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Kansas Legends and Folktales



Jim Hoy and Lincoln County Historical Museum director Dana Walters. (Photo by Jyll Phillips)

By Jyll Phillips, Lincoln-Sentinel

The Lincoln County Historical Society hosted folklorist Jim Hoy in a presentation of Kansas Legends and Folktales Saturday, June 22 at the Kyne House Museum. The program was made possible by a Kansas Humanities Council grant and the Kansas Humanities Speakers Bureau.

Hoy is professor emeritus of English at Emporia State University, where he also directed the Center for Great Plains Studies. The author of numerous books about

cowboy life, including Flint Hills Cowboys: Tales from the Tallgrass Prairie and My Flint Hills: Observations and Reminiscences from America's Last Tallgrass Prairie, he was raised on a small ranch near Cassoday in the Kansas Flint Hills. His deep connection to this region has influenced much of his work.

He taught literature and folklore at Emporia State for 45 years, during which time he served as the Chair of English for a decade. As a folklorist, Hoy is passionate about documenting and celebrating the lives of plains folk. His research has taken him across the American West, Australian bush and English countryside, seeking out stories, songs and the wisdom of old-timers willing to share their experiences.

In 2022 he received the Chester A. Reynolds Award from the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum for his unwavering commitment to Western ideals and values.

This was Hoy's first trip to Lincoln in 50 years. When asked if it had changed

much, he replied, "Not really," which brought a chuckle from the audience. He was referring to the presence, use and preservation of Lincoln's limestone business district, a testament to the city's recent renovation efforts which have, in many cases, erased the erosion of the past.

Hoy explained the difference between legend, myth and folktales. A legend, he explained, is based on history and passed down to the generations. A myth typically is religious in nature. A

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Vath named in top ten track and field/cc academic all-district



A recent press release announced that ten students at Fort Hays State University in Hays were selected to the College Sports Communicators (CSC) Academic All-District Team for the 2023-2024 academic year. This is the maximum number of student-athletes allowed for selection to the team. The Tigers had five women and five men selected, the maximum allowed for

each gender per school. This award honors a combination of academic and athletic accomplishments of the individuals selected.

The women receiving the honor included Addie Berens, Rhyann Brown, Regan Hoddsden, Taylor Savolt, and LJSHS alum Jaycee Vath. The men receiving the honor included Hayden Albright, Connor Kaplinger, Kurtis McCormick, Trever Medina, and Ethan Salmans.

For potential selection to the Academic All-District Team, an individual must rank in the Top 50 of their region in a single event (cross country, indoor track and field, or outdoor track and field), not including relay events. They must also be at least a sophomore in athletic eligibility and hold a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher.

Berens, Brown, Hoddsden, Savolt, Albright, and Medina all competed in NCAA Championship events during the 2023-24 academic year. Savolt led the group of all-district selections for FHSU with a Top 50 regional ranking in 11 different events for indoor and outdoor track and field combined. Lincoln's Vath was among the Top 50 of the region in six events, while Hoddsden was ranked in five events (cross country and track and field combined for both individuals). On the men's side, Salmans was among the Top 50 in five events, while Albright (indoor only) and Medina each ranked Top 50 in three events.

Berens was an Academic All-District selection for the second-straight year. She was voted to the CSC Academic All-America team in 2023 as a third-team selection. She was an NCAA Championships qualifier all four of her years at FHSU in the javelin with a fourth-place finish in 2022 as her highest national finish. She was a three-time All-America performer in the event. Berens held a 3.78 cumulative GPA as an Elementary Education major at FHSU.

Brown, like Berens, was an NCAA Championships qualifier in the javelin all four of her years at FHSU. This is her first Academic All-District selection. She was a three-time USTFCCA All-Region performer in the event. Brown held

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First Annual Lincoln Football Golf Scramble a success

By Jyll Phillips, Lincoln-Sentinel

According to all reports, the 1st Annual Lincoln Football Golf Scramble held Saturday, June 22, was a success on all accounts.

Ten registered teams of three golfers, with an entry fee of \$150, teed off at 8 a.m.

at the Lincoln Golf Course. Hosted by Lincoln Football, the tournament provided hole prizes, Grand Prizes for each flight, mulligans (do-overs) for sale, and lunch.

Winning the Championship Flight was the team of Kerry Smith, Jonny Meier

and Cory Riedel. Second place in the Championship Flight was the team of Hamel, Falcon and McGregor.

In the First Flight the team of Doris Cheney, Becky Cheney and Shelly Bennett took first place. The team of Chase, Collin and Klozen-

bucher took second place. The ladies won in a chip off.

Organizers give appreciation and credit to their sponsors for the event's success, including the Bank of Tescott, Citizens State Bank, El Tres Mexican Restaurant, the Hembry family, Joe and Deb Ortiz, Kim

and Lesa Klozenbucher, the Kobbeman family, Lincoln County Hospital, Lincoln Grocery, Marcelle Hamel, Mity Mart, Rena Shearer and family, VFW Post 7928, Viv's Liquor and Wildlife Property Land Co. Team (Kayla Errebo).

"As a player, it was a lot of

fun for a good cause," Debra Smith said. "As a business (Mity Mart), I was happy to donate and would do so again!"

As the name suggests, the tournament will be held on an annual basis with all proceeds going toward Lincoln Leopard football.



Winners of the Championship Flight were Kerry Smith, Jonny Meier and Cory Riedel. (Courtesy Photo)



Members of Lincoln Football turned out to help with the tournament. (Courtesy Photo)

June 29 is International Mud Day

Cash Grain



Staying clean is overrate and June 29 is the day people all over the world will embrace a little mud. How do you celebrate a "holiday" for all things muddy? There are mud baths, mud facials and mud packs. There is mud volleyball, mud tug-of-war and mud wrestling. Playing in the mud isn't all fun - it's good for us too! Mud provides a lot of practice for gross and fine motor skills as children play with it, using it as face paint, making pottery and simply squishing their little fingers in the gooey murk. Mud also exposes children to Mycobacterium vaccae, a type of good bacteria found in dirt that builds up the immune system and causes a release of serotonin. And if all else fails, and temperatures continue to rise, swine swear to its cooling elements.

- Wheat.....\$5.70
- Corn.....\$4.17
- Sorghum.....\$4.32
- Soybeans.....\$10.71

Cash prices courtesy of bankoftescott.com

Community Calendar

Thursday, June 27

Lincoln: 8 am Discovery Quest Day Camp @ St. Patrick's Parish Hall; 10:30 am Camping & Company @ Milford Nature Center
Vesper: 4 pm Farmers & Makers Market @ Vesper Community Center

Friday, June 28

Sylvan Grove: 1:30 pm Free Movie @ Sylvan Grove Library

Saturday, June 29

Sunday, June 30

Monday, July 1

USD 298: KSHAA Summer Athletic Moratorium (July 1 - 7)

Tuesday, July 2

Lincoln: 10 am Storytime @ Lincoln Library
Sylvan Grove: 10 am Animal Adventure w/ Cheyenne Bottoms @ Sylvan Grove Library

Wednesday, July 3

Have a great week!

