

# Larned wins football opener

The Larned Indians beat the Smoky Valley High football team 36-24 on Friday in Lindsborg. Gavin Stambaugh's 161 yards rushing were not enough for Smoky Valley, which is seeking to recover from last year's 1-8 campaign, its worst since the school formed in 1985 from the consolidation of Lindsborg and Marquette. All three Viking touchdowns were on passes by Ty Heitschmidt. Larned, which went 6-3 in 2023 and finished second in its Class

2A district, scored 30 first half points to hand the Vikings their 10th defeat in their last 11 outings. **Viking stats** Rushing-Gavin Stambaugh 23-161; Zeke Baker 12-35; Jack Opat 4-2; Ty Heitschmidt 2-(minus-7) Passing-Heitschmidt 6-22, 91, 3 TD, 1 INT Receiving-Kristian Ryan 2-29 1 TD; Kylar Ringle 1-28; Toren Miller 2-20 1 TD; Opat 1-14 TD Tackles (S-A)-Andrew Lochar 8-0, Baker 6-1, Geo Luis 6-0, Opat 4-1, Miller 1-3, Ryan 3-0,

Stambaugh 1-2, Crew Elliott 1-1, C. Whittaker 0-2, D. Dankenbring 1-1, Boughfman 0-1, Kylan Lindquist 1-0, Brock Gengler 1-0 Tackles for loss-Luis 2, Ryan 1 Sacks-Baker 1.0-10, Luis 1.0-10 Fumble recoveries-Elliott 1, Ryan 1 Conversions-Stambaugh 2, Ryan 1 **Other results** Haven 51, Hillsboro 13 Hesston 21, Halstead 14 Pratt 24, Hoisington 3 Conway Springs 42, Nickerson 0

# Council OKs new sewage pumps

The Lindsborg City Council on Sept. 3 voted to pay \$27,379 to replace pumps and other equipment for lifting sewage from the Emerald Lake housing division for the run downhill to the sewage treatment plant. The Emerald Lake lift station was built in the mid-1990s. In 2016, Public Works Director Chris Lindholm told the council, the two pump motors were rebuilt and the impellers replaced. Troubles have returned, and now valves are wearing out and rails for the pumps are corroding in the harsh environment of sewage. Replacements were already in the capital improvement budget. Public Works asked several companies about the job, and found their equipment is often proprietary, so some parts won't work with those of other manufacturers. To avoid paying \$10,000 to \$20,000 more for this solution, Lindholm stuck with the current brand and style of pump. He told the council that the manufacturer had improve it, and he felt the new pumps would last at least 30 years, maybe 50. Two companies explored making the replacements: Enviro-Line, from Osawatomie, and C&B Equipment, from Wichita. Lindholm said C&B was not equipped to make all of the job, and didn't submit a proposal.

## Other Smoky Valley High results

### Volleyball

**Aug. 31 at Halstead** L vs. Hesston 25-17, 25-11 W vs. Larned 25-18, 25-22 W vs. Hillsboro 27-25, 26-24 L vs. Hesston 25-21, 25-17 L vs. Hoisington 25-15, 25-23 **Sept. 5 at Abilene** L vs. Abilene 24-26, 25-15, 25-23 W vs. TMP 25-22, 25-22 L vs. Rock Creek

### Tennis

**Aug. 29 at Hesston Singles** Jillian Hett 1-2: L vs. Haley Green, Wichita Trinity 8-0; L vs. Nicole Vergel, Maize South 8-7 (2); W vs. Summer Bice, Ellsworth 8-1 Zora Carver 2-1: W vs. Caroline Yoder, Hesston 8-7 (5); W vs. Leone Jamaledine, Maize South 8-4; L vs. Grace Leopold, Wichita Trinity 8-5 **Doubles** Madelyn Mauk/Lillian Fulton 1-2: L vs. Sutton/Harding, Buhler 8-5; W vs. Lady/Scahutes, Abilene 8-3; L vs. Tolle/Soeken, Hesston 8-4 Lily Heline/Kaitlyn Leis 1-2: L

vs. Unruh/Liebl, McPherson 8-6; L vs. Ortiz/Rose, Abilene 8-7 (4); W vs. McCluskey/Carey, Maize South 8-6 **Sept. 3 at Ellsworth Singles** Lily Heline 2-1: W vs. Whitney Armstrong, Central Plains 8-0; W vs. Addison Rusco, Conway Springs 8-2; L vs. Hannah Vague, Ellsworth 8-1 Kaitlyn Leis 2-1: W vs. Mia Coleman, Trego 8-5; W vs. Ava Madden, Hutch Trinity 8-6; L vs. Karli Haase, Ellsworth 8-1 **Doubles** Madelyn Mauk/Jillian Hett 1-2: L vs. Metro/Lamatsch, Central Pla9ins 8-0; L vs. Dietz/Smith, Trego 8-0; W vs. Genereux/Rugg, Concordia 8-4 Zora Carver/Lillian Fulton 3-1: W vs. Micek/Waltz, Trego 8-5; L vs. De La Cruz/Jundt, Ellsworth 8-2; W vs. Klepper/Steffan, Ellinwood 8-2; W vs. Micek/Waltz 8-1

