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Hardtner Resident to Be Inducted in Hall of Fame

BY FAITH COULTAS
Staff Writer

A Barber County native is going to be one of the most recent inductees into the Kansas Cowboy Hall of Fame.

Colette Baier was born and raised in Hardtner and will officially be inducted into the KCHoF at Boot Hill Museum in Dodge City, on Saturday, Nov. 7. Baier has lived in Hardtner most

of her life, even raising her own children there, showing them the beauty of life in Barber County and sharing her love of horses and rodeo as well.

Baier was nominated to be inducted by her longtime friend Michelle Lloyd-Davis last year and recently received notification that she was selected by the museum's selection committee to be inducted.

"I am very honored to be

inducted into the hall of fame and humbled at the same time, because I never really did any of this to be inducted, I just did my thing and did what I love, so I am very honored to have that respect from my peers," she said. "It's quite an honor."

Baier competes in barrel racing and pole bending and has been recognized for her many wins and awards and was even inducted into the Fort Hays State University

Rodeo Hall of Fame in 2024. Baier went to school and competed in rodeos throughout her time at FHSU, and she was also recently nominated for the Living Legends Award at a senior barrel race in Shawnee, Okla.

Baier grew up on her parents' ranch and began riding horses at a young age. Her father, John Graves, asked their neighbor to loan them their small Shetland pony, the first horse Baier learned

to ride. After she got more seasoned in riding, she began barrel racing and pole bending with her horse, Ginger, on which she gained much more knowledge of the sport, which deepened her love and desire to ride.

She then began competing in rodeos, with her first being a Little Britches Rodeo held in Medicine Lodge where she won the All

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SOUTH BARBER HIGH SCHOOL

Royalty: SBHS Names King, Queen

Garen Cantrell, left, and Kenslea Schupbach pose for photos after they were crowned South Barber High School homecoming king and queen, respectively, during a ceremony prior to the football game against Ashland last week.

Appeals Court: Mail-In Ballots to be Accepted for Three Days After November 3 Election

BY MORGAN CHILSON
Kansas Reflector

Mail-in ballots arriving three days after the November general election will still count in Kansas, an appellate court ruled, citing the need to make sure no votes are lost.

It was the latest ruling in a court battle between Secretary of State Scott Schwab and Kansas Appleseed, along with Kansans who believe a 2025 statute eliminating a three-day grace period for mail-in votes violates their constitutional rights.

"Right now, where we're at is everything is the same as it was for the primary," said Nicki Rose, legal director for Kansas Appleseed Center for Law and Justice.

The statute changed state law to say only advance ballots received by 7 p.m. on Election Day would be counted.

"When considering important constitutional challenges concerning election procedure and faced with an upcoming election, courts must be careful to avoid rulings that could cause votes to be lost," said

a Friday ruling from Chief Judge Sarah Warner and Judges Stephen Hill and Kim Schroeder.

Schwab had asked the Kansas Court of Appeals to stay an injunction that forced the state to continue accepting mail-in votes for three days after the election while the court cases proceeded.

Douglas County District Judge Carl Folsom issued the injunction before the August midterms to stop enforcement of the new statute, based on his belief plaintiffs were "substantially likely" to succeed at trial.

"Considering the Secretary's preliminary showing on the merits, the State's asserted injuries, the irreparable consequences a stay could impose on voters, the public interest, and the rapidly approaching election calendar, we conclude that the Secretary has not met his burden to demonstrate that the temporary injunction should be suspended while this appeal proceeds," the appeals court ruling said.

The court on Friday

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MEDICINE LODGE HIGH SCHOOL

Career Milestone: Gerdes Celebrates With Teammates

Medicine Lodge senior setter Emmy Gerdes holds up a sign acknowledging her 2,000th career assist while celebrating with her teammates after a match last week.

Rankin Among KHA Leadership Institute Graduates

PRESS RELEASE

The Kansas Hospital Association Leadership Institute graduated its 24th class of 29 students on Sept. 11, 2026, at the KHA Annual Convention and Trade Show in Overland Park, Kansas. Students were nominated by their hospital's CEO to be part of this select group. They represent the future leaders of Kansas hospitals.

Helping to build future health care leaders is important to the Kansas Hospital Association.

"We are committed to strengthening and promoting the leadership capacity of hospital employees in Kansas," said Chad Austin, president and CEO of the Kansas Hospital Association.

The KHA Leadership Institute was established to help hospitals provide

professional development opportunities that accentuate the personal skills and abilities needed to facilitate positive change and innovation in Kansas hospitals.

The 2026 Leadership Institute class was diverse. They represented a wide geographic distribution of hospitals from St. Francis to Elkhart and parsons to Holton – there was representation from all parts of the state. Students had been working in health care for as little as a year to 20 years. Several students have been in management positions while others were new managers. Some students also supervisor other staff, from a few to more than 50 employees.

It is important to note that the students nominated to participate in this

program were not selected because they needed to learn "management skills." They were nominated because their CEO recognized their potential to be future leaders and wanted to help cultivate that development. Each one of these students made a personal and professional commitment to expanding their skills by attending all six courses of the Leadership Institute.

The curriculum was structured to enhance each student's leadership abilities. Course 1 focused on explaining the difference between leadership and management, identifying organizational values and creating a positive organizational climate.

Course 2 focused on enhancing

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KANSAS HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION

Kiowa District Healthcare's Heather Rankin was one of 29 graduates of the Kanas Hospital Association Leadership Institute held recently at the KHA's annual convention and trade show, in Overland Park.

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BAIER

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Around title. She eventually won the world Little Britches title on Ginger, who also had an impressive career, continuously beating arena records, as well as her own records.

Baier eventually used her riding skills to help her father on their ranch, herding cattle and working horses to be used at their family ranch, while still competing in rodeos.

She competed in rodeos throughout her childhood and into adulthood, winning several titles and awards along the way.

Baier decided in her sophomore year of college that she wanted to go pro and she joined the Women’s Professional Rodeo Association (WPRA) in 1974. That year she was named Rookie of the Year and was Reserve World Champion.

Baier loves the bond she has built with her horses and the team they become when they are competing and even outside of the competition arena.

“(My favorite part) it’s definitely becoming a team with your horse that you’re riding on,” she said. “That trust and confidence built between you both, you have to become a team and you have to ride them enough to build that with them.”

Baier attributes her success to the horses she rode and the lineage they come from.

“It’s all in the bloodline, that’s what I have always said. The bloodline is important on these horses,” Baier said. “Also, the fact is, generally speaking, they were always tough horses, physically tough, mentally tough and soundness wise they always stayed sound.”

Her horse, Sugar Babe, won her several awards and titles over her rodeo career and became an instrumental part in her life, producing several foals that also went on to prove themselves

to be winners. Sugar Babe was retired after suffering from arthritis due to a previous injury she had at a young age. After being retired, Sugar Babe produced a colt who Baier named Suak.

“He was a big, beautiful chestnut stallion, and he was an incredibly powerful horse,” Baier said. “Suak was the first horse that I ever rode that I could feel the power in. He had so much torque in his muscle capacity that I could feel it clear up to my head.”

Suak went on to compete with Baier in several rodeos, also winning the cowgirl several awards and titles and eventually also producing horses that have proven themselves in many capacities.

Baier not only rides horses and competes in rodeos, she also trains horses both for herself and for others and has been very successful in that venture. The Hardtner resident also hosts barrel racing and pole bending clinics to help teach those interested in those events all of the ins and outs they need to know to get started or improve on their already established skills, as well as allowing her the ability to mentor the next generation of barrel racers and pole benders.

