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Local Dispatcher Honored for Professionalism in Responding to Family Member's Accident



Joseph Baker, dispatcher for the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, is recognized for his professionalism in responding to an accident involving his brother, Gage Meier, at a recent Lincoln County Commissioner meeting. (L-R): Commissioner Dennis Ray, Sheriff Dustin Florence, Joseph Baker, Sylvan Grove Fire Chief and EMT Marc Lovin, Commissioner Debora Smith, and Emergency Manager Jesse Knight. (Courtesy photo)

Dane G. Hansen Foundation Sponsors theatre for Elementary Students

Dane Hansen Foundation sponsored The Creede Repertory Theatre and the presentation of the "Coyote & The Counting Game" musical for our Elementary students. Creede Repertory Theatre is based in Creede Colorado. It was founded in 1966 by the local Jaycees and a local pastor. The group mailed letters to various universities hoping an enthusiastic theater major would jump at the chance of starting a troupe. One person, Steve Grossman, a theater student at the University of Kansas applied for the position. From launching the group with \$32 in the bank, now Creede Repertory Theatre is now in its 60th year and is established as a 501©3 non-profit profession theatre company with an annual budget of \$2M.



Elementary students watch as The Creede Repertory Theatre performs "Coyote & The Counting Game," a musical sponsored by the Dane G. Hansen Foundation. (Courtesy Photo)

Engineering A Sustainable Kansas

The K-State Engineering Extension office will be hosting an "Engineering a Sustainable Kansas" workshop on Tuesday, November 19th, 2024, from 1:30-3:00pm at the Finch Theatre in Lincoln, KS. The workshop will focus on a trio of programs including:

- Kansas Energy Program - helps businesses apply for USDA Rural Energy for America Program grants.
- Pollution Prevention Institute - helps businesses comply with environmental regulations and identify pollution prevention opportunities.

lution prevention opportunities.

- Kansas Radon Program - provides technical

for lung cancer in non-smokers.

Collectively, these programs provide critical re-

nesses, along with countless others. These services empower people to adopt energy-efficient practices and mitigate radon exposure to enhance the well-being and resilience of Kansans.

Join K-State Engineering Extension as they review resources and technical assistance available to you and your community through their three programs to enhance a healthier, more sustainable future for Kansas. Contact Mirna Bonilla at ooengage@ksu.edu for questions and/or accommodations.



assistance, public education and point source reduction related to indoor radon gas exposure, the leading fac-

sources, education, and technical assistance to agricultural producers, industry stakeholders, small busi-

FinCEN Reporting Requirements

ATTENTION ALL BUSINESS OWNERS!

Under the federal Corporate Transparency Act (CTA), there are new filing requirements for businesses to report beneficial ownership information (BOI) to the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN), a bureau of the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

The purpose of the CTA is to eliminate corporate anonymity and curb illicit financial dealings.

What does this mean for a typical business owner? Nearly all business entities (excluding sole proprietors and non-profits) need to file a BOI report

with FinCEN before the end of the year. Filing a report is free and for most businesses should be relatively easy. If you need help, step-by-step instructions are here: <https://boiefiling.fincen.gov/help>

Note: While the requirement to file with FinCEN

is legit, there may be scammers out there offering to help owners file for an exorbitant fee that will give them access to personal and business information. Be leary of these offers! Call Kelly at the LCEDF if you have any questions.

Now that USD 298 and the community have come together to build a brand-new track at Mettner Field, the best way to honor those who led the fundraising efforts is by taking good care of it. USD 298 asks visitors to follow these simple rules: the field is reserved for USD 298 use only, no wheeled vehicles, skates, skateboards, strollers, bicycles, or scooters, walkers and joggers should use the two outside lanes, no pets, and no tobacco or alcoholic beverages. By respecting these guidelines and keeping the area clean, this track will serve the community for years to come! (Courtesy Photo)

New track in action



November 8 is National Cappuccino Day, a celebration dedicated to the beloved espresso-based drink known for its perfect blend of rich espresso, steamed milk, and a layer of frothy foam. Originating in Italy, cappuccinos have become a worldwide favorite, enjoyed by coffee enthusiasts for their balanced, creamy texture and bold flavor. Whether you prefer it classic or with a sprinkle of cinnamon or cocoa on top, it's the perfect excuse to savor a cozy cup at your favorite café or make one at home. So, take a moment on National Cappuccino Day to treat yourself to this comforting beverage and celebrate the art of coffee!

November 8 - National Cappuccino Day

Cash Grain

CCCC presents Dual Credit Night

Is your student considering Cloud County Community College as their next step after high school? Wednesday, November 20 is Dual Credit night where students and parents can learn about Dual Credit classes for high school students and how to apply for admission, enroll, etc. Information about Excel in CTE courses and transferability will also be featured.

See "CCCC" page 6

Corn.....	\$3.95
Milo.....	\$3.80
Soybeans.....	\$9.14
Wheat.....	\$5.22

Cash prices courtesy of Ag Mark

Community Calendar

Thursday, November 7

USD 298: 3:30pm C Team BB @ Mankato(Rock Hills); 4pm - LJH Basketball vs Rock Hills @ Mankato
 USD 299: 5th grade Starbase; 4pm JH BB @ Thunder Ridge

Friday, November 8

USD 298: 7-9pm - LJH Kids Night Out; LHS V Football Regionals TBD
 USD 299: ACT Registration Deadline

Saturday, November 9

Lincoln: 10 am Sip & Shop @ Seirer's Clothing
 USD 299: Lincoln Rec Basketball Camp at Sylvan

Sunday, November 10

Monday, November 11

USD 298: No School/Teacher Inservice; 6 pm Board Mtg
 USD 299: 5:30 pm JH BB Tescott Tourney @ Tescott; 7:30 pm Board of Ed Mtg

Tuesday, November 12

Lincoln: Storytime @ Lincoln Library
 USD 298: 4pm - LJH Basketball vs Thunder Ridge @Agra
 USD 299: 5:30 pm JH BB Tescott Tourney @ Tescott

Wednesday, November 13

USD 298: 6 pm Community Exploration of USD #298
 USD 299: FFA Leadership School @ Salina; 8 - 8:15 am Girls BB meeting

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 third Wednesday of each month @ 5 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.

Lincoln Art Center Opening Reception Nov. 8

“Complementary Juxtapositions”, The Lincoln Art Center will feature an exhibit of selected works by Rodney Wood, Hoisington and Mark Freeman, Overland Park. The opening reception will be held at the Lincoln Art Center on Friday, November 8 though December 28th.

Rodney Wood is Colorado native who, for years has lived in the Western United States. He has worked in, owned and/or managed numerous art galleries. He is a visual artist who primarily paints in oil. “I am fascinated and drawn to uncommon environments and spaces”.

Mark Freeman teaches Ceramics & Painting at Barton CCC. Freeman is a contemporary artist who is known for his expressive abstract compositions and bold use of color. He says, “I believe art can have something important to say

about the human condition, it can take us into new areas of thought and feeling.”

The artists will speak at 6:15 and visit with guests, refreshments will be served. The art center is open

Tuesday - Friday Noon to 4:00 and Saturday 9:00 - Noon. For more information call 785-524-3241 or email lincolncenter@att.net, visit our facebook page, or website Lincolncenter.org.



Artist Rodney Wood



Artist Mark Freeman

Sylvan Grove Bank Robbery



Part 1 of 3
 by Terry Lilak, Sylvan Historical Society

November 12, 2024, marks the 130th anniversary of the Sylvan State Bank Robbery. This story investigates the facts and myths surrounding the McKee Gang and the man who ended its crime spree.

“Married, by Judge R.N. Ashmore, on Wednesday, December 13, 1882, Anthony McKee and Miss Susan Morrison, both of Elk County. The young couple are both newcomers, recently from Iowa, and have deter-

mined to commence life in a new country together.” (The Citizen, Howard, Elk County, Kansas, 12-15-1882.)

And so began the marriage of Mr. & Mrs. Anthony McKee, a young couple full of dreams and enthusiasm fueled by the accessibility of farmland and the hope of a better life. They eventually made their way northwest to the Blue Hills area of Mitchell County. In 1884 they purchased land in Hayes Township from Anthony's father, Jacob McKee, for \$1,300. In 1890 they proved-up a claim on the southwest quarter, Section 27, Township 8 South, Range 8 West in Center Township in the community known as Elmira (Beloit Weekly Courier, 5-2-1890).

At the outset, Anthony McKee appeared to be quite civic minded. He was named Constable of Center Township in January 1891 (The Times, Cawker City, 1-23-1891). He also served as township school clerk, according to recollections shared by Climena Jordan Park (1874-1976), who taught in the township school and picked up her paycheck at McKee's home.

