



**Open House**  
Teacher, Katie Grabast is all smiles at the SCE Back to School Open House held Monday evening. Mrs. Grabast is one of the fifth grade teachers at SCE.  
*Pam Gibble/SCP*

SCP Pickem’ Contest to start September 4

Football season is just around the corner and that means it is time for the annual *Pioneer* Pick’em Contest to re-surface after a nine-month absence. The first contest of the year appears in our next edition. September 3, 2025. Please read over the rules and get your entry form to us by Friday at NOON. Complete details can be found on the contest page that will appear in the September 3, 2025 edition of the

Smith Co. Pioneer. A special thanks to this years sponsors, without you we would not be able to have this weekly contest, Pizza Hut, Mace Body Shop, Guaranty State Bank and Trust, Lemon Construction, Ron’s Flea Market, Landmark Imp. Deitz Law Office, Julie Kuhlmann Photography, and Goheen and Slavik CPA of-fice. Make sure to check out the Smith Co. Pioneer and get your entry forms back.

Bright Beginnings



Bright Beginnings held a Back to School Open House where they served Hotdogs and chips. The Center’s kids headed to Kindergarten were provided with school supplies.  
*Pam Gibble/SCP*



**New Year**  
Bristol Hrabec is excited to start the new school year. Bristol and her little brother, Bridger arrive at the SCE Back to School Open House where children were able to drop off their school supplies and meet their new teacher.  
*Pam Gibble/SCP*

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING									
The governing body of City of Cedar									
will meet on <u>Sept. 8, 2025</u> at <u>7:00 P.M.</u> at <u>Cedar Dept.</u> for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of ad valorem tax. Detailed budget information is available at Smith County Clerk and will be available at this hearing.									
BUDGET SUMMARY									
Proposed Budget 2026 Expenditures and Amount of Current Year Estimate for 2025 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2026 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.									
FUND	Prior Year Actual for 2024		Current Year Estimate for 2025		Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax	Estimate Tax Rate*		
	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*					
General	6,247	17.594	9,615	16.992	11,249	3,848	19.486		
Special Highway			350		350				
Totals	6,247	17.594	9,965	16.992	11,599	3,848	19.486		
								Revenue Neutral Rate**	
								19.487	
Less: Transfers	0		0		0				
Net Expenditure	6,247		9,965		11,599				
Total Tax Levied	3,848		3,848		XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX				
Assessed Valuation	218,717		226,461		197,465				
Outstanding Indebtedness, January 1,	2023		2024		2025				
G.O. Bonds	0		0		0				
Revenue Bonds	0		0		0				
Other	0		0		0				
Lease Purchase Principal	0		0		0				
Total	0		0		0				
*Tax rates are expressed in mills.									
** Revenue Neutral Rate as defined by KSA 79-2988									
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Rebecca Mueller City Official Title: Mayor									

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING									
The governing body of Beaver Township Smith County									
will meet on <u>Sept 8th 2025</u> at <u>8:00 P.M.</u> at <u>4052 O Rd, Smith Center, KS</u> for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of ad valorem tax. Detailed budget information is available at Smith County Clerk and will be available at this hearing.									
Proposed Budget 2026 Expenditures and Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2026 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.									
Fund	Prior Year Actual 2024		Current Year Estimate 2025		Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2025 Ad Valorem Tax	Proposed Estimated Tax Rate*		
	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*					
General	9,833	4.704	11,950	3,313	16,000	6,280	3.411		
Totals	9,833	4.704	11,950	3,313	16,000	6,280	3.411		
								Revenue Neutral Rate**	
								3.428	
Less: Transfers	0		0		0				
Net Expenditure	9,833		11,950		16,000				
Total Tax Levied	9,145		6,314		XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX				
Assessed Valuation:									
Township	1,944,042		1,905,621		1,841,260				
Outstanding Indebtedness, Jan 1	2023		2024		2025				
G.O. Bonds	0		0		0				
Other	0		0		0				
Lease Purchase Principal	0		0		0				
Total	0		0		0				
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**Revenue Neutral Rate as defined by KSA 79-2988									
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Norma Overmiller Township Officer									

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Susan Panter left the closed meeting. The Board Members and Superintendent, Mr. McEwen discussed personnel matters. Susan Panter returned to the open meeting. Sara Pruden made a motion that the Board Members and Mr. McEwen move into executive session - personnel - to Protect the Interest of Individual(s) to be Discussed, Pursuant to Non-Elected Personnel Exception Under KOMA for five (5) minutes, return-

ing to the open meeting in this room at 9:29 PM. Adam Rentschler seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote. Susan Panter left the closed meeting. The Board Members and Superintendent, Mr. McEwen discussed personnel matters. Susan Panter returned to the open meeting. Item 22. Approval of Contract for Director of Transportation Adam Rentschler made a

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motion to approve the contract for Chad Wagenblast for the Director of Transportation. Theron Haresnape seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote. Item 23. Board Comments The Board signed thank-you cards Item 24. Adjourn Sara Pruden made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Adam Rentschler seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

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LABOR DAY CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31, 2025

LOGAN GOLF COURSE, HWY 9, LOGAN, KS

10 AM - 4 PM

Dane G. Bales, Jr. Memorial Car Show

11 AM

Sand Volleyball Tournament Starts, Food Booth, Buck's Snow Shack, & The Corn Kettle Open

2 PM

Kids Pedal Tractor Pull

5:30 PM

Live Music: The Innocence from Kearney, NE

Kids Activities THROUGHOUT THE DAY: Obstacle Course, Jumper Slide, and 9 Hole Mini Golf Fabulous FIREWORKS at DARK

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