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**Plainville Cardinals
vs.
TMP Monarchs**

Crowning: 6:30 p.m.
Game: 7:00 p.m.

WEEKEND WEATHER

FRIDAY

Scattered
t-storms with
winds from
the SSE at
12 m.p.h.



HIGH: 71
LOW: 62

SATURDAY

Scattered
t-storms with
winds from
the SSE at
9 m.p.h.



HIGH: 75
LOW: 60

SUNDAY

Partly cloudy
possible with
winds from
the ESE at 10
m.p.h.



HIGH: 77
LOW: 61

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SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

The Lord is pleased with
those who respect him, with
those who trust his love.
— Psalm 147:11 —



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THE 2026 PLAINVILLE HIGH SCHOOL HOMECOMING KING AND QUEEN CANDIDATES are, front row, from left: Calleigh Witt, Emma Gabel, Khloe Nelson, Aaleyah Becker, and Shelby Molina; and back row, from left: Colby Nuss, Erik Mackey, Owen Brewster, Braylon Becker, and Reid Stamper.

(Courtesy Photo)

Plainville Cardinals having a spirited Homecoming Week!

By VIRGI LASKA
Sentinel-Times

The Plainville Cardinals' Homecoming Week is a week filled with school spirit, tradition, and community celebration! Students at both the junior high and high school showed off their Cardinal pride from Monday through Friday with themed Spirit Days.

Junior high students

kicked off the week on Monday with Hat Day, when they wore their favorite hats. Tuesday was Decades Day, featuring outfits inspired by a favorite decade. Wednesday was PJ Day, giving the students a chance to come to school in their favorite comfy pajamas. Thursday is Dress Up Day, with the students wearing their fanciest attire. Then the themed week will conclude on

Friday with Cardinal Day, when students can show their Cardinal pride!

The high school students started on Monday with Pajama Day. Tuesday was Dynamic Duo Day, followed by Adam Sandler Day on Wednesday, when students dressed up as their favorite Adam Sandler character! Thursday is Country vs.

SEE HOMECOMING, 16A

Local Veterans Experience a Journey of Honor on Kansas Honor Flight

Rick Lowry and Don Maddy among Kansas veterans honored during three-day trip to Washington, D.C.

By VIRGI LASKA
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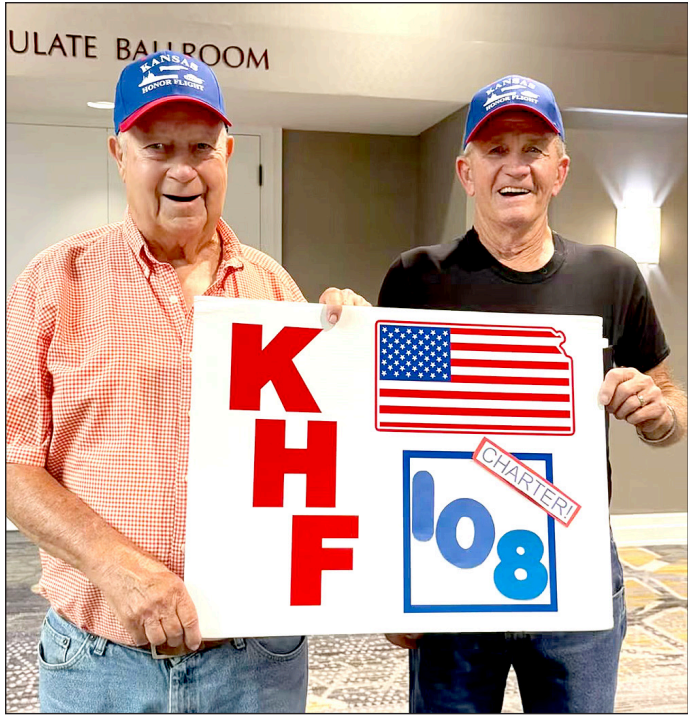
For two local veterans, September 7th through September 9th, 2026, became a journey they will remember for the rest of their lives.

