

SUDOKU

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

9	5							
		8			7	3		
				6	4	2		
		5	7	8				
								8
6		1	9					5
5			3	7				
	9	4			2			
	7		1		8			

Level: Intermediate

Crossword

1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8	9	10		
11				12						13		
14								15			16	17
	18							19				20
				21		22			23			
				24		25	26	27		28		
				29			30		31		32	
				33		34		35				
36	37	38		39			40		41			
42			43		44			45				
46								47		48		
49				50	51			52		53	54	55
	56					57		58				59
				60				61				
										63		

CLUES ACROSS

1. Popular potato snack

5. Guards the Pyramids

11. Furnish anew

14. Herb

15. Preoccupy the mind continually

18. The lowest adult male singing voice

19. NATO commander (abbr.)

21. A major division of geological time

23. New Zealand parrot

24. Notions

28. Lump in yarn

29. Indicates position

30. Lose hold of

32. Hindu honorific
33. Former OSS

35. Electronic data processing

36. Cost per mile

39. Snake-like fish

41. They start the alphabet

42. Taylor Swift’s tour

44. Intermediate ecological stage

46. Scarlett’s home

47. Of he

49. Ohio city

52. Breakfast item

56. An evening party

58. ___ Falls

60. Linked together

62. Mythological spirits

63. Small Eurasian deer

CLUES DOWN

1. Earliest human form: ___ -Magnon man

2. Flavoring

3. Notion

4. Bundy and Fenwick are two

5. Qualities of sound

6. One who gets paid

7. Expresses surprise

8. O.J. trial judge

9. Pointed ends of pens

10. Shield bugs genus

12. Container for shipping

13. Upper body parts

16. Closes tightly

17. Nigerian World Heritage Site

20. Volcanic island in Fiji

22. Commercial

25. ___: denotes past

26. They ___

27. Confraternities
29. A way to gain a point

31. Parts per billion (abbr.)

34. Brew

36. Badgers group

37. Sailing boat

38. ___ Polo, explorer

40. Elder citizen (abbr.)

43. Frankish law code

45. Exclamation of surprise

48. Groan

50. It presses clothing

51. Do not allow

53. Gelatinous substance

54. Common Japanese surname

55. Present in nature

57. Electronic countermeasures

58. Last or greatest in an indefinitely large series

59. Commercials

61. News agency

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Looking Back

75 Years Ago—1950

The local area lacked only 1.73 inches having its normal amount of precipitation for the entire year and was 8.04 inches above normal for this time in the year... Leroy Gagnon and Jimmie Savoie, both of Concordia, took out enlistment papers and were headed to Kansas City for physical examination for the air force... Concordia swimmers and divers took five firsts in thirteen events in the fourth annual invitational swimming meet at the municipal pool, where Merrill Stanley and Keith Heisterman entertained fans between events with their clown dive act and their version of the “death defying flying saucer dive”... winners in the cat section of the pet parade at Playground—Tiniest cat belonged to Dee Dee Strait; Billie Pae had the whitest cat; most coal-black cat and cat with the bushiest tail belonged to Jackie Cox; best dressed cats were entered by Janice Knowler and Janet McDaniel; most vicious cat in the parade belonged to Sherrie James... Mr. and Mrs. Art Schmitt announced the birth of a son, Matthew James... Mrs. Dan Empson brought some of her Elberta variety peaches to the Blade office... price on cigarettes was up one or two cents; most retailers were getting 21 cents a pack, but some were getting 22 cents... the Blade-Empire would hold its customary election party and a special Associated Press wire carrying the latest election returns would operate from 7 p.m. on Tuesday, August 1 to 1 a.m. Wednesday, August 2, and later, returns from county contests would be available. All were invited—“the Blade staff will have all the ‘dope’ for you”...

60 Years Ago—1965

Susan Sutton, Concordia’s 17-year-old girl jockey, did herself proud on the first day of racing at Thundercloud Park and sent Masota Hancock, owned by R. and S. Gallagher of Concordia, across the finish line in first place... Linda Faye Bonham, 2 1/2, won the first prize in her class at the baby show at the Cloud County Fair at Glasco... lightning struck and burned the barn at the Lawrence Johnson farm northwest of Concordia, and the Karl Morgan home north of Hollis was also struck, although the fire was extinguished... in the style revue at the Cloud County Fair, Deanna Carter of Jolly J Hawks 4-H club was grand champion and Jolene Blochlinger of Fairview Hilltoppers was reserve champion. In the best groomed boy contest, Gary Holbert of Fairview Hilltoppers was grand champion and Robert Champlin of Republican Valley club was reserve champion... firing a 10-under-par 92 over the 27-hole route, George Meyer won the championship flight in the invitational golf tournament held at the Concordia Country

Club... Miss Kathy Passmore was crowned queen of the rodeo during the Fairgrounds Park arena... Brad Lowell had been named editor of the Gardner News and Spring Hill New Era, Johnson County newspapers... Carl Ossman of Carl Ossman and Associates of Topeka had been selected as the architect for the proposed Jamestown Nursing home...

