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MLHS Wins Sportsmanship Award From KSHSAA

BY JASON JUMP
Editor

Promoting sportsmanship at all Kansas State High School Activities Association (KSHSAA) events remains a priority for the association and its member schools.

The second annual League Sportsmanship Award gave each league/conference the opportunity to identify a KSHSAA Basketball Sportsmanship League/Conference Champion. A total of 36 Kansas

high schools were eligible for recognition, with one selected per league or conference by their peers.

Medicine Lodge was selected as the winner of the Central Plains League, while Kingman County neighbor Cunningham was selected as the Heart of the Plains League champion.

"I am so proud of our players, cheerleaders, coaches, pep section and adult fans," USD 254 Superintendent Ryan Cunningham said via

email. "They brought excitement and positive energy all season long!"

"We strive to be loud and encouraging for our students, so this is a great honor for others to notice."

Cunningham said a number of people were responsible for helping create the great atmosphere behind the scenes each week.

"Thanks to our cheer sponsor, Karen (Cunningham), our awesome cheerleaders and our admin-

istrators, Judd (Dohrmann and Adam (Maloney) for their work to create a fun and exciting game experience."

The superintendent said the business community and other supporters were also a big part of the success MLJH/HS experienced this year through the new sponsorship program.

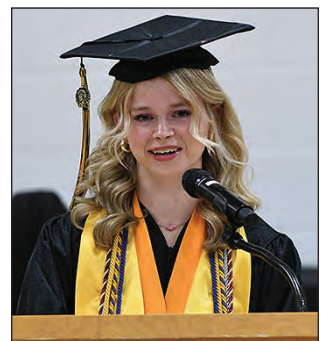
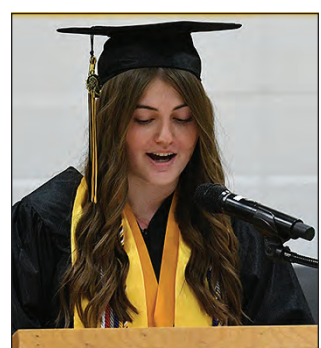
"I would also give a shout-out to all of our 'fan of the game' sponsors as this undoubtedly helped us create excitement in the student

section," Cunningham said. "You all are appreciated."

Assistant Executive Director of Fine Arts and Spirit Megan Hagaman said KSHSAA has made an ongoing effort to continue "emphasizing the value of sportsmanship in education-based activities and athletic programs."

"This award is a wonderful testimony to our schools' professionalism and efforts to promote

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South Barber High School's 2026 Valedictorian Danielle MacKinney, top, and Salutatorian Tanith Erikson, bottom, address their classmates, SBHS administrators, teachers, parents and relatives during Sunday's graduation ceremony.

SBHS Seniors Bid Farewell

BY JASON JUMP
Editor

A class of 12 South Barber High School seniors said their final goodbyes to an educational journey that ended with graduation Sunday afternoon.

Valedictorian Danielle MacKinney said her journey started 5,541 days prior to Sunday. She said the entire class had "endured a lot" to reach the final destination of their undergraduate careers, which included a second-grade wedding, competitions again each other and "surviving" certain classes.

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Data Center Protest



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Young Barber County families road on a trailer to protest Google's Project Helium Monday morning prior to the county commission meeting held. A number of farmers and land owners organized a protest with farm equipment, including semis and tractors that drove up Main Street and around the county's annex and courthouse Wednesday morning.

Commissioners Vote Unanimously to Table Decision to Vacate Lone Tree Rd.

BY JASON JUMP
Editor

Barber County commissioners decided Wednesday that no decision would be made on a request to vacate

a portion of Lone Tree Rd.

The board voted unanimously, 3-0, to push off a decision for at least a month as commissioners requested more information from Google, who originally made the request, in rela-



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A caravan of local farmers with their semis, trucks and tractors make their way up Main Street Wednesday morning to protest Google's Project Helium and the closure of a portion of Lone Tree Rd.

tion to the proposed Project Helium data center the global tech giant wants to build just north of Sharon off Highway 160.

Barber County Attorney Hannah Molz said the request to vacate was a one-mile section of Lone Tree Rd. between SE Walstead Rd and NE Blackmore Rd. If the county decides to vacate that portion of the road the land would be returned to the "surface landowners."

Google representative Andrew Harnish addressed the commissioners and the standing-room only crowd that gathered in the Barber County Annex Wednesday morning. He said the company had moved the footprint of the project further to the north, which meant the actual data center buildings would have to be built in

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KDHE Monitoring Individuals

PRESS RELEASE

TOPEKA – The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE), in coordination with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the local health department, is currently monitoring three individuals with a high-risk exposure to a person with confirmed Andes hantavirus.

Under CDC guidance, high-risk exposure may include prolonged close contact or shared living space with a symptomatic individual, or close proximity during travel.

The exposure occurred internationally after contact with an individual from the MV Hondius cruise ship who later tested positive for Andes hantavirus. The three individuals in Kansas were not aboard the cruise ship and are not currently experiencing symptoms. To protect their privacy, no additional details will be shared about these individuals.

Based on our current knowledge of Andes virus, individuals are not considered infectious to others unless they become symptomatic.

At this time, there are no suspected or confirmed cases of hantavirus in Kansas. KDHE continues to assess the risk to the public from the Andes hantavirus as extremely low. KDHE will provide additional updates to the public as necessary.

Virus Background

Hantaviruses are usually spread through contact with wild rodent droppings, urine, and saliva. Hantaviruses are found in the

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Law Enforcement Officials, Partners Host Bicycle Rodeo, Safety Class

PRESS RELEASE

The Medicine Lodge Police Department, with assistance from the Barber County Attorney's Office, Medicine Lodge Memorial Hospital, Barber County Sheriff's Department, DCCCA, parent volunteers,

and Medicine Lodge Grade School staff, presented a Bicycle and Scooter Safety Class and Demonstration for local students last Thursday.

Key topics included the new city ordinance prohibiting bicycles and scooters

on Main Street from 1st Street to Washington Street. Students learned that the ordinance was created to improve the safety of riders, pedestrians, and motorists alike.

Additional instruction focused on the dangers of

wearing earbuds or headphones while riding, emphasizing the importance of remaining alert and aware of surrounding traffic and pedestrians. Students also learned the importance of locking bicycles and scooters to help prevent theft.

The class covered the concept of "seeing and being seen," reminding riders that just because they can see a vehicle does not necessarily mean the driver can see them. Students were encouraged to make eye contact with drivers when-

ever possible to help ensure everyone's safety.

Participants were also instructed on proper hand signals and the importance of obeying traffic laws, including stopping and

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OBITUARY

MARY ANN RYNERSON

Our lovely and extraordinary mother Mary Ann Ryner-son died peacefully on May 7, 2026, in Medicine Lodge.

She was born Nov. 9, 1930, in Freeport, to William Hobart Reneau and Bernice (Huffman) Reneau. Mary was raised in rural Kansas with her parents and five siblings, which she always told the best stories about. She graduated high school in Medicine Lodge and Grace School of Nursing in Hutchinson as a registered nurse. On Oct. 16, 1954, she married Max Eugene Ryner in Lubbock, Texas. During the first years of marriage, they traveled extensively for Max's job. She and her husband returned to Medicine Lodge in 1960 where she made many close friends and was well regarded in the community. She was actively employed as a registered nurse, working at the Medicine Lodge Memorial Hospital until her retirement in 1983. After retiring, Max and Mary RV'd across the country, during which time they made many new friends.

A longtime member of the First Christian Church of Medicine Lodge, she sang in the choir and supported many church activities. She was an active member of

the Monday Afternoon Club and many other community organizations.

She is survived by her son, Michael Ryner (Jayne) of Medicine Lodge; daughters, Lisa Withrow (Brian) of Medicine Lodge and Lori Ryner (Patrick Snell) of Fort Collins, Colo.; sister, Sue Felke of Stafford; granddaughters, Kathryn Hayes of Charlotte, N.C., Emma Koehn (Jason) of Wichita Audrey Schmidt (Cole) of Newton and Kara Cooper (Dustin) of Wichita, along with many great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her beloved husband, Max; her parents; her two brothers Dean and Bill; sisters Pat and Maurita; and her grandson Evan.

A graveside service was held on Tuesday, May 12, at Highland Cemetery with Pastor Tom Walters preceding.

Donations honoring Mary can be made to the First Christian Church of Medicine Lodge or the Medicine Lodge Memorial Hospital Foundation and mailed to Larrison Funeral Home.

Online condolences may be left at larrisonmortuary.com.

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MEDICINE LODGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Medicine Lodge Police Department, in conjunction with a number of different community partners, hosted a bicycle safety class last Thursday.

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looking both ways before entering an intersection.

After completing the

classroom portion of the program, students were escorted to a safety course where they had the opportunity to put the lessons into practice. Students with

signed permission slips participated in the course, while others observed the demonstrations in action.

All participating grade school students received

a free helmet to keep. The helmets were generously provided by the Barber County Attorney's Office and the Barber County Health Department.

VIRUS

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Americas, including in the United States, although primarily in the Western U.S. On average, the United States identifies 30 people with hantavirus every year.

The specific hantavirus that caused the cruise ship outbreak is called the Andes virus, which is known to be able to spread from person to person in situations

involving close, prolonged contact with a person who is exhibiting symptoms of the disease.

Based on what we currently know about the Andes virus, a person is not considered infectious and able to spread the virus to other people until they begin to develop symptoms themselves.

Symptoms of Andes virus infection usually begin within 4-42 days after an

exposure. Early symptoms can include fever, fatigue, muscle aches, headache, and gastrointestinal symptoms like nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea. Several days after the onset of initial symptoms, people can develop a severe illness that affects the lungs (called hantavirus pulmonary syndrome) causing cough, chest tightness, and difficulty breathing, which can be fatal. There is no specific treatment available.

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IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT, BARBER COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of

DAVID L. KELLER, deceased

Case No. BA-2026-PR-000009
NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS ON PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL AND ISSUANCE OF LETTERS TESTAMENTARY

The State of Kansas to all Persons Concerned:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed on the 27th day of April, 2026, in said Court by Lucky Joe Keller, an heir, devisee and legatee, and Executor named in the Last Will and Testament of David L. Keller, deceased, dated February 23, 2024, praying that the Will filed with the Petition be admitted to probate and record, that he be appointed as

Executor without bond, and that he be granted Letters Testamentary.

You are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before May 21, 2026, at 1:30 PM, on said day, in said Court, in the City of Medicine Lodge, Barber County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said petition.

All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the estate within four months from the date of first publication of this Notice, as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

LUCKY JOE KELLER, Petitioner
ALAN C. GOERINGGOERING AND SLINKARD
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IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT, BARBER COUNTY, KANSAS CIVIL DEPARTMENT
MERITRUST CREDIT UNION f/d/b/a MERITRUST FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, Plaintiff,
vs.
MICHAEL K. BRENT,
and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors and assigns of such of the defendants as may be deceased; the unknown spouses of the defendants; the unknown officers, successors, trustees, creditors and assigns of such defendants as are existing, dissolved or dormant corporations; the unknown executors, administrators, trustees, creditors, successors and assigns of such defendants as are or were partners or in partnership; the unknown guardians and trustees of such of the defendants as are minors or are in anywise under legal disability;
and JOHN DOE and/or JANE DOE, unknown occupants,
Defendant(s).

