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## Pink Friday led the way into post-Thanksgiving sales

By *Jyll Phillips, Lincoln-Sentinel*

Pink Friday is the Small Business version of Black Friday, typically the busiest day in the year for retailers as shoppers get serious about

their holiday shopping. Pink Friday is a nationwide event supporting small and local businesses by encouraging shoppers to shop from them before Black Friday. Pink Friday is held the Friday

prior to Thanksgiving.

In addition to the many noteworthy deals and seasonal sales held that day in Lincoln, Marilyn Helmer of Village Lines added an extra bit of interest to the day

by hosting a book signing by Bev Nelson for her book "Tales from Trail Creek." The book is a collection of short stories about the author's experiences growing up in the Denmark area. Even though



Village Lines embraces the holiday spirit with a festive Danish Christmas display for Pink Friday. In addition to hosting a book signing for "Tales from Trail Creek" by Bev Nelson, Village Lines offers various Danish products to celebrate the season. Stop by to enjoy the display and pick up a copy of the book, available through the holidays! (Courtesy photo)

the signing is over, the book is available at Village Lines.

In honor of the stories of the Denmark area, Village Lines has chosen a Danish Christmas as their holiday theme. Various Danish

products are offered for sale now through the holiday season.

For a taste of Danish traditions, join in Dancing Around the Christmas Tree Saturday, December 7 at 6:00

p.m. The event will be held at Denmark Hall. Soup will be provided, and guests are asked to bring their dancing shoes, a snack to share and non-perishable food items for the Lincoln County

Food Pantry. This is a great opportunity to learn about Danish tradition, enjoy the companionship of others, get a little exercise and give back to the community.

## How to choose the right toys for Christmas

By *Jyll Phillips, Lincoln-Sentinel*

TTPM, based in Bethpage, NY is a company that studies, researches and reviews toys. TTPM is the only site that combines expert reviews (written and video) with live price comparison, one-click purchasing, and product availability at major retailers including Amazon, Target, Walmart, and Petco.

Whether at home or on the go, TTPM gives shoppers all the details they need to make educated purchasing decisions and save time and money. TTPM ensures parents and gift givers are finding the best products for kids at the best prices.

The seasoned TTPM editorial team reviews thousands of products each year, providing comprehensive video and written reviews of toys, baby products, and pet products.

How Toys Become Most Wanted

According to the TTPM website (TTPM.com), there are more than 160,000 toys on the market in the U.S. at any given time! That means, if you are a little confused about what to get the children on your list, you are not alone. In this day and age, toys range from the simplest collectibles and impulse toys to the most sophisticated electronic marvels, with over 10,000 new toys introduced every year.

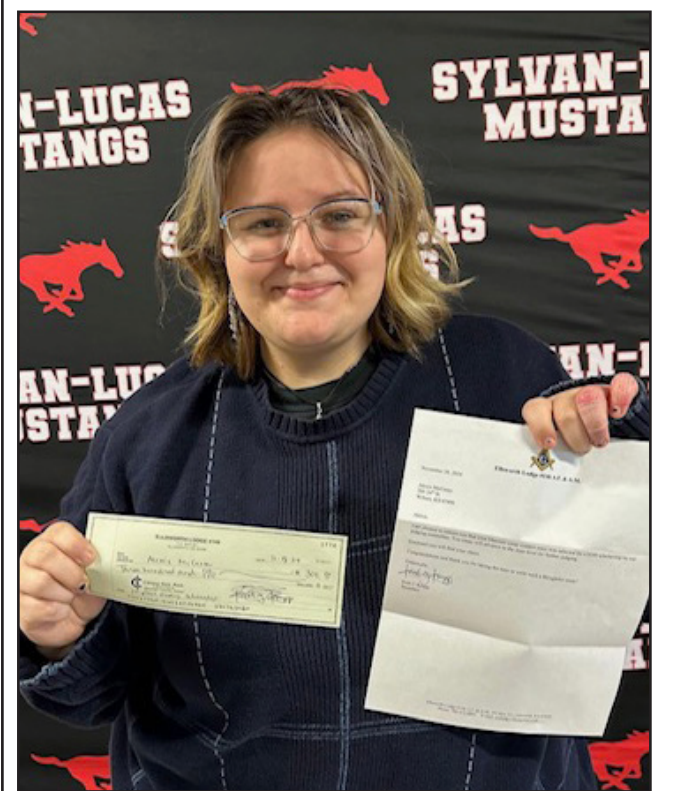
A full year or more before a "Most Wanted Toys" list is revealed and before the toys are made available for purchase, the process of reviewing them begins. Product research includes attendance at Toy Fairs all over the world, visiting with the companies who create the toys and previewing toys still in development, including spending a lot of time in toy stores. The toys who make it through the process to the shelves in retail outlets are still subject to scrutiny by their target group - the parents and children for whom they are created.

