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Dream First Bank Earns Banky Awards

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Dream First Bank, a customer-centric bank with locations across western Kansas and Oklahoma, is proud to be recognized as one of America's Top Extraordinary Banks in the United States by taking home six Banky Awards this year. Awards received were for Thought Leadership, Culture, Service, Money Smarts, Philanthropy as well as the Banky Award recognition.

Chris Floyd, CEO of Dream First Bank states, "First and foremost, we want to thank our customers for trusting us to be a part of their financial decisions. We understand there are so many options when it comes to banking, but our customers trust us and we are committed to providing the best banking



Members of Dream First Bank's Management—Courtesy

experience for each individual. We are truly honored to take home six awards this year and be recognized as a true industry leader."

Banky Awards celebrates the crucial role community

banks play and how they service small businesses and individuals while growing local economies. The six awards given to Dream First Bank this year include:

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Understanding The Big Bow Bitcoin Mine

By: Tyler Hook

For several years, an unusual collection of buildings and electrical equipment near Big Bow has raised a fairly simple question from those passing by: What exactly is a Bitcoin mine?

There are no shafts, trucks hauling ore or miners carrying picks. In fact, a cryptocurrency mine looks more like a small data center. Inside are rows of specialized computers operating around the clock, accompanied by fans, cooling

equipment and the electrical infrastructure necessary to keep them running.

To understand what those computers are doing, it helps to first understand Bitcoin.

Bitcoin is a type of cryptocurrency—a digital form of money that does not rely on a traditional bank to maintain its central ledger. Instead, Bitcoin transactions are recorded on a shared digital record known as a **blockchain**. Transactions are collected into blocks, and roughly every 10 minutes

another block is added to the chain. bitcoin.org

This is where the "miners" enter the picture.

Bitcoin uses a system called **proof of work**. Specialized computers, generally called ASIC miners, repeatedly perform cryptographic calculations as they compete to find a valid solution for the next block. The successful miner helps add that block of transactions to the blockchain and receives newly issued

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Death Notices

Richard L. Akers, known to just about everybody as Dick, passed away on September 30th 2026 in Elkhart, Kansas, the town he loved and the town that loved him right back.

Dick was born on October 3, 1938, in Liberal, Kansas. He grew up in Elkhart, attended Elkhart schools, and graduated with the Elkhart High School Class of 1956. He met the love of his life, Sally Kay Fowler. They were married at the Sand Springs Church of God in Sand Springs, Oklahoma on June 25, 1960, and their life together became the great joy of his years. Dick served in the United States Army from 1961 through 1963.

Funeral Service will be Monday, October 5, 2026, at 10:00 AM at First Church of God, Elkhart, Kansas. Interment will follow at the Elkhart Cemetery. Visitation will be Sunday, October 4, 2026, from 2:00 PM until 6:00 PM at Garnand Funeral Home in Elkhart. In lieu of flowers, the family welcomes memorial donations to First Church of God, Elkhart, Kansas, or Morton County Historical Museum, Elkhart, Kansas, in care of Garnand Funeral Home, PO. Box 854, Elkhart, Kansas, 67950. Condolences may be posted at www.garnandfuneralhomes.com.

Alvaro C. Atayde, lovingly known as Poncho, passed away on Wednesday, September 30, 2026, in Ulysses, Kansas. He was born on May 19, 1944, in Ciudad Acuna, Coahuila, Mexico to Blas G Atayde and Francica C. Chacon.

Alvaro was married to Julia R. Ramos on September 5, 1964, in Ulysses, Kansas.

Visitations will be held on Saturday, October 10, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and on Sunday, October 11, 2026, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., both at Robson Funeral Home - Ulysses, 218 South Main, Ulysses, Kansas 67880.

A Rosary will also be held on Sunday, October 12, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at Mary Queen of Peace Catholic Church.

Mass will be held on Monday, October 12, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. at Mary Queen of Peace Catholic Church, Ulysses, Kansas.

Benjamin Harrison Nix Jr., 97, went to be with the Lord on Friday, October 2, 2026, in Hugoton, Kansas, with his loving wife by his side; he was born February 17, 1929, at the Nix homestead. He was the 8th child of Benjamin H. Nix and Lydia M. (Shaeffer) Nix.

He graduated from Hugoton High School in 1947. He was a charter member of the Future Farmers of America Chapter of Hugoton, Kansas

Memorials can be made payable to Pheasant Heaven Charities, in care of Robson Funeral Home, P.O. Box 236, Hugoton, Kansas 67951.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, October 8, 2026, from 12:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M., and Friday, October 9, 2026, from 10:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. at Robson Funeral Home, Hugoton, Kansas.

Celebration of Life Service will be held on Saturday, October 10, 2026, at 2:00 P.M., at Hugoton Assembly of God, Hugoton. Burial will follow at Hugoton Cemetery, Hugoton, Kansas.

GAMES

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Riddle Me This

I can travel around the world while staying in one corner.
I may carry news, a bill, or a letter from someone you love.
The farther I go, the less of me you see.
What am I?

Important Dates Coming Up For Voters

By: Tyler Hook
Kansans will have a number of important decisions to make during the **2026 General Election on Tuesday, Nov. 3.** Federal, state, judicial and local contests will appear on ballots across the state, making now a good time for voters to check their registration and become familiar with the candidates and issues they will see at the polls. The first major deadline is **Tuesday, Oct. 13,** the fi-

nal day to register to vote or update a voter registration for a change of address or name. **Advance voting begins Wednesday, Oct. 14,** when advance ballots by mail are transmitted and counties may begin offering in-person advance voting. **By Tuesday, Oct. 27, all Kansas counties must have in-person advance voting underway.** Voters should check with their county election office for specific locations and hours.

statewide races often receive the most attention, decisions made closer to home can have an equally direct impact on everyday life. Local and county offices can influence everything from roads and public safety to schools, taxes and community services. Regardless of political affiliation, voters are encouraged to seek information from reliable sources, learn about the candidates and issues, and make their own informed decisions.

