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## Double the Impact for PRCF

*Patterson Family Foundation to match PRCF donations through August 15*

The Post Rock Community Foundation is giving donors a chance to “Double the Impact” this summer thanks to grant funds from the Patterson Family Foundation. Donations made to the Post Rock Community Action Fund through August 15, 2024, will be matched up to

\$13,320.

The Patterson Family Foundation offered a \$70,000 match to funds raised by the Post Rock Community Foundation in 2024. With \$56,680 raised during February’s Match Month, the PRCF nearly reached its goal. Now the

PRCF has less than 30 more days to raise the remaining \$13,320, and if the full Patterson Family Foundation match is met, it will result in a net of \$140,000 raised by the PRCF in 2024. Together with the Hansen Foundation Match of \$100,000 from the February event the total

proceeds to the PRCF from 2024 match month events will equal \$240,000.

The Patterson Family Foundation is committed to thriving rural communities just like the Post Rock Community Foundation is committed to local communities, PRCF leaders say.

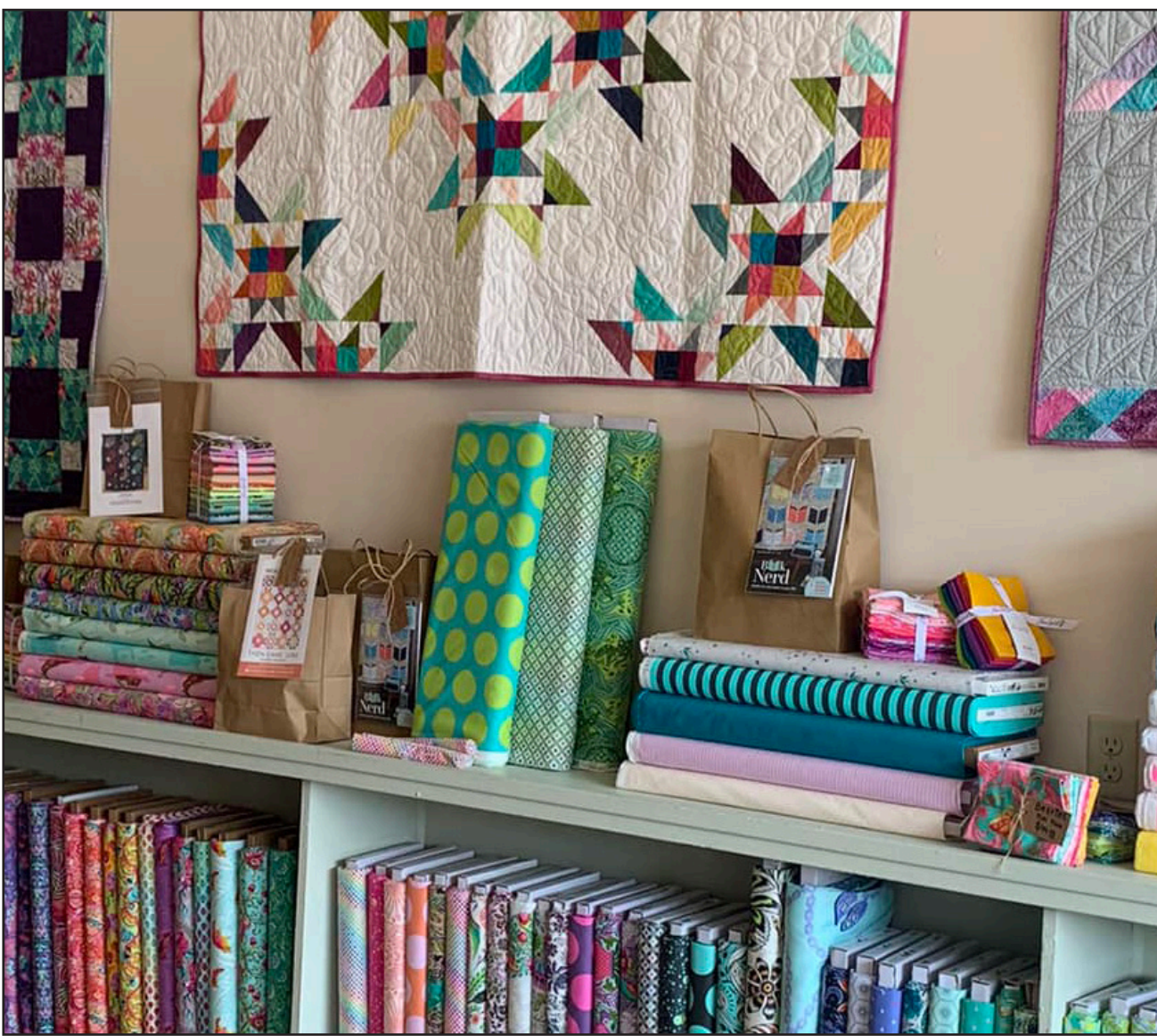
“At the root of it all is family,” said PRCF chairperson John Baetz. “Our families in the Post Rock area benefit from grants given to our schools, parks, ballfields, art galleries, theaters and more. Don’t miss your chance to ‘Double the Impact’ this summer with your gift to

the Post Rock Community Foundation.”

