YOUTH

SCHOOL MENUS

All Schools Breakfast

Nov. 30 — Biscuit sandwich with sausage, fruit, milk.

Dec. 1 — Muffin, sausage, fruit, milk.

Dec. 2 — Mini pancakes, tri taters, fruit, milk.

Dec. 3 — Cinnamon roll, scrambled eggs, fruit, milk.

Dec. 4 — Donut cluster, yogurt cup, fruit, milk.

Elementary and middle schools lunch

Nov. 30 — Beef and bean burrito, Spanish rice, carrots, corn, pineapple, milk.

Dec. 1 — French toast sticks, scrambled eggs, tri taters, juice blend, orange, milk.

Dec. 2 — Chicken/cheese crispito, Mexican beans, broccoli, banana, milk.

Dec. 3 — Popcorn chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, wheat roll, baked beans, apple slices, milk.

Dec. 4 — Domino's pizza, tossed salad, breadstick, sweet peppers, carrots, frozen treat, milk.

High school lunch

Nov. 30 — Beef and bean burrito, Spanish rice, carrots, corn, pineapple, milk.

Dec. 1 — French toast sticks, scrambled eggs, sausage, tri taters, juice blend, orange, milk.

Dec. 2 — Chicken/cheese crispito, Mexican beans, broccoli, banana, milk.

Dec. 3 — Popcorn chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, cookie, wheat roll, baked beans, apple, milk.

Dec. 4 — Domino's pizza, tossed salad, breadstick, sweet peppers, carrots, frozen treat, milk.

HIGHLIGHTS

Fall break is Nov. 23 through 27.

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Fifth-graders will perform a music program from 6 to 8 p.m. on Dec. 3 in the auditorium at the middle school.

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High school choir and band members will perform at the KMEA South Central District Mini-Convention on Dec. 5 at Maize Performing Arts and Aquatics Center.

4-H REPORT

Valley Victors



Courtesy photo

Valley Victor members met at the Sedgwick County Extension office for the November 2026 meeting. Newly installed officers are (from left) Sofiya Arola, Brenden Crouch, Alex Lang, Natalie Lacy, Zoe Crouch, Genevieve Crouch, Elijah Lang, Johnathan Lang, Christian Lang and Thomas Lang.

On Nov. 8, 2026, The Valley Victors 4-H Club helped set up 192 chairs needed for the county awards ceremony at the extension office.

The club's meeting was then called to order at the extension office around 1:20 p.m.

Outgoing president Genevieve Crouch called installed the new officers before they took their positions.

The meeting then continued under president Brenden Crouch and vice president Thomas Lang. Flag Salute was led by Elijah Lang, 4-H Pledge was led by Zoe Crouch. The Thought for the Day was given by Thomas Lang and the joke of the day by Alex Lang.

Roll call was answered by members giving a historical fact about Sedgwick County 4-H or the Valley Victors Club, and 19 members were present.

Happy Birthday was sung to two members and song leader Johnathan Lang led the club singing the Gobble Gobble song because of Thanksgiving being right around the corner.

The treasurer's report was given by Christian Lang. The reporter's report was read by Genevieve Crouch and the Parliamentarian Minute was read by Natalie Lacy.

Club leaders reminded the club of the 100th year anniversary of Sedgwick County 4-H for 2027. Elijah Lang brought a "count the candy" guessing game for recreation. The club then attended the awards banquet at 2 p.m.

All returning club members received their 4-H Pin Awards. Several club members earned project recognition awards. The club earned first place in the Small Club Service Project Award and the 100% Record Book Completion Award. Thomas Lang earned the Spirit of 4-H Award. Genevieve Crouch earned the 4-H Key Award, Wichita Downtown Kiwanis Service Award and the county's Youth Excellence Award.

— Genevieve Crouch, Reporter

Fire

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thorough in talking about the process that suits Valley Center best in the future."

City staff plus Mayor Jet Truman and council members Matt Stamm and Eric Scriven began meeting with county personnel on Nov. 20 to iron out a potential timeline.

The city and county may put together a memorandum of understanding and a possible interlocal agreement to guide the transition.

Before the vote, the county said it would begin providing fire protection services in Valley Center on Jan. 1. The county also said it intends to offer employment to qualified current city firefighters, it intends to build a fire station in the city limits of Valley Center and it wants to purchase a fire engine, a tender, a brush vehicle and a staff vehicle from the city.

As for next year's funding, the city may pay the county the 10.5 mills of property taxes the city currently uses to fund its fire department. After 2027, property owners in Valley Center would begin paying the fire district property tax, which is 16.75 mills.