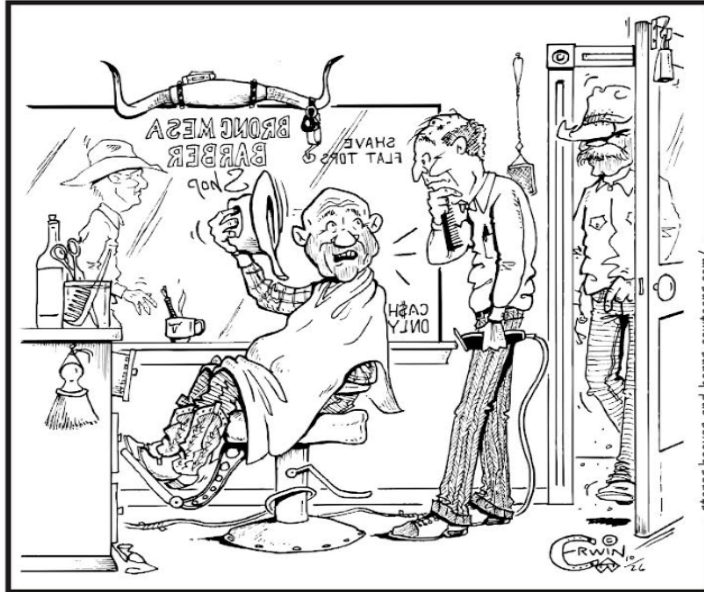
Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 3. Those planning to vote should take time beforehand to review their sample ballot, research unfamiliar candidates and questions, and verify their polling location. Taking a few minutes before Election Day to understand what is on the ballot can help voters make informed decisions rather than encountering unfamiliar races or questions for the first time at the polls.

The election process continues after Election Day as votes are canvassed and results finalized. **Tuesday, Dec. 1, is the deadline for the State Board of Canvassers to certify the official results.** Whether voting early, by mail or at the polls on Nov. 3, Kansans are encouraged to be informed and prepared before casting their ballots.

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- Loves people

Turk

- 8 months old
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- Good with other dogs
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NEW!- Milo's Cents of Direction

By: Milo Milosevich

From our family to yours

Hello! My name is Milo Milosevich, and I'm excited to have the opportunity to share some thoughts and practical advice about finances with you through this column. While I wasn't born in Kansas, I was born in Missouri and raised in Texas, my connection to Ulysses, Kansas runs deep. I'm married to Ame Brewer Milosevich, daughter of Mike Brewer and the late Kathy Brewer. The Brewer family has been part of the Grant County community for generations. Farming, family, hard work, and taking care of your neighbors are values that have always been important to us.

I've been in the financial services business for more than 25 years, and over that time I've had the opportunity to work with families and individuals from many different backgrounds and walks of life. My goal with this column is to share straightforward, practical financial information that can be useful to families, farmers, business owners, and anyone working to make the most of what they have. I hope this column becomes a place where I can answer common financial questions, share ideas, and maybe even provide a

different perspective on some of the financial decisions we all face.

I'm looking forward to being a part of the SWKS News communities, and most importantly getting to know you along the way. I can be reached at Milo@hpyretirement.com for any questions, or ideas for future articles.

The Retirement Question We Don't Ask Enough

As a financial advisor, I spend a lot of time talking with people about retirement. We discuss investments, Social Security, taxes, inflation and how much money they may need.

But there is another question that may be just as important:

What do you want your money to do for you?

It sounds simple, but the answer can change the way you approach retirement planning. For some people, retirement means traveling and spending more time with family. For others, it means staying on the farm, working part-time, hunting, fishing or simply enjoying the freedom of having fewer obligations.

The important thing is that your financial plan should support the life you actually want to live.

One mistake I see is fo-

cusing entirely on the size of an investment account. A \$1 million portfolio may sound impressive, but the more important question is whether that money can provide the income you need, when you need it, while still accounting for taxes, inflation and unexpected expenses.

Retirement planning isn't simply about accumulating as much money as possible. It's about turning the savings you've worked hard to build into a reliable financial strategy. If you're approaching retirement, or already there, take some time to ask yourself what you want your money to accomplish. Then build your financial plan around that answer. After all, retirement isn't just about having money. It's about having freedom to use it for the things that matter most.

The good news is that there are many strategies available to help turn that vision into reality.

Some people may benefit from creating a dependable income stream from a portion of their savings, while others may focus on balancing growth investments with more conservative assets. Tax planning, Social Security timing, managing withdrawals and protecting against unexpected expenses can also play important

roles. There isn't one strategy that works for everyone, and that's exactly why retirement planning should be personal.

Over the coming months, I'll explore some of these strategies in greater detail. We'll look at topics such as Social Security, taxes in retirement, investment risk, generating retirement income, Medicare, required minimum distributions, estate planning and ways to help protect the savings you've worked so hard to accumulate. My goal isn't to tell you what you should do with your money, but to help you understand the choices available so you can make informed decisions about the retirement you want.

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Royalty Owners Encouraged to Update Information

Questions have surfaced in recent months from mineral and royalty owners who have not received royalty payments associated with wells formerly operated by Merit Energy Company or Scout Energy Partners following the transfer of those properties to Eiger Operating.

Individuals who believe they may be affected are encouraged to make sure Eiger Operating has the necessary and current ownership, tax and contact information on file. This may be particularly important for royalty owners whose mailing address, ownership status or other information has changed.

Transfer forms and answers to common owner questions are available through Eiger Operating's website at eigeroperating.com.

Those needing additional



Above: Hugoton Gas Capitol Float –Hugoton Hermes Archive

assistance may contact Eiger Operating's Owner Relations Department by email at ei-ger@ownerrelationsupport.com or by telephone at (512) 879-9640.

Correspondence may also be mailed to:

Eiger Operating LLC
Attn: Owner Relations

3811 Turtle Creek Blvd.,
Suite 1300
Dallas, TX 75219

Royalty owners should keep in mind that resolving individual accounts may take time. Given the large geographic area involved in the transfer and the number of wells and ownership interests being processed, up-

dates and payment issues may not be resolved immediately.

Those who know family members, neighbors or other mineral owners with interests in wells formerly operated by Merit Energy or Scout Energy are also encouraged to pass the information along, particularly if those individuals have questions about missing or delayed royalty payments.

Interested in Hugoton Gas Field History follow Gas Capital Historical Society, LLC. On Facebook as we plan for the Centennial Gascapades in Hugoton from July 24th through 31st in 2027!

Dream

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•**Above-and-Beyond Customer Service Banky™ Award** for its systems and follow-through that create a consistent level of proven, exemplary customer service for clients.

•**Banky™ Award**, a national recognition reserved for the strongest community banks that consistently deliver extraordinary impact. This award helps individuals and businesses identify the very best banks committed to serving and strengthening their local communities.