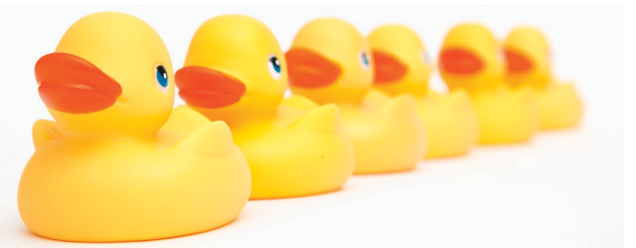
Nearly all of the matching funds earned in 2023 have been put back into community grants. Projects have benefited the entire Post Rock Community Foundation service area including

**See “PRCF” page 6**

## Happy day for quilting enthusiasts



The KC Quilting Company has moved across the street to the former home of Marcon Pies, 114 W. Lincoln Avenue. Owner Deb Lyne posted this “sneak peek” of the new store and said the store will be open Saturday, July 26 in the new location. (Courtesy photo)



## Duck races back for Post Rock Festival

Lincoln Center Improvement Committee (LCIC) is happy to announce that they will be hosting their third Annual Duck Race at the Post Rock Festival!

The races will be held Saturday, August 31, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. at the city park, 416 E. Lincoln Avenue. The race coincides with the Post Rock Festival, an annual event held in the park area. The proceeds of the Duck Race will go toward the LCIC upcoming projects.

Sponsor one lucky duck for \$5 (Single), six (Gaggle) for \$25 or a whole flock (12) for \$50.

Ducks may be sponsored at Citizens State Bank & Trust, Farmway Credit Union, Seirer’s Clothing or the Bank of Tescott.

The winning duck will make \$150.00 for its sponsor! The 2nd place duck will earn \$75 and the third place duck will earn \$50. All others need to practice their swimming for next year!

Support your community by supporting LCIC!

## Communities celebrate another successful county fair



The Lincoln County – Sylvan Grove Fair was July 18-20, 2024.

From the Ranch Rodeo to children’s “Bouncy Houses” to the spectacular Demo Derby and closing fireworks, participants at the county fair enjoyed them all! As usual Legion burgers were a big hit, and county residents had the opportunity to meet their candidates for office for the fall election. Members of the Post Rock Festival committee “manned” the bouncy toys Saturday night, just as the Fair Board helped during the Post Rock Festival. See the Lincoln County-Sylvan Grove Fair or the Lincoln Sentinel pages on FB for photos and results. (Photo courtesy of Lisa Feldkamp)

## Another long-vacant building set for rehabilitation



The Lincoln County Economic Development Foundation is seeking bids to convert a long vacant building at 127 W. Lincoln Ave. into four private offices. Contractor bids due August 12. (Courtesy photo)

*By Jyll Phillips, Lincoln-Sentinel*

The Lincoln County Economic Development Foundation (LCEDF) is seeking bids from contractors to convert and rehabilitate a long-vacant downtown Lincoln building into a suite of four private, move-in ready offices.

Located at 127 W. Lincoln Avenue, the building was constructed around 1915. The first known tenant was Star Café. Subsequently, a number of different taverns occupied the space. Skelgas occupied the building in the late 1950s and early 1960s. The last known occupant was nearly 30 years ago when a church called the building home. Since, the building has been vacant and fallen into an extreme state of disrepair.

In early 2020, LCEDF purchased the building through the county’s tax foreclosure sale for \$500. Stabilizing the building was the top priority. To date, work completed

includes replacing the roof, reconstruction of the collapsed floor, repointing the back masonry wall and the installation of two new windows and a door at the back of the building.

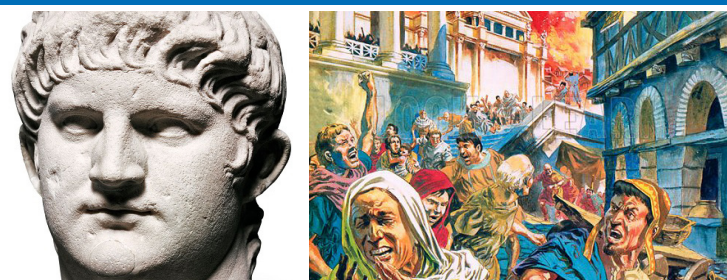
Currently, LCEDF is looking toward the future and using the building as a way to create opportunity for business growth in the county. By creating office suites, new business owners will have an affordable and low-risk option as they start-up.