She has recently gotten into the business of horse therapy, using horses to help people cope with various issues they may need to overcome including children with severe autism.

“I have seen a lot of improvements in kids in their motor skills, their listening, their focus and kids who have had trouble in school and different things to start listening and becoming a better person and helping them to succeed,” Baier said. “I have had lots of success with little kids and I mean little, little kids, four and up, to get on and it’s amazing how they bond with that horse.

“I work with kids with autism, specifically kids with autism who can’t talk, and I have seen amazing results

with kids who never talked before begin to communicate because of the horse therapy. I don’t think people realize what all they (horses) do. The bond between a horse and a person is amazing, they are just such a spiritual animal.”

Baier does her horse therapy sessions on some land outside of Ponca City, Okla., where she now lives and she uses her horse Catch, the last horse produced by her horse Suak, who was retired from barrel racing four years ago to preserve his soundness and his ability to help her with horse therapy because of his amazing temperament.

“He just absolutely takes care of these little kids. He knows when these kids are on him, who can’t ride and you can’t get him to hardly go,” she said. “He just wants to take care of them and he knows the drill.”

Baier has been working towards another dream of hers which will be coming to fruition in December, a National Finals Rodeo (NFR) reunion. She organized a reunion for fellow NFR competitors to take place during the World Championship held in Las Vegas, on Dec. 7 at the Las Vegas Event Center.

“It was a dream of mine to have an NFR reunion with anyone who wanted to be a part of it and that will finally be happening in December,” she said. “I am very excited to have this done. It’s a whole lot of work to put something on of this magnitude there is a lot to it.”

Baier has been working hard to achieve all her goals for herself in her life and her barrel racing and pole bending career. Her next dream she would like to see come to life is to have her horse Sugar Babe inducted into the hall of fame right alongside her for her achievements throughout her career in the rodeo world. A goal she is continuing to work towards as she continues in her career.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Barber County native and Hardtner resident Colette Baier poses for a photo with one of the many horses she has had over her career. Baier will be inducted into the Kansas Cowboy Hall of Fame, in Dodge City, on Nov. 7.

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 5004

A PROPOSITION to amend section 1 of article 5 of the constitution of the state of Kansas to require individuals to be citizens of the United States, at least 18 years of age and a resident of the voting area in which such person seeks to vote in order to vote in this state.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Kansas, two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the House of Representatives and two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the Senate concurring therein:

Section 1. The following proposition to amend the constitution of the state of Kansas shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the state for their approval or rejection: Section 1 of article 5 of the constitution of the state of Kansas is hereby amended to read as follows:

“§ 1. **Qualifications of electors.** Every(a) *No person shall be deemed a qualified elector unless such person:*

- (1) *Is a citizen of the United States who;*
- (2) *has attained the age of eighteen years; and who*
- (3) *except as provided in subsection (b) or (c), resides in the voting area in which he or she such person seeks to vote shall be deemed a qualified elector.*

(b) Laws of this state relating to voting for presidential electors and candidates for the office of president and vice-president of the United States shall comply with the laws of the United States relating thereto. A citizen of the United States, who is otherwise qualified to vote in Kansas for presidential electors and candidates for the offices of president and vice-president of the United States may vote for such officers either in person or by absentee ballot notwithstanding the fact that such person may have become a nonresident of this state if *his or her such person's* removal from this state occurs during a period in accordance with federal law next preceding such election.

(c) A person who is otherwise a qualified elector may vote in the voting area of *his or her such person's* former residence either in person or by absentee ballot notwithstanding the fact that such person may have become a nonresident of such voting area during a period prescribed by law next preceding the election at which *he or she such person* seeks to vote, if *his such person's* new residence is in another voting area in the state of Kansas.”

Sec. 2. The following statement shall be printed on the ballot with the amendment as a whole:

“*Explanatory statement.* This amendment would clarify that only a person who is a citizen of the United States is eligible to vote in this state.

“A vote for this proposition would clarify that only a person who is a citizen of the United States is eligible to vote in this state.

“A vote against this proposition would make no change to the constitution of the state of Kansas, and the language concerning voter qualifications would remain the same.”

Sec. 3. This resolution, if approved by two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the House of Representatives and two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the Senate, shall be entered on the journals, together with the yeas and nays. The secretary of state shall cause this resolution to be published as provided by law and shall cause the proposed amendment to be submitted to the electors of the state at the general election in November in the year 2026, unless a special election is called at a sooner date by concurrent resolution of the legislature, in which case the proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors of the state at the special election.

OBITUARIES

DORIS NADINE HERMON

Doris Nadine Hermon, 92, of Kiowa, passed away on Sept. 30, 2026. She was born on Nov. 8, 1933, in Cherokee, Okla., to Orville and Mildred Curran.

Doris married Don Beason on June 10, 1951, and together they had four children: Debra, Diane, Denise and Darrin Kelly. On Feb. 5, 1977, she married Edward Hermon, and they had one son, Dustin.

Doris worked for many years as a nurse’s aide at Kiowa District Hospital and served as an EMT for 34 years. A woman of deep faith, she played the piano and had a beautiful singing voice, often asked to sing at funerals. She performed in Border Line Theatre plays and, for a time, belonged to a prison ministry group called, Consumed, that visited prisons.

She loved animals of every kind, and her pets ranged from dogs and cats to raccoons, skunks, and even a deer. She also loved to garden. Above all, she was a devoted and loving wife, mother, and friend.

Doris is survived by her husband of 49 years, Edward Hermon; her brother, Dwight “Bud” Curran and his wife, Virgie; her sister, Joan Metz; her children: Debbie Scott, Diane Peacock, Deni Hall and her husband, Chris, Kelly Beason and his wife, Bonnie, and Dusty Hermon and his wife, Monique; her grandchildren: Alan Scott, Dylan Hardesty, Mya Hurley, Jacob Hurley, Isabelle Hurley and Lily Hermon; her great-grandchildren: Haily Gonzalez, Kelsey Butcher, Nadley Scott and Issais Scott; and her great-great-grandson, William Butcher.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her brother, Lloyd Curran, and her sister, Beverly Williams.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, Oct. 6, at the First Christian Church, in Kiowa, with burial following at Riverview Cemetery. Arrangements were mad by Lanman Funeral Home, Inc., of Kiowa.

Flowers may be sent to Lanman Funeral Home, 204 N 7th St, Kiowa, KS 67070. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Kiowa Ambulance Service, the Attica-Long Term Care memory unit or the Alzheimer’s Association through the funeral home.

JAMES NORMAN LONG

James Norman Long, 85, was welcomed into the arms of Jesus, on Sept. 21, 2026, at his home surrounded by family.

He entered this world on July 17, 1941, to Norman and Doris Griem Long, in Nashville. He was a graduate of Medicine Lodge High School, involved in football, baseball and rodeo. He enlisted in the Navy, serving at the rank

of E5-AX2 Petty Officer Second Class Airman and worked for the Civil Service as an electrician. As a Jim-of-all-trades he was a truck driver, worked in the oilfield in several states and in Venezuela and enjoyed the cowboy life. He owned a dirt work company in Sand Springs, Okla. He was a member of the VFW and Elks. He loved fishing, RV traveling, playing pitch and cribbage and hosting fish fries.

He was the life of the party with family and friends and is legendary for his quick one-liners. He and Edith Wells-Zieg crossed paths at a high school reunion and have been married for 36 years.