•**BanksGiving™ Banky™ Award** for extraordinary philanthropy, recognizing its out-

standing commitment to shaping the strategic direction of its community and making a lasting impact on the lives of those it serves.

•**Money Smarts Banky™ Award** for financial literacy education because of its extraordinary service to its customers and community through a commitment to financial literacy programs.

•**Thank God It's Monday!™ Culture Banky™ Award** for demonstration of creating a culture where people bring their best selves to work to make an impact on both customers and communities.

•**Thought Leadership Banky™ Award** for extraordinary bank practices, raising the standards of community banking practices with excellence

in unique and cutting-edge practices while achieving exemplary financial results.

"Community banks recognize the aspirations, dreams, and silent hopes of small businesses and families," said Roxanne Emmerich, Chair and Founder of The Institute for Extraordinary Banking. "The heart and soul of an extraordinary bank is its visionary blueprint for its community's success—and its commitment to making that vision real. This year's honorees, our Top 5 Percenters™, embody that standard of excellence."

About the Institute for Extraordinary Banking

The Institute for Extraordinary Banking exists to highlight and celebrate the vital role community banks play in our nation's economy.

Through its annual Extraordinary Banking Awards, the Institute shines a spotlight on the best banks that are not only financial institutions but also engines of philanthropy, innovation, and community prosperity.

About Dream First:

Dream First has been serving communities across Southwest Kansas and Oklahoma for more than 100 years, with Kansas branches in Syracuse, Johnson, Garden City, Ulysses, Hugoton, Elkhart, Attica, and Lakin; and Oklahoma branches in Alva, Cherokee, Enid and Woodward. The bank's roots are in agriculture, but Dream First provides a wide array of products and services to fit any dream. Visit dreamfirst.bank for additional information.

Ulysses Native Turns Dream Into A Reality

By: Tyler Hook

For Shelley Donne McLeod

McLeod, returning home to Ulysses has marked more than a homecoming. It has also provided the setting for a new chapter in her life—one built around storytelling, creativity and a rescue dog named Champy who eventually became a storybook cowboy.

McLeod was born and raised in Ulysses and spent the first 30 years of her life in the community. She and her two daughters later moved to Colorado, where McLeod spent much of her professional career in commercial banking. After more than three decades in Colorado, she returned to her hometown nearly two years ago.

Writing, however, was a dream that had followed her for much longer.

“Writing was something I had always wanted to do, but between raising a family and building a career, I never quite found the time—or the courage—to begin,” McLeod said.

For years, she found her-



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self returning to one particular idea: she ought to write stories about Champy, her dog whose personality and adventures had provided plenty of material.

Champy had been a rescue dog before becoming the inspiration for a storybook cowboy. His real-life story, which McLeod now shares on her website, eventually provided the foundation for the fictional character and the world surrounding him.

“He was quite a character and gave me plenty of inspiration, but the idea remained just that for a long time,” she said.

Retirement finally offered McLeod something that had

often been in short supply during the years of raising a family and pursuing a career—time. More importantly, it gave her the opportunity to finally act on an ambition she had carried for years.

“I decided it was time to stop saying ‘someday’ and give it a try,” McLeod said.

That decision resulted in *Tails from the Ranch*, a children’s series inspired by ranch life, animals and the real-life Champy. What began with a single step has since grown into a six-book series.

McLeod’s stories combine humor and warmth with themes of kindness, courage

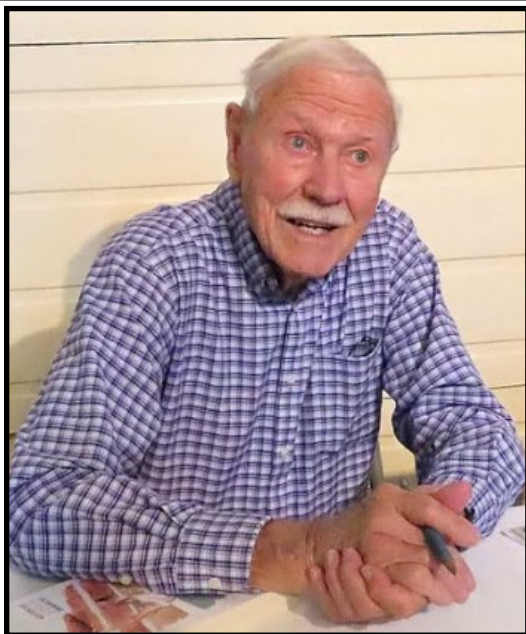
and imagination. Her background as an artist, quilter and lifelong animal owner has also helped shape the colorful world and characters surrounding Champy’s adventures.

And she is not finished writing. McLeod is preparing to begin another series that she says will be considerably different from the Champy stories. Beyond that project, she plans to tackle another long-time literary milestone—a full-length novel.

For someone who spent years thinking about becoming a writer, retirement has proven to be less an ending than the beginning of an entirely different career.

“Writing has become an exciting new chapter in my life,” McLeod said, “and it feels especially meaningful to begin it back in my hometown.”

Her story is also a reminder that the opportunity to pursue a long-held ambition does not necessarily disappear with time. Sometimes, “someday” simply takes a while to arrive.



(Left) Elkhart native **Thane Baker**, the oldest living American Olympic gold medalist in track and field, celebrated his **95th birthday on October 4**. Baker earned his first Olympic medal at the 1952 Games in Helsinki, taking silver in the 200-meter dash. Four years later at the 1956 Melbourne Olympics, he added three more medals—bronze in the 200 meters, silver in the 100 meters and gold as a member of the United States 4x100-meter relay team.

The accompanying photo, shared by **Kansas Travel**, was taken about a year and a half ago at the **Morton County Historical Museum**, where Baker and his daughter, Catherine Baker Nicholson, signed copies of his biography, *Running in Borrowed Shoes*. Baker’s remarkable accomplishments continue to be a source of pride for his hometown, which honored him in 2024 when **Elkhart Mayor Leo Carrillo presented him with the Key to the City**.

Bitcoin

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bitcoin, along with transaction fees, as a reward. The enormous amount of computing work behind the system also helps make past transactions extremely difficult to alter. Bitcoin Developer Documentation

An easy way of picturing it is a gigantic computerized guessing contest. Thousands of machines around the world make guesses at tremendous speed. Finding the correct answer is difficult, but checking the winning answer is comparatively easy.