“Many times over the years I’ve had startup business owners ask about available space to rent,” said LCEDF Director, Kelly Gourley. “Unfortunately, most of the time their only options have been to purchase a big building and make major renovations first. That’s a heavy financial burden and risk for someone just getting started.”

The office suites will feature exposed limestone walls with access to a shared

**See “LCEDF” page 6**

**Nero didn’t fiddle around**



Remember hearing how Nero, the emperor of Rome, played the violin while watching Rome burn? We doubt that happened since Rome burned on July 18, 64 AD and the violin wasn’t invented until the 9th century. Instead, records show that Nero responded to the emergency by providing food and shelter for the homeless and enacting new building codes. Now that hardly sounds like a callous tyrant! Just proves gossip has been around for centuries, and a little fact checking can go a long way.

**Cash Grain**

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- Soybeans.....\$10.33

Cash prices courtesy of [bankoftescott.com](http://bankoftescott.com)



## Community Calendar

**Thursday, July 25**

Lincoln: 4 pm Vespers Farmers & Makers Market @ Vesper Community Center

**Friday, July 26**

**Saturday, July 27**

Lincoln: 2 pm Railroaded: The Industry That Shaped Kansas @ Lincoln County Historical Museum  
Sylvan Grove: 8 pm Bowfishing Tournament @ Knotheads Baitshop

**Sunday, July 28**

**Monday, July 29**

**Tuesday, July 30**

Lincoln: 10 am Storytime @ Lincoln Carnegie Library

**Wednesday, July 31**

USD 298: Lincoln School Enrollment @ Lincoln Jr - Sr High (through Aug. 1)

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.



**Monday, July 29**

Spaghetti w/Meatsauce, Tossed Salad, Bread Stick & Fruit Cobbler

**Tuesday, July 30**

Hamburger w/Bun, Baked Beans, Tomato & Cucumber Salad, & Fruit

**Wednesday, July 31**

Roast Turkey, Potatoes & Gravy, Green Beans, Peaches, Chocolate Cake & Roll

**Thursday, July 25**

To be determined

**Friday, July 26**

To be determined

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.

## Zorn ~ Guzman Engagement



Mary and Brad Zorn, Dorrance, announce the engagement of their daughter, Katrina Eileen, to Isaac Jose Guzman, son of Karen and Lonnie Mitchell, Russell. Katrina is the granddaughter of Joan and Tom Weinhold, the late Jerry Zorn; and Clarice and the late Joseph Branda, all of Wilson. Isaac is the grandson of Rosemary and Dennis Gallagher, Russell.

Katrina is a 2018 graduate of Wilson High School and a 2022 graduate of Fort Hays State University. She is currently employed at Western Kansas Children's Advocacy Center in Hays.

Isaac is a 2018 graduate of Russell High School and a 2021 graduate of North Central Kansas Technical College. He is currently employed at Glassman Corporation in Hays.

The couple is planning an October 19, 2024, wedding at the St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church in Wilson.



## LCIC announces Good Neighbor Award

The Lincoln Center Improvement Committee has announced the 2024 Quarter 2 Good Neighbor Award recipient. Barb Vestel was awarded this distinction for her willingness to help wherever she sees a need. She even purchased several cases of water and set them on ice in a cooler in front of the Lincoln Senior Center during the Bike Across Kansas, available at no charge for whomever needed to quench their thirst. "I don't do anything special," an astonished Vestel said when given the award. We think that act alone was pretty special! (courtesy photo)

## HOMETOWN HELPERS - BY ADELYN DOHL, REPORTER

The Hometown Helpers Community Club has had a busy spring and summer.

In May the club served the annual Alumni Banquet in Sylvan Grove. They also provided the program, which was based on a Hawaiian theme. Members tested the alumni's trivia knowledge with a game of Hawaiian Jeopardy. Adelyn Dohl and Clara Sorensen performed a common Hawaiian dance - the Hukilau. Finally, the alumni and the Hometown Helpers joined together to sing Somewhere Over the Rainbow, while accompanied on the ukelele by Anna Feldkamp.

On Memorial Day several Hometown Helpers members helped serve and clean up the annual Memorial Day dinner at the Vesper Community Center where a good number of people turned out to honor veterans and to see friends and family from around the area.