James was preceded in death by his his parents, son, Michael Long; brothers George Long and Grant Long; sister, Vickie McDonald; and brother-in-law, Bob McDonald.

He is survived by his wife, Edith Long, of Tulsa, Okla.; children: Cliff Long (Kelly), of Medicine Lodge, Steve Zieg (Kim), of Sand Springs, Kaylyn Zieg, Tulsa; sister-in-law, Patty Conroy (Dave), of Tulsa; grandchildren: Robin Burns (Karsten), of Fort Bragg, N.C., Casey Ward (Cameron), of Manhattan; Misty Hazel (Brandon), of Anthony; Cole Long (Ashley), of Wichita; Tori Zieg, of Tulsa, Haley Arguelles, of Tulsa and Chad Zieg (Crystal), of Collinsville, Okla.; and 19 great-grandchildren.

A graveside service will be held at Highland Cemetery, in Medicine Lodge, on Saturday, Oct. 10, at 1 pm. Memorials can be made to Millennium Hospice, in Tulsa or the Barber County Veterans Memorial.

Obituaries can also be read online at gyphillpremiere.com

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KHA

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communication skills and grassroots advocacy, while course 3 focused on team building - including how to lead a team and how to be part of a team and Course 4 examined conflict and conflict management. Course 5 was at the KHA Annual Convention and Trade Show. Students learned about the challenges facing health care.

KHA Leadership Institute class of 2026 included:

- Braden Anderson, Morton County Health System, Elkhart;
- Gordon Beightel, Community HealthCare System, Onaga;
- Amanda Bernbeck, Logan County Health Services, Oakley;
- Kelsey Brin, Rooks County Health Center, Plainville;
- Emilee Brown, SCK Health, Arkansas City;
- Jennifer Carmichael, Hutchinson Regional Medical Center, Hutchinson;
- Leasha Couchman, Lane County Hospital, Dighton;
- Kiel Emerson, HaysMed, Hays;
- Catrina Fickel, Labette Health, Parsons;
- Henrique Gebara, Freeman Fort Scott Hospital, Fort Scott;
- Julie Goetz, Salina Regional Health Center, Salina;
- Amy Huerter, Nemaha Valley Community Hospital, Seneca;
- Rana Ingram, Clara Barton Medical Center, Hoisington;
- Stacey Knowles, Meade District Hospital/Artesian Valley Health System, Meade;
- Sam Lane, Pawnee Valley Community Hospital, Larned;
- Lacy Lawrence, Greeley County Health Services, Tribune;
- Jordan McKittrick, Decatur Health, Oberlin;
- Taylor Mead, Greenwood County Hospital, Eureka;
- Shelly Moss, Coffey County Hospital, Burlington;
- Agatha Nickelson, Pratt Regional Medical Center, Pratt;
- Shane Olson, Mitchell County Hospital Health Systems, Beloit;
- Heather Rankin, Kiowa District Healthcare, Kiowa;
- Carla Renyer, Sabetha Community Hospital, Sabetha;
- Penny Showalter, Rice Community Health, Lyons;
- Bridget Tillitsen, Grisell Memorial Hospital District #1, Ransom;
- Caley VanLoenen, Graham County Hospital, Hill City;
- April Walker, NMC Health, Newton;
- Lori Williams, Holton Community Hospital, Holton;
- Aubrey Winegarner, Cheyenne County Hospital, Saint Francis.

The Kansas Hospital Association is a voluntary, non-profit organization existing to be the leading advocate and resource for members. KHA membership includes 249 member facilities, of which 124 are full-service, community hospitals. Founded in 1910, KHA's vision is: "Optimal health for Kansans and Kansas hospitals."



MEDICINE LODGE HIGH SCHOOL

Homecoming Court: MLHS Announces Slate of Candidates

Medicine Lodge High School recently announced its slate of candidates for 2026 Homecoming king and queen. Posing for a photo is this year's candidates: front row (L to R) Emmy Gerdes, Mackenzie Cunningham, Emery Shinliver, Aubrey Miltner and Sophie Lampe; back row (L to R) Miguel Hernandez, Judson Barnard, Stuart Schmucker, Mason Ricke and Mavrik Inslee.

SOUTH BARBER HIGH SCHOOL HOMECOMING PARADE



Farmer: Blame for Immigration Reform Rests With Federal Government

BY MORGAN CHILSON
Kansas Reflector

Blame for the lack of immigration reform to meet the needs of workers and the agriculture industry lies squarely with the federal government, and change must happen, one farmer said in response to September immigration raids in southwest Kansas.

"This is one of those rare situations where the humanitarian and

economic interests align," said Brian Vulgamore, a fifth-generation farmer and Kansas businessman. Vulgamore's opinion about the crisis, first posted online, drew vigorous opposition from many and highlighted frustrations in the Midwestern, agriculture-based states that largely vote Republican. Immigrants are necessary to adequately operate many businesses, farms and ranches, but there isn't a workable process to bring them to the country legally.

Vulgamore Family Farms is a growing operation, both in size and scope, moving in the last 25 years from a couple of employees to more than 60 during busy seasons, Vulgamore wrote in an email. "We have employees who grew up speaking six different languages, with education ranging from eighth grade to a Ph.D.," he said. "We could not have built the operation we have today without immigrant labor."

Vulgamore's farm employs immigrant workers through the H-2A visa program, which allows agricultural operations to apply for immigrants to work temporary and seasonal agricultural jobs. However, seasonal workers don't meet the needs of much of the industry, including the beef processing plants and farm operations that need help year-round. The United

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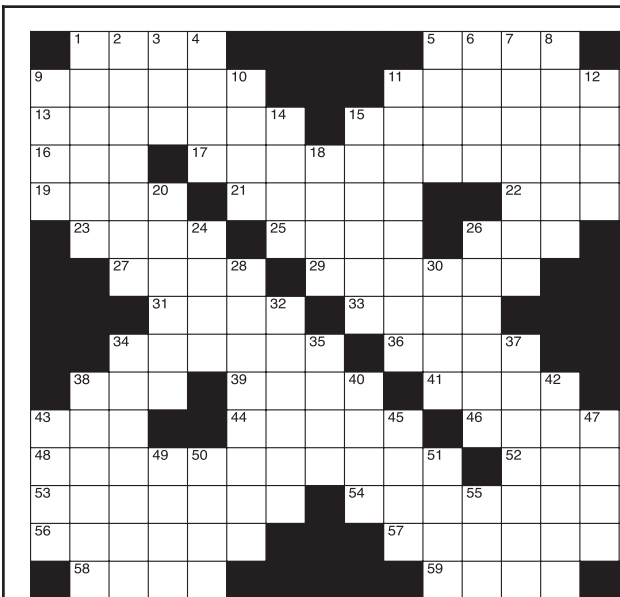
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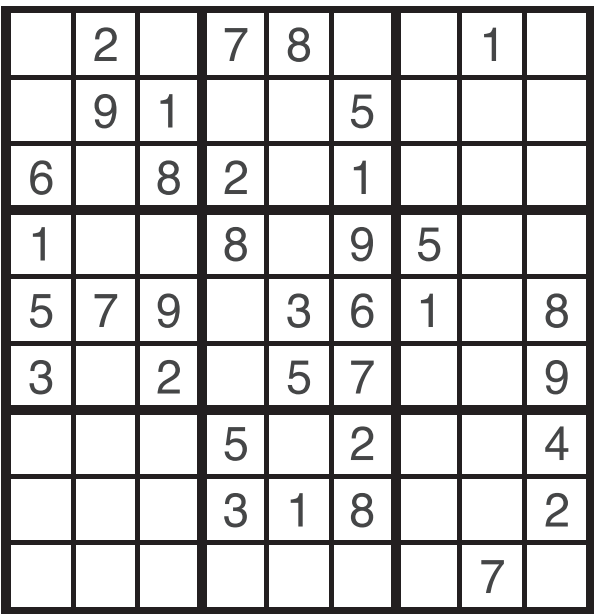


