

Vassar FunFest rescheduled for Saturday

VASSAR — After last weekend's weather delay, the Vassar FunFest and car show is back on for this Saturday – and organizers promise it will be worth the wait. The event will once again fill the Vassar area with food, music, classic cars, and family fun.

The day kicks off bright and early with biscuits and gravy, followed by the popular car show, featuring awards, including the “Kool Kat” honor for the best vintage-dressed participant. A costume parade, trunk or treat, and plenty of children's activities will keep younger

visitors busy, while adults can enjoy the raffle, silent auction, pie contest, and live music from Mike Cline and the Constant Praise Band. With only partly cloudy skies in the forecast, it's shaping up to be a great day to celebrate community fun.

Pomona State Park Fall Festival



Despite the gloomy, rainy weather, the Pomona State Park Fall Arts & Craft Festival drew a great crowd last Saturday, with around 40 vendors and plenty of shoppers braving the damp conditions to enjoy the seasonal event.

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Football Pick'em Contest

Shaffer repeats, wins by narrow margin

It was another nail-biter in The Herald-Chronicle's Week 8 Football Pick'em Contest, with three contestants locking horns at the top. When the dust settled, Ron Shaffer of Burlingame once again edged out the competition, winning by just a few points in the tiebreaker over Judy Patterson of Lyndon and Don Allman of Osage City. All three contestants missed only three games. The winner was chosen by the guess of the total

points scored in all games. The actual total was 1,123 points. Shaffer's guess of 1,122 came the closest, topping Patterson's 1,092 and Allman's 1,085. That small edge gave Shaffer the Week 8 victory and Patterson the second-place \$10 Sonic gift card. Shaffer's only missteps came with KU over KSU, Central Missouri over Emporia State, and



the Steelers over the Packers. Patterson also missed on the Steelers over the Packers, the Bears over the Ravens, and the 49ers over the Texans. Allman's misses included Sunrise Christian Academy over Lebo, KU over KSU, and Central Missouri over Emporia State. Most entrants picked KU and Central Missouri to win, meaning the majority of players

took losses on those two games. Emporia State and KSU delivered for those who backed them. The contest enters its final week, Week 9. The grand prize will be awarded after next week's results are finalized. Think you can outpick the leaders? Grab your copy of The Herald-Chronicle, turn to Page 9, and send in your Week 9 selections. One last week remains to claim bragging rights — and the grand prize!

Osage County Commission

County commission addresses appraisal staffing, IT upgrades, banking procedures

LYNDON — The Osage County Commission met Tuesday, Oct. 21, with Commissioners Brandon Smith and Heather Kuder present. County Clerk Michelle Morris and County Counselor Josh Ney also attended in person, while Commissioner Les Holman participated by phone. Commissioners approved several additions to the meeting agenda, including a conference call with the Kansas Department of Revenue's Property Valuation Division (PVD) regarding the county appraiser's office, a purchase order from the county treasurer, and multiple executive sessions. During public comment, a patron of rural Carbondale presented a petition signed by about 16 residents requesting the county post 30-mph speed limit signs along 217th and 221st streets, near U.S. Highway 75 and the Carbolyn Park area. He cited increased traffic from highway detours and commercial delivery trucks, as well as safety concerns caused by hills, limited sight distance, and frequent use by horse-drawn buggies.

Commissioners discussed jurisdiction over township roads and asked Counselor Ney to research whether the county could legally impose speed limits in that area. Sheriff's office representatives said they would review any accident data and traffic complaints for the road before the commission takes action. If jurisdiction is confirmed, Ney will draft a resolution establishing posted limits. County Treasurer Becky Holmberg presented a purchase order from Computer Information Concepts (CIC) for a one-time fee of \$1,260 to merge two county image-server databases. The change will consolidate digital records shared by the clerk's, treasurer's and register of deeds' offices to ensure consistency across departments. After discussion about available fund balances, commissioners voted to pay the cost from the county's computer fund (contractual services line item). Commissioners approved the promotion of Rebecca Bronson from clerk to deputy county treasurer, increasing her pay from \$18 to \$20 per hour, effective Oct. 21.

The promotion fills a vacancy in the treasurer's office. The board also approved three personnel resignations from the sheriff's office and authorized the hiring of a corrections officer, Nicholas Trego with a starting wage of \$20.13 per hour, effective Oct. 21. The commission held an extended conference call with the PVD director and compliance supervisor, to discuss the county's appraisal office status and compliance deadlines. PVD staff reported that the county's interim appraiser, Michelle Rooks, faces a Nov. 3 deadline to complete required sales and land-analysis studies, but lacks the certifications to perform some technical work. To avoid falling behind, the state offered to send staff to assist with market analysis and compliance reports. PVD officials advised that the county must have a qualified, RMA-certified county appraiser appointed by Jan. 1, 2026. The state's interim appointment

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Daylight Saving Time ends

Daylight Saving Time ends 2 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 2, when clocks should be set back one hour, to 1 a.m. Daylight Saving Time will begin again on the second Sunday in March 2026. Remember to change batteries in smoke detectors each time clocks are reset.

Wine reappointed as chief judge

TOPEKA — The Kansas Supreme Court has reappointed 28 chief judges for terms that begin Jan. 1, 2026, and end Dec. 31, 2027. Among those reappointed was Chief Judge Taylor Wine, who was reappointed in the 4th Judicial District, which is composed of Anderson, Coffey, Franklin, and Osage counties. He has served as a district judge since 2018, and chief judge since 2019. Wine graduated from Pittsburg State University and Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law. He was in private practice before he was appointed district magistrate judge and later district judge. Each of the 31 judicial districts in Kansas has a



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Chief Judge Taylor Wine. chief judge. In addition to their judicial responsibilities, the chief judge has general control over case assignments within the district, as well as general supervisory authority over the administrative and clerical functions of the court.



Final days to vote

Advance/early in-person voting is available at the Osage County Clerk's office, and ends at noon Monday. Canvass of the 2025 General Election will take place at 9 a.m. Nov. 13, in the commission room at the courthouse. The following polling locations are open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday for regular voting:

Burlingame Schuyler Community Center
218 W. Fremont Ave., Burlingame

Elm Community Center
228 Main St., Carbondale

Grace Community Church
310 E. 8th St., Overbrook

Lyndon Community Center
205 W. 10th St., Lyndon

Melvorn Community Center
102 N.E. Main St., Melvorn

Osage City Community Building
517 S. 1st Street, Osage City

Scranton Community Building
300 Boone St., Scranton



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