The McKee family's criminal activity apparently started with Anthony's older brother David. He was convicted of stealing mules in Rooks County in 1880 and sent to Leavenworth to serve a 3 1/2-year sentence.

His father appealed on his behalf. “Notice is hereby given that on the 6th day of January 1881, application will be made to his excellency, John P. St. John, governor of the State of Kansas, for the pardon of David W. McKee now serving a term of imprisonment in the state penitentiary for the offense of horse stealing. Signed, Jacob McKee.” (Stockton Review/ Rooks County Record 1-1-1881). His success or failure has not been documented.

In the 1890's, farmers in Mitchell County faced poor market prices, high shipping costs, unpredictable weather and drought conditions that caused many farming failures. McKee owed back taxes on his property (The Western Call (Beloit) 7-22-1894) and was often gone days and months at a time, presumably racing horses to raise cash, or so his family thought. He was described as “a rather tough character, a ready scrapper, a horse racer, and an habitue of shell games and swindling devices for the past 6 or 7 years all through the northwest.” (Lincoln Beacon 11-15-1894).

Some reports claimed the two accomplices in the Sylvan heist, still not identified, were Anthony's brothers, Frank and Ed McKee. They were not Anthony's brothers, but most likely nephews or cousins. **K a n - See “Robbery” page 6**

LINCOLN - PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE

by Cindy Entriken

It's hot, dry, and windy here in Wichita as I write this column. The sky is a brownish blue because of all the dust in the atmosphere. Wichita has been restricting outdoor water usage since August. That's supposed to end on October 31, but I don't think it will. We haven't gotten any rain and Cheney Reservoir, the primary source for Wichita water. Last month it was 59.7% full, but this month it's down to only 57.2%.

Our current drought and wind got me to thinking about the 1930s and the dust storms. I found an old news story from the Lincoln Sentinel Republican. The author is not identified and the story is undated but must have been written around 1935. I've reproduced it below.

The worst duststorm, according to old-timers, that was ever known in Lincoln county struck here about 9:30 Friday night when the southwest wind suddenly turned to the

north and a black cloud of fine dust filled the air and penetrated even the tightest closed windows and doors.

Street lights went off and travel was almost impossible by foot or car in the blinding dust. Many people caught away from home had to stay there till early morning when the storm lightened.

Fred Walters and Leo Shaffstall were each lost within a block of their own homes. Walters wandered about lost and unable to get his bearings till he found himself in the alley behind Zink's grocery and from there he guided himself home. Shaffstall was lost till he met Clarence Owen, who had a flashlight, and together they found the home of Shaffstall's son-in-law, Pete Peterson, where Shaffstall spent the night. Dr. L. A. Kerr chose to stay at his office rather than try to go home, and dozens of others had similar experiences.

Housewives are still trying to get rid of the dust that accumulated in their rooms and storekeepers had to go over their whole stock to clean it up. One woman in Lincoln

said that she had to empty the bag on her vacuum cleaner three times in cleaning one small bedroom, besides the dust cleaned off furniture and the bed.

Old-timers say they remember storms that blew dust from local fields but never one that filled the air with dust as this one did. Back in 1880 they say there was a wind-storm that took topsoil off burned-over pastures and where the wind whipped around hedge fences cleaned soil off fields as deep as they had ever been plowed.

The wind did some damage to buildings and windmills and in many places piled Russian thistles against wire fences and snow fences till it finally pulled them loose from the posts.

The most serious wind damage reported was at Shady Bend, where a large wooden shed west of the Shady Bend Mercantile store was pushed over and part of the roof was ripped off a tin building east of the store.

Poor Commissioner L. J. Rickenberg **See “Lincoln” page 6**

Monday, November 11

Vegetable Beef Soup, Kidney Bean Salad, Apples, Caramel Pear Pudding, Muffin & Milk

Tuesday, November 12

Biscuits & Gravy, Hashbrowns, Italian Veggie Mix, Hot Cinnamon Apples

Wednesday, November 13

Roast Turkey, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Bread Dressing, Greenbean Casserole, Cranberry Sauce, Roll, Pumpkin Cake

Thursday, November 14

Cheeseburger w/Bun, Pickles & Onions, Baked Beans, Peaches & Milk

Friday, November 15

Fish Sticks, Baked Potato w/Sour Cream, Broccoli, Mixed Fruit, Bread & Milk

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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OBITUARIES



James (Jim) Anthony Gourley
June 13, 1967 - Oct. 24, 2024

James (Jim) Anthony Gourley, 57, passed away Thursday, October 24, 2024 in Lincoln, KS. He was born June 13, 1967 in Lincoln to Vance and Mary Ann (Gratz) Gourley. After graduating from Lincoln High School in 1985, Jim attended Fort Hays State University earning a Bachelor of Science in Psychology in 1990 and a Master of Science in Counseling in 1994. He served as

the Director of Career Services at Oklahoma Panhandle State University from 1994-1996 and Director of Career Services and Co-Director of the Center for Learning and Student Success at Washburn University from 1996-2006.

Although he loved helping and mentoring students towards their own successful careers, his true passion was bird-dogs and hunting. With the help of his English Setter dog "Shades," a 4X National Shoot to Retrieve Champion, he took a leap of faith, moved back to his hometown, and started his own business, Setter Dogs. He was very well respected for his skills, expertise, work ethic and humor. His laugh and smile were infectious and his kindness and friendliness were genuine. Besides training hundreds of dogs from across the country, Jim was an outfitter for wild upland bird, turkey and deer hunts. He prided himself on giving his customers and their dogs the best hunting experience Kansas can offer.

Jim was preceded in death by his father, Vance Gourley and sister-

in-law Abby Gourley. Survivors include his wife, Kelly (Larson) Gourley, Beverly, KS; his mother, Mary Ann (Gratz) Gourley, Salina, KS; his brothers, Michael Gourley, Salina, David Gourley, Land O' Lakes, FL, and Steven (Erin) Gourley, Hinsdale, IL; nephews, Mitchell, Andrew and Vance; nieces, Gisele and Willa; grandnieces, Myla and Ava; and many long-time friends, bird-dog enthusiasts, and hunters he considered part of his Setter Dogs family.

Visitation: 1-6 p.m., Friday, November 1, 2024 at Hall Chapel of Lincoln with family present to greet visitors 5-6 p.m. A vigil and rosary service will take place at 6:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

Funeral mass: 11:00 a.m., Saturday, November 2, 2024 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Lincoln with burial following at Lincoln Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the Post Rock Community Foundation, c/o, Hall Chapel, PO Box 37, Lincoln, KS 67455. Condolences can be left at hallchapel.com.

Illa Klameth Gardner
Oct. 25, 2024

Illa Klameth Gardner passed away peacefully on October 25th at the age of 99. Born in Lincoln, Kansas she grew up on a farm with her brother Leo. She graduated from Lincoln High, received her teaching certificate from Kansas Wesleyan and taught 4th grade in Russell, Kansas. She married Larry Gardner and her life of travel and adven-

ture began.

During their 61 years together, they traveled the world and lived in many places (Iraq, Kansas, California, Saudi Arabia (Expats for 10 years), Nevada, Kansas (again) and finally they settled in Texas.

Illa was a master seamstress, even making a wedding dress for one of her daughters without using a pattern. In her later years her sewing included a variety of projects and puppets for the patients of a local hospital. She passed this talent to

her daughters.

Larry preceded Illa in death in 2010. She is survived by her brother Leo Klameth of Lincoln, Nebraska, and her two daughters - Kandy (husband Rainer), grandchildren Andrew (wife Tiffany), Amy (Tom and great grandson Daniel), and Laura (husband Mike), grandchildren Matt and Erin (husband Travis), and great grandchildren Emma and Ty. Illa loved life and her family. She will be greatly missed.

COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

October 21, 2024
The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met in the courthouse commission meeting room on Monday, October 21, 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: Jennifer Machado, Brandon Cochran, Kelly Gourley, Felicia Strahm, Dustin Florence, Diane Walters, Leann Johnson, Mary Ann Sertez, and Hayden Howard. Correspondence: Resolution 2024-25; Interlocal Agreement with the City

of Sylvan Grove and USD 299 to participate in the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan, bills for Lincoln Park Manor; an estimate to repair the nursing home sprinkler system; a termination agreement with Wilson Communication Company Inc to end an agreement for managed IT services; the Hospital Board of Trustees monthly meeting packet; a flyer from Black Hills Energy; a letter from the USDA regarding the investment disclosure act; a letter from the Kansas Historical Society regarding an application to the Kansas Historic Sites Review Board for a property in Lincoln County; a management letter of representation for the 2023 fiscal year audit; and mid-

month accounts payable. Debora Smith moved to approve Resolution 2024-25, for the adjustment of solid waste collection fees effective January 1, 2025, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried. Debora Smith moved to enter into an Interlocal Agreement for the 2025-2030 Neighborhood Revitalization Plan for the City of Sylvan Grove, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried. Debora Smith moved to approve the repairs to the sprinkler system at Lincoln Park Manor in the amount of \$2,602, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried. Debora Smith moved to terminate the agreement with Wilson Communications, who provides managed

IT services for the Highway Department and EMS, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried. Dennis Ray moved to approve mid-month accounts payable in the amount of \$37,644.54, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried. Debora Smith moved to sign the Management Representation Letter to Lindburg Vogel Pierce Faris, Chartered for the annual audit, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried. Dennis Ray moved to recess into executive for five minutes for the purpose of discussing Clerk's of- See "Commission" page 6



- BARNARD UNITED METHODIST**
Pastors Kaye & Jeff Metzler
Adult Sunday School @ 10:00 am
Morning Worship @ 11:00 am
- BETHANY CHURCH**
Eight miles north, six miles west and one mile north of Lincoln
Sunday School @ 9:45 am
Worship Service @ 11:00 am
Evening Service @ 7:00 pm
- BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH LC-MS**
Pastor Christopher Craig
Sylvan Grove, Kansas
Sunday School following Worship
Sunday Worship @ 10:00 am
- BEVERLY COMMUNITY CHURCH**
www.beverlycommunitychurch.org
Pastor Toby Flaming
Sunday School @ 9:30 am
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
Nursery available during service
Light Keepers Wed. @ 6:30 grades 6-12
- CULVER METHODIST CHURCH**
Pastor Demerle Eckart
401 Main Street, Culver, Ks
Sunday Worship @ 9:30 am
Saturday Coffee @ 8-10 am
- DENMARK EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN COMMUNITY CHURCH, ELCA**
Worship Service @ 10:30 am
- FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH**
Pastor Jonathan Schale
Lincoln Park Manor @ 9:30 am
Bible Study @ 10:30 am
Worship Hour @ 11:00 am
Afternoon Worship @ 2:00 pm
Wed. Bible Study @ 7:00 pm
- FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**
Pastor Carolyn Allen, Barnard
Morning Worship @ 11:00 pm
- GRACE CHAPEL-HUNTER**
Pastors Kaye & Jeff Metzler
Worship Service @ 9:00 am
- LINCOLN COMMUNITY CHURCH**
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Pastor Steven Rohn
Sunday School @ 9:30 am
Worship Service @ 10:30 am
Ladies Prayer Group, Wed. @ 5 pm
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- 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**
Sylvan Grove, Kansas
Sunday School @ 10:00 am
Church @ 11:00 am
- ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH**
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Worship Service @ 9:00 am
- ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA**
Pastor Rod Thompson, Tescott
Worship Service @ 9:00 am
- TESCOTT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**
Pastor Demerle Eckart
Sunday School @ 10:00 am
Worship @ 11:00 am
- TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, HUNTER**
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There are also papers in the foyer available for purchase. If for any reason you don't receive your paper with your mail delivery, please feel free to pick one up at the office.

Guest Editorial Change of plans

I had planned to write another article for the newspaper and had decided on a subject when there was a sudden change of plans.

This is a personal story but one I think affects everyone in our small town.

I was sitting about three feet from my back door and my 12 year old dog who weighs about 16 pounds was about another 4 feet from me on a leash.

All of a sudden from around the corner, a huge dog appeared and took my dog's head in her mouth. She was biting my dog everywhere and my dog was helpless. We were both screaming. I attempted to take my dog away which only made the dog clench harder on my dog. I hit the dog on the face. She turned, knocked me down and jumped on top of me. She then began biting my arms and hands. I was trying to get up but couldn't when she went for my throat. I tucked my head down and she got my chin and my lip. I later found another tooth mark on my neck.

I heard running feet and a man appeared and started kicking the dog. Finally it let go and took off. He had been across the street and heard the screams. This man will always be my hero.

He and another precious soul helped me up and I wrapped my dog in a towel and took off for the Vet's. We both were covered with blood.

My Poppy was at the vet's office for hours. She had puncture marks all over her body. Thanks to the wonderful veterinarian, I think she will be OK. We then came back to Lincoln and I went to the doctor. I had bites on both arms and several on my hand which required stitches. I also had a bite on my lip and chin. At this time, my dog and I are both afraid to go to the back yard for fear the dog will come back. I know I would be helpless against it. I also had to deal with rabies shots for myself. I talked to three different hospitals before I finally was scheduled for the shots. Due to other medical problems, they hesitated at first about the shots but said they were necessary. Rabies shots are a series. It is not just one and done. It has involved several trips to Salina and a schedule of four shots the first time and decreasing from then on for a month.

I have kept track of expenses which will run over \$1,000.

I cannot describe the trauma I have felt. I was telling a friend about it and she put me in touch with another lady who had been attacked by a dog. This was a year and a half ago and she told me she still looks over her shoulder everytime she walks her dog. I have also said I was a dog person and loved dogs. Now I am afraid to be outside with my dog for very long. My dog still shakes if I try to get her to my backyard. I carry pepper spray when I go outside. I also ordered a billy club to have beside me when I am on my patio. My dog has changed dramatically. She also looks over her shoulder every time we go outside. I hate the feeling of being afraid every time I go outside.

The dog has never been caught. The dog was large, weighing about 80 pounds. The man who saved us has tried to help identify this dog but has had no luck. This dog is still running around. What will it do the next time it decides to attack another dog or perhaps a child? I am proof it has no fear of attacking humans.

The reason for this story is PLEASE DO NOT LET YOUR DOG RUN LOOSE. I realize most of us have had our dogs escape from us at one time or another. If that happens, please look for your dog. A large dog will sometimes see a smaller dog as prey. I can't imagine how I would have felt if my dog had been killed. I was right there and could not protect my dog. If you have a large dog, you should be doubly vigilant because of the harm it could do to a pet or even a small child. If you are walking your dog in town, be careful of what could happen.

Lincoln has recently had a rash of dogs running loose. I am going to be ok in time but what about the next person? Through this, I have felt the love of friends and neighbors who were offering to help. We have a great small town but we need to work together to keep it that way. There is probably no one who loves dogs more than me but for the first time in my life, I was afraid of a dog. Let's all work together to make this a safer town for people, kids and pets. If you have a dog, get rabies shots, have it registered and be a responsible dog owner.

- Charlene Batchman
Lincoln Area Humane Society

PRAIRIE DOC - By ANDREW ELLSWORTH, MD

Listen up and keep your hearing

Hearing loss affects millions of Americans. In fact, by age 75 over half of adults will have some form of hearing loss.

Signs of hearing loss include having trouble hearing speech in noisy places, finding it hard to follow speech in groups, trouble hearing on the phone, listening makes you tired, or if you need to turn the volume up on the TV or radio while others complain it is too loud.

To some, hearing loss may just be a minor inconvenience. If it is more severe, however, it can have a big impact on day to day activities, impairing communication, safe driving, safe walking, and has even been shown to increase rates of depression and dementia. When people disengage from others because they cannot hear well enough, people may become more withdrawn, and might not enjoy many of the things they used to.

The simplest solution is to try hearing aids. While hearing aids are available over the counter, they are recommended only for adults with mild to moderate hearing loss. Meanwhile, it may be a good idea to see an audiologist or an Ear, Nose, and Throat

(ENT) physician for a thorough assessment first.

Warning signs you should seek medical care include seeing blood, pus, or fluid coming out of your ear, ear pain, an ear deformity, feeling something is in your ear, dizziness or vertigo, sudden changes or variations in hearing, worse hearing in one ear, or ringing or buzzing (tinnitus) especially if it is in only one ear.

At least one quarter of hearing loss is due to prolonged exposure to loud noises, and even brief exposure to very loud noises like gunfire can cause hearing loss. Loud concerts, sporting events, car stereos, machinery, occupational exposures, and more all play a role. In addition, because of ear buds with the volume turned up, even going on a walk on a peaceful bike path can contribute to hearing loss.

Besides loud noises, other causes of hearing loss include ear infections, genetic factors, infections during fetal development, trauma, medications, smoking, chronic diseases, and more. Ear wax can cause temporary hearing loss. However, be careful how you remove it to avoid causing

damage to the tympanic membrane. In other words, it's best to avoid sticking anything in your ear.

