

#2 T-Birds fall to Cavs, Barton to end historic season

Ending arguably the greatest season in program history, as the team finished the regular season ranked at number two in the country, the Cloud County Community College baseball team dropped a pair of games in the NJCAA D1 Plains District tournament to close the 2026 season.

Versus Johnson County, the T-Birds lost 13-4.

JC struck first in the bottom of the second to take the early 1-0 lead in the do-or-die elimination game. A Kellan Burke home run in the top of the fourth tied the game at 1-1, but the Cavs had their own homer in the bottom of the inning to hold a 2-1 lead. A Simon Baker single scored two and a Burke single scored one to put the T-Birds back up 4-2, but JC countered with their own three-run inning to make it 5-4. After a scoreless sixth inning, the Cavs scored eight runs in the seventh to end the T-Birds' season 13-4, and with a 50-7 record.

Burke had one run scored on two hits with two RBIs; Tanner Jacobson scored one run on one hit; Vasya Seymour and Kaden Budke scored one run each.

Versus Butler in the elimination bracket, the T-Birds won 12-2.

Cloud scored first in the bottom of the first on a two-run home run by Burke to put the T-Birds up 2-0. After a scoreless second, a Luke Clayton single scored Burke to go up 3-0 after three innings. Butler scored a pair of runs in the top of the fourth on a two-run home run to make it 3-2 Cloud.

Cloud blew the game open in retaliation with six runs, including three home runs from Jacobson, Laukkanen, and Clayton to put Cloud up 9-2. In the fifth, Jackson scored Seymour on a single, and a Laukkanen homer that scored Jacobson ended the game by run rule 12-2.

Laukkanen scored three runs on two hits with three RBIs; Burke scored three runs on one hit and a walk with two RBIs; Seymour scored two runs on three hits; Jacobson scored two runs on two hits with three RBIs. Cohen Nelson earned the win on the mound with seven strikeouts, four hits, four walks, and two runs in five innings pitched.

Versus Barton, the T-Birds lost 11-9. Barton drew first blood in the top of the first to take the early lead, and piled on three more runs in the third and four runs in the fifth to go up 8-0 after five innings. Cloud got on the board in the sixth, with a Nolan Green single scoring Kyle Walker, and a Luke Clayton sacrifice fly scored Burke to make it 8-2.

After the Cougars scored a solo run in the top of the seventh, Cloud roared in the bottom of the inning and scored seven runs to tie the game 9-9. Barton scored a pair of runs in the eighth to take the lead and would hold on to put Cloud into the elimination bracket.

Baker scored two runs on two hits with two RBIs, Burke scored two runs on two hits and a walk, and Green scored one run on four hits with three RBIs.

Council members announced SVCF Inaugural Youth Action

Solomon Valley Community Foundation (SVCF) is excited to announce the first-ever class of students selected to serve on the newly formed Youth Action Council (YAC), a leadership and enrichment program designed to empower high school students to become active change makers in their communities.

The inaugural council includes students from Beloit, St. John's and Tipton schools, who will spend the upcoming school year learning about leadership, volunteerism, philanthropy, and community engagement while working together to address issues impacting local youth.

The 2026-2027 Youth Action Council members include:

- Miley Kemmerer, Beloit
- Lila Lowery, St. John's
- Scarlet Ellenz, Tipton
- Brooks Dunstan, St. John's
- Trayl Lowery, St. John's
- Maryann Walter, St. John's
- Karrydy Dunstan, St. John's
- Avery Budke, Beloit
- Jaedyn Arnoldy, Tipton
- Emma Hackerott, Tipton
- Izabella Hyman, Beloit
- Maura Knappert, St. John's

The Youth Action Council brings Mitchell County students in grades 9-11

together to explore leadership, philanthropy and community involvement, while developing skills that will help shape the future of their communities.

