

COTTONWOOD CONNECTIONS

SEASON 9 (FALL 2026)

- **Keogh, Wallace and the Little Big Horn (Sept. 20)** - In the 150th anniversary year of the Battle of Little Big Horn, we take a look at the western Kansas connection through the life and career Miles Keogh, the Irish immigrant who commanded Fort Wallace but ultimately met his fate with Custer.
- **Hunting High Plains Fossils (Sept. 27)** - Don joins paleontologist Kristopher Super of the Western Kansas Fossil Lab for a day in the field in the continuing search for evidence of ancient creatures from the inland sea which once covered much of the Plains.
- **Stagecoach to Beecher (Oct. 4)** - The riders of the Journey Stage Coach return to western Kansas for a trip from St. Francis, Kansas, to Beecher Island, Colorado.
- **The Air Capitol (Oct. 11)** - We visit some of the sites and museums that tell the story of Kansas history with air travel from the early days of aviation.
- **Dewey-Berry Feud (Oct. 18)** - It reads like the script of an old western movie. Homesteaders. A land baron. A face off on the plains. In this episode we dig into the details of the one of the bloodiest feuds in the state's history.
- **The Odyssey Project (Oct. 25)** - Did you know the heart of one of the leading organizations searching for the earliest evidence of human life in North America is centered right here in Kansas? We joined again by Dr. Rolfe Mandel and his fellow researchers of the Odyssey Project.
- **Women at Frontier Forts (Nov. 1)** - From the humble laundress to the officer's wives, women were a significant part of the workings and society of frontier forts.
- **The Frontier Blacksmith (Nov. 8)** - Explore the methods and significance of one of the most vital frontier trades and visit with people keeping this craft alive.
- **Metal Detecting History (Nov. 15)** - Finding artifacts that tell the story of our past is no easy task. One tool revolutionized the process. It has been used for decades and continues to be valuable in revealing details of history. The metal detector.
- **Hardt Gallery (Nov. 22)** - Nestled in downtown St. Francis, Kansas, the building at 202 Main, has been beautifully restored through decades of hard work to become a center of art and culture in the High Plains.
- **Electrifying (Nov. 29)** - How did communities and farmsteads transition to electric power? When did this happen? How did it alter life on the High Plains?
- **Legends and Traditions at Fort Hays (Dec. 6)** - The staff and volunteers of Historic Fort Hays keep visitors engaged with legends of a valiant woman whose spirit still shines to a traditional Yuletide experience.