In addition to hearing aids and other hearing assisted devices, cochlear implants have been revolutionary in treating hearing loss. Instead of amplifying sound, cochlear implants help by bypassing damaged portions of the ear and directly stimulating the auditory nerve. This has been a life-changing method at helping people of all ages to hear, even infants as young as 9 months of age. If you ever need a pick-me-up, search online for videos of infants and kids hearing for the first time with a cochlear implant.

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POST ROCK EXTENSION DISTRICT

Body Condition Scoring – A Herd Management Tool

By **Blaire Todd**
K-State Research and Extension Post Rock District Livestock Production Agent

Body Condition Scoring is one of the most valuable management tools at the disposal of a cattle producer. The number associated with a condition score gives us a direct indication of a cow's previous plane of nutrition and future reproductive capability. Although the individual body condition scores are important, we don't manage individual cows, we manage groups of cows. Thus, it is important for us to look beyond the individual scores and look at the distribution of body condition scores within the herd. If we have a herd (Herd 1) with an average body condition score of 5 that is essentially characterized by the classic bell curve, with a few thin cows (3s), the bulk of cows in the middle (4s and 5s) and a few over-conditioned

cows (7s) that is sufficient. Alternatively, we could have a herd (Herd 2) with an average body condition score of 5 that is essentially the result of a few thin cows (3s) and some over conditioned cows (6s and 7s).

Body Conditioning Scoring also has more value when it is done on the same group of cows at multiple times during the production year. If Herd 2 was scored at calving and had been previously scored at weaning and had an essentially normal distribution beforehand, we need to ask ourselves what occurred. What did we change? Although these examples are somewhat extreme they illustrate that we have to look beyond the individual body condition scores at one point during the production year to get the most out of this management tool.

The KSU Beef website has several

resources on body condition scoring including a quick reference guide to body condition scoring. These can also be found at your local Extension office among other resources.

Thanks to Justin Waggoner for sharing information related to body condition scoring and for further information, contact me at any Post Rock Extension District Offices in Beloit, Lincoln, Mankato, Osborne, or Smith Center.

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SPICE UP YOUR LIFE - LINDSAY YOUNG

'Chews' something sweet and nutty this week



These decadent bars feature tons of flavor from brown sugar, maraschino cherries, pecans and coconut, resulting in a fabulous addition to the dessert table.

One of the benefits of being married for as long as Joey and I have is that there are times when I can perfectly judge what his reaction to a recipe will be before I even make it.

When I spotted this week's recipe—featuring cherries, coconut and pecans—online, I knew I had a hit on my hands, and I couldn't wait to try it out.

But then, after the bars were cooled and I took my first bite, I realized I majorly underestimated this particular dessert.

It was better than I ever could have imagined, and Joey was going to love them. He was also going to lobby for me to get the entire pan out of our home as quickly as possible so he wouldn't be tempted to finish them off. I was correct on both counts.

So, the recipe you must try—especially if you like cherries, coconut and pecans—comes from the blog "Red Cottage Chronicles." You can find the original at <https://www.redcottagechronicles.com/baking/cherry-chews/>. I replaced the almond extract with vanilla in my version, and I added toasted coconut.

Cherry Chews

Crust Ingredients

- 1 cup flour
- 1 cup oats (I used quick oats)

- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup butter

Filling Ingredients

- 2 eggs
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup shredded coconut
- 1 cup drained maraschino cherries, quartered (save the juice)
- 1/2 cup pecans, chopped

Topping Ingredients

- 1 1/2 tablespoons butter, softened
- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 4 to 5 tablespoons reserved cherry juice
- 1/4 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/2 cup shredded coconut

Directions

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Prepare a nine-by-13-inch pan by spraying it with cooking spray.

In a mixing bowl, prepare the crust by combining the flour, oats, brown sugar, baking soda and salt, stirring to combine. Cut in the butter with a fork or a pastry cutter until it is mixed well and the mixture is coarse crumbs.

Press the mixture evenly into the bottom of the prepared pan, and bake for 10 minutes.

For the filling, beat the eggs in a mixing bowl. Beat in the brown sugar and vanilla until it is smooth.

Beat in the flour, baking powder and salt. Fold in the coconut and cherries, and then spread the batter evenly over

top of the crust. Sprinkle the pecans over the top of the batter, and then bake for 25 minutes or until the top is lightly browned.

Let the bars cool completely before adding the topping.

For the frosting layer, add the butter, powdered sugar, cherry juice and vanilla to a bowl and whisk thoroughly. You want the mixture to easily coat the back of a spoon, but create the texture you like best. If it's too runny, add more powdered sugar. If it's too thick, add more cherry juice.

Spread the frosting over the top of the bars. (This will be a thin layer. If you want it thicker, double the ingredients.)

Finally, add the shredded coconut to a dry skillet over medium-low heat. Stir regularly until most of the coconut is lightly browned. Remove it from heat and sprinkle on top of the chews. Cut and serve, and store any leftovers in an airtight container.

Like I said, these were amazing. They're definitely sweet, but since they feature the pecans and brown sugar, it's not a sickeningly sweet dish. It's actually decently balanced. I was also really glad I used vanilla instead of almond extract in these. I think the almond would have been good, but I also think it would have overshadowed some of the other flavors.

Also, I highly recommend the toasted coconut on top. That was fabulous.

And, as I predicted, these ended up on our office counter the day after I baked them, tempting our co-workers instead of just us, which is just as well.

I can deal with all of them grumping at me about their diets. I have to live with Joey.

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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THE LEOPARD LEGACY- BY NIKKI FLINN

The Power of Partnership: Community and Schools Working Together



Nikki Flinn
Superintendent
USD 298

In today's rapidly changing world, the collaboration between schools and their surrounding communities has never been more critical. When schools and communities work together, the benefits extend far beyond the classroom, creating an environment where both students and local residents can thrive. By engaging local stakeholders; parents, businesses, and the community, schools can create environments that better meet the needs of students and the community together.

In the Lincoln Unified School District 298 we are beyond blessed to have so many supporting stakeholders that make sure that our school district, students and staff have what we need to thrive each day. Community involvement cultivates a sense of

belonging and connection among students, parents, businesses, community leaders, and educators. The support and connection continues to grow among our district which makes our community stronger than ever before.

School districts across the state continue to have challenges, such as: teacher shortages, test scores, funding inequities, declining facilities, diverse student needs, safety and security to name a few. Lincoln faces many of these same challenges. These challenges all require strategic planning and community involvement. Together, we can ensure that our school is not just a place of learning, but a vibrant center for the heart of our community.

As we look at all the previous challenges that districts face, the Lincoln School District and the Board of Education have set goals for the district. One of those goals is to continue to address the facility needs and challenges that our district faces. The longevity and continued success of our

district is dependent on quality facilities. School facilities play a crucial role in shaping the vital educational experience and maintaining the stability and longevity of our district in our community.

The Lincoln School District and the Lincoln Board of Education welcomes all stakeholders to join in on November 13th at 6:00 p.m. at Lincoln Elementary School to discuss our recent facility assessment. We will discuss the development of a long range maintenance and replacement plan to continue to provide high quality facilities for our students, staff and community. The community involvement with the strategic plan can lead to valuable feedback from our stakeholders.

Schools are vital institutions, but they thrive best when supported by engaged, proactive community members who understand the impact of quality education in their community. Stakeholders must advocate for their schools, recognizing that

schools are cornerstones of a thriving community. A strong school fosters not only academic success, but also community cohesion and economic stability.

The importance of collaboration between schools and communities cannot be overstated. When these two entities work together, they create a powerful alliance that benefits everyone involved. Ultimately, while schools play a crucial role in educating and nurturing students, it is the community that must actively support and advocate for them. A united front can create lasting change and ensure that schools remain open and vital in our community. I hope to see each stakeholder in the USD 298 school district at the facilities assessment meeting on November 13th at 6:00 p.m. at Lincoln Elementary School. Your opinion and voice is critical in keeping our facilities a pivotal part of our community.

It's always a great day to be a Leopard!

Shop Kansas Farms By Rick McNary

Why farmers and ranchers understand the power of community

As I watch farm and ranch groups in Kansas respond with aid to those impacted by hurricanes Helene and Milton, I am reminded that farmers and ranchers have much to teach all of us about the value of community. When I started writing about farmers and ranchers in 2015, I began to discover their hidden qualities that create value in quiet ways. It is my opinion, after having traveled the world in providing food aid in disaster relief, that farmers and ranchers understand the purpose and value of creating a community. Here are a few things I believe we can learn from them:

1. We need each other. Many of us build our idea of community around convenience; we associate with people who look like us, think like us and live like us because we feel more comfortable there. However, farmers and ranchers understand we need each other to survive. After a trip to a refugee camp near the Somalia border where I witnessed how the refugees depended on each other, I stopped my neighbor and gave him my keypad code for my house and told him to help himself to anything in the refrigerator, use the laundry if needed and take a shower anytime he wanted. Naturally, he looked at me like I had lost my mind. I chuckled and said I was trying to prove a point to both him and me; we don't know what it's like to need each other to survive. However, farmers and ranch-

ers do. Numerous times I have seen fields of an ill farmer lined with harvesting equipment from surrounding farmers as they help one of their own.