That brings the story back to Big Bow.

Bitcoin Mining Comes to Big Bow

In November 2022, agricultural commentator Trent Loos wrote about visiting the cryptocurrency mining operation at Big Bow for *High Plains Journal*. Loos described five small buildings filled with computers operating 24 hours a day. He noted the small electrical substation constructed in front of the site and reported that electricity was being supplied by Pioneer Electric Cooperative.

Loos also reported at the time that the facility was paying approximately **\$600,000 per month for electricity**. He wrote that he had initially been told the project was intended to utilize methane associated with nearby natural gas production, but found the operation was instead receiving power through the local cooperative. *High Plains Journal*

One of the figures cited in that 2022 article was particu-

larly eye-catching: an estimate that a single Bitcoin transaction represented 1,739 kilowatt-hours of electricity.

Four years later, that number deserves some clarification.

Estimates have changed considerably as mining equipment has become more efficient and the Bitcoin network itself has changed. One 2026 estimate based on Digiconomist data places the figure closer to **875 kilowatt-hours per transaction**, roughly half the figure cited in 2022. Estimates of the entire Bitcoin network's electricity consumption vary considerably, with recent figures ranging from approximately **138 to more than 200 terawatt-hours annually**. GreenCalculus

More importantly, "electricity per transaction" can be misleading. A mining computer does not use 875 kilowatt-hours simply because someone sends Bitcoin from one person to another. Mining secures the entire network and produces blocks containing many transactions at once. The network's miners continue performing their calculations whether a particular block contains relatively few transactions or many. Cambridge therefore estimates Bitcoin's total power demand from mining hardware and network computing activity rather than simply assigning a fixed electrical cost to each payment. CCAF

Likewise, the computers in Big Bow are not individually processing "millions of Bitcoin transactions by the minute." What they are performing in enormous numbers are **hash-**

es—the repeated cryptographic calculations used in the mining competition.

The distinction may sound technical, but it is important when discussing how much electricity these facilities actually consume.

Another Side of the Big Bow Story

There is another interesting chapter to the local operation.

In 2023, EZ Blockchain published an announcement stating that it had received the **2022 Big Bow Award** in the manufacturer category. The Chicago-based company described itself as a "green crypto mining" business and said its projects in rural communities were intended to create jobs while generating revenue from energy resources that might otherwise be underutilized. EZ Blockchain™

The company was founded in 2017 and has promoted several approaches to cryptocurrency mining, including portable mining containers, immersion cooling, using otherwise flared natural gas and operating mining equipment in ways intended to help balance electrical grids. Its stated mission is centered on finding unused or wasted sources of energy that can economically support Bitcoin mining. EZ Blockchain™

EZ Blockchain subsequently announced that it received a **2023 Best of Big Bow Award** as well, saying it was one of a small number of businesses recognized by the program in consecutive years. EZ Blockchain™

The award announcements themselves raise an interesting

footnote. The descriptions published by EZ Blockchain say the Big Bow Award Program recognizes local businesses for their contributions and marketing success. The 2022 company announcement said EZ Blockchain was, at that point, the first recipient published on the program's website and that additional winners would be announced after being contacted. EZ Blockchain™

A New Kind of Industry on the Plains

Whether one views cryptocurrency as the future of finance, a speculative investment or simply a difficult technology to understand, Bitcoin mining has created a new kind of industrial electricity customer in rural America.

Its physical ingredients are surprisingly familiar: land, buildings, electrical substations, cooling systems and a dependable supply of power. What happens inside those buildings, however, belongs almost entirely to the digital world.

That makes the operation at Big Bow an unusual intersection between two very different economies. In a landscape historically shaped by agriculture, natural gas and other physical commodities, rows of computers are now competing in a worldwide digital network to produce something that exists only electronically.

And perhaps that is the simplest explanation of a Bitcoin mine: **instead of using energy and machinery to extract a resource from the ground, it uses energy and computing power to compete for a digital one.**



Morton County Resident Receives KFB Award

By: Tyler Hook

Kansas Farm Bureau has named **Crystal Bashford of Morton County** its 2026 **Rural Minds Matter Above 35 Advocate of the Year**, recognizing her leadership and commitment to improving mental health awareness and resources in rural Kansas.

Bashford, a K-State Extension agent in Morton County, co-founded and coordinates a countywide Community Coalition that has worked to make mental health and crisis resources more accessible. Among the coalition's efforts

was the establishment of three 988 crisis-support buildings equipped with direct-dial 988 phones, opioid overdose treatment and community blessing cabinets. Her work has focused on reducing the stigma surrounding mental health while bringing resources into places where rural residents can more easily access them.

"Crystal's leadership has brought together national mental health advocacy organizations, agricultural associations and local communities to address the unique stresses facing rural fami-

lies," Kansas Farm Bureau President Glenn Brunkow said. "Her work ensures critical resources are available where they are most needed."

Bashford will be recognized during Kansas Farm Bureau's Annual Meeting in Manhattan this December and will receive a cash award to further support mental health advocacy efforts. **Congratulations to Crystal Bashford on this well-deserved statewide honor and for the work she continues to do for Morton County and rural Kansas.**

Photo Courtesy of KFB

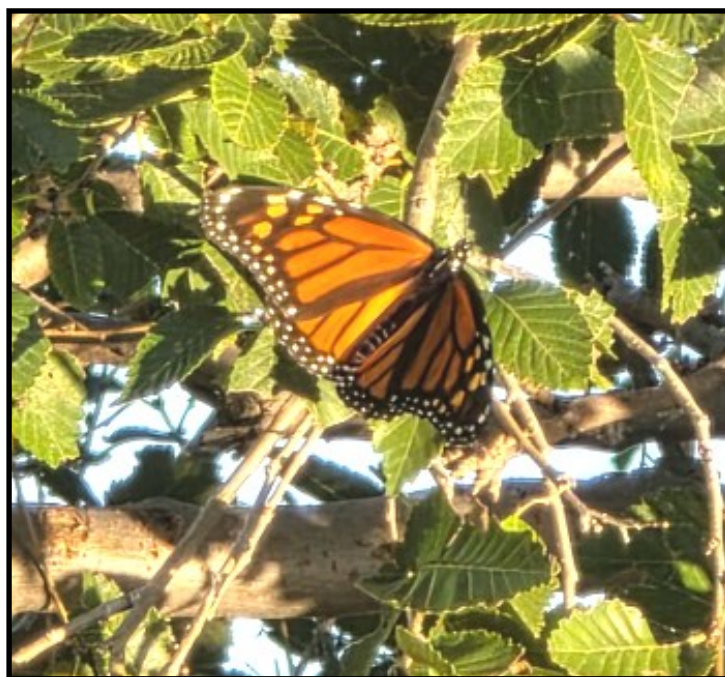
Monarch Migration Passing Through Region

By: Tyler Hook

Each fall, as temperatures begin to cool and the days grow shorter, Western Kansas welcomes one of nature's most recognizable travelers. Flashes of orange and black appear across the countryside as monarch butterflies stop among wildflowers, shelterbelts and backyard gardens on their remarkable journey south.