Commodity Distribution held the third Wednesday every other month at the Lincoln Senior Center. (September, November, January, March, May, July)

Lincoln County Historical Society meets second Monday of each month @ 6 p.m.; Lincoln County Historical Museum is open Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays. Call 202.744.9041.
LCEDF meets the second Wednesday of each month in the Courthouse basement. Call 524-8954 for meeting time.
The Lincoln County Commission meets each Monday, and the last working day of the month, at the courthouse.

JR. SUNFLOWER 4H CLUB - BY ANNA KOSTER

The 4-H meeting was called to order by Wayne Elder on June 16th. The roll call question was, "What is your favorite movie?" There were 25 members, 1 tag-a-long, and 2 leaders. Parliamentarian, Alison Rosebrook, announced that we're going to get into teams and answer some questions. Teams A and C tied for first with 3 points each and teams B and D tied for second with 2 points each.

The leader's report was given by leader Rachel Bell. She announced that July 1st is the deadline for Livestock and other

animal Pre-Fair Entry forms to be turned into the extension office. Fair books are in the extension office if you need one.

Sara Rosebrook gave the project leader report on frostings and fillings for the fair. She said that they have to be 65% sugar. July 15th is the foods and nutrition judging, which starts at 9:00 and is a come and go. The Bake Sale is from 11:00 to 2:00 on July 15th as well.

There was some discussion on animal signs, but no plans to order some have been made yet. Mike Rosebrook's

family did the project talks/demonstrations for this month. Alison and Austin did a demonstration on how to show pigs. Marissa did a demonstration on how to have loaded potato fun. The song leaders, Marissa and Collin Rosebrook, led the club in singing Old MacDonald. The recreation leaders, Austin Rosebrook and August Buttenhoff, announced that we are going to have a water fight.

The next meeting will be on July 19th at 1:30 in the 4-H building.



MKC continues to expand workforce through KFB's Rural Kansas Apprenticeship Program

Mid-Kansas Cooperative (MKC), a member-owned agriculture cooperative based in Moundridge, continues to grow its workforce with the addition of five apprentices through Kansas Farm Bureau's (KFB) Rural Kansas Apprenticeship Program (RKAP). The five new hires will work full time and receive on-the-job training for leadership roles in the company.

Tristen Burger, Matt Pauly, Mark Perry, Anthony Redar and Kyle Sherwood recently began their yearlong apprenticeships in leadership development. The program will rotate the apprentices through multiple MKC locations across the state where they will learn from division experts about agronomy, grain, risk management, feed, energy, information technology, human resources, accounting and safety.

"The Rural Kansas Apprenticeship Program is a crucial part of our people strategy to build a robust and skilled workforce," says Anne Warren, chief talent officer at MKC. "By investing in these apprentices, we're not only strengthening our company but also contributing to the economic vitality of rural Kansas. Our apprentices gain invaluable hands-on experience and leadership training, positioning them for successful careers with MKC."

These full-time roles include technical instruction designed to lay a foundation for the apprentices to assume leadership roles at MKC and be successful through all seasons of the business.

After becoming Kansas' first agricultural apprenticeship program in 2023, MKC has enhanced its labor force with seven apprentices through RKAP. The

company previously hired two operations specialists through the program. Currently, MKC has apprentice openings for CDL drivers.

"The goal is to create trained and skilled workers for companies operating in rural Kansas," says Kylee Stout, KFB's business development manager. "RKAP gives employers the ability to create pathways for workers to acquire practical skills that lead to well-paying jobs in any role where a company has a need."

Apprenticeships benefit employers by developing a skilled and loyal workforce. Employees benefit from having a full-time job as they earn a certified credential showing mastery of their craft.

To learn more about RKAP, contact Kylee Stout at stoutk@kfb.org or visit www.kfb.org/rkap.



Monday, July 1

Sweet & Sour Chicken, Rice, Broccoli, Fruit & Roll

Tuesday, July 2

Meatloaf, Baby Bakers, Peas, Apricots & Roll

Wednesday, July 3

BBQ Pork w/Bun, Potato Salad, Coleslaw & Strawberry Shortcake

Thursday, July 4

Closed - HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!

Friday, July 5

Chicken Sandwich, Hashbrowns, Stewed Tomatoes & Pineapple

Menu is subject to change.

Call 785-524-4738 before 9:30 a.m. to reserve a lunch. The suggested donation for people over 60 or with current paperwork \$4.00. For people without paperwork or under 60, meals are \$7.00, mandatory.

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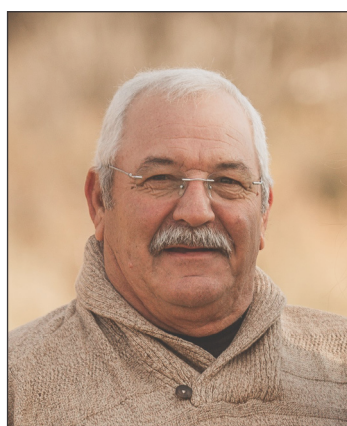
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Student Achievements Fort Hays State University spring 2024 graduates

Fort Hays State University recognized approximately 1,666 graduates during its spring commencement ceremonies on Friday and Saturday May 10-11.

- Lincoln, KS
- Andrew Falcon, Bachelor of General Studies
- Leah Larsen, Master of Social Work in Clinical Social Work
- Macy Winters, Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance
- Marissa Winters, Associate of Science in Radiologic Technology, Bachelor of Science in Medical Diagnostic Imaging
- Lucas, KS
- Delaney Herold, Associate of Science in Radiologic Technology
- Ashley Starkey, Bachelor of Social Work
- Sylvan Grove, KS
- Kadie Branda, Bachelor of General Studies
- Tescott, KS
- Danni Ehlers, Bachelor of Science in Nursing

OBITUARY



Randy Herbel
Oct. 21, 1958 - June 14, 2024

Randy Herbel, born on October 21, 1958, in Great Bend, Kansas, passed away peacefully on June 14, 2024, at his home in Salina, Kansas, with his wife, Amy by his side. Randy spent his life in central Kansas, where he was cherished by his family and community.

Randy is survived by his wife of 45 years, Amy Herbel, their three sons, Toby, Tim (Brooke), and Tanner (Katie), his mother, Peggy

Blanding, siblings, Rhonda (Joel Eckelman) and Royce (Penny Griffin), and stepbrothers, Mitch and Monte Blanding. Randy was a loving grandfather to Kaden, Kolton, Kenzi, and Rosalie who brought him immeasurable joy, and he loved spending time with his nieces and nephews. Randy is preceded in death by his father, Norris Herbel, his brother, Ron Herbel, and his stepfather, Mike Blanding.

Known for his ornery wit, Randy was equally admired for his caring and loving nature. His infectious sense of humor brightened the lives of all who knew him, leaving a lasting impression on friends and colleagues.

