with Syncere Burnette leading the T-Birds with 16 first-half points.

Cloud would get the lead down to seven 2 minutes and 30 seconds into the half. Barton would do its best to keep the T-Birds at bay, and the T-birds would get the lead back down to six with 12:37 and 6:15 remaining in the game, before the Cougars pushed their lead up to as high as 16. Barton would outlast the T-Birds 100-87.

Burnette had a season-high 31 points, with five rebounds, two assists, and two steals.

Elidjah Savane had 20 points, 13 rebounds,

three assists, a block, and a steal.

Dejuan Graise had 12 points.

On the season: Savane led in points with 16.8 points per game, rebounds with 8.7 per game, blocks with 58, and second in steals with 1.3 steals per game.

Burnette was second in points with 12.3 points per game, tied for first in assists with 94 or three per game, and led in steals per game with 1.6 steals per game.

Keyon Garrett-Miller was third on points per game with 11.4, tied for first in assists with three per game, and third in steals per game with 1.1.

# CCC baseball sweeps Dodge City, Kansas Wesleyan JV

BY TUCKER ASHBURN  
DODGE CITY — Keeping the momentum to close the series with Dodge City, the Cloud County Community College baseball team completed the sweep with an 18-6 and 12-9 win on the road.

**DODGE CITY AWAY SERIES**  
Game one saw the T-Birds win 18-6.

Cloud scored in the top of the first, but Dodge City took a 2-1 lead after one inning. The T-Birds scored five runs in the top of the second before the Conqs scored four in the bottom of the inning to tie the game six-all. Cloud's defense would shut down the Dodge City offense for the rest of the game. The T-birds scored four runs in the third, three runs in the fifth, and one run in the sixth before closing the game with four runs in the seventh to take game, 18-6.

Noah Bourgeois (3-1) earned the win with one hit and walk allowed with five strikeouts in four innings pitched.

Austin Coyle hit for the cycle with four runs scored on four hits with seven RBIs.

Matthew Evans had three runs scored on two hits with an RBI.

Nolan Freund, Easton Mould, Cam MacCleod, and Lucas Laukkanen each had two runs scored on a combined six hits and three walks.

David Simmons, Noah Konings, and Kaden Budke each had one run scored on one hit.

In game two, the T-Birds won 12-9.

The T-birds scored first with three runs in the top of the second inning, with the Conqs scoring one run in the bottom of the second. With two scoreless innings, both teams scored one run in the fifth. Dodge City scored three runs in the bottom of the sixth to take a slim 5-4 lead. Cloud scored three runs of its own in the top of the seventh before the Conqs tied the game 7-7 after seven innings played. The T-birds iced the game with four runs scored in the top of the eighth. The defense held Dodge City to only two runs scored in the final two innings, while the offense scored an insurance run in the top of the ninth to complete the sweep with a 12-9 win.

Aaron Boutz earned his first win of the season with two runs allowed on two hits with a walk in one inning pitched.

Coyle and Konings each scored three runs on a combined five hits.

Freund and Simmons each scored two runs on a combined seven hits and four RBIs.

Joey Marino and Evans each scored one run on one hit.

**DODGE CITY HOME SERIES**  
Facing off with Dodge City Community College for the second KJCCC matchup and to close the six game home stretch, the T-Birds picked up another two wins.

In game one, the T-Birds won 14-4.

Dodge City scored first in the top of the first, with the Conquistadors picking up four straight hits to score two runs before the Cloud defense would get out of the inning. The T-Birds would tie the game in the bottom of the inning. Cloud would take the lead in the bottom of the third, scoring four runs, thanks to a pair of home runs, to take a 6-2 lead. Dodge City would pick up a run after three scoreless innings and would cap the game with a run in the top of the sixth, before the T-birds exploded in the bottom of the inning with eight runs to run rule the Conqs 14-4 and take game one.

Caden Marcum (2-1) earned the win with three runs scored on four hits and a walk with seven strikeouts in five innings pitched.

Nolan Freund had three runs scored on one hit with an RBI and a walk.

Kaden Budke and Cam MacCleod each had two runs scored on a combined three hits and seven RBIs.

Austin Coyle, David Simmons, Matthew Evans, Lucas Laukkanen, Gannon White, Noah Konings, and Joey Marino each had one run scored on a combined five hits and five RBIs.

In game two the T-Birds won 19-9.

Dodge City started with a run in the top of the first. The T-Birds roared for six runs in the bottom of the first, thanks to a two run homer, three RBI singles and a sacrifice fly to take a 6-1 lead. The Conquistadors chipped away at the lead with three runs scored in the second. The T-Birds exploded in the third inning with eight runs scored to take a 14-4 lead. The T-Birds would match the Conqs' offense the rest of the game, with both teams scoring two in the fourth, splitting runs in the fifth and sixth innings, and each teams scoring two runs in the seventh to close the game 19-9.

Ben Soke earned his first win of the season with two runs allowed on four hits and one walk with two strikeouts in two innings pitched. Evan Bogart earned his first save of the season.

Coyle and Evans each had three runs scored on a combined four hits with two RBIs and two walks.

Konings, Freund, Simmons, Mould, and Laukkanen each had two runs scored with a combined 10 hits and 11 RBIs.

MacCleod had one run scored on two hits, one being a home run, with five RBIs.