On June 20, Hometown Helpers met at the Sylvan Park for a potluck.

Then they traveled with Tommie and Theresa Berger to a pond north of Lincoln. Some members brought their own fishing gear, and Tommie outfitted the others. The children fished for several hours; and everyone was delighted to have caught something - catfish, sun perch, bluegill, bass, turtles, and a large branch. The fish were collected in a small tank on Tommie's truck. Because of the drought and low water, the fish would be relocated to a pond near Wilson where more rainfall had been received. Theresa recorded information throughout the evening, and at the end Tommie awarded candy prizes for first fish caught, biggest fish, most fish, etc. Mothers and babies sat on lawn chairs and blankets enjoying the conversation and an exceptionally cool breeze. It was a beautiful Summer Solstice, and all were glad to have gotten the chance to spend the evening together on this fishing excursion. The Hometown Helpers

families are grateful to Tommie and Theresa for their willingness to give local kids these many excellent outdoor experiences.

Hometown Helpers met at the Presbyterian Church on Monday, July 15, to make plans for the Lincoln County Fair and to plan for their annual Showcase. After the meeting, members drove to the Sylvan Grove fairgrounds to clean the open class building and help prepare for the annual county fair, which will be July 17 - 20. The Hometown Helpers will also serve as assistants to superintendents in the open class building, and they and their families will help supervise the building throughout the fair. Many members will be exhibiting open class projects at the fair, and several will be showing livestock.

The next Hometown Helpers meeting will be Saturday, August 3, at 9:00 a.m. at the Presbyterian Church in Sylvan Grove.

## Employee Recruitment Grant for Businesses

Lincoln County Economic Development Foundation (LCEDF) has grant funding available for employee recruitment to fill high demand local jobs that are difficult to fill through our existing labor force. The funding has been provided by the Northwest Kansas Economic Innovation Center, Inc. (NWKEI-CI) with \$20,000 available.

With this funding, the LCEDF has created an Employee Recruitment Grant so local businesses can add a relocation and retention incentive to a job offer. Grants will be a

maximum of \$5,000 with 50% paid upon the employee moving to Lincoln County and starting at the job and 50% paid at their 1-year anniversary of employment (with understanding of continued employment for at least another year). The grant will be provided directly to the new employee and not the business. There are 4 grants available.

Requirements  
1. Job must be full-time, year-round with starting wage of \$15.50/hr or salary of \$33,000/year (part-time and/or seasonal jobs do not fit

the requirements).  
2. Employee relocates to Lincoln County from outside the 26 county Dane G. Hansen Foundation service territory. Lincoln County is established as the employee's primary/permanent residence within 3 months of accepting the job.

Businesses can apply to the program to earmark one of the grants for your local job offer for up to 3 months.  
See details and apply at <https://www.livelincolncounty.com/employee-recruitment-grant-for-businesses/>

## Moderate Income Housing Grant still available

Grant funds are still available through Lincoln County's Moderate Income Housing (MIH) grant program from the Kansas Housing Resources Corporation.

The goal of the MIH program is to convert chronically vacant houses into viable and occupiable houses. By reinvesting in these long-vacant houses at a time when housing demand is high, the program will cre-

ate new opportunities for families looking to move into the county or grow into a larger home, remove nuisances creating more attractive neighborhoods and communities, and boost property valuations generating new revenue for local government, schools, and services.

MIH grant funds can be used to help with the substantial rehabilitation of chronically vacant houses

that are (or will be) 3 bedroom/2 bathroom by project completion. Grant funds are up to 25% of the overall project cost with a maximum grant of \$30,000. The Lincoln County Economic Development Foundation (LCEDF) is serving as grant administrator and coordinator for the program.

More details at <https://www.livelincolncounty.com/mih/>

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# Consumer Fraud Alert: Imposter Scam

The Office of the Kansas State Treasurer has learned that a Kansas resident was the victim of a scam by a government imposter. The scammer contacted the victim via phone call and claimed to be a representative of the Kansas State Treasurer's office. The victim was told that he had recently won a sizable sum of money from the lottery. The scammer then informed the victim that collecting his lottery winnings would require a payment. The victim was directed to wire funds as well as load money onto a gift card and once payment was received, the scammer indicated the State Treasurer would visit his

home to present the winnings. Imposter scammers may call, text or email to begin their scam. They often use caller ID to deceptively appear like the communication is coming from a reputable entity. Any request to make a payment in order to receive funds is likely fraud. Furthermore, any request for payment using gift cards is never a legitimate method a government entity would utilize. "Imposter scams are a rising trend in Kansas," said State Treasurer Steven Johnson. "Kansans should be aware that the State Treasurer's office is not involved in the delivery of lottery winnings."