Randy was a decorated athlete during his college years at Dodge City Community College, showcasing his determination and talent on the field. His commitment to excellence continued as he earned his bachelor's degree and embarked on a successful 34-year career at FedEx.

Beyond his professional achievements, Randy's greatest pride and

joy was his family. He adored Amy, his high school sweetheart turned life partner, and took immense pride in the accomplishments of his sons and grandchildren. Randy's legacy of love, humor, steadfastness, and hard work will continue to inspire all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Visitation will be on Friday, June 21st from 5 - 7 PM at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church with a rosary to follow at 7 PM. Randy's memorial service will be held on Saturday, June 22nd at 10:30 AM at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or Salina Youth Baseball Fund in Randy's memory. Randy Herbel will be dearly missed but fondly remembered for his incredible spirit and the warmth he brought to everyone fortunate enough to have known him.

To send an online condolence, visit www.carlsonfh.net or on Facebook.

Arrangements by Carlson-Geisen-dorf Funeral Home and Crematory.



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Morning Worship @ 11:00 am

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Worship Service @ 11:00 am
Evening Service @ 7:00 pm

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Salina, Kansas
Sunday School following Worship
Sunday Worship @ 10:00 am

BEVERLY COMMUNITY CHURCH
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Morning Worship @ 10:45 am

BEVERLY UNITED METHODIST
Pastors Kaye & Jeff Metzler
Church Service @ 9:00 am

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Pastor, Chris Hall
Sunday School @ 9:30 am
Worship Service @ 10:30 am
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Saturday Coffee @ 8-10 am

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Pastor Angie Sundell
Worship Service @ 10:30 am

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Pastor Jonathan Schale
Lincoln Park Manor @ 9:30 am
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Worship Hour @ 11:15 am
Evening Worship @ 6:00 pm
Wed. Bible Study @ 7:00 pm

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Morning Worship @ 11:00 pm

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www.lincolncommunitychurch.org
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Church @ 11:00 am

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Worship Service @ 9:00 am

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Pastor Rod Thompson, Tescott
Worship Service @ 9:00 am

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Pastor Demele Eckart
Sunday School @ 10:00 am
Worship @ 11:00 am

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Pastor Matthew Schneider
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DENMARK DAMES SERVICE CLUB - JANET HUMBERG, SECRETARY

The Dames met at the home of Georgie DeArvil on June 4, 2024. Members present were Georgie DeArvil, Shirley Nelson Hough, Elaine Parrish, Connie Crawford and Janet Humburg. Visitor to our meeting was Ardene Smith.

Georgie Opened the meeting with remarks about the Salina Christian Academy. She showed the Dames a clip board project her grandchildren made for a fundraiser.

Georgie posed a question, "What do you do to keep things out of a landfill?" Connie recycles cardboard and plastic. Georgie won't buy things in glass as glass cannot be recycled here. She cuts up rings on six

packs and uses laundry sheets. Shirley recycles all of the aluminum cans for the building she lives in. Elaine recycles and avoids glass containers. Janet recycles and repurposes cardboard boxes to grow her potatoes.

The Minutes were read and approved as read. The Treasurer reported no activity so the balance remains the same, \$740.34. Dames received Correspondence from the Lincoln County 4H Boosters requesting a donation. Last year we donated \$75. The Ladies shared stories about their positive experiences in 4H. Elaine moved we donate \$75 to the Lincoln County 4H Boosters. Connie seconded and the

motion passed. Old Business: We discussed our September trip to Salina and though it would be nice to visit the Recycling Center, our trip is scheduled for September 10 and lunch will be at Blue Sky.

New Business: Joleene will be in town at 10:30 at the Methodist Church Wednesday, June 5. The Program, the Good Old Days-compared life a hundred years ago to today.

The meeting was adjourned and the ladies enjoyed coffee and a delicious jello dessert. Because it rained so hard, Georgie was unable to give us a tour of her garden.

COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

June 10, 2024
The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met in the courthouse commission meeting room on Monday, June 10, 2024. Chairman Dennis Ray called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with Vice-Chairman Debora Smith and Member Ryley Hembry present. County Clerk Dawn Harlow was in attendance as recording secretary.

Others present for portions of the meeting: Char Chase, Larry Barr, Dale Hlad, Brett Wilkinson, Darris Meitler, Felicia Strahm, Dan Heina, and Elizabeth Sheldon.

Correspondence: a request for two board members to be appointed to the Crime Victims Restitution Board; charge statements for disposal of CD materials; and the Sylvan Grove Senior Center 2025 budget request.

Director of Highway Department Dale Hlad presented an agreement with Morris County to rent their oil distributor. Debora Smith moved to enter into an equipment rental agreement with Morris County to rent their Etnrye oil distributor, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried. Hlad presented the department's updated 2025 budget request. The board set the department's staffing level at twenty, nineteen full-time staff plus the director. Brett Wilkinson, Kirkham Michael, answered questions on the biennial bridge inspection costs.

Darris Meitler related that he would be willing to continue his gravel removal/

purchase agreement if the board would compensate \$3.50 per yard. Meitler would also like to have in the lease that payments be shared between himself and his father's memorial fund and that the highway department suspend work in the pit from November 1 - December 15. The board related that they would discuss the requests further with the highway department.

The board discussed Darris Meitler's request with Director of Highway Department Hlad. Hlad provided the amount being paid by surrounding counties for various materials. Dennis Ray moved to increase the compensation for all county gravel pits to \$3.50 per yard, effective July 1, 2024, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried. The board suggested that Hlad speak to the county attorney regarding the request to split the gravel purchase payment. Hlad will mail addendums to the current gravel agreements to pit owners.

Human Resource Officer Felicia Strahm requested an executive session to review the appraiser's office applications. Dennis Ray moved to recess into executive session for twenty minutes to review Appraiser Office applications, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b)(1) to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel, to reconvene in the courthouse commission meeting room, with the commission and HR Felicia Strahm, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried. Time in: 9:36

a.m. Time out: 9:56 a.m.
The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 9:56 a.m. The board requested that Strahm reach out to other counties to determine if they would be willing to share their appraiser.

Noxious Weed Director Dan Heina presented the department's updated 2025 budget request and a map of the area he has sprayed.

Health Nurse/Administrator Elizabeth Sheldon presented the department's 2025 budget request. Sheldon provided an update on department activities. Sheldon related that an individual had inquired about utilizing the health department to offer counseling services. The board suggested that Sheldon contact the County Attorney regarding the inquiry. Human Resource Officer Felicia Strahm related that two individuals' hourly wages are not currently on a step on their pay scale. Debora Smith moved to correct Jerry Hlad's wage to \$16.86 to place on the payscale, retroactive to his rehire date, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried. Debora Smith moved to correct Roberta Turner's wage from \$15.63 to \$15.67, retroactive to December 26, 2023, as there was an error on the resolution, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried. Strahm requested an executive session to discuss the FLSA salary requirement ruling. Dennis Ray moved to recess into executive session for ten minutes for the purpose of discussing the Fair Labor Standards

Act, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b)(1) to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel, to reconvene in the courthouse commission meeting room, with the commission, HR Felicia Strahm, and County Clerk Dawn Harlow, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried. Time in: 10:39 a.m. Time out: 10:49 a.m.

