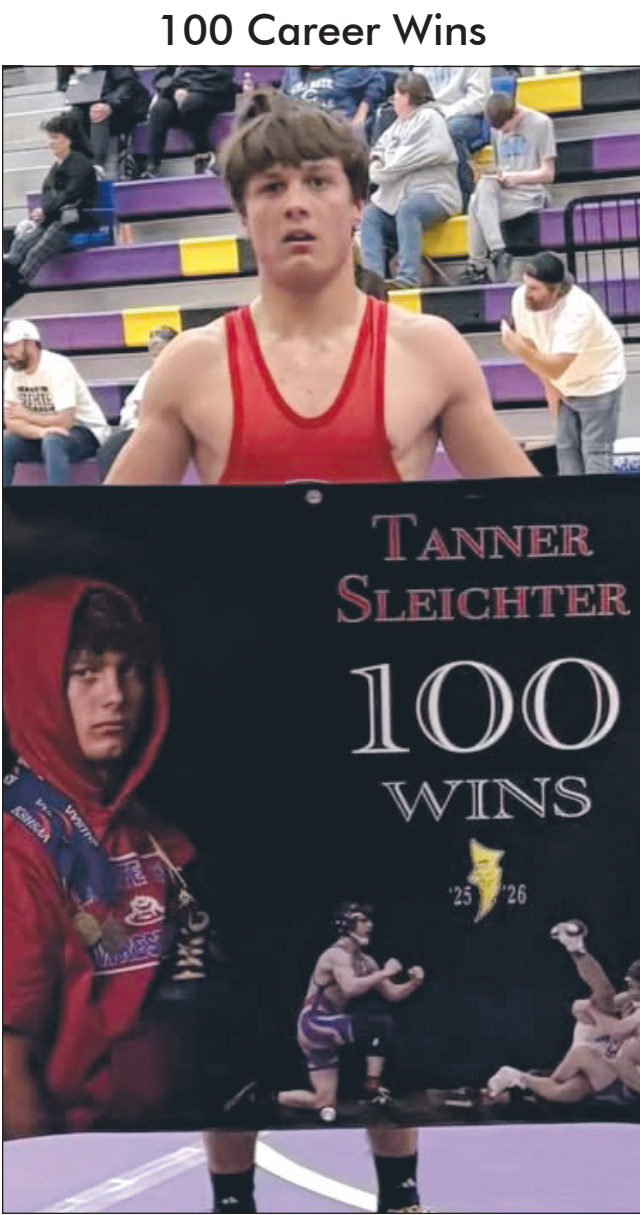


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Drake Skirvin, a senior at Burlingame High School, hit 1,000 career points during the Thursday night game against Cair Paravel.



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Santa Fe Trail senior Tanner Sleichter earned his 100th career win at the Spring Hill Duals. Sleichter placed fifth last year in the Class 4A 120lb. Wrestling State Championship.

Osage City opens wrestling season at SFT

OSAGE CITY — The Osage City Indians opened the 2025-26 wrestling season Dec. 3 at Santa Fe Trail, where seven wrestlers saw their first action of the year and combined to go 8-7.

Freshman Kamdyn Melton highlighted the night with an 11-10 decision in his first high school match, scoring the winning points in the final seconds. Melton finished 3-0 with two pins. Fellow freshman Brycen Hopkins also went undefeated in his debut, earning two pins, including one in a come-from-behind effort.

Carter Givens, Korbin Reeves and Julian Ferrer each finished 1-1. Dayton Graybeal dropped both of his matches, but gained early-season experience. In the girls' varsity division, Bella DeCock went 0-2.

Four Indians traveled to Emporia on Saturday for the Spartan Challenge, where all three boys in the JV division advanced to the semifinals. Givens finished 1-2 for fourth place. Melton earned bronze with a

3-1 record, taking his only loss to the eventual champion. Graybeal opened with a forfeit win and a pin, then fell in the semifinals to the eventual champion. He rebounded with a 16-3 major decision before finishing fourth at 3-2.

In the girls varsity division, KayLynn Nicholson placed third, going 3-2 with all three victories coming by pin over wrestlers from Topeka-Seaman, Topeka High and Council Grove. Nicholson dropped a competitive match to McLouth after leading before being reversed and pinned. She also pushed Emporia's No. 4-ranked wrestler in Class 5A to a 14-8 decision. Nicholson scored 15 team points, placing Osage City ninth — ahead of Shawnee Heights, which entered 10 competitors.

Osage City competes today (Thursday) at the Chase County Mixer, followed by the varsity boys' first major test Saturday at the Anderson County tournament.

Lady Chargers roll past Osawatomie

The Santa Fe Trail Lady Chargers overwhelmed the Osawatomie Lady Trojans 68-29 on Dec. 5, using efficient shooting and a commanding rebounding effort to open Pioneer League play with a decisive win.

The Lady Chargers shot 53% overall and 44% from beyond the arc, finishing with seven made 3-pointers. Senior Adalyn Sleichter paced the offense with 14 points on 5-of-9 shooting, while junior Kenna Washington added 14 points, hitting 6 of 9 from the field. Reese Black contributed 11 points, adding 6 rebounds and 3 assists. Ellie Sowers scored 10; Camee Whitaker, 7; Paige Kibbee, 6; Trinity Fawl, 3; and Ireland Burns, 2.

Santa Fe Trail controlled the paint with 35 total rebounds, led by Whitaker and Kibbee with 8 each. Whitaker also handed out a team-high 7 assists. The Chargers' pressure forced 22 turnovers, producing 15 steals and helping them convert 19 2-point field goals at a 48% clip. Kibbee finished

perfect from the floor at 2-for-2 and added 7 defensive rebounds. Sowers added 5 rebounds.

Santa Fe Trail also showed efficiency at the line, going 8 of 17.

In the boys' game, the Santa Fe Trail Chargers fell 67-57 to Osawatomie. The Chargers kept the contest within reach, but couldn't close the margin down the stretch as the Trojans secured the win.

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various technology providers; and improving request tracking in offices where staff are unsure which provider to contact.

Commissioners directed staff to continue documenting system-access points and to work toward a unified internal help-request process.

A significant portion of the meeting focused on updates from BT&Co., the accounting firm assisting with Osage County's financial records. The discussion covered payroll reconciliation, including correction of prior pay-period discrepancies; KPERS reporting verification to ensure past contributions match payroll data; bank statement reconciliation, with several months still requiring review and journal entries; CIC software cleanup, including identification of missing entries and ledger mismatches; and PAYCOR transition tasks, where template access, reporting tools, and timecard workflows still require setup.

BT&Co. requested access to all county credit card statements dating back to June 2024. Commissioners approved the request to enable a complete audit of receipts, departmental practices, and documentation gaps. Morris confirmed that several department heads have already supplied missing receipts and that the clerk's office is organizing a standardized monthly process.

The commission also authorized drafting an RFP for the county's 2024 audit, due Dec. 31, to remain compliant with state audit requirements.

Morris reported that 2024 tax statements are expected to mail this week. Coordination continues with the printing vendor as final data verification is completed.

Lastly, commissioners reviewed and approved two batches of bills totaling \$36,314.31 and \$28,331.67.

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