

Charlie's Corner

THERE'S A BIG DIFFERENCE IN COLLEGE ATHLETICS

College athletics is in the midst of a seismic shift. Headlines are dominated by debates over transfers, NIL, athlete compensation and money, big, big money.

Dr. Ramseyer goes on to say, "Our mission and that of most other smaller universities isn't to copy the Power Five, the 17 percent. It's to educate, support and launch young people into the world.

Wouldn't it seem that that mission would better serve ALL of our colleges and universities, including those that have gotten us into the money race that will, at some point, make collegiate athletics unrecognizable at the higher levels?

Right here in the Big 12, Texas Tech has raised \$55 million to utilize on player compensation via NIL and revenue sharing across its 17 sports for the 2025-26 school year.

Texas Tech might be the leader in this spending horse race but they are not alone. Football is the big money grabber but basketball is close behind and, at some schools, they pick a particular sport to spend tons of money on with the goal of becoming a national power.

These figures are for last season and will, without a doubt, be greatly inflated this year. The spending leader is Nebraska who budgeted nearly \$6 million for volleyball.

We have now entered that era of "If you want something to brag about, outspend everyone else!" It has even reached the high school level in some areas.

Texas Tech has a large number of wealthy "movers and shakers" that want to make Tech the leader in college athletics.

Certainly we are in a whole new world in collegiate athletics but, as Dr. Ramseyer at Friends University says, "They are only 17 per cent. Our mission is to educate, support and launch young people into the world. That's where our focus is."

Not a bad place to be Dr. Ramseyer!

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DID YOU KNOW.....That before Larned High School had their own football field they practiced and played games at Moffet Stadium?

LHS Fall Sports Start Practice Monday

By: C. TABLER

Larned High School's Fall sports teams hit the practice field, courts and floors Monday as coaches do early-season drills in preparation for competition in just a week or so.

Head football coach Brady Keith will conduct drills with an eye on the calendar of August 28 when the team will travel to Hays for a Football Jamboree at TMP.

Volleyball coach Amy Simmons and her squad will host a Jaboree on August 28 and will quickly jump into the regular season with a CKL Tournament at Hesston on Saturday, August 30.

Tennis coach Mark Lessard will have his girls on the courts in preparation for their season opener when the JV squad travels to Dodge City.

Coach Dan Collins has his ladies on the golf course every day in preparation for their season opener on Thursday, September 4 when the varsity travels to Hesston and the JV team competes at Dodge City.



Pawnee Heights Athletes Begin Practice Monday

By: C. TABLER

The Fall sports season gets underway at Pawnee



Heights Monday as the first day of practices begin for football and volleyball.

For Tiger football, Ryan Klenke will be the Head Coach and he will be assisted by Ty Josefiak. The

Junior High football team will be coached by Jerry Hickey and assisted by Randy Blattner. The football teams will hold their Gatorade scrimmage on Monday, August 25 and the High School squad will participate in a Jamboree on Friday, August 29.

The High School volleyball team will be coached by Kay Delaney with Kelly Pelton assisting. The Junior High volleyball team will be coached by Regan Carlson with Kara Prescott assisting. The High School volleyball team will have their Jamboree on Tuesday, August 26 and kick off their season on Friday, August 29 at Satanta.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF PAWNEE COUNTY, KANSAS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ROBERT DAVID LEMUZ, a/k/a ROBERT D. LEMUZ, a/k/a ROBERT LEMUZ, a/k/a BOBBY LEMUZ, Deceased

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED: You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by ISAAC LEMUZ, brother and heir of ROBERT DAVID LEMUZ, a/k/a ROBERT D. LEMUZ, a/k/a ROBERT LEMUZ, a/k/a BOBBY LEMUZ, deceased, requesting that descent be determined of all personal property and all Kansas real estate owned by the decedent at the time of death, and that such property be assigned pursuant to the laws of intestate succession.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before September 12, 2025 at 10:30 o'clock a.m. at the Pawnee County District Court, Larned, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition

ISAAC LEMUZ, Petitioner

HAGERMAN & COLGLAZIER, LLC By: Brenda West Hagerman, # 10459 102 West 6th Street, P.O. Box 360 Larned, Kansas 67550 620-285-3157 ATTORNEYS FOR PETITIONER

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Notice of Hearing 2025-2026 Budget

The governing body of Unified School District 495 will meet on the 8th day of September 2025 at 5:50 PM at 120 E 6th Street, Larned, KS 67550 for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of tax to be levied.