The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 10:49 a.m. with no action taken.

Dennis Ray moved to recess into executive session for ten minutes for the purpose of discussing Fair Labor Standards Act, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b)(1) to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel, to reconvene in the courthouse commission meeting room, with the commission, HR Felicia Strahm, and County Clerk Dawn Harlow, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried. Time in: 10:51 a.m. Time out: 11:01 a.m.

The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 11:01 a.m. with no action taken.

Clerk Harlow requested that the board review and determine the amount to include in the 2025 budget for the General Fund.

Debora Smith moved to approve the minutes of the June 3, 2024 meeting, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried.

The chairman adjourned the meeting at 12:39 a.m. The next meeting will be in the courthouse commission meeting room at 8:30 a.m. Monday, June 17, 2024.

Resurfacing on K-14 and K-284 to begin Thursday

Beginning Thursday, June 20, the Kansas Department of Transportation plans to begin a mill and overlay project on about 26 miles of K-14 and K-284 in Ellsworth and Lincoln counties.

Work on K-284 will occur from the west city limits of Barnard and continue west to the K-14/K-284 junction. Work on K-14 will occur from the K-14/I-70 junction

and continue north to the Lincoln/Mitchell County line.

During construction, flaggers and a pilot car will be used to direct one lane of traffic through the work zone at a reduced speed. Drivers should be prepared for a delay of up to 15 minutes and plan extra time in their travel schedules.

APAC-Kansas Inc. of Hutchinson is the prime contractor for

this \$6.6 million project and has scheduled work to be completed by September, weather permitting.

KDOT urges all motorists to be alert and obey the warning signs when approaching and driving through a highway work zone. To stay aware of all road construction projects across Kansas, go to www.kandrive.gov or call 5-1-1.

Editorial

Artificial intelligence has spread lies about my good name, and I'm here to settle the score

Artificial intelligence lies.

Everyone knows this by now, of course. Programs such as ChatGPT and Google's "AI overviews" routinely generate nonsense when queried by users. Tech enthusiasts call these mistakes "hallucinations," as though AI just needs to sober up and come to its senses. I don't see it that way.

Because AI has started fibbing about me and my family.

Last week, my husband received a spam email from a salesman. It included a history of our last name, as follows:

The last name Wirestone is believed to have originated in Germany. It is a locational surname, meaning it was likely given to individuals based on where they lived. The name Wirestone may have derived from a place name that no longer exists or has changed over time.

The surname Wirestone first appeared in records in the late 19th and early 20th centuries in the United States, with immigrants from Germany bringing the name over. Some variations of the surname include Wierstien, Wierstone, and Wierston.

Today, the surname Wirestone is relatively rare and is primarily found in the United States. Individuals with this last name can be found in various states across the country, but they are most concentrated in the Midwest region.

The only problem with this account is that it is entirely incorrect.

I know this firsthand because the last name "Wirestone" didn't exist before 2010, when my husband and I made it up. We took the letters from our original last names and arranged them to create a new one. We also considered "Cointower" and "McWren" as options.

At the time, we researched to make sure that no one else had the last name of Wirestone. No one did. A marketing company bore the name Wire Stone, but that seemed sufficiently separate for our purposes. We lived in New Hampshire at the time, and the state had just legalized same-sex marriage. We wanted to share a single last name, and we wanted to share that last name with our son.

I even wrote a column mentioning this back in 2013! (Yes, I've been churning out copy for a long time.)

But when it comes to large language models, the facts don't matter.

The email my husband received looked like the work of ChatGPT to me, so I headed over and put that AI through its paces. Sure enough, it generated loads of lies about my last name, all of them along the same lines. Here's a paragraph from one, this time including a linguistic breakdown:

The last name Wirestone is not as common as some others, but it does have a history rooted in Germanic origins. "Wire" likely comes from the Middle High German word "wir," meaning wire or metal, indicating a possible occupational origin for individuals who worked with wire or metal. "Stone" suggests a connection to a place or geographical feature, possibly indicating someone who lived near a notable stone or rocky area.

Sounds authoritative! Also, completely false.

You might ask how AI generates something so completely bananas. It's because AI can't tell the difference between true and false. Instead, a complex computer program plays probabilistic language guessing games, betting on what words are most likely to follow other words. If an AI program hasn't been trained on a subject — unusual last names, for instance — it can conjure up authoritative-seeming but false verbiage.

ChatGPT later spawned a different etymology for our last name:

The surname Wirestone appears to have German origins. It is derived from the Old High German name "Wiro," which means "warrior" or "army," and "stein," which means "stone." Thus, the surname Wirestone likely originated as a combination of these elements, possibly indicating someone who was strong like a stone in battle or had characteristics associated with a warrior.

To summarize: My ancestors were either metalworkers who lived near rocky outcroppings or toughened fighters.

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PRAIRIE DOC - BY LAUREN WOOD THUM, MD AND DENNIS JOSEPH THUM, MD

Urinary leakage in men and women

As husband and wife urologists, we talk a lot about the urinary tract and how it affects our patients.

In women, the most common urinary concern is incontinence, or the involuntary leakage of urine. There are several causes and many treatment options exist depending on the type.

The two main types of urinary leakage in women are urge urinary incontinence and stress urinary incontinence. For women with urge incontinence, treatment is aimed at improving quality of life disrupted by overactive bladder. Overactive bladder is characterized by urinary urgency, frequency, waking up at night to urinate, with or without urge urinary incontinence. The most important first steps a patient can take to reduce bother include limiting caffeine intake, minimizing fluid intake (unless you have kidney stones, you do NOT need to drink 8 glasses of water a day), and urinating on a schedule every two hours or so while awake. The next step in treatment is medication. Many medications are no longer used due to unfavorable side effects of dry mouth, constipation and even dementia. Newer medications are much safer and better tolerated. Be sure to

ask your doctor if your bladder medication is associated with an increased risk of memory loss and dementia.

If medications fail, "third line therapy" is available. This includes tibial nerve stimulation, Botox bladder injections and an outpatient procedure to place a neuromodulation device (think of this as a pacemaker for the bladder). Treatment duration with Botox can last up to 9-12 months and neuromodulation is typically effective for 10-15 years or more, at which point a battery will need to be replaced.

For women with stress incontinence, the mainstay of treatment is procedural, either with an in office urethral bulking agent or a surgically implanted mid-urethral sling. These procedures can be curative and greatly improve women's quality of life.