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IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT, BARBER COUNTY, KANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of:
Cheryl Jan Carpenter,)
Deceased.
Case No. BA-2025-PR-000013
Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59
NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT
THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:
You are hereby notified that the Petition for Final Settlement has been filed on the 23rd day of April, 2026, in said Court by Marjorie Shaw, executor of the estate of Cheryl Jan Carpenter, deceased, praying for

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THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT, BARBER COUNTY, KANSAS PROBATE DEPARTMENT

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JEFFREY TRENT MCCORMICK, Deceased.
Case No. BA-2023-PR-000027
Title to Real Estate Involved
Judge Candace R. Lattin
Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59
NOTICE OF HEARING
THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:
You are hereby notified that a Petition for Final Accounting and for Final Settlement has been filed in this Court by Colin McCormick, duly appointed, qualified and acting Administrator of the Estate of Jeffrey Trent McCormick, deceased, praying Petitioner's acts be ap-

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IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT, BARBER COUNTY, KANSAS PROBATE DEPARTMENT

In the Matter of the Estate of John Albright, a/k/a John W. Albright, Deceased.
Case No. BA-2026-PR-10
NOTICE OF HEARING
The State of Kansas to All Persons Concerned:
You are hereby notified that on the 28th day of April, 2026, a Petition for Determination of Descent was filed in this Court by Miranda J. Albright, an heir of John Albright, a/k/a John W. Albright, deceased, asking descent be determined of the following described real estate situated in Barber and Ford Counties in Kansas, and other personal property owned by the Decedent:
The surface only of the East Half of the Northeast Quarter (E/2 NE/4) of Section Twenty-five (25), Township Thirty-four (34), Range Twelve (12) West of the 6th P.M., Barber County, Kansas; and
Lots Nineteen (19) through Twenty-one (21), Block Twenty-two (22), of Kiowa Original City Subdivision (408 Campbell Street, Kiowa, Barber County, Kansas

Case No: BA-2026-CV-000005
Pursuant to Chapter 60 of Kansas Statutes Annotated
SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the District Court of Barber County, Kansas, in the above entitled action, I will, on Thursday, 4th day of June, 2026, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., in front of the Barber County Courthouse, 118 E Washington Ave, Medicine Lodge, KS 67104, offer for sale at public auction and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand all the right, title and interest of the defendant above named in and to the following described real property situated in the County of Barber, State of Kansas, to-wit:
Lot 1 and the East Half of Lot 2, Block 47, City of Hardtner, Barber County, Kansas, commonly known as 305 N. Choctaw St., Hardtner, Kansas
Said real property is levied on as the property of the defendant above named and will be sold without appraisal to satisfy said Order of Sale.
Sheriff, Barber County, Kansas
BRUCE & LEHMAN, LLC
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P.O. Box 75037
Wichita, Kansas 67275-5037
Telephone: 316-264-8000
Attorney for Meritrust Credit Union

a final settlement of the estate, approval of their acts, proceedings and accounts as executor, allowance for attorney's fees and expenses and determination of the heirs entitled to the estate. You are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 21st day of May, 2026, at 1:30 o'clock p.m., on said day, in said Court, in the City of Medicine Lodge, Barber County, Kansas, 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.
MARJORIE SHAW, Executor
Hannah L. Molz, #27626
124 E Kansas
PO Box 148
Medicine Lodge, KS 67104
(620) 886-5611
(620) 886-5560 (facsimile)
office@bclawks.com
Attorney for Marjorie Shaw

proved; account be settled and allowed; the heirs be determined; the Court finds the allowances requested and attorney's fees and expenses are reasonable and should be allowed; the costs be determined and ordered paid; the administration of the Estate be closed; upon the filing of receipts the Petitioner be finally discharged as the Administrator of the Estate of Jeffrey Trent McCormick, deceased, and the Petitioner be released from further liability.
You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before May 28, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. in the District Court, Medicine Lodge, Barber County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.
KNOPP LAW GROUP P.A.
By: /s/ Ted E. Knopp
Ted E. Knopp, SC #11437
Attorney for Petitioner

67070); and
Lot Eight (8), Block One (1), Final Plat Wagon Wheel Addition, Unit Two, an Addition to the City of Dodge City, Ford County, Kansas, according to the recorded Plat thereof;

and that such property owned by the Decedent at the time of death be assigned pursuant to the laws of intestate succession. You are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before June 4, 2026, at 1:30 p.m., in said Court, in the City of Medicine Lodge, Barber County, Kansas, 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.

Miranda J. Albright, Petitioner
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Attorneys for Petitioner

PUBLIC NOTICES

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USD 254 is seeking bids for a Wheelchair Lift at Medicine Lodge High School and Medicine Lodge Grade School. Interested parties can email Ryan Cunningham at rcunningham@usd254.org or call the District Office at 620-886-3370 for detailed specifications. Bids are due by Friday, May 29th.

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BEFORE THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS NOTICE OF FILING APPLICATION

Re: David A. Barker, Application for an exception to the 10 year time limitation of K.A.R. 82-3-111 for the #1 Smith A, Section 17-T31S-R13W Barber County, Kansas
TO: All Oil & Gas Producers, Unleased Mineral Interest Owners, Landowners, and all Persons whomever concerned.
You, and each of you, are hereby notified that David A. Barker has filed an application For an exception to the 10 year time limitation of K.A. R. 82-3-111 for the #1 Smith A Located in the NE/4 of Section 17-T31S-R13W, Barber County, Kansas.

Any persons who object to or protest this application shall be required to file their Objections or protest with the Conservation Division of the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas within fifteen (15) days from the date of this Publication. These protests shall be filed pursuant to Commission regulations and must State specific reasons why the grant of the application may cause waste, violate Correlative rights or pollute the natural resources of the State of Kansas.

All persons interested or concerned shall take notice of the foregoing and shall Govern themselves accordingly.
David A. Barker
Box 155
Haysville, Kansas 67060 316-259-4294

LEGAL NOTICE

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NOTICE OF INSPECTION FORM CITY OF ISABEL, KANSAS CITY ORDINANCE NO. 202

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PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:
Neighborhood
004 Block: 15 Lot: 013 AND 14
Tract:
Section: Township: Range:
Tract Description:
ISABEL ORIGINAL CITY, BLOCK 15, Lot 013 AND 14
Common Address: 122 W Denman, Isabel Kansas 67065
Tax Parcel No.: 004-013-05-0-20-02-004.00-0
Owner Name if Known: James Bell

THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PROPERTY WAS INSPECTED ON THE DATE INDICATED BELOW BY THE UNDERSIGNED TO DETERMINE IF THE PROPERTY HAD ON IT ANY CONDITIONS IN VIOLATION OF CITY ORDINANCE NO. 202. THE RESULTS OF THE INSPECTION INDICATED THAT THE PROPERTY DID VIOLATE ORDINANCE 202 FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS (all that are checked apply):

EXTERIOR YARD CONDITIONS (YARD-MOWING)
Weeds, grass, or other plant life that is considered a nuisance that is over 12 inches in height. Trees or shrubs that are un-kept and in the right of way, ditches or property lines. You have five days to alleviate this/ these issue(s):

Weeds and/or grass that is over 12 inches in height.

Trees or shrubs that are un-kept and in the right of way, ditches or property line(s).

You have ten days from the date of the publication of this notice to alleviate the exterior yard conditions (mowing) violation.

Other. _____

Mr. Bell,
Your property has been inspected and been found to be in violation of Ordinance #202. You have ten (10) days from the date of publication of this notice to alleviate the exterior yard conditions (mowing) violation(s). If you do not the public officer, and the public officer's assistants, employees, contracting agents or other representatives, are expressly authorized to enter upon private property for the purpose of destroying or removing such weeds/overgrowth; at your expense. The fee for removal of weeds/overgrowth is \$40.00 per hour per employee with a \$80.00 minimum.

The Public Officer is only required to publish one Violation Notice a calendar year, no further notices will be sent in 2025. If your property is inspected again this calendar year and found to be in violation again; the City will simply mow the lot and bill the property owner.
DATE OF INSPECTION: 05/04/2026
SIGNED BY: CJ Cummins _____
(Inspector's Name)

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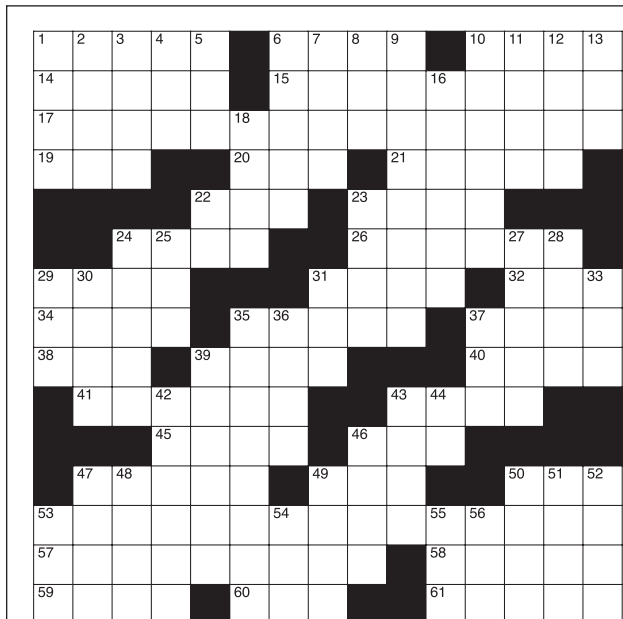
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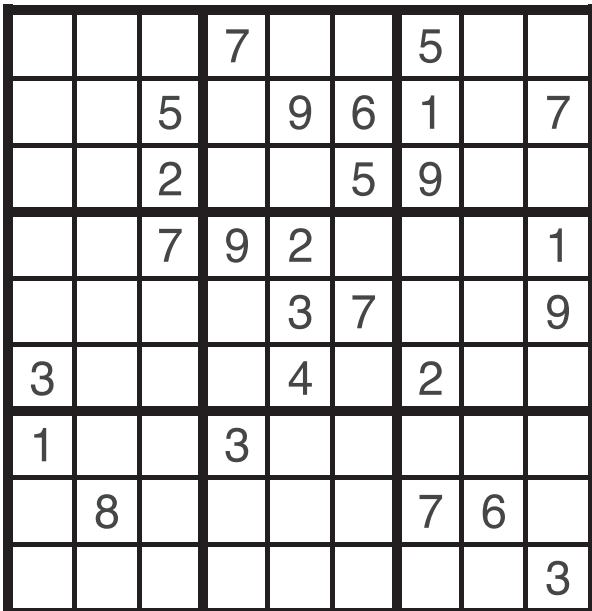


CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Notable casino destination
- 6. Current units
- 10. Roman military unit
- 14. American lizard
- 15. Fates
- 17. The Yankees have lots of these
- 19. Unhappy
- 20. Mimic
- 21. Remove from the record
- 22. Where cargo ships dock (abbr.)
- 23. A way to fight
- 24. Turfs
- 26. Contract
- 29. Country along the Arabian peninsula
- 31. Tree species
- 32. Pituitary gland secretion (abbr.)
- 34. Perfect
- 35. "Partner" to groans
- 37. Jewish calendar month
- 38. Where wrestlers work
- 39. Egotistical
- 40. Potted plants
- 41. Containers
- 43. Large, flightless birds
- 45. Part of a book
- 46. American spies
- 47. Pancakes made of buckwheat flour
- 49. Swiss river
- 50. Disfigure
- 53. Have surgery
- 57. Formal withdrawal
- 58. Early English council
- 59. Area units
- 60. 2,000 lbs.
- 61. Siskel and ___

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Animal jaws
- 2. Small water buffalo
- 3. An appliance has one
- 4. Every
- 5. Largest English dictionary (abbr.)
- 6. Very skilled
- 7. No more than what is specified
- 8. Tire measurement
- 9. Towers
- 10. Forward
- 11. Jacob __, American journalist
- 12. Vale
- 13. Former CIA
- 16. Middle Eastern nation
- 18. Exhausts
- 22. South Dakota
- 23. The complete duration of something
- 24. Kids love him
- 25. Singular
- 29. Resistance unit
- 30. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
- 31. Cast out
- 33. 60-minute periods
- 35. Most worn
- 36. European river
- 37. Atomic mass unit
- 39. Items of food
- 42. Body parts
- 43. Ireland
- 44. Partner to Pa
- 46. Sammy __, songwriter
- 47. Dutch settler
- 48. Full-grown pike fish
- 49. Sun or solar disk
- 50. Minute arachnid
- 51. From a distance
- 52. A monthly expense
- 53. Young women's association
- 54. Brazilian state



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QUALITY
Does it seem sturdy and designed to last?

COMPARE
Is there something similar or is it unique?

PRICE
Does the price seem fair or is it too high?

STYLE
Are logos, characters and other extras important to you?

Let's Talk!

Ask a parent to tell you about the way they make decisions while shopping. On your next trip to the store, compare and discuss the value of several products.

value:

- worth of something compared to the price paid for it
- importance of something
- usefulness of something

Which shirt would YOU choose, and why? Write your reasons here to help me decide:

Decisions, Decisions

Circle the most important thing you'd consider when buying each of these items.

BIKE	CLOTHES	FOOD	MUSIC	TOYS	MOVIES
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PRICE	PRICE	PRICE	STYLE	PRICE	STORYLINE
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Next, look at the quality of the item you're buying. Is the more expensive item better made than a version? If so, it might last longer and is a better _____. Or is the more expensive item pricier only because it is cool and trendy?

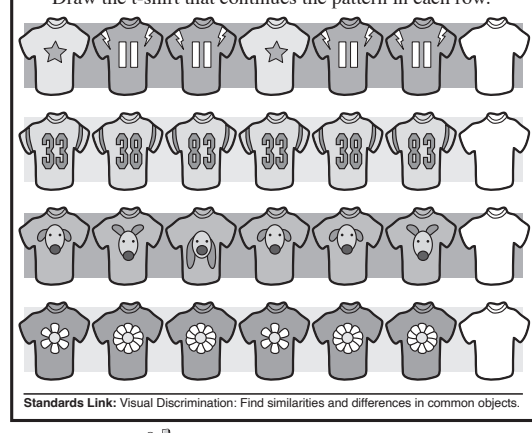
Thinking about what's most important to you is how you decide the best value when making a _____. It's the **smart way** to spend!

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Extra! Extra! Ad Values

Find three advertisements in the newspaper. Read each one and decide what **value** they are selling. Are they selling something because it is the best price? Or, because it is cool? Or something else?

Kid Scoop Puzzler



Double double Word Search

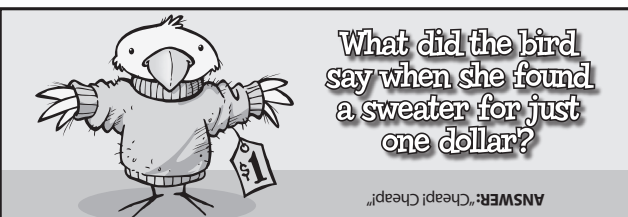
Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.

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Advertisement Funnies
Select an advertisement in today's newspaper that has five or more adjectives. Replace each adjective with an adjective that means the opposite to create a very silly advertisement.



Kid Scoop Together: Alphabet Math

Working with a family member, give each letter of the alphabet these money values:

- A = 1¢
- B = 2¢
- C = 3¢
- D = 4¢
- E = 5¢
- F = 6¢
- G = 7¢
- H = 8¢
- I = 9¢
- J = 10¢
- K = 11¢
- L = 12¢
- M = 13¢
- N = 14¢
- O = 15¢
- P = 16¢
- Q = 17¢
- R = 18¢
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- U = 21¢
- V = 22¢
- W = 23¢
- X = 24¢
- Y = 25¢
- Z = 26¢

Using these letter values, add up the "value" of each word in the headlines on the front page of the newspaper. For example:

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19¢ + 3¢ + 15¢ + 15¢ + 16¢
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Which word is the **most expensive**? Cut it out and paste it here:

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This week's word: **VALUE**

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The comic book Ray sold to me was a really good **value** at just 99¢.

Try to use the word **value** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family.

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BARBER COUNTY SHERIFF BLOTTER

April 25
 12:09 a.m., Deputy Eger conducted a business check in the 100 block of E. Washington Avenue, Medicine Lodge
 12:51 a.m., Deputy Eger conducted extra patrol in the 200 area Bobwhite Drive, Medicine Lodge
 1:10 a.m., Deputy Eger conducted extra patrol in Isabel
 1:55 a.m., Deputy Eger responded and Medicine Lodge police officer assisted to a domestic disturbance in the 700 Drumm Street, Kiowa, one male arrested
 5:00 AM, Transport Deputy McNally transported inmate to Harper County Jail
 8:02 AM, Deputy Manning initiated a traffic stop on U.S. 281 and mile marker 29, citation issued for speed
 8:15 AM, Deputy Manning responded to a 911 hang up, in Kiowa, system did not give location
 9:48 AM, Deputy Manning initiated a traffic stop on U.S. Highway 281 and Albee Road, citation issued for speed
 10:19 AM, Deputy Manning initiated a traffic stop on U.S. Highway 160 and mile marker 218, verbal warning for speed
 6:59 PM, Deputy Eger and two Medicine Lodge police officers conducted traffic control for the prom, Medicine Lodge
 9:58 PM, Deputy Eger conducted extra patrol in Hardtner
 10:26 PM, Deputy Eger and Kiowa ambulance responded to an EMS call in the 900 block of Holmes Street, Kiowa
 10:39 PM, Deputy Eger conducted extra patrol in Kiowa
 11:22 PM, Deputy Eger conducted extra patrol in Hazelton

April 26
 1:25 a.m., Deputy Eger conducted extra patrol in Isabel
 3:46 a.m., Deputy Eger conducted extra patrol in Sharon
 4:37 a.m., Deputy Eger conducted extra patrol in Sun City
 4:46 a.m., Deputy Eger conducted extra patrol in Lake City
 7:32 a.m., Deputy Manning conducted extra patrol in Sharon
 8:04 a.m., Deputy Manning conducted extra patrol in Hazelton
 8:30 a.m., Deputy Manning conducted extra patrol in

Hardtner
 8:42 a.m., Deputy Manning returned a request to speak to officer from the Harper County Jail
 9:27 a.m., Deputy Manning conducted extra patrol in Bobwhite Drive area, Medicine Lodge
 12:02 p.m., Deputy Manning conducted extra patrol in Sun City
 12:28 p.m., Deputy Manning conducted extra patrol in Lake City
 1:28 p.m., Deputy Manning responded to a domestic disturbance in the 700 block of Drumm Street, Kiowa
 5:51 p.m., Deputy Manning initiated a traffic stop on U.S. Highway 281 and mile marker 238, verbal warning for speed
 6:51 p.m., Deputy Eger conducted a VIN inspection in the 1100 area of River Road, Medicine Lodge
 6:58 p.m., Deputy Eger conducted extra patrol in Lake City
 7:52 p.m., Deputy Eger conducted extra patrol in Sun City
 8:35 p.m., Deputy Eger conducted extra patrol in Hardtner

May 4
 2:01 a.m., Deputy Hyrst conducted extra patrol in Hardtner
 2:29 a.m., Deputy Hyrst conducted extra patrol in Kiowa
 2:56 a.m., Deputy Hyrst conducted extra patrol in Hazelton
 3:26 a.m., Deputy Hyrst conducted extra patrol in Sharon
 5:45 a.m., Deputy Hyrst removed a traffic hazard on U.S. Highway 160 and mile marker 213
 6:46 a.m., Deputy Hyrst responded to cattle out in the area of U.S. Highway 160 and mile marker 237
 8:17 a.m., Deputy McClellan conducted a VIN inspection in the 3000 area of Clover Road
 9:14 a.m., Deputy McClellan initiated a traffic stop on Isabel Road and Curry Lane, verbal warning for speed
 9:29 a.m., Deputy McClellan initiated a traffic stop on Isabel Road and Curry Lane, verbal warning for speed
 9:46 a.m., Deputy McClellan conducted extra patrol in Isabel
 10:13 a.m., Deputy McClellan initiated a traffic stop on U.S. Highway 281 and U.S.

