



Old Fashion Saturday Night
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Come to Kensington and Enjoy the FUN!

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Lebanon Bash approaching



This year's Lebanon Bash will be held on Saturday, August 29, 2026. Lebanon will be celebrating it's 150 year. So you know this event will be one to attend.

The celebration day will begin with Pickleball tournament at 10 am, The US Center Car show, a trap shoot will be open till 2pm.

Many may want to attend a craft classes like Macrame or silk dying.

For the children, the Lebanon Fire Department

will host a duck pond and train rides. Vodvilla Klown will preform. There will be a kids tractor pull and registration is at 12:30pm and the event will start around 1:00 pm.

Other activities include Cosmosphere Space Lab, Futuremaker Lab, Semieaurus, planet arium, train rides, inflatables, a climbing wall, archery, a pedal pull, cornhole and the parade. Venders are always a crowd pleaser and the Lebanon Bash will have

plenty. With the possibility of five food truck on site, one will have no reason to go hungry. To end the day's celebration is a concert featuring the Gus Schriner, Parament and Dallas Pryor. Sunday will be the lebanon bash Golf Tournament starting at 9:30 am.

make sure you stop by lebanon's Bash and help celebrate 150 years od Lebanon

Chamber Golf Tournament a hopeful success

Go ahead and mark your calendar—because this is not your typical golf tournament.

The Chamber Golf Tournament is happening June 6 at 8:00 AM, and whether you're a seasoned golfer or just here for a good time, you're invited.

We're talking: - Mulligans (because we all need second chances, Fun hole games and pin prizes, a

hole-in-one opportunity, raffle prizes anyone can win and food trucks and plenty of reasons to stick around.

This is all about community, connection, and having a little fun along the way. Plus it's a chance to show up, support local businesses, and spend the day with the people who make this town what it is.

Executive sessions fill Commissioner's Monday

The County Commissioners met in a special session on July 20, 2026, in the County Commissioners' room. Present were Commissioners Kurt Ifland, Brady Peterson and Jim Gwennap. Also present was Ashley Maxwell, Clerk, Travis Story, Road and Bridge Supervisor and John Kautz.

At 7:30 a.m. Ifland called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Gwennap and seconded by Peterson to convene in executive session at 7:30 a.m. for 30 minutes to discuss

non-elected personnel, potential status change. Motion carried unanimously. Maxwell left the meeting. Also in the session was Travis Story and John Kautz. Kautz left the meeting at 7:55 a.m. No action was taken. Regular session reconvened at 8:01 a.m.

Maxwell rejoined the meeting.

A motion was made by Gwennap and seconded by Peterson to convene in executive session at 8:01 a.m. for 5 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel,

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Delinquent taxes to be published

Appearing in the Smith Co. Pioneer will be the annual list of delinquent taxes on tracts or parcels of land in Smith County.

The list is compiled by Smith County Treasurer

Vernon Reinking and will be published on August 13, 2026 and run three consecutive weeks.

The list will appear in the Legal section of the Pioneer.

Chamber to host Poker Run

It's Poker Walk/Run Time! Support our local businesses on August 14th, 2026. The Chamber of

Commerce is sponsoring a 'Poker Run' with participating businesses.

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Upcoming Events

August 8- Walk His Way Concert

August 15- Kensington's Old Fashion Saturday Night

August 22- Smith Center Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament

August 29- The Lebanon Bash

Regular Meetings

SCMH Board 4th Monday of each month at 4:00 PM in our Hospital Conference Room.

Smith Co. CommissionMondays at 8:30 a.m.

USD #237 School Board2nd Mondays at 7 p.m.

USD #110 School Board2nd Mondays at 7 p.m.

Smith Center City2nd and 4th Mondays at 6 p.m.

Kensington City2nd Mondays at 5 p.m.

Lebanon City2nd Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

Gaylord City2nd Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

Athol City1st Mondays at 7 p.m.

Cedar City1st Monday at 7 p.m.

Deadline: Mondays at noon for 'Community Connection' notices.

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Smith County
Summer Landfill Hours
Monday-Friday 8am-6pm
Saturday- the first Saturday of the month from 8am-Noon



Weekend Outlook

FRIDAY

HIGH: 91°F LOW: 67°F
Clear skies

SATURDAY

HIGH: 96°F LOW: 69°F
Mostly clear

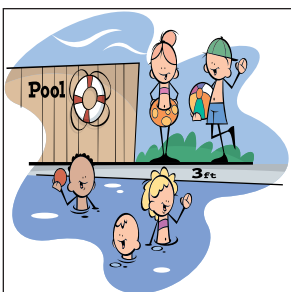
SUNDAY

HIGH: 97°F LOW: 71°F
Mainly clear skies

Information from The Weather Channel printed is current as of press time; subject to change

Crop Report

Prices effective at closing of Aug. 3, 2026 courtesy of Trinity Ag in Smith Center
WHEAT..\$6.46
CORN...\$3.82
MILO.\$ 3.47
SOYBEANS...\$ 11.06



The last Open Day for the Smith Center Swimming Pool is August 12th

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Scenic Drive

Who says Kansas is flat? The stone hills just southwest of Gaylord are proof that there is more to Kansas than just flat prairie.

Joleen Brewer/SCP

Back to School Bash sponsored by Smith Co. Historical Society

The Smith County Historical Society is planning to have our fourth annual Back to School Bash for ages preschool to 6th grade. It will be held on Sunday evening, August 9th, from

5:00 to 7:00 on the Historical Society grounds. This is always a fun event with games, prizes, karaoke, face painting and the always so popular dunk tank! Hot dogs, chips and an ice

cream treat will be served. The evening will be capped off with a water balloon fight. This is a free event for the kids and their parents. We hope to see you there!

Notice of Hearing on Petition to Vacate a Section of a Public Street

Notice is hereby given that a petition has been filed with the City Clerk of the City of Smith Center, Kansas, seeking the vacation and closure of a portion of Blaine Street, East of block 20 Uhl Place Addition and South to East of Block 4, Shelton Addition, in the City of Smith Center (from west of Shelton Drive, North to West of 3rd St to the east city limit). A hearing will be held at 6:15 PM on Monday, September 14th, 2026, before the Governing Body for the purpose of hearing such petition. All interested parties should take notice and be present at that date and time to present their objections to the vacation of the aforesaid street section. (Published in the Smith Co. Pioneer, Thursday, July 23, 2026)

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