The Office of the Kansas State Treasurer is currently the custodian of over \$640 million in unclaimed property owed to Kansans. The distribution of those funds to the rightful owners never requires fees to be paid. Individuals and businesses can search for missing money at [www.unclaimedproperty.ks.gov](http://www.unclaimedproperty.ks.gov). Kansans can learn more about fraud prevention by visiting [www.consumerfinance.gov/consumer-tools/fraud](http://www.consumerfinance.gov/consumer-tools/fraud). If you are concerned that you or someone you know may be the victim of a scam, please contact the Office of the Kansas Attorney General and local law enforcement.

## COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

July 8, 2024  
The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met in the courthouse commission meeting room on Monday, July 8, 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: Roberta Turner, Dale Hlad, Brett Wilkinson, Jesse Knight, Felicia Strahm, Truette McQueen, Diane Walters, Elizabeth Sheldon, and Shawn Esterl.

Correspondence: a newsletter from North Central Regional Planning Commission; tax abatements; and a reminder to appoint members for the Crime Victims Restitution Board.

Commissioner Smith provided an update on the Hospital Board of Trustees' monthly meeting. Dennis Ray moved to approve tax abatements 2024-36 and 2024-37 in the amount of \$233.82, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried.

Transportation Bus Director Roberta Turner related that the state completed an inspection of the two vehicles, citing that the Dodge has a bent motor mount and needs a hose replaced. Turner related that she has attempted to get the red van's lien released from

the state multiple times since September. Turner provided an update on activities.

Brett Wilkinson, Kirkham Michael, summarized the proposals received to complete a geotech investigation for OS 107 bridge replacement project. Ryley Hembry moved to approve the contract with PEC for the agreement for the Bullfoot Bridge, not to exceed \$14,000, seconded by Debora Smith. Motion carried.

Director of Highway Department Dale Hlad presented a gravel agreement and amendment for the board's approval. Debora Smith moved to enter into a gravel removal/purchase agreement with Darris Meitler, effective July 1, 2024, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried. Debora Smith moved to approve the amendment to the gravel/removal purchase agreement with Michael and Connie Gebhart, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried. Hlad provided an update on projects. Dennis Ray moved to recess into executive session for five minutes for the purpose of discussing highway department employees, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b)(1), to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel with the commission and Highway Director Dale Hlad, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried. Time in: 9:29 a.m. Time out: 9:34 a.m.

The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 9:34 a.m. with no action taken.

Emergency Manager Jesse Knight inquired how the board would like the invoice divided for the inventory program. The board did not make a final decision but indicated that departments should pay for their access.

Dennis Ray moved to recess into executive session for ten minutes for the purpose of discussing the appraiser's contract, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b)(1) to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel, with the commission, HR Felicia Strahm, and Truette McQueen, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried. Time in: 9:50 a.m. Time out: 10:00 a.m.

The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 10:00 a.m. Dennis Ray moved to approve the Interlocal Agreement and Contract for the County Appraiser between Lincoln County and Ottawa County, effective July 8, 2024, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried. Commissioner Ray requested that Strahm complete the appraiser's contract and a termination of contract agreement for the board's approval later this date.

Diane Walters, Lincoln Park Manor, provided an update on repair projects and facility activities.

Health Nurse/Administrator Elizabeth Sheldon

presented the department's corrected 2025 budget request. The group discussed the estimated cash shortfall for 2024.

Shawn Esterl, Saline County Sanitarian, provided the Local Environmental Protection Program 2nd quarter performance report and an update on activities concerning the septic system replacement grant program.

Dennis Ray moved to accept the termination of contract between Lincoln County and Truette McQueen, effective July 8, 2024, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried. Dennis Ray moved to accept the agreement to employ a county appraiser pursuant to K.S.A. 19-430 between Lincoln County and Truette McQueen, effective July 8, 2024, at grade 34, step 24, \$29.91 per hour, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried.

The board discussed the status of the EMS Director position exemption. The board asked Human Resource Officer Strahm to schedule Brandon Cochran for the July 15 meeting to discuss further.

Dennis Ray moved to approve the July 1 minutes as presented, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried.

The chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:21 a.m. The next meeting will be in the courthouse commission meeting room at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, July 15, 2024.



