



Smith Center Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament

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Shotgun start at 8 AM

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Cooling Off

Cooper Overmiller enjoys a bowl of homemade ice cream during the Thornburg Ice Cream Social that was held last Friday evening August 7. The social drew a nice crowd. Cooper had been playing baseball with other attendees prior to the serving of the ice cream. Cooper is pictured here with his dad, Brent.

Joleen Brewer/SCP

Unofficial primary results given

BY JOLEEN BREWER
Smith Co. Pioneer

Smith County area voters turned out for the primary election August 4, and Smith Co. reported over 35 percent of the county's register voters cast their ballots this year.

Total ballots cast numbered at 1,004 in the unofficials report released. Democratic votes were 103, Republican votes were 875, and the nonpartisan votes were 26 for a total of 35.23 percent turnout.

The majority of the unofficial results are as follows.

Dem. US Senate
Noah Taylor 25
Damon Anderson 1
Christy Davis 21
Adam Hamilton 27
Jason Hart 5
Kevin Latz 0
Erik Murray 9
Sandy Spidel Neumann 3
Anne Parelkar 0
Patrick C. Schmidt 5
Michael "Mike" Soetaert 2

Dem. US House of Reps 1st Dist.

Lauren Reinhold 64
Colin McRoberts 34
Dem. Gov/Lt. Gov.
Skoog-Bacani McKenney 12
Corson Duxler 46
Holscher Ohaebosim 40
Dem. Secretary of State

Samuel Lane 14
Jennifer Day 84
Dem. Attorney General

Chris Mann 93
Dem. St. Treasurer

Juan C. Luengo 88
Dem. Comm of Insurance

Dinah Sykes 89
Dem St. Rep 109th

Write-in Totals 10
Dem. St BRD Of Ed 5th Dist.

Lorie Wood 91
Dem. County Comm.

Write in Totals 8
Constitutional Amendment

Yes 608
NO 344
Rep. US Senate

Rep US House of Reps 1st Dist.

Craig Musser 115
Tracey Mann 738
Rep. Gov/LT

Schwab-Rahjes 317
Masterson- Klemp 347
O'Hara- Dombrosky 10
Reinecker-Reinecker 15
Rogers- Smith 22
Sarnecki- Eakins 96
Schmidt-Newland 55
Rep Secretary of ST

Pat Proctor 733
Rep Attorney General

Kris Kobach 762
Rep St Treasurer

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Roger Marshall 751

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Tips to go back to school safely

The first day of school has arrived for some districts, and it's approaching fast for others. The American Red Cross offers tips to help ensure kids have a safe start to their school year.

"Taking a few minutes to teach or remind students about ways to stay safe as they head back to school is the perfect way to start the year," said Jane Blocher, Executive Director of the Red Cross of Greater Kansas. "These safety tips will not only help protect students anywhere they go, but they also provide a re-

minder for adults on ways we can be safer every day."

BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY STEPS

1. Teach young children important personal information. Make sure younger students know their phone number, home address, how to contact their parents at work, another trusted adult they can call, and how to dial 911 in an emergency.

2. Remind kids not to talk to strangers. Teach children never to accept rides, gifts, or invitations

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Back To School Bash

Lennox Clark takes his turn on the Dunk Tank at the Smith County Historical Society back to School Bash that was held on Sunday, August 9.

Pam Gobble/SCP

SMITH COUNTY COMMUNITY CONNECTION

Submit your "Community Connection" the Pioneer today!

Stop By the Office or Call 785-282-3371
Email your notice to pioneer@ruraltel.net

Upcoming Events

August 12- Thunder Ridge School starts
August 15- Kensington's Old Fashion Saturday Night
August 20- Smith Center School starts
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: 71°F
Partly cloudy with afternoon showers

SATURDAY
High: 91°F Low: 69°F
A shower or two possible early

SUNDAY
High: 88°F Low: 69°F
Isolated thunderstorms in the morning

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



Crop Report

Prices effective at closing of Aug. 11, 2026 courtesy of Trinity Ag in Smith Center
WHEAT...\$6.34
CORN...\$3.76
MILO \$ 3.36
SOYBEANS...\$ 10.88



The First High School Football game will be on September 4, for SCHS & TRHS

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