CLUES ACROSS

- Difficult
- Coarsely ground corn
- A group of similar things ordered one after another
- Loved Romeo
- Something to solve
- Pelvic areas
- Informal debt instrument
- Ineffective
- A device attached to a workbench
- Related on the mother's side
- "Fresh Prince of ___ Air"
- Astronomer Sagan
- C. Utah city
- Turkey
- Informal terms for money
- Awakens
- Those who favored Prohibition
- Blabbed
- Looked through
- Rhode Island rebellion
- A type of "cast"
- One's duty
- Where golfers begin
- Make a mistake
- Semitic Sun god
- Ancient Greek City
- Removed someone's head
- A place to stay
- Unwise
- Most unnatural
- "Dennis" is a notable one
- Ointments
- Examination
- Leaked fluid

CLUES DOWN

- Brave
- A state of excitement
- Jest at
- Sandwich store
- Chapter of the Koran
- Dismounted from a horse
- Small vehicle
- Irked
- A disreputable man
- Monetary unit of Samoa
- A list of woes
- Weight unit
- Alone, single
- Broadway legend Bernadette
- Monetary unit of Serbia
- Worn by exposure to the weather
- A body of traditions
- Students seek one
- Hydrophilic amino acid
- Nasal mucus
- Branch of U.S. Congress
- Swinish
- Russian assembly
- Grant an exemption to
- Set up in advance
- Satisfy
- Felt
- Mild yellow Dutch cheese made in balls
- Witnesses
- Strong insects
- Gasteyer and de Armas are two
- One of an ancient people inhabiting Scotland
- Cheerless
- Unhealthy



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GUESS WHO?

I am a television producer, executive and talent manager born in England on October 7, 1959. My father got me a job in the mail room at his music publishing company. I left to start signing talent. Later, I became a talent judge on various singing and entertainment competition programs.

Answer: Simon Cowell



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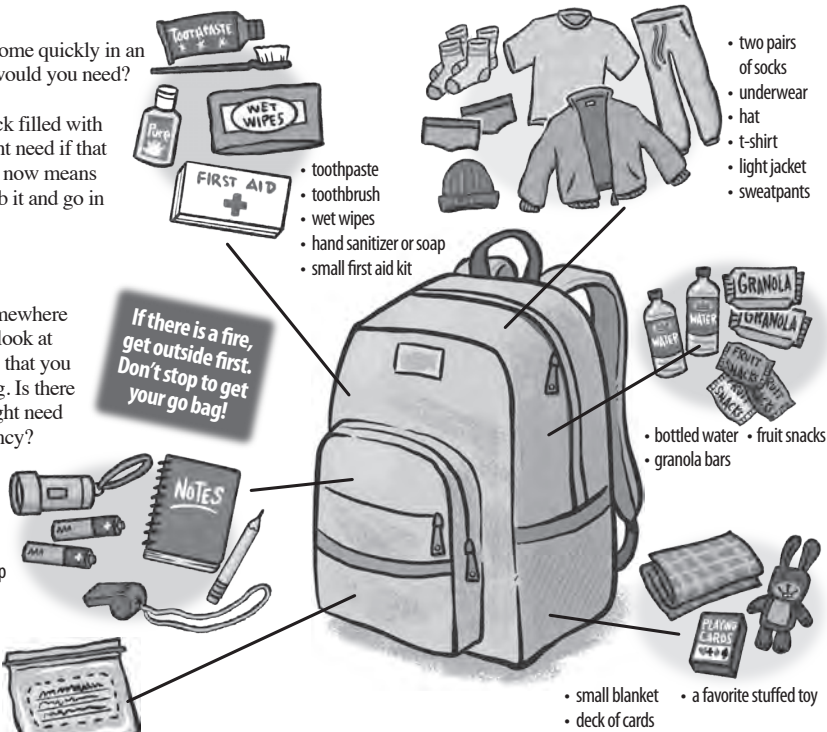
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- pencil
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Another trusted adult: _____ Phone: _____
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Choose a place outside your home to meet in an emergency.

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Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written instructions.

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Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

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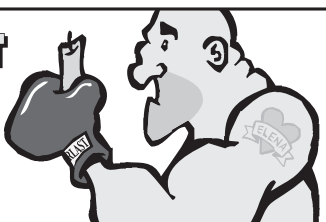
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BA-2026-CR-000027 State of Kansas vs. Ramon Jose Hurt-Menjivar 10/01/2026 11:00 am Status Conference Candace R Lattin

BA-2026-CR-000033 State of Kansas vs. Starla A Rhoton, II 10/01/2026 11:00 am Status Conference Candace R Lattin

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BA-2026-CR-000034 State of Kansas vs. Gypsy Rodriguez 10/01/2026 11:00 am Status Conference Candace R Lattin

BA-2026-JV-000001 In the Matter of Devin C Olson 10/01/2026 11:00 am Status Conference Candace R Lattin

BA-2026-LM-000047 Midland Credit Management Inc. vs. Vanessa Waner 10/02/2026 10:00 am Pretrial Conference Candace R Lattin

BA-2026-TR-000046 State of Kansas vs. William Keith Tippet 10/02/2026 1:30 pm Status Conference Candace R Lattin

BA-2026-CR-000020 State of Kansas vs. William Tippet 10/02/2026 1:30 pm Preliminary Hearing (CR) Candace R Lattin

BA-2025-LM-000190 Capital One, N.A., Successor by Merger to Discover Bank vs. Vanessa M Keller 10/05/2026

9:00 am Status Conference Candace R Lattin

BA-2026-LM-000039 Capital One, N.A., Successor by Merger to Discover Bank vs. Merlene Taylor 10/05/2026 9:00 am Status Conference Candace R Lattin

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PUBLIC NOTICE - GENERAL ELECTION

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on the 3rd day of November, 2026, a General Election will be held in the County of Barber, KS.

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LEGAL NOTICE

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

In the Matter of the Estate of:
VIRGINIA C. ANDERSON, deceased.

Case No. BA-2026-PR-0000
(Petition Pursuant to Chapter 59 of K.S.A.)

NOTICE OF HEARING OF
PETITION FOR DETERMINATION OF DESCENT
THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition for Determination of Descent has been filed on September 29, 2026 in said Court by Julia T. Warder petitioner. You are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 29th day of October, 2026, at 1:30 o'clock p.m., on said day, in said Court, in the City of Medicine Lodge, Barber County Courthouse, Probate Division, 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.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

The public testing of vote counting equipment to be used in the November 3, 2026 General Election will be held in the Barber County Clerk's Office, Medicine Lodge, KS. Pretest will be October 9, 2026 at 9:00 am and the post test will be November 17, 2026 at 9:00 am, in accordance with K.S.A. 25-4411(b) and 25-4610(b).

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Indians Have Best Game Yet With Win Over Conway

BY BOB MORRIS
Managing Editor

Medicine Lodge head coach Robert Smith said the Indians played their best game of the season last Friday, a 32-7 win over Conway Springs at home.

“It was a fun game,” Smith said. “They’re starting to get it, I think, a little bit. I mean, we still got a long ways to go, but they’re starting to get it.”

