

# BELoit CALL

VOL. 120 NO.1443 (ISSN: 1557-4121)

SERVING THE SOLOMON VALLEY SINCE 1901

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2025



**Carrico**  
IMPLEMENT

GREAT DEALS ON LATE MODEL USED EQUIPMENT



**3.9% FOR 72 MONTHS**  
VALID ON USED MY16 OR NEWER  
COMBINES, SPRAYERS, TRACTORS,  
AND PLANTERS

READY TO UPGRADE? GIVE US A CALL! OFFER VALID NOW – APRIL 30, 2025

VIEW INVENTORY ONLINE  
AT CARRICOIMPLEMENT.COM

## Goodaker and Horinek boys praise God for heartfelt gifts

With Valentine's Day coming up, these stories provided to the Beloit Call share heart gifts of a special kind

By Gary Van Cleave  
Special to Beloit Call

It's a story of two friends from St John's/Tipton High School who have overcome similar heart issues. A story on two boys who battled issues in which the odds for two people from the same small school were astronomical.

"It was mind blowing to think two boys from the same tiny class could both be diagnosed with such a rare condition," Clint Horinek, dad of Edward Horinek, said.

"Grant had just been cleared when Edward received the news. I was in disbelief because how could this happen to two boys in the same small school," Christina Carr, mom of Grant Goodaker, said. "My husband and I questioned is it more common than known. Grant was absolutely devastated. He didn't want one of his friends to go through what he did."

Meet junior Grant Goodaker, who was diagnosed with an anomalous right coronary artery and had surgery for it in Dec. 2023 and had to recover all of last season.

"He was born with this. We found it by accident when he had an echocardiogram done," his mom said.

And say hey to junior classmate Edward

Horinek, who for his entire life has had pectus excavatum (sunken chest).

"His doctors have been monitoring it for years to see if it needed correction," Clint said. "During his sophomore year it was decided that his sunken chest was putting pressure on his heart and lungs and needed fixed."

Last March, Edward underwent surgery to place two bars in his chest to push his sternum back out and relieve the pressure on his organs.

"While that surgery was a success, Edward developed an infection and while they were running all the tests to find it, they discovered he had a heart anomaly," Clint said. "Basically, a valve in his heart was not in the correct place. When this was first discovered, the doctors told us Edward may have to avoid all sports for three years until the bars in his chest were removed."

Grant's heart actually stopped beating during a heart catheterization to determine the extent of his heart issue.

"They had to do CPR. I was very anxious after being told this and started praying," Christina said.

### Power of Prayer, Part I

It was a roller coaster of emotions for nine months, Christina said.

"There was a lot of



### The Power of Prayer

Edward Horinek, (left) and Grant Goodaker (above), students at St. John's/Tipton High School, were both diagnosed with the same rare heart condition.

COURTESY PHOTOS BY ANDREA WILES

waiting for tests to be done and then waiting for doctors to discuss and determine what was best," she said. "He continued to play sports and be very active until September 2023 when they restricted him from strenuous activity. At first I was very nervous about letting him continue to be active but knew that I couldn't take away the

things he enjoyed. I put a lot of trust in God and that he would take care of Grant."

On Dec. 12, 2023, Grant underwent open heart surgery at Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City, Mo.

"As any parent, the day of his open heart surgery I was very nervous because of what happened during

the heart cath," she said.

Following the four-hour surgery, Christina got to see her son a couple hours after the operation.

"Seeing him in the cardiac ICU so lifeless, hooked up to the ventilator, multiple lines, wires, and tubes was very difficult," Christina said.

"After Grant first woke up, he had a lot of anxi-

ety that my husband and I had to help him work through," she continued.

"The first two nights/days were pretty sleepless and difficult. Once he turned the corner and was stable, he did very well considering all he had been through."

The surgery was a success.

see GIFTS on 3



Film director and writer, Ken Spurgeon, gives a round of applause to all that helped with the film. He talked about the process of his book "Sod & Stubble" – a love story between Henry and Rosa Ise (shown on the screen) – being made into a film. The filming took place in the Downs, Kan., area, to where the German family immigrated. It shows hardships and also the falling in love with the land in the 1873 times. The film has been bought and will now be released on March 28, 2025, to be first seen at the Orpheum Theatre in Wichita. It will then be released at other theaters when available. A special meet and greet with the actors will take place on March 29 at the Downs Memorial Hall.

SHARON SAHLFELD PHOTO

## "Sod & Stubble" film to be released at the Orpheum

Spurgeon shares his love of the story

BY SHARON SAHLFELD  
Call Editor

Ken Spurgeon, film director and writer, was the guest speaker at the Mitchell County Historical Society (MCHS) 62nd annual meeting on Feb. 2, 2025, held at the Beloit Elementary School. He is best known for "Home on the Range" and "The Road to Valhalla," both recipients of the Wrangler Award for Best Documentary from the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and recently, the Best Western Film at the Chandler International Film Festival, in Arizona. In addition to serving as a teacher for over 20 years, he has consulted on historical films and projects throughout the Midwest, specifically about the 19th Century,

the Civil War and the West. He is now an Assistant Professor of History at Friends University.

His newest journey was that of the recent "Sod & Stubble" film, a love story between Henry and Rosa Ise, being made into a film. The filming took place in the Downs, Kansas, area, to where the German family immigrated. It shows hardships and also the falling in love with the land in the 1873 times. The film has been bought and will now be released on March 28, 2025, to be first seen at the Orpheum Theatre in Wichita. It will then be released in other theaters when available. A special meet and greet with the actors will take place on March 29 at the Downs Memorial Hall.

see STUBBLE on 16



124 N. MILL ST.  
BELOIT, KS 67420  
785-738-3816  
[facebook.com/GoEyeCareCenter](http://facebook.com/GoEyeCareCenter)  
[www.goeyecarecenter.com](http://www.goeyecarecenter.com)  
Call, text or click to schedule.

Are you one of the 20% of adults who suffer from dry eyes? We have a quick, gentle treatment for you!  
Book a treatment today!

Monday - Friday 8:00 - 5:00



## Beloit USD 273 school board adopts bond resolution

BY BRIAN DEBEY

On Monday, Feb. 3, the Beloit USD #273 school board adopted the bond resolution, finalizing the bond terms approved by voters in the November 2024 election.

Clayton Kelley with Piper Sandler presented the financial plan summary. It will continue to provide future flexibility to refinance bonds for savings and other mill levy management strategies.

The plan's purpose is delivering a financing result that ensures the mill levy impact the district's patrons were assured and maximizing the funds available for project construction.

In the bond sale that morning, the Country Club bank's bid won. It includes an interest rate of 3.25 percent for the eight-year bond.

The sale of bonds generated \$163,279.85 of additional bond proceeds. This money can be used for capital projects which are in the scope of the ballot question and/or mill levy management.

Because of the issuance of bonds, a nine-mill increase in the bond and interest fund is forthcoming. Based on local bank bids received, estimated investment earnings is nearly \$210,000. These come from investing bond proceeds during construction, which is expected to be completed within two years of its start.

## Give FFA Day

MANHATTAN – On Feb. 20, the 10th Annual Give FFA Day will take place as part of National FFA Week. This special day aims to impact the lives of over a million FFA members nationwide and support the growth of future leaders who aspire to change the world. The Kansas FFA Association contributes to this mission as part of the National FFA Organization.

Give FFA Day offers 24 hours of opportunity for donors to support FFA and agricultural education at local, state, and national levels. Contributions to the Kansas FFA Foundation help fund a variety of initiatives, including special programs, events, and the iconic blue jackets for students. Additionally, donations cover travel costs for leadership and career opportunities and provide essential support and resources for teachers year-round.

Donors can also contribute to the ongoing \$5 million capital campaign, which aims to establish a sustainable endowment, ensuring long-term funding for Kansas FFA.

"Give FFA Day is an opportunity to invest in the future of agriculture and its young leaders," said Kansas FFA Foundation Executive Director Beth Gaines. "Every donation, no matter the size, provides life-changing experiences for our students, from leadership training to career exploration. Together, we're building a legacy of success and ensuring Kansas FFA members have the resources they need to thrive for future generations."

Generous donors have already pledged funds to the effort. Mustang Seed, Ag Partners Cooperative, Keith and Sheri Westervelt, Grass & Grain Newspaper, Jerry and Anita DeWeese, Mark Mayfield, and the Kansas FFA Foundation Board of Trustees have pledged a collective dollar-to-dollar match of \$20,000. The goal for the day is to raise \$40,000 for Kansas FFA, with the hope of exceeding last year's efforts when supporters donated more than \$23,000. To donate on Give FFA Day, visit <http://bit.ly/4oZRWVJ>. Or contact the Kansas FFA Foundation at 785-410-7313 or by email [foundation@kansasffa.org](mailto:foundation@kansasffa.org).

"Give FFA Day helps ensure the future of our rural communities, schools and agriculture as we support FFA members on their leadership journey," said Melanie Mainquist, a Kansas Give FFA Day ambassador. "Please consider joining me in supporting Kansas FFA for today and tomorrow and be sure to follow National FFA Week on social media as we celebrate FFA and leadership success."

The Kansas FFA Association is a school-based youth leadership development organization of nearly 14,000 student members as part of 232 local FFA chapters in 103 of the 105 Kansas counties.

**Looking for Some Good News?**

Your Newspaper Subscription Includes Local News, Events, Sports Education

Great Ways to Put Some Fun in Your Day!

Subscribe Today for Print & Digital Access.

Local News Is Just the Beginning

**BELOIT CALL**

111 E. South Street | Beloit, KS  
785-243-2424 | [www.beloitcall.com](http://www.beloitcall.com)

## Expansion of the ambulance barn main topic for County Commissioners

BY TERRY BAILEY

Missy McGinnis, director of the Mitchell County Emergency Medical Service, and Stewart Porter, county engineer with Schwab-Eaton, are attempting to square up the details on the expansion of the ambulance barn at the corner of Highways 14 and 24, and was the first item discussed during the Monday, Feb. 10, Mitchell County Commissioners meeting.

This project has had several starts and stops, beginning with finding the legal owner of the property just north of the current ambulance barn. The main reason for expanding the current home for the ambulances is because the new ambulance ordered several months ago will not fit in the current structure.

McGinnis was very sure that she would let Porter take the lead on the problem. Two questions need to be answered before they can move forward. Does the work require an architect to draw with specifications and guidelines? Secondly, are there local fire codes and building codes that need to be followed?

McGinnis volunteered to get cost estimates and the status of codes that need to be followed, or not.

Commission Chairperson Tom Claussen said, "Most likely we will need to have an architect for the project and if so, we will need to be bonded."

Commissioner Mike Reiman said, "Find out what the final expected costs will be and let us know. That will give us an idea of how to proceed."

– Lisa Blad was present to discuss years of service certificates and Chamber Bucks that accompany the award. The certificates are awarded on a five-year basis. This year Mitchell County will honor two employees each with 40 years of service. There was some concern the county is charged two dollars for each check

that is printed. The commissioners observed that a check is inserted in a printer, and it runs through with the employees name and the dollar amount printed. It seemed that there is limited labor or supplies with the printing of the Chamber Bucks.

– David Dohe, Emergency Management director, stopped by to alert everyone regarding inclement weather expected in the next day or so. He said the Weather Bureau is forecasting between six to ten inches of snow in North Central Kansas. The temperatures are expected to drop quite low, but not much wind is expected.

Dohe mentioned that the folks who are charged with removing the snow usually wait until the storm has passed. If they clear the roads too soon, the roads will just blow shut right away and they will have to do it all over again.

– Lynne Imboden, deputy county clerk, presented the commissioners with a proposal to buy a new copier. The current copier is eight years old and is facing two problems. First of all it is virtually worn out. Secondly, changes in accounting software have made the old copier obsolete.

Crystal Hernandez, associate account executive for TimeClock Plus (TCP), had provided Imboden with a cost purchase bid of \$36,367.26 as well as some yearly maintenance fees.

The commissioners voted to move forward with purchase noting that putting off the inevitable will not make anything less expensive.

Having addressed all the items on the printed agenda, the meeting was adjourned. All the commissioners and the county clerk were present at Monday's meeting.

## 12th Judicial District nominating commission sends names of four nominees for district judge to governor

TOPEKA—The 12th Judicial District Nominating Commission has sent the names of four nominees to fill a district judge vacancy in Cloud County to Gov. Laura Kelly, who has 60 days to decide who will fill the position.

This vacancy was created Jan. 1 when District Magistrate Judge Guy Steier resigned. The Supreme Court then converted this district magistrate judge position 1 into a new district judge division number 2, also in Cloud County. The nominating commission then began the process of filling the vacancy.

The 12th Judicial District is composed of Cloud, Jewell, Lincoln, Mitchell, Republic, and Washington counties. It was one of two six-county districts with only one district judge division. The 24th judicial district is the other.

The nominees are:

- Nels Noel, Concordia, attorney, private practice
- Jennifer O'Hare, Lincoln, district magistrate judge, Lincoln County
- Guy Steier, Clyde, former district magistrate judge, Cloud County
- Robert Walsh, Concordia, county attorney, Cloud County

Eligibility requirements

To be considered for a district judge, a nominee

must be:

- at least 30 years old;
- a lawyer admitted to practice in Kansas and engaged in the practice of law for at least five years, whether as a lawyer, judge, or full-time teacher at an accredited law school; and
- a resident of Cloud County at the time of taking office and while holding office.

The nominating commission selects three to five people whose names are submitted to the governor to fill the position according to statutory qualification and residency requirements.

Term of office

After serving one year in office, the new district judge must stand for a retention vote in the next general election to remain in the position. If retained, the incumbent will serve a four-year term.

Nominating commission

The 12th Judicial District Nominating Commission consists of Justice K.J. Wall as the nonvoting chair; Carol Good, Barnard; Justin Ferrell, Belleville; Dwight Daniels and James Johnson, Beloit; Bryan Cleveland, Concordia; Tanner Johnson, Courtland; David Savage, Greenleaf; Starla Nelson, Jamestown; Bradley Steen, Lincoln; Darrell Miller and Keith Roe, Mankato; and Elizabeth Hiltgen, Palmer.

## Central Valley Ag honors employees for years of service at annual retreat

(YORK, Neb.) Central Valley Ag (CVA) proudly recognized employees for their dedication and commitment during the cooperative's annual Employee Retreat in La Vista, Nebraska. The event brought together team members from across the region to celebrate milestones in service and reaffirm CVA's mission of working together to create value for its farmer-owners.

Employees reaching significant service anniversaries were honored with Years of Service Awards, recognizing their hard work and contributions to CVA's continued success. From five-year honorees to employees who have dedicated several decades to the cooperative, each individual was recognized for their impact in supporting local farmers, strengthening rural communities, and upholding the cooperative spirit.

"Our employees are the foundation of Central Valley Ag," said Carl Dickinson, president and CEO of CVA. "Their dedication to serving our members and advancing agriculture is what makes our cooperative strong. This event is an opportunity to show our appreciation for their hard work and celebrate their contributions to CVA's mission."

The Employee Retreat also featured leadership insights, professional development sessions, and opportunities for team-building, reinforcing CVA's commitment to investing in its people.

Central Valley Ag extends its gratitude to all employees for their dedication and looks forward to

continued success together.

For more information about CVA and career opportunities, visit [www.cvacoop.com](http://www.cvacoop.com).

### Employees recognized for their Years of Service:

**5 Years:** Colton Debower, Todd Klaschen, Tristan Simons, Brian Mowitz, Russell Peterson, Jim Swertzic, Tyler Eisma, Michael Quinn, Josh Moyer, Doug Heberlee, Britta Kolman, Keith Rathje, Jason Beckstrom, Nancy Stewart, Coleman Outhet, Cheyenne Rathe, Marinus Van Den Berg, Aurora Hancock, Jyller McCullough, Landen Richards, Darold Carlstrom, Venessa Fernandez, Amanda Jackson, Kristin Jacobi, Evan Ouellette, Connor Bloomquist, Ryan Schnoor, Nathan Bracht, Chad Carlson, Colby Wilkison, Suzanne Hall, Travis Rathje, Zach Seibert, Bryce Summers, Casey Henk, Doug Lewis, Kyle Wemhoff, Tyler Harris, McGwire Mackeprang, Alexa Rasmussen, Jenifer Rothchild, Ross Walkup, Andrew Biggerstaff, Brady Kallhoff, Brett Hull, Jennifer Haselhorst, Shane Hogan, Travis Smith, Amanda Andel, Taylor Nekuda, Dillon Sprunk, Max Christensen, Jay Pettersen, Michael Summers, Alexander Kinney, Kasey Shenshew, Lyle Soderling, Derek Worm.

**10 Years:** Jay Blomenkamp, Mitch Riley, Justin Taylor, Luke Christensen, Brenda Meis, Doug Clingman, Josh Conrad, Steven Wangler, Derek Sandall, Shane Clark, Kari Ebel, Yvette Mentink, Eric Rosebaugh, Jamey Snyder, Eric

Powell, James Koch, Justin Kazemba, Jesse Klein, Curt Mackeprang, Kristin Petersen, Chad Odvody, Cody Richards, Loren Trube, Dakota Peters, Caleb Johnson, Andrew Anderson, Ryley Mohl, Casey Huckett, Jarod Podliska, Katie Selk, Todd Meyer, Samuel Krzyzanowski, Nicholas Prochaska, Justin Whittaker, Wyatt Fleming, Kelby Vandenberg, Steven Coffey, Jason Madden, Thomas Johnson, Jarad Hammond, Tyler Eisenmann, Tod Henrich, Jason Kreikemeier.

**15 Years:** Leo Vandersnick, Tom Belden, Lonny Spangler, Janelle Remus, Harold Walker, Christina Mullender, Josh Hoffman, Jerad Monzon, Diana Heath, Jason Kitten, Brian Hale, Daniel Boardman, Jeff English, Jeff Grawe, Wade Heinrichs, Jerry Strand, Ron Hoffman, Steven Lilley, James Norris, Kevin Mozer.