There is no clear-cut formula for choosing just the right toy for your tot because, as we know, each child is different with different play styles and personalities. Additionally, as quickly as a child's taste changes and they move from one "favorite" to the next, the toys on the market change as well. Once the research process is complete, the process of se-

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## Sylvan student wins Masonic Lodge Essay contest



Lexi McCarter, a student at Sylvan-Lucas Unified High School has been selected as the 2024 Ellsworth County Masonic Lodge Essay Contest winner.

According to their website, the 170 Masonic Lodges across Kansas provide over \$300,000 in philanthropic assistance to their communities. Because of their history of charitable contributions, students who entered the contest were asked to select a charitable organization in their community and explain why they believe this organization warrants financial consideration and support.

Lexi's essay focused on the organization Feeding the Children of Central Kansas. The top eight winners at the state competition will receive an award of \$1,000 to the charitable organization they have selected.

## A message from the Lincoln Co. Sheriff's office

By *Jyll Phillips, Lincoln-Sentinel*

In view of the recent attack by a stray dog and the increasing problem of dogs running loose, the Lincoln County Sheriff has issued the following statement.

"The cities within Lincoln County have ordinances regarding dogs within their city limits. In an effort to educate the public about the responsibilities of owning dogs within these city limits, the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office will publish a series of posts on their Facebook page.

"For the City of Lincoln:

Ordinance 2-201 states: Every owner of any dog over six months of age shall register with the Lincoln City Clerk every year the following information:

"Name and address of the dog owner; Name, gender and description of each dog owned and kept in Lincoln; Current rabies immunization certificate; A certificate from a veterinarian documenting any neutering or spaying; A fee of \$5.00 per dog for the first two and \$10 each subsequent dog.

"Dog owners have 30 days from obtaining a new dog

or 30 days from bringing a dog into Lincoln to register the same dog at Lincoln City Hall. Each dog must be registered each year. Commercial kennels and hobby breeders must pay \$5 per dog. Registration must take place before March 31st or the normal registration fees double. It is illegal to fail to register dogs kept in Lincoln, and it is illegal to fail to maintain rabies immunizations of dogs within the city limits.

"Registering your dog helps the sheriff's office identify dogs who have gotten loose. We are able to

connect them back to their owners quickly. In cases of dog bites, it also helps eliminate the need to suffer the pain and cost of rabies prevention from unknown dogs.

"It is never too late to register your dogs."

Because there is no individual or organization solely responsible for picking up stray dogs, the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office has assumed that task. Help keep them on the roads throughout the city and county by complying with the regulations.



### December 6th is Saint Nicholas Day

Saint Nicholas Day, celebrated on December 6 in Western Christian traditions and December 19 in Eastern Christian traditions, honors Saint Nicholas of Myra during the Advent season. Known for his generosity and reputation as a bringer of gifts, Saint Nicholas is the inspiration behind modern figures like Santa Claus and Father Christmas. The name "Santa Claus" originates from the Dutch "Sinterklaas," reflecting Saint Nicholas' legacy. Traditionally observed with church services and small gifts, the feast day focuses on the saint's role in Christian history. Over time, the gift-giving tradition has shifted from Saint Nicholas Day to Christmas Day in many cultures, but the day remains a meaningful celebration for many.