“It was good to see them do what we’ve been on them to do all year. So we’ve still got improvements to make, but it was definitely our best played game.”

After a scoreless first quarter, the Indians scored three touchdowns in the second to go up 20-0 at halftime, Smith said that the Indians did a good job of taking advantage of what the Cardinals were doing on defense.

The head coach said that, while the Indians had a few issues in the third quarter, they got them corrected. He said that the Indians played four good quarters of football and was happy to see that, particularly against a quality team.

“Conway is a good team – they’re very physical,” Smith said. “They won’t lose the rest of the regular season, I don’t imagine. They’re better than their record, definitely.”

The head coach added that



FILE PHOTO

Medicine Lodge senior Judson Barnard leans for more yards during the season opener against Chaparral. The wide out caught three TDs in last week’s win over Conway Springs. After losing their first three games of the season, the Indians have racked up back-to-back wins, including a 32-7 win over Conway Springs at home last Friday. Head coach Robert Smith said the Indians played their best game of the season against the Cardinals.

the defense played physical and the players did their jobs well. He said there are still some things the Indians can clean up, but noted they are still learning the scheme.

Senior quarterback Mavrik Inslee completed 10-of-16 passes for 179 yards with three touchdowns. He hooked up with Judson Barnard for the three touchdown passes. Barnard finished with five catches for 139 yards. Mason Ricke rushed

for 100 yards on 17 carries with one touchdown.

On defense, Ricke and Tell Thomas each had 19 tackles, while Kycen Schaffer had 11 tackles, one for a loss. Maddox Musgrove had seven tackles and Slayton Stone and Stuart Schmucker each had six.

Smith said it’s good to see the Indians (2-3) start to figure things out, but they need to continue to get better as they start District 8 play.

“We can’t get comfortable with where we are,” he said. “But yes, it’s very good to see. It does feel like it’s starting to come together a little bit, but we can’t rest and be satisfied with two wins.”

Medicine Lodge will host Syracuse this Friday. The Bulldogs are 1-4 for the season and are coming off a 20-6 loss to Bluestem. Syracuse’s only win this season came Sept. 11 against Lakin,

a 13-0 victory.

Smith said that the Bulldogs can fly around the field, but he believes the Indians have a good chance to win if they execute.

“(We need to) just get better at everything we do and do things the way we do them,” Smith said. “You know, we’re just going to really hit the fundamentals hard the next few weeks and hopefully get ready for a little playoff run.”

Lady Indians Second at Southwestern Heights Volleyball Tourney

BY BOB MORRIS
Managing Editor

The Medicine Lodge volleyball team took second at the Southwestern Heights volleyball tournament Saturday.

The Lady Indians swept pool play, beating Cimarron 25-9, 26-24, beating Southwestern Heights 25-18, 19-25, 25-9, and beating Guymon, Okla., 25-4, 25-13. Head coach Megan Inslee said, while Cimarron and Guymon weren’t strong teams, Southwestern Heights challenged the Lady Indians.

Medicine Lodge then faced Syracuse in the semifi-

nals and played what Inslee said was the best match the Lady Indians played for the day. Medicine Lodge won in two, 25-22, 25-16.

“They were tall and had some tough blocking but we had outstanding passing and serving that match,” Inslee said regarding the Syracuse Lady Bulldogs.

Medicine Lodge faced Holcomb in the championship match and lost in two, 25-23, 25-13. Inslee said that Holcomb proved to be a tough team.

“They just outit us and we had a very hard time defending against their best hitter,” she said.

One highlight for the day

was senior setter Emmy Gerdes earning her 2000th career assist, which Inslee said is an “amazing accomplishment,” Gerdes currently leads the Central Plains League in assists.

Prior to the tournament, Medicine Lodge hosted Attica and Chase County last Thursday. They beat the Lady Bulldogs 25-7, 25-8, and beat the Lady Kats 25-8, 25-4.

The Lady Indians played at Douglass Tuesday, beating the host Lady Bulldogs in two, 25-22, 25-17, and beating Wichita Trinity in two, 25-17, 25-13. against the host team and Wichita Trinity.



MEDICINE LODGE HIGH SCHOOL

The Medicine Lodge volleyball players pose with their medals after taking second place at the Southwestern Heights volleyball tournament last Saturday.

Medicine Lodge (24-8) will close the season next Tuesday at Cheney against the host Lady Cardinals and Garden Plain.

The Lady Indians are currently seeded fifth in Class 2A Regional 3, behind

Moundridge (30-4), Conway Springs (20-5), Inman (25-7) and Wichita Classical (23-7). The top four teams will host a Regional tournament with the top two teams in each Regional advancing to Sub-State.

Barber County Schools Cross Country Teams to Run at Cheney Meet

STAFF REPORT

The Medicine Lodge and South Barber cross country teams have both been idle for the past couple of weeks as their meets have been either postponed or canceled because of course condi-

tions.

Both teams were set to attend the Larned cross country meet Sept. 24. However, rainfall the night before made the course too muddy and, thus, the meet was not held.

Then the Indians and Chieftains were set to compete at the Pratt cross country meet last Thursday, Oct. 1. Once again, rainfall that week made for poor course conditions, so the meet was canceled.

A lack of rainfall and cooler temperatures should mean the runners get to compete this week. Both teams are scheduled to attend the Cheney cross country meet Thursday at Cheney Lake State Park.

From there, the teams will prepare for their league meets on Thursday, Oct. 15. The Indians will run at the Central Plains League meet and the Chieftains will run at the Heart of the Plains League meet.

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BOB MORRIS / The Premiere

South Barber head football coach Matt Cantrell talks to his players during a time out in the Chieftains' Sept. 25 game against Billings, Okla. The Chieftains beat Ashland this past Friday 80-49 for their second District 3 win of the season. South Barber is set for another district game at Satanta this Friday. SBHS and Ingalls are the only District 3 teams that have yet to lose a district game this season.

Chieftains Hold Off Bluejays to Improve to 2-0 in District

STAFF REPORT

The South Barber football team grabbed a key win, 80-49, over Ashland at home Friday for its second District 3 win of the season.

The Chieftains already have a forfeit win over Deerfield, though they played Billings, Okla., last week to get a game in.

Against the Bluejays, South Barber rolled to a 30-14 lead in

the first quarter, then extended it to 60-28 at halftime. The game continued into the second half, with the Chieftains adding eight points in the third quarter, but Ashland scored twice in the fourth to stay in the game.

Austin Swonger had a strong outing, completing 16 of 23 passes for 317 yards with six touchdowns and one interception. He also

rushed for 125 yards on six carries with two touchdowns.

Garen Cantrell had 213 yards receiving on nine catches with four touchdowns. Devin Olson added 76 yards on three catches with one touchdown and Tyler Archuleta had a 9-yard touchdown reception. Cantrell also rushed for 34 yards on four carries with a touchdown. Steele Smith returned to the lineup

and he had a rushing touchdown.

On defense, Swonger and Cantrell each had 14 tackles, with Cantrell getting three for a loss. Archuleta had two tackles for a loss and Smith had seven total tackles. Swonger had a quarterback sack and an interception that he returned 55 yards for a touchdown.

The Chieftains (4-1) will head to Satanta for their next District 3

showdown. Satanta is 2-3 for the season and is coming off a 54-28 win over Bucklin last Friday. The Indians have a 53-0 win over Pawnee Heights, while their losses are 84-36 to Weskan, 67-48 to Ashland and 46-0 to Ingalls.