Highway 160, verbal warning for speed
 10:32 a.m., Deputy McClellan initiated a traffic stop on U.S. 160 and mile marker 14, verbal warning for speed and citation issued for expired registration
 10:32 a.m., Deputy McClellan initiated a traffic stop on U.S. U.S. Highway 281 and Driftwood Road, verbal warning for speed
 11:50 a.m., Sgt. Fisher returned a request to speak to officer in Medicine Lodge
 2:17 p.m., Deputy McClellan initiated a traffic stop River and Spring Creek Roads, verbal warning for speed
 2:44 p.m., Deputy McClellan conducted extra patrol in Lake City
 2:52 p.m., Deputy McClellan conducted extra patrol in Sun City
 6:46 p.m., Sheriff Garza, Deputy Eger, Deputy McClellan, Medicine Lodge ambulance and rescue responded to a car crash in the area of 20000 White Sands Road, Sun City
 7:56 p.m., Sheriff Garza responded to cattle out on U.S. Highway 160 and Gyp Hill Road
 8:59 p.m., Deputy Eger responded to a vehicle vs. deer crash in the area of Isabel and Milkweed Roads

May 5
 12:10 a.m., Deputy Eger conducted extra patrol in Sharon
 12:28 a.m., Deputy Eger conducted extra patrol in Hazelton
 1:48 a.m., Deputy Eger assisted Medicine Lodge police department on a business alarm in the 100 block of N. Iliff, Medicine Lodge
 4:16 a.m., Deputy Eger conducted extra patrol in Isabel
 7:12 a.m., Deputy McClellan backed up Medicine Lodge police on a business alarm in the 100 block of N. Iliff, Medicine Lodge
 7:29 a.m., Sheriff Garza conducted South Barber school zone, Kiowa
 7:31 a.m., Deputy McClellan conducted North Barber school zone, Medicine Lodge
 9:29 a.m., Deputy McClellan conducted extra patrol in Sharon

1:28 p.m., Sheriff Garza, Undersheriff McCann, Sgt. Fisher, Deputy McClellan backed up Medicine Lodge police on a domestic disturbance in the 500 block of Forest Street, Medicine Lodge, 2 individuals arrested
 3:30 p.m., Deputy McClellan conducted extra patrol in Isabel
 3:57 p.m., Undersheriff McCann transported inmate to Harper County Jail, Anthony
 4:09 p.m., Transport Deputy McNally transported inmate to Harper County Jail, Anthony
 4:19 p.m., Deputy McClellan conducted extra patrol in Hardtner
 4:40 p.m., Deputy McClellan conducted extra patrol in Hazelton
 4:58 p.m., Deputy McClellan conducted extra patrol in Sharon
 6:26 p.m., Deputy Eger served civil process in the 200 block of E. First Avenue, Medicine Lodge
 6:34 p.m., Deputy Eger served civil process in the 200 block of E. Kansas Avenue, Medicine Lodge
 7:13 p.m., Deputy Eger served civil process in the 800 block of N. Main, Kiowa
 7:20 p.m., Deputy Eger served civil process in the 300 block of N. 7th Street, Kiowa
 7:27 p.m., Deputy Eger served civil process in the 900 block of Robinson Street, Kiowa
 7:31 p.m., Deputy Eger served civil process in the 900 block of Drumm Street, Kiowa
 7:52 p.m., Deputy Eger conducted extra patrol in Hardtner
 11:16 p.m., Deputy Eger conducted extra patrol in Isabel

May 6
 12:47 a.m., Deputy Eger conducted extra patrol in Hazelton
 1:13 a.m., Deputy Eger conducted extra patrol in Sharon
 4:30 a.m., Deputy Eger conducted extra patrol in Lake City
 7:13 a.m., Sheriff Garza conducted North Barber school zone, Medicine Lodge
 7:28 a.m., Deputy McClellan conducted South Barber school zone, Kiowa
 8:24 a.m., Deputy McClellan conducted extra patrol in Hazelton
 8:27 a.m., Deputy McClellan initiated a traffic stop on

Gerlane Road, verbal warning for speed
 8:52 a.m., Deputy McClellan conducted extra patrol in Sharon
 10:05 a.m., Deputy McClellan conducted extra patrol in Hardtner
 10:09 a.m., Deputy McClellan removed a traffic hazard on U.S. Highway 281 and State Highway K2
 11:23 a.m., Deputy Eger conducted extra patrol in Lake City
 11:36 a.m., Deputy McClellan removed a traffic hazard in the 15000 area of River Road, Lake City
 12:41 p.m., Sgt. Fisher conducted follow up investigation at the Medicine Lodge High School
 12:45 p.m., Deputy McClellan responded to a loose horse in the E. Delaware block, Hardtner
 2:53 p.m., Sgt. Fisher returned a request to speak to officer call, Ponca City Oklahoma
 3:08 p.m., Sheriff Garza conducted North Barber school zone, Medicine Lodge
 3:45 p.m., Deputy McClellan returned a request to speak to officer call at the Barber County Sheriff's Office
 6:19 p.m., Deputy Hyrst attempted to serve civil process in the 500 block of S. Oak, Medicine Lodge
 6:53 p.m., Deputy Hyrst conducted extra patrol in Isabel
 7:44 p.m., Deputy Hyrst conducted extra patrol in Sharon
 8:25 p.m., Deputy Hyrst conducted extra patrol in Hazelton
 8:48 p.m., Deputy Hyrst conducted extra patrol in Kiowa
 9:23 p.m., Deputy Hyrst conducted extra patrol in Hardtner
 9:27 p.m., Deputy Hyrst and Medicine Lodge police responded to a domestic disturbance in the 400 block of S. 5th Street, Kiowa
 11:03 p.m., Deputy Hyrst conducted a business check in the 100 block of E. Washington, Medicine Lodge
 11:30 p.m., Deputy Hyrst conducted extra patrol in Lake City
 11:49 p.m., Deputy Hyrst conducted extra patrol in Sun City

May 7
 2:28 a.m., Deputy Hyrst con-

ducted extra patrol in Isabel
 3:17 a.m., Deputy Hyrst conducted extra patrol in Sharon
 3:49 a.m., Deputy Hyrst conducted extra patrol in Hazelton
 4:11 a.m., Deputy Hyrst conducted extra patrol in Kiowa
 4:47 a.m., Deputy Hyrst conducted extra patrol in Hardtner
 7:32 a.m., Sheriff Garza conducted South Barber school zone, Kiowa
 7:41 a.m., Deputy McClellan conducted North Barber school zone, Medicine Lodge
 10:45 a.m., Undersheriff McCann, Deputy McClellan, and Kiowa Police Department responded to a residential alarm in the 1700 block of S. 7th Street, Kiowa
 11:03 a.m., Deputy McClellan returned a request to speak to officer call in the 500 block of S. Oak, Medicine Lodge
 11:48 a.m., Sheriff Garza, Undersheriff McCann, and Deputy McClellan responded to a possible stolen vehicle coming from Pratt County
 1:17 p.m., Sheriff Garza, Sgt. Fisher, and Deputy McClellan conducted a walk through the Medicine Lodge High School, Medicine Lodge
 1:18 p.m., Sgt. Fisher returned a request to speak to officer call in the 200 block of S. 4th, Kiowa
 3:33 p.m., Sheriff Garza conducted South Barber school zone, Kiowa
 6:01 p.m., Deputy Hyrst attempted to serve civil process in the 200 block of N. Main, Sharon
 6:02 p.m., Deputy Hyrst conducted extra patrol in Sharon
 6:43 p.m., Deputy Hyrst conducted extra patrol in Isabel
 7:38 p.m., Deputy Hyrst conducted extra patrol in Lake City
 11:07 p.m., Deputy Hyrst conducted extra patrol in Hardtner
 11:29 p.m., Deputy Hyrst conducted extra patrol in Kiowa

May 8
 12:14 a.m., Deputy Hyrst conducted extra patrol in Hazelton
 12:48 a.m., Deputy Hyrst conducted extra patrol in Sharon
 1:49 a.m., Deputy Hyrst conducted extra patrol in Isabel
 2:17 a.m., Deputy Hyrst returned a request to speak to officer call in the 200 block of S. 4th Street, Kiowa
 3:40 a.m., Deputy Hyrst conducted extra patrol in Kiowa
 4:20 a.m., Deputy Hyrst conducted extra patrol in Hazelton
 4:54 a.m., Deputy Hyrst conducted extra patrol in Hardtner
 5:37 a.m., Deputy Hyrst returned a request to speak to officer call in the 200 block of S. 4th Street, Kiowa
 5:40 a.m., Deputy Hyrst responded to suspicious activity in the 200 block of S. 4th Street, Kiowa
 7:33 a.m., Deputy McClellan conducted South Barber school zone, Kiowa
 7:45 a.m., Deputy McClellan responded to cattle out on U.S. Highway 160 and mile marker 233, Sharon
 10:20 a.m., Deputy McClellan initiated a traffic stop on Isabel and Albee Roads, verbal warning for speed
 10:38 a.m., Deputy McClellan conducted extra patrol in Isabel
 11:27 a.m., Deputy McClellan conducted extra patrol in Sun City
 11:37 a.m., Deputy McClellan conducted extra patrol in Lake City
 12:59 p.m., Sheriff Garza, Undersheriff McCann, and Deputy McClellan responded in the area of Elm Creek Bridge on an animal call
 3:16 p.m., Sheriff Garza conducted North Barber school zone, Medicine Lodge
 7:08 p.m., Deputy Eger responded to a welfare check in the 300 block of E. Delaware Avenue, Hardtner
 7:12 p.m., Deputy Eger conducted extra patrol in Hardtner
 7:13 p.m., Deputy Eger was at the Pageant Theater with Medicine Lodge police, Medicine Lodge
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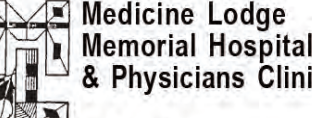
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MLHS Baseball Opens Regional Play at Elkhart

STAFF REPORT

The Medicine Lodge baseball team closed the regular season with a doubleheader lost at Kingman last Thursday, then a doubleheader sweep at home against Belle Plaine Monday.

The Indians (11-11) will travel to No. 8 seed Elkhart to open Regionals this Thursday. Should they win, they would advance to the semifinals, with the site to be determined based on the outcome of this Thursday's games.

In the other Regional games Thursday, No. 1 Thomas More Prep (22-1) hosts No. 16 Pratt Skyline (3-19), No. 4 Bucklin (14-4) hosts No. 13 Kinsley (6-12) and No. 5 Little River (17-5) hosts No. 12 Sublette (6-12).

MLHS Travels to Kingman

As for last Thursday's doubleheader at Kingman, the Indians trailed 3-0 after two innings, but then came back to cut the lead to 3-2, before Kingman scored again to put it away.

In the second inning, Jaxson Campbell singled to lead things off, then advanced to third on a sacrifice bunt and a fielder's choice. Malachi Graber then drew a walk and advanced to second on a passed ball.

Grayson Smith then hit a hard shot to right field to

score both runners. Brennan Van Wyhe then courtesy ran for Smith, stole second, then scored on a single to centerfield by Garrett Gattis.

Medicine Lodge got on the board in the third after Judson Barnard reached base on an error, Zayne Keller walked, then Jack Schreiner hit a hard shot to right field to score Barnard.

The Indians cut the lead to 3-2 after Mavrik Inslee singled, advanced to second on a passed ball, then scored on Jaxon Baird's single to right.

Kingman added another run in the sixth after Campbell singled up the third base line, advanced to second on an error, moved to third on a fielder's choice, then scored on Drew Kelly's sacrifice bunt.

Both teams had seven hits while Kingman had two errors and Medicine Lodge had one.

Schreiner pitched five-and-two-third innings and gave up four runs, three earned, off seven hits with two walks and seven strikeouts. Baird pitched one-third of an inning with one walk.

For Kingman, Grayson Smith was 3-for-3 with a double and two runs batted in and Campbell was 2-for-3. For Medicine Lodge, Schreiner was 3-for-4 with one RBI and Inslee was 2-for-3.

In the second game, the



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Medicine Lodge's Jack Schreiner delivers a pitch during warmups before the bottom of the first inning of the first game of last Thursday's doubleheader at Kingman. The Indians lost both games of the Central Plains League doubleheader, then closed the regular season Monday with a doubleheader sweep at home against Belle Plaine.