In men, the majority of leaking is due to prior prostate cancer surgery. This type of leakage with movement and activity is called male stress urinary incontinence. In addition to pelvic floor muscle exercises, procedural interventions exist as well. The mainstay of treatment is a procedure in which an artificial urinary sphincter is inserted. This is for men with the most severe leakage who are using many pads daily. It involves an inflatable cuff

that encircles the urethra, a reservoir behind the pubic bone that stores the fluid when not around the urethral cuff and a pump placed in the scrotum to move the fluid from one location to another. Slings are also used in men with milder incontinence. In both instances, the goal is to get patients down to 1-2 light pads daily.

Men can also experience urge incontinence and treatments are similar as for women; however, some differences do exist which can relate to enlarged prostate.

The bottom line is, if you are suffering from urinary incontinence, many treatment options exist and we encourage you to speak with your doctor about these issues.

-D. Joseph Thum and Lauren Wood Thum are both board certified Urologists at Urology Specialists in Sioux Falls, SD. Dr. Joseph Thum also sees patients in Worthington. In their free time, they enjoy the outdoors and spending time with their sons and German Shepherds. Follow The Prairie Doc® at www.prairedoc.org and on Facebook featuring On Call with the Prairie Doc® a medical Q&A show providing health information based on science, built on trust, streaming live on Facebook most Thursdays at 7 p.m. central.

POST ROCK EXTENSION DISTRICT

Remember SAFETY during Wheat Harvest!!!

By Sandra L. Wick
K-State Research and Extension-Post Rock District Crop Production Agent

Wow.....the last few days have definitely been "wheat harvest weather" with the hot temperatures. The 2024 wheat harvest is in full swing in some areas with others just gearing up in the Post Rock Extension District and NC Kansas.

During wheat harvest season, countless hours will be spent in combines, tractors, trucks and other equipment by farmers and workers who will be transporting large equipment on our roads and highways. Some workers may be young, new or inexperienced, so it's always a good idea to remember safety precautions and reinforce the importance of safety on the farm.

Agriculture ranks among the nation's most hazardous industry!

Farmers are at very high risk for fatal and nonfatal injuries, and farming is one of the few industries in which family members, who often share the work and live on the premises, are also at risk for fatal and nonfatal injuries.

Harvest season can be a very stressful time for farm families, so it is important to remember these simple guidelines to keep everyone safe.

Make sure that anyone operating the combine and other harvest machinery, has been trained to use it and is aware of potential hazards.

Before approaching machinery for maintenance or inspection, make sure it is shut down with the engine off, the key removed, and all moving parts stopped completely.

Keep bystanders away from harvesting equipment and never allow extra riders. One seat means one rider.

Remember for everyone to share the road! When it is necessary to move heavy, slow-moving equipment on public roads, try to pick a time with light traffic flow to minimize contact with traffic.

Make sure all the appropriate safety lights work properly and safety reflectors are visible to other motorists.

Always use a Slow Moving Vehicle (SMV) emblem on vehicles that travel less than 25 miles per hour.

Be sure and take breaks often to prevent fatigue and stress which can prevent accidents.

The temperatures have been extremely high so it is very important to drink plenty of water to prevent dehydration.

Remember, it only takes seconds for a farm accident to happen! We wish you a safe and great harvest!

SPICE UP YOUR LIFE - LINDSAY YOUNG

Beat the heat with a yummy microwaved dessert



You can find the original post at <https://saladinajar.com/recipes/desserts/fruit/apples-in-a-bag/#recipe>. I added extra cinnamon and cornstarch in my version.

Banana Bread

Ingredients

- 1 medium-sized apple (I used Granny Smith)
- 1 teaspoon sugar or sugar substitute
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon cornstarch
- 1 tablespoon water

Directions

Core and cut up your apple into bite-sized pieces (I diced mine). You can peel it or not, depending on your preferences.

Put the cut apple into a microwave-safe bowl.

Add in the sugar, cinnamon, cornstarch and water and stir to ensure all the apple pieces are well coated.

Loosely cover the bowl (I put a plate over the top of mine), and microwave on high for two minutes. If the apples are not fork tender, continue microwaving, 30 seconds at a time, until they reach your desired level of ten-

derness.

Carefully remove the bowl from the microwave, give the apples a stir and eat them as is or over ice cream, oatmeal, yogurt, etc.

This was really tasty, and it was a great summer dessert that I definitely won't forget to use in the future, since it doesn't heat up the kitchen. It basically makes a very nice, lightly sweet glazed apple.

I wished I had some ice cream in the freezer when I ate them. They would have been fabulous on a bowl of vanilla.

But they were also delicious on their own, and I have to admit that I didn't save any for Joey to try, since he was out and about while I was doing my experimenting. I suppose there have to be some perks when you're the one in the kitchen.

The nice thing, though, is I can easily make these again if we're ever craving something sweet. And I'll always know from now on what to do in the event of extra apples.

Spice Up Your Life is a weekly recipe column by Lindsey Young, who describes herself as an enthusiastic amateur cook and can be reached through her website at spiceupkitchen.net.

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Insight - Kansas Farm Bureau Busy Backroads

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Getting the hay wagon through the gate was always a challenge when taking bales off a field to be stored at a yard. All of the gates were constructed prior to the invention of round balers and therefore the openings were generally snug when trying to sneak a trailer through loaded with 10 bales.

Clearing the gate was the main obstacle for every hayfield save one, which didn't have a fence let alone a gate. The hayfield was a small parcel left after a highway project divided a former pasture. The 10 acres or so wasn't worth fencing in for grazing so it became a meadow.

At the time, crossing the highway with a full load on the trailer was about the most nerve-wracking job on the ranch. The two-lane asphalt cut angled across the crossroad and a hill to the south obstructed the view of oncoming traffic. It took 30 seconds at most to get everything from the bumper to taillights across the highway, but that felt like an

eternity. Crossing the highway was far better than trying to navigate a turn onto it, however.

We always avoided hauling from that field during peak traffic times for obvious reasons. In fact, we avoided being anywhere close to highways with farm equipment whenever possible. Every farmer and rancher I know does the same. I know how frustrating it can be to get stuck behind a tractor pulling equipment. I can also assure you the person in the cab is just as anxious to get off the road and into the field as you are to reach your destination.

Sometimes, however, a highway isn't just the fastest way to a field, it's the only route available. Farmers and ranchers will go out of their way to avoid slowing you down if they can. The lightly trafficked backroads where normal vehicles are only going twice as fast as a tractor are highly preferable than a blacktop road with cars going three or four times faster.

Whether you're on the highway or make a turn onto one of those

backroads this summer, be on the lookout for those slow moving vehicles. As wheat harvest wraps up, there will be fewer combines and grain carts on roadways. But there will still be plenty of tractors, semis, sprayers, cultivators, hay wagons, swathers, balers and other slow-moving vehicles to contend with.

Being temporarily slowed is far better than a sudden, permanent stop. Keep your eyes focused on the road ahead, slow down when you see farm equipment ahead of you and give a little wave as you pass as an acknowledgement you understand life comes with small inconveniences.

Use the extra moments to absorb the views that are missed when hurrying to your destination. You'll find no shortage of natural wonders to keep your eyes occupied. It will only take a few moments before your journey resumes its previous pace. Just as the highways are filled with summer travelers, the backroads are busy with all the activities involved in putting food on your plate.