2. They depend on Mother Nature. I believe there is a mysterious bond amongst them that ties them all together and that is their dependence on Mother Nature for their livelihood. While I look at the weather forecast to determine what type of apparel to wear, a farmer or rancher looks at a weather forecast as the determinant of whether their crops and livestock will make it to harvest. The drought in many parts of the region is devastating crops and livestock and, for farmers and ranchers, it can take years to recoup their losses.

3. They live with a global dependency. When I drive by a wheat field glowing gold in the setting sun or gaze upon cattle grazing on the lush Flint Hills, I see the beauty, unaware that what is going on in Ukraine or China impacts whether that farmer or rancher will succeed or fail. They live with a continued realization that we live in a global society and what happens a half-a-world away impacts their daily life.

4. They are an integral part of their local community. If you look closely, you will find farmers and ranchers holding positions on school boards, church boards, township boards, as well as leading Parent Teacher Associations and a myriad of other volun-

teer activities. They give back to their communities because they understand their communities need them to be engaged.

5. Their industry drives the economy of our state. Commerce is the backbone of any community, and in Kansas, the economic impact of agriculture is massive. According to the Kansas Department of Agriculture's website, "Agriculture is the largest economic driver in Kansas, directly contributing \$57 billion and 140,055 jobs to the economy. Including indirect and induced effects, agriculture and agriculture-related sectors have a total impact of \$81.2 billion in output and 253,614 jobs. This impact translates to 14 percent of the state's total Gross Regional Product and about 13 percent of the entire Kansas workforce tied to agriculture. Agriculture in Kansas is not just about growing crops and raising animals. The Kansas agricultural economy includes renewable energy production, food processing, research and education, agribusiness services, animal health and more."

People have a natural desire to be connected to each other in the context of community and I believe there is no group that models that better than farmers and ranchers. Furthermore, their table is spread wide and long enough to welcome people who are not farmers or ranchers. I should know, for they have welcomed me and they would welcome you.

New book on water law examines growing legal trend of access to water as a human right

LAWRENCE — There is no life without water — therefore access to water might be considered a human right. However, that has not always been the case in American water law. A new book explores of case laws and evolving concepts in how water is governed, encompassing topics such as climate change, tribal rights and technologies for accessing water in areas where it is rapidly disappearing.

"Water Law: Concepts and Insights, 2nd Edition" was co-written by Robyn Kundis Craig, Robert A. Schroeder Distinguished Professor of Law at the University of Kansas; Noah Hall of Wayne State University and Robert Adler of the University of Utah.

"We were lamenting how there were no good water law books for students in the east. They were primarily focused geographically on the west, so we decided to write our own," Craig said. "We wanted to get into how water law intersects with common and environmental law. It's not strictly a case book, but we updated it, largely for human rights focus that has been added for water."

The book examines the emerging issue of whether there is a fundamental human right to water in the United States. California has enacted such a right, and a recent case in Montana upheld environmental rights more generally under the state constitution. Similar cases in other states such as Pennsylvania and Florida have occurred, although the book focuses on the Flint, Michigan, water crisis and its contribution to

the growing recognition of water as a human right that is becoming codified in law.

"This is potentially changing the entire character of water law," Craig said of the rulings.

The text also documents how environmental issues are forcing a change in water law. Climate change is rapidly changing approaches to water. Endangered species protections have also required shifts in law and policy. Meanwhile, tribal agreements on water and compacts signed as long as 70 or 80 years ago before climate change was a consideration are being re-examined.

Ongoing cases such as the removal of dams in the Klamath River and navigability of other waterways continue to raise environmental questions on the use of fresh water sources.

"It's an exciting time, the first in a long time there has been a fundamental change in how we think about water," Craig said. "Humans are now in competition with other species for remaining water. That was one of the big signs we needed reform and was in response to the Endangered Species Act. The new human rights focus is also a reflection of that."

"Water Law" examines policy throughout the United States as well. Several states have enacted policies requiring public interest reviews for any new water uses. Those policies, plus ongoing interstate disputes over water, are thoroughly examined.

The book, which can serve as a textbook, guide for practitioners or

source for general audiences, also details both Supreme Court precedent on water as well as recent rulings and cases likely to make their way to the high court.

"There is always something happening with water at the Supreme Court," Craig said.

While "Water Law" focuses primarily on American state and federal water issues, it does examine questions of water and energy in other parts of the world. To wit, areas such as the Middle East, which have little water but plentiful energy, have increasingly turned to desalinization as a method of providing fresh water. While the practice is not as common in the United States, the book advises policymakers and water law practitioners would be wise to learn from experiences outside the country.

"That can lead to conversations in the United States about when does desalinization make sense here," Craig said. "In places like California that is becoming more relevant, and Florida, too, as their aquifers are becoming depleted. It's a good way of looking at the economics of water and water infrastructure."

After a thorough examination of legal doctrines and policies guiding water on the state and federal levels, the text closes by anticipating upcoming issues in water rights, such as "takings" litigation and how the evolving conception of water as a human right, water property rights and environmental protections will all shape the future of water law in the United States.

Insight - Kansas Farm Bureau Presence from Ireland

Jackie Mundt

Pratt County farmer & rancher

On a recent trip to Ireland, our AirBnB host, Morgan, was shocked at the schedule my friends and I had put together. We had plans to see iconic places in all corners of the island over a five-day stretch. Drive times were only a few hours total, which seems normal to me as the island is smaller than Kansas.

Morgan, like any good rural citizen, was so excited to share recommendations of beautiful sites and great culture in the area. Similar to many folks in the Midwest, he had pride in his local area and wanted us to see what made it so great. It was understandable that he was disappointed we weren't going to take time to explore the area and really experience his corner of rural Ireland.

Our approach to the trip was very American as we wanted to see a little bit of everything — somewhat like a travel sampler platter. We wanted to visit all the iconic and historical sites that are on popular must-see lists.

We knew packing the big stops in would take flexibility so we only booked items that required advanced tickets like tours. On our first day in country we had two tours booked to help keep us moving so we could adjust to the time difference and avoid jet lag.

Time was not on our side that day. Parking took much longer than expected, which probably had a lot to do with unfamiliar signage and my extra caution during this first experience of driving on the left side of the road. Then our 45 minute tour led by a student at Trinity College lasted an hour and a half. This was a bit of a preview of many encounters with the Irish, who are delightfully chatty. That is great for conversation and bad for schedules.

The second tour was rocky from the start. A Halloween parade was causing chaos in the area we were to meet our guide. When we finally started our tour, it lasted an hour longer than advertised but we didn't mind because the host shared wonderful stories of growing up in a historic city and gave us a taste of the Irish gift of Blarney.

Our journey was filled with wild beauty from the Cliffs of Moher to Giants Causeway. We expanded our cultural understanding at UNESCO World Heritage sites and enjoyed Irish music and folk dancing. We experienced local food and drink at pubs along the way.

Over the five days we spent zipping around the island, it became clear that Morgan may have been right about us needing to slow down and not try to do too much. Each day we encountered things that slowed us down from restroom breaks to pharmacy stops and unexpected photo shoots when the view was breathtaking or a perfect double rainbow appeared suddenly.

It didn't take long to learn that our group moved slow; we savored experiences and relished the present. When I stopped worrying about checking places off my list, it created space and freedom for us all to enjoy the present.

We still probably wouldn't meet Morgan's idea of a proper holiday but we lived in the moment appreciating the experiences happening now instead of worrying about the things we had to skip. This trip proved goals and ambition are great but there are more important and enjoyable parts of life than exhausting your energy checking boxes.

And now I have a great reason to make the trip to watch the K-State Wildcats next August.

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Wednesday, November 20 at 6:30 p.m., participants will meet in the College Library (entrance 2). Presentations will be in GR205. The evening will include a presentation, opportunities

to ask questions and get personalized information. Raffle prizes, including scholarships will be drawn for all high school students who attend! Following the presentation,

stay and watch the CCCC vs. Seward basketball game. All high school students and their guests get free admission. The women play at 6 p.m. while the men play at 8 p.m.

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five employees, 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 County Clerk Harlow, seconded by Debora Smith. Motion carried. Time in: 8:57 am. Time out: 9:02 a.m.