Eagles went up 1-0 in the first inning after Smith doubled, then scored on a fielding error.

The Indians came back in the second to tie it after Cole Fischer was hit by a pitch, with Grant Shinliver courtesy running for him. He advanced to second on a wild pitch, to third on a passed ball, then scored on Baird's single to centerfield.

Medicine Lodge then took a 2-1 lead in the top of the

third after Barnard singled to left field, Keller drew a walk, then Schreiner singled to left to score Barnard.

The Indians added another run after Stone was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded and Keller scored.

Kingman cut the lead to 3-2 in the bottom of the third after Brian Fairchild singled to centerfield, then scored on Levi Gattis' double to left field. The Eagles then tied it 3-3 after Joey

Brannan singled to left field to score Gattis.

Kingman then went up 4-3 in the fourth inning as Kelly singled to left field, advanced to second on a sacrifice bunt by Graber, then scored on Smith's double to left field.

Medicine Lodge answered in the top of the fifth after Fischer drew a walk, with Dakota Evans courtesy

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Lady Indians to Host Sedgwick in First Round of Regionals



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Medicine Lodge softball catcher Claire Cunningham, right, snags a foul pop-up in the fourth inning of the first game of the Lady Indians' doubleheader at Kingman last Thursday. Also pictured, in middle, is MLHS first baseman Megan Inslee. The Lady Indians lost both games against Kingman, then got a doubleheader sweep at home against Belle Plaine Monday.

STAFF REPORT

The Medicine Lodge softball team closed out the regular season after a doubleheader loss at Kingman last Thursday, then a doubleheader sweep at home against Belle Plaine on Monday.

The Lady Indians (13-11) are set to open Class 2A Regional tournament play this Tuesday. They are seeded seventh and will host No. 10 seed Sedgwick (10-13) at 5:30 p.m. at the Pratt Sports Complex softball field.

In other first-round games in Regional play Tuesday, No. 2 seed Inman (21-2) hosts No. 15 seed Hutchinson Trinity (2-20), No. 3

seed Moundridge (19-6) hosts No. 14 seed Pratt Skyline (4-20) and No. 6 seed Ashland-South Central (10-8) faces No. 11 seed Spearville (11-15).

MLHS vs. Kingman

The Lady Indians lost both games of a doubleheader at Kingman Thursday, 12-2 and 8-6.

In the first game, the Lady Indians managed just two hits off Kingman pitcher Caylor Helm, who had nine strikeouts.

The game was close at first, with Medicine Lodge down by just one run after the top of the third inning, before Kingman came alive.

The Lady Eagles took a 2-1 lead after the first inning, then extended it to 6-2 after three. Kingman then put it away with six runs in the next two innings.

The Lady Indians got on the board in the top of the first inning after Emery Shinliver drew a walk, then advanced to second after Emmy Gerdes was hit by a pitch. Both girls stole a base, then Shinliver scored on a passed ball.

Kingman then scored twice in the bottom of the first. Haidyn Hartley tripled to left field to score Taylor Creadick, then Hartley scored on Caylor Helm's triple to centerfield.

The Lady Eagles added another run in the second after Addyson Belt singled to left field to score Tangi Mertens.

Medicine Lodge cut the lead to 3-2 in the top of the third after Maryn Inslee drew a bases-loaded walk, off which Addie Barnes scored.

From there, Kingman took over. In the bottom of the third, Brynlee Friess doubled to score Teagan Dick, then Mertens singled to right field to score Raegan Thimesch and Friess.

In the fourth, Kingman added another run after Helm doubled to centerfield to score Dick.

In the fifth, with two outs, Dick and Helm had back-to-back singles, then Friess doubled to right to score both runners. Lizzy Wallace drew a walk, then Mertens singled to right to score Friess. Ziegler then singled to right to bring in Wallace and Mertens.

Shinliver and Lyndsay Vasquez had the only two hits for Medicine Lodge in the first game.

In the circle, Adalynn Cope gave up 12 runs off 19 hits in four-and-two-third innings of work with three walks and four strikeouts.

In the second game, it was tied 3-3 after the first inning, then Kingman took a 5-4 lead after the second. Medicine Lodge came back to take a 6-5 lead in the

fifth, before the Lady Eagles scored three runs in the sixth and held off the Lady Indians in the seventh.

In the top of the first, Maryn Inslee reached first base after a dropped fly ball, off which Lyndsay Vasquez and Emery Shinliver scored. Adalynn Cope then singled to left field to bring in Inslee.

Kingman came back after Mertens hit a fly ball that was dropped, off which Creadick and Hartley scored. Dick then stole home to tie the game 3-3.

The Lady Indians came back in the top of the second after Emmy Gerdes hit a fly ball to right field that was dropped and Shinliver scored.

Kingman came back in the bottom of the second with Helm hitting a line drive to right field that scored Creadick and Hartley.

In the fifth, Preslee Graves came through with a hard shot to centerfield, off which Claire Cunningham and Lyndsay Vasquez scored.

Kingman then pulled ahead in the sixth. Helm tripled to right field to bring in Hartley and Dick, then she scored on a fielder's choice with one out.

The Lady Eagles had eight hits and five errors while the Lady Indians had

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MLHS Boy's Golfers Compete at League Tournament, Prepare for Sub-State

BY BOB MORRIS
Managing Editor

The Medicine Lodge boy's golf team competed at the Central Plains League tournament Tuesday at Cheney.

The Indians shot 398 as a team and placed sixth. Wichita Trinity was first with 313, while Garden Plain was second with 339 and Cheney was third with 343.

"Obviously, teamwork we didn't finish up how we would have wanted to, but I think that Callan Smith played a lot better, so that's pretty promising going into Regional," said head coach Drew Honas. "Boyd (Banks) is starting to play a little better too."

"I think the last week and a half we really kind of had a little lull or struggled a little bit, and I think we're starting to break out of that again. So Boyd and Callan kind of picked up the slack again yesterday, and kind of picked up where they left off earlier in the season I would say."

He added that Dominic

Vieyra has been playing pretty steady throughout the season.

Banks was the top individual for Medicine Lodge. He shot 89 and placed 16th. Smith shot 96 and placed 27th, Vieyra shot 103 and placed 34th, Cooper McGrath and Hunter Hall each shot 110 and tied for 38th place and Tell Thomas shot 118 and placed 41st.

The Indians had three golfers who competed in the junior varsity division. Laythan Martin shot 58 and placed 10th to earn a medal, Jose Hernandez shot 67 and placed 14th and Holden Eckhoff shot 73 and placed 16th.

Medicine Lodge will now head to the Class 2A Sub-State tournament at the Prairie Pines Golf Course in Johnson City on Monday. The rest of the tournament field includes Belle Plaine, Hoxie, Oakley, Rawlins County, Stanton County, Sublette, Syracuse, Trego Community and Wichita County.

Honas said he plans to



LEFT: Medicine Lodge's Cooper McGrath tees off at Hole No. 5 during the Central Plains League boy's golf tournament Tuesday at Cherry Oaks Golf Course in Cheney. RIGHT: Medicine Lodge's Dominic Vieyra takes a putt on Hole No. 4 during the CPL golf tournament. The Indians shot 398 as a team and will head to Johnson City for Sub State on Monday.

take six golfers to the Regional tournament. He said he's looked at the scores for some of the teams in the Sub-State field and the

Indians will face top teams such as Hoxie, Oakley and Syracuse.

"Yeah, there's three west teams out there that we



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caught in our (Sub-State), and they're no joke," Honas said.

But while it won't be easy to qualify for State as

a team, the head coach said, he thinks the golfers can do good things as individuals as long as they play their best golf.

South Barber Tennis Concludes Season at Regionals

BY BOB MORRIS
Managing Editor

The South Barber boy's tennis team concluded its season at the Class 1-3A Regional tennis tournament Friday at Conway Springs.

In singles competition, Tyler Archuleta opened with a win over Meade's Elias Strickland 6-0, 6-2. He then lost to Meade's Samuel Lynn 6-0, 6-0.

Head coach Colby Beck noted that Archuleta faced a tough opponent, as Lynn went on to win the Regional

singles tournament.

"Tyler had a good season - he won his first match ever at the Regionals. He has lost in the past," Beck said. "That young man from Meade was 26-6 and was overall No. 11 in state last year - he is a tremendous player."

"I couldn't be happier for Tyler - he gave his best effort and was so close."

Also in singles, Ethan Anderson played Chaparral's Kevin Ricker and lost 6-0, 6-0.

In doubles, Wyatt Behee and Gregory Patrick played Meade's Kutter

Harris and Kayleb Swader and lost 6-4, 6-0.

"The other gentlemen should take this season as a learning lesson," Beck said. "Now they know what the expectation is and what the level of competition will be."

The head coach added that the boys improved with each tournament and showed a lot of promise.

"They have a lot to look forward to next year," Beck said. "With a year under their belt if they work hard and strive to get better daily they can only improve."



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TOP LEFT: South Barber's Tyler Archuleta returns the ball during the first round of singles competition of the Class 3A Regional boy's tennis tournament Friday at Conway Springs. TOP RIGHT: South Barber's Ethan Anderson readies to hit the ball during his first-round singles tournament match at the Regional tournament last Friday. BOTTOM LEFT: South Barber's Wyatt Behee gets to the ball during the first round of doubles competition at the Regional tennis tournament. BOTTOM RIGHT: South Barber's Gregory Patrick readies to serve during the first round of doubles competition at the Regional tennis meet.

Medicine Lodge, South Barber Track Set for League, Regionals

STAFF REPORT

The Medicine Lodge and South Barber track athletes will be in action Thursday for league competition, a week before Regional track gets underway.

The Indians will be at

Chaparral High School Thursday for the Central Plains League track meet.

Medicine Lodge will be the host school for the Class 2A Regional track meet next Thursday, May 21, which will be held at Pratt High

School. The field events will start at noon and the running events will start at 2 p.m.

The Chieftains will be at Norwich High School Thursday for the Heart of the Plains League track

meet.

After that, South Barber will prepare for the Class 1A Regional track meet at Kiowa County High School. Field events will start at 3 p.m. and running events will start at 5 p.m.

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running for him. Evans advanced to third after an error on a bunt by Inslee, then scored on a fielder's choice.

The Eagles then added a run in the bottom of the fifth, with Gattis hitting a line drive to centerfield, then scoring on Kelly's shot to left field.

For the Indians, Schreiner was 2-for-3 with one RBI and Stone was 1-for-3 with two RBIs. For the Eagles, Smith was 2-for-2 with two doubles and one RBI, Gattis was 2-for-3 with a double and one RBI and Kelly was 2-for-3 with one RBI.

Baird pitched three innings and gave up three runs, two earned, off four hits with three walks and two strikeouts. Inslee pitched three innings and gave up two runs off four hits with two walks and four strikeouts.

Indians Sweep BPHS

The Medicine Lodge baseball team swept a doubleheader at home against Belle Plaine Monday, 16-1 and 15-5.