50 Years Ago—1975

A big push to get the Brown Grand Opera House refurbished for use as an Area Community Auditorium and Theater during 1976 had begun... two employees of the J. C. Penney Company were honored at a store breakfast: Edwin Gillan was presented with a tie bar with three golden sapphires for 15 years of service, and Donna Minard received a brooch with one golden sapphire to represent her five years of service with the Concordia store... Katsue Yamakawa, Hanno-shi, Japan, would be the foreign exchange student at Concordia High school in fall and was staying with the Dr. and Mrs. William Berner family... Randy Lagasse was named grand champion and Tony Sorell was named reserve champion in the best groomed boy category at the Cloud County Fair... lifeguards at the Concordia swimming pool used a net to pull a 34-pound dead catfish out of the pool... Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Lauer announced the birth of a daughter, Jennifer Lynn... four Concordians, Debra Sue Belvill, Mary Ann Davis, Brenda Sue Hubert and Jonnie Stanton, had been awarded scholarships for the coming school year at the Cloud County Community College... Miss Olive Ritter and Miss Grace Behrends returned home after spending the weekend in Wichita attending the Defenders of the Bible Conference...

25 Years Ago—2000

Concordia hosted the Texas Railroad Date Nail and Pole Nail Association summer show... Brandi Hake and Wanda Backstrom were cookie jar judges at the Cloud County Fair, and Norine Koester and her granddaughter, Kassidy Kaiser, won the contest... Concordia High School graduate Bradyn Breault, pole vaulter on the CHS track team, signed a track and field letter-of-intent with Cloud County Community College... Nicolette Begnoche and Megan Brown, eighth grade graduates from Clifton-Clyde, participated in the Hall of Fame Choir at Emporia, sponsored by Mrs. Connie Istas, Clifton-Clyde vocal instructor... Cody McClenan, senior at Glasco High School, was awarded with the Regional Coca-Cola Scholars College scholarship... local market prices: wheat, \$2.52; milo, \$2.56; corn, \$1.50; soybeans, \$4.26; oats, \$1.20...

CCCC board approves lease agreement for baseball facility

The Cloud County Community College Board of Trustees met for the regular meeting on Monday, July 28th at 5 pm.

Present were Chairman Dave Garnas, and members Kevin Pounds, Richard Hubert, Kevin Muff, Amber Hanson and Jesse Pounds.

In action items, the Board approved the date and authorized the publication of the public notice for the 2025-2026 budget hearing and RNR hearing held on September 2, 2025 at 5:00 pm in room 257 in the President's Addition at Cloud County Community College, Concordia Campus.

Based on this year’s Revenue Neutral Rate and expected revenue, the college will request the Board to exceed the rate. The budget process requires taxpayers be given the opportunity to be heard within reasonable time limits and without unreasonable restrictions.

The board also approved the ground lease agreement with the City of Concordia at the Concordia Sports Complex, Doyen Field, for the purpose of constructing a new locker room facility, Hamel Family Baseball Clubhouse, to be owned and used by the Cloud Baseball Program.

The board formally approved this project with a commitment of \$50,000 at the June board meeting.

The next step in this process was the ground lease agreement by the college following the July 16th vote by the city commission to approve the agreement.

The college will work closely with the Foundation office to take bids and begin construction of the new baseball locker room facility and work closely with the City of Concordia.

This agreement will further the relationship between the City of Concordia and CCCC for the shared usage of Doyen Field, home of the Cloud Baseball program.

The board also voted to approve the agreement with BSN Sports as the exclusive supplier of Athletic gear for Cloud.

This agreement will be a six-year exclusive with BSN and provide Adidas gear to the Cloud’s uniforms, apparel, footwear and accessories as well as decorations and equipment.

The six-year contract will run thru June 2031 and the college will be required to give a six month notice if the contract will not be renewed and will have 90 days to

renew it at the end of the six- year period.

The board voted to approve a fund transfer from the Health Insurance Fund 52 to cover the cost of rising health insurance premiums in the amount of \$200,000.

Premiums increased 21% in 2024 and another 15% in 2025. Despite sharing a portion of these costs with employees, the college covered a total increase of \$330,000 in two years.

And finally, the board approved the Master Contract for Fiscal year 2025-2026 and voted to approve a wage increase of 3% to the base pay of each full-time administrative and support staff employee who were in their current position or have not received a compensation adjustment by April 1, 2025, and approve that no wage for full-time support staff employees be below \$15 per hour for those support staff employees who were in their current position. These salary increases are effective July 1, 2025.

This board meets once a month on the last Monday of the month in the President’s Addition Room 255.

These meetings are open to the public.

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