Ingalls is the only other team in District 3 who hasn't a lost a district game. The Ingalls Bulldogs are 5-0 for the season.

Lady Chieftains Currently Third in Region 3

STAFF REPORT

The South Barber volleyball is currently seeded third in Class 1A-II Regional 3 and would host a Regional tournament if the Lady Chieftains keep that seeding.

For Regionals, the top four teams host a round-robin tournament featuring three or four teams. The top two teams from each Regional will advance to Sub State play.

South Barber is 11-10 going into the Heart of the Plains League tournament Saturday at Pretty Prairie. The Lady Chieftains are coming off a pair of losses in a

triangular at Hutchinson Central Christian. They lost to the Lady Cougars 25-8, 25-10 and lost to Norwich 25-23, 26-24.

In Regional 3, Ingalls is the top team with a 27-3 overall record while Hodgeman County is second with an 18-10 overall record. Macksville is currently third with a 13-16 overall record.

The HOPL tournament will close the regular season for the Lady Chieftains. The seeding for the tournament wasn't available as the *Gyp Hill Premiere* went to press.

MLHS Girl's Golfers Attend League Meet

STAFF REPORT

The Medicine Lodge girl's golf team attended the Central Plains League tournament Tuesday at Cherry Oaks Golf Course in Cheney.

In the varsity division, the Lady Indians shot 520

as a team. Individually, Darice Miltner shot 109 and tied for 12th place, Jeanae Long shot 131 and placed 30th, Gracyn Lynch and Lakota Azure each shot 140 and tied for 31st place, Bristol Gleason shot 154 and tied for 34th place and

Aubrey Burton shot 162 and placed 36th.

In the junior varsity division, Grace Lyn Lyda shot 73 and placed 16th.

The Lady Indians will return to Cherry Oaks this Monday for the Class 3-1A Sub State golf tournament.

National Newspaper Week Marks 86th Year

PRESS RELEASE

This year marks the 86th celebration of National Newspaper Week.

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Assistance Available for Livestock Water Efficiency

PRESS RELEASE

The Kansas Department of Agriculture's Division of Conservation is pleased to announce the availability of funds in the form of cost share assistance and incentive payments to assist commercial feedlots and dairy operations with livestock water efficiency technology. The Kansas Livestock Water Efficiency Project is part of the state's ongoing effort to encourage water conservation and to seek solutions for water challenges in the state.

This initiative is designed to enhance and/or upgrade current large-scale livestock watering systems in commercial feedlots and dairies by providing cost share assistance for practices such as upgrading to high efficiency livestock waterers, water controls, and water recycling systems.

KDA-DOC will accept applications from

Wednesday, Oct. 14, to the close of business Friday, Nov. 6. Equipment purchases and subscriptions made before application approval by KDA-DOC are not eligible for this initiative. Eligible applicants must hold a current water right for stock water with the state of Kansas.

Funding is provided through appropriation from the State Water Plan Fund and the program is administered by KDA-DOC in consultation with the State Conservation Commission.

Applications for this irrigation technology cost share funding must be made through KDA-DOC. Find more information about the project including the application and more details about funding eligibility at www.agriculture.ks.gov/DOCLivestockWater or email Jake Dooling at jacob.dooling@ks.gov.

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BARBER CO. SHERIFF REPORT

During the week of Sept. 28 through Oct. 4, the Barber County Sheriff's Office remained active throughout Barber County with patrol operations, traffic enforcement, school security, criminal investigations, civil process, K9 operations, prisoner transportation, emergency response, and assistance to other agencies.

Weekly Activity Totals

- 56 extra patrols conducted throughout Barber County communities, schools, and county facilities
- 12 traffic stops conducted
- 8 school checks/walk-throughs and school-zone patrols conducted
- 2 VIN inspections completed
- 18 civil process attempts, including 1 documented warrant service/attempt
- 2 motorist assists provided
- 4 non-injury traffic crashes investigated or assisted with
- 4 cattle-out calls handled
- 3 other animal-related calls handled
- 3 criminal damage/vandalism complaints

- investigated
- 3 welfare checks conducted, including child and adult welfare calls
 - 3 911 open-line/hang-up calls investigated
 - 1 theft complaint investigated
 - 1 narcotics investigation initiated
 - 3 K9 activities/deployments documented
 - 2 prisoner/medical transports conducted
 - Numerous requests to speak with an officer, agency assists, traffic hazards, suspicious activity calls, and other public-service calls handled throughout the week

Notable Activity

- Sept. 28: Deputies responded to a non-injury crash on U.S. Highway 281, assisted with a medical emergency in Hazelton, conducted school checks in Kiowa, and responded to suspicious activity, vandalism, a child welfare check, and criminal damage complaints.
- Sept. 29: Deputies conducted school security patrols, assisted Medicine Lodge Police with a non-injury crash, conducted

- a prisoner transport, and responded with Kiowa Ambulance and Hazelton Fire to a non-injury crash on K-2.
- Sept. 30: Deputies conducted traffic enforcement, school patrols, civil process, traffic control, and animal-related calls. Sheriff's Office personnel also initiated a narcotics investigation in Kiowa. The investigation remains ongoing.
 - Oct. 1: Deputies responded to a disturbance, adult welfare check, cattle calls, traffic hazards, a disabled vehicle, dog at large, and a non-injury crash. Deputies also conducted school checks and assisted other agencies.
 - Oct. 2: Deputies handled traffic hazards, motorist assistance, civil process, cattle calls, an alarm, 911 open-line/hang-up calls, school checks, traffic enforcement, and additional patrol throughout the county.
 - Oct. 3: Deputies investigated a theft in Hazelton and criminal damage to property in Kiowa, conducted follow-up investigative activity, civil process, traffic enforcement, and proactive patrol.

- Oct.4: Deputies responded to multiple cattle-out calls and a criminal damage complaint in Kiowa while continuing traffic enforcement and patrol operations throughout Barber County.

K9 Activity

- On Sept. 28, Deputy Hyrst and K9 Raider conducted K9 activity in Kiowa County.
 - On Sept. 29, a Barber County Sheriff's Office K9 team conducted K9 activity in Sedgwick County.
 - On Oct. 4, a Barber County Sheriff's Office K9 team deployed in Anthony in support of law enforcement activity.
- Additional information regarding K9 deployments or narcotics investigations will be released when appropriate and when doing so will not compromise an active investigation.
- The Barber County Sheriff's Office remains committed to proactive patrol, school safety, criminal enforcement, and providing professional law enforcement services throughout Barber County.



120 Years Ago

Taken from the October 10, 1906 files of *The Barber County Index*:

In an altercation between Jim Johnson (otherwise known as three-fingered Johnson) and Emil Thomas just across the county line near Springvale, Pratt county; the former was killed by the latter last Saturday. Johnson and Thomas had been enemies for a year or more. They are neighbors. On Saturday Thomas crossed Johnson's land on his way to his own field to drill wheat, and according to the friends of Thomas, Johnson approached him and ordered him not to cross his land. Thomas replied that he would comply and that it should be the last time he would trespass. Johnson followed him and when they came to a fence corner hit Thomas over the head and shoulders with a club, bruising him considerably. Thomas struck back with his fist and struck Johnson under the jaw. The blow broke the jaw-bone and ruptured the jugular vein from the effects of which Johnson died within an hour. After striking the blow Thomas went his way not knowing that Johnson was hurt... Emil is a brother of J. E. Thomas of Turkey Creek, republican candidate for county superintendent, and a brother-in-law of Jim Thomas of this city. Those who know him here say he is a peaceable young man and never molests any one without provocation. They claim also that Johnson has always been a quarrelsome, disagreeable character and was entirely to blame. We have not heard the other side of the story, if there is another side. The fact that the Pratt authorities are holding Mr. Thomas seems to indicate that there are some facts which have thus far not leaked out here. The dead man leaves a family. He was about thirty-five years old. Thomas is about twenty-one and is unmarried. He lives with his parents who are said to be almost prostrate on account of the great misfortune.