- BARNARD UNITED METHODIST**  
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Morning Worship @ 11:00 am
- BETHANY CHURCH**  
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Sunday Worship @ 10:00 am
- BEVERLY COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
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Pastor Toby Flaming  
Sunday School @ 9:30 am  
Morning Worship @ 10:45 am
- BEVERLY UNITED METHODIST**  
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Church Service @ 9:00 am
- CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
Pastor, Chris Hall  
Sunday School @ 9:30 am  
Worship Service @ 11:30 am  
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Light Keepers Wed. @ 6:30 grades 6-12
- CULVER METHODIST CHURCH**  
Pastor Demele Eckart  
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Sunday Worship @ 9:30 am  
Saturday Coffee @ 8-10 am
- DENMARK EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN COMMUNITY CHURCH, ELCA**  
Pastor Angie Sundell  
Worship Service @ 10:30 am
- FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Pastor Jonathan Schale  
Lincoln Park Manor @ 9:30 am  
Bible Study @ 10:30 am  
Worship Hour @ 11:15 am  
Evening Worship @ 6:00 pm  
Wed. Bible Study @ 7:00 pm
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Michael Pickering 785-488-7049
- LINCOLN PARK MANOR CHAPEL**  
Morning Worship @ 9:30 am  
Afternoon Worship @ 2:30 pm
- LINCOLN UNITED METHODIST**  
Pastors Kaye & Jeff Metzler  
Worship Service @ 10:30 am
- PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
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Church @ 11:00 am
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Worship @ 11:00 am
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Worship Service @ 10:00 am  
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# Young Professionals Summit

Salina - Oct 10, 2024

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## Editorial

### The dog days

It's no secret small talk often revolves around the weather, but it's been happening far longer than most suspect. Though the Greeks and Romans observed July and August to be downright miserable as summer reached its peak, they attributed the sweltering heat to a celestial coincidence that included a nearby star and our Sun.

The additional star is Sirius, or the dog star, because it's part of the "Greater Dog" constellation. It's how the stretch of summer from early July to mid-August became known as the "dog days" in the Northern Hemisphere. During this time, Sirius appears to rise and set alongside the Sun, leading the Greeks to believe the additional light it provided caused the heat, humidity, drought and general discomfort associated with summer.

As the brightest star viewed from Earth, Sirius was noticed among other cultures and given varying meanings as well. For ancient Egyptians, it marked the flooding of the Nile, while for Polynesians living in the Southern Hemisphere, the star was a marker of winter and used for sailing around the Pacific.

The poet Virgil captured the thoughts of his fellow Romans in the Aeneid, writing "The dog star, that burning constellation, when he brings drought and diseases on sickly mortals, rises and saddens the sky with inauspicious light."

On July 23, the Sun and Sirius will rise and set at nearly identical times for those of us north of the Equator. The dog days were said to run for 20 days both before and after this astronomical anomaly.

In Kansas, the dog days are more similar to Greece than Egypt or Polynesia. While Sirius is no more responsible for the heat we experience this time of year than county fairs are, the dog days are still very much a season unto themselves. Much like the Greeks, we also experience blazing days capable of driving men and dogs to madness. Luckily, we have air conditioning now.

I'll gladly take the hot, long summer weather over the short, dark days of winter. Despite the heat, the dog days have some pretty good benefits, like sweet corn, watermelon and vine-ripened tomatoes.

Working through the dog days isn't fun but scheduling around the sun helps. I remember getting up before dawn growing up to work cattle in the relative coolness of the morning before the Sun rose too far above the horizon. Work outside a tractor cab was limited to before lunch as well, and we always had plenty of water on hand.

Like every weather forecast, Sirius has never been a perfect predictor of what's to come. When the dog days end in mid-August, each day will be more than an hour shorter than the summer solstice. But the threat of heat waves will stick around for another month or so.

Soon enough, however, the hot and humid dog days will shift to crisp and cool fall mornings that we'll appreciate so much more because we've survived the heat of summer. That is, of course, provided we're not driven mad before autumn arrives.

- Greg Doering  
Kansas Farm Bureau

## PRAIRIE DOC - BY LEAH HENDRICKSON, MSW, LCSW, QMHP

### A Hidden Issue

Mental health treatment within the criminal justice system plays a pivotal yet often overlooked role in both the well-being and rehabilitation of incarcerated individuals. This is often overlooked by the general population due to attitudes against the incarcerated and the lack of overall media attention. It is my belief that change needs to take place.

Firstly, while many in society have negative outlooks on incarcerated or previously incarcerated individuals, most fail to realize that approximately 45% of Americans have had an immediate family member incarcerated. These individuals are not unknown strangers, they are, have been, and will be your own family members. Furthermore, the vast majority of incarcerated individuals will be released from their correctional facilities at some point in time. This is where the importance of rehabilitation needs to be stressed in order to prevent a revolving door back into the criminal justice system and to promote safer communities. One way this can be done is through consistent and quality mental health treatment for incarcerated individuals.