### Cross country

Smoky Valley Invitational, Sept. 5. Listed are top three places plus Smoky Valley results:

### Freshman/sophomore girls

1. Reese Quinn, Hesston 21:51; 2. Avery Larson, Hesston 23:22; 3. Sophia Eyer, SV 23:30; 6. Emma Chaput, SV 25:05 **Junior/senior girls** 1. Avery Boydston, Ellis 19:56; 2. Esther Clark, SV 21:02; 5. Hope Willems, SV 22:49; 6. Sophia Fruits, SV 23:48; 11. Gracia Peterson, SV 26:40; 15. Mila Sims, SV 28:05

### Freshman/sophomore boys

Team standings (5 runners)-Lyons 29, Smoky Valley 42, Pratt 57 1. Ely Robinson, Skyline 19:00; 2. Luke House, Skyline 19:51; 3. Mason Gardner, Elyria 20:01; 5. Isaiah Ayala, SV 20:51; 11. Charlie Bowman, SV 22:37; 18. Kyle Robledo-Diaz, SV 23:47; 20. Henry Bowman, SV 24:14; 31. Connor Frees, SV 31:45; 32. Hudson Gustus, SV 34:13 **Junior/senior boys** Team standings (5 runners)-Pratt 27, Lyons 29 1. Casey Heinrichs, Hesston 17:49; 2. Carlito Lara, Pratt 18:02; 3. Ethan Robinson, Skyline 18:04; 10. Kaden Bishop, SV 20:55

## City workers given new retirement plan

The Lindsborg City Council on Sept. 3 voted to give city employees a different, more economical voluntary retirement savings program, although those already contributing to the current plan can keep it. A 457(b) deferred compensation program can be offered to employees of governments or nonprofits, and works like a traditional individual retirement account. The employee makes voluntary contributions from their paycheck to an account intended for retirement, and will not pay taxes on the money until it is distributed. An employee can contribute up to \$23,000 a year to a 457(b), far more than the \$7,000 – \$8,000 for those over 49 – maximum allowed for an IRA. About a third of the city's employees participate in deferred compensation. This has been through the manager Security Benefits. The new plan will be under the Kansas Public Employee Retirement System. Finance Director David Hay said nearly 500 government entities already participate in this plan, including Smoky Valley schools, McPherson and Saline counties, and the city of McPherson. There is no cost to Lindsborg, and Hay said that joining KPERs will relieve the city of fiduciary responsibilities. The plan will also have lower fees than with Security Benefits. New participants will have no option but KPERs. Current contributors can stick with Security Benefits, or switch at no cost to the city.

# Trace it back

Robert Korpi provided the following tale that is so good, if it isn't true, it should be. Part of rebuilding New Orleans caused residents often to be challenged with the task of tracing home titles back potentially hundreds of years. With a community rich with history stretching back over two centuries, houses have been passed along through generations of family, sometimes making it quite difficult to establish ownership. A New Orleans lawyer sought a Federal Housing Administration loan for a client. He was told the loan would be granted if he could prove satisfactory title to a parcel of property being offered as collateral. The title to the property dated back to 1803, which took the lawyer three months to track down. After sending the information to the FHA, he received the following reply: "Upon review of your letter adjoining your client's loan application, we note the request is supported by an Abstract of Title. While we compliment the able manner in which you have pre-

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pared and presented the application, we must point out you have only cleared title to the proposed collateral property back to 1803. Before final approval can be accorded, it will be necessary to clear the title back to its origin." Annoyed, the lawyer responded as follows: "Your letter regarding title in Case No. 189156 has been received. I note you wish to have title extended further than the 206 years covered by the present application. I was unaware any educated person in this country, particularly those working in the property area, who would not know Louisiana was purchased by the United States from France in 1803, the year of origin identified in our application. "For the edification of uninformed FHA bureaucrats, the title to the land prior to U.S. ownership was obtained from France,

which had acquired it by right of conquest from Spain. The land came into the possession of Spain by right of discovery made in the year 1492 by a sea captain named Christopher Columbus, who had been granted the privilege of seeking a new route to India by the Spanish monarch, Queen Isabella. The good Queen Isabella, being a pious woman and almost as careful about titles as the FHA, took the precaution of securing the blessing of the Pope before she sold her jewels to finance Columbus's expedition. Now the Pope, as I'm sure you may know, is the emissary of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, and God, it is commonly accepted, created this world. Therefore, I believe it is safe to presume God also made the part of the world called Louisiana. God, therefore, would be the owner of origin and his origins date back to before the beginning of time, the world as we know it, and the FHA. I hope you find God's original claim to be satisfactory. "Now, may we have our loan?" Submit your observations or jokes to: word@mainstreetmedia.

## Online talk about Alma Swensson

Alma Swensson, wife of Bethany College founder Carl Swensson, is the subject of the latest in a series of online talks from the Smoky Valley Historical Association. The talk will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, given by Karen Humphry, a former vice president at the college. You can watch live by registering at oldmillmuseum.org, or see the talk later on YouTube. Alma Swensson served on Bethany's music faculty, was church organist and choir director for over 40 years, and one winter taught a choir of farmers, shopkeepers, and homemakers still speaking Swedish the words and music of Handel's "Messiah.

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