110 Years Ago

Taken from the October 11, 1916 files of *The Barber County Index*:

Our football team defeated Kiowa 18 to 0 on the local gridiron last Friday. The game was clean and with the exception of a little wran-

gling on the side line everything passed off smoothly. The local team certainly appreciates the support the school and town gave them Friday and hope that they will keep it up. Miss Groendycke led chapel Monday morning. Marie and Anna Hoovler favored the school with a duet, "Way Down in Arkansas" and "Are you from Dixie" as an encore. The football team goes to Pratt on Thursday to play a game of football against the Pratt High School. Although we have received little encouragement and a few have told us plainly that we would get beaten, we hope to surprise them when we get back. The team is as "game as ever."

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Adams are happy over the arrival of a baby boy into their home on Friday morning of last week. This is the third child and all are boys.

B. J. Hammond of Lake City has the agency for Chalmers automobiles for all of Barber county and will be glad to demonstrate to any person interested in automobiles at any time.

Miss Julia Harbaugh of near Gerlane and Miss Gladys Sippel of Kentucky, returned home last Friday evening from a pleasant trip to the state of Washington. The young ladies enjoyed the trip immensely.

85 Years Ago

Taken from the October 9, 1941 files of *The Barber County Index*:

The picture above shows the huge "theatre" in which the Medicine Lodge Peace Treaty Pageant will be presented. The theatre covers 480 acres, the stage about 40 acres. The arena—carved by Mother Nature out of solid rock—seats 25,000 people and there will be a cast of 1,000, scores of horses and five tribes of Indians. This picture shows a few of the thousands clustered around the sides of the huge natural amphitheatre who saw the production in 1937.

Indian Peace Treaty... begins here Wednesday and will continue through Friday. Spirits of early-day Kansas pioneers hover over the town as colorfully garbed Indians join with local citizens to participate in a pageant which commemorates the signing of that historic pact which ended all warfare between the five tribes of Plains Indians and the United

States government. Gov. Payne Ratner will arrive here tomorrow morning to make the opening address of the pageant at 1:00 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. Hundreds of people got a preview of the pageant Sunday when they gathered at the huge natural amphitheatre east of here to view the colorful dress rehearsals. Rehearsals are going along in splendid shape and Dr. F. L. Gilson, director, and Mrs. Elizabeth Simpson, pageant chairman, expressed themselves as well pleased with the progress. Special rates are being made to students and it now appears that the schools will send even a larger number than the 4,000 who attended four years ago. Although schools are dismissing from all parts of this section, the largest representation from an out of town school will come from Pratt. The schools have been dismissed for the opening day and reservations have been made for 400 tickets from the neighboring county seat. Biggest college contingent will come from Friends University. They have asked for a block of 250 seats for the students and faculty members, according to the chairman of the schools and bands committee.

70 Years Ago

Taken from the October 11, 1956 files of *The Barber County Index*:

Damage suits totalling more than \$20,000 were filed in district court last week by the Clif Angle Oil Co., and the Champlin Refining Co. Defendants are the Firemen's Fund Indemnity Co., and V. W. Crutchfield. Crutchfield has his insurance with the Firemen's Co. The action is an outgrowth of a fire Jan. 28 which caused damage to the Champlin station and fixtures owned by Champlin and Angle. The station is located at 125 South Main. The petition charges Crutchfield's employee with disregard for the plaintiffs' rights and the safety of persons employed at the station. In the Angle suit, \$7,500 is asked for loss of business caused by the fire, plus \$7,500 exemplary or punitive damages. Champlin, in its separate case, is asking \$2,884.90 actual damages and \$2,884.90 exemplary damages. The petitions allege that the man had asked permission

to leave a truck in a closed vehicle wash room so delivery lines could thaw. The attendant asked what was in the truck and the company employee "represented" it to have "a little bit of crude oil and salt water in it." Fumes from the truck were ignited presumably by a heater causing an explosion and fire, says the petition. A total of \$2,884.90 damages were caused to the station leased by Champlin to Angle and an additional \$2,052 to fixtures and tools belonging to Angle. The \$2,052 in damages was covered by Angle's insurance. The petition goes on to say that it was found the truck actually contained casinghead gasoline, a highly inflammable substance. The driver had previously been refused admittance to other stations when he told the attendants the actual contents, the petition concludes.

Medicine Lodge played a good game, with senior quarterback Rich Malone turning in the outstanding job. He had the Indians' longest run from scrimmage of the evening on a 27 yard keep play, good for the Indians' second touchdown. Junior halfback Terry Rodgers and junior fullback Ed Cheshire got the key blocks which shook Malone loose. It appeared that Rich was going to be trapped on the sidelines.

60 Years Ago

Taken from the October 13, 1966 files of *The Barber County Index*:

As the finishing touches were being applied this week to the new quarters for Lincoln Library in Medicine Lodge, the local library board was busy making plans for the massive task of moving several thousand volumes from the old library, across the street to the new building. J. S. (Sandy) Eaton, Library Board Chairman, said preliminary plans called for the library equipment and books to be transferred Oct. 23. The task, according to Eaton, will be accomplished with volunteer public help and a long line of book carriers. The city police department has made plans to blockade the one block of Main Street between First and Second streets for the anticipated two-hour period that will be required to move the books and other library equipment. The Sunday afternoon move

will allow the movers to make the best use of available manpower and the lull of Sunday afternoon traffic. Eaton said that his board was still working on yet uncompleted plans to hold a public "Open House" at the new location with a similar affair as the Medicine Lodge High School. "There will be a number of school library officials here to view the school library, and this would be a good time to present our new public library," Eaton explained. "Our plans for this combination of the two library events are not yet finalized, and we still have considerable detail to be worked out yet," he continued. Work on the \$60,000 remodeling of the former quarters for the library unit was expected to be completed this week with a formal inspection of the building tentatively set for Friday. Coleman Young & Sons, Medicine Lodge general contractors, have been directing the work on the building. The new library facility is being financed through federal and local funds. Some \$40,000 in municipal funds are being provided through a special bond levy passed in a special election more than one year ago. Federal funds of more than \$20,000 have also gone into the building project.

Five Medicine Lodge High School senior co-eds have been nominated for the post of Homecoming Queen 1966. Nominated in Wednesday morning voting were Glenda Frisbie, Janis Kimsey, Vicki Parr, Becky Williams, and Jan Zimmerman. The coming Queen will rule over the annual Assembly program set for 8 p.m. Tuesday. The queen will be selected by a vote of the student body and will be announced at the assembly program. The Queen will also preside at the Homecoming Football Game and the Homecoming Dance, Oct. 21. At the time the five candidates for Homecoming were announced, High School Principal Darryl Woodson set the theme of "Living an Indian Legend" for this year's Homecoming activities. During the coming week, each class will be in competition to erect a display depicting some interpretation of the central theme. These displays will be judged by local citizens and the winning class will be awarded a trophy.