The first game ended in three innings on the 15-run mercy rule as the

Indians racked up nine hits and drew 11 walks. They took a 12-0 lead in the first inning.

Jack Schreiner was 2-for-2 with a double and four runs batted in, Cole Fischer was 2-for-3 with two RBIs, Lane Crenner was 1-for-2 with a double and two RBIs and Mavrik Inslee and Braxx Farr each went 1-for-2 with two RBIs.

Jaxon Baird gave up one run off three hits in three innings of work with no walks and five strikeouts.

In the second game, the Indians trailed 4-1 after two inning, but tied it in the third, then took over in the fourth with nine runs. They were then able to put the game away in the fifth inning on the 10-run mercy Ryle.

The Indians had eight hits and the Dragons had 10, but the Indians had no errors while the Dragons had four. Medicine Lodge drew 10 walks at the plate.

At the plate, Schreiner was 2-for-3 with three RBIs, Crenner was 2-for-4 with two RBIs, Baird had three RBIs and Slayton Stone had two RBIs.

Inslee gave up five runs off 10 hits in five innings of work with one walk and six strikeouts.

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seven hits and two errors. For the Lady Indians, Cope was 3-for-4 with one RBI and Shinliver was 2-for-4 with a triple.

Vasquez gave up three unearned runs in two-thirds of an inning with four walks and two strikeouts. Cope relieved her and gave up five runs, three earned, off eight hits in five-and-one-third innings with two walks and two strikeouts.

MLHS Wins 2 at Home

The Medicine Lodge softball team swept a doubleheader at home against Belle Plaine Monday, 11-1 and 17-2.

Adalynn Cope held the Lady Dragons to three hits in five innings. She gave up one run with one walk and struck out seven.

The Lady Indians got off to a strong start with five runs in the first inning. From there, they added two in the second, three in the third and one in the fourth. They had 11 hits for the game, committed no errors

and took advantage of six Belle Plaine errors.

Emery Shinliver was 2-for-3 with a triple, Claire Cunningham was 2-for-3 with a double and one run batted in, Lyndsay Vasquez was 2-for-3 with two RBIs, Lauryn Vasquez was 2-for-3 and Cope was 1-for-3 with a double and two RBIs.

In the second game, the Lady Indians led 3-2 going into the bottom of the second inning, then blew the game open with 13 runs. They had just six hits but took advantage of seven Belle Plaine errors. The Lady Indians had two errors in the game, which ended after three innings on the 15-run mercy rule.

Cope gave up two unearned runs off four hits with one walk and three strikeouts.

At the plate, Shinliver was 2-for-2, Emmy Gerdes was 2-for-3 with three RBIs, Lyndsay Vasquez was 1-for-3 with a double and one RBI and Kaelyn Mantey had two RBIs. The Lady Indians drew 11 walks.

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130 Years Ago

Taken from the May 20, 1896 files of *The Barber County Index*

Last Thursday Under Sheriff MacGregor arrested and jailed one W. C. Jackson in consequence of a dispatch received from a merchant at Alva by the name of Fennesy. Fennesy claimed that Jackson had stolen a saddle from him and was making tracks hence. From what we learn, it seems that Jackson purchased the saddle but pulled his freight without squaring his account. At any rate he paid the sum of \$10.00 to his Alva friend and went on his way rejoicing. He was traveling in company with Cook Snoddy and both were on their way to Colorado seeking hidden fortunes.

On midnight of last Wednesday our people were aroused from their slumbers by a fire which originated in the rear of Schmidt & Gano's store in the McNeal building, corner Main and east Kansas avenue. The fire was first discovered by Lester Simpson and Miss Stella Lebrecht who had just returned from a party about four miles east of town. Mr. Simpson broke the glass on the fire alarm box and pressed the button to give the signal to the engineer at the pumping station. In a short time the fire assumed larger proportions and could be seen at a distance. Bells began to ring, Landford Bristow of the Grand Hotel, sounded the alarm by discharging a shot gun several times and it was not long until most of our citizens were on the scene. The hose company were soon at their places, adjusted the hose to the fire plug, but they had no pressure and were helpless. The loss is a heavy one to Messrs. Schmidt & Gano. The cause of the fire is a mystery which cannot even be intelligently guessed at.

120 Years Ago

Taken from the May 16, 1906 files of *The Barber County Index*

Cement walks are being put in in front of Palmer, Case & Co., and Dr. W. H. Moore's offices and the lots north of Sherry Hardy's store.

In the Dunbar-Goodan case at Hazelton, in which each had sworn out a complaint against the other of assault with intent to kill, Mr. Dunbar pled guilty to simple assault and was fined \$10 and costs in justice court and Mr. Goodan was

bound over to the district court in the sum of \$200. It seems that in their scrap Dunbar used a stick and Goodan a pitchfork.

Thos. Kenney and W. L. Parsons, two of the republican leaders of this city, officially announced their candidacy for sheriff last week. In fact, a republican convention in Barber County without Tom as a candidate would look like a wagon with three wheels. There are now three avowed candidates in the republican camp for the office of sheriff. The contest for the delegation in this city promises to be lively.

The mass meeting held in the court house last Friday evening for the purpose of taking some action on the water works question was well attended. L. M. Axline was made chairman of the meeting and Jerry Gano secretary. By the request of Mayor Shaw, J. N. Tincher explained to the citizens in a general way, the proposition of outside parties to take out the present water plant of the city and to install in the place thereof a well and standpipe system.

110 Years Ago

Taken from the May 17, 1916 files of *The Barber County Index*

The B. W. A. Henson murder case came to a close in the Wichita court last Tuesday afternoon. The jury retired late in the evening and after thirty-six hours deliberation, voted six for conviction and six for acquittal. The defendant in this case was at one time a resident of this county and was well known by many of our citizens. The outcome of the trial is considered a partial victory by the defendant's attorneys. J. N. Tincher of this city was one of Mr. Henson's chief counsel and he is hopeful for an acquittal when the case is retired. The second trial is set for May 29th.

E. I. Davis has purchased the C. N. Marshall garage, building and stock, and took charge of the business Saturday. Mr. Davis is one of the best known men in this section of the county. He lived in Mingona township for a number of years but about a year ago sold out his Barber County holdings and invested in land near Waynoka, Oklahoma. He was in the garage business in Waynoka last winter but sold out several weeks ago. Mr. Davis's family will come to Medicine Lodge

next week. In the deal Mr. Marshall becomes the owner of several hundred acres of land near Waynoka.

85 Years Ago

Taken from the May 15, 1941 files of *The Barber County Index*

Accompanying the Cub Scouts to Hutchinson Friday for their annual round up were Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Davis, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Hittle, Mrs. C. V. Moore, Mrs. Vess Williams, Mrs. Jim Gardner and the Cubmaster Jack Coleman. The graduating class this year is somewhat smaller than previous years as only 37 will receive their diplomas. Last year's class of 48 members was the largest in the history of the Medicine Lodge high school. Following are the members of the graduating class: Irwin Axline, William Benefiel, Odis Brown, Dorothy Chapin, Donald Cooper, Anadayle Davis, Wayne Downing, Clifford Forsyth, Bill Forsyth, Fern Funk, Esther Funk, Robert Garten, Ilene Goble, Dudley Hanstine, Helen Hamilton, Madge Holser, Elwin Huff, Roy Kinkaid, Ada Lillieqvist, John Lalicker, Joe Lovett, Donald Louthan, Ralph Lukens, Helen McKinney, Ervan Rausch, Wanda Lytle, Elmer McEndree, Jane Nixon, Eileen Page, Harold Parr, Ralph Porter, Gerald Riggins, Jack Roark, Arthur Soper, Hazel Warren, Rex Wilson, Virginia Lusk. ML High School News - About Your First Date: Virginia Lusk - I went skating with one of our present day seniors. Bill Benefiel - I went to the show with a girl who now lives in Kiowa. What a girl! Madge Holser - I was very gallantly escorted from the football game. All that distance in zero weather! Bill Forsyth - I took a girl roller skating. We both fell down during the grand march. Don Cooper - I took my girl to a school carnival. I was supposed to do the taking, but I'd swear I got took. Bill MacGregor - I took her to the school carnival. I was either too scared or too bashful to say much more than "hello, good-bye, gulp."

70 Years Ago

Taken from the May 17, 1956 files of *The Barber County Index*

The service stations in Medicine Lodge have announced a raise in the gasoline prices this week.

The price raise took effect Tuesday morning, and the new price for Ethel gas is 29.9 cents per gallon and for regular 27.9 cents.

Three outstanding Medicine Lodge high school juniors were chosen to represent the community at the annual American Legion Boys State citizenship camp at Wichita June 3 to 9. They are Vernon Buell, Richard Malone and Charles DeGeer. Vernon was an automatic selection for the honor through being elected as next year's Medicine Lodge high school student council president. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Buell. Richard is the son of Mrs. Virgil Malone and Charles the son of Mr. and Mrs. V. E. DeGeer. Named this week as Girls State delegate was Betty Bloom, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Bloom, who replaced Jan (Dunson) DeLano. Other Girls State delegate is Fontelle Slater, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Slater.

After serving as either general manager or president of all seven of the famed Medicine Lodge Indian Peace Treaty Pageants, Riley W. MacGregor announced his resignation from the important civic post this week.

60 Years Ago

Taken from the May 19, 1966 files of *The Barber County Index*

Earl Reneau of Sharon, a 1966 graduate of Northwestern State College, has accepted a teaching position at Cunningham effective when the fall term begins in September. Reneau majored in elementary education at Northwestern and will receive a bachelor of science degree in education at commencement ceremonies to be held May 22. Reneau will be teaching in grades five through eight and instruct physical education at St. Leo Grade School in Cunningham.

Eight girls from the Medicine Lodge track squad participated in the Larned Invitational Meet, Friday, May 13. Tracy Frisbie tied for fifth place in the high jump for one-half point. This year's squad consists entirely of freshmen and sophomores, so the girls can look forward to some good performances next year. Sophomores Cathy Garten and Tracy Frisbie show good potential in the hurdles. Sprinters returning next year include Cathy Garten, Marilyn Kimball,

Ginger Walker, Cecilia Hudson and Barbara Moody. Janet Victor set the school record in the shot put at 28'3 1/4" this year and will be returning in that event.

50 Years Ago

Taken from the May 20, 1976 files of *The Barber County Index*

Medicine Lodge High School is once again the home of a State Champion. Brian Poland unleashed the javelin to a school record setting toss of 201' 10" to become the 2A champion in his specialty for 1976. In accomplishing this feat, Brian became only the sixth boys track and field event winner on the state level since World War II (as far back as records can be checked). The elite group that he joins includes Leroy Blackwell, 880 in 1963; Bob Newsom 440 in 1963; Duwayne Guthrie pole vault in 1968; a mile relay team of Bob McDonald, Gary Donovan, Jerry Blackwell and David Hoppes in 1970; and Jerry Blackwell, low hurdles in 1970.