Monarchs generally pass through the region from late September into early October as they migrate toward their wintering grounds in the mountains of central Mexico. Some will travel thousands of miles before reaching their destination. The butterflies making the southward trip belong to what is often called the monarch's "**super generation**." Unlike summer generations that live only a matter of weeks, these monarchs can survive for several months, allowing them to complete the long migration and begin the return journey north the following spring.

The accomplishment is especially impressive considering the size of the traveler. A monarch weighs less than a



gram yet can cover considerable distances when weather and winds are favorable. They navigate using environmental cues, including the position of the sun, despite having never personally made the journey before. Along the way, groups of monarchs may gather in trees and other protected areas overnight before continuing south the following morning.

Western Kansas provides important stopping places

where migrating monarchs can rest and feed. Late-blooming native flowers provide nectar needed to replenish their energy, while native milkweed remains essential to the species because it is the only type of plant on which monarchs lay their eggs and their caterpillars feed.

Residents can lend the butterflies a hand by maintaining native flowering plants, planting milkweed and avoiding

unnecessary disturbance when monarchs gather to rest. Gardens, parks, fields and windbreaks can all become temporary stopping points along a migration stretching across an entire continent.

Their visit may last only a few weeks, but the monarch migration is an annual reminder that some of nature's greatest journeys pass directly through the High Plains. This fall, take a moment to watch the orange-and-black wings drifting across the prairie—they still have a long way to go.

Monarch Butterflies as a caterpillar primarily feed on Milkweed -saving toxic Cardiac Glycosides which make them unpalatable to birds. Their Orange color also serve as a warning to predators.

When The Road Turns To Mud

By: Tyler Hook

There are few things that can humble a person quite as quickly as a muddy road.

Out here, most of us have learned that lesson one way or another. A road that was solid yesterday can become nearly impassable after a good rain. What looked harmless from the intersection can turn into ruts, slick clay and a steering wheel that suddenly seems to have ideas of its own.

There is an art to driving those roads. Sometimes the smartest thing you can do is stop, back up and find another way around. Sometimes you ease into the throttle and let the tires find their footing. And sometimes, when the back end starts sliding right, you have to turn the wheel in a direction that seems completely contrary to where you intended to go.

Life has its muddy roads, too.

We spend a great deal of time convincing ourselves that progress ought to look like a straight line. Work hard, make good decisions, treat people fairly and eventually arrive where you intended to go. It is a comforting formula.

It just isn't always how life works.

Sometimes we find ourselves going sideways. Plans fail. People disappoint us. We disappoint ourselves. A job changes, a relationship ends, money gets tight, somebody gets sick, or the future simply refuses to cooperate with the picture we had drawn for it.

Our first instinct is often to push harder.

Anyone who has buried a pickup to the axle knows how well that can work.

There are moments when determination is exactly what is required. There are also moments when determination without judgment becomes stubbornness. The harder we press the accelerator, the deeper we dig ourselves into something we might have escaped had we stopped sooner.

Maybe wisdom is learning the difference.

There is no shame in turning around when the road ahead is clearly impassable. There is no weakness in slowing down when the situation calls for patience. And there are times when the best thing a person can do is simply wait.

After all, today's mud can become tomorrow's road.

Give the wind and sun a little time and ground that would have swallowed your tires can become smooth and firm again. Nothing about the road changed because we fought with it. The conditions simply needed time.

People aren't much different.

We are quick to believe every problem requires an immediate answer. We feel obligated to respond to every criticism, settle every disagreement and fix every difficulty today. Yet some things improve when given a little room. A night's sleep can soften an argument. A few days can change a perspective. Time can reveal

that something we considered a catastrophe was merely a rough stretch of road.

And when we do have to keep moving, sometimes getting where we want to go requires doing something that feels backward.

When a vehicle begins sliding, fighting too hard against it can make matters worse. You learn to feel what the road is doing beneath you. You adjust. You work with the situation long enough to regain control.

Perhaps we could stand to do a little more of that with one another.

We are fortunate here in the western reaches of Kansas. We live without many of the pressures and anonymity of a large city. We know our neighbors. We wave on county roads. We recognize the pickup at the gas station. We know who owns the field, whose grandfather built the barn and whose children are playing Friday night.

But that closeness carries a responsibility.

Our words travel farther here.

A criticism spoken casually can find its way across town before supper. So can encouragement. A cutting remark costs us nothing to make, but neither does a compliment. One can leave a person carrying something heavier; the other might lighten a load we never knew they were carrying.

Maybe before pointing out what someone has done wrong, we could notice something they have done

right. Before deciding somebody ought to have their life figured out, we might remember the muddy roads we have traveled ourselves. Before driving past someone who is stuck, perhaps we could stop and offer a hand.

None of that will make the world perfect.

The rain will still fall. Roads will still wash out. Plans will still change, people will still frustrate us and there will be days when no amount of steering seems capable of keeping life pointed exactly where we want it to go.

But eventually, the mud runs out.

Eventually the tires find firm ground again.

And when they do, perhaps what matters most isn't how clean we managed to keep ourselves along the way. Maybe it is whether we splashed mud on everyone around us—or stopped long enough to help pull somebody else through.

The world will keep doing what the world does.

We can choose what we add to it.

And out here, where there is still room enough to see the horizon, I hope we continue building a place where pride is accompanied by humility, independence by neighborliness and respect by the willingness to lend a hand.

Because every one of us eventually finds a muddy road.

It is a much better country when we don't have to travel it alone.