Application deadline extended

OCCK, Inc. announces the application deadline for its More Than You Think Scholarship for 2024 has been extended to August 1, 2024.

The scholarship was established in 2021 as part of the 50th Anniversary celebration of OCCK, as a long term reminder of the good work that past generations have done, and that future generations will do, in working with people with disabilities in north central Kansas.

The More Than You Think Scholarship recognizes and honors students in north central Kansas from Saline, Ottawa, Cloud, Republic, Jewell, Mitchell, Lincoln, Ellsworth or Dickinson Counties, who have a disability and are looking to further their education by enrolling in some type of post-secondary learning opportunity (college, university, community college, vocational school, cosmetology school, etc.) Any type of credentialed program will be considered.

To apply, applicants must complete the Scholarship Application, and include two letters of reference. Applications are due August 1, 2024. Multiple winners may be selected in amounts up to \$1,000 each.

The scholarship application may be found online at <https://occk.com/scholarships/>, or by contacting Janae Cramer at jrcramer@occk.com or 785.827.9383.

OCCK, Inc. provides services in north central Kansas to anyone with any type of long or short-term disability, starting as early as birth and following people through their whole lives. OCCK provides an array of supports for success at home and in the community, including independent living skills and supports, employment and career training, Alzheimer's supports, autism services, assistive technology, children's services, transportation, specialized therapies, and home health care.

Increased activity of vector-borne diseases identified in Kansas

While ticks and mosquitoes are a natural part of our environment, it is important to know that some may transmit harmful diseases. The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) tracks illnesses caused by ticks and mosquitoes, and as of May 29, 2024, has received over 200 laboratory reports of tickborne diseases. Additionally, KDHE has received several reports of tick bites and complaints of high numbers of ticks, which indicates that tick activity and density are increasing and are occurring earlier in the season this year.

Numerous tickborne diseases caused by bacteria are present in Kansas. These include Ehrlichiosis, Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever and other Spotted Fever Group Rickettsioses (SFGR), and Tularemia. Two rare tickborne viruses, Heartland virus and Bourbon virus, have also been identified in Kansas in both humans and ticks. All of these tickborne diseases are transmitted by the Lone Star tick, the most abundant tick in Kansas. Lone Star ticks can be found widely throughout at least the eastern two-thirds of the state in a variety of habitats and are aggressive human biters. This year alone, KDHE has inves-

tigated several tickborne disease cases with severe health outcomes, including hospitalizations due to Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever and Tularemia, and a fatal case of Bourbon virus.

"Vector-borne diseases, both those that are transmitted by ticks and those transmitted by mosquitoes are extremely active this year," Dr. Erin Petro, KDHE State Public Health Veterinarian, said. "I really encourage people to take the risk of vector-borne diseases seriously and take personal protective measures for themselves and their pets to reduce their chance of acquiring an illness from a tick or mosquito bite. We're also seeing emerging tick-associated conditions, like Alpha-gal syndrome, which can have lifelong consequences for those affected, which is why bite prevention is so important."

In addition to increased tickborne diseases being reported to KDHE, there have been increased case reports of West Nile Virus (WNV), which is a reportable disease. While WNV cases occur every year in Kansas, the concerning trend this year is how early it's being seen. Cases of WNV typically start in late July to early August. However, KDHE has already had two cases of WNV reported.

These cases serve as an important reminder to take precautions as you enjoy the outdoors this summer. Ticks are commonly found at the edge of trails, on tall grasses and in wooded, shaded areas. Mosquitoes are often more common at dawn and dusk and can breed in small amounts of standing water.

To reduce the risk of contracting a vector-borne disease, take the following steps:

Use an EPA-registered insect repellent such as DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus or IR3535 on all exposed skin. If going camping or hiking, treat clothing and gear with products containing 0.5 percent permethrin.

When doing yardwork, hiking, camping or recreating in areas where ticks and mosquitoes may be found, wear long pants tucked into socks or boots, if possible. Additionally, light colored clothing can make it easier to spot ticks.

Take steps to control mosquitoes indoors and outdoors, such as emptying standing water, particularly in old tires, tarps and flowerpots. Empty bird baths at least once a week to disrupt the mosquito life cycle.

Ensure pets remain tick free by consulting with a veterinarian about tick

prevention products.

After spending time outdoors, shower and check for ticks again (some can be hard to spot). The vital areas to check are in and around the hair and ears, under the arms, inside the belly button, around the waist, between the legs and the back of the knees.

If a tick has bitten you, don't squeeze it. Remove it with tweezers by grasping the tick as close to the skin's surface as possible, then pull outward. Dispose of the tick by flushing it down the toilet. Don't forget to check pets for ticks.

Pay attention to common signs and symptoms of vector-borne illness such as fever/chills, body aches and/or rash. If any of these symptoms are present within a few weeks of spending time outdoors in areas that may have ticks or mosquitoes, it's important to talk with a doctor about being tested for vector-borne illnesses.

For more information, visit KDHE's Tickborne Disease Data Stories to learn more about tickborne diseases, signs and symptoms specific to each disease, tick bite prevention and tick distribution. CDC also has additional information about vector-borne diseases on their website.

Legends/from page 1

folktale, on the other hand, is fiction.

As an example, German Mennonites, known to be pacifists, had been lured to Russia in the late 1700s with promises of military exemption. When Russian policy grew hostile in the 1870s, large numbers of this ethnic group left for more fertile lands, where they would not be required to take up arms.

Kansas was the destination of choice for many German-Russian immigrants. Western railroad companies hoped to develop communities along their lines to increase profits through the transport of products and grains. To populate these communities, they hired German recruiters to facilitate the immigration of skilled farmers from European countries with similar climates. They recruited not only among the German Mennonites, but also Roman Catholic Germans farming along Russia's Volga River. German-Russian immigrants began arriving en masse on the central Great Plains during the 1870s; Mennonites settled in Marion

County and Roman Catholics in Ellis County, Kansas.

These immigrants did not come empty-handed. Family lore states that Mennonite families loaded kitchen crocks and traveling trunks with Turkey Red wheat seed before leaving Russia. As an example, one young child was said to have been sent to procure seed, her instructions being to fill two one-gallon jugs with the best seed available. This required her to hand-pick each seed to fill to fill the containers. That is the legend. Hoy believes this symbolizes being a Kansan, citing the tenacity, work ethics and ingenuity of early pioneers.

Arriving in Kansas in 1874, they planted their first crop in the rich farmlands around Goessel. Although corn was the primary grain grown in Kansas at the time, Turkey Red wheat proved well-suited to the Great Plains. The wheat berry contained more protein (producing the best flour), demonstrated more resistance to disease, and sur-

vived the harsh winter conditions following fall planting.

In truth, Hoy said, a wealthy businessperson from Newton imported copious quantities of seed, which was planted, harvested and new seed dispensed throughout the state. Today, Kansas is one of the world's top wheat producing regions, largely due to the legacy of winter wheat varieties like Turkey Red.