Kastens said the city council also needs to decide how to recognize the legacy of the Valley Center Fire Department, including a possible celebration and a dedicated space for memorabilia.

Sedgwick County dropped its structure fire automatic aid agreement with Valley Center earlier this year because the county said Valley Center had trouble staffing the calls. The sales tax would have funded the expansion of the city fire department. It failed by 773 votes.

Coach

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7-3 record and a share of the Ark Valley Chisholm Trail League II title in 2022.

Valley Center moved up to Division I of the Ark Valley Chisholm Trail League in 2024 and won nine games in three seasons.

The Hornets were 2-7 this year.

"Valley Center competes in the second largest classification in the state and arguably one of the best leagues in the state," L'Ecuyer said. "It's very hard to be competitive against two 6A programs (Derby and Maize) that have more students, more community resources, and a strong track record of success. To have any hope of a winning season or postseason success you have to win more than half of the remaining six games, and those teams are no slouches either. I felt like we were really gaining traction in my first six years as the lead. … The jump to AVCTL I has proved challenging. Still, we were one possession away from a winning season and a third-place finish behind those two 6A schools in 2025."

L'Ecuyer said reflecting on the past 11 seasons is bittersweet.

"I love this team, I love this school, and I love this community," he said. "I enjoyed the opportunity to lead the football program, and built a lot of great relationships along the way — most notably with players and fellow coaches. While I wish we had more success, I am proud that I was part of the only five winning teams this program has had dating back to 2002. My kids have grown up here. They are Hornets. This became home to my family. We forged so many great memories here. The difficult part is coming up short of my own high expectations, and making difficult decisions about my family's future."

L'Ecuyer said the most rewarding part of any job are the relationships.

"I am blessed to have worked alongside some great coaches who were even greater men and role models for student-athletes," he said. "I was blessed to coach so many great young men, and women, from those who starred on the field to those who starred in their roles. I have enjoyed excellent parent and community support through the Sideliners. My teaching colleagues are also very supportive."

L'Ecuyer wasn't sure what he would do in the future.

He will continue to teach physical education through at least the rest of the year.

"Above all, I want to be obedient to Lord's plans for my family's future," L'Ecuyer said. "I hope that includes coaching football, as the desire to share my love for the game has provided such an excellent platform for me to positively impact the lives of others."

Before coming to Valley Center, L'Ecuyer was head coach at Haven High School for three seasons, going 5-21.

Sedgwick Co. public notice

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SEDGWICK COUNTY KANSAS
BRANDI BAILY, SEDGWICK COUNTY TREASURER, WICHITA KANSAS
FUND BALANCES AT OCTOBER 31, 2026

GENERAL	149,354,370	SEDG COUNTY CASH IN BANKS	209,771,446
BUDGETED SPEC REV SEDG COUNTY	122,981,607	CASH WITH FISCAL AGENCY	1,234,772
BUDGETED SPEC REV FIRE DISTRICT	21,044,072	GOVERNMENT AGENCY	132,990,741
BUDGETED SPEC REV STATE	7,874,806	CASH WITH STATE TREASURER	0
BUDGETED SPEC REV GRANT SEDG CO	-19,562	OVERNIGHT SWEEP	0
BUDGETED SPEC REV GRANT STATE	52,560,467	PRE-PAID ACCRUED INTEREST	0
BUDGETED SPEC REV GRANT FEDERAL	6,428,860	PREMIUM	2,618,015
BOND & INTEREST SEDGWICK COUNTY	10,271,624	TREASURY STRIP	108,641,162
BOND & INTEREST FIRE DISTRICT	25,791		
SEDGWICK COUNTY CAPITAL PROJECTS	32,562,175		
COLLECTED TAXES	22,929,442		
MABCD	15,277,736		
SEDG CO CENTRAL MOTOR POOL	12,261,844		
SEDG CO PUBLIC BLDG COMM	1,072,277		
ARENA TAX FUND	630,627		
TOTAL	$455,256,136	TOTAL	$455,256,136

I, BRANDI BAILY, TREASURER OF SEDGWICK COUNTY KANSAS, HAVING FIRST BEEN DULY SWORN ACCORDING TO LAW UPON MY OATH, STATE THE FOREGOING STATEMENTS ARE TAKEN FROM THE BOOKS OF MY OFFICE AND ARE TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

BRANDI BAILY
COUNTY TREASURER

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME THE 13th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2026 AND PUBLISHED IN THE ARK VALLEY NEWS NEWPAPER IN VALLEY CENTER.