Tony Crow, and Kaden Budke had one run scored.

**KWU JV SERIES**

Hosting Kansas Wesleyan University JV for the middle part of a six game home stretch, the Thunderbird baseball team extended its winning streak to seven with a sweep of the Coyotes.

In game one, the T-Birds won 13-1.

Cloud scored first in the bottom of the first inning, taking a 4-0 lead. The Coyotes picked their lone run in the top of the second, before the T-Birds erased that score by tacking on two runs in the bottom of the inning to take a 6-1 lead. After a scoreless third inning, the T-Birds put the game on ice with seven runs scored in the fourth to win game one 13-1.

Myles Chamberlain earned his first win of the season with zero hits or runs allowed with three strikeouts in one inning pitched.

David Simmons had three runs scored on two hits with five RBIs, with a home run.

Noah Konings, Nolan Freund, and Easton Mould each had two runs scored on one hit.

Austin Coyle, Matthew Evans, Gannon White, and Vasya Seymour each had one run scored on a combined six hits.

In game two, the T-Birds won 7-1.

The Coyotes struck first in the top of the first, but Cloud one-upped them by scoring two in the bottom of the inning and kept the Coyotes off the board for the rest of the game. Cloud would pick up a run in the bottom of the third and closed the game with four runs in the bottom of the sixth on its way to a 7-1 win.

Noah Bourgeois (2-1) earned the win on one hit allowed with five strikeouts in three innings pitched.

Lucas Laukkanen, Carter Cathers, Coyle, Freund, Konings, and Seymour each had one run scored on one hit, with Seymour's being a home run.

Simmons had one run scored.

Joey Marino and Kaden Budke each had one hit.



# SIDELINE SUMMARY

This week in sports...

## CONCORDIA

### Wrestling

Ten members of the Concordia High School wrestling team were recognized with North Central Kansas League all-league honors and honorable mentions. Airiana Wogomon, Gabi Lange, Harley Weathersbee, Carter Eakins, Drew Sterrett, Drake Blochlinger, Braytin Hake, Tre Hamiel, Max Johnson, and Tracer Murdock all earned recognition.

## CLIFTON-CLYDE

### Boys Basketball

Competing in the first round of the Kansas 1A Division I state tournament, the Clifton-Clyde Eagles fell to South Central 52-38 to end their season. Senior Jack Skocny led with 18 points and 13 rebounds.

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## CLOUD COUNTY

### Men's Basketball

The Cloud County Community College men's basketball team season ended with a 100-87 loss to number 14-ranked Barton Community College in the second round of the KJCCC playoffs.

### Wrestling

The Cloud County Community College wrestling team wrapped up its season at the NJCAA national championship in Council Bluffs, Iowa. Mac Chambers went 1-2, Easton Boone went 0-2, Micah Cauthers went 0-2, and Jayden Berry went 0-2.

### Baseball

CCC baseball extended its winning streak to 11 games, with six wins over Dodge City: 14-4, 19-9, 18-6, 12-9, and Kansas Wesleyan JV 13-1, 7-1. Austin Coyle hit for the cycle in game three of the Dodge City series.

### Softball

The CCC softball team dropped two games to Iowa Western Community College, 8-0, 7-5.

# CCC softball swept at Iowa Western, 8-0, 7-5

BY TUCKER ASHBURN  
COUNCIL BLUFFS

— Heading to Iowa for a double-header for only its third matchup in the month of March, the Cloud County Community College softball team dropped two games to Iowa Western CC.

In game one, the T-Birds lost 8-0.

The Reivers were close to pitching a perfect game, with the only blemish being a Shaylee Keslar walk in the top of the sixth inning breaking up the perfect game. Cloud would be unable to get on base as the T-Birds struck out 11 times, with nine being third strike swings.

This is the second no-hitter handed to the

T-Birds.

Paige Mahler (2-5) was given the loss with eight runs allowed on eight hits and seven walks.

In game two, the T-Birds fell 7-5.

The Reivers scored first in the bottom of the second, with the T-Birds getting on the board in the top of the third to tie the game. Iowa Western retook the lead with a run scored in the bottom of the third inning, before picking up two more runs in the fourth inning. Cloud would cut the lead down to one, 4-3, with two runs scored in the top of the fifth, but the Reivers would keep the T-Birds at bay by tacking on a run in the bottom of

the inning. The Reivers would pick up two insurance runs in the sixth to take a 7-3 lead, before Cloud came up short after scoring only two runs in the top of the seventh to end the game 7-5.

Brecken Whitney (3-3) was given the loss with seven runs allowed on eight hits and five walks.

Mahler had two runs scored on one hit and one walk.

Kia Stokes, Jillian Artiges, and Keslar each had one run scored with each being walked once.

Berkleigh Curtis (2) and Maliyah Koster each had a hit with a combined four RBIs.

# 10 wrestlers earn NCKL honors

BY TUCKER ASHBURN

Ten Concordia High School wrestlers were recognized and awarded all North Central Kansas League team honors.

Drew Sterrett (144), Drake Blochlinger (157),

Tracer Murdock (285), and Harley Weathersbee (235) all earned first-team honors,

Carter Eakins (138), Braytin Hake (165), Tre Hamiel (175), Max

Johnson (215), Airiana Wogomon (130), and Gabi Lange (135) all earned honorable mention honors.

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