The Amount of 2025 Tax to be Levied and Expenditures (published below) establish the maximum limits of the 2025-2026 Budget. The 'Est. Tax Rate' (column 7), shown for comparative purposes, is subject to slight change depending on final assessed valuation.

Table with columns: Code 99 Line, 2023-2024 Actual Expenditures (1), 2023-2024 Actual Tax Rate\* (2), 2024-2025 Actual Expenditures (3), 2024-2025 Actual Tax Rate\* (4), 2025-2026 Proposed Budget Expenditures (5), 2025-2026 Proposed Budget Amount of 2025 Tax to be Levied (6), Est. Tax Rate\* (7). Rows include OPERATING, SPECIAL REVENUE, DEBT SERVICE, and COOPERATIVES.

\*Tax Rates are expressed in Mills

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Table with columns: Assessed Valuation - General Fund, Assessed Valuation - All Other Funds, Assessed Valuation - Capital Outlay, Outstanding Indebtedness, July 1, 2023, 2024, 2025. Rows include General Obligation Bonds, Capital Outlay Bonds, Temporary Note, No-Fund Warrant, Lease Purchase Principal, TOTAL US D DEBT.

Exceeding Revenue Neutral for the 2025-2026 School Year

The governing body of Unified School District 495 will meet on the 8th day of September 2025 at 5:45 PM at 120 E 6th Street, Larned, KS 67550 for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of tax to be levied.

Table with columns: 2024-2025 Actual Taxes, 2024-2025 Actual Revenue, 2025-2026 Proposed Revenue, 2025-2026 Proposed Revenue. Rows include General, Supplemental General (LOB), Adult Education, Capital Outlay, Cost of Living, Special Liability Expense Fund, Extraordinary Growth Facilities, Bond and Interest #1, Bond and Interest #2, No-Fund Warrant, Special Assessment, Temporary Note, Historical Museum, Public Library Board, Public Library Board Employee Benefits.

Travis Kelce Says Last 2 NFL Seasons 'Haven't Been to My Standard' Amid Acting Career

By Doric Sam

Kansas City Chiefs star tight end Travis Kelce's star power off the field has grown amid his budding acting career, but he recently admitted that his outside endeavors have been somewhat detrimental to his production.

Kelce told Sean Manning of GQ that he feels he hasn't lived up to his reputation as the best tight end of his generation over the last two seasons.

"I think it might have slipped a little bit because I did have a little bit more focus in trying to set myself up. And opportunities came up where I was excited to venture into a new world of acting and being an entertainer," Kelce said. "I don't say this as 'I shouldn't have done it.' I'm just saying that my work ethic is such that I have so much pride in how I do things that I never want the product to tail off, and I feel like these past two years haven't been to my standard."

In addition to his high-profile relationship with pop star Taylor Swift, Kelce made his foray into acting with roles in the 2024 horror-drama series Grotesquerie on FX and the recently released Netflix film Happy Gilmore 2. While he's set himself up for a future in film once his football career ends, he has performed below his usual level on the field.

Kelce had a streak of seven straight 1,000-yard seasons come to an end in 2023, and he failed to reach

the mark again last year. It was his first time recording back-to-back seasons with under 1,000 yards since 2014 and 2015. To make things even more disappointing, the Chiefs fell short of achieving the first three-peat in modern NFL history when they lost to the Philadelphia Eagles in Super Bowl LIX.

Still, Kelce made it clear that he's focused on one thing entering the 2025 season.

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