**20 Years:** Rodney Reinert, Doug Walsh, Donna Jones, Marc Towle, Seth Stauffer, Chris Winkelbauer, Richard Kreikemeier, Eileen Bode, Brent Reichmuth, Jesse Schindler, Amy Eisenhauer.

**25 Years:** Chuck Schurman, Ronald Scholl, Matt Johnson, Susan Rockenbach, Chris Waterbury, Chris Van Kirk.

**30 Years:** David Mooney, Michael Blecher, Glen Franzluebbers, Jerod Heidtbrink, Chris Whitmore, Rob Lindberg, Tracy Haller, Gerald Dockins.



## Doo-Wah Riders to perform on Feb. 26

BELoit – The Doo-Wah Riders will perform a night of toe-tapping fun, at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 26 at the Beloit Municipal Building. This performance is a part of the Beloit Area Concert Association's 2024-25 series.

The Doo-Wah Riders define their sound as "high energy country with a Cajun twist." They have been based in Southern California for over 40 years,

bringing a rare combination of many years of experience with youthful energy, fired by a love for what they do. Showcasing ultra-light musicianship and powerful arrangements of classic and original songs, The Doo-Wah Riders are great showmen.

For ticket and membership information with the Beloit Area Concert Association please contact Dee-Ann Harbaugh at (785) 738-2980.



Hannah Pahls and Macie Ortiz

## Pahls and Ortiz recognized for music honors

SYLVAN GROVE – Sylvan-Lucas Unified High School is so proud to recognize two of their music students for their selection to the Kansas Music Educator's All-State High School Mixed Choir. Hannah Pahls, a senior vocal student, is the daughter of Brent and Jennie Pahls of Sylvan Grove. She will be recognized at the State Choir Concert for her three years of participation in a State Vocal Choir. Macie Ortiz, daughter of Jessica and Terry Loveland and Angel and Valerie Ortiz, has been selected to an All-State Choir for the past two years. She is a junior and is from Wilson, Kansas.

These girls were selected to the All-State Mixed Choir via a rigorous audition process that starts at the District level. Students with top audition scores who perform at the District level are then eligible for selection to the All-State Choirs. The 256 musicians who were selected are truly "the best of the best" from schools of every size over the entire state of Kansas. The students in the All-State Performance groups are also at the top of all Kansas students in ACT scores and academic success. Selection to the All-State Music Groups opens many opportunities for music scholarships in Kansas colleges and universities.

The Kansas Music Educator's Convention, held at Century II Convention Center in Wichita, Kansas, from Feb. 27 through March 1, 2025, is the site for all rehearsals and concerts for these musicians. The concert for the Treble and Mixed Choirs will be held at Century II on Saturday, March 1, 2025, at 11:30 a.m. Tickets are \$7 and include both concerts.

The clinician for the Mixed Choir is Shannon Jeffreys. She is the Professor of Music, Director of Choral Activities and Assistant Dean for Student Experience in the College of Arts and Humanities at Georgia Southern University in Statesboro, Georgia. Before coming to Georgia Southern, Jeffreys served as Director of Vocal Studies at Erskine College and Theological Seminary. She holds degrees in Music Performance and Conducting from Birmingham Southern College, the University of Mississippi, and the University of South Carolina.

Both Macie and Hannah are vocal students of Mrs. Janet Seehafer.

## West Beloit 4-H club meeting



BY KENDALL COX

The monthly meeting of the West Beloit 4-H Club was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by president Bentley Pruitt at the Beloit Methodist Church. Hosts for the meeting were the Cox family and Litton family.

The Flag Salute and 4-H pledge were led by Kinley Bohnert and Alexis Litton. The roll call question was "What is your favorite movie?" and was answered by 32 members and two leaders. Secretary, Scarlett Ludwig, read the minutes of last month's meeting. Steele Pruitt gave the treasurer's report. Kendall Cox, gave the reporter's report. The 4-H council reports that their next meeting will be January 20th to talk about a sound system and fixing the lights.

Katie Schroeder and Tara Pruitt gave the leaders' report. Quiz bowl participants were recognized. The Buzzers (Kendall and Brenna Cox, Annabella and Dani Garcia) got 4th place and three other members; Scarlett, Bella, and Reagan were recognized who competed on mixed teams. Scarlett



got 2nd place and Bella got 3rd place. Registration for 4-H Days ends on Jan. 30. There will be a Judging Extravaganza at 4-H Days on Feb. 8 and study guides are online. Volunteers are needed for 4-H Days. The YQCA Training is on Feb. 8 - you must pre-register and take the pre-test. Beef weigh-in date is on Feb. 12 at 4-6 p.m. and CIA Registration Deadline is on Jan. 24.

No committee reports were commented.

There was the Purple

Seal ceremony and members read parts to celebrate the achievement. Reagan Cheney told the club what to do during the new business portion of the meeting for the Par Law Presentation. There was no old business. In new business we voted to purchase a new cooler for the 4-H Food Stand.

The program was presented by Bella Ludwig and Kinley Bohnert. Bella showed the club how to make heart shaped chocolate covered strawberries

and Kinley showed the club how to make stepping stones. There was no song. Kash Pruitt led the club in playing "123-shoot." January Birthdays were celebrated by Steele Pruitt and Scarlett Ludwig. Reminders were: sign up for 4-H Day with the Lady Wildcats by December 13th, sign up for 4-H Days in Beloit by Dec. 30, and beef weigh-in is Feb. 12 from 4-6 p.m.

The next meeting is Feb. 16 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned.

## Gifts

continued from 1

"He had it repaired and was cleared by cardiology to resume activity," Christina said.

"When I got released to play sports, we were at the hospital and went to visit him," Grant said of Edward. "The doctor told him that he had the same thing as me, just before we got to his room, so it was a very emotional time that day. But I feel like it has made us both stronger in our trust in God."

### Power of Prayer, Part II

"Right after the state tournament for basketball last year, I had a surgery done on my chest and postop," Edward said. "They found an anomaly in my heart, and I was told that I could never play basketball again without a major open heart surgery."

Blujays teammates, including Goodaker, consoled their brother.

"I was limited to no physical activity for those eight months. Did

I follow that.... no," an Honest Abe named Edward said.

"Once Edward was diagnosed with his heart anomaly, we found out it was the exact same diagnosis his close friend and classmate Grant Goodaker had gone through the year prior," Clint said.

The original news was devastating to the Horinek family.

"Of course we were all devastated. While there is more to life than sports, Edward had been given some athletic gifts and knowing how much he loved competing, it was heartbreaking to think he may be done with sports," Clint said.

Teammates came together and prayed.

"It was tough to get through not knowing if either of them were ever going to be able to play any sports again," junior John Mick said.

"I've never even heard of anyone having a condition like that. So for not one but two of my teammates to have it in the same time frame is wild,"

junior Gabriel Roderick said. "I just have to say God is great, and we are all really happy that they both recovered fine and are back to doing what they love."

After further testing and eight months of waiting, doctors eventually cleared Edward for basketball without the major surgery.

What they love?.....

Sports

Both Goodaker and Horinek are members of the 2024-25 Blujay basketball team that was 5-3 going into its midseason tournament. Horinek leads the team in scoring (20 points per game), rebounds (5.4), steals (3.5) and points scored (160). Goodaker is second on the team with 11 steals.

"It's been pretty fun getting to play with my team this year," Edward said. "I really had the mentality this year that I want to be the best player every time I step on the court so that is my goal every game. We still have a lot to work on though,

because we haven't been

playing to our potential yet, but we haven't been full health so we are ready to get back to it."

"I think having them both back on the court shows they have a lot of grit and determination and a lot of support from the community with all they've been through," Clint said.

Their teammates are thankful.

"The coincidence is pretty crazy, but it's great to see them both fight through the hardships it may come with and doing anything they can do just to continue their love for sports," senior Ryder Allen said. "Most people would give up on sports when they get diagnosed with those heart conditions. But they both pushed through and are working as hard as anyone else, even with their health issues."

"It was shocking, I felt super bad for them," freshman Samuel Towner said. "We all just prayed and hoped the best for them. It taught me to trust in God and He'll do

the rest."

Senior Tyson Gates had this to say about his comrades.

"At first it was really hard not knowing whether or not they'd be able to play for us again. Then they both had some issues in the hospital and it was scary not knowing whether or not they'd even make it out," Gates said. "So they're both warriors for being able to fight through that and being able to get back to daily life."

"We figured up the odds and it was crazy how rare it was for this to happen same school, same class," Goodaker said. "It was a crazy thing to happen."

Both boys now have a greater appreciation for life and for their God.

"I have had a relationship with God that has been going back and forth through my whole life. It helped deepen the bond," Goodaker said.

"It has created a brotherly bond between us and we share a special relationship together

since we struggle with the same things," Edward said. "We both have now grown in our trust in the Lord through those struggles."

Edward added this.

"He's the most important part of my life," Edward said of his God. "Can't do anything without Him. Trusting in Him got me through a major health issue this summer, so I thank Him every day for the gifts He has given me."

Edward then concluded.

"It just has created patience in me and always makes me realize that God has a plan for my life," he said. "Even in good times or bad. I was very frustrated at times during that long eight months of waiting. Since I wasn't able to play any organized basketball, I put in the work behind the scenes since no one thought I could play again. I just kept grinding and eventually God said 'you know what, I'll give you another chance.'

**COME SEE US AT OUR NEW LOCATION**  
510 Washington  
Inside the Blade-Empire Building

**New Location**

**Print 5**

**PRINT 5 IS  
NO LONGER  
A UPS  
DROP-OFF  
LOCATION**

## Post Rock Extension Answers

By Sandra L. Wick  
Crop Production Agent  
Post Rock Extension District #1  
K-State Research and Extension



BY SANDRA L. WICK, CROP PRODUCTION AGENT  
K-State Research and Extension-Post Rock District

### Do you have your 2025 kochia management plans covered?

Now is the time to finalize plans for kochia control for north central Kansas. Since we have had some moisture recently, kochia can be among the first summer annual weeds to emerge in the spring. Recent KSU research suggests that kochia can begin emerging in early February, with most kochia emerging by late April.

Good control of the first dense flush of kochia is essential for obtaining a good crop yield. Early-emerging seedlings use the limited spring soil moisture in dryland production fields. Kochia seedlings emerge in dense populations, making adequate herbicide coverage difficult. In addition, glyphosate-resistant kochia is prevalent across central to western Kansas, making kochia control even more challenging.

For these reasons, it is important to apply pre-emergence herbicides in late winter or early spring to control kochia before it emerges.

To successfully manage kochia, a herbicide program needs two components:

1. a very soluble and effective herbicide that can be incorporated with very little precipitation, such as dicamba

2. a herbicide that has longer residual activity, which will require perhaps 0.75 inches or more precipitation for adequate incorporation, such as atrazine.

Precipitation events during late winter are often too small to activate longer-lasting residual herbicides, but dicamba may control kochia for 4 to 6 weeks until atrazine is incorporated.

The best time to apply herbicides for kochia control is prior to kochia emergence, generally January through the first week of March, but depending on weather conditions. Later applications, for example, at the time of burndown, are more likely to occur after kochia emergence, which increases the risk of very limited control. Other herbicides with good preemergence kochia activity include: mesotrione, metribuzin, saflufenacil (Sharpen), or sulfentrazone. Be sure to check product labels for crop-specific planting intervals. For more information on controlling kochia, see the KSU 2025 Chemical Weed Control for Field Crops, Pastures, Rangeland, and Non-cropland.

If you have questions on "kochia management", stop by or call me at any office of the Post Rock Extension District in Beloit, Lincoln, Mankato, Osborne or Smith Center.

Post Rock Extension District of K-State Research and Extension serves Jewell, Lincoln, Mitchell, Osborne, and Smith counties. Sandra may be contacted at [swick@ksu.edu](mailto:swick@ksu.edu) or by calling Smith Center, 282-6823, Beloit 738-3597, Lincoln 524-4432, Mankato, 378-3174, or Osborne 346-2521. Join us on Facebook at "Post Rock Extension." Our online "Ag Newsletter" is published every week on our website [www.postrock.ksu.edu](http://www.postrock.ksu.edu) and my twitter account is @PRDcrops

## Card Shower

### Moritz to celebrate 95 years

BELOIT – Rachel Moritz will be celebrating her 95th birthday on Feb. 17, 2025, and her family is requesting celebrating this wonderful milestone with a card shower. Rachel would love hearing from her many friends, and cards can be sent to her at Rachel Moritz, 1619 270th Road, Beloit, Kansas 67420.



## German celebrates 90th birthday

Cheers and hugs are sent to Mom, Marlene German (also known as the Energizer Bunny), from her family, as she will celebrate 90 years on February, 13, 2025... for all her heart-felt years of steadfast loving, caring, and looking after them, and all of her family and friends, like no one else could or can. "We all love you," Greg and Brent.

Thank You for Reading the Beloit Call!

## STAFF DIRECTORY

Kevin L. Zadina, Publisher/Owner ..... [kevinzadina@sewardindependent.com](mailto:kevinzadina@sewardindependent.com)  
Sharon Sahlfeld, Manager/News & Sports Editor ..... [beloitcall@nckcn.com](mailto:beloitcall@nckcn.com)  
Russell Gagnon, Advertising Consultant ..... [russellblade@nckcn.com](mailto:russellblade@nckcn.com)  
Denise Lahodny, Circulation Manager ..... [deniselah@nckcn.com](mailto:deniselah@nckcn.com)  
Dixie Winter, Designer ..... [dixiewinter@nckcn.com](mailto:dixiewinter@nckcn.com)  
Kathy Hart, Graphic Designer ..... [bladeempire@nckcn.com](mailto:bladeempire@nckcn.com)  
John Hamel, Office Manager ..... [johnhamel@nckcn.com](mailto:johnhamel@nckcn.com)

## HAPPENINGS

### El Puertos to host

#### Heart Choices fundraiser, Feb. 13

BELOIT – El Puerto restaurant in Beloit will host a "Be My Valentine" all-day event with 10 percent of all sales going to Heart Choices.

### Valentine's Bake Sale

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

### VFW Post 6242 Sunday breakfast

BELOIT – The VFW Hall, Post 6242, 102 E. South Street, will be serving breakfast from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sunday, **Feb. 16**. The menu includes: Waffles, Sausage Patties, Ham, Scrambled Eggs, Hash Browns, Biscuits & Gravy, Fresh Fruit, Coffee and Juice. A free will donation is accepted with a suggested donation of \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Donations go towards the purchase of food and support local scholarships.

### BHS Student Council Charity Event

BELOIT – Beloit High School Student Council has kicked off their 2024-2025 charity event. They are celebrating their 16th annual charity event this year and are excited to announce that they will be hosting the "Giving Away to Kids Cafe" on **Tuesday, Feb. 18** at a home basketball game against Sacred Heart. All proceeds earned this year will be donated to the local Summer Kids Cafe program. If you would like to support this cause, you can purchase T-shirts to wear at the home basketball game on Feb. 18. Online orders for T-shirts can be placed at this link: <https://messengerclothing.chipply.com/25319/> through midnight on Jan. 26, 2025. If you would prefer to donate and not purchase a T-shirt, that is welcomed as well. Checks can be made payable to BJSHS, as one large check will be written to Summer Kids Cafe with total proceeds. None of this is possible without the help and contribution of the school and community, and BHS StuCo truly appreciates the support you have shown them over the years.

### American Legion meeting, Feb. 20

BELOIT – The American Legion Post 57 will host a meeting at 7 p.m. on **Feb. 20**, at the VFW Post 6242 Home, in Beloit.

### Beloit Bombers fundraising event Feb. 23

BELOIT – The Beloit Bombers 12U baseball team will be hosting a "Mom & Son Party" from 1-3 p.m. on Sunday, **Feb. 23** at the Mitchell County Fairgrounds building. The cost is \$25 for adult and child, \$10 for an additional child. Registration is required due to limited space. <https://forms.gle/Dr3UfQHYtsQpGhYx7> You can see more details on their FB at <https://www.facebook.com/share/165MADC7Wt/>

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

### Grant Applications

BELOIT – The Solomon Valley Community Foundation (SVCF) is now accepting scholarship applications for the 2025-2026 school year. Three scholarships are available to students in the Mitchell County area. For more information on either grants or scholarships, please contact SVCF Director Julia Rabe at [julia@solomonvalleycf.org](mailto:julia@solomonvalleycf.org)

### KFB Foundation accepting scholarship applications

MANHATTAN — The Kansas Farm Bureau (KFB) Foundation for Agriculture is now accepting applications for 2025 scholarship awards. The program offers up to 47 scholarships at universities, community and technical colleges in Kansas for students who demonstrate a commitment to agriculture, leadership and community involvement. To apply, students or their parents must have an active Kansas Farm Bureau membership. Detailed guidelines and the application form are available at [www.kfb.org/scholarships](http://www.kfb.org/scholarships). The deadline to apply is **March 1**. The KFB Foundation for Agriculture has awarded more than \$250,000 in scholarships over the past decade to ensure the con-

### COME SEE US AT OUR NEW LOCATION

510 Washington

Inside the Blade-Empire Building



Print  
5

PRINT 5 IS  
NO LONGER  
A UPS  
DROP-OFF  
LOCATION

## Beloit Call

111 East South St. P.O. Box 366

Beloit, KS 67420

785-738-3537

[www.beloitcall.com](http://www.beloitcall.com)

Published once a week on Thursday

Owned by Sweet Tea Media, LLC

## SUBSCRIPTIONS

\$50.00 ..... Trader Area

\$72.00 ..... Out of State

A weekly newspaper published each Thursday at 111 E. South Street, Beloit, KS, by Sweet Tea Media. Periodical postage paid at Beloit, Kansas. Postmaster send changes of address to P.O. Box 309, Concordia, KS 66901.