Stanton County- The Silver Striders went on their trip to Las Vegas, Hoover Dam, and Grand Canyon with 27 passengers from Kansas and Colorado. We were able to go to Winslow AZ and stand on the street corner. After 13 trips in 8 wonderful years we are turning Silver Striders over to Deb Lanning. She led us on this trip and we all had fun time. The trips Feb has planned for 2027 are Santa Fe and Albuquerque NM in the spring and Niagara Falls in September. This is a great way to travel and make new friends. *Courtesy of Orene Martin*



Above: Grant County Knights of Columbus serving food at October 3rd Fall Fest in Ulysses

Right: Historic Adobe Board Members working Annual Chilli & Cinnamon Roll Dinner kicking off Grant County Gives Months

Below: Satanta Fall Fest on October 3rd with its LARGE turn out!



Courtesy of Museum



Photo by Tyler Hook

Hamilton County: The Syracuse Chamber of Commerce will host its Annual Chilli Cook-Off on October 10th. There will also be the Antique Classic & Antique Fly-In at the Hamilton County Airport. Judging for the Chilli Contest will be at 10:30 AM (MST) and a \$50 cash prize given to the top five entries.

Grant County— Before and Crafter will host a **Fall Flea Market** Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 10-11, at **1000 W. Paterson Ave.** in Ulysses.

The market will be open **Saturday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.** Organizers promise a weekend filled with **food, finds, festivities and fun**, giving shoppers an opportunity to browse a variety of items while enjoying the fall atmosphere.

More information about the Fall Flea Market can be found through **Before and Crafter's website or Facebook page.**

Haskell County— The Sublette Chamber of Commerce will host its annual **Fall Fest on Saturday, Oct. 10, from 4 to 8 p.m.** along Main Street in Sublette.

The community celebration will feature **local vendors, food, music, games and more**, offering an evening of fall fun for residents and visitors of all ages. Vendors will be set up along Main Street throughout the event.

Additional information and event updates can be found through the **Sublette Chamber of Commerce Facebook page.**

Finney County — Bible Christian Church will welcome families for its **Fall Fest on Saturday, Oct. 10, from 6 to 8 p.m.** at 1501 E. Mary St. in Garden City.

The evening will feature plenty of family-friendly activities, including **30 to 40 carnival games, inflatable bounce houses, face painting and a petting zoo.** Attendees can also enjoy **free hot dogs, chips and drinks** as part of the festivities.

ELKHART- Cat-Tales will celebrate its official grand opening on **Friday, Oct. 9, from 4 to 7 p.m.** with an afternoon of fall activities for the entire family.

The celebration will feature **pumpkin decorating, a fall photo backdrop, giveaways, a downtown business passport, bow and arrow activities, axe throwing and more.** An estimated **25 to 30 local vendors and businesses** are also expected to participate in the event.

This will be the first event of its kind hosted by Cat-Tales, with plans already underway to make the celebration an annual Elkhart tradition. Additional information and updates can be found on the **Cat-Tales Facebook page.**

FORD COUNTY — Those looking for a few scares this October will have several opportunities in Ford County, with Halloween attractions planned in both Dodge City and Ford.

Boot Hill Museum in Dodge City will offer its popular **Ghost Tours from 7 to 11:30 p.m. each Saturday in October, as well as Friday, Oct. 30.** Two tour times will be offered each evening at the museum, located at 500 W. Wyatt Earp Blvd. Participants will take an immersive tour through the original cemetery atop Boot Hill and have an opportunity to use paranormal investigation tools, including EMF detectors and dowsing rods. Tickets are \$35 per person, and the tours are recommended for ages 16 and older. Additional information is available through the Boot Hill Museum Facebook page.

In Ford, the **Spooky Shed**, located at 1115 Walnut, will welcome visitors **Friday and Saturday nights throughout October from 8 to 11 p.m.** The haunted house promises plenty of thrills and scares for those brave enough to enter. Admission is \$5 per person, and children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Additional information can be found through the Dodge City Convention & Visitors Bureau.



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FINNEY COUNTY**FRIDAY, OCT. 9**

- 4-5 p.m. — Anime Night, Public Library
- 5-10 p.m. — Event at Bronchbuster Horse Palace
- 6-9 p.m. — Open Studio, Garden City Arts
- 7 p.m. — GCHS Football (Home)
- 9 p.m. — Karaoke Night, Loving's Moon

SATURDAY, OCT. 10

- 10 a.m.-12 p.m. — Writers Meetup, Garden City Arts
- 10 a.m.-6 p.m. — GCCC HS/JH Rodeo, Horse Palace
- 1-3 p.m. — Project Lab, Garden City Arts (\$20)
- 2-3 p.m. — Kitchen Fun, Public Library
- 2-5 p.m. — Macrame Bat Wall Hanging, MakerSpace (\$20)
- 4:30-7:30 p.m. — Dungeons & Dragons, Library
- 6-8 p.m. — Bible Christian Church Fall Fest
- 6:30-9 p.m. — Trivia, Loving's Moon
- 7-10 p.m. — Emerald City Gala/Wine Tasting, The Refinery (\$100)

SUNDAY, OCT. 11

- 8 a.m.-5 p.m. — GCCC HS/JH Rodeo, Horse Palace
- 1-5 p.m. — Halloween Hootenanny, Gravity Wellness
- 2:30 p.m. — Sunday FunDay, Public Library

MONDAY, OCT. 12

- No School — Teacher Inservice (AM), Workday (PM)
- 5-7 p.m. — Water Walking, Parrot Cove
- 6 p.m. — Board of Education Meeting

TUESDAY, OCT. 13

- 10-11:30 a.m. — ArtFULL Mornings, Garden City Arts
- 4:10-6:10 p.m. — VOE Parent-Teacher Conferences
- 5-8 p.m. — Ladies Night, Buffalor Dunes (\$15)
- 6 p.m. — Kenneth Henderson MS Band Concert
- 6:30 p.m. — Trivia Night, Main Street Food & Brew Hall
- 6:30 p.m. — Family Crafts, Public Library
- 6:30 p.m. — Adult Craft Night, Public Library
- 7:30 p.m. — GCHS Orchestra Concert

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 14

- 4:30-5:30 p.m. — Pokémon Club (Ages 6-9), Library
- 5-7 p.m. — Water Walking, Parrot Cove
- 6:30 p.m. — Gingerbread Zombie Man, MakerSpace (\$15)