The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 9:02 a.m. with no action taken.

Economic Development Director Kelly Gourley related that the Heritage Trust Fund grant application is due November 1 and inquired if the board wanted to apply for funding again this year and for what project. The board approved applying for the window project applied for in 2023. The group discussed the bicycle program initially funded with grant funding through OCCK from Blue Cross Blue Shield. The board related that they are not interested in funding the program due to the low usage numbers.

EMS Director Brandon Cochran provided an update on bookkeeping activities for the department, noting that invoices have been entered for ambulance runs from 9/3/23 - present. He will begin receipting checks and ACHs received during the month that have not been provided to the Treasurer's Office. Cochran related that the Board of EMS has completed the department's inspection and that they suggested that he modify his quality assurance policy to match how the department is conducting quality assurance reviews. Two of the EMT students will be testing in Hutchinson this week.

Commissioner Hembry departed the meeting at 9:40 a.m. and joined the meeting via phone at 9:42 a.m.

Sheriff Dustin Florence, with Human Resource Officer Felicia Strahm,

requested approval to hire Heath Barta as a part-time per-need sheriff's deputy and Crystal Chapman as a full-time dispatcher. Dennis Ray moved to hire Heath Barta as a deputy, part-time per-need, at grade 31 step 12, \$19.13 per hour, seconded by Debora Smith. Motion carried. Debora Smith moved to employ Crystal Chapman as a full-time dispatcher, grade 13, step 7, \$14.44 per hour, effective upon successful completion of pre-employment testing, seconded by Dennis Ray. Motion carried. Dennis Ray moved to approve Joseph Baker's employment status change from full-time to part-time per-need, effective November 1, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried. Voting as follows: Ray - Aye; Hembry - Aye; Smith - Abstained. Sheriff Florence updated the board on staffing hours. The board expressed concerns over a business owner telling individuals that a full-time employee is answering their business cell phone while on duty at the Sheriff's Department and requested Sheriff Florence address the issue.

Nursing Home Administrator Diane Walters provided an update on repairs and maintenance needs for the facility. The group discussed the response from DHPace, stating they did not replace any hardware when they replaced doors last year and that the hardware failed inspection, not the doors. No decision was made on the bid received from DHPace to replace the door hardware. Walters presented a proposal to replace the facility's hot water heaters with a tankless hot water system.

Treasurer Leann Johnson and Deputy Treasurer Mary Ann Stertz, with HR Officer Felicia Strahm, proposed the starting wage for a potential employee who has experience working in a

Treasurer's Office in another county. The board declined the proposed wage, discussing the impact the wage would have on other departments, existing employees, and future new hires in similar positions. Johnson will make an offer to the applicant based on board input. Johnson and Stertz provided a listing of deposits received in the county checking account for which the ambulance service has not provided deposit slips.

Hayden Howard, Double H Heating & Cooling, answered board questions concerning the proposal submitted to replace the nursing home's hot water heaters with a tankless hot water system.

Jeff Flathman and Brad Rahe, Energy Solutions Professionals, presented the energy audit results for the courthouse.

Commissioner Hembry departed the meeting at 10:51 a.m.

Carol Torkelson, North Central Regional Planning Commission, presented information on a CDBG-CVR grant application received for the board's approval. Debora Smith moved to authorize Chairman Dennis Ray to sign the environmental review forms for the CDBG-CVR grant application, seconded by Dennis Ray. Motion carried. Torkelson related that a notice must be posted to the county website as one of the environmental review requirements. Clerk Harlow will post the notice through November 1 as required. The board approved requesting a time extension through the CDBG grant program. Torkelson will prepare the necessary paperwork for approval at a future meeting.

The chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:52 a.m. The next meeting will be in the courthouse commission meeting room at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, October 28, 2024.

K-State travels to several central Kansas counties for November community visit

MANHATTAN — Kansas State University is continuing community visits across the state and will spend Nov. 13-20 visiting several counties in central Kansas: Saline, Lincoln, Mitchell, Ellis and Barton counties.

K-State's commitment to integrating engagement across all it does is central to the university's mission as a next-generation land-grant university. The continuation of the community visits shows the university's commitment to prioritizing engagement and driving partnerships that address real-world challenges — whether through educational outreach, innovative research or service programs that benefit the people and industries of Kansas.

"University engagement is about listening, creating and leading together," said Tim Steffensmeier, assistant vice president and director of engagement and outreach. "K-State is dedicated to sharing knowledge, expertise and resources to elevate communities, industries and lives across Kansas."

The keystone events for the November community visit will focus on several initiatives and areas of the university, including:

• K-State Salina and its efforts to enhance workforce development initiatives.

• K-State 105, which is building economic prosperity through projects such as the All Things Kansas data mapping platform and water resiliency projects such as Know Your Water.

• Engineering Extension, which provides technical assistance on pollution prevention, radon and energy.

• K-State Research and Extension and its commitment to the health and wellness of Kansas communities.

Community visit events are free and open to all Kansans, including community members, leaders and industry partners. View a full schedule and register for events that are part of the November community visit.

The K-State community visit initiative focuses on the people of Kansas and their communities. K-State is visiting multiple com-

munities throughout the year to celebrate innovation and outreach opportunities. President Richard Linton began the community visits in fall 2022 as a way to listen and learn from Kansans in the communities they call home. Learn more about the community visit initiative.

The community visits are an important part of the K-State 105 initiative, which is Kansas State University's answer to the call for a comprehensive economic growth and advancement solution for Kansas. The initiative leverages the statewide K-State Research and Extension network to deliver the full breadth of the university's collective knowledge and solution-driven innovation to every Kansan, right where they live and work. Additionally, K-State 105 forges the connections and partnerships that create access to additional expertise within other state institutions and agencies, nonprofits and corporations — all part of an effort to build additional capacities and strengths in each of the 105 counties in the state.

Robbery/ from page 2

sas Census records from 1875 show a Robert McKee living in Montgomery County, Kansas, with two sons named Frank and Edwin, ages 4 and 3. Robert's familial connection to Jacob has not been confirmed.

Another theory is that it was two of the Feagins' brothers, sons of Anthony's sister Minerva and her husband John Feagins, who lived nearby. Or perhaps it was someone in a gang of outlaws in central Kansas reputed to have numbered 30 persons or more.

Susan's clan also had its share of troubles. Her father, John Ogle Morrison, lived in Oklahoma Indian Territory, a/k/a, the Strip or Robber's Roost, where fast horses and stolen cattle were allegedly kept in hiding for the McKee

Gang. Her brother, John Ogdon Morrison, was associated with Anthony and may have been involved in the September 1, 1894, Tescott Bank robbery, and the Arnoldy store hold-up in Tipton two days before the Sylvan Bank robbery.

In a story Mrs. Park shared with many locals, she recalled going to McKee's home where she was introduced to a Mrs. Starr, which fueled the rumor that this was the notorious "lady outlaw" Belle Starr, a sister to Susan McKee. It may well have been Belle (maiden name Shirley), but she was not Mrs. McKee's sister. Other claims that Susan's sister was married to career criminal Henry Starr, a nephew of two of Belle's three husbands, Sam & Jim July "Billy" Starr,

cannot be substantiated (Find-a-Grave Belle Starr/ Henry Starr). What is known, however, is that the Starr and Morrison clans lived and operated in the Oklahoma Indian Territory. The probability they associated with the McKee's through Susan's father and brother is very strong.

News of the McKee Gang's activities surfaced even before the Sylvan robbery. "The story of firearms having been shipped to Glen Elder in quantity, originated from a box, supposed to contain the arms, being received by Anthony McKee of Salt Creek, but who signed the name of Morrison, when receiving them, and paying the C.O.D. the amount being variously stated at from \$180 to \$400." (Cawker City Public Record, 9-27-1894)

Lincoln/ from page 2

arranged Saturday morning for the use of relief labor to clean out the courthouse and school buildings in the towns of the county as an emergency project.

Monday was another dusty day, but most of the dust blowing then was picked up from accumulations that settled here Friday night.

The Lincoln street department swept up and hauled away nine trailer loads of dirt, estimated at five tons, from the pavement Saturday.

Wednesday morning day broke with clouds of reddish dust in the air and for two hours beginning at 8:30 they settled here accompanied by a brisk west wind. Then the sky lightened somewhat but the day continued dusty. The dust here did not penetrate buildings quite as badly as that Friday night.

One Lincoln citizen who put in a hectic time during the dust storm last Friday night was Nightwatch Webb, whose duties it is

to patrol the streets and alleys of the business section of the city. Mr. Webb says visibility was almost nil, electric lights of little value and that his flashlight afforded very little aid in making his rounds. But what a lot of people want to know is what the nightwatch was doing up in the vicinity of the North school building where he bumped into Clarence Owen, who had lost his bearings in the blinding dust. Who knows, maybe the nightwatch was lost, too.