Email the circulation dept. at [deniselah@nckcn.com](mailto:deniselah@nckcn.com).

Office hours 8 a.m.– 5 p.m.

Monday – Thursday

8 a.m.– 4 p.m. Friday.

Normal deadline is noon Friday.

# Red Cross offers winter storm safety tips

## Avoid travel, stay warm indoors, check on others

KANSAS — Old Man Winter isn't done yet. Conditions are favorable for a series of winter storms to hit a wide swath of the U.S., including all of Kansas.

The first storm is affecting millions of people, with sleet, freezing rain and snow. This will likely lead to hazardous travel conditions, power outages and downed trees.

Another round of storms is expected this weekend and could bring the same conditions to the same areas of the country. Additional storms are possible next week. For some areas, there could be less than a day between wintry weather.

In areas facing these new winter storm risks, the American Red Cross is coordinating with local officials to ensure support is available if needed.

**PLEASE GIVE BLOOD** Since the beginning of the year, hundreds of blood drives have been canceled and more than 15,000 blood and platelet donations have gone uncollected due to ongoing severe winter weather and emergencies like the southern California wildfires.

More donors are needed now to help the blood supply recover from the significant shortfall in blood products that are vital for lifesaving medical procedures. As February continues, so does the potential for additional weather systems to disrupt blood drives and the ability to provide blood and platelets to hospital patients.

The American Red Cross strongly urges donors who are in an area where it is safe to travel to give blood or platelets in February to help build up the blood supply. Find a donation opportunity and schedule an appointment at RedCrossBlood.org, 1-800-RED CROSS or the Red Cross Blood Donor App.

Those who come to give blood, platelets or plasma from Jan. 27–Feb. 28 will receive a \$15 e-gift card to a merchant of choice. Additional details can be found at RedCrossBlood.org/Flurry.

If you live in a community threatened by this winter weather, follow these safety steps:

**WINTER SAFETY** Stay warm indoors. If your home becomes too cold, go to a public library, shopping mall or warming center.

- Use care with space heaters and fireplaces to prevent fires. Keep anything that could catch fire at least 3 feet from the heat. Turn portable heaters off when you leave the room or go to sleep.

- Use battery-powered lights and flashlights instead of candles to prevent fires.

- To prevent carbon monoxide poisoning, don't use an oven to heat your home.

- Carbon monoxide kills. If you start to feel sick, dizzy, or weak, get to fresh air right away.

- If you must go outside, wear layers of loose clothing, a coat, hat, mittens and water-resistant boots. Use a scarf to cover your face and mouth.

- Check on loved ones and neighbors to make sure they are staying warm, particularly if they are older or live alone.

- Be careful walking on snow or ice

and avoid overexertion when shoveling snow. If possible, work with a partner and take frequent breaks.

- Stay off the roads when possible. If you become stranded, stay in the vehicle and wait for help.

Stay warm to avoid frostbite and hypothermia. Your nose, ears, cheeks, chin, fingers and toes are often the first areas affected.

- Signs of frostbite include pain, numbness or a change in skin color.

- Signs of hypothermia, which can be deadly, often include shivering, confusion, drowsiness and slurred speech.

- Act fast and get out of the cold immediately if you see signs of hypothermia or frostbite.

- Get emergency medical care right away.

**POWER OUTAGE** To prepare for a power outage, make a plan of what to do and how to stay connected.

- Consider your electrical needs and, in the event of an outage, ask yourself how you will stay warm or cool, make food, have clean water and communicate with others.

- If you need to keep medications cool or use medical devices that need power, discuss a backup plan with your doctor.

- In some situations, it may not be safe to stay home, so know where you will go if you need to evacuate, how you will get there and where you will stay.

During a power outage, unplug appliances and electronics to avoid damage from power surges. Leave one light on, so you'll know when power is restored.

Use flashlights or battery-operated lanterns — not candles — to avoid fires.

- Don't drive unless necessary. Traffic lights will be out and roads could be congested.

- Decide if you need to stay or go if your home is too hot or cold, or if you have medical devices that need power.

To prevent illness, keep food cold. When in doubt, throw it out.

- Eat fresh, perishable foods first.

- Keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed as much as possible to help keep food cold. Use coolers with ice if necessary.

- Measure the food temperature in your refrigerator and freezer with a thermometer. Throw out perishable food that has been warmer than 40 degrees Fahrenheit.

- If you're using a generator, keep it dry and don't use it in wet conditions.

- Never use a generator, grill, camp stove or other gasoline, propane, natural gas or charcoal-burning device inside a home, garage, basement or other partially enclosed area. Keep this equipment outside and away from doors, windows and vents, which could allow carbon monoxide to come indoors.

- Operate the generator on a dry surface and don't touch a generator with wet hands.

- Turn the generator off and let it cool down before refueling. Gasoline spilled on hot engine parts could catch fire.

- Plug appliances directly into the generator. Never plug a generator into a wall outlet.

# Ordinances and resolutions approved by City Council

BY TERRY BAILEY

City Manager Halley Roberson reported during the Feb. 5, 2025, Beloit City Council meeting that she attended KMU Legislative Day in Topeka. She met with representatives of NCK Trail; and dealt with Water Treatment Plant updates regarding the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) and the Bureau of Reclamation, which appears to be more roadblocks for the new water plant.

— Emily Benedick, director of Solomon Valley Economic Development, reported that the Youth Entrepreneurship is scheduled for March 7 and there is a Brownfield grant opportunity for the North Campus Administrative building.

— Police Chief Chad Lackey gave a Narcan training update and a new DuRango update.

Several ordinances and resolutions were approved including:

— Ordinance 2343, a Special Event permit for Waconda Struttin' Dusters was approved by the council.

— Ordinance 2344, a Special Event permit for Ducks Unlimited was approved.

— Resolution 2024-3 declaring Eminent Domain for a portion of South Street was approved.

— Resolution 2024-4 2024, RAISE Grant submittal for Gaylord Street, and

North Walnut Street Improvements Project was approved.

— Resolution 2024-5 appointing Chris Wagner to the Planning Commission was approved.

The council adjourned into a 10-minute executive session to discuss non-elected personnel. When the regular session resumed it was announced that no decisions had been made in the closed session.

— City Manager Halley Roberson was appointed as Director 2 for the voting delegate for KMEA Board of Directors.

— The updated Water Conservation Plan was approved.

— Permission was approved for Olsson to proceed with the engineering planning for the Blue Hangar at Moritz Memorial Airport.

— The council voted to approve Phase I of The Willow Springs Courtyard and to contribute \$28,805.00 towards the project.

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

Andrew Grabon, Todd Adolph, Gretchen Staples, and Tony Gengler were present at the Feb. 5 Beloit City Council meeting. Also, present were City Attorney Katie Schroeder, City Manager Halley Roberson, and City Clerk Mandy Lomax. Absent from the meeting was Lee McMillan.

# OCCK Transportation shortened hours on Presidents' Day

OCCK, Inc. Transportation will have shortened hours on Monday, Feb. 17, 2025, in observation of Presidents' Day.

On Feb. 17, CityGo buses will run from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. with no peak routes running.

Regional paratransit, GoAbilene, and GoConcordia vehicles will run a reduced service.

81 Connection, Kan-Connect, and OCCK On-Demand will run normal schedules.

Transportation services will resume normal operating hours on Tuesday, Feb. 18.

OCCK, Inc. provides services in north central Kansas to anyone with any type of long or short-term disability, starting as early

as birth and following people through their whole lives. OCCK provides an array of supports for success at home and in the community, including independent living skills and supports, employment and career training, Alzheimer's supports, autism services, assistive technology, children's services, transportation, specialized therapies, and home health care.

OCCK is committed to providing transportation services to the general public, seniors, and persons with disabilities, through a variety of programs, including a fixed route service in Salina, CityGo, a regional paratransit service that serves fourteen counties,

non emergency medical transportation for people with Medicaid, as well as non emergency medical transportation for clients of Salina Regional Health Center, a regional fixed route service, 81 Connection, KANcycle – the regional bike sharing program, Go Abilene public transportation, GoConcordia public transportation, KanConnect, a regional fixed route service, and the newest program, OCCK OnDemand.

For more information about OCCK, Inc., visit [www.occk.com](http://www.occk.com). For more information about CityGo and OCCK Transportation, visit [www.salinacitygo.com](http://www.salinacitygo.com). Or, contact the OCCK Transportation Center at 785-826-1583.

# Trump tells U.S. Treasury to stop minting pennies

*The cost of making a penny increased by 20% in fiscal 2024*

FABIANA NEGRIN OCHOA AND

OYIN ADEDOYIN

President Trump said he has instructed the U.S. Treasury to stop producing new pennies, calling the minting of the coin a waste of money.

"For far too long the United States has minted pennies which literally cost us more than 2 cents," Trump said in a post on Truth Social. "Let's rip the waste out of our great nation's budget, even if it's a penny at a time."

The move revives a longstanding debate about getting rid of the penny, a proposal that has been tabled in Congress numerous times before. Some argue that the cost savings would be worth it, pointing to Canada, which stopped producing pennies in 2012, as an example.

Others say abolishing the coin would have consequences for both traders and consumers, because cash transactions would need to be rounded either up or down.

The cost of making a penny increased by 20% in fiscal 2024, according to a report by the U.S. Mint. The penny's unit cost rose from 2.7 cents in 2022 to 3.7 cents in 2024. The U.S. federal government's fiscal year ends Sept. 30.

While the president ultimately has the authority to decide which coins the Treasury mints, one stumbling block could be how merchants manage change, according to TD Cowen analyst Jaret

Seiberg.

Merchants could face the choice of having to round to the nearest five-cent increment or find creative ways to get hold of a dwindling supply of available pennies, Seiberg said.

In the event of the Treasury removing the penny from circulation, Congress would likely move quickly to legislate to enable merchants to round transactions to the nearest nickel.

Demand for coins has been on the decline for some time. It is estimated the U.S. throws away up to \$68 million worth of coins a year.

The trend against smaller denominations has also accelerated in other Western economies. Canada announced it would stop producing pennies in 2012, while Australia and New Zealand ditched the coins in the 1990s. In those countries, they have rounded to the nearest five- and 10-cent coins for cash transactions.

Trump's move comes as the White House's Department of Government Efficiency, spearheaded by Elon Musk, says it has identified and cut more than \$1 billion in spending.

DOGE has been scrutinizing multiple federal programs to identify cost savings.

In a post on Musk's X social-media platform in January, DOGE said the penny "cost U.S. taxpayers over \$179 million in FY2023."

# Gov. Kelly's HAWK Act to expand Medicaid introduced in both chambers

TOPEKA — Gov. Laura Kelly's middle-of-the-road proposal to expand Medicaid to 150,000 additional Kansans, the Healthcare Access for Working Kansans (HAWK) Act, was introduced into both chambers of the Kansas Legislature this week.

The Healthcare Access for Working Kansans (HAWK) Act protects our rural hospitals, bolsters our health care workforce, and strengthens our economy — all while coming at no cost to Kansans. In fact, by waiting to expand Medicaid, we have wasted over \$280 million and left \$7.6 billion on the table in Washington, D.C.," Gov. Laura Kelly said.

"I encourage the legislature to advance Medicaid expansion this session so we can bring Kansas taxpayer dollars back home to support our health care system."

The bill was introduced in the House Appropriations Committee by Representative Barbara Ballard and in the Senate Ways and Means Committee by Senator Pat Pettey.

"Expanding Medicaid ensures hard-working Kansans can receive preventive care to stay healthy and on the job —

benefiting not only our economy but our hospital and health care workforce as well," said Representative Barbara Ballard, Kansas House District 44. "That is why I introduced the Healthcare Access for Working Kansans (HAWK) Act so that Kansans can get the critical, timely care they need."

The passage of Medicaid expansion would create 23,000 new jobs, inject \$1.2 billion in annual funding into Kansas' economy, and reduce health care costs for Kansans. Medicaid expansion would also address the state's health care workforce shortage while helping safeguard rural hospitals so they can remain open and well-staffed in order to continue serving Kansans across the state.

"My fellow legislators should listen to Kansans who, time and time again, express that they want to see Medicaid expanded in our state," said Sen. Pat Pettey, Kansas Senate District 6. "Kansans deserve quality, affordable health care, and by expanding Medicaid, we can increase this access to 150,000 additional working Kansans and lower health care costs for all."

We Print  
Vinyl Banners

PRINT5  
785-243-1520

Thank You for Reading The Beloit Call!

• Monday - Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. • 111 E. South Street •

• 785-738-3537 • [beloitcall@ncken.com](mailto:beloitcall@ncken.com)

WE APPRECIATE YOU!!!

# SPORTS



**BELOIT**  
**GMC**

225 E. Main Street Beloit KS, 67420

785-738-3511

"The small town dealer with the **BIG** commitment."



## Beloit Trojans blind Phillipsburg Panthers

### In bright orange unis, team led by Johnson's 24 points

BY BRIAN DEBEY

The Beloit Trojans defeated the Phillipsburg Panthers, 68-37, Thursday, February 6, in their bright orange uniforms.

With the win, Beloit improved to 11-4. On Tuesday, February 11, the Trojans are scheduled to host the Southeast of Saline Trojans in a key NCAA contest. Southeast is 8-8 overall and 5-3 in the league -- 1 1/2 games behind Beloit.

On Thursday, junior Brody Litton made a shot to give Beloit an early 2-0 lead. Senior Jackson Cheney followed with a three-pointer to push it to 5-0.

Colin Springer answered with a basket before Luke Cheney's three continued the visitors' impressive start.

Senior Eli Johnson started another solid performance with the next bucket, followed by a putback. Litton added a basket to finish the 14-2 game-opening run, which prompted a timeout.

After two Phillipsburg free throws, Johnson's

basket continued the Trojans' offensive explosion. Beloit led, 24-4, after Jackson Cheney's three-point play.

The hosts, who were without two of their top players, responded with the next seven points. Junior Charlie Burke's trey closed the first quarter. Beloit led, 27-11, going to the second.

The Trojans' dominance continued the rest of the half. A slow start in the second ended with two Johnson baskets, including a dunk following a sweet pass from Jackson Cheney.

"Eli did a nice job timing it," said Beloit Head Coach Ryan Eilert.

The Trojans led, 33-11. Following a Panther basket, Johnson's trey pushed the edge to 36-13. As Beloit outscored Phillipsburg 12-4 the rest of the half.

The visitors led, 48-17, at the break. With the large lead, Beloit rested most of its starters throughout the last two quarters.

Numerous players contributed as the Trojans

outscored the Panthers 16-6 to increase the lead to 64-23. Phillipsburg responded with a 10-2 spurt against Beloit's reserves. The Trojans led, 66-33, headed to the fourth quarter.

With a running clock, both offenses added few points in the final minutes as the Panthers completed the 14-4 spurt to finish the contest.

Senior Grant Larson's basket completed Beloit's offensive production in its second rout of the week.

Johnson led Beloit with 24 points, while Elijah Springer led Phillipsburg with 17 points.

Coach Eilert was pleased with his team's anticipation, passing and unselfishness in the win.

"I thought our intensity was good," he said. "I thought they did a great job of executing."

In Beloit's rematch with Southeast, Eilert was hoping his team would build on its momentum from the week's road wins in Belleville and Phillipsburg.

"It's going to be huge for us," he said.



The Beloit Trojan boys wear their blast from the past, bright orange uniforms, to play the Phillipsburg Panthers on Feb. 6, 2025, for the 68-37 win.

Eli Johnson led Beloit in scoring with 24 points followed by Jackson Cheney with 15. Kale Len-

ers scored 8; Luke Cheney 7; Brody Litton 4; Charlie Burke 3; Grant Larsen, Joel Rexroat and Ryker Clark 2 each; Hudson Remus 1.

## Beloit ladies fall to Phillipsburg Panthers

BY BRIAN DEBEY

The Beloit Lady Trojans lost to the Phillipsburg Lady Panthers, 54-43, Thursday, February 6, after allowing 17 points in the third quarter.

With the loss, Beloit fell to 8-7. On Tuesday, February 11, the Lady Trojans were scheduled to host the Southeast of Saline Lady Trojans, who were 12-4 overall and 7-1 in the NCAA.

On Thursday, Brynn Billings made a shot to

give Phillipsburg an early 2-0 lead. Senior Olivia Wright's putback evened the score. In the middle of the first quarter, Kayla Jacobs made a three-pointer to give the hosts an 8-4 edge.

Beloit responded with the next four points to tie it late in the first. After the teams alternated scores, Jacobs closed the quarter with a bucket. Phillipsburg led, 12-10, going to the second quarter.

Senior Olivia Wright's

basket early in the second evened the score. Phillipsburg's 9-2 spurt put it ahead, 21-14. Cheney and freshman Landry Litton each made a bucket as the teams split the next eight points.

Wright hit a trey to close the first half. Phillipsburg led, 25-21, at intermission.

Beloit, which was missing senior Addison Budke, who was sick, and junior Autumn Lorenz, who was injured, allowed 17 points

in the third while scoring just 10.

The hosts led, 42-31, headed to the final frame. After a free throw extended the lead, senior Cassandra Thompson's basket narrowed it to 43-33.

After the hosts pushed the lead to 11 later in the fourth, two Litton baskets cut the edge to 48-41.

"We methodically got back in the game," said Beloit Head Coach Keith Kresin.

However, Beloit was

unable to continue the comeback, as Phillipsburg scored six of the final eight points to win by 11.

Cassandra Thompson led the Lady Trojans' three double digit scorers with 14 points, while Wright and Cheney added 13 and 10, respectively.

Jacobs and Billings led Phillipsburg with 18 and 16 points, respectively.

"We had fight at the end," said Coach Kresin. "I'm so proud of these young ladies."

He said his team will be a team to be reckoned with in the postseason, which starts the end of February.

