

## MEASLES Continued from A1

passed on by simply being in the same room as someone with Measles. Of those that catch Measles, 1 in 1,000 will result in death.

As of Friday, May 16, there are 56 Measles cases in Kansas. Of those 56, 54 of them were correlated with the outbreak in southwestern Kansas. Of those cases, 45 of the patients were unvaccinated, one of them not age appropriately vaccinated, five were vaccinated and three were unable to verify their vaccination status.

Of the 54 cases related to the outbreak, 18 of them were 0-4 years old, 18 of them were 5-10 years old, three of them were 11-13 years old, four of them were 14-17 years old, one of them was 18-24 years old, five were 25-34 years old, three were 35-44 years old and two were 45-54 years

old. The cases were reported in

The Butler County Health Department urges anyone with Measles or suspects they have contracted the disease to immediately call their family physician or healthcare provider before going into their office. Similar to COVID, certain protocols will be followed when a person infected with Measles comes in to see a doctor. They will likely wait in their car for testing or be shown into an isolated room to lessen exposure.

In addition, Butler County Health Department officials have began offering the vaccine within the county. They recommend those that aren't vaccinated to get the vaccine and vaccinate their children. If someone comes into contact with an infected person and is unvaccinated, they can get the vaccine within 72 hours to help prevent infection.

“Our goal is to be proactive and start offering these vaccines now,” said Jamie Downs, Administrator of Butler County Health Department. “A vaccine is the best

way to protect yourself and others against Measles.”

While children normally would receive the vaccine at 12 months of age, KDHE has approved for infants aged 6-9 months to receive a dose in order to further combat infection. Those infants will follow up with their regular MMR dosages beginning at 12 months.

Those pregnant cannot receive the vaccine. Those that have been vaccinated previously don't need any boosters or extra dosages. One dose of the MMR vaccine is 93% effective in combatting Measles. Two doses of the vaccine is 97% effective in combatting Measles. The vaccine that is administered was developed in 1968 and continues to be used as the only vaccine for MMR.

Vaccines can be administered at the Butler County Health Department during a clinic or by appointment. Upcoming clinics include:

Saturday, May 17 from 9am-12pm  
Butler County Health Department, 206

N. Griffith St., Suite B in El Dorado

Appointment required by calling 316-321-3400, option 0

Wednesday, May 21 from 1-4pm  
EOC Building, 420 E. Augusta Ave in Augusta

No appointment necessary

To receive a vaccine, a photo ID and vaccination record is required to present. Those participating must live or work in Butler County. A vaccination record can be found online by going to [www.myvaccinerecord.ks.gov](http://www.myvaccinerecord.ks.gov). The MMR vaccine is being made available to those receiving it for free by the Butler County Health Department.

In addition to offering vaccines, the Butler County Health Department notified all licensed daycares and school nurses operating within the county of the neighboring county case and is continuously working to notify all healthcare providers. As of Friday, May 16, there are no active cases reported in Butler County.

## EHS SENIOR Continued from A1

found out about the consequences for Duke's actions, they emailed every board member on USD 490's Board of Education but never heard back. They had a phone call with EHS Principl Erin Nichols who said she isn't budging on the consequences handed out.

The Handbook states under the Activities/Athletics - Disciplinary Action, page 8:

“Student NOT in Good Standing (Any student who is assigned out of school suspension, or expulsion) – A student “not in good standing” is ineligible for participation in any USD 490 activity for the duration of the discipline and until midnight on

the last day of discipline.”

When USD 490 Superintendent Jenifer Davis heard about the situation and read the board's emails, she sent an email to the Jensen's in support of the administration's actions that read:

“Duke's choice to be on his phone is why he received the pouch; other students were also pouches yesterday, did not tamper with the device, returned the pouch intact, and were given no further consequence.

Duke received the suspension for his additional choices beyond cell phone use. When Duke received the pouch, he asked what would happen if he opened it and took out his phone; he was told at this time that doing so would result in additional consequences impacting graduation and good standing. In addition, Duke initially claimed the pouch opened on its own but later admitted to hitting the pouch until it

came open to get his phone. Duke's vandalism of the pouch has rendered it destroyed—the locking shaft is bent and the pouch will no longer remain continuously locked.