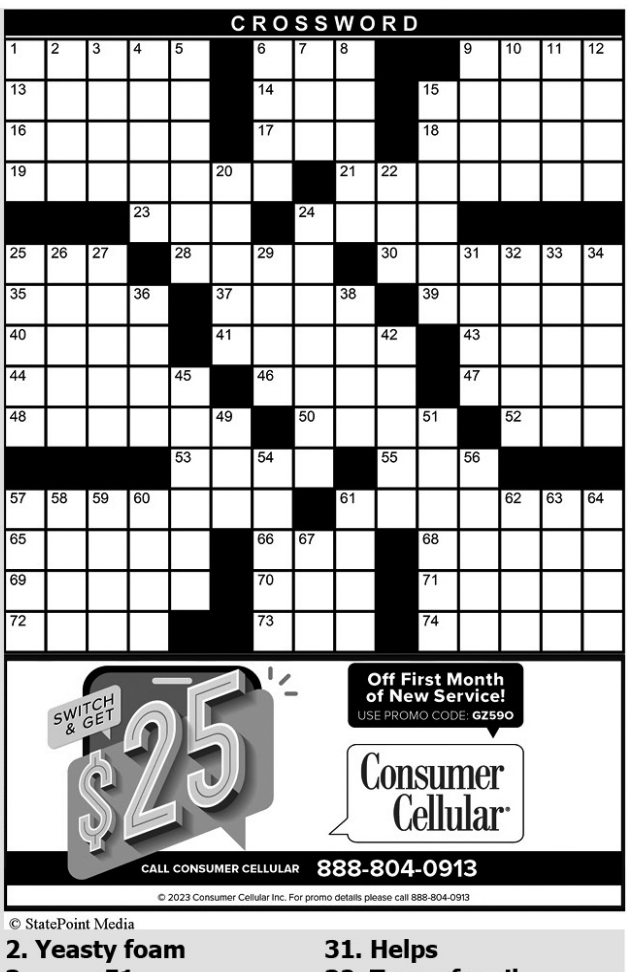
KELLY ARNOLD
COUNTY CLERK

CLERK OF SEDGWICK COUNTY SEDGWICK COUNTY KANSAS KANSAS

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

THEME: THE 2000s

ACROSS
1. a.k.a. Manila hemp
6. Unit of electric current
9. Army dining hall
13. Channing of "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes"
14. Spy org.
15. A in AV
16. Are not
17. ____-been
18. Beech tree pulp fabric
19. *I in CGI
21. *2004 Indian Ocean disaster
23. Am is to I a ____ is to we
24. Chutzpah
25. *Ann Patchett's "____ Canto"
28. Zohran Mamdani's branch of Islam
30. Like some breads
35. Sun beams
37. Cathedral recess
39. Fungal skin infection
40. *Shrek or Fiona
41. *Sasha Baron Cohen's role
43. *Mr. Incredible's son
44. What scribes do
46. Awful
47. Silage holder
48. Bee's favorite drink
50. ALCS counterpart
52. ____ Tsu
53. Hoodlum
55. Not hers
57. *Peter ____ of "The Lord of the Rings" fame
61. *Social network
65. Saudi neighbor
66. Not a sweet wine
68. Sign of cancer
69. Subway coin
70. Long time
71. Mideast V.I.P.
72. Place at angle
73. Genetic info carrier, acr.
74. Pulls apart



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DOWN
1. Antioxidants-rich smoothie berry
2. Yeasty foam
3. ____ 51
4. "Come on, shake your body, baby, do the ____"
5. Modifies
6. Hurting
7. *Jukebox musical "Mamma ____!"
8. Fusilli, e.g.
9. Unstable particle
10. Tropical tuberous root
11. Thailand, once
12. Solo, pl.
15. Protective necklace
20. Substance abuse treatment inst.
22. *"Rocky Balboa" writer and director
24. Stove burner (2 words)
25. *"The Da Vinci Code" author
26. High wave
27. Chicago opera house
29. *Revolutionary music-playing device
31. Helps
32. Type of mail
33. *All-electric Roadster manufacturer
34. *Popular search engine, with !
36. Badger's den
38. *"My Name Is ____"
42. Related to technology
45. Dines at home
49. Greek R
51. *Train's "Hey, Soul ____"
54. Six feet where?
56. Sea foam
57. Scribbles down
58. In a frenzy
59. *"Short Skirt/Long Jacket" band
60. "I ____ it!"
61. Mimicking bird
62. End of prayer
63. College girl, old-fashioned
64. Mistakes
67. *Anchorman a.k.a. ____ Burgundy

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