THURSDAY, OCT. 15

- 4 p.m. — MS Battle of the Birds
- 7:30 p.m. — GCHS Choir Concert

FRIDAY, OCT. 16

- 4-5 p.m. — Anime Night, Public Library
- 9 p.m. — Karaoke Night, Loving's Moon

GRANT COUNTY**FRIDAY, OCT. 9**

- 10 a.m. — Chamber Coffee, Health Dept.
- 6:30 p.m. — 19th Annual Duck Race, Joyce St. Canal
- 7-9 p.m. — UHS Football vs. Hugoton

SATURDAY, OCT. 10

- 9 a.m. — Cross Country at Lakin
- 9 a.m.-7 p.m. — Before & CrAfter Flea Market, Civic Center, 1000 W. Patterson Ave.
- 10 a.m.-5 p.m. — MS GWAC Volleyball, Ulysses HS
- 10 a.m.-5 p.m. — GWAC Volleyball at Colby

SUNDAY, OCT. 11

- 11 a.m.-4 p.m. — Before & CrAfter Flea Market, Civic Center

MONDAY, OCT. 12

- Golf Regional — Location TBA
- 9-10:30 a.m. — STEM in the Park (2nd grade)
- 10 a.m.-noon — STEM in the Park (K), then picnic
- 4-5:45 p.m. — 7th Grade Girls Basketball practice
- 4-7 p.m. — Volleyball CT Quad at Scott City
- 5-7 p.m. — JV Football vs. Hugoton
- 6 p.m. — Board of Education Meeting, Joyce Bldg.
- Homecoming Week: Hunters vs. The Hunted

TUESDAY, OCT. 13

- 10 a.m.-1 p.m. — Kindergarten Pumpkin Patch
- 7-8 p.m. — KMS Band Concert, Kopley Auditorium
- Homecoming Week: County vs. County

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 14

- 10 a.m.-noon — GWAC AD Meeting, Scott City
- 5 p.m. — Ulysses City Council Meeting
- 6:30-7:30 p.m. — JAG-K I&I Ceremony
- Homecoming Week: White Lie Day

THURSDAY, OCT. 15

- All day — 1st Grade Pumpkin Patch
- End of 1st Quarter
- 3-6 p.m. — MS/HS GWAC Cross Country, Cimarron
- 4-8 p.m. — KMS Football at Hugoton
- 6:30 p.m. — Homecoming Float Judging
- Homecoming Week: Future Me

FRIDAY, OCT. 16

- No School — Building PD/Workday
- 10 a.m. — Chamber Coffee
- 2 p.m. — Homecoming Parade
- 6:30 p.m. — Homecoming Crowning (football field)
- 7-9 p.m. — UHS Football vs. Colby (Homecoming)
- Homecoming Week: Orange & Black Day

HASKELL COUNTY**FRIDAY, OCT. 9**

- 3:15 p.m. — 6-12 Pep Rally
- 7 p.m. — HS Football vs. S. Barber (Home)

SATURDAY, OCT. 10

- 9 a.m. — MS/HS Cross Country at Lakin
- 9 a.m. — HS Volleyball Tournament, Greensburg

MONDAY, OCT. 12

- 8 a.m.-4 p.m. — Scholastic Book Fair
- Girls Golf Regionals, TBA
- 6:30 p.m. — USD 507 BOE Meeting

TUESDAY, OCT. 13

- 8 a.m.-4 p.m. — Scholastic Book Fair
- 4 p.m. — HS Volleyball vs. Bucklin/Kiowa Co. (Bucklin)

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 14

- No School — District Workday
- 7:45 a.m.-1 p.m. — Workday
- 1-8 p.m. — Parent/Teacher Conferences
- First Quarter Ends — Grade School
- 9 a.m. — HS FFA at Ingalls
- KESA Support Day
- 8 a.m.-6 p.m. — Scholastic Book Fair

THURSDAY, OCT. 15

- No School — District Workday
- 7:45 a.m.-1 p.m. — Workday
- 1-8 p.m. — Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 3 p.m. — JH/HS Cross Country at Ness City
- 4 p.m. — JH Volleyball/Football vs. Ashland/Bucklin
- 4:30 p.m. — MS/HS Cross Country at SWH
- 4:30/6 p.m. — MS Volleyball vs. Stanton County (Home)
- 8-10 p.m. — JH Game Night
- 8 a.m.-6 p.m. — Scholastic Book Fair

FRIDAY, OCT. 16

- No School
- 7 p.m. — HS Football vs. Stanton County (Home)
- 7 p.m. — HS Football vs. Moscow (Moscow)

KEARNY COUNTY**FRIDAY, OCT. 9**

- End of First Quarter
- 7 p.m. — HS Football at Kingman

SATURDAY, OCT. 10

- 9 a.m. — HS/MS Cross Country (Home)
- 10 a.m. — HS Volleyball HPL Tournament (Home)

MONDAY, OCT. 12

- HS JV Football, TBA
- Girls Golf Regionals, TBA
- 6:30 p.m. — Board of Education Meeting

TUESDAY, OCT. 13

- 8 a.m. — Jostens Sophomore Class Ring Meeting
- 8:15 a.m. — Jostens Senior Cap & Gown Meeting
- 4 p.m. — MS Volleyball Triangular at Elkhart

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 14

- 9 a.m. — FFA Greenhand Conf. at Dodge City
- Fields of Faith at Football Field, TBA

THURSDAY, OCT. 15

- 4 p.m. — MS Football at Lamar, CO
- 4:30 p.m. — HS/MS Cross Country HPL at SWH

FRIDAY, OCT. 16

- No School — Teacher Inservice/Workday
- 6 p.m. — HS Football at Douglass

MORTON COUNTY**SATURDAY, OCT. 10**

- HS Volleyball HPL Tournament at Lakin
- MS & HS Cross Country at Lakin

MONDAY, OCT. 12

- 7:30-8:30 p.m. — Board of Education Meeting

TUESDAY, OCT. 13

- MS Volleyball vs. Lakin
- Picture Retakes — Pre-K-12th grade

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 14

- 8-9 a.m. — Pre-ACT (9th Grade)

THURSDAY, OCT. 15

- 8 a.m. — Balfour Senior Caps & Gowns
- 8:45-9:45 a.m. — Balfour Ring Sales
- MS & HS HPL Cross Country at SWH
- MS Volleyball & Football at Syracuse

FRIDAY, OCT. 16

- Early Dismissal/Inservice
- End of First Nine Weeks

STEVENS COUNTY**THURSDAY, OCT. 8**

- 12 p.m. — Chamber Board Meeting

FRIDAY, OCT. 9

- 7 p.m. — HS Football vs. Ulysses (Senior Night)