### Cash Grain

Corn.....	\$4.02
Milo.....	\$3.72
Soybeans.....	\$9.09
Wheat.....	\$4.84

Cash prices courtesy of Ag Mark

## Community Calendar

### Thursday, December 5

USD 298: 3:30pm - LJH Basketball vs Stockton  
 USD 299: 5th Grade Starbas; HS Band in Seminar; 4pm JH BB @ St. John's-Tipton (Tipton location)

### Friday, December 6

USD 298: 7pm - Grades 6-12 Winter Band/Vocal Concert  
 USD 299: 3pm Girls Wrestling WaKeeney; 3pm HS BB vs. Bennington @ Sylvan

### Saturday, December 7

Denmark: 6 pm Dancing Around the Christmas Tree @ Denmark Hall  
 USD 299: KMEA-HS/Elementary -Band & Choir @ Hays HS; 9am Wrestling Hoxie Invite @ Hoxie  
 Sylvan Grove: 3 pm Christmas Open House at the Depot @ Sylvan Grove Union Pacific Depot; 3 pm Holiday Open House @ Sylvan Grove Public Library  
 Westfall: Breakfast with Santa @ Westfall Community Center  
 USD 298: 7:30 am Lincoln Rec - BB Clinic

### Sunday, December 8

USD 299: 4pm Randi Highschool Gym

### Monday, December 9

USD 298: 3pm - HS BB Pre-season Tournament @ Tescott; 6 pm Board Mtg  
 USD 299: HS Band in Seminar; HS BB Russell Tourney @ Russell; 1pm Board of Ed Mtg

### Tuesday, December 10

Lincoln: 10 am Storytime @ Lincoln Library  
 USD 298: 10am - Beloit Holiday Robotic Competition; 3pm - HS BB Pre-season Tournament @ Tescott  
 USD 299: HS BB Russell Tourney @ Russell

### Wednesday, December 11

Lincoln: 11 am Christmas Open House at Citizens State Bank & Trust Co.; 2:30 pm am Christmas Craft Day @ Lincoln Library  
 USD 298: 3pm - HS BB Pre-season Tournament @ Tescott; Students Dismissed Noon/PM Inservice  
 USD 299: HS Band in Seminar; HS BB Russell Tourney @ Russell; 7:30am High School Faculty 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.



### Monday, December 9

Tater Tot Casserole, Green Beans, Cinnamon Apples, Roll & Milk

### Tuesday, December 10

Beef & Noodles, Mashed Potatoes, Cauliflower, Peach Cobbler, Roll & Milk

### Wednesday, December 11

Christmas Dinner: Baked Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Glazed Carrots, Strawberry Dessert, Roll & Milk

### Thursday, December 12

Cream Chicken & Biscuit, Peas, Cucumber & Tomato, Pineapple & Milk

### Friday, December 13

Meatloaf, Baked Potato, Broccoli, Fruited Geletin, Roll & 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.*



## Lincoln Christmas Open House

join us

Wednesday, December 11th

11am to 2pm

Enjoy Christmas refreshments!



# NCK Raptors Mountain Bike Team gear up for spring season

North Central KS - The NCK Raptors Mountain Bike Team is preparing for their fifth season with one informational meeting with local coaches. The meeting will be held on Sunday, December 8th, 2-4 p.m. at Palen Family Farms, east of Tipton, KS. The NCK Raptors team is open to boys and girls 6th to 12th grade from area schools and homeschool students in North Central Kansas, and is in the fifth year of the Interscholastic Kansas Cycling League. Practice commences in January, and attending this meeting is the best 'first step' for all new riders, along with our current team members.

The trails will be open for family rides after the meeting, so all are welcome to bring bikes and helmets. Visit the NCK Raptors Facebook page for more details and location or call 785-545-8505.

Head Coach, John McClure, commented, "We're excited for our fifth season for the NCK Raptors and getting more kids on bikes. We had an amazing fourth year with our team of student athletes and we're looking forward to growing our team once again!"