Access to mental health services can profoundly affect not only an individual's experience behind bars but it can also reduce the likelihood of recidivism (reoffending). Many incarcerated individuals grapple with various mental health issues, including depression, anxiety, substance use disorders, and post-traumatic stress

disorder (PTSD). These mental health issues are often exacerbated or even created by the stresses of incarceration itself. Providing quality and consistent treatment can alleviate suffering and enhance coping mechanisms, thus fostering a safer and more humane environment within correctional facilities and beyond. The research is clear, untreated mental health issues increase the risk of reoffending. Access to mental health treatment aids in equipping individuals with tools to not only effectively manage their conditions within the walls but also reintegrate into society upon release.

How can we increase access to mental health treatment to incarcerated persons? Firstly, we need to acknowledge the issue. Secondly, we need to recognize and take on the systemic barriers that hinder the delivery of mental health treatment within correctional facilities. These barriers include but are not limited to the attitudes surrounding incarcerated peoples, attitudes surrounding the criminal justice system itself, overcrowding, lack of staff, and insufficient funding resources. While we also need to focus on the implementation of quality education in terms of mental health, interpersonal skills, and coping skills within our homes and our educational facilities to aid in the prevention of incarceration, we also need to support incarcerated individuals following their release from correctional facilities. This requires a multifaceted approach, in-

cluding investment in community mental health resources, diversion programs, and reentry support.

In conclusion, the prioritization of mental health treatment within the criminal justice system is essential for the promotion of individual well-being, rehabilitation, and successful reintegration of incarcerated individuals into society. This approach is not "soft on crime," it instead embodies the ability of empathy and accountability to co-exist. The road to a safer and happier community takes all of us. We must not forget about those out of sight.

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## SPICE UP YOUR LIFE - LINDSAY YOUNG

### Put all your egg(plant)s in one pot this summer



One pot sausage and eggplant pasta features tons of fresh summer vegetables—eggplant, zucchini and spinach—along with sweet Italian sausage and plenty of garlic and parmesan. It's a great meal for the summer months.

According to a recent Almanac.com article by Doreen G. Howard, we should all be gearing up for Aug. 8: National Sneak Some Zucchini Onto Your Neighbor's Porch Day.

And, apparently, someone who knows all of us at the newspaper office love fresh vegetables was celebrating early. We recently found a large box of delicious garden-grown goodies, with no hint of who left it, sitting in front of our office door.

As a non-gardener myself, I was especially happy to share in the bounty, which included some gorgeous eggplants, along with some gigantic zucchini.

hard work or are a gardener yourself, I wanted to give you a new recipe to try with those summer veggies, and as a bonus, not only does this not require using your oven, it also only uses one pot. Win-win.

This comes from the blog "The Busy Foodie." You can find the original post at <https://thebusyfoodie.com/sausage-and-eggplant-pasta>. I doubled the recipe to make using up ingredients a bit simpler. I also added extra garlic in my version.

### One Pot Sausage and Eggplant Pasta

#### Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 pound sweet Italian sausage, casings removed
- 10 to 12 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/4 to 1/2 teaspoon red pepper flakes
- 1 large zucchini, diced
- 1 large eggplant, peeled and diced
- 16 ounces bowtie pasta
- 5 cups hot water
- 6 ounces fresh baby spinach
- 8 ounces parmesan, freshly grated
- salt and pepper, to taste

#### Directions

Heat the olive oil in a Dutch oven over medium-high heat.

Once the oil is hot, add in the sausage, breaking it apart as it browns. Once it is cooked through, toss in the

garlic and red pepper flakes. Saute for just a couple of minutes before adding the zucchini and eggplant.

Stir regularly until the veggies are soft, and add in the pasta, along with the hot water. Stir to combine all the ingredients, and turn the heat to high. Once the water boils, turn the heat back to medium-high, keeping the mixture at a simmer. Stir regularly to keep the pasta from sticking, letting it cook for 10 to 12 minutes or until the pasta is cooked through and most of the water is gone from the pot.

Once the pasta is done, stir in the spinach and parmesan. Stir until the cheese is melted and everything is well combined. Stir in salt and pepper, and serve hot.

This was really nice. It had the saltiness of the parmesan, the freshness of all the vegetables and the little zings of spice from the sausage.

It was a simple meal, perfect for lunch, and it made plenty more for us to put in the fridge for leftovers later in the week.

I'd like to say a thank you to our mystery gardener, who blessed us with the fruits of their labor, but I also implore the rest of our readers: please don't all of you go dropping zucchini in front of our office door on Aug. 8. There's way more of you than there are of us.

