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Smoky Hills PBS Premieres Season 7 of Cottonwood Connections

BUNKER HILL, KS – Smoky Hills PBS is proud to announce the return of *Cottonwood Connections* for its 7th Season. This season of Cottonwood Connections takes a look at how Kansas and the Great Plains have been integral in shaping our country and our world.

Kicking off the season is an episode on wheat, exploring the history and traditions of Kansas as the Wheat State. Throughout the season, viewers will also experience engaging stories on:

9/21 - Amber Waves of Grain

9/28 - The Dragon's Legacy

10/5 - Soldier State

10/12 - Retracing Family Connection

10/19 - The People of the Ancient Plains

10/26 - Bring in the Cavalry

11/2 - Eisenhower

11/9 - Plains Wildlife

11/16 - Public Postcards

11/23 - The Pheasant "Migration"

11/30 - Kansas in Pop Culture

12/7 - Ad Astra

Printable Schedule

Tune In:

New episodes will air SUNDAYS at 6 PM CST, starting Sept. 21.

Rebroadcasts of each episode will air on Fridays at 1:30 PM and Saturdays at 6 PM, ensuring multiple opportunities for viewers to tune in.

Stream:

All episodes are available to stream anytime on the PBS app.

For more information on broadcast times and additional coverage details, please visit our website at www.smokyhillspbs.org.

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Cottonwood Connections is a docu-series produced and directed by Ed Lowry, featuring Don Rowlison. It is presented by The Friends of Cottonwood Ranch, an organization that supports the work of the historic site, Cottonwood Ranch, and has the mission of encouraging historical education about the plains. For more information about Cottonwood Ranch, visit CottonwoodRanchKS.com.

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