Cookoff Winner — Mrs. Ivan Boyd, left, president of the Barber County Cowbells, presents a winner's check to Connie Kumberg who took first place in the Beef Cookoff contest held last week. Second place went to Brenda Harbaugh of Lake City.

School Safety Patrol — Medicine Lodge Primary School Principal Harold Wanger, left, adjusts the patrol belt of Mark Axline, as other patrol members, Stephen Schrepel, Connie Musgrove, Christine Nickell, Bryon Littlecoyote and Kent Jones look on. The new belts and helmets were presented to the patrol by the school's Parent-Teacher Association.

50 Years Ago

Taken from the October 14, 1976 files of *The Barber County Index*:

Index Editor Ron Noland was all smiles last week as he received the Annual Newspaper Media Award from Kansas Heart Association Representative Mrs. Mary Rhea. The Heart Association recognizes one Kansas television station, radio station and newspaper each year for their outstanding public service information concerning the Heart Cause.

The Kansas Flying Farmers will give everyone a chance to move their tail with them as they conduct their annual "Donation Sunday" this weekend at the Medicine Lodge Airport. According to Gilbert Dawson, nine local pilots will give rides around the area this Sunday, October 17, for a small donation. The Flying Farmers fly for business and pleasure both, however they usually fly once a year to help others. According to Dawson, Flying Farmers will be conducting rides in 30 Kansas cities during the month of October, and all receipts from the donation flights will be given to the Capper Foundation for Crippled Children in Topeka. The fliers participating in the activities this weekend are: Jerry Bryan, Ron Burbridge, John Crutchfield, Dawson, Bill Forsyth, Bill Mills, Norman Mills, Rea Shelite and Ralph Stout. Each of these pilots donate their time, their planes and their fuel in the hope that someday a child, now handicapped, may be able to meet the challenge in our ever changing world.

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BLAME

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States needs a legal path for workers that “doesn’t take years and cost a fortune to navigate,” Vulgamore said.

“I also think we need to look beyond simply filling jobs,” he said. “One of the shortcomings of H-2A is that it brings us workers, but not necessarily families who can fully participate in our communities. An H-2A worker can bring a spouse and children on H-4 visas, but those family members generally can’t legally work.”

When immigrant families move to the community, both spouses can work, which strengthens struggling rural communities and fills jobs that would otherwise remain vacant, such as positions in the service industry, Vulgamore said.

“We’re fighting to maintain our population, sustain our tax base, keep enough kids in our schools and pay for basic services,” he said. “We can’t do that without people. We need workers, but more importantly, we need families who want to live here, raise their kids here and become part of our communities.”

Southwest Kansas Operation

U.S. Immigration and Enforcement Agents performed immigrant detention operations in southwest Kansas the week of Sept. 22,

detaining about 110 people. Their presence in Dodge City, Garden City and Liberal caused beef processing plants to shorten or cancel shifts when employees didn’t show up for work.

Restaurants closed, and hotel managers said they couldn’t rent rooms because employees didn’t show up to work.

Effects on the beef processing industry generated nationwide concern about how far behind the plants were falling and how that would raise beef prices.

Glynn Tonsor, Kansas State University agricultural economics professor, said the week of the raids that long-term effects of a beef processing slow-down are determined by how long it lasts.

“It’s very hard to know the duration of these events, and with that, the duration of the labor response,” he said.

Cargill and National Beef Co., which have facilities in the area that were affected, didn’t answer Kansas Reflector questions about whether they have returned to operating at full capacity. Employees in the area report that most shifts have returned.

If the plants don’t run at full capacity for less than a week, Tonsor said, it will likely take just one or two weeks to catch up.

“The reason I’m saying that is we already have less cattle than the industry wants,” he said. “There’s

extra hooks in the country, which isn’t good for margins for packers, by the way. But the system will have the capacity to catch up if the labor is there.”

However, if disruptions had occurred over a longer timeframe or if they become more frequent, then cattle and beef prices would be affected, Tonsor said.

“The more of these disruptions and the longer these disruptions exist, lowers cattle prices and raises beef prices,” he said. “The reason for that is the cost of converting a live animal into beef is going up because the cost of labor and the uncertainty of having labor are both going up.”

Immigrant labor challenges have come along with other labor force shifts, Tonsor said.

“Having kids later in life and having fewer per female puts us at or below replacement rate,” he said. “Then you have the immigration disruption, which is what we’re talking about here. But it’s not new. This country’s had net immigration to augment our own domestic (issues). You’ve had more aggregate labor because of it.”

The Kansas Livestock Association, Oklahoma Cattlemen’s Association and Texas Cattle Feeders Association released a statement noting the effects on the industry from ongoing ICE operations in the three states.

“These disruptions come at a time of enhanced focus and pressure on the cattle and beef supply chain,” the statement said. “They are a costly and unnecessary impact to cattle producers already suffering from unwelcome political interference to both the markets as well as the physical supply chain. Frustratingly, the harm these actions cause to cattle producers last for days and weeks after such operations conclude.”

That statement was greeted with criticism from some in Kansas who support ICE operations, but it received support from others. Ashley Franklin, who works with cattle in the Pratt area, said online that they had documented workers who were afraid to come to work.

“I’m covering 2-3 jobs as a manager just to ensure cattle’s BASIC NEEDS are met,” she wrote. “My coworkers shouldn’t have to feel threatened just because of their skin color. I will protect my employees at all costs, even if it means I come to work at 3AM and not leave until the job is done.”

‘Reliable, Legal Workforce’

Scarlett Madinger, spokeswoman for the Kansas Livestock Association, said one of the group’s concerns about the raids was that immigrant employees working legally were scared to show up to work.

Labor issues in agriculture

aren’t new, she said. The organization’s members would like to see workers who have been present in the United States for a certain number of years – and compliant with local, state and federal laws – have the opportunity to adjust their immigration status, Madinger said.

“Agriculture needs a reliable, legal workforce, particularly for the livestock industry,” she said. “We just need a better way to get to that legal status. And then also, there needs to be immigration policy that provides for an efficient and effective guest worker program that really accommodates year-round needs of livestock operations.”

Nine Republican state legislators from southwest Kansas sent a letter to President Donald Trump, Homeland Security Secretary Markwayne Mullin, U.S. Rep. Tracey Mann, and U.S. Sens. Jerry Moran and Roger Marshall, asking for needed immigration changes, while clarifying that they support legal processes and border security.

The nine lawmakers were Sen. Ron Ryckman, Sen. Bill Clif-ford, Rep. Gary White, Rep. Jim Minnix, Rep. Jason W. Goetz, Rep. Lon Pishny, Rep. Bob Lewis, Rep. Marty Long and Rep. Shannon Francis.

EDITOR’S NOTE: Read the complete story online at kansasreflector.com.

ELECTION

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agreed to Schwab’s motion to fast-track the appeal but said that still wouldn’t occur on the timetable Schwab requested.

The secretary of state asked the court to hear arguments before Oct. 14, when mail-in ballots would be sent to voters, across the state.

Rose said this case is important because of the potential effects on Kansas voters, especially those who

live in rural areas, people who are disabled and the elderly, many of whom rely on mailing in their ballots.

“Even Secretary Schwab said himself, prior to the passage of the law we’re dealing with here, that we have a large amount of mail-in ballots, typically, and as a state, we have handled them very well,” she said. “It’s an important access point, particularly for a state with our makeup, geographically and demographically.”

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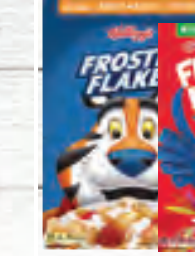
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