I support decisions by our EHS Administration and EHS coaches regarding suspension, graduation, and good standing. In addition, I appreciate that Duke has been given the option of in school suspension rather than the approved consequence of 1-3 days out of school suspension.

I understand these choices and the subsequent consequences may be disappointing; I am hopeful Duke makes decisions that allow him to participate in good standing after Friday.”

Duke also apologized to Ms. Nichols for the vandalism. If he had not served the ISS, he would be suspended from walking and participating in his graduation ceremony,

after party, and possibly the rest of the track season.

In an interview with the Times-Gazette, USD 490 stated that it wasn't the phone violation that gave him ISS – it was the vandalism. They couldn't comment on any of Duke's particular scenarios, behaviors or disciplinary history due to student privacy laws.

“I don't understand what's fueling such a strong response,” said Wally. “I just don't get it. There's no meat to any of this. Yeah, he was lippy. Yeah, he shouldn't have been on his phone. And yeah, he should have been more respectful. But that's why we apologize. He didn't use profanity. He didn't scream at people. He doesn't have a history. He was a stupid teenager. He made a stupid mistake. And now they're trying to make forever consequences from a little mistake.”

# Local Happenings

## Celebrate flavor with the release of Dia de las Cervezas Mexican Lager

### Walnut River Brewing Company brings crisp, refreshing vibes just in time for summer

#### Walnut River Brewing Company

El Dorado, Kansas – Walnut River Brewing Company is proud to introduce its latest seasonal sensation: Dia de las Cervezas Mexican Lager, a light-bodied, clean-finishing lager brewed to honor the warmth, spice, and celebration of Cinco de Mayo—and every patio party after that.

“This is a beer made for sunshine and good times,” says Rick Goehring, Co-Owner and Head Brewer at Walnut River Brewing Company. “We kept it simple, clean, and delicious. Dia de las Cervezas is our way of tipping the hat to traditional Mexican-style lagers, but with that WRBC

character.”

At 5.2% ABV, this golden lager is the perfect companion for tacos, tamales, and tailgates. Whether you're poolside or on the porch, it's crafted to keep things cool, crisp, and sessionable.

“Beer should be fun, accessible, and flavorful,” adds BJ Hunt, Co-Owner and Head of Business Operations. “We know our fans are looking for something refreshing as the weather warms up, and Dia de las Cervezas delivers. It's the kind of beer you reach for when the grill's hot and the playlist is just right.”

From the brewhouse to the lab, quality remains at the core of every Walnut River release. “We dialed in the yeast and

fermentation to make sure this lager finishes clean with just enough character to keep it interesting,” says Travis Rohrberg, Co-Owner and Lab & Packaging Lead. “No shortcuts. This beer is crisp, balanced, and brewed with care.”

Ben Wheeler, Walnut River's ever-enthusiastic Marketing Guy, puts it like this: “Dia de las Cervezas is a fiesta in a can. Bright, smooth, and ridiculously easy to enjoy. Whether you're celebrating Cinco de Mayo or just Thursday afternoon, this is the beer that brings the party.”

Better Late Than Never will be available in 12-ounce 6-packs, draft, and growlers at Walnut River's Taproom in El Dorado, as

well as select retailers throughout the region starting in May. For more information, please visit the Walnut River Brewing Company website at [www.walnutriverbrewing.com](http://www.walnutriverbrewing.com) or follow them on social media.

**About Walnut River Brewing Company**

*Walnut River Brewing Company, established in 2013, is passionate about crafting great beer that brings people together. From their historic El Dorado taproom, their focus remains on using the best ingredients and traditional methods to create beers that are both delicious and authentic. Located in the heart of Kansas, Walnut River Brewing Company is dedicated to crafting beers that are as rich in flavor as*



*they are in character. With a commitment to quality and community, the brewery has become a staple in the local beer scene, offering a range of styles that cater to every palate.*

## Kansas Veterans Festival announces details on 2025 event at El Dorado Lake

#### Kansas Veterans Festival

The Kansas Veterans Festival is back for another year! An event that's been happening since 1988. This year also marks two anniversaries that are important to many veterans.