Rick Lowry (Army) and Don Maddy (Navy) had the privilege of joining the 108th Kansas Honor Flight, along with about 100 Kansas veterans, for a three-day trip filled with history, remembrance, and gratitude.

"I had the honor to be chosen and teamed up with Rick Lowry on the buddy system for the Kansas Honor Flight," said Maddy.

The veterans departed from Wichita on Monday, September 7th, aboard a flight bound for Baltimore, Maryland. Upon arrival, the group split into three buses and began a busy schedule of visits to historic sites and military memorials.

One of the first stops was Fort McHenry in Baltimore, a historic coastal fortification that played an important role in defending Baltimore Harbor during the War of 1812. The Fort is perhaps best known for the Battle of Baltimore in 1814, when its successful defense inspired Francis Scott Key to write



DON MADDY AND RICK LOWRY were part of the 108th Kansas Honor Flight to Washington D. C. earlier this month. They joined over 100 Kansans who visited the memorials honoring all who have served their country.

(Courtesy Photo)

the poem that became the words to the United States national anthem, "The Star-Spangled Banner."

From Fort McHenry, the veterans traveled to Washington, D.C., where the itinerary included visits and drive-bys of some of the nation's most significant military and presidential memorials.

Among the sites were the Eisenhower Memorial, the U.S. Air Force Memorial and its "Spirit of Flight" sculpture, and the World War II, Korean War, Lincoln, and Vietnam Veterans memorials. The group also visited the Iwo Jima Memorial, the World War I Memorial, the

SEE HONOR, 20A

Community Spirit Shines at Palco's 2026 Homecoming

The 2026 Palco Homecoming was a day to remember, drawing an impressive crowd.

The homecoming parade featured an outstanding lineup, including school floats, local and neighboring businesses, civic organizations, the graduating classes of 1981 and 2006, and many supportive community members. Altogether, there were twenty-four creative entries.

Parade winners included: High School – 1st place: Sophomores, 2nd: Freshmen, 3rd: Juniors; Damar Elementary took 1st in the Elementary category; Business and Civic Organizations – 1st: Palco Pride Committee, 2nd: Keller Electric, 3rd: Pear Tree Title Company; Open Class – 1st: Matt Benoit Family, 2nd: Korbyn Valery and Oliva Desaire, 3rd (tie): Classes of 2006 and 1981.

Brooke Hamel, daughter of Tanya and Greg Hamel, and Clay Mitzner, son of Levi and Tressie Mitzner, were crowned Palco High School Homecoming Queen and King.

The Roosters capped off the celebration with a commanding 72-6 victory on the football field.

Congratulations to all parade winners, the Homecoming royalty, and the Roosters football team.

SEE PALCO, 19A

Plainville Red Line Cruisers to host Fall Cruise Night this Saturday

The local car club, Plainville Red Line Cruisers, is planning its Fall Cruise Night on Saturday, September 26, in Plainville.

The event, which runs from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., will offer a great evening for car owners and the general public of all ages.

There will be NO Poker Run during the Cruise Night.

Food Vendors plan to open their doors for food and drink by 5:00 p.m., while Tumbleweed Tunes with Bob and Susan will provide their very popular music for everyone to enjoy.

Vendors on Mill and Main Streets include Bob's BBQ, Waggs Taco Shop, Sno Cone Shack, Hitched (smoothies and other drinks), and free popcorn at Leo's Liquor.

The members of the Red Line Cruisers are excited to offer a trip back in time when everyone used to "drag" main on Saturday night. Bring the family to eat out, bring your lawn chair, and plan for a relaxing evening of visiting friends and listening to your favorite music.

Come together for an evening of worship and faith at the Stockton United Methodist Church of Restoration

Everyone is invited to the Night of Worship (NOW) at the Stockton Methodist Church of Restoration (204 Elm Street) on Saturday, September 26th. Make plans to "break bread" at a meal starting at 6:00 p.m. Then come together to worship and watch an exclusive showing of Episode 1 of Season 6 of "The Chosen."

(Look for the ad in this week's issue on Page 13A.)