Members of the 7th grade track squad are: Barry Dishman, Jeff Clarke, Ken Ratlief, David England, Darrin Armstrong, David Buell, Paul Ballew, Cliff Long, Myron Little Coyote, Dennis Forbes, Mike Murphy, John Fisher, Kevin Clark, Marty Greenwood, Shaun Crutchfield. Members of the 8th grade track team are: Joe Gant, Alan Kaufman, Bruce Ball, Brian Swayze, Dano Smith, Dale Dishman, Chuck McGuire, Tom Green, Randy Porter, Darwin Davis, Dave Parr, Phil Sill, Roger Simpson, Bret Browder, Clay Troyer, Dirk Rickard.

Three Sharon Elementary Grade School students were award winners in the American Automobile Association's 32nd Annual School Traffic Safety Poster contest. Ann Schmidt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs.

Edwin Schmidt, will receive a \$75.00 U.S. Savings Bond and an award certificate for her first place winning entry. Toni Randels, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Randels, will receive an honorable mention award certificate; and Ronald Rucker, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Rucker, will receive a certificate of commendation.

40 Years Ago

Taken from the May 15, 1986 files of *The Barber County Index*

Earl and Della Trotter will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary with a reception at the Hardtner Senior Citizens Center on Sunday, May 25, 1986. Earl Trotter and Della McCracken were married at Alva, Okla., May 31, 1936.

Results of the student art show held May 5 are as follows: Karla Spade, Outstanding Art I student (1st rank); Eric Nunemaker, Outstanding Art I student (2nd rank); Brain Rucker, Outstanding Art I Student (3rd rank). Outstanding Art Work Award - Jodi McCullough, scratchboard; Victor Vitolas, oil painting; Juana Vitolas, acrylic painting; Janet Glenn, ink; Jim Wells, drawing; Kathy Knop, watercolor; Lydia Vitolas, watercolor; Diane Pinegar, color pencil.

30 Years Ago

Taken from the May 20, 1996 files of *The Gyp Hill Premiere*

The 1996 graduating class of Medicine Lodge High School walked across the stage and to a new phase of their lives last Saturday evening, May 18. This year's Valedictorian was Jamie Ward, and Salutatorian honors went to Carol Clarke.

MLPS Teacher Linda Hartley honors Kansas Teacher of the Year Finalist Gail Ferguson at the Staff Appreciation Banquet, which was held Thursday, May 15 at Larson Ranch.

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MEDICINE LODGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Bicycle Safety: MLPD Hosts Demonstration

Medicine Lodge Police Chief John Defore visits with kids that attended last week's training class and demonstration.



JASON JUMP / The Premiere

Barber County residents Herb Landwehr, left, and Dave Scripsick, middle, point out how Google could access its Project Helium data center facility without using Lone Tree Rd. during Wednesday's county commission meeting.

COUNTY

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a non-parallel fashion as originally proposed. Harnish said the buildings still have to be connected to one another, and one building will run north-south on the east side of Lone Tree Rd., while the second building will run east-west on the west side of Lone Tree Rd. necessitating the need to have that section of the road vacated to keep the entire campus inside a secure perimeter.

Residents were on both sides of the issue as to whether they supported the road closure or not. Pam Ricke, who spoke Wednesday morning, said the road has been a hazard to local traffic for decades. She questioned why there hadn't been something done to fix the road before now. For her, closing at least a portion of that road would get travelers more safe.

Dave Scripsick, on the other hand, owns property on the west side of Lone Tree Rd. He said that land has been in his family for more than 100 years.

"We plan on it being in the family for generations to come," he said.

Sripsick said the family farm is "more than a name." "It's a way of life, and its to be shared and nurtured by all generations," he said.

The local farmer said many people have had to make sacrifices along the way in order to keep the property within the family.

"We've had many chances to sell over the years," he said. "Money is something that is here today and can be gone tomorrow, but the land will stay for generations."

Sripsick said his family has used Lone Tree Rd. for generations, and he questioned why they had to be the ones to "suffer."

"So why should we have to suffer and it cost us more money to make money for a private company," he asked. "Google has the money and the options on ground to make their own roads."

Sripsick said it's not only about his family's farm, but also a question of what happens if there is a fire and the

road closure limits access and makes first responders have to travel further to get to a scene.

"Fires don't always stop at roads (and) we have to follow them wherever they go," he said.

He also questioned what would happen to water flow along that road which has a tendency to flood in years past.

"What do we do if it floods us or the roads out," he asked.

He asked what assurances there were that the complexes wouldn't harm local residents and what redress options do they have if they are harmed.

Sripsick said conflicting information has come from Google during recent town halls that were held in Sharon and Medicine Lodge.

"We need to put a stop to everything until we get some answers and assurances on how this will effect us," he said.

Chairman Bryan Quick, who represents District 2 where the data center is proposed, asked Harnish what the setbacks would be for homeowners. Harnish said the setbacks are 300 feet from the campus, but road setbacks have "not be defined."

"We have not engineered the road yet, so I don't know the existing right-of-way in relation to the property," the Google rep said.

Quick then asked if a water drainage study had been done. Harnish said Google was aware of the issue. "We're aware that is floods and needs to be maintained," he said.

Herb Landwehr spoke Wednesday as well. While he made it quite clear he was not in favor of the project, he said the decent thing to do was not have traffic constantly running by the land and homes of people that chose not to sell their property to Google.

"Why in the hell should they have to put up with all that traffic, and I mean there's going to be tons of it for two to three years," he said.

Landwehr said Google could just as easily access

their facility using Cedar Hill Rd. a mile to the west where no one lives and property owners have agreed to sell their land to Google. He said there are real issues for Google financially other than just a little longer stretch of road way the company would need to pave.

"But it saves the Scripsick family from having this caravan of crap coming back and forth while they are building this damn thing when they didn't even sell (their land)," Landwehr said.

Quick asked if the Google reps had considered that option. Harnish told commissioners the site plan was the only thing they were addressing currently. He said that alternate route is something the company could be looked at moving forward.

Google's Trystine Payfer said the road closure was simply the first step in a chain of events.

"The actual traffic patterns of how we navigate during construction and during operation can always be amended and decided," she said.

Ultimately, Quick said the commissioners are going to need more information in the next month before the issue is revisited if Google wants an answer from the board, at least as far as he is concerned.

He said he wants to know where the water is going to go from Google's point of view, but he also wants the county's engineers to have the opportunity to look at the drainage concerns as well.

"It's not a no that we aren't going to vacate the road, but...I think we need more information before we make that decision," the chairman said.

EDITOR'S NOTE: More information from Wednesday's county commission meeting can be found online at gyphillpremiere.com and will be included in next week's edition. Wednesdays are press days, and we were up against our deadline to get this week's edition to the printer.

PUBLIC NOTICE - BARBER CO. TREASURER QUARTERLY REPORT

(Published in The Gyp Hill Premiere on Thursday, May 14, 2026) 1t

Ambulance	\$602,373.94
Appraiser Cost	\$227,776.83
Council on Aging	\$5,092.70
Employee Benefits	\$1,979,704.44
Extension Council	\$7,338.23
General	\$3,473,134.59
Mental Health	\$35,169.16
Mental Retardation	\$35,745.52
Noxious Weed Cap Outlay	\$31,551.68
Noxious Weed	\$151,729.73
Public Health	\$496,709.58
Road & Bridge	\$1,629,489.76
Solid Waste	\$445,719.70
Special Hwy Improvement	\$560,792.31
Vehicle Operating	\$21,130.22
Ambulance Donation Fd-Kiowa	\$465.00
Ba Co Public Assist	\$10,950.62
Capital Improvement Fund	\$2,500,643.59
Clerk's Technology Fund	\$28,721.00
Cost of Bond Issuance	\$2,439.08
Emergency 911	\$41,359.26
Equipment Reserve	\$1,410,740.00
Flexible Spending Account	\$4,040.92
Municipalities Fight Addiction	\$23,057.45
Insurance Funding	\$476,224.04
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PATF	\$2,730.11
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Rural Fire Disaster Donations	\$36,805.71
Rescue Special Equipment	\$108,533.03
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Sheriff Phone Card Fund	\$211.45
Special Alcohol	\$3,624.82
Safe Educational Law Fund	\$13,199.15
Sp Law Enforcement Trust	\$3,148.77
Sheriff Memorial Fund	\$210.00
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Treasurer's Technology Fund	\$28,798.50
VIN Fees	\$1,599.25
Long & Short	\$6.73
Advance Tax	\$80.00
Current Tax	\$447,594.23
Delinquent Pers Property	\$2,275.82
Delinquent 16/20M Vehicle	\$663.62
Mediation Fees	\$1,926.18
Heritage Trust	\$494.00
Oil & Gas Depletion Trust Fd	\$3,005,368.02
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Drivers License	\$79.00
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Motor Vehicle Tax	\$190,933.44
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Emergency Management Grant	\$3,060.07
EMS Spec Fund	\$8,700.11
Public Health Grant Fund	\$18,334.59
SCKC-PH Reg Bioterrorism	\$33.47
Rural Fire District	\$137,364.22
TOTAL	\$18,795,928.17
Citizens Bank of Kansas	\$430,882.47
Citizens Bank of Kansas	\$29,163.16
Citizens Bank of Kansas	\$2,864,301.46
Citizens Bank of Kansas-CD	\$500,000.00
Citizens Bank of Kansas-CDARS	\$5,793,818.06
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Alva State Bank-Kiowa	\$4,469.02
Alva State Bank-Kiowa	\$4,664,646.46
Alva State Bank-Kiowa	\$759,705.15
Peoples Bank of Med Lodge	\$1,684,682.43
Cash On Hand	\$500.00
TOTAL	\$18,795,928.17

I, Sheri J. Weeks, Treasurer of Barber County, Kansas, having first been duly sworn according to law upon my oath, state the foregoing statements are taken from the books of my office and are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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	Melissa Simpson	Notary Public
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A local farmer travels up Main Street in Medicine Lodge Wednesday morning during the data center protest prior to the county commission meeting.

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The 2026 senior class at South Barber High Schools puts the final touch on its undergraduate journey with the annual cap toss closing out last Sunday's graduation ceremony.

SBHS

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MacKinney said the journey was filled with prominent characters, as well as guest stars and side characters at every turn.

She also talked about forgiveness, which is required for such small classes. MacKinney also admitted high school wasn't exactly a place where she felt comfortable in the early years. She also talked about finding belonging outside of the education experience, including her church family.

MacKinney encouraged everyone to try church camp "at least once." She also talked about how thankful she was for her family and being raised in a Christian home.

She closed her speech with a Bible verse, "For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

"This verse has been my mantra, my peace for the last four years," the valedictorian said.

She said every part of the journey was for a reason and God ultimately have her a story in the end – one which is "just beginning."

Salutatorian Tanith Erikson captured the audience from the very get go with her, "Good morning, everyone," said in a voice that was very Robin Williamsesque from the movie *Good Morning, Vietnam*.

Erikson said she never really imagined herself standing there in that moment with her cap "ruining her hair" and being strangled by honor chords.