Our good friend, Judge Charley Berry, who has lived in this country, a long time, says he remembers along in the '90s a dust storm, similar to the one last Friday night, visited this section. At that time a good many of the stone buildings had not been built many years and most of them had the appearance of freshly quarried rock. After that dust storm the stones in the

buildings were turned to a sort of drab color by the dust beating into the pores of the rock and they still retain their drab color -- a reminder of a dust storm of another and earlier day. At that time Mr. Berry was living on his farm up in Cedron township.

After the big dust storm of last Friday night there were a lot of "tall" stories circulated about town concerning antics of the storm, mostly the incredible places the dust seeped into. Grover Lyne claims the next morning when they started breakfast up at his house, they broke the eggs and every one of them was full of dust. If Grover didn't have such a good reputation for truth and veracity in these parts, we would be a little skeptical about this yarn. But Grover must have believed the story himself for he set some of the eggs under an old her in the hopes of raising a few mudhens this summer.

Notice of Budget Hearing (First Published in Lincoln Sentinel-Republican on Wednesday, November 6, 2024) The governing body of Beverly will meet on Monday, November 18, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at Beverly City Hall 203 N Main St. for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of ad valorem tax. Detailed budget information is available at Beverly City Hall 203 N Main St. and will be available at this hearing. BUDGET SUMMARY Proposed Budget 2025 Expenditures and Amount of Current Year Estimate for 2024 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2025 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.



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This free presentation is offered by the Smoky Hill Museum, November 7, 5:30-6:30 pm. Enjoy the presentation in-person at the Museum, or from the comfort of your own home via Zoom. Register for your Zoom link at www.smokyhill-museum.org.

Weekly Temps

	High	Low	Rain
10-22	65	46	.49
10-29	87	58	
10-30	82	58	
10-31	58	38	.68
Total Rain Oct 1.17			
11-1	59	36	
11-2	66	49	
11-3	59	58	..52
11-4	69	56	

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Total for the Week - Cattle - 6164 Hogs - 234
 Bulls - \$160.00 - \$192.50 Cows - \$120.00 - \$135.00

Strs	Hfhrs
300-400 \$360.00-377.00	300-400 \$320.00-362.00
400-500 \$370.00-386.00	400-500 \$320.00-340.00
500-600 \$320.00-344.00	500-600 \$265.00-284.00
600-700 \$285.00-305.00	600-700 \$252.00-271.50
700-800 \$268.00-282.00	700-800 \$238.00-248.00
800-900 \$240.00-256.50	800-900 \$226.00-244.00
900-1000 \$230.00-239.50	900-1000

Early Consignments for Thursday, November 7th:

60 mostly blk s&h 550-700 2 rnd vacc, open, knife cut; 41 s&h 550-650 2 rnd vacc; 22 s&h 500-600 home raised; 46 blk/bwf s&h 400-650 home raised, no implants; 16 s&h 600-700; 41 s&h 700 long weaned, vacc; plus more by sale time.

Early Consignments for Tuesday November 12th Calf Sale (get your consigned today) - 11 a.m. start time

47 blk/red s&h 600-650 weaned 40 days, vacc, open, bunk broke; 80 blk s&h 550-700 weaned, vacc; 50 blk hfhrs 650 long weaned, vacc; 20 blk/bwf s&h 400-600 open; 120 s&h 500-700 home raised, vacc, open, no implants; 30 s&h 500-700 home raised, knife cut, 2 rnd vacc, open; 103 charX s&h 600-700 fall vacc Wooden Cross sired, plus more by sale time.

Early Consignments for Tuesday November 19th Cow Sale-11 a.m start time

Bulls: 7 red & char bulls semen checked; 1 18 mo old blk virgin bull semen checked
 Bred Hfhrs: 4 blk & char hfhrs; 80 blk hfhrs; 45 blk hfhrs 1050# start Jan 22 for 60 days bred blk; 15 sim/ang hfhrs 1100# bred to B&D lbw angus bulls fancy Cows: 100 blk/red angus pairs 3-5 yrs; 35 pairs all ages; 70 blk/red angus 3-5 yrs bred blk/red angus bulls sons of Heavy Hitter; 150 blk/red angus cows 3-5 yrs spring calvers; 125 blk cows 3-5 yrs bred blk spring calvers; 50 blk/red cows 3-5 yrs spring calvers; 35 blk/red cows 3-5 yrs heavy bred; 160 blk cows 7-8 yrs Jan-Feb calvers bred to Don Johnson bulls; 200 red angus cows bred red angus Feb calvers plus many more. For a complete listing please visit our website

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KANcycle Bike Sharing announces free rides for Kansas Mobility Week

Salina, KS - Kansas is celebrating the 4th Annual Mobility Week from November 3 to November 9, 2024.

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"We're excited about partnering with transit agencies across the state for Mobility Week 2024," said Michelle Coats, Director of Mobility Management for the region. "KANcycle is a great program for North Central and Southeastern Kansas, and we want more people to take advantage of using bicycles for mobility. Rides can be taken for any purpose, including shopping, errands, and even fun."

Bikes are easy to check out. Riders need to download the Movatic app, find a rack with an available bike, enter the promo code on the payment screen, and start riding. To end the ride, the process is reversed.

KANcycle regional bike sharing provides Kansas, including Salina, Minneapolis, Concordia, Belleville, Mankato,

Beloit, Lincoln, Ellsworth, Lindsborg, and Coffeyville, with convenient, affordable access to bicycles as an easy, fun, healthy and eco-friendly means of transportation and recreation. OCCK, through a collaborative funding partnership with Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas, brings you KANcycle powered by Movatic.

Movatic manages all aspects of its bike-share programs — from bikes and technology to maintenance and fleet rebalancing. Riding KANcycle bike share is easy. Bikes can be found via the free Movatic Mobile App — available for iPhone and Android. Each bike has a unique number which riders enter into the app to unlock the bike. After the rider returns the bike to a designated Movatic bike station, the rental ends and the bike is available for the next person to enjoy.

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OCCK is committed to providing transportation services to the general public, seniors, and persons with disabilities, through a variety of programs, including a fixed route service in Salina, CityGo, a regional paratransit service that serves fourteen counties, non emergency medical transportation for people with Medicaid, as well as non emergency medical transportation for clients of Salina Regional Health Center, a regional fixed route service, 81 Connection, KANcycle — the regional bike sharing program, City of Abilene public transportation and the newest program, KanConnect.

For more information about OCCK, Inc., visit www.occk.com. For more information about CityGo and OCCK Transportation, visit www.salinacitygo.com. Or, contact the OCCK Transportation Center at 785-826-1583.

For more information about KANcycle, visit www.kancycle.org.

For more information about Mobility Week activities across the state of Kansas, visit www.krsides.org.

Kansas Cold Weather Rule takes effect Nov. 1

TOPEKA - The Cold Weather Rule, designed to help Kansans who are behind on their utility payments avoid disconnection during the winter months, begins tomorrow and will remain in effect through March 31.

While the Cold Weather Rule is in effect, utility companies cannot disconnect a customer's service when the local temperatures are forecast to drop below 35 degrees within the following 48-hour period. The Kansas Corporation Commission, the

agency that regulates public utilities in the state, implemented the rule in 1983 to prevent utility companies from disconnecting a customer's natural gas or electric service during periods of extreme cold.

The Cold Weather Rule also requires utility companies to offer a 12-month payment plan to allow consumers to maintain or re-establish service. Any residential customer with a past due balance will qualify for payment arrangements; however, it is

the customer's responsibility to contact their gas or electric company to make those arrangements.

Payment plan terms to maintain or restore service require that customers agree to pay 1/12th of the total amount owed, 1/12th of the current bill, the full amount of any disconnection or reconnection fee, plus any applicable deposit to the utility. The remaining balance must be paid in equal payments over the next 11 months, in addition to the current monthly bill.

The Cold Weather Rule applies only to residential customers of electric and natural gas utility companies under the KCC's jurisdiction, however many municipal utilities and cooperatives have similar winter weather policies.

Information about the Cold Weather Rule is available on the Commission's website. Kansans may also contact their local utility company or the KCC's Office of Public Affairs and Consumer Protection at (800) 662-0027 or 785-271-3140.