Some experts have argued the Turkey Red story is only a myth (fiction). They claim it is highly unlikely that immigrants transported enough wheat to plant a significant first crop. In addition, Turkey Red was not the typical wheat variety grown by Mennonites in Russia, casting further doubt on the legend.

Though it is difficult to determine who first introduced Turkey Red to Kansas, it is undeniable that German Mennonite communities like Goessel embraced the plant. Today, a vast number of modern wheat varieties grown in Kansas can be genetically traced to Turkey Red. The state is one of the world's

top wheat-producing regions today largely due to the legacy of winter wheat varieties like Turkey Red.

Hoy explored other fascinating tales with the group such as the Nemaha Mountains in eastern Kansas. Made of granite, these mountains are largely below ground. From the base to the remaining peaks, they would stand 3,300 feet high in Nemaha County. If there were travelers in eastern Kansas during the exposure of these mountains, they would appear much as the present-day Front Range and Rocky Mountain peneplain do today to travelers to Colorado Springs and Denver. Legend has it that Kansans are more reserved people than those in Colorado, so the mountains are buried so as not to brag.

Before concluding the program, the audience told Hoy the local legend of the suitcase tombstone, and as he bid goodbye to his hosts, he set off to find it himself.

Look for more LCHS Saturday programs to follow.

Vath/from page 1

a 3.64 cumulative GPA as a Health and Human Performance major at FHSU.

Hodsden was a two-time national qualifier for FHSU in cross country, making a repeat trip to the national meet in 2023 after earning All-America honors at the meet in 2022. Hodsden also held regional rankings in multiple distance events on the track in the spring. Hodsden held a 3.66 GPA as an Agriculture Education major at FHSU.

Savolt closed her career at FHSU as a three-time All-America performer, twice in the 400-meter hurdles and once in the indoor pentathlon. This is the second-straight year she earned Academic All-District honors. She a 3.90 GPA during her undergraduate studies as a Marketing major and then a 3.81 GPA while working on her Business

Administration master's degree.

Vath had a strong season for FHSU in both cross country and track and field. She was the MIAA champion in the indoor 5,000 meters in 2024. She elevated her performance in 2023-24, cranking out personal best times in cross country (5K and 6K), and the 1,500, 3,000, 5,000, and 10,000 meters on the track. She holds a 3.94 GPA as an Exercise Science major at FHSU.

Albright collected All-District honors for the second-straight year. He was a CSC Academic All-America First Team selection in 2023. Albright only used a year of eligibility for indoor track and field in 2024, earning a trip to the NCAA Championships once again. He earned All-America status on the track as a member of the distance medley

relay team, but also qualified individually for the national meet in the 400 meters. Albright is an Information Networking and Telecommunications (Cybersecurity) major at FHSU holding a 3.78 GPA.

Kaplinger was in his first season throwing the javelin at Fort Hays State after transferring from Cowley (Kan.) College. He holds a 3.53 cumulative GPA as a Health and Human Performance major at FHSU.

McCormick ranked among the Top 50 regionally in both indoor and outdoor pole vault. He holds a 3.71 GPA also as a Health and Human Performance major at FHSU.

Medina held a few regional rankings in mid-distance events on the track. He was a national qualifier as a member of FHSU's All-America performing distance medley

relay team during the 2024 indoor season. He held a 3.61 GPA as a Health and Human Performance major at FHSU.

Salmans had a strong season as a multi-event athlete for the Tigers, ranking regionally in the most events of any men's all-district selection for FHSU this year. He holds a 3.84 GPA as a Philosophy (Pre-Theological) major at FHSU.

Vath, a Lincoln native, is a senior at FHSU, continuing her exceptional cross-country career as a Leopard.

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Pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 25-2310, notice is hereby given that on the 16th day of July, 2024, all Registration Books for the Primary Election will close at 4:30 p.m. Registration books will remain closed until the 7th day of August, 2024.
 WITNESS MY HAND and the seal of my office this 18th day of June, 2024.
 /s/ Dawn M Harlow
 Lincoln County Clerk/County Election Officer

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF LINCOLN COUNTY, KANSAS (Pursuant to Chapter 59 of K.S.A.)

In the Matter of the Estate of Case No. LC-2024-PR-000008
 George W. Murray, Deceased

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:
 You are notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Brett Murray, son of George W. Murray, deceased, requesting:
 Descent be determined of the following described real estate situated in Lincoln County, Kansas:

Block 2, in West End Park Addition to the City of Barnard, Lincoln County, Kansas

and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by decedent at the time of death. And that such property and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by the decedent at the time of death be assigned pursuant to the terms of the "Valid Settlement Agreement" filed with the Lincoln County District Court.

You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before July 15, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. in the District Court, in Lincoln County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

Brett Murray
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In the Matter of the Estate of Case No. LC-2024-PR-000007
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NOTICE OF PRIMARY ELECTION State of Kansas, County of Lincoln

I, the undersigned County Election Officer of the above named county, have received a certified list of candidates for the various nominations to be made by each of the political parties of this state, and in accordance with the provisions of the law, I hereby publish as much as is applicable to the county, and I have added thereto the names and addresses of the candidates for nomination by several political parties as the same appear in my office.

The following named candidates for nomination by the several political parties and their post office addresses appear under their respective parties.

Election to be held on Tuesday, August 6, 2024. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
 The said Primary Election will be held at the following polling places in the county: Lincoln Jr/Sr High School Storm Shelter, Lincoln: Battle Creek, Beaver, Colorado, Elkhorn, Franklin, Grant, Indiana, Logan, Madison, Marion, Salt Creek, Scott and Valley Townships and Barnard City, Beverly City and Lincoln Center Precincts I and II; Sylvan Grove Fire Station, Sylvan Grove: Cedron, Golden Belt, Hanover, Highland, Orange, Pleasant and Vesper Townships, Sylvan Grove City.

REPUBLICAN PARTY, NATIONAL, STATE AND DISTRICT BALLOT

UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE
 1ST DISTRICT
 Vote For One
 Eric Bloom, 2011 Hogan Dr, Lawrence, KS 66047
 Tracey Mann, PO Box 1084, Salina, KS 67402

STATE SENATE
 36TH DISTRICT
 Vote For One
 Robert Bonanata, 107 Kansas Ave., Russell, KS 67648
 Elaine S. Bowers, 1326 N. 150th Rd., Concordia, KS 66901

STATE REPRESENTATIVE
 109TH DISTRICT
 Vote For One
 Troy L. Waymaster, 3528 192nd St., Bunker Hill, KS 67626

COUNTY BALLOT
 COUNTY COMMISSIONER, 2nd District
 Vote For One
 Dennis D. Ray, 101 Madison, Westfall, KS 67455
 Leon Hart, 2689 E. Hwy 284, Barnard, KS 67418

COUNTY COMMISSIONER, 3rd District
 Vote For One
 Ryley Hembry, 888 N. 150th Rd., Lincoln, KS 67455