*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](http://spiceupkitchen.net).*

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 August 8 - 10:00 a.m.  
 Commission Meeting Room
- Election Canvass  
 August 14 - 8:30 a.m.  
 Commission Meeting Room
- Post-Election Public Testing of the Vote Tabulating Equipment  
 August 15 - 10:00 a.m.  
 Courthouse Meeting Room

**Public Notice**

(First Published in Lincoln Sentinel-Republican on Wednesday, July 24, 2024)

Nex-Tech Wireless proposes to construct a 350-foot guyed tower located at 2737 E Kiowa Dr, Beverly, Lincoln County, KS 67423 (N 39-00-55.13, W 97-59-49.29). We invite your comments pertaining to the effect of the proposed tower on historic properties. Please submit comments within 30 days to Amy Perrine c/o MartinEnviro at 3830 Crown Point Road Suite F, Jacksonville, FL 32257. aperrine@martinenviro.com, or call (904) 737-1034.

**Legal Notice**

(First Published in Lincoln Sentinel-Republican on Wednesday, July 10, 2024)

**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-000009  
 Allen Sheldon, 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 William L. Sheldon, father of Allen Sheldon, deceased, requesting: Descent be determined of the following described real estate situated in Lincoln County, Kansas:

- Undivided one-third (1/3) interest in the Southwest Quarter (SW/4), Section Thirty-Six (36), Township Thirteen (13), Range Nine (9), in Lincoln County, Kansas, and
- Undivided one-third (1/3) interest in the Northwest Quarter (NW/4), Section Twenty-six (26), Township Thirteen (13), Range (9), in Lincoln County, Kansas

and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by decedent at the time of death.

You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before August 5, 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.

William L. Sheldon  
 Petitioner

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**Public Notice**

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File No. 50,990

Unified School District No. 298 has filed an application for permit to appropriate water for beneficial use, identified as File No. 50,990, with the Division of Water Resources, Kansas Department of Agriculture. The application proposes the appropriation of an additional 7.65 acre-feet of groundwater to be diverted at a rate of 90 gallons per minute from one (1) existing well for irrigation use on the school's athletic fields. The existing well is located in the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SW¼, SW¼, SE¼) of Section 31, more particularly described as being near a point 509 feet North and 2,315 feet West of the Southeast corner of said section, in Township 11 South, Range 7 West, Lincoln County, Kansas.

Anyone, with existing wells in the immediate vicinity of the existing point of diversion, is invited to submit written comments regarding Application, File No. 50,990. Persons submitting comments should specifically indicate their interest in the proposed appropriation. Comments regarding the application will be accepted through August 19, 2024.

Written comments or questions regarding the application may be directed to the Office of the Chief Engineer, Division of Water Resources, Kansas Department of Agriculture, 1320 Research Park Dr, Manhattan, KS 66502-5000.

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Lincoln County and communities served by USD 298 and 299. Donations are also growing the Post Rock Community Action Fund for more grantmaking in the future.

Donations may be mailed to PRCF, PO Box 62, Sylvan Grove, KS 67481 or give online at <https://postrockcf.org/>.

About Post Rock Community Foundation  
 Since 2010, the Post Rock Community Foundation has been connecting donors with philanthropic causes they love. As an affiliate of the Greater Salina Community Foundation, PRCF is proud to serve the communities of Lincoln County and those served by USD 298 and 299. For more information, visit [www.postrockcf.org](http://www.postrockcf.org).

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kitchenette and bathroom. The largest office includes a storefront window and could be used for retail purposes.

"We hope all a small business owner has to do is walk in the office, turn on the light and get to work," Gourley said.

Funding for the project is coming from a Building a Stronger Community 2.0 (BASE) grant from the Kansas Department of Commerce (KDOC). The BASE grant was originally awarded to the City of Lincoln to assist with the planned Applequist Manufacturing Inc. project in the city's industrial park, however, with the project put on hold for a year, they would not have been able to fulfill the requirements of the grant. Faced with having to decline the funds, LCEDF quickly worked with the City to request the \$144,900 in grant funds be transferred to the downtown project. That request was approved by KDOC in June.

LCEDF is now fast-tracking the renovation project. Bids from contractors are due to the LCEDF Monday, August 12 at 10:00 a.m. Full bid documents are available at [www.livelincolncounty.com/127-office-project](http://www.livelincolncounty.com/127-office-project).

Small business owners interested in leasing an office should contact Gourley at 785-524-8954 or [lcedfdirector@outlook.com](mailto:lcedfdirector@outlook.com).

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