Kansas Corporation Commission warns consumers to beware of electric savings scam

TOPEKA - The Kansas Corporation Commission has received a report that an individual claiming to be working with the KCC is calling utility custom-

ers and offering a 30% discount on their electric bills. Based on what has been reported, the caller asks about Medicare or Medicaid eligibility, then

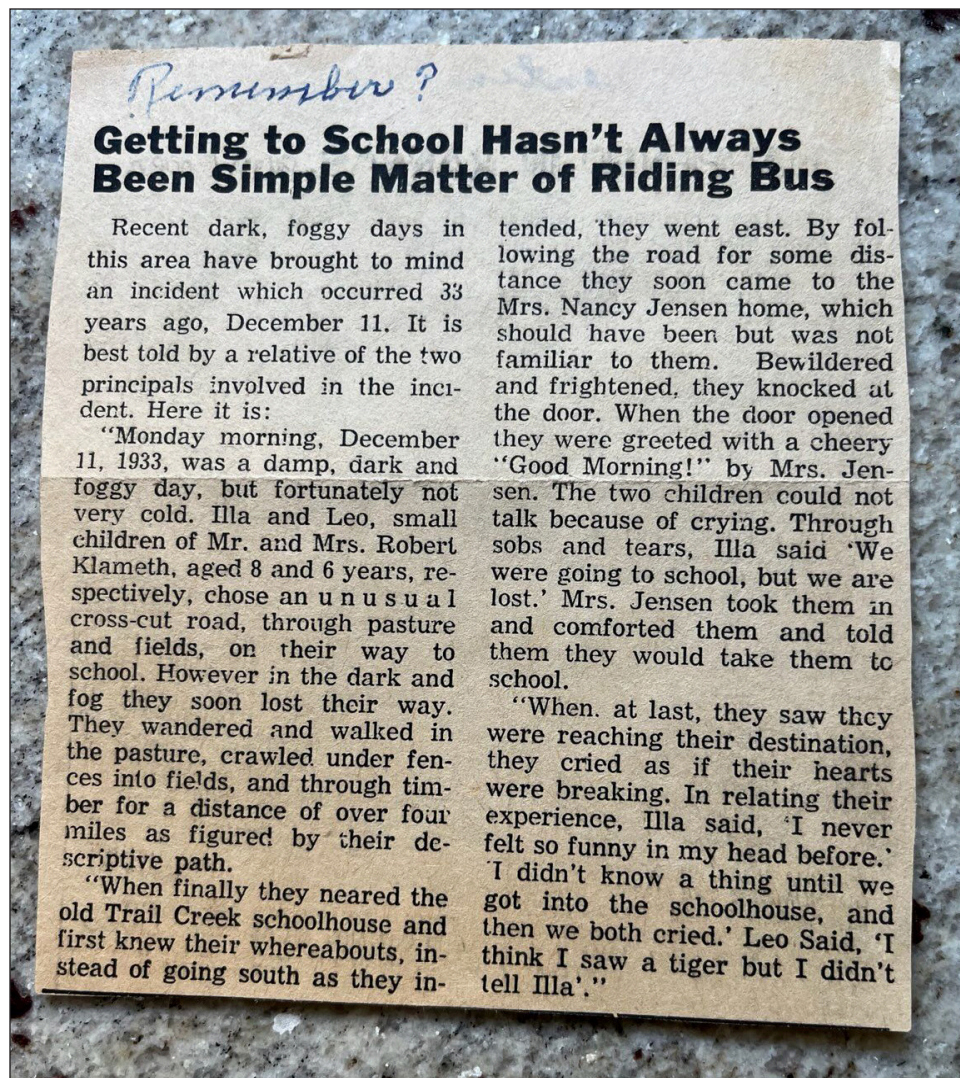
asks for a credit card so the refund can be applied.

This individual is not affiliated with the KCC and the agency urges consumers to use caution if they

receive a call. Above all, if you receive a call like this, do not provide credit card information. More information will be released if it becomes available.

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Lincoln stunned by late Little River touchdown

Lincoln Wraps Up Season with First-Round Playoff Exit, Marking Third Early Finish in Five Years

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Jaren Garrison's 71-yard touchdown pass to Logan Renken with 18 seconds remaining in the fourth quarter gave Little River a shocking 42-40 victory over Lincoln Thursday evening in the first round of the 8-Man Division I Football Playoffs.

Lincoln, hosting its first postseason contest since 2010 stopped Little River on its first possession and then drove 48 yards in six plays as Quarterback Jeremiah Miller found Ben Bell wide open for a 36-yard touchdown pass for an early 8-0 lead after the successful two-point conversion. The Redskins however responded with a four-play 35-yard drive of their own which culminated in a one-yard run by Logan Schubert, tying the score 8-8 after the two-point conversion was good.

The Leopards were back in the lead 16-8 at the end of the first period when Jeremiah Miller connected with Xavier Miller for a 37-yard touchdown pass and the successful two-point try. Another score between the Miller brothers, this time from 34 yards out early in the second stanza swelled Lincoln's lead to 24-8 and for a while it looked like Lincoln was going to run the perennial state title contender out of the stadium.

Little River however clawed back to within 24-22 by half-time on a pair of touchdowns that included a 15-yard run by Renken and a five-yard scamper by Garrison.

Lincoln found the end zone again on its first drive of the second half when Jeremiah Miller found Bell for a score from 10 yards out to make the score 32-22. The Redskins responded one more time when Renken ran in from one yard out and after three quarters, the Leopards held a slim four point margin at 32-28.

Lincoln once again looked poised to put the game away early in the fourth quarter when Jeremiah Miller threw his fifth touchdown pass of the night, the third one to Bell for 27 yards and the two-point conversion made the score 40-28. After stopping Little River on downs on its next possession, the Leopards were set up on the Little River 21-yard line and ready to close in on their first-ever playoff win when disaster struck. Miller's pass on the first play of the drive was intercepted by Kal El Robinson and returned to midfield.

Eight plays and 42 yards later, Renken scored his third rushing touchdown of the evening from one yard out and the two-point try pulled Little River to within 40-36 with 5:24 remaining. Lincoln then put together another long drive but Miller was intercepted again, this time by Schubert on the 12-yard line with under two minutes remaining.

After a penalty and a sack pushed Little River back to its own nine-yard line, the Redskins took a time out and on the next play, Garrison who alternated Quarterback duties with Renken, found Renken in stride for what proved to be the winning touchdown with 18 seconds remaining. The two-point conversion failed, but Little River had its first lead of the game before a shell shocked Lincoln crowd.

Still, the Leopards were gifted one more chance when Little River was hit with a facemask penalty on the ensuing kickoff. Miller found Bell for seven yards and Bell got out of bounds with 5.5 seconds left but Miller was sacked on the very next play trying to set up for one last pass and the game came to an end.

Lincoln (6-3) outgained Little River 348-320 and Jeremiah Miller had a monster night passing, completing 19 of 30 pass attempts for 271 yards and five touchdowns along with the two late interceptions. Bell caught 10 passes for 149 yards and three scores while Xavier Miller had eight receptions for 113 yards and two touchdowns. Garrison led Little River (7-2) with 80 yards on 17 carries and a rushing touchdown while going two for two passing for 105 yards and the winning touchdown pass while Renken rushed for 62 yards and three touchdowns and added the fourth touchdown on the winning pass.

With the victory, Little River will travel to Howard, Kansas to take on West Elk in the second round on Friday, November 8. West Elk defeated Northern Heights 48- Thursday evening to improve to 9-0 on the season. Lincoln's season concludes in the first round of the playoffs for the third time in the last five years.



Lincoln's Xavier Miller holds tight to stop the Little River offense, preventing any gains on the play and showcasing his defensive strength on the field. (Photo by Becky Rathbun)



Lincoln struck again on its first drive of the second half as Jeremiah Miller connected with Bell on a 10-yard touchdown pass, closing the gap to 32-22. (Photo by Becky Rathbun)



Lincoln senior Ethan Ahring stands strong, holding the line and anchoring the defense with determination in a crucial moment of the game. (Photo by Becky Rathbun)

Sylvan-Lucas lead gritty comeback Fall in Overtime Heartbreaker in Playoff Opener



Sylvan-Lucas football seniors (L-R): CD Webber, Connor Charvat, Tage Woodmansee, Alec Huck, Cade Brokes, and Briceson Pasek, reflect on their season after a hard-fought first-round playoff game against Central Plains. Down by 8 with just 1:47 left, they staged a comeback to tie the game with 1:10 remaining but ultimately faced a heartbreaking 2-point loss in overtime. These seniors and their teammates gave it their all, leaving everything on the field this season. (Courtesy photo)

Tescott will host Altoona-Midway on Friday, Nov. 8, at 6 PM for the regional football playoffs.

No passes will be accepted, and KSHSAA gate prices are \$8 per adult and \$6 per student/child. Come out and support the Trojans!