The group will officially kick off in August, with team-building activities and an introduction to the mission of the SVCF and YAC program. Throughout the year, students will participate in monthly sessions covering a variety of topics including volunteerism, philanthropy, leadership, grant writing, nonprofit vs. for-profit, and issues affecting youth in their schools and communities.

"The Youth Action Council is an exciting opportunity to invest in the next generation of community leaders," said Julia Rabe, SVCF Executive Director. "We want students to understand that their voices matter, and that they have the ability to make a meaningful impact right now in their schools and communities."

The mission of Youth Action Council is to encourage active community participation, cultivate a spirit of philanthropy, and instill a deep sense of community pride among area youth.

For more information about the Solomon Valley Community Foundation Youth Action Council, visit www.solomonvalleycf.org/yac.

CVA announces investment in Daykin Mill Expansion Supporting evolving protein production

York, NE – May 13, 2026 — Central Valley Ag (CVA) is pleased to announce a strategic investment in its Daykin, Nebraska feed mill, positioning the cooperative to support the evolving needs of protein production across the region. Construction is expected to be completed in May 2027.

This investment includes expanding pelleting capabilities, additional ingredient storage, improved load-out capacity, and the addition of natural gas service. Together, these enhancements will increase efficiency, improve throughput, and strengthen CVA's ability to meet growing and changing demand.

"This investment reflects our commitment to growing alongside our customers and the broader protein production

industry," said Doug Rowse, Senior Vice President of Feed at Central Valley Ag. "As production continues to evolve, we're focused on making strategic improvements that enhance efficiency, expand capacity, and position CVA to capture future opportunities."

CVA currently supports a range of livestock and poultry producers across its trade territory, delivering consistent, high-quality feed solutions. The Daykin expansion will further strengthen CVA's capabilities in feed manufacturing, pelleting, and overall operational efficiency.

"This project reinforces CVA's long-term focus on supporting producers, adapting to market challenges, and investing in infrastructure that enables sustainable growth," Rowse said.

CVA donates to Kansas and Nebraska Food banks Combined \$30,000 donation to support hunger relief

YORK, NEB. – Central Valley Ag (CVA) cooperative is proud to announce a combined \$30,000 donation to support hunger relief efforts across Nebraska and Kansas, helping provide thousands of meals to families facing food insecurity throughout the region.

The donations include \$15,000 contributions to both the Kansas Food Bank and Nebraska Food Bank. Together, the donation will help provide nutritious meals and resources to individuals and families experiencing hunger in the communities it serves.

During the season, fans watched every shot beyond the arc contribute to a greater purpose, turning game-day moments into meaningful community impact. Through partnerships with Kansas State University and the University of Nebraska, CVA sponsored season-long three-point initiatives during the men's and women's basketball seasons. Every three-pointer made throughout the season contributed to the cooperative's commitment to support regional food

banks and raise awareness for hunger relief efforts.

"Supporting rural communities goes beyond agriculture for us," said Owen Baker, SVP of Marketing at CVA. "We're proud to partner with organizations that work every day to make sure people have access to the meals they need." "Programs like this bring people together in a fun and meaningful way," Baker said. "Every three-pointer represented an opportunity to help a family in need and support food banks doing critical work across Nebraska and Kansas."

The donations will help both food banks continue providing nutritious meals and essential resources to families throughout their service areas at a time when many households continue to face rising costs.

Central Valley Ag is a farmer-owned cooperative with locations in Iowa, Kansas, and Nebraska. CVA is an innovative leader providing products and services in grain, agronomy, feed, and energy.