The NCK Raptors Mountain Bike Team, founded in 2020, is an official club in North Central Kansas

and plans to hold practices starting in January for the spring event season. The team will compete in the Interscholastic Kansas Cycling League which provides programs to help students achieve both competitive and non-competitive cross-country mountain biking goals and comprises the easiest route for youth to get involved in the life-long sport of cycling.

For more information about joining the team or to join as a coach, visit [www.facebook.com/NCKRAPTORS](http://www.facebook.com/NCKRAPTORS). For more information about the Kansas League, visit [www.kansasmtb.org](http://www.kansasmtb.org)

## Protect your money and stay safe

By Jamie Rathbun  
 Post Rock District Family and Community Wellness Agent

With the holiday season approaching, gift cards are popular and convenient... and not just for gifts. Criminals have latched onto gift cards as a convenient form of payment in their scams. In a 2022 AARP survey, 1 in 3 adults said they or someone they know had been asked at some point to purchase a gift card to pay a bill, fee or some other debt or obligation or to claim a prize. About one in four adults who were contacted reported they bought the cards, or approximately 13 million U.S. adults ages 18 and older.

Understanding how this scam works and staying alert can help you avoid becoming a victim. How the gift card scam works. Gift card scams start with a call, text, email, or social media message. Typically, the message appears to come from someone you know (a boss or family member - scammers can find out a lot about us by searching our social networks). The message reads something like this, Hi, Good to hear from you. I need to get three iTunes gift cards for my niece. It's her birthday but I can't do this now because I'm currently traveling. Can you get them for me from any store around you? Send me the numbers on the back of the cards so I can send them to my niece. I'll pay back next week when I get back home. Scammers will try every trick to get you to buy gift cards and hand over the card number and PIN codes. Recognize the red flags. Watch for these warning signs:

- Request for payment via gift cards: Legitimate organizations will never ask you to pay with gift cards.
- Urgency and pressure: Scammers often create a sense of urgency,

pushing you to buy and send gift card information immediately.

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- Pretending to be someone you know or trust: Scammers might impersonate a family member, friend, coworker, financial institution and more. When in doubt, call the person or business directly. Types of gift card scams

- Scammers say they're from the government: They say they're from the IRS, the Social Security Administration, etc. Government agencies won't contact you to demand immediate payment. They never demand payment by gift card.

- Scammers claim to be from tech support: They say they're from Microsoft or Apple and there's something wrong with your computer. They ask for remote access, and say to pay them to get it fixed. Don't give them access to your computer.

- Scammers claim to be a friend or family member with an emergency: If the scammer uses voice cloning, they may even sound just like your loved one. They ask you to send money right away, but not tell anyone. If you're worried, contact the friend or relative to check that everything is all right.

- Scammers claim you've won a prize: But first, they tell you to pay fees or other charges with a gift card. No honest business or agency will ever make you buy a gift card to pay them for a prize. And did you even enter to win that prize?

- Scammers claim they're from your utility company: They threaten to cut off your service if you don't pay immediately. But utility companies don't work that way.

- Scammers ask for money after they chat you up on a dating website: Romance scammers will make up any story to trick you into buying a gift card to send them money.

Slow down. Never send money or gifts to anyone you haven't met in person, even if they send you money first.

- Scammers send a check for way more than you expected: They tell you to deposit the check and give them the difference on a gift card. Don't do it. That check will be fake, and you'll be out all that money. How to protect yourself

- Be skeptical: Always question requests for payment via gift card, even from someone claiming to represent a legitimate organization.

- Verify contact details: If someone you know asks for a gift card, confirm their identity by contacting them through a known number or email.

- Report scams immediately: If you receive a suspicious request, report it to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) at [ReportFraud.ftc.gov](http://ReportFraud.ftc.gov) or contact the gift card company directly to see if funds can be recovered.

What to do If you're targeted. If you think you've fallen for a gift card scam, act fast: 1. Contact the gift card company: Report the fraud, and see if any funds are still on the card. The company may be able to help.