The 2025 Kansas Veterans Festival will be held June 20th – June 22nd, 2023 at Veterans Point at El Dorado Lake. The theme of this year's of the festival is “Commemorating 80 Years Since The End of World War II and 50 Years Since The Conclusion of The Vietnam War.”

This year we will honor and remember

those who served in some of the bloodiest and most strategic battles of World War II and the conclusion of the Vietnam War with the fall of Saigon to communist forces, ending a nearly two-decade conflict. The two wars changed the world — and the lives of millions of people, who remain scarred by the traumas they experienced.

Our event started in 1988 with a group of Vietnam Veterans who just wanted to re-connect with those they had served with and to meet other Vietnam Veterans. The goal was to help each other and to get help for those in need. Many of the Vietnam Veterans felt at-ease and a huge

burden was lifted. There were others like themselves. These anniversary dates mean a lot to our founders who live right here in Kansas.

2025 will also bring us a year of more LIVE and local bands. We will also have food trucks, craft and retail vendors, resources for veterans and their families, activities for the kids, a classic car show, Fireworks show, and a few LIVE auctions to help support us and our mission to help Kansas Veterans! This year we also have a brand-new BBQ competition featuring local BBQ teams.

Last year we saw an increase in

attendees. A few even traveled from other states. We continue to be the largest festival that celebrates veterans. Like every year, our event is open to all members of the public. We aim to give the public an event that's not going to cause families to go broke, unlike many area festivals and special events. More details and announcements on this year's event will be announced on our website in the coming weeks. Please visit our website at [www.kansasveteransfestival.org](http://www.kansasveteransfestival.org) or feel free to reach out to us.

## Pink Saloon with Assembly 19 will relocate to Bradley Fair in early August

#### Jill Hattan Companies

WICHITA - Pink Saloon with Assembly 19, a beloved local boutique known for its hand-picked selections and personalized service, is excited to announce its upcoming relocation to Bradley Fair. The move, set for early August, marks a new chapter in the boutique's nearly two-decade history in Wichita.

Located at 8111 E 21st Street, next to YaYa's Eurobistro and Nouveau, the new space at Bradley Fair will continue to offer the boutique's signature selection of high-quality clothing and accessories

for both men and women. Customers can look forward to shopping brands such as Rails, Mother Denim, Z-Supply, Ben Sherman, and Citizens of Humanity.

“As a Wichita native, I understand the importance of having access to unique, quality fashion locally,” said Jill Hattan, owner of Pink Saloon with Assembly 19. This move allows us to better serve our community and continue providing the personalized shopping experience our customers value.”

Since its inception, Pink Saloon with Assembly 19 has been a destination for both women – and starting in 2024 – men looking for top-tier fashions from

standout brands. The boutique's team, boasting over 40 years of experience, is dedicated to helping customers find pieces that reflect their individuality and inspire confidence.

The relocation to Bradley Fair aligns with the boutique's commitment to evolving with its customer's needs while maintaining its core values of quality, authenticity, and community engagement.

For more information about Pink Saloon with Assembly 19, visit [pinksaloon.com](http://pinksaloon.com).

*About Pink Saloon with Assembly 19*

For nearly 20 years, Pink Saloon with Assembly 19 has been a staple in

Wichita's retail scene. Known for our personalized shopping experience and a team with over 40 years of combined expertise, we make it our mission to bring the best global fashion back to Kansas. Our curated collections feature hand-selected pieces from acclaimed designers around the world, including standout American brands like Rails, Mother Denim, and Citizens of Humanity. Driven by a commitment to our customers and a deep connection to our community, we continually seek out new styles and fill gaps in the local market to bring Wichita an unmatched shopping experience.

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