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Smoky Hills PBS Premieres Season 9 of *Cottonwood Connections*

BUNKER HILL, KS – Smoky Hills PBS is proud to announce the return of *Cottonwood Connections* for its 9th Season. *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 about the Battle of Little Big Horn and the western Kansas connection to this battle. Throughout the season, viewers will also experience engaging stories on:

Hunting High Plains Fossils

Stagecoach Rides

The Air Capitol

Dewey-Berry Feud

The Odyssey Project

Women at Frontier Forts

Blacksmiths

Metal Detecting

Hardt Gallery – St. Francis, KS

Electric Power

Legends / Traditions at Fort Hays

“One of the fun things about working on *Cottonwood Connections* is that the stories just keep coming,” said Ed Lowry, producer and director of the show. “I think this season is an interesting blend of unique discoveries, dramatic events and a look into things that made day-to-day life possible for those settling the Plains.”

Tune In:

New episodes will air **SUNDAYS at 6 PM CST**, starting September 20th.

A rebroadcast of each episode will air on Saturdays at 6 PM, giving viewers an additional opportunity to tune in.

Stream:

All episodes are available to stream on the [PBS app](#).

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