2. Report to the FTC: Even if you're unable to recover the funds, reporting the scam can help authorities track and prevent future scams.

Stay alert and protect yourself from falling for this costly trick.

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## Turkey Giveaway Winners

Citizen's State Bank & Trust Co.  
 Lincoln Grocery  
 Meyer Tire & Lube  
 The Bank of Tescott, Tescott  
 The Bank of Tescott, Lincoln  
 Viv's Retail Liquor  
 Bennington State Bank, S.G.  
 Farmway Credit Union  
 Lincoln County Hospital  
 Heller Chiropractic  
 Central Valley Ag  
 Patterson Health Mart Pharmacy  
 Lincoln Sentinel-Republican  
 C & S Service  
 Family Hair Flair, Lincoln  
 Family Hair Flair, Tescott

Kathy Moss  
 Steve Beale  
 Merlin Lyne  
 Tammy Rees  
 Marylyn Bell  
 Roger Suelter  
 Howard Wehrman  
 Dedra Wehrman  
 Mike Hansen  
 Reva VonFange  
 Judy Fuller  
 Larry Hitter  
 Scott Errebo  
 Margaret Peterson  
 Melissa Gurney  
 Kelly Gourley

Happy Holidays!!



## Barnard Lions Club Pancake Day

Saturday, Dec. 21  
 11 a.m. -7:00 p.m.  
 at the Barnard Community Building  
 Santa Arrives at 1:30 p.m.



## A Great Big THANK YOU!



Dennis Ray, Debora Smith, Jim Metz and Ryley Hembry

A big thank you goes to the Lincoln County Hospital and Health Care Foundation for their gift to the Lincoln County Hospital of the house located on the corner of 2nd and North Street.

Your generosity is truly appreciated!  
 Lincoln County Hospital and Board of Trustees

join us for our

## Christmas Lighting

SATURDAY, DEC 7TH 5-7PM  
 AT THE AMERICAN LEGION IN SYLVAN GROVE

WE WILL BE SERVING SOUP, SANDWICHES, DRINKS AND DESSERT  
 SANTA WILL BE COMING- BINGO AND PRIZES TO FOLLOW

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### Don't ignore what your body is saying to you

By Jamie Rathbun  
Post Rock District Family and Community Wellness Agent

Speak up when you're having a healthcare appointment or procedure. Make sure to follow instructions you and your doctor discuss during visits. This could include taking medicine, preparing for a follow-up test, or scheduling an appointment with a specialist. If you're confused or if you've forgotten some information, it's okay to contact your provider's office to get more details. Also contact their office if:

You have questions after the appointment. Ask to leave a message with the doctor or speak with a nurse. Collect the names of the people you interact with because you may need to contact them again.

If you start to feel worse or have problems with your medicine or treatment.

If you had tests and haven't gotten the results or don't understand the test results.

If you're sensitive about a particular condition or are worried about being stigmatized by a condition, lack of health insurance, or are uncomfortable with the care you are getting, consider going to a clinic that specializes in the condition or serves people you know and trust.

Above all, don't avoid medical care because you are uncomfortable asking questions or seeking healthcare services. Express your concerns to your provider and follow through. Your body will be grateful.

### COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

November 18, 2024  
The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met in the courthouse commission meeting room on Monday, November 18, 2024. Chairman Dennis Ray called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with Vice-Chairman Debora Smith and Member Ryley Hemby present. County Clerk Dawn Harlow was in attendance as recording secretary.

Others present for portions of the meeting: John Paul Ellis, Shawn Esterl, Brandon Cochran, Felicia Strahm, Truette McQueen, Dustin Florence, Gene Kramer, Dale Hlad, Brett Wilkinson, and Forrest Rhodes.

Correspondence: A letter from Champlin Tire Recycling; bills for Lincoln Park Manor; a resolution; a letter of support; midmonth accounts payable; and WEB fund recommendations.