"The teams beating us are talented teams," Kresin said. "These tough teams are making us better."

Cassandra Thompson led Beloit in scoring with 14 points followed by Olivia Wright with 13 and Regan Cheney 10. Landry Litton scored 6 points.

## Beloit ladies defeat Republic County Buffaloes

### Thompson sisters combine for 29 points in win

BY BRIAN DEBEY

The Beloit Lady Trojans defeated the Republic County Lady Buffaloes, 49-35, Tuesday, February 4, to end their three-game losing streak.

With the win, Beloit improved to 8-6 overall and 5-3 in the NCAA. The Lady Trojans were scheduled to travel to Phillipsburg Thursday, February 6. The Lady Panthers were 12-3 headed into their game against Hill City on Tuesday.

On Tuesday, senior Cassandra Thompson made a shot two minutes in to give Beloit a 2-0 lead. Frankie Snapp answered with a basket to tie the score.

Senior Addison Budke followed with a bucket be-

fore sophomore Samantha Thompson's basket and free throw.

Junior McKenna Channell's bucket completed the 7-0 spurt, which gave the Lady Trojans a 9-2 edge. The hosts answered with the next three baskets, including two three-pointers, to even the score at 9.

Senior Olivia Wright responded with a trey to put Beloit ahead, 12-9, going to the second quarter.

Nearly two minutes into the second, Thompson made a free throw. She later made two more baskets to complete the 8-0 spurt in the middle of the quarter.

After a Republic County basket, sophomore Samantha Thompson made

two buckets, including a trey. Beloit led, 22-11, after the 13-2 stretch.

Following another Lady Buffalo basket, Budke made a free throw. Samantha Thompson closed the half with a three. The visitors led, 26-13, at intermission.

After Beloit's domination in the second quarter, Republic County matched the Lady Trojans in the last two frames. Beloit outscored the hosts, 23-22, after the break.

After play resumed, both teams' offense was fueled by strong shooting from beyond the arc.

Tally Melton opened the third quarter with two threes, prompting a Beloit timeout. Samantha Thompson answered with

a trey to push the lead to 29-19.

Budke followed with a bucket before Snapp responded with a three. The Lady Trojans led, 31-22. Beloit outscored Republic County 7-3 the rest of the frame.

Sophomore Reagan Cheney closed it with a bucket. The visitors led, 38-25, headed to the fourth.

Cassandra Thompson opened it with two baskets to complete the 11-3 run that increased the edge to 42-25 -- Beloit's largest of the game.

The hosts used two treys in their 6-2 spurt before Cassandra Thompson's bucket pushed the edge to 15. After the Lady Buffaloes added two

baskets, three Beloit free throws closed the contest.

Cassandra Thompson led the Lady Trojans with 18 points, while her sister Samantha added 11.

Budke had 9, Channell 5, Cheney 4 and Wright 3. Stindt led Republic County with just 8 points -- about half of her average.

Beloit Head Coach Keith Kresin said he was pleased his team defeated Republic County, which used a tough zone defense as it matched Beloit throughout the game except the second quarter.

"We got a nice win against a team that was really scrappy the entire game," he said. "My hat's off to them."

The coach was pleased with Samantha Thompson's offensive performance.

"It was good to see Sam Thompson make some shots," Kresin said. "She's our best shooter."

He said that his team is improving and will continue to do so as it approaches the postseason, which is a few weeks away.

"We're making strides," the coach said. "We're going to get better from here on out."

Cassandra Thompson led Beloit on the boards, scoring 18 points followed by Samantha Thompson with 11 points. Addison Budke scored 8 points; McKenna Channell 5; Reagan Cheney 4; Olivia Wright 3.

E-mail news items to [beloitcall@nckcn.com](mailto:beloitcall@nckcn.com)

# SPORTS



## St. John's/Tipton boys up season with Thunder Ridge win Horinek and Goodaker lead the way on the boards

TIPTON – The St. John's/Tipton Blujay boys were host to Thunder Ridge on Feb. 4, at Tipton, and won over the Longhorns, to up their season to 13-3. The Jays will now travel to Stockton on Feb. 14. The Tigers are 5-13 on the season and lost to Thunder Ridge to open their season, 60-36.

Against Thunder Ridge, the Blujays took the early 35-18 lead in the first quarter. They outscored 17-7 in the second quarter for the 52-25 halftime lead. It was a close scoring third quarter, with the Longhorns outscoring 18-17 with the St. John's/Tipton, 69-42 lead. Thunder Ridge outscored 20-8, in the final quarter but the Blujays won the game, 77-63.

Edward Horinek led the first quarter, scoring 12 points off 6 field goals fol-

lowed by Gabriel Roderick with 11 points off three field goals, a trey and two free throw points. Grant Goodaker scored 9 points off three treys and Tyson Gates landed a three point shot, as St. John's/Tipton at 35-18.

Kaden Rabe led the second quarter landing a field goal and a three point shot for 5 points. Nicholas Niewald landed two field goals for 4 points. Horinek and Goodaker both landed 3 point shots, and Roderick added a field goal for 2 points. The Blujays ended the first half with the 52-25 halftime lead.

Horinek led the third quarter with 7 points off two free shots, a field goal and a three point shot. Gates added 4 points off a field goal and two free shots. Goodaker, Niewald and John Mick all landed field goals for 2 points

each, as the Blujays led, 69-42.

Henry Holdren led the fourth quarter scoring with 5 points off a three pointer and a field goal. Kaden Phillips added a 3 point shot of his own, as the game ended in St. John's/Tipton's favor, 77-63.

Edward Horinek led St. John's/Tipton in scoring with 22 points followed by Grant Goodaker 14 and Gabriel Roderick 13 points. Tyson Gates scored 7 points; Nicholas Niewald 6; Kaden Rabe and Henry Holdren 5 points each; Kaden Phillips 3; John Mick 2.

Right: Ryder Allen #21 and Edward Horinek #5 both play tough defense going up for the blocked shot against the Thunder Ridge offense.

ANDREA WILES COURTESY PHOTOS



## Beloit Trojans dominate Republic County Buffaloes Johnson leads Beloit with 33 points, 11 rebounds

BY BRIAN DEBEY

The Beloit Trojans defeated the Republic County Buffaloes, 62-32, Tuesday, February 4, behind a dominant performance by senior Eli Johnson.

With the win, Beloit improved to 10-4 overall and 7-1 in the NCAA to keep pace with Sacred Heart atop the league. On Thursday, February 6, the Trojans were to travel to Phillipsburg. The Panthers were 6-10 before their game against Hill City on Tuesday.

On Tuesday, Aden Morris made a shot to give the hosts an early 2-0 lead on senior night. Johnson

answered with a basket to even the score.

Morris and Johnson each added another bucket, leaving both teams with 4 points.

Numerous possessions later, Johnson hit a three-pointer to ignite the visitors' offense. Junior Charlie Burke added a deep trey, and sophomore Hudson Remus followed with another three.

Burke closed the opening frame with another deep trey to give Beloit a 16-4 edge going to the second quarter. Johnson opened it with a basket to complete the 14-0 run.

Following a Buffalo free

throw, Johnson made two free throws. Following a Martin basket, juniors Luke Cheney and Brody Litton each added a bucket to complete the 20-1 stretch.

Beloit led, 24-5. The Trojans scored five of the next nine points to push the edge to 29-9. The hosts answered with the last six points of the half to cut the lead to 29-15 at halftime.

Republic County resumed its competitiveness in the third quarter, limiting Beloit to 11 points while scoring eight. The Trojans led, 40-23, headed to the fourth.

Right: Ryder Allen #21 and Edward Horinek #5 both play tough defense going up for the blocked shot against the Thunder Ridge offense.

Beloit's offense awakened again in the final frame. Johnson's three point play pushed the edge back to 20. Beloit added the next six points before a Buffalo three.

The Trojans outscored the hosts, 8-1, to extend the lead to 57-27, prompting a running clock. After Johnson and Rexroat went to the bench to watch the contest's conclusion, reserves with little varsity experience participated in the last three minutes.

Republic County scored five of the next seven points. Senior Grant Larson made a trey to complete the offensive

production, delighting Beloit fans and his teammates watching from the sideline.

Johnson led Beloit with 31 points, while Martin led the Buffaloes with 19.

Beloit Head Coach Ryan Eilert praised the performance of Johnson, who dominated with a season-high point total, plus 11 rebounds.

"That's a good night," the coach said.

Eilert said that the Buffaloes, whose head coach, Alan Sheets, is in his second stint with the team, are more competitive than they've been for quite a while.

"They played hard," Eilert said. "They did some things offensively that bothered us."

The coach said that building momentum as the postseason approaches is crucial for his team.

"This is an important step in that process," he said.

Eli Johnson led Beloit on the boards scoring 33 points. Charlie Burke scored 6 points; Brody Litton 4; Joel Rexroat 4; Grant Larsen and Hudson Remus 3 each; Luke Cheney 3; Kale Leners, Colton Adolph, and Ryker Clark 2 each.

## Lady Jays win over Thunder Ridge

TIPTON – The St. John's/Tipton Lady Jays were host to Thunder Ridge on Feb. 4, and won over the Lady Longhorns, to up their season to 11-6. They will now face Stockton on Feb. 14, on the road. The Lady Tigers are 10-6-2 on the season, and lost to Thunder Ridge, 37-34, to open their season.

Against Thunder Ridge, the Lady Jays scored 18-8, for the early first quarter lead. They outscored 12-5 in the second quarter for the 36-13 halftime lead. St. John's/Tipton outscored 12-11 in the third quarter for the 48-24 lead. Thunder Ridge

outscored 16-12 in the fourth quarter, and the Lady Jays held for the 60-40 win.

Lynelle Gengler and Christiana Niewald both led in the first quarter, scoring 5 points each off two field goals and a free shot. Carlie Brummer scored 4 points off two field goals. Kendra Gengler and Ava Brummer both contributed 2 points each off field goal shots. The Lady Jays led 18-8.

Carlie Brummer dominated the second quarter, scoring 10 points off five field goals. Lynelle Gengler scored 4 points off a field goal and two free shots. Ava Brummer and Ava Wiles both scored

2 points off field goals. St. John's/Tipton led 36-13 at halftime.

Lynelle Gengler led in the third quarter scoring 7 points off three field goals and a free shot. Carlie Brummer and Zellie Horinek added field goals for 2 points each and Addison Bergmann landed a free shot for 1 point. The Lady Jays extended their lead, 48-24.

Carlie Brummer landed three field goals and two free shots for 8 points in the final fourth quarter. Kelsey Ohnsat and Jaedyn Arnolde both contributed 2 points each off field goals. St. John's/Tipton Lady Jays won over Thunder

Ridge, 60-40.

Carlie Brummer led the Lady Jays on the boards, scoring 24 points followed by Lynelle Gengler 16 points. Christiana Niewald scored 5 points; Ava Brummer 4; Kelsey Ohnsat, Kendra Gengler, Jaedyn Arnolde, Zellie Horinek and Ava Wiles all scored 2 points each; Addison Bergmann 1 point.

Right: Kendra Gengler #3, makes the two point field goal for the St. John's/Tipton Lady Jays over Thunder Ridge.



E-mail news items to [beloitcall@nckcn.com](mailto:beloitcall@nckcn.com)

# SPORTS

## Beloit ladies win NCAA Wrestling league tournament First time in Trojan school history for girls wrestling



Zayda Purvis (19-4) placed 1st in the 120 weight division.

MINNEAPOLIS – The Beloit Trojan High School Girls Wrestling Team are league champions, for the first time in history for Beloit.

Beloit ladies placed two championships with Jayda Purvis in the 120 weight division and Bently Pruitt in the 155 division. Five Runners-Up included Estefani Contreras-Munoz in the 100 division; Daytona McMillan in the 105 division; Jerusalem Forrest-Ortiz in the 110 division; Nahomi Contreras-Munoz in the 125 division and Lyli Noah in the 135 division. Brecken Boudreux placed third in the 145 division. Hannah Koenig placed fourth in the 115 division and Amelia Hager in the 130 division.

Beloit ladies will now prepare for Regionals that will take place on Feb. 15 in

### 2025 NCAA League Tournament (Girls) results for Beloit

#### 100

Estefani Contreras-Munoz (23-14) placed 2nd and scored 12.0 team points.

Round 1 - Estefani Contreras-Munoz (Beloit)

23-14 won by fall over Khloe Kinsley (Ellsworth) 3-21 (Fall 1:49)

Round 2 - Estefani Contreras-Munoz (Beloit) 23-14 received a bye () (Bye)

Round 4 - Estefani Contreras-Munoz (Beloit) 23-14 received a bye () (Bye)

Round 5 - Taylor Baxter (Lyons HS) 26-3 won by fall over Estefani Contreras-Munoz (Beloit) 23-14 (Fall 3:49)

#### 105

Daytona McMillan (21-17) placed 2nd and scored 14.0 team points.

Round 1 - Daytona McMillan (Beloit) 21-17 won by fall over Madlyn Lauber (Belleville-Republic County) 4-26 (Fall 1:08)

Round 2 - Daytona McMillan (Beloit) 21-17 won by fall over Karlie Christain (Ellsworth) 1-22 (Fall 1:07)

Round 4 - Daytona McMillan (Beloit) 21-17 received a bye () (Bye)

Round 5 - Jacynn Boeken (Lyons HS) 31-2 won by fall over Daytona McMillan (Beloit) 21-17 (Fall 1:34)

#### 110

Jerusalem Forrest-Ortiz (11-12) placed 2nd and scored 11.0 team points.

Round 1 - Jerusalem Forrest-Ortiz (Beloit) 11-12 received a bye () (Bye)

Round 2 - Daytona McMillan (Beloit) 21-17 won by fall over Karlie Christain (Ellsworth) 1-22 (Fall 1:07)

Round 4 - Daytona McMillan (Beloit) 21-17 received a bye () (Bye)

Round 5 - Jacynn Boeken (Lyons HS) 31-2 won by fall over Daytona McMillan (Beloit) 21-17 (Fall 1:34)

#### 115

Hannah Koenig (11-10) placed 4th and scored 6.0 team points.

Round 1 - Daytona McMillan (Beloit) 21-17 won by fall over Madlyn Lauber (Belleville-Republic County) 4-26 (Fall 1:08)

Round 2 - Daytona McMillan (Beloit) 21-17 won by fall over Karlie Christain (Ellsworth) 1-22 (Fall 1:07)

Round 4 - Daytona McMillan (Beloit) 21-17 received a bye () (Bye)

Round 5 - Jacynn Boeken (Lyons HS) 31-2 won by fall over Daytona McMillan (Beloit) 21-17 (Fall 1:34)

#### 120

Zayda Purvis (19-4) placed 1st and scored 20.0 team points.

Round 2 - Zayda Purvis (Beloit) 19-4 received a bye () (Bye)

Round 3 - Zayda Purvis (Beloit) 19-4 won by fall over Grae Siemsen (Belleville-Republic County) 13-20 (Fall 1:29)

Round 4 - Zayda Purvis (Beloit) 19-4 won by fall over Amiyah Sharp (Min-

neapolis) 13-13 (Fall 1:28)

Round 5 - Zayda Purvis (Beloit) 19-4 won by fall over Lizzy Reazin (Lyons HS) 22-15 (M. For.)

#### 125

Nahomi Contreras-Munoz (10-17) placed 2nd and scored 14.0 team points.

Round 1 - Nahomi Contreras-Munoz (Beloit) 10-17 won by fall over Baylee Drown (Gypsum-Southeast of Saline) 3-14 (Fall 5:23)

Round 2 - Nahomi Contreras-Munoz (Beloit) 10-17 received a bye () (Bye)

Round 3 - Nahomi Contreras-Munoz (Beloit) 10-17 received a bye () (Bye)

Round 4 - Nahomi Contreras-Munoz (Beloit) 10-17 received a bye () (Bye)

Round 5 - Nahomi Contreras-Munoz (Beloit) 10-17 received a bye () (Bye)

Round 2 - Nahomi Contreras-Munoz (Beloit) 10-17 won by fall over Baylee Drown (Gypsum-Southeast of Saline) 3-14 (Fall 5:23)

Round 3 - Nahomi Contreras-Munoz (Beloit) 10-17 received a bye () (Bye)

Round 4 - Nahomi Contreras-Munoz (Beloit) 10-17 received a bye () (Bye)

Round 5 - Nahomi Contreras-Munoz (Beloit) 10-17 received a bye () (Bye)

#### 130

Amelia Hager (15-21) placed 4th and scored 4.0 team points.

Round 1 - Amelia Hager (Beloit) 15-21 received a bye () (Bye)

Round 2 - Karlee Zurfluh (Gypsum-Southeast of Saline) 19-11 won by fall over Amelia Hager (Beloit) 15-21 (Fall 1:20)

Round 3 - Quinley Bohl (Minneapolis) 23-2 won by fall over Amelia Hager (Beloit) 15-21 (Fall 0:53)

Round 4 - Nicole Becerra (Lyons HS) 20-15 won by fall over Amelia Hager (Beloit) 15-21 (Fall 3:05)

#### 135

Lyli Noah (14-20) placed 2nd and scored 18.0 team points.

Round 1 - Bently Pruitt (16-18) placed 1st and scored 18.0 team points.

Round 2 - Bently Pruitt (16-18) placed 1st and scored 18.0 team points.

Round 3 - Bently Pruitt (16-18) placed 1st and scored 18.0 team points.

Round 4 - Bently Pruitt (16-18) placed 1st and scored 18.0 team points.

Round 5 - Bently Pruitt (16-18) placed 1st and scored 18.0 team points.

Round 2 - Bently Pruitt (16-18) placed 1st and scored 18.0 team points.

Round 3 - Bently Pruitt (16-18) placed 1st and scored 18.0 team points.

Round 4 - Bently Pruitt (16-18) placed 1st and scored 18.0 team points.

