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Marshall skips town halls

Senator says they have become unsafe

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Roger Marshall spent his August break from the U.S. Senate traveling Kansas. But not many Kansans had the opportunity to talk directly with their senator, who is asking voters to reelect him this fall

as his reelection campaign is dogged by frustration over a lack of public town halls and allegations of a Florida residency. At least some Kansans, especially those on social media, believe Marshall rarely visits his home state, where his official residence is in rural St. John after selling his former home in Great Bend. Marshall does spend time in Kansas. Earlier this year, he completed a tour dubbed “4 Corners, 50 Counties.” Press releases from the senator’s office publicly

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U.S. Senator Roger Marshall talks with the Capital-Journal following a visit to Stormont Vail Health on Aug. 28. EVERT NELSON/ THE CAPITAL-JOURNAL

Jay Shideler Elementary fifth-grader James Deister, 10, signs his contract with the Indianapolis Colts during the NFeLementary mock draft on Sept. 2. EVERT NELSON/THE CAPITAL-JOURNAL

NFL in the classroom?

School tries unique curriculum

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What would happen if you put a fifth-grader in charge of an NFL Team? That’s what the teachers at Jay Shideler Elementary are finding out through a

mock draft on Sept. 2. The NFeLementary curriculum comes from a Miami teacher who put her love of the NFL into the classroom as a means of engaging students in a unique way. “They may not even realize how much they’re actually learning,” said fifth-grade teacher and “league commissioner” Lisa Ross, “which is our goal because competing these days against all that’s out there that takes their attention, finding something that will actually grab them and pull

them in and help with the learning experience is exactly what we’re looking for.”

Students take general manager position seriously

As each student’s name was called throughout the three fifth-grade classrooms, cheers went off as they donned their teams hat and signed their

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PRAIRIE BAND

Century-old treaties to decide lawsuit

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How a federal court interprets 159-year-old and 165-year-old treaties will ultimately determine whether the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation’s reservation rights legally extends into Topeka. Kansas Lottery executive director Stephen Durrell, facing a lawsuit from the Nation over lottery sales on now-disputed land, wants the U.S. District Court of Kansas to rule the state’s understanding of the current reservation boundaries is the proper one. The state and federal governments identify the reservation boundaries as 121 square miles in Jackson County, as seen in a 2020 Census tribal tract map. But the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation filed a lawsuit July 6 claiming Congress never diminished its land established in a 1846 treaty, which created a 900-square-mile reservation in Shawnee, Pottawatomie, Wabaunsee and Jackson counties. Both parties acknowledge the existence of 1861 and 1867 treaties concerning the Nation, but they are literally miles apart on what those treaties mean.

How different are the interpretations?

The substance of the 1861 treaty dealt with the land’s allotment while the 1867 treaty centered around the

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