She likened the high school journey to being tied to a train track, "feeling the rumble and whistle of a train called graduation."

"Today the train got us," Erikson said. "And what a beautiful mess it has made out of all of us."

Erikson said it has been

said that in a person's final moments in life there are about seven seconds of that life that flash before their eyes. She said that's about the amount of time it takes to walk across the floor to pick up a cover that will one day hold their diploma.

"What will your seven seconds be," she asked. "I would like to think these are moments that in which we are deeply and truly happy."

It was not just a goodbye for the students, but USD 255 Superintendent Dr. Mylo Miller addressed his final group of graduates to start Sunday's ceremony.

Miller talked about the significance of this particular graduating class and how much they contributed to the success of USD 255.

He likened them to the stars shining so bright in the Kansas skies.



DR. MYLO MILLER

PUBLIC NOTICE

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BARBER COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2026-3

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BARBER COUNTY, KANSAS VACATING AND ALTERING PORTIONS OF WHITE SANDS ROAD

WHEREAS, The Board of County Commissioners of Barber County, Kansas (Hereinafter "the Board"), is the governing body of Barber County, Kansas (hereinafter "the County"), and is charged with the responsibility of determining whether roads within the County should be laid out, altered, or vacated, pursuant to K.S.A. 68-102 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Board has received a Petition praying for an order altering and vacating certain portions of White Sands Road on the grounds that the plated road right of way has been abandoned in certain areas and reestablished in a different location;

WHEREAS, the Board held a public hearing on the Petition in the manner prescribed by law on May 13, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.;

WHEREAS, the Board deems it to be in the public's interest for economic reasons due to non-use, to vacate a portion of White Sands Road and open a new portion of White Sands road because the platted road right of way has been abandoned in certain areas and reestablished in a different location, pursuant to K.S.A. 68-102;

WHEREAS, that in accordance with K.S.A. 68-102 and K.S.A. 19-101 et seq., the following portions of White Sands Road is determined not to be a public utility by reason of nonuse and lack of necessity for such roads as a public utility does not justify the expenditures of the necessary funds to repair such easement for access or put the same in condition for public travel. As such, said easement for access qualifies for vacation. Furthermore, an additional portion of White Sands Road shall be opened and is necessary for public access and is justified for public utility.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Barber County, Kansas as follows:

1. That the County pursuant to K.S.A. 68-102 has determined it necessary to alter White Sands Road by vacating a portion of White Sands Road described as:

That portion of White Sands Road running west from Sun City Road through the Southwest Quarter (SW/4) of Section Eleven (11), then turning south in the Southwest Quarter (SW/4) of Section Ten (10), continuing into the Northwest Quarter (NW/4) of Section Fifteen (15) where it intersects with existing White Sands Road, all in Township Thirty-one (31) South, Range Fifteen (15) West of the 6th P.M.

and opening a portion of road described as:

A sixty (60) foot road right of way beginning at a point on White Sands Road at the Southwest Corner of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter

(SW/4 SE/4) of Section Ten (10), Township Thirty-one (31) South, Range Fifteen (15) West of the 6th P.M., then proceeding generally south along the east side of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NE/4 NW/4) of Section Ten (10), then proceeding generally west along the south side of said NE/4 NW/4, with the entire portion of road contained within the NE/4 NW/4.

2. The Barber County Clerk gave notice of the proposed vacation by publication once in the official county newspaper and by sending notice by certified mail to each owner of property adjoining the easement, at the address where the owner's tax statement is sent. The Board of Commissioners of Barber County, Kansas held a public hearing on May 13, 2026, concerning the use and/or nonuse of the easement for access, and determined that altering and vacating the easement is in the best interests of the citizens of Barber County, Kansas.

3. The portion of White Sands Road and associated right of way is hereby vacated:

That portion of White Sands Road running west from Sun City Road through the Southwest Quarter (SW/4) of Section Eleven (11), then turning south in the Southwest Quarter (SW/4) of Section Ten (10), continuing into the Northwest Quarter (NW/4) of Section Fifteen (15) where it intersects with existing White Sands Road, all in Township Thirty-one (31) South, Range Fifteen (15) West of the 6th P.M.

4. The portion of White Sands Road and associated right of way is hereby opened:

A sixty (60) foot road right of way beginning at a point on White Sands Road at the Southwest Corner of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SW/4 SE/4) of Section Ten (10), Township Thirty-one (31) South, Range Fifteen (15) West of the 6th P.M., then proceeding generally south along the east side of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NE/4 NW/4) of Section Ten (10), then proceeding generally west along the south side of said NE/4 NW/4, with the entire portion of road contained within the NE/4 NW/4.

That this Resolution shall be published once in the official County newspaper.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Resolution is ordered entered upon the records of this Board and is adopted at a regular meeting this 13th day of May, 2026.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BARBER COUNTY, KANSAS

/s/ Bryan Quick

Bryan Quick, Chairman

/s/ Adam Mills

Adam Mills

/s/ Mike Roe

Mike Roe

ATTEST:

/s/ Amy Sill

Barber County Clerk

(SEAL)

BARBER COUNTY DEEDS

D152-280 - Warranty Deed: Bruce G. and Yvette Papon et all to Bruce G. and Yvette K. Papon, Family Revocable Living Trust, Grantee.

D152-282 - Warranty Deed: Allan Ronald and Sarah Hart Johnson to Jeff A. and Janice M. Bahr, Grantee.

D152-284 - Warranty Deed: Allan Ronald and Sarah Hart Johnson to Broken Arrow Farms LLC, Grantee.

D152-286 - Quit Claim Deed: Russell Hansen to Thomas Isaac Gada, Grantee.

D152-287 - Corporation Warranty Deed: Kansas Oklahoma Cooperatives to City of Hazelton, Kansas, Grantee.

D152-289 - Quit Claim Deed: Michael Ashbaker and Simeo Brumley, Simeo Brumley & Michael Ashbaker to Russel A. and Carol A. Molz, Trust, Grantee.

D152-290 - Quit Claim Deed: Jeffery Ashbaker to Russell A. and Carol A. Molz, Trust, Grantee.

D152-291 - Quit Claim Deed: Charles Ashbaker to Russell A. and Carol A. Molz, Trust, Grantee.

D152-292 - Quit Claim Deed: Brian Ashbaker to Russell A. and Carol A. Molz, Trust, Grantee.

D152-293 - Quit Claim Deed: Bryan Investments, LLC to Russell A. and Carol A. Molz, Trust, Grantee.

D152-294 - Warranty Deed: Medicine Valley Properties, LLC to Daniel Ring, Grantee.

D152-295 - Corporation Warranty Deed: VerDon, Inc. to Bennie L. Griffin, Grantee, Mineral Conveyance/Reservation, Mineral Rights.

D152-297 - Trustee's Deed: Charles G. Jacobs Revocable Trust to Carol L. Lipscomb et all, Gary D. Jacobs et all, Jana S. Bollman et all, Grantee.

D152-303 - Quit Claim Deed: Casey R. Whitaker to Robyn J. Rooks, Grantee.

D152-305 - Warranty Deed: Medicine Valley Properties, LLC to Charles F. and Clara J. Heydenreich, Grantee.

D152-306 - Warranty Deed: Gitano II, LLC to Nichols Ranch LLC, Grantee.

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LEGAL NOTICES

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IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT, BARBER COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of LINDA CAROL EVANS, deceased

Case No. BA-2026-PR-000008

NOTICE OF HEARING

The State of Kansas to all Persons Concerned:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed on the 27th day of April, 2026, in said Court by Dale Thomas Evans, a devisee and legatee of the estate of Linda Carol Evans, deceased, praying for the foreign probated Will of Linda Carol Evans, deceased, be admitted to probate and record in this Court; the Court find that no administration in the Estate is necessary; the

Will be construed and the interest in Kansas real estate owned by the decedent be assigned in accordance with the terms of the Will.

You are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before May 21, 2026, at 1:30 P.M., on said day, in said Court, in the City of Medicine Lodge, Barber County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said Petition.

DALE THOMAS EVANS, Petitioner

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IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT, BARBER COUNTY, KANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of BRADLY L. GIBSON, Deceased.

Case No. BA-2024-PR-27

(Filed Pursuant to K.S.A. Ch. 59)

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition for Final Settlement has been filed in this Court by Morgan Gibson and Lawren Hinson, duly appointed, qualified and acting Co-Administrators of the Estate of Bradley L. Gibson, deceased, praying Petitioners' acts be approved; account be settled and allowed; the heirs be determined; and the Estate be assigned to the persons entitled to it pursuant to the laws of intestate succession; the Court find the allowances requested for attorneys' fees and

expenses are reasonable and should be allowed; the costs be determined and ordered paid; the administration of the Estate be closed; upon the filing of receipts, the Petitioners be finally discharged as Co-Administrators of the Estate of Bradley L. Gibson, deceased, and the Petitioners be released from further liability.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before May 21, 2026 at 1:30 p.m. in the District Court in Medicine Lodge, Barber County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said petition.

Morgan Gibson and Lawren Hinson
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FILE PHOTO

Medicine Lodge cheerleaders work to get the crowd involved prior to the tipoff of a girl's basketball game in December of 2025. MLJH/HS was recently awarded the Central Plains League Sportsmanship Award by KSHSAA.

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positive sportsmanship with our outstanding students," she said.

Following the conclusion of the basketball season, the member schools voted to identify their respective League Sportsmanship Champion. School leaders evaluated sportsmanship demonstrated by the girl's and boy's teams (players and coaches), spirit squads, pep bands and crowds based upon school performance throughout the season.

Judd Dohrmann, the assistant principal and athletic director for Medicine Lodge Junior High and High School, said the school was "extremely thankful" to be honored as the CPL Sportsman Champions this season.

"Our students, staff, and community support our teams in a positive manner, and we take great pride in encouraging our athletes while respecting officials and opponents," he said. "A special shoutout goes to our cheerleaders and their leader, Karen Cunningham. Karen has done a great job leading the pep club program after taking it over from Cheryl Theis, who helped get the 'Roll Tribe' culture rolling again just a

few years ago."

Like the superintendent, Dohrmann recognized the contribution of those outside of the school community, as well as the students.

"This recognition would not be possible without our community members, local business partnerships and our students," he said. "Our community-sponsored 'Fan of the Game' award has like-ly demonstrated by the girl's and boy's teams (players and coaches), spirit squads, pep bands and crowds based upon school performance throughout the season."

"We compete to give our kids a fun and meaningful experience, and we are very fortunate to have some of the best kids around."

KSHSAA Executive Director Bill Faffick said there are a number of lessons to be learned "through activity participation."

"Of top priority among them is promoting sportsmanship, which supports students in developing the ability to self-regulate and to respond appropriately when experiencing the thrill of victory or the agony of defeat," he said. "School leaders have worked tirelessly for students and stakeholders to learn and grow in this area."

Each League/Conference Champion will be honored with a sportsmanship state championship trophy from KSHSAA.



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