COUNTY CLERK
 Vote For One
 Dawn M. Harlow, 223 E. Bowland, Lincoln, KS 67455

COUNTY TREASURER
 Vote For One
 Mary Ann Stertz, 2043 E. Milo Dr., Lincoln, KS 67455

REGISTER OF DEEDS
 Vote For One
 Tami L. Kerth, 732 E. Hwy 18, Sylvan Grove, KS 67481

COUNTY ATTORNEY
 Vote For One
 Scott D. Wright, 201 S. Park St., Beloit, KS 67420

COUNTY SHERIFF
 Vote For One
 Dustin S. Florence, 401 E. Yauger St., Lincoln, KS 67455

TOWNSHIP OFFICES
 TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE
 Vote For One
 James F. Gabelmann, 2022 E. Quartz Dr., Lincoln, KS 67455

DEMOCRATIC PARTY NATIONAL, STATE AND DISTRICT BALLOT

UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE
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 Vote For One
 Paul Buskirk, 2804 Meadow Dr., Lawrence, KS 66047

STATE SENATE
 36TH DISTRICT
 Vote For One
 Keith Griffin, 104 S. Smith St., Holyrood, KS 67450

COUNTY BALLOT
 COUNTY COMMISSIONER, 2nd District
 Vote For One
 COUNTY COMMISSIONER, 3rd District
 Vote For One

COUNTY CLERK
 Vote For One
 COUNTY TREASURER
 Vote For One
 REGISTER OF DEEDS
 Vote For One

WITNESS my hand and seal this 18th day of June, 2024.
 /s/ Dawn M Harlow
 Lincoln County Clerk/Election Officer

TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE
 All Other Townships
 Vote For One

TOWNSHIP TREASURER
 Beaver Township
 Vote For One
 Sylvia S. Goss, 2022 E. Quartz Dr., Lincoln, KS 67455

TOWNSHIP TREASURER
 Golden Belt
 Vote For One
 Rodney Claassen, 667 N. 120th Rd., Lincoln, KS 67455

TOWNSHIP TREASURER
 All Other Townships
 Vote For One

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 FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP PRECINCT
 Precinct Committeeman
 Vote For One
 Jeffrey R. White, 2429 E. Colt Dr., Lincoln, KS 67455

ELKHORN TOWNSHIP PRECINCT
 Precinct Committeewoman
 Vote For One
 Erin Stuelter, 769 N. 240th Rd., Lincoln, KS 67455

MADISON TOWNSHIP PRECINCT
 Precinct Committeeman
 Vote For One
 Travis Suelter, 2790 E. Deer Dr., Beverly, KS 67423

BEAVER TOWNSHIP PRECINCT
 Precinct Committeewoman
 Vote For One
 Alisa Suelter, 2790 E. Deer Dr., Beverly, KS 67423

ORANGE TOWNSHIP PRECINCT
 Precinct Committeewoman
 Vote For One
 Denah S. Jensen, 2050 N. 120th Rd., Lincoln, KS 67455

VESPER TOWNSHIP PRECINCT
 Precinct Committeewoman
 Vote For One
 Teri Jo Hutter, 792 N. 120th Rd., Lincoln, KS 67455

CITY OF LINCOLN CENTER PRECINCT I
 Precinct Committeeman
 Vote For One
 Robert (Bob) White, 227 W. Lost St., Lincoln, KS 67455

ALL OTHER PRECINCTS
 Precinct Committeeman
 Vote For One
 Precinct Committeewoman
 Vote For One

COUNTY ATTORNEY
 Vote For One

COUNTY SHERIFF
 Vote For One

TOWNSHIP OFFICES
 TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE
 All Townships
 Vote For One

TOWNSHIP TREASURER
 All Townships
 Vote For One

PARTY OFFICES
 LOGAN TOWNSHIP PRECINCT
 Precinct Committeeman
 Vote For One
 Truette McQueen, 1740 N. 280th Rd., Barnard, KS 67418

ALL OTHER PRECINCTS
 Precinct Committeeman
 Vote For One
 Precinct Committeewoman
 Vote For One

Guest/ from page 1

You might dismiss this all as mere silliness. I would agree with you, except that leaders have decided over the past year that AI will transform the global economy.

Google, which has become the default source of definitive world knowledge, began employing AI in its search results. Users soon reported that Google was telling them "to smoke cigarettes while pregnant, add glue to their home-baked pizza, sprinkle used antifreeze on their lawns, and boil mint in order to cure their appendicitis," according to Slate. The company has since rolled back some of the changes.

Facebook has tacked gaudy AI features across the platform. In the meantime, it managed to block Kansas Reflector and remove every link we had ever posted. Users who attempt to share our stories still report problems doing so, even though we were assured in April by spokesman Andy Stone that the problem had been corrected.

All the while, OpenAI, the company behind ChatGPT, continues to raise money and investor expectations ever higher about the future of its technology.

Yet we're not living in the future. We're living in the now, and AI has massively underperformed in every instance where users asked it to perform accurately and reliably. Writing blender instructions in the style of the King James Bible is a fun party trick. But folks turn to the internet to answer real, pressing questions about their world.

I can tell you firsthand, from information I know personally, that the technology does not deliver.

Ten years ago, if you searched Google for information about my last name, you would find links to my work, the marketing company and the column I had written. You would be able to figure out the truth of the situation.

Now, that column has fallen prey to link rot. Those curious about "Wirestone" may well turn to ChatGPT, as students have done since the technology made its debut. They will be fed lies. The experience of a curious person online has therefore degraded, not improved. Perhaps AI technology will improve in the months and years to come. Perhaps not.

In the meantime, treat the output of opaque AI systems with extreme skepticism. Follow actual news reported and written and edited by actual humans. Visit Kansas Reflector's website. Subscribe to our newsletter.

Focus on reality, and leave the hallucinations behind.

Clay Wirestone
 Kansas Reflector opinion editor

Talk to an OSHA expert about protecting workers from deadly heat

YOU CAN SAVE A LIFE.

OSHA experts are available to conduct audio, zoom/teams interview on what employers and workers need to know about heat safety. As heat continues to build throughout the plains this week, please consider requesting an interview with an OSHA expert or using graphics and materials from OSHA's safety pages to inform your audiences. Resources are available in English and Spanish.

Every year, dozens of workers die and thousands more become ill while working in hot or humid conditions. OSHA's Heat Illness Prevention campaign educates employers and workers on heat hazards and provides resources to keep workers safe.

Under the Occupational Safety and Health Act, employers are responsible for providing workplaces free of known safety and health hazards. This includes protecting workers from heat-related hazards.

OSHA's website site has information, graphics and PSAs that can be used in reporting on heat hazards (linked below). I also included QR codes that direct workers to heat safety resources)

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There are four differences between Picture A and Picture B. Can you find them all?

A



B



Answers: 1. Man's hair is different 2. Ferris wheel in background 3. Boy wearing heart glasses 4. Girl has hand stamp smiley face

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