Dennis Ray moved to approve Resolution 2024-27, rescinding the burn ban, seconded by Ryley Hemby. Motion carried. Debora Smith moved to approve four WEB fund grants to Colorado Township \$6,000; Lincoln County Health Department \$2,700; Lincoln Area Chamber of Commerce \$13,500; and Vesper Community Club Inc. \$1,956.73, seconded by Ryley Hemby. Motion carried. Dennis Ray moved to approve a letter of support on behalf of Twin Valley to the BEAD grant application, seconded by Ryley Hemby. Motion carried. Debora Smith moved to approve midmonth accounts payable in the amount of \$38,476.40, seconded by Ryley Hemby. Motion carried.

Saline County Sanitarian Shawn Esterl notified the board that the State plans to do another round of grants that can be used to repair or replace failing on-site wastewater systems and conduct private water well testing. Esterl inquired if the board would like to apply for the grant as the application deadline is approaching. The board approved to apply for \$30,000 to repair or replace failing on-site wastewater systems. The current grant can fund an additional two systems. Residents

with failing systems who need financial assistance should contact Esterl or County Clerk Harlow for more information.

Courthouse Custodian/Maintenance John Paul Ellis requested approval to use PTO time in 2025. The board approved the request.

Ambulance Service Director Brandon Cochran reported that Dale Detmer and Damon Vonada are retiring. Cochran updated the board on department activities. The board approved removing Cochran from probation and the weekly meeting requirement.

Dennis Ray moved to approve ten minutes for the purpose of discussing employee benefits in the appraiser's office, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2) (b)(1) to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel, with the commission, County Appraiser Truette McQueen, and County Clerk Dawn Harlow seconded by Ryley Hemby. Motion carried. Time in: 9:28 a.m. Time out: 9:38 a.m.

The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 9:38 a.m. with no action taken.

Sheriff Dustin Florence provided a draft copy of a request for proposals for professional Architectural and Engineering Services to design a new sheriff's department and jail for the board to review. Florence will make the required changes and return to the meeting for final approval. Florence discussed department activities and provided pricing to upgrade the copier.

Debora Smith moved to approve the November 4 and November 13 minutes, seconded by Ryley Hemby. Motion carried.

Human Resource Officer Felicia Strahm discussed the status of filling open positions in the highway department. Strahm related that the starting wage approved for a new hire did not match the starting wage listed in the offer letter and requested that the board correct the motion. Debora Smith moved to correct the starting waging for Mark Eckhart to Grade 14, Step 16, effective at the date of hire, seconded by Ryley Hemby. Motion carried. The group identified deadlines for completing

### OBITUARY



**Reva (Webb) Ellis**  
Sept. 3, 1941 - Nov. 23, 2024

Reva (Webb) Ellis, 83, of Burlington, passed away Saturday, November 23, 2024.

A Funeral Ceremony will be 1:00 pm., Friday, November 29, 2024 at the Penwell Gabel Funeral Home, 1321 SW 10th Ave., Topeka, KS. Her family will greet friends and relatives one hour prior to the service. She will be laid to rest at Memorial Park Cemetery, in Topeka. To read her full obituary, please visit [www.penwellgabeltopeka.com](http://www.penwellgabeltopeka.com).

evaluations and discussed changes that might need to be made with third-party benefits providers. The board approved providing Chamber Bucks to active county employees for Christmas. Strahm requested an executive session. Dennis Ray moved to recess into executive session for fifteen minutes for the purpose of discussing FMLA, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2) (b)(1) to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel, to reconvene in the courthouse commission meeting room, with the commission, HR Felicia Strahm, and County Clerk Dawn Harlow, seconded by Debora Smith. Motion carried. Time in: 10:28 a.m. Time out: 10:43 a.m.

The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 10:43 a.m. with no action taken. Debora Smith moved to recess into executive session for ten minutes for the purpose of discussing FMLA, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b)(1) to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel, to reconvene in the courthouse commission meeting room, with the commission, HR Felicia Strahm, and County Clerk Dawn Harlow, seconded by Dennis Ray. Motion carried. Time in: 10:54 a.m. Time out: 11:04 a.m.

The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 11:04 a.m. Debora Smith moved to approve the shared leave application, seconded by Ryley Hemby. Motion carried.

Gene Kramer presented a painting of the courthouse to the board, which was painted by his sister, using his chosen picture taken during the application process for a 1993 Heritage Trust Fund Grant.

Sheriff Florence provided the updated RFP for the board's approval. The board approved signing the request for proposal (RFP).

Public Works Director Dale Hlad provided an update on department activities. The group discussed the requirements for receiving funding from the State of Kansas for the illegal dump. Hlad will provide the sample resolution received to the

county attorney for assistance. Commissioner Hemby forwarded a road maintenance request. Brett Wilkinson, Kirkham Michael related that the county would receive an award for the N 60th Rd pavement project at the annual KAC meeting on December 4. Hlad will attend the award presentation. Wilkinson provided cost estimates for designing two additional construction/demolition cells at the landfill and presented an agreement to design and prepare permitting documents for the cells. Dennis Ray moved to enter into an agreement with Kirkham Michael for engineering services for two new CD cells, with the fees to be drawn from the WEB fund, seconded by Ryley Hemby. Motion carried.

Dennis Ray moved to recess into executive session for fifteen minutes for the purpose of discussing FMLA, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b)(1) to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel, to reconvene in the courthouse commission meeting room, with the commission, HR Felicia Strahm, County Clerk Dawn Harlow, and Attorney Forrest Rhodes via telephone, seconded by Ryley Hemby. Motion carried. Time in: 11:34 a.m. Time out: 11:49 a.m.

The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 11:49 a.m. with no action taken. Dennis Ray moved to recess into executive session for ten minutes for the purpose of discussing FMLA, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2) (b)(1) to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel, to reconvene in the courthouse commission meeting room, with the commission, HR Felicia Strahm, County Clerk Dawn Harlow, and Attorney Forrest Rhodes via telephone, seconded by Ryley Hemby. Motion carried. Time in: 11:49 a.m. Time out: 11:59 a.m.

The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 11:59 a.m. with no action taken.

The chairman adjourned the meeting at 12:12 p.m. The next meeting will be in the courthouse commission meeting room at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, November 25, 2024.



- 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](http://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**  
[www.lincolncommunitychurch.org](http://www.lincolncommunitychurch.org)  
Pastor Steven Rohn  
Sunday School @ 9:30 am  
Worship Service @ 10:30 am  
Ladies Prayer Group, Wed. @ 5 pm  
To rent the cube call Michael Pickering 785-488-7049  
Children's Wednesday evening program to be announced soon
- 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
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## Guest Editorial The barn box

My father-in-law called me on a recent Friday night to let me know the first three lambs of the season had arrived. The triplets were born in the pasture and would need to be brought up to the barn and kept in the nursery pens to make sure all three lambs would be claimed by the mother and that they'd all get plenty of milk in their first few days.

When I got the call, my family was in the process of getting ready to make a trip to town to go out to dinner and then catch a movie together.

We knew we would need to move quickly to get the lambs taken care of if we wanted to eat and get to the theater in time to see the movie the kids had been eyeing for weeks.

We quickly drove over to where the sheep were to get the job done. We divided up the necessary tasks and went to work. My daughter got the grain ration mixed and delivered water to the nursery pen while my son, father-in-law and I gathered the babies and separated the ewe from the rest of the flock.

We worked together to calmly move her into her pen where her babies were already wading through a fresh bed of straw. The process took maybe 20 minutes in total to complete, and before we left for town, the little lambs were curled up together under a heat lamp while their mother calmly ate her grain.

As we were walking back to my vehicle, it hit me: Nobody had changed their shoes or clothes before we dealt with the sheep.

I told the kids to scoot their shoes in the grass for a few extra seconds before getting into my car to avoid tracking in anything from the barn that restaurant patrons or moviegoers might smell. I looked down at my sweatshirt and jeans and gave them a quick dust off, washed my hands with soap and water and headed to town.

I know many people who keep a gym bag in their car with all of the items one might need when going to the gym before or after work or school. But me? I keep a barn box in the back of my car.

The contents of my barn box contain my lambing uniform, which consists of barn boots, gloves and coveralls. All of the items in my barn box will remain in my vehicle for the duration of lambing season. It's my way to easily swap out shoes and cover my clothes quickly while working with the animals. Over the years I have found it helps to have everything bundled together so when I need to make a trip to the barn, I have the necessary gear ready to throw on – whether it's day or night.

But since these three little lambs were born a week earlier than expected, the only part of my barn box in my car at the time were my gloves.

Needless to say, my entire lambing uniform is now stashed away in my car for the entirety of lambing season.

While there's a pretty good chance I still smell like the lambing barn even if I swap out my attire for my barn box uniform, I feel better knowing that if I get a last-minute call to head to the barn, I can at least change out my shoes and cover up my clothes while I complete the necessary tasks before continuing on with my day.

*"Insight" is a weekly column published by Kansas Farm Bureau, the state's largest farm organization whose mission is to strengthen agriculture and the lives of Kansans through advocacy, education and service.*

- Kim Baldwin  
McPherson County farmer and rancher

## THE LEOPARD LEGACY- BY NIKKI FLINN

### The Trust Equation



Nikki Flinn  
Superintendent  
USD 298

I was once told that a parents first interaction with their child's school is the foundation to the first impression that they form about the school system. The importance of a solid relationship and foundation between families and the school are critical in the success of building trust between families and our school community.

Trust in the school system is essential for the success of both students and educators. It serves as the foundation upon which positive educational experiences are built. Trusting your school system means having confidence in its leadership, policies, decisions, and ability to meet the needs of every student. It fosters an environment where collaboration, innovation, and growth can flourish, allowing communities to support schools and students to thrive.

However, trust doesn't come automatically; it must be earned and nurtured over time. For parents, students, teachers, and community members, trust in the school system

means believing that it consistently upholds values of fairness, transparency, accountability, and effectiveness. It takes many people to build these types of trust and relationships.

The first key element in building trust between stakeholders and schools is transparency. When parents and community members are kept informed about decisions, policies, and any changes within the system, it builds a sense of confidence. Open communication regarding curriculum changes, student performance data, or challenges faced by the school system helps stakeholders feel involved in the educational process.

The second key element for a trusting relationship is consistency in its policies and practices. Stakeholders need to know that the rules, expectations, and support structures will be applied fairly and equitably. This includes everything within a school system. When a school system is clear about its policies and follows through with consistent actions, it assures stakeholders that the school can be relied upon to act fairly and in the best interest of all students.

The final element to trust with

schools and communities is relationships. Stakeholders should feel welcomed to the school and engaged in the school environment. Regular communication between school and stakeholders begins to build that relationship. A good relationship between stakeholders and the school can begin to build a partnership of trust.

Equally important is a school's responsiveness to feedback. When a school system actively listens to feedback from teachers, students, parents, and the community and acts upon it, it shows that it values the perspectives of its stakeholders. Whether it's making changes to a policy, addressing a specific concern, or celebrating a community suggestion, a school system that listens and adapts reinforces trust.

In the end, trust in the school system is vital for educational success. It requires constant nurturing through consistent practices, open communication, and a commitment to the values of fairness and equity. When a school system earns the trust of its students, parents, and community, it sets the stage for an educational experience where every student has the opportunity to thrive.

## PRAIRIE DOC - BY ERIC HOLM

### Doctor Chekhov, Physician & Writer

Literature classes worldwide study Anton Chekhov (1860-1904), a great innovator of the short story. He wrote slices-of-life with a great sense of humor — but the Russian-Lit-class-version of Dr. Chekhov often overlooks the vitality of his work in the theater. Theater-people like me know him as a playwright, the creative counterpart to the acting teacher Konstantin Stanislavsky, who directed and starred in Chekhov's breakthrough play, *The