Round 5 - Bently Pruitt (16-18) placed 1st and scored 18.0 team points.

Round 2 - Bently Pruitt (16-18) placed 1st and scored 18.0 team points.

Round 3 - Bently Pruitt (16-18) placed 1st and scored 18.0 team points.

Round 4 - Bently Pruitt (16-18) placed 1st and scored 18.0 team points.

Round 5 - Bently Pruitt (16-18) placed 1st and scored 18.0 team points.

Round 2 - Bently Pruitt (16-18) placed 1st and scored 18.0 team points.

Round 3 - Bently Pruitt (16-18) placed 1st and scored 18.0 team points.

Round 4 - Bently Pruitt (16-18) placed 1st and scored 18.0 team points.

Round 5 - Bently Pruitt (16-18) placed 1st and scored 18.0 team points.

Round 2 - Bently Pruitt (16-18) placed 1st and scored 18.0 team points.

Round 3 - Bently Pruitt (16-18) placed 1st and scored 18.0 team points.

Round 4 - Bently Pruitt (16-18) placed 1st and scored 18.0 team points.

Round 5 - Bently Pruitt (16-18) placed 1st and scored 18.0 team points.



Bently Pruitt (16-18) placed 1st in the 155 division.



Estefani Contreras-Munoz (23-14) placed 2nd in the 100 division.

### 2025 NCAA League Tournament (Girls) results for Beloit

#### 100

Estefani Contreras-Munoz (23-14) placed 2nd and scored 12.0 team points.

Round 1 - Estefani Contreras-Munoz (Beloit)

23-14 won by fall over Khloe Kinsley (Ellsworth) 3-21 (Fall 1:49)

Round 2 - Estefani Contreras-Munoz (Beloit) 23-14 received a bye () (Bye)

Round 4 - Estefani Contreras-Munoz (Beloit) 23-14 received a bye () (Bye)

Round 5 - Taylor Baxter (Lyons HS) 26-3 won by fall over Estefani Contreras-Munoz (Beloit) 23-14 (Fall 3:49)

#### 105

Daytona McMillan (21-17) placed 2nd and scored 14.0 team points.

Round 1 - Daytona McMillan (Beloit) 21-17 won by fall over Madlyn Lauber (Belleville-Republic County) 4-26 (Fall 1:08)

Round 2 - Daytona McMillan (Beloit) 21-17 won by fall over Karlie Christain (Ellsworth) 1-22 (Fall 1:07)

Round 4 - Daytona McMillan (Beloit) 21-17 received a bye () (Bye)

Round 5 - Jacynn Boeken (Lyons HS) 31-2 won by fall over Daytona McMillan (Beloit) 21-17 (Fall 1:34)

#### 110

Hannah Koenig (11-10) placed 4th and scored 6.0 team points.

Round 1 - Daytona McMillan (Beloit) 21-17 won by fall over Madlyn Lauber (Belleville-Republic County) 4-26 (Fall 1:08)

Round 2 - Daytona McMillan (Beloit) 21-17 won by fall over Karlie Christain (Ellsworth) 1-22 (Fall 1:07)

Round 4 - Daytona McMillan (Beloit) 21-17 received a bye () (Bye)

Round 5 - Jacynn Boeken (Lyons HS) 31-2 won by fall over Daytona McMillan (Beloit) 21-17 (Fall 1:34)

#### 115

Zayda Purvis (19-4) placed 1st and scored 20.0 team points.

Round 2 - Zayda Purvis (Beloit) 19-4 received a bye () (Bye)

Round 3 - Zayda Purvis (Beloit) 19-4 won by fall over Grae Siemsen (Belleville-Republic County) 13-20 (Fall 1:29)

Round 4 - Zayda Purvis (Beloit) 19-4 won by fall over Amiyah Sharp (Minneapolis) 13-13 (Fall 1:28)

#### 120

Nahomi Contreras-Munoz (10-17) placed 2nd and scored 14.0 team points.

Round 1 - Nahomi Contreras-Munoz (Beloit) 10-17 won by fall over Madlyn Lauber (Belleville-Republic County) 4-26 (Fall 1:08)

Round 2 - Nahomi Contreras-Munoz (Beloit) 10-17 received a bye () (Bye)

Round 4 - Nahomi Contreras-Munoz (Beloit) 10-17 received a bye () (Bye)

#### 125

Amelia Hager (15-21) placed 4th and scored 4.0 team points.

Round 1 - Amelia Hager (Beloit) 15-21 received a bye () (Bye)

Round 2 - Karlee Zurfluh (Gypsum-Southeast of Saline) 19-11 won by fall over Amelia Hager (Beloit) 15-21 (Fall 1:20)

Round 3 - Quinley Bohl (Minneapolis) 23-2 won by fall over Amelia Hager (Beloit) 15-21 (Fall 0:53)

Round 4 - Nicole Becerra (Lyons HS) 20-15 won by fall over Amelia Hager (Beloit) 15-21 (Fall 3:05)

#### 130

Lyli Noah (14-20) placed 2nd and scored 18.

# SPORTS



## NCAA League Champions and Runners-Up

The Beloit High School girls wrestling team are the first time in history, 2025 NCAA League Champions and the Beloit Trojan boys the NCAA Runners-Up. Shown are from left to right, front row: Manager Kaylin Prochaska, Amelia Hager, Brecken Boudreaux, Zayda Purvis, Bentley Pruitt, Daytona McMillan, Lyli Noah, Hannah Koenig, Managers: Jayden Mosher and Makenna Shipp. Middle row: Wyatt McMillan, Trace Conn, Marley Lewis, Jaxon Kearn, Jeremiah Rodrick, Kashtyn Ryser, Carter Jermark, Brogan Monty, Jesus Cabrera, Jay Eeles, Carson Thomas, Henry Tice, Coach Zane Colson. Back row: Coaches Cade Hewitt and Cody Richards, Rilee Lundine, Kale Wessling, Kaden Lomax, Kross Kemmerer, Colby Albert, Caleb Porter, John Lomax, Brodie Boudreaux.

## Beloit boys win NCAA League Runners-Up wrestling

MINNEAPOLIS – The Beloit High School Trojan boys earned a 2025 Runners-Up NCCA League title on Feb. 6, in Minneapolis. Beloit placed, 3 championships, 2 runner-ups, 4 third, 2 fourth.

### 2025 NCAA League Tournament (Boys) results for Beloit

**106**  
Trace Conn (21-12) placed 3rd and scored 11.0 team points.

Round 1 - Walter Hulse (Ellsworth) 14-8 won by decision over Trace Conn (Beloit) 21-12 (Dec 7-2)

Round 2 - Trace Conn (Beloit) 21-12 won by fall over Max Gordon (Gypsum-Southeast of Saline) 15-16 (Fall 5:24)

Round 3 - Trace Conn (Beloit) 21-12 received a bye () (Bye)

Round 4 - Trace Conn (Beloit) 21-12 won by fall over Paul Pachta (Belleville-Republic County) 11-28 (Fall 0:12)

Round 5 - Justin Lee (Lyons HS) 25-2 won by decision over Trace Conn (Beloit) 21-12 (Dec 9-6)

**113**  
Wyatt McMillan (21-9) placed 1st and scored 18.0 team points.

Round 1 - Wyatt McMillan (Beloit) 21-9 received a bye () (Bye)

Round 2 - Wyatt McMillan (Beloit) 21-9 received a bye () (Bye)

Round 3 - Wyatt McMillan (Beloit) 21-9 received a bye () (Bye)

Round 4 - Wyatt McMillan (Beloit) 21-9 won by fall over Ismael Chico (Lyons HS) 12-13 (Fall 0:45)

Round 5 - Wyatt McMillan (Beloit) 21-9 won by fall over Ismael DeLaCruz

(Ellsworth) 6-16 (Fall 1:54)

### 120

Carson Thomas (13-9) placed 3rd and scored 8.0 team points.

Round 1 - Charlie Klein (Minneapolis) 21-17 won by fall over Carson Thomas (Beloit) 13-9 (Fall 4:51)

Round 2 - Carson Thomas (Beloit) 13-9 won by major decision over Hunter Kinsley (Ellsworth) 7-18 (MD 12-4)

Round 3 - Carson Thomas (Beloit) 13-9 received a bye () (Bye)

Round 4 - Carson Thomas (Beloit) 13-9 received a bye () (Bye)

Round 5 - Roman Tuttle (Gypsum-Southeast of Saline) 27-1 won by fall over Carson Thomas (Beloit) 13-9 (Fall 1:03)

### 126

Henry Tice (20-15) placed 1st and scored 18.5 team points.

Round 1 - Henry Tice (Beloit) 20-15 won by major decision over Juan Becerra-Enriquez (Lyons HS) 13-11 (MD 13-0)

Round 2 - Henry Tice (Beloit) 20-15 won by tech fall over Kaine Rush (Ellsworth) 4-13 (TF-1.5 2:12 (15-0))

Round 3 - Henry Tice (Beloit) 20-15 received a bye () (Bye)

Round 4 - Henry Tice (Beloit) 20-15 received a bye () (Bye)

Round 5 - Henry Tice (Beloit) 20-15 won by fall over Jayden Kloster (Gypsum-Southeast of Saline) 16-12 (Fall 1:33)

### 132

Brogan Monty (33-2) placed 1st and scored 23.5 team points.

Round 1 - Brogan Mon-

ty (Beloit) 33-2 won by fall over Micheal Voorhees (Belleville-Republic County) 8-32 (Fall 0:44)

Round 2 - Brogan Monty (Beloit) 33-2 won by fall over Tucker Holt (Ellsworth) 6-11 (Fall 1:07)

Round 3 - Brogan Monty (Beloit) 33-2 won by fall over Miguel Ortega (Gypsum-Southeast of Saline) 11-14 (Fall 2:39)

Round 4 - Brogan Monty (Beloit) 33-2 won by fall over Jackson Smith (Lyons HS) 14-18 (Fall 0:37)

Round 5 - Brogan Monty (Beloit) 33-2 won by tech fall over Alejandro Arnold (Minneapolis) 23-8 (TF-1.5 2:41 (18-2))

### 138

Kellen Elam (22-17) placed 3rd and scored 12.0 team points.

Round 1 - Kellen Elam (Beloit) 22-17 won by fall over Kade Riffel (Gypsum-Southeast of Saline) 9-14 (Fall 1:56)

Round 2 - Jasper Johns (Minneapolis) 25-7 won by fall over Kellen Elam (Beloit) 22-17 (Fall 3:52)

Round 3 - Will Donley (Ellsworth) 22-8 won by fall over Kellen Elam (Beloit) 22-17 (Fall 1:37)

Round 4 - Kellen Elam (Beloit) 22-17 won by fall over Fred Chuen (Lyons HS) 5-15 (Fall 2:49)

Round 5 - Kellen Elam (Beloit) 22-17 won by major decision over Graham Jensen (Belleville-Republic County) 29-12 (MD 17-8)

### 144

John Lomax (20-20) placed 3rd and scored 11.0 team points.

Round 1 - Owen Weatherhead (Belleville-Repub-

lic County) 37-5 won by tech fall over John Lomax (Beloit) 20-20 (TF-1.5 2:19 (20-5))

Round 2 - John Lomax (Beloit) 20-20 received a bye () (Bye)

Round 3 - John Lomax (Beloit) 20-20 won by fall over Lance Muchow (Ellsworth) 2-12 (Fall 5:39)

Round 4 - Isaac Fall (Lyons HS) 16-7 won by decision over John Lomax (Beloit) 20-20 (Dec 18-11)

Round 5 - John Lomax (Beloit) 20-20 won by fall over Cooper Westoff (Gypsum-Southeast of Saline) 4-14 (Fall 0:49)

### 150

Carter Jermark (11-15) placed 6th and scored 0.0 team points.

Round 1 - Ethan Bohl (Minneapolis) 25-15 won by fall over Carter Jermark (Beloit) 11-15 (Fall 5:22)

Round 2 - Jace Grizzel (Lyons HS) 32-2 won by fall over Carter Jermark (Beloit) 11-15 (Fall 0:43)

Round 3 - Bo Kyler (Ellsworth) 21-13 won by medical forfeit over Carter Jermark (Beloit) 11-15 (M. For.)

Round 4 - Kash Henke (Belleville-Republic County) 28-8 won by medical forfeit over Carter Jermark (Beloit) 11-15 (M. For.)

### 154

Kashtyn Ryser (14-25) placed 4th and scored 4.0 team points.

Round 1 - Kashtyn Ryser (Beloit) 14-25 received

a bye () (Bye)

Round 2 - Xander

Young (Lyons HS) 24-8 won by fall over Kashtyn Ryser (Beloit) 14-25 (Fall 1:36)

Round 3 - Killian

Vaughan (Gypsum-Southeast of Saline) 23-3 won by tech fall over Kashtyn Ryser (Beloit) 14-25 (TF-1.5 2:00 (18-1))

Round 4 - Kashtyn Ryser (Beloit) 14-25 received a bye () (Bye)

Round 5 - Tyrese Alexander (Belleville-Republic County) 12-9 won by fall over Kashtyn Ryser (Beloit) 14-25 (Fall 1:55)

### 175

Marley Lewis (10-20) placed 5th and scored 0.0 team points.

Round 1 - Ryan Weller (Gypsum-Southeast of Saline) 4-9 won by fall over Marley Lewis (Beloit) 10-20 (Fall 2:00)

Round 2 - Nick Kendall (Belleville-Republic County) 30-12 won by fall over Marley Lewis (Beloit) 10-20 (Fall 2:00)

Round 3 - Bo Kyler (Ellsworth) 21-13 won by medical forfeit over Carter Jermark (Beloit) 11-15 (M. For.)

Round 4 - Kash Henke (Belleville-Republic County) 28-8 won by medical forfeit over Carter Jermark (Beloit) 11-15 (M. For.)

Round 5 - Levi Gallart (Lyons HS) 13-10 won by fall over Marley Lewis (Beloit) 10-20 (Fall 0:24)

### 190

Kaden Lomax (9-12) placed 4th and scored 6.0 team points.

Round 1 - Kaden Lomax (Beloit) 9-12 won by fall over Gavin Baringer (Minneapolis) 3-7 (Fall 2:40)

Round 2 - Keegan

Urbanek (Ellsworth) 28-4 won by fall over Kaden

Lomax (Beloit) 9-12 (Fall 2:54)

Round 3 - Benedict Baxa (Belleville-Republic County) 19-19 won by decision over Kaden Lomax (Beloit) 9-12 (Dec 5-3)

Round 4 - Kendall Minneman (Gypsum-Southeast of Saline) 19-10 won by fall over Kaden Lomax (Beloit) 9-12 (Fall 3:27)

Round 5 - Kaden Lomax (Beloit) 9-12 received a bye () (Bye)

### 215

Kale Wessling (6-25) placed 2nd and scored 10.0 team points.

Round 1 - Trent Gardner (Belleville-Republic County) 5-11 won by fall over Kale Wessling (Beloit) 6-25 (Fall 1:15)

Round 2 - Trent Gardner (Belleville-Republic County) 5-11 won by fall over Kale Wessling (Beloit) 6-25 (Fall 3:05)

Round 3 - Kross Kemmerer (20-12) placed 2nd and scored 10.5 team points.

Round 4 - Micah Galvan (Ellsworth) 24-6 won by fall over Marley Lewis (Beloit) 10-20 (Fall 1:01)

Round 5 - Marley Lewis (Beloit) 10-20 received a bye () (Bye)

Round 5 - Levi Gallart (Lyons HS) 13-10 won by fall over Marley Lewis (Beloit) 10-20 (Fall 0:24)

Round 3 - Kross Kemmerer (Beloit) 20-12 received a bye () (Bye)

Round 4 - Brody Chambers (Gypsum-Southeast of Saline) 22-4 won by fall over Kross Kemmerer (Beloit) 20-12 (Fall 1:49)

Round 5 - Kross Kemmerer (Beloit) 20-12 received a bye () (Bye)

Round 4 - Kash Henke (Belleville-Republic County) 28-8 won by decision over Jorge Cereceres (Lyons HS) 18-11 (Dec 5-0)

Round 2 - Kross Kemmerer (Beloit) 20-12 received a bye () (Bye)

Round 3 - Kross Kemmerer (Beloit) 20-12 received a bye () (Bye)

Round 4 - Brody Chambers (Gypsum-Southeast of Saline) 22-4 won by fall over Kross Kemmerer (Beloit) 20-12 (Fall 1:49)

Round 5 - Kross Kemmerer (Beloit) 20-12 received a bye () (Bye)

Round 4 - Kash Henke (Belleville-Republic County) 28-8 won by decision over Jorge Cereceres (Lyons HS) 18-11 (Dec 5-0)

Round 2 - Kross Kemmerer (Beloit) 20-12 received a bye () (Bye)

Round 3 - Kross Kemmerer (Beloit) 20-12 received a bye () (Bye)

Round 4 - Kash Henke (Belleville-Republic County) 28-8 won by decision over Jorge Cereceres (Lyons HS) 18-11 (Dec 5-0)

Round 5 - Kross Kemmerer (Beloit) 20-12 received a bye () (Bye)

Round 4 - Kash Henke (Belleville-Republic County) 28-8 won by decision over Jorge Cereceres (Lyons HS) 18-11 (Dec 5-0)

Round 5 - Kross Kemmerer (Beloit) 20-12 received a bye () (Bye)

Round 4 - Kash Henke (Belleville-Republic County) 28-8 won by decision over Jorge Cereceres (Lyons HS) 18-11 (Dec 5-0)

Round 5 - Kross Kemmerer (Beloit) 20-12 received a bye () (Bye)

Round 4 - Kash Henke (Belleville-Republic County) 28-8 won by decision over Jorge Cereceres (Lyons

# SPORTS

## Beloit boys win Panther Classic wrestling tournament Champion Monty named for Outstanding wrestler award

PHILLIPSBURG – The Beloit High School boys wrestling team competed in the Panther Classic on Saturday, Feb. 8, and won overall as a team with 127.5 points, followed by Hoxie with 124 points and Phillipsburg with 122.5 points. Beloit placed 1 championship with Brogan Monty in the 132 weight division. He also won the Outstanding Wrestler Award. Wyatt McMillan placed third in the 113 division and Kross Kemmerer placed third in the 285 division. Carson Thomas placed fourth in the 120 division.

### Panther Classic Boys Varsity results for Beloit

#### 106

Trace Conn (20-12) place is unknown and scored 3.0 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Trace Conn (Beloit) 20-12 received a bye () (Bye)

Quarterfinal - Keyen Taplin (Abilene) 29-5 won by fall over Trace Conn (Beloit) 20-12 (Fall 1:05)

Cons. Round 2 - Trace Conn (Beloit) 20-12 received a bye () (Bye)

Cons. Round 3 - Trace Conn (Beloit) 20-12 won by major decision over Ian Anderson (Atwood-Rawlins County) 15-7 (MD 14-3)



Wyatt Mcmillan (21-11) placed 3rd in the 113 weight division.



Carson Thomas (14-9) placed 4th in the 120 division.

Cons. Semi - Gunner Wente (Hoxie) 28-11 won by major decision over Trace Conn (Beloit) 20-12 (MD 8-0)

#### 113

Wyatt Mcmillan (21-11) placed 3rd and scored 7.0 team points.

Round 1 - Bradyn Wilson (Hoxie) 22-16 won by fall over Wyatt Mcmillan (Beloit) 21-11 (Fall 3:41)

Round 3 - Wyatt Mcmillan (Beloit) 21-11 won by fall over Ismael DeLa-Cruz (Ellsworth) 7-11 (Fall 1:04)

Round 4 - Xzephren Donner (Russell) 30-3 won by tech fall over Wyatt Mcmillan (Beloit) 21-11 (TF-1.5 2:00 (16-0))

Round 5 - Wyatt Mcmillan (Beloit) 21-11 won by fall over Brodyn Price (Rossville) 10-16 (Fall 1:12)

#### 120

Carson Thomas (14-9) placed 4th and scored 10.5 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Carson Thomas (Beloit) 14-9 received a bye () (Bye)

Quarterfinal - Carson Thomas (Beloit) 14-9 won by decision over Lakin Gentry (Rossville) 14-13 (Dec 6-5)

Semifinal - Tyler Meyer (Hoxie) 17-9 won by fall over Carson Thomas (Beloit) 14-9 (Fall 4:23)

Cons. Semi - Carson Thomas (Beloit) 14-9 won by tech fall over Kaleb Ives Thull (Russell) 13-16 (TF-1.5 3:16 (16-1))

3rd Place Match - Lakin Gentry (Rossville) 14-13 won by decision over Carson Thomas (Beloit) 14-9 (Dec 9-8)

#### 126

Henry Tice (19-17) place is unknown and scored 5.0 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Henry Tice (Beloit) 19-17 received a bye () (Bye)

Quarterfinal - Kike Yanez (St. Francis) 29-9 won by fall over Henry Tice (Beloit) 19-17 (Fall 0:43)

Cons. Round 2 - Henry Tice (Beloit) 19-17 won by fall over Logan Turner (Great Bend) 1-5 (Fall 0:58)

Cons. Round 3 - Henry Tice (Beloit) 19-17 won by major decision over Kelton Lacock (Rossville)

12-13 (MD 9-0)  
Cons. Semi - Aaron Samuelson (Oakley) 22-7 won by fall over Henry Tice (Beloit) 19-17 (Fall 3:42)

#### 132

Brogan Monty (31-2) placed 1st and scored 22.0 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Brogan Monty (Beloit) 31-2 received a bye () (Bye)

Quarterfinal - Brogan Monty (Beloit) 31-2 won by fall over Colby Nuss (Plainville) 14-16 (Fall 3:53)

Semifinal - Brogan Monty (Beloit) 31-2 won by decision over Kaden Sisson (Phillipsburg) 24-7 (Dec 5-0)

1st Place Match - Brogan Monty (Beloit) 31-2 won in tie breaker - 1 over Noah Wuthnow (Abilene) 29-6 (TB-1 2-1)

#### 138

Kellen Elam (20-17) place is unknown and scored 4.0 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Kellen Elam (Beloit) 20-17 won by fall over Remington Droege (Ross-ville) 14-11 (Fall 2:50)

Quarterfinal - Murphy Randolph (Abilene) 29-5 won by fall over Kellen Elam (Beloit) 20-17 (Fall 0:34)

Cons. Round 2 - Ayden Cadoret (Plainville) 14-15 won by tech fall over Kellen Elam (Beloit) 20-17 (TF-1.5 3:23 (18-3))

#### 144

John Lomax (20-20) place is unknown and scored 5.0 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - John Lomax (Beloit) 20-20 won by decision over Bryson Lonberger (Minneapolis) 12-13 (Dec 8-2)

Quarterfinal - Brennan Pfannenstiel (Norton) 24-5 won by tech fall over John Lomax (Beloit) 20-20 (TF-1.5 2:48 (17-2))

Cons. Round 2 - John Lomax (Beloit) 20-20 won by fall over Lance Muchow (Ellsworth) 2-13 (Fall 0:59)

Cons. Round 3 - Ra-

leigh Hanson (Atwood-Rawlins County) 23-10 won by decision over John Lomax (Beloit) 20-20 (Dec 10-4)

#### 190

Kaden Lomax (8-11) place is unknown and scored 0.0 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Kaden Lomax (Beloit) 8-11 received a bye () (Bye)

Quarterfinal - Sam Watkins (Hoxie) 35-1 won by fall over Kaden Lomax (Beloit) 8-11 (Fall 0:48)

Cons. Round 2 - Kaden Lomax (Beloit) 8-11 received a bye () (Bye)

Cons. Round 3 - Brodie Cochran (Abilene) 14-10 won by fall over Kaden Lomax (Beloit) 8-11 (Fall 2:51)

#### 285

Kross Kemmerer (22-12) placed 3rd and scored 14.0 team points.

Champ. Round 1 - Kross Kemmerer (Beloit) 22-12 received a bye () (Bye)

Quarterfinal - Kross Kemmerer (Beloit) 22-12 won in tie breaker - 1 over Ryddik Bethel (Plainville) 17-9 (TB-1 8-5)

Semifinal - Corbin Puga (Norton) 27-5 won by fall over Kross Kemmerer (Beloit) 22-12 (Fall 1:20)

Cons. Semi - Kross Kemmerer (Beloit) 22-12 won by decision over Ryan Mongeau (Stockton) 12-14 (Dec 4-0)

3rd Place Match - Kross Kemmerer (Beloit) 22-12 won by fall over Ryddik Bethel (Plainville) 17-9 (Fall 2:58)



Beloit Trojan junior, Brogan Monty, won the championship title in the 132 weight division, at the Panther Classic on Feb. 8, in Phillipsburg. He also won the Outstanding Wrestler Award.

**AMERICAN FAMILY INSURANCE**

American Family Mutual Insurance Company, S.I. & its Operating Companies, 6000 American Parkway, Madison, WI 53783 ©2015 006441 - Rev. 2/20 - 2139291

This week in  
sports...

**SIDELINE  
SUMMARY**

### BELOIT

#### Basketball

##### Girls

The Beloit Lady Trojans lost to the Phillipsburg Lady Panthers, 54-43, Thursday, February 6, after allowing 17 points in the third quarter. With the loss, Beloit fell to 8-7. Cassandra Thompson led in scoring with 13 points, followed by Olivia Wright with 13 and Regan Cheney 10.

##### Boys

The Beloit Trojans defeated the Phillipsburg Panthers, 68-37, Thursday, February 6, in their bright orange uniforms. With the win, Beloit improved to 11-4. Eli Johnson led Beloit in scoring with 24 points.

#### Wrestling

##### Boys

The Beloit High School boys wrestling team competed in the Panther Classic on Saturday, Feb. 8, and won overall as a team. Beloit placed 1 championship with Brogan Monty in the 132 weight division. He also won the Outstanding Wrestler Award. Wyatt McMillan placed third in the 113 division and Kross Kemmerer placed third in the 285 division. Carson Thomas placed fourth in the 120 division. This follows after the Beloit boys won NCAA League meet Runners-Up as a team.

##### Girls

The Beloit High School girls varsity wrestlers competed in the Panther Classic, on Friday, Feb. 7, in Phillipsburg. The Lady Trojans earned 1 third place with Zayda Purvis in the 120 weight division. This follows as the girls won the 2025 NCAA League tournament for a first time in history.

### ST. JOHN'S

#### Basketball

##### Girls

The St. John's/Tipton Lady Jays were host to Thunder Ridge on Feb. 4, and won over the Lady Longhorns, to up their season to 11-6. Carlie Brummer led the Lady Jays on the boards, scoring 24 points followed by Lynelle Gengler 16 points.

##### Boys

The St. John's/Tipton Blujay boys were host to Thunder Ridge on Feb. 4, at Tipton, and won over the Longhorns, to up their season to 13-3. The Jays will now travel to Stockton on Feb. 14. Edward Horinek led in scoring with 22 points followed by Grant Goodaker 14 and Gabriel Roderick 13 points.

**BJSHS**  
**Student**  
**of the Month**

Elliot Weston, 8th grader, daughter of Jay and Heather Weston, is the Beloit Jr/Sr High School Student of the Month - Feb. 10-14.

Elliot always shows up to class ready for the class period. She is a quiet leader who leads by example.

Elliot works well with others and gets along great with her peers and teachers.

Elliot is involved in Volleyball, Basketball, Beloit Junior High Leadership, Track and West Beloit 4-H.

**S&S DRUG**  
PHARMACY  
110 S. MILL • Beloit  
785-738-2285  
Toll Free: 800-222-3585  
After Hours:  
785-569-7184

**PRO TECHS PEST CONTROL**  
Reliable Protection for Your Home or Business  
Call or Text  
**785-275-3020**

**BELOIT CALL**  
111 E. South St  
Beloit, KS  
785-738-3537 or  
785-243-2424

**AC MARK**  
25th  
118 W Main St  
Beloit, KS  
(785)-738-9641

# MCHHS raises awareness for “Go Red Day”

BELoit – Mitchell County Hospital Health Systems (MCHHS) proudly participated in the nationwide Go Red for Women movement on Feb. 7, to raise awareness about heart disease in women. Employees wore red attire to demonstrate their support and disseminate the message about heart health and prevention.

Go Red for Women, an initiative by the American Heart Association (AHA), strives to educate communities about cardiovascular disease, the leading cause of death among women in the United States. MCHHS is committed to promoting wellness and encouraging women to take proactive steps in managing their heart health.

“As a healthcare organization, MCHHS

sees firsthand the impact heart disease can have on our community,” said Stephanie Simmons, chief operating officer of MCHHS. “Participating in Go Red for Women allows us to educate and empower women to prioritize their heart health through awareness, prevention, and early detection.”

To commemorate the occasion, MCHHS staff assembled for a group photograph in their red attire, symbolizing their shared commitment to heart health awareness. Mitchell County Hospital Health Systems continues to support initiatives that foster a healthier community and is dedicated to providing quality care to all.

For further information on heart disease prevention and Go Red for Women, visit [www.heart.org](http://www.heart.org)



# USD 273 Beloit and Beloit Educational Foundation announce \$1 Million Matching Gift for Trojan Stadium Improvement Campaign

BELoit – USD 273 Beloit and The USD 273 Beloit Educational Foundation are thrilled to share an exciting update on the Trojan Stadium Improvement Campaign as the Foundation has been given an incredible opportunity—a \$1 million matching donation to support the project.

Harry and Rose Matous have generously pledged to donate up to \$1 million dollars, challenging our Trojan Family to match their contribution. Recognizing the vital need for stadium improvements, Harry and Rose's generosity has brought the vision of a new track and stadium upgrades by the 2026 school year within reach.

To date, the campaign has already raised \$514,000, leaving just \$486,000 needed to unlock the full potential of this remarkable match. With this incredible momentum, the Matous family's generosity also opens the door for additional much-needed projects, such as updated tennis courts, further track enhancements, and other facility improvements as determined by the board.

The response from our community has been nothing short of amazing—over \$500,000 has been raised in just eight days from generous businesses, alumni classes, and the Trojan Family. This campaign is already making history, and with this matching opportunity, we have the chance to make it legendary.

We invite the community to stay engaged and help us meet this challenge. Every contribution, large or small, brings us one step closer to transforming Trojan Stadium into a premier facility for our students, athletes, and the entire community.

For more information on how you can contribute to this historic campaign, please contact Beloit USD 273 Board Office at 785-738-3261 or visit [www.273foundation.org](http://www.273foundation.org)



Repairs to the track (above left and below) are of top priority and as such make up phase one of the stadium improvement project. While previous updates were made in 2008 and 2019 to maintain its condition, subsurface issues have caused damage that now requires comprehensive repair. Due to the severity of cracking and subsurface issues, USD 273 has prioritized the track repair, committing a \$300,000 investment toward the estimated \$800,000 project. Join us in bridging the gap to complete this crucial improvement by spring 2026. Harry and Rose Matous (above right) have generously pledged to donate up to \$1 million dollars, challenging our Trojan Family to match their contribution.



Trojan Stadium has long been a gathering place for our community, and with the addition of a modern 30x60 metal building, we're taking a big step toward making it more welcoming and functional for everyone. This new structure will house a concession stand and upgraded public bathrooms, along with a 10' covered patio area for fans to gather and enjoy refreshments. Relocating the bathrooms and concessions from underneath the stadium will also allow us to reimagine that space into two dedicated locker rooms—one for our home team and one for visitors. These updates will provide athletes with improved facilities while creating a more enjoyable experience for fans and guests during every event at Trojan Stadium.

## OBITUARIES

### Kathryn A. Tuttle July 2, 1945 – February 3, 2025

Kathryn A. Tuttle, 79, Salina, KS, passed away at Salina Regional Health Center on Monday, February 3, 2025. Kathryn was preceded in death by her husband, Merle S. Tuttle; father, Richard V. Sweany; mother, Helen R. Sweany; brother, James R. Sweany; father-in-law, Donald S. Tuttle, and mother-in-law, Vera W. Tuttle. Kathryn is survived by brother-in-law, D. Eugene Tuttle of Lucas, Kansas; sister-in-law, Alice Sweany of Jetmore, Kansas; daughter, Lisa L. Goodwin and son-in-law, Shane Goodwin of McPherson, Kansas; daughter, Janelle D. Boyle and son-in-law Mark Boyle of Salina, Kansas; son, Rex A. Tuttle and daughter-in-law Becky Tuttle of Wichita, Kansas; granddaughter, AshleyAnn Stephens of Salina, Kansas; grandson, Grant Goodwin and wife Stefanie of Topeka, Kansas; granddaughter, Aurora Schaffer, husband Braxton Schaffer, great-granddaughter Autumn of Union, Missouri; granddaughter, Sydney (Goodwin) Hess and husband Aaron of Garden City, Kansas; granddaughter, Addison Whitlock of Salina, Kansas, and granddaughter, Becca Tuttle of Wichita, Kansas.

Kathryn Ann (Sweany) Tuttle was born to Richard V. Sweany and Helen R. (Klocke) Sweany on July 2, 1945, in St. Marys, Kansas. Kathy was a lively young girl who enjoyed playing basketball and various other sports as well as chasing her big brother Jim. She graduated from Manhattan High School and went on to attend Brown Mackie College in Salina where she met the love of her life, Merle Tuttle.

Merle and Kathy were married in Manhattan, Kansas, on July 26, 1964. They established their first home together in Lindsborg, Kansas. From Lindsborg, Merle and Kathy established a home in Beloit, Kansas. During their time in Beloit, Merle and Kathy welcomed their beloved children, Lisa, Janelle, and Rex, into the world. Kathy worked at a photo processing facility as well as helped Merle run the lumberyard in Beloit during their whole time there. She enjoyed bowling with Merle, and the entire family enjoyed many weekends at Glen Elder Lake as well as numerous family vacations around the country. Kathy was very active with Girl Scouts and was the den leader for Lisa and Janelle, while in Beloit.

From Beloit, Merle and Kathy moved their family to Eureka, Kansas. During the family's time there, Merle and Kathy enjoyed square dancing and watching horse races. After a couple of years, Merle and Kathy then moved their family to Pretty Prairie, Kansas, where Kathy helped with Meals-on-Wheels for the community. During their time in Pretty Prairie, the family was very active in 4-H and made a lot of wonderful memories with their children while showing livestock at the county and state fairs in Hutchinson, Kansas. From Pretty Prairie, Merle and Kathy made their move to Salina, Kansas, where they finished raising their family. While in Salina, Kathy held various positions with Gibson's, Taco Tico, and Taco Johns. As Merle and Kathy approached their retirement years, they were blessed with 6 beautiful grandchildren, and they relished their births and spending many memorable years watching them grow into adulthood. They also enjoyed watching rodeos, several trips to Branson, Missouri, and going to casinos.

Kathy loved to laugh and had a great sense of humor. She loved her family with all her being and was always very interested in all their lives and experiences. Merle and Kathy would try to always make it to all of their grandchildren's events, which gave them great joy. Kathy loved life and was always interested in other's well-being. After she lost Merle, it was very difficult for her the last three years, while bravely battling dementia. Kathy lived a full life, and her legacy is her children and grandchildren and the love that she always gave to each of them.

We will celebrate Kathy in the Spring with a family graveside service.

Arrangements entrusted to the Rentschler Family Mortuaries Lucas Chapel.  
www.rfmortuaries.com

## COURT NEWS

### Civil Filed

-Deere & Company dba John Deere Financial vs Don Edward Huntley; Plaintiff seeks judgment in the amount of \$14,800.50 plus interest, fees, and costs. Defendant has filed a counter claim seeking judgment in the amount of \$25,000 damages and \$19,698.66 for costs and fees.

### Small Claims Filed

-Farmway Credit Union vs CKJ Media KDNS & KDZY, Charles Joslin, Katelyn Joselyn; Plaintiff seeks judgment in the amount of \$1,866.43 plus costs and fees.

## LAND TRANSFERS

### Kansas Warranty Deed

-On January 27th 2025, Grantor Maverick Development LLC conveys and warrants to Grantee Evergreen Industrial LLC all of the following described real estate in Mitchell County, Kansas:

A tract of land beginning 570 ft S of the NW corner of the NW 1/4 of Section 10 Township 7 S, Range 7 W of the 6th P.M., thence E 305 ft; thence S 95 ft; thence W 305 ft; thence N 95 ft, to the place of beginning, all situated in Mitchell County, Kansas, for the sum of \$1.00 and other good and valuable consideration subject to: easements, rights of way, and restrictions of record, highway, streets and roadways, and all visible easements.

-On January 27th 2025, Grantor Maverick Development LLC conveys and warrants to Grantee Evergreen Industrial LLC all of the following described real estate in Mitchell County, Kansas:

A tract in the NW 1/4 of NW 1/4 of Section 10, Township 7 S, Range 7 W, subject to all reservations, restrictions, easements, and rights of way, all of record, and subject to highways and streets and alleys, and all other visible easements, for the sum of \$1.00 and other good and valuable consideration.

-Grantors Julie Parker and David Parker, wife and husband, Bennett Bell and Teri Bell, husband and wife, convey and warrant to Grantees Randy D Budke and Sandra Kay Budke, husband and wife, as Joint Tenants and not as tenants in common, with full rights of survivorship, the whole estate to vest in the survivor in the event of the death of either, all of the following described real estate in Mitchell County, Kansas:

All their undivided interest:

Tract 1: the E 1/2 of the SE 1/4 of Section 3, Township 7 S, Range 6 W of the 6th P.M., Mitchell County, Kansas

Tract 2: The W 1/2 of the SW 1/4 of Section 2, Township 7 S, Range 6 W of the 6th P.M., Mitchell County, Kansas, except a tract commencing at the SW corner of the SW 1/4, thence E on the S line of said SW 1/4 14.5 rods, thence N 5.5 rods, thence NW to a point on the W line of said SW 1/4 7.5 rods N of the point of beginning, thence S 7.5 rods to the point of beginning, for the sum of \$1.00 and other good and valuable considerations except and subject to: easements, restrictions, covenants, and reservations of record, if any. Dated January 27, 2025.

-Grantors Jeffery Kastrup and Linda Beth LaRocque Kastrup, husband and wife, convey and warrant to Grantees Jonathan L Abercrombie and Erin L Abercrombie, husband and wife, as Joint Tenants and not as tenants in common, with full rights of survivorship, the whole estate to vest in the survivor in the event of the death of either, all of the following described real estate in Mitchell County, Kansas:

The SW 1/4 of Section 35, Township 8 S, Range 7 W of the 6th P.M., Mitchell County, Kansas, for the sum

of \$1.00 and other good and valuable considerations except and subject to: easements, restrictions, covenants, and reservations of record, if any. Dated January 31, 2025.

-Grantors Trenton M Harr and Michelle L Harr, husband and wife, convey and warrant to Grantees Grant Arasmith and Jessica Arasmith, husband and wife, as Joint Tenants and not as tenants in common, with full rights of survivorship, the whole estate to vest in the survivor in the event of the death of either, all of the following described real estate in Mitchell County, Kansas:

The W 57 1/2 ft of Lot 5 and all of Lot 6, Block 24, City of Beloit, Mitchell County, Kansas, for the sum of \$1.00 and other good and valuable considerations except and subject to: easements, restrictions, covenants, and reservations of record, if any. Dated January 31, 2025.

-Grantors Chantell Wessling and Joshua Wessling, wife and husband, convey and warrant to Grantees Amber L Corpstein, a single person, and Keaton B Becker, a single person, as Joint Tenants and not as tenants in common, with full rights of survivorship, the whole estate to vest in the survivor in the event of the death of either, all of the following described real estate in Mitchell County, Kansas:

A tract of land in the SW 1/4 of Section 5, Township 8 S, Range 10 W of the 6th P.M., Mitchell County, Kansas, containing 3.1 acres, more or less, inclusive of county road right of way, for the sum of \$1.00 and other good and valuable considerations except and subject to: easements, restrictions, covenants, and reservations of record, if any. Dated February 3, 2025.

-Grantors Royal Diers and Beverly Diers, husband and wife, Enos Diers and Bonnie Diers, husband and wife, Teresa Peterson, a single person, convey and warrant to Grantees Jeffery A Kastrup and Linda B Kastrup, husband and wife, as Joint Tenants and not as tenants in common, with full rights of survivorship, the whole estate to vest in the survivor in the event of the death of either, all of the following described real estate in Mitchell County, Kansas:

The SE 1/4 of Section 3, Township 6 S, Range 10 W of the 6th P.M., Mitchell County, Kansas, for the sum of \$1.00 and other good and valuable considerations except and subject to: easements, restrictions, covenants, and reservations of record, if any. Dated February 4, 2025.

### Trustee's Deed

-Grantors Gregory K Shamburg, Michael D Shamburg, and Brian J Kemling, Trustees of The Michael D Shamburg Share of The Dorinda J Shamburg Trust No. 1 dated February 1, 1992, and their successors, acting pursuant to the powers granted under said Trust, do by these presents grant, bargain, and convey unto Michael D Shamburg all interest in and to the following described real estate:

The S 1/2 of Section 23, Township 8 S, Range 8 W of the 6th P.M., Mitchell County, Kansas

The NE 1/4 of Section 7, Township 6, Range 7 W of the 6th P.M., Mitchell County, Kansas

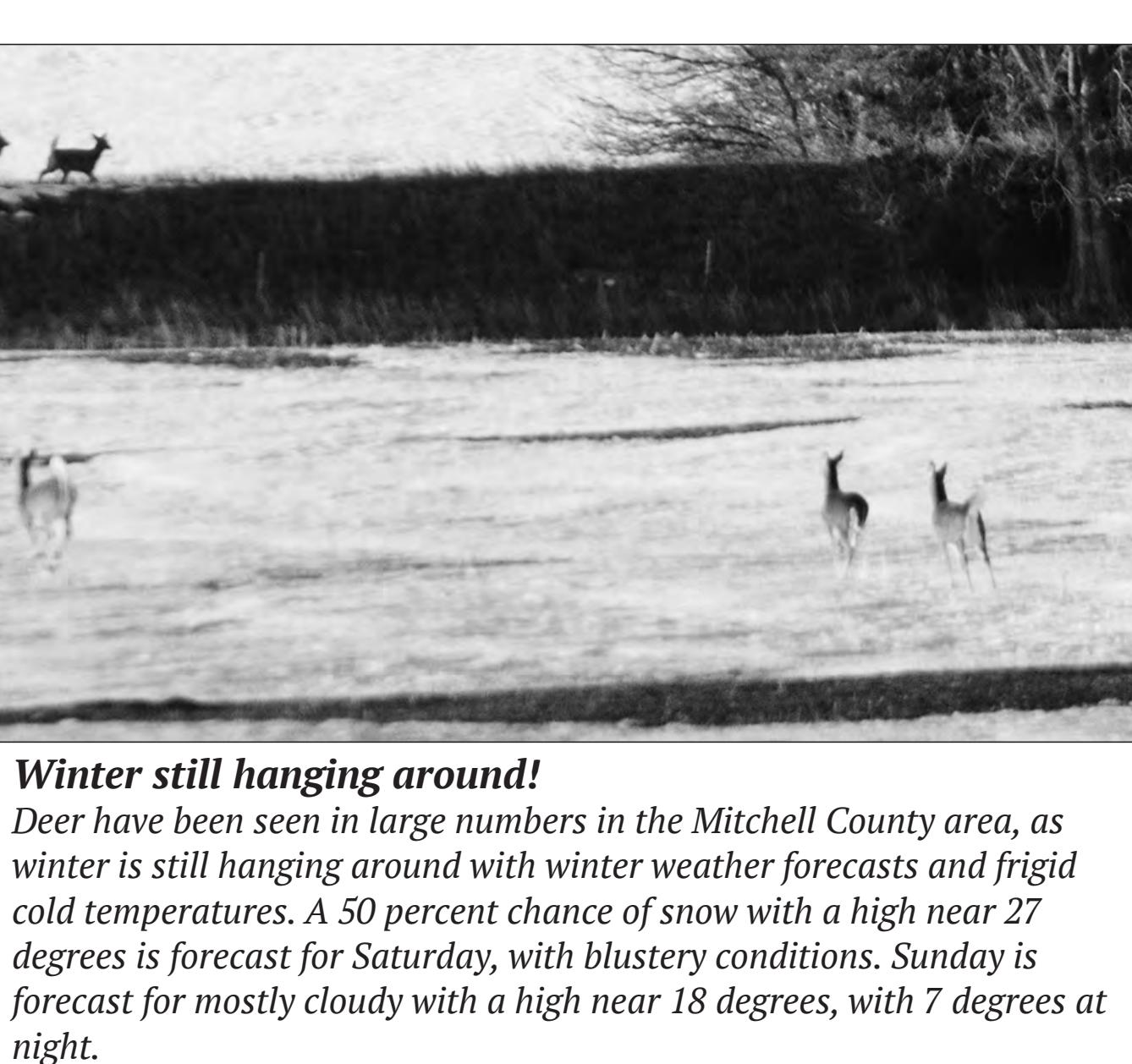
The SE 1/4 of Section 31, Township 7 S, Range 8 W of the 6th P.M., Mitchell County, Kansas.

To have and to hold the above described premises, together with the appurtenances and hereditaments thereunto appertaining, and every part thereof unto the said Grantee as above stated. Grantors further warrant that said Trust is in full force and effect, has not been further amended or revoked, and this conveyance is within their authority as Trustees, with this deed executed on January 28, 2025.

## SHERIFF DEPT.

### Mitchell County Sheriff's Office (MCSO)

-On January 30 MCSO took a report of a single vehicle vs deer accident involving a 2000 Buick LeSabre driven by Colton Jeardoe, Glen Elder.



### Winter still hanging around!

Deer have been seen in large numbers in the Mitchell County area, as winter is still hanging around with winter weather forecasts and frigid cold temperatures. A 50 percent chance of snow with a high near 27 degrees is forecast for Saturday, with blustery conditions. Sunday is forecast for mostly cloudy with a high near 18 degrees, with 7 degrees at night.



Gilmore & Bell, P.C.  
01/29/2025(Published in the *Beloit Call* on February 13, 2025)

## ORDINANCE NO. 2364

AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING ONE OR MORE STREETS WITHIN THE CITY OF BELOIT, KANSAS, AS MAIN TRAFFICWAYS.

WHEREAS, K.S.A. 12-685 *et seq.* (the "Act") provides that the governing body of any city is authorized and empowered to designate and establish, by ordinance, as a main trafficway, any existing or proposed street, boulevard, avenue or part thereof, within such city, the primary function of which is, or shall be, the movement of through traffic between areas of concentrated activity within the city or between such areas within the city and traffic facilities outside the city performing the function of a major trafficway; and such designation by the governing body shall be final and conclusive; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the City of Beloit, Kansas (the "City"), hereby finds and determines that one or more streets within the City should be designated and established as main trafficways as provided by and under the authority of the Act.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF BELOIT, KANSAS:

**Section 1. Designation.** It is hereby authorized, ordered and directed, under the authority of the Act, that the following streets located within the limits of the City are hereby designated and established as main trafficways:

**Main Trafficway**  
Hersey Avenue  
Gaylord Street  
North Walnut Street  
8th Street

**Section 2. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect and be of force from and after its passage by the governing body of the City, approval by the Mayor, and publication in the official City newspaper.

[BALANCE OF THIS PAGE INTENTIONALLY LEFT BLANK]

(First published in the Beloit Call on Thursday, February 13, 2025)

## ORDINANCE NO. 2365

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 16, ARTICLE 1, STANDARD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF BELOIT; AMENDING SECTION 16-107(c) CONCERNING THE REGISTRATION OF ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES AND GOLF CARTS IN THE CITY OF BELOIT, KANSAS.

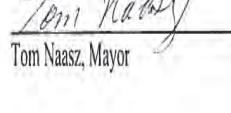
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF BELOIT, KANSAS:

**Section 1.** Chapter 16, Article 1, Section 16-107(c) of the Code of the City of Beloit, Kansas, is hereby amended and restated as follows:

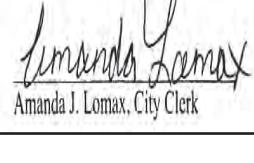
**16-107(c) Registration of All-Terrain Vehicles, Golf Carts, Micro Utility Trucks, and Work-Site Utility Vehicles for Lawful Operation within the City of Beloit.** Except when operated by law enforcement or emergency personnel for law enforcement or emergency purposes or for use in a parade authorized by the Governing Body of the City of Beloit, every owner of a WUV, MUT, ATV, or Golf Cart intended to be operated on a highway, street, road, or alley in the City of Beloit, Kansas, whether such owner is a resident of the City or not, shall before such WUV, MUT, ATV, or Golf Cart is operated on such highway, street, road, or alley, register such vehicle through the office of the Beloit Police Department on such forms as furnished by the Beloit Police Department. The application shall contain the name of the owner, the owner's residential address, a brief description of the vehicle to be registered, insurance information of the vehicle, and such other information as may be required by the department. The application shall be signed by the owner(s). The department shall furnish to every owner whose vehicle is registered a registration plate or decal which shall be displayed prominently on the rear of the vehicle before its operation in the City. A registration fee of \$50 per year per vehicle shall be charged, except that all registrations completed between January 1 and April 1 shall be discounted to \$25 per year per vehicle. Registration fees shall not be prorated. The registration issued hereunder is not transferable. In the event of sale or transfer of ownership of any vehicle registered under this section, the existing registration and the right to use the numbered registration shall expire. It is unlawful for any person other than the person to whom the registration was originally issued to have the same in his possession.

**Section 2.** This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication in the official city newspaper.

PASSED and ADOPTED by the Governing Body and signed by the Mayor this 5<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2025.

  
Tom Naasz, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Amanda J. Lomax, City Clerk

## LOCAL NEWS MEANS THE WORLD TO US!

## CITY OF BELOIT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The City of Beloit is accepting applications for the following positions:

## • Journey/Apprentice Lineman

The city offers competitive starting wages along with on-call pay, call-out pay, and night shift differential pay of \$2/hour. Benefits include Paid Time Off (PTO), KPERS retirement, health insurance, dental insurance, uniforms, and 10 paid holidays. The successful applicant must reside within a 15-minute legal drive of the city limits within 6 months of the date of employment.

Applications accepted until filled and are available at 119 N. Hersey, Beloit, KS, 67420, (785) 738-3551 or on the city website at [www.beloitks.org](http://www.beloitks.org)

*The City of Beloit is an Equal Opportunity Employer (EOE)*

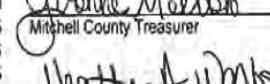
(First published in the Beloit Call on Thursday, Feb. 13, 2025)

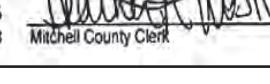
## MITCHELL COUNTY TREASURERS QUARTERLY REPORT

Quarter ending - Jan 31, 2025

FUND	AMOUNT	FUND	AMOUNT
General	4,409,283.82	CEMETERIES	
Courthouse Technology	96,666.84	Scottsville	4,594.40
Reg of Deed Technology	146,178.30	West Asher	4,224.42
Courthouse Renovation	65,888.85	Asheville	3,909.44
Concealed Weapons Prmt	14,612.00	Green mound	2,716.35
Neighborhood Revitalization	195,137.19	New Hope	2,175.31
Registered Offender	28,820.00	Salt Creek	1,560.95
ROD Escrow	1,452.20	Browns Crk Fairview	2,002.05
Carol Fleming Reward	8,627.40	Honey Creek	1,743.59
Crime Victim Restitution	16,531.30	Hopewell	1,563.09
MVE-1 - Inspections	58,596.00	Pleasant View	2,895.66
Clerk's ROD Tech	18,921.55	Elmira	606.34
Treasurer ROD Tech	20,369.15	Round Springs	2,953.70
ARPA Grant	200,111.00	Walnut Creek	1,106.01
Road & Bridge	2,671,942.90	South Fairview	672.95
Rd & Bridge: Cap Outlay	73,605.59	Excelsior Naomi	3,099.67
Special Bridge	241,114.42	High Prairie	856.49
Fair Building	22,279.34	Rose Valley	1,764.90
Soil Conservation	21,102.70	Greenwood Union	4,214.97
Special Machinery	1,198,766.94	Prairie Grove Gen.	7,699.69
Noxious Weed	110,534.11	Jt. Summit	130.85
Nox. Weed-Capital Outlay	104,019.62	TOWNSHIPS	
Ambulance	963,434.31	Lulu Road	32,684.79
Ambulance-Spec. Equip.	624,350.26	Asherville Gen.	459.60
Ambulance-Cap. Outlay	395,324.99	Asherville Road	32,885.63
Rescue Squad Spec. Equ	85,570.94	Logan Road	32,715.53
Water Rescue Spec Equip	9,144.76	Eureka Road	100,816.89
Elderly Services	111,446.56	Plum Creek Gen.	2,616.88
Hospital Maintenance	214,379.86	Plum Creek Road	23,696.99
County Health	693,187.07	Beloi General	2,728.70
Co Health-Capital Outlay	309,284.49	Beloi Road	71,221.89
Co Health Memorial	5,363.68	Bloomfield Gen.	294.77
Election	53,773.57	Bloomfield Road	20,039.52
Election Technology	15,853.10	Salt Creek Road	47,255.46
Historical Museum	5,651.25	Solomon Rdps Gen	154.12
Solid Waste	365,568.79	Solomon Rdps Rd	30,561.69
Reappraisal	211,254.35	Turkey Creek Gen.	1,129.33
Reappraisal-Cap. Outlay	118,131.05	Turkey Creek Road	37,382.61
Worthless Check Assmt.	14,616.25	Center Road	36,690.61
P.A.T.F.	7,040.35	Round Springs Gen	234.35
Spec. Hwy Improvement	1,890,896.77	Round Springs Road	27,037.81
Current Taxes	168,730.56	Glen Elder Gen	898.25
Motor Vehicle Taxes	26,085.66	Walnut Creek Gen.	412.71
MOVRS	131,879.98	Walnut Creek Road	14,112.45
Redemptions	69,997.89	Hayes Road	28,652.98
Tax Judgements	12,056.40	Blue Hill Gen.	11.92
Prepaid Taxes	1,907.67	Blue Hill Road	17,524.08
Impounded Taxes	2,239.06	Cawker Road	14,610.87
Partial Redemptions	0.00	Carr Creek General	61.85
Refund Warrants	4,963.05	Carr Creek Road	12,278.15
Hunt, Fish & Trap	86.75	Pittsburg General	1,550.79
Unclaimed Legacies	73.59	Pittsburg Road	23,797.79
Asset Forfeiture	-214.50	Custer General	2,216.30
Law Enforcement Trust	29,287.83	Custer Road	16,488.62
Long/Short	85.35		
Wireless E-911	2,186.97		
911 Telephone	378.10		
Heritage Trust	1,087.00		
Transient Guest	20,598.55		
SWI.P.	665.00		
911-PSAP	70,408.64		
Employee Benefit	1,277.60		
Payroll Clearing	223,885.62		
MCO Fire Dist. # 1	50,495.79		
MCO Fire # 1-Sp Equip.	98,023.65		
Tipton Fire # 2	26,314.35		
Tipton Fire # 2-Sp Equip.	50,017.95		
Sol. Rapids Fire # 3	58,650.35		
Sol. Rap. Fire # 3 Sp. Eq.	34,255.58		
		TOTAL	17,607,982.69

STATE OF KANSAS, COUNTY OF  
MITCHELL: I the undersigned do  
solemnly swear that the above  
statement is complete, true and  
correct to best of my knowledge.

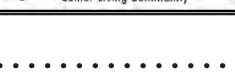
  
Yvonne Mutton  
Mitchell County Treasurer

  
Heather Weston  
Mitchell County Clerk

**- NOW HIRING -**  
**MDS/Care Plan Nurse**  
**Night Nurse**

Apply in person or contact Keeley at 785-243-2720.

Quick apply online at [sunsethomeinc.com](http://sunsethomeinc.com)

  
Solomon Valley  
Cinema  
Senior Living Community

BELOIT, KS.  
1234 N. Independence Ave., Beloit  
[www.beloitmovies.com](http://www.beloitmovies.com)  
(785) 738-4800

ENJOY THE LOCAL  
MOVIES PROVIDED!

CLOSED ON MONDAYS

Feb. 14 to Feb. 20

**Captain America:  
Brave New World**

PG-13 (2 hrs., 5 mins.)

Harrison Ford, Liv Tyler,  
Rosa Salazar

Friday/Saturday 7 p.m.

Sunday: 2 &amp; 7 p.m.

Tuesday-Thursday: 7:30 p.m.

Sam Wilson, the new Captain America, finds himself in the middle of an international incident and must discover the motive behind a nefarious global plan.

**Paddington  
in Peru**

PG-13 (1 hr., 50 mins.)

Hugh Bonneville, Emily  
Mortimer, Ben Wishaw

Friday/Saturday 7:30 p.m.

Sunday: 2:30 &amp; 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday-Thursday: 7:30 p.m.

Paddington returns to Peru to visit his beloved Aunt Lucy, who now resides at the Home for Retired Bears. With the Brown family in tow, a thrilling adventure ensues when a mystery plunges them into an unexpected journey.

**Tuesday Night Pinsplitters**

February 4, 2025

Eagles	11	5
S&S Drug	8	8
Calhoon Racing	8	8
Screwballs	5	11

**High Score Game - Men**

Brandon Rogers	247
Joe Witt	234
Shawn Heidrick	211

**High Hcp Game - Men**

Brandon Rogers	278
Joe Witt	260
Kenny Heald	237

## Help Wanted

HELP WANTED: Full or Part-time, Beloit Ready Mix. 785-738-4683. tfc

## Bake Sale

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

(First published in the Beloit Call on Thursday, February 13, 2025)

## ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

City of Beloit, Kansas (Owner) is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project:

2025 North Hersey Avenue, Gaylord Street, North Walnut Street, & East 8th Street Reconstruction, Schwab Eaton Project No. 17.107

Bids for the construction of the Project will be received at the City Clerk's office in the Municipal Building, 119 N. Hersey Ave., PO Box 567, Beloit, Kansas 67420, until Thursday, March 6, 2025 at 2:00 PM local time. At that time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read.

The Project includes the following Work:

Reconstruction of Hersey/Gaylord/Walnut Streets between Gaylord and US-24 (Base); and reconstruction of 8th Street between Hersey and Poplar (Alternate).

Information and Bidding Documents for the Project can be found at the following designated website: [www.drexeltech.com](http://www.drexeltech.com)

Prospective Bidders are urged to register with the designated website as a plan holder, even if Bidding Documents are obtained from a plan room or source other than the designated website in either electronic or paper format. The designated website will be updated periodically with addenda, lists of registered plan holders, reports, and other information relevant to submitting a Bid for the Project. All official notifications, addenda, and other Bidding Documents will be offered only through the designated website.

Prospective Bidders may also examine the Bidding Documents at the City Clerk's office in the Municipal Building, 119 N. Hersey Ave., Beloit, Kansas 67420 on Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM and 1:00PM – 5:00 PM. Neither full nor partial sets of Bidding Documents will be available from the Owner or the Engineer.

Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including addenda, if any, obtained from sources other than the designated website above.

For all further requirements regarding bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and contract award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents.



## LOCAL NEWS MEANS THE WORLD TO US!

# 84%

of Kansans believe government should be required to publish **public notices** in print and digital **newspapers** as a service to the community

**The right of the people to keep a free & transparent press is obligatory for us citizens. Public notices belong in newspapers!**

Leavenworth County resident

**KansasPublicNotices.com**

\*2024 Kansas State Study: Conducted by Coda Ventures



## For Sale

Place your 25-word classified in the Kansas Press Association and 135 more newspapers for only \$300/ week. Find employees, sell your home or your car. Call the Kansas Press Association @ 785-271-5304 today!

## Misc.

Attention: VIAGRA and CIALIS USERS! A cheaper alternative to high drugstore prices! 50 Pill Special - Only \$99! 100% guaranteed. CALL NOW: 1-866-481-0668

## Misc.

We Buy Vintage Guitars! Looking for 1920-1980 Gibson, Martin, Fender, Gretsch, Epiphone, Guild, Mosrite, Rickenbacker, Prairie State, D'Angelico, Stromberg, And Gibson Mandolins / Banjos. These brands only! Call for a quote: 1-877-560-1992

## Misc.

CASH PAID FOR HIGH-END MEN'S SPORT WATCHES. Rolex, Breitling, Omega, Patek Philippe, Heuer, Daytona, GMT, Submariner and Speedmaster. These brands only! Call for a quote: 1-866-481-0636.

## Misc.

GOT AN UNWANTED CAR??? DONATE IT TO PATRIOTIC HEARTS. Fast free pick up. All 50 States. Patriotic Hearts' programs help veterans find work or start their own business. Call 24/7: 1-877-560-5087

## Misc.

BATH & SHOWER UPDATES in as little as ONE DAY! Affordable prices - No payments for 18 months! Lifetime warranty & professional installs. Senior & Military Discounts available. Call: 1-866-481-0747

## Kansas Classifieds

## Misc.

STOP OVERPAYING FOR HEALTH INSURANCE! A recent study shows that a majority of people struggle to pay for health coverage. Let us show you how much you can save. Call Now for a no-obligation quote: 1-888-519-3376 You will need to have your zip code to connect to the right provider.

## Misc.

INJURED IN AN ACCIDENT? Don't Accept the insurance company's first offer. Many injured parties are entitled to cash settlements in the \$10,000's. Get a free evaluation to see what your case is really worth. 100% Free Evaluation. Call Now: 1-888-920-1883

## Misc.

AGING ROOF? NEW HOMEOWNER? STORM DAMAGE? You need a local expert provider that proudly stands behind their work. Fast, free esti-

mate. Financing available.

Call 1-877-589-0093 Have zip code of property ready when calling!

## Misc

WATER DAMAGE CLEANUP & RESTORATION: A small amount of water can lead to major damage in your home. Our trusted professionals do complete repairs to protect your family and your home's value! Call 24/7: 1-877-586-6688. Have zip code of service location ready when you call!

## Misc

NEED NEW WINDOWS? Drafty rooms? Chipped or damaged frames? Need outside noise reduction? New, energy efficient windows may be the answer! Call for a consultation & FREE quote today, 1-866-766-5558 You will need to have your zip code to connect to the right provider.

(First Published in the Beloit Call, on January 30, 2025.)

### IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MITCHELL COUNTY, KANSAS

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

#### NOTICE OF HEARING

#### THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

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

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

Curtis A. Frasier  
Frasier, Johnson & Martin, LLC  
P.O. Box 369  
116 North Hersey  
Beloit, Kansas 67420-0369  
(785) 738-5723

1-30/2-6/2-13

## BELOIT

Thursday, Feb. 20 • 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Mitchell County Health Department

310 W 8th St, Beloit, KS 67420

*Bringing Our Office To You!*

### Complete Hearing Aid Services

Testing • Home Service • Repairs • Low Prices

Hearing HealthCare of Salina

800-448-0215 • 234 S. Santa Fe, Salina

Brian Green

# Print 5

## WE ARE AT OUR

*New Location*

INSIDE THE BLADE-EMPIRE BUILDING

510 WASHINGTON STREET

785-243-1520



**KansasPublicNotices.com**

\*2024 Kansas State Study: Conducted by Coda Ventures



WE ARE HERE

BLADE EMPIRE

PARKING LOT

WASHINGTON STREET

CENTURY 21

OLD PALMQUIST

BUILDING

OLD

PRINT

5

6TH STREET

EASY G

BROADWAY STREET

6TH STREET

7TH STREET

8TH STREET

9TH STREET

10TH STREET

11TH STREET

12TH STREET

13TH STREET

14TH STREET

15TH STREET

16TH STREET

17TH STREET

18TH STREET

19TH STREET

20TH STREET

21ST STREET

22ND STREET

23RD STREET

24TH STREET

25TH STREET

26TH STREET

27TH STREET

28TH STREET

29TH STREET

30TH STREET

31ST STREET

32ND STREET

33RD STREET

34TH STREET

35TH STREET

36TH STREET

37TH STREET

38TH STREET

39TH STREET

40TH STREET

41ST STREET

42ND STREET

43RD STREET

44TH STREET

45TH STREET

46TH STREET

47TH STREET

48TH STREET

49TH STREET

50TH STREET

51ST STREET

52ND STREET

53RD STREET

54TH STREET

55TH STREET

56TH STREET

57TH STREET

58TH STREET

59TH STREET

60TH STREET

61ST STREET

62ND STREET

63RD STREET

64TH STREET

65TH STREET

66TH STREET

67TH STREET

68TH STREET

69

# Stubble

continued from 1

"The film of, just not regular homesteaders, but Germans that decided to immigrate after the Civil War, into Osborne county, outside of Downs, Kansas, is relatable to us all," said Spurgeon. "I feel this book, that grabbed my attention, has now been made into an adult version of a love story, is people-to-people oriented, and those can relate about that love and about the love of the land as well. The combination of all these things is heartfelt."

Henry Ise was born in 1841 in Germany. He joined an Illinois Regiment in the Civil War. Rosina (Rosina) Christine Haag was born in 1855 in Wisconsin to German parents. Her family relocated to Holton, Kansas, in Jackson county.

When Henry Ise moved, in a covered wagon, he was robbed of \$300, which was a huge loss back then. He made a claim to the Downs area, and was then introduced to the Haag family. When married and with the loss of his son, Albert H. Ise, at the age of 4, in 1874, from rabies, Henry came to lose 90 percent of his faith, going through such heartache, along with financial failures, grasshopper plagues and water issues. Although he was an optimist, he also lost his way. His beloved wife told him, "We are not going to quit."



Film director and writer, Ken Spurgeon and Linda Miller of Downs, who provided the site, with husband Don, for the filming of "Sod & Stubble."

The classic homestead at Downs has been re-created for the filming. Although the original site was not available, Linda and Don Miller of Downs took action when she heard about the possible filming and they offered a site, three years ago. That is when it all began. "The house has been re-created, and it looks amazing," said Spurgeon.

"People can relate to the scenes of this film," said Spurgeon. "When Henry is dying and his last wish was to ride around the farm – this still hap-

pens today. We can relate with this touching scene."

Henry passed in 1900 and Rosa in 1947.

Another great detail of the film was that all of the aging process is authentically re-created.

John Ise – son to Henry and Rosa Ise – has history of his own, that in being an economics professor at Kansas University. While being able to go through his historical items, a collection of note scraps came in handy, that his mom Rosa wrote for John and this helped create the narrative. A bag of smok-

ing pipes was also found, from what John smoked on each day. John had a bad leg as a child and wore a brace. He was pulled around with a dog sled in his childhood days and as an adult had to have his leg amputated and later wore a prosthetic. He was well known to students at college, that admired him. The filming of "Sod & Stubble" took place from June 24, 2023, to Aug. 4, 2023. It includes some locals as fill-ins and a lot of artifacts were used from the Mitchell County Historical Society, as well as other collectors of antique items, including the 1860 original horse-drawn hearse used for a funeral scene. The carriage, donated by a 96-year-old collector, was wrapped in bubble wrap, and transported to the filming site from a private museum.

An antique cookstove was dismantled at the MCHS and used in the movie. It belonged to the late Elma Gran, who lived near Asherville.

Some of the famous actors and their playing parts include: Bailey Chase as Henry Ise; Dodie Brown as Rosie Ise; Mary McDonough as Mary Bartsch, and Darby Hinton as Chris Bartsch.

Descendants of the Ise family, including a granddaughter to Henry and Rosa Ise, were able to attend a sneak peak of the filming premiere and she said it was the greatest day of her life.



The re-creation of the Ise house as it looks today, outside of Downs.



Henry and Rosie Ise, May 16, 1873, near Holton, Kansas (Jackson County).



A family photo taken of the Ise home, in the 1800's, near Downs. Henry and Rosa Ise are shown in the middle by the house. John Ise is third from the right side, standing with his cane.



Dog, Coalie, and John Ise with the dog cart. When Coalie was getting very old, the family realized they had no good photo of him, so they photographed him later here, when John was really too big for the cart. The brace can be seen on John's right leg.

## Mitchell County Historical Society hosts annual meeting

BY SHARON SAHLFELD

Call Editor

The Mitchell County Historical Society was host to its 62nd annual meeting program on Sunday, Feb. 2, 2025, at the Beloit Elementary School, as Director Kyle Peterson talked about how the early settlers in 1879 kept alive their times with interviews and sharing their stories. They started collecting artifacts and data in 1902.

"Today, we are forced to evolve with the times to stay alive," said Peterson.

In the early 1902-1961, with WWI and WWII, it affected on how museums had to really evolve to sustain themselves. Newspaper editor, Allan Holton, published his works in booklet form, which helped capture events such as the Horse Carriage parade in 1961, and more, to help them celebrate the Kansas Centennial.

The Mitchell County museum, which started with 9,000 square feet in the building off Eighth street by the hospital, thrived through the Willow Springs Arts Council, but after 12 years, has since purchased the old American Legion building and is still in the process of being moved to the Independence address. It has sustained the Gabel Farm off Highway 14, and are receiving support from all over, with people having connections through Mitchell County. The Carl Broadbent Memorial is thankful to the community and to all with the help of moving items to the new location, with 85 percent of it completed. And a huge appreciation went to Margaret Moore and Kathryn Roberts for their monumental job of helping with photographing all the items to keep on file. To date, they have taken 111 trailer loads to be relocated. Only one 1856 piano remains to be moved, so if anyone is interested in helping, please contact the museum. Any donations are welcome as well. Charlie Mears and George Chapman were also recognized in helping with the process through maintenance and otherwise.

Memorial Day "Talking Tomb Stones" event is in the works. The museum will be presenting a rotating process on items with the 1940's era planned for the

Spurgeon shares process of love story being made into a film



Ken Spurgeon, film director and writer, was the guest speaker at the Mitchell County Historical Society (MCHS) 62nd annual meeting on Feb. 2, 2025, held at the Beloit Elementary School. He is best known for "Home on the Range" and "The Road to Valhalla," both recipients of the Wrangler Award for Best Documentary from the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and recently, the Best Western Film at the Chandler International Film Festival, in Arizona.



Mitchell County Museum Director Kyle Peterson talks with Beloit local, Marlene Armstrong, during the 62nd annual meeting. Armstrong is one of several locals that took part in the "Sod & Stubble" filming, outside of Downs, Kansas.

SHARON SAHLFELD PHOTOS

reopening. A 1948 super-rare television that was the first television sent into the Kansas network will be on display.

"With all of the evolving and the changing society today, people are becoming more interested in the research area," Peterson said. "We have at least two a week, asking for information, and we have amazing connections involved the last year with Yale University, with homesteaders being looked into that were a part of the Mitchell County area. Even actor, Lily Tomlin, has contacted us for information on her family that settled in the area."