SATURDAY, OCT. 10

- 9 a.m. — MS & HS Cross Country at Lakin
- 10 a.m. — HS Volleyball GWAC Tournament (Colby)
- 10 a.m. — MS Volleyball GWAC Tournament (Ulysses)

MONDAY, OCT. 12

- 9 a.m. — Girls Golf Sub-State at Wellington
- 5 p.m. — HS JV Football at Ulysses

TUESDAY, OCT. 13

- 12 p.m. — Economic Development Meeting

THURSDAY, OCT. 15

- 4 p.m. — MS Football vs. Ulysses (Home)
- 4 p.m. — MS Cross Country GWAC at Cimarron
- 4 p.m. — HS Cross Country GWAC at Cimarron

FRIDAY, OCT. 16

- 7 p.m. — HS Varsity Football at Holcomb

STANTON COUNTY**FRIDAY, OCT. 9**

- Mobile Tone Hearing — all day
- End of First Quarter
- Tech AG Day — 8:30 a.m.
- HPL Volleyball at Lakin — 10-11 a.m.
- Trojan Bash — 7 p.m.
- Scholars Bowl Community Trivia Night

MONDAY, OCT. 12

- Columbus Day
- Girls Golf Regionals — 6 p.m.
- Board of Education Meeting

TUESDAY, OCT. 13

- Elementary Site Council — 7:15 a.m.
- High School Site Council — 7:15 a.m.
- Jostens with Seniors/Sophomores — 11:30 a.m.
- Elementary Family Engagement Night — 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 14

- FFA at Ingalls — 9-9:30 a.m.
- Town Hall Meeting — 6-7:30 p.m.
205 E. Weaver Ave., Johnson

THURSDAY, OCT. 15

- Cross Country HPL at SWH — 4 p.m.
- JH Volleyball at Sublette — 4:30 p.m.
- JH Football at Sublette — 6 p.m.
- HS Football at Sublette

FRIDAY, OCT. 16

- HS Football at Sublette — 7-8 p.m.

SEWARD COUNTY**FRIDAY, OCT. 9**

- Spooky Heads Contest — 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Playdough Fridays — 10-11 a.m.
- Mahjong — 1-3 p.m.
- Magic: The Gathering — 3-5 p.m.
- Spooky Loteria & Karaoke — 8-10 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCT. 10

- President's Gala — SCCC
- Spooky Heads Contest — 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
- LHS Golf Tournament — 10-11 a.m.
- Apache Cross Country — 10-11 a.m.
- Arcade — 10-11 a.m., Library
- Baker Arts Open Studio — 11 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Van Dough: Bread Meets Art — 3-5 p.m.
- Cosmic Bowling — 4-6 p.m.
- Oktoberfest — 4-9 p.m.
- Mello the Music Man — 6:30-9:30 p.m.
- Music Bingo — 7:30-10 p.m.
- Late Night Cosmic Bowling — 9:30 p.m.-12 a.m.

SUNDAY, OCT. 11

- Spooky Heads Contest — 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Digital Arts Class — 1-4 p.m.
- Movie & Craft — 4-5 p.m.
- 9th & JV Football vs. Great Bend — 4-9 p.m.
- Parent Teacher Conference — 4:30-7:30 p.m.
- Evening Storytime — 5:30-6 p.m.
- Art on a Budget — 6-7 p.m.

MONDAY, OCT. 12

- Spooky Heads Contest — 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Digital Arts Class — 1-4 p.m.
- Movie & Craft — 4-5 p.m.
- 9th & JV Football vs. Great Bend — 4-9 p.m.
- Parent Teacher Conference — 4:30-7:30 p.m.
- Evening Storytime — 5:30-6 p.m.
- Art on a Budget — 6-7 p.m.

MONDAY, OCT. 12

- Spooky Heads Contest — 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Library & Lunch — noon-2 p.m.
- Explorers Totals — 1-2 p.m.
- Digital Arts Class — 1-4 p.m.
- LEGO Open Build — 4-6 p.m.
- LEGO Open Build — 4-6 p.m.
- Watercolor Wednesday — 5:30-6:30 p.m.
- Dance Classes — 5-8 p.m.
- City Commissioners — 3:00-4:00 p.m.
- Wrestling Club Practice — 6-7:30 p.m.
- Adults Digital Arts — 6-8 p.m.
- Pottery Lab — 6-8 p.m.
- Trivia Tuesday — 7:30-9 p.m.
- C Valleyball @ Dodge City — 4-8 p.m.
- JV Varsity Volleyball Quad — 4-6 p.m.
- Boys Soccer @ Dodge City
- PT Conferences — Various times

TUESDAY, OCT. 13

- Spooky Heads Contest — 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Library & Lunch — noon-2 p.m.
- Explorers Totals — 1-2 p.m.
- Digital Arts Class — 1-4 p.m.
- LEGO Open Build — 4-6 p.m.
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- JV Varsity Volleyball Quad — 4-6 p.m.
- Boys Soccer @ Dodge City
- PT Conferences — Various times

THURSDAY, OCT. 15

- Spooky Heads Contest — 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Redskins Bowling — 1-2 p.m.
- MS Excel Basics — 1-4 p.m.
- Kids Guided Painting — 4-5 p.m.
- LEGO Play Day — 4-5 p.m.
- LEGO Open Build — 4-6 p.m.
- Warriors Football — 4-6 p.m.
- JVV @ WAC (Dodge City) — 4-5 p.m.
- LHS Football vs. SRMS — 4-6:30 p.m.
- SRMS Football vs. Eisenhower — 4-5 p.m.
- Dance Classes — 5-8 p.m.
- Wrestling Club Practice — 6-7:30 p.m.
- Middtown Trivia — 7:30-8:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCT. 16

- Spooky Heads Contest — 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Playdough Fridays — 10-11 a.m.
- Mahjong — 1-3 p.m.
- Magic: The Gathering — 3-5 p.m.
- Fall Festival, Fellowship Baptist — 4-6 p.m.
- Redskins Football (Home) — 7-8 p.m.
- Loteria & Karaoke — 7-9 p.m.
- Boys Soccer @ Dodge City
- No School — Conference Exchange

Events are compiled from local school and community calendars. Dates, times and locations are subject to change.



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