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25 MEMORIAL DAY LUNCH	26 Cheese Ravioli Florentine, Garden Salad, Garlic Bread, Red Velvet Bar	27 Honey Glazed Pork Loin, Stuffing, Carrots, Garlic Bread, Ice Cream	28 NATIONAL BRISKET & BURGER DAY	29 Butterfly Shrimp, Cocktail Sauce, Wild Rice, Sugar Snap Peas, Cherry Pie

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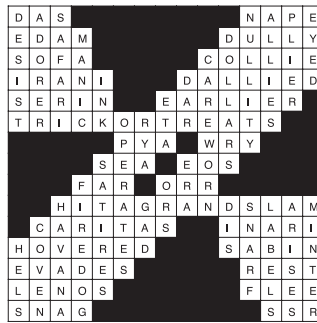
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GENERAL NOTICE TO CONTROL NOXIOUS WEEDS

The Kansas Noxious Weed Law K.S.A. 2-1314 et seq requires all persons who own or supervise land in Kansas to control and eradicate all weeds declared noxious by legislative action. The weeds declared noxious are: field bindweed, musk thistle, sericea lespedeza, Johnson grass, bur ragweed, Canada thistle, leafy spurge, hoary cress, quack grass, Russian knapweed, kudzu and pignut. Notice is hereby given pursuant to the Kansas Noxious Weed Law to every person who owns or supervises land in Cloud County that noxious weeds growing or found on such land shall be controlled and eradicated. Control is defined as preventing the production of viable seed and the vegetative spread of the plant.

Failure to observe this notice may result in the County:

1. Serving a legal notice requiring control of the noxious weeds within a minimum of five days. Failure to control the noxious weeds within the time period allowed may result in the county treating the noxious weeds at the landowner's expense and placing a lien on the property if the bill is not paid within 30 days or,
2. Filing Criminal charges for non compliance. Conviction for non compliance may result in a fine of \$100 per day of non compliance with a maximum fine of \$1500.

The public is also hereby notified that it is a violation of the Kansas Noxious Weed Law to barter, sell or give away infested nursery stock of livestock feed unless the feed is fed on the farm where grown or sold to a commercial processor that will destroy the viability of the noxious weed seed. Custom harvesting machines must be labeled with a label provided by the Kansas Dept. of Agriculture and must be free of all weed seed and litter when entering the state and when leaving a field infested with noxious weeds. Additional information may be obtained from the Cloud County Noxious Weed Department or by contacting the Kansas Dept. of Agriculture, 1320 Research Park Drive, Manhattan, KS 66502

PUBLIC NOTICE INVITING BIDS DEMOLITION OF CONDEMNED PROPERTY

Notice is hereby given that the City of Miltonvale, Kansas, is accepting sealed bids for the demolition and removal of a condemned structure located at: 502 1ST ST. MILTONVALE, KANSAS 67466

The South Half (S1/2) of Lot Four (4), and all of Lots Five (5) and Six (6), in Block Thirty-four (34), North Addition to the City of Miltonvale, Cloud County, Kansas, according to the recorded Plat thereof.

The project generally consists of the complete demolition of the existing structure(s), removal and lawful disposal of all debris, site grading, and restoration in accordance with all applicable local, state, and federal regulations.

Bid Submission Requirements: Sealed bids must be clearly marked "Demolition Bid – 502 1ST ST. MILTONVALE, KANSAS 67466" and submitted to the office of City of Miltonvale, 107 Starr Ave, no later than June 1, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. Late submissions will not be considered.

Bid Opening: Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the City Council meeting on June 1, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

Contract Documents: Specifications, bid forms, and additional details may be obtained from Amanda Blackwood, City Clerk at 785-427-3380, or in person at 107 Starr Ave, Miltonvale, KS during regular business hours.

Site Inspection: Bidders are encouraged to inspect the property prior to submitting a bid. Access arrangements may be made by contacting Amanda Blackwood, City Clerk at 785-427-3380.

Requirements: Contractor must be properly licensed and insured. Proof of liability insurance and workers' compensation coverage is required. All work must comply with environmental and safety regulations, including proper handling of hazardous materials, if applicable.

The City of Miltonvale reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive informalities, and to accept the bid deemed in the best interest of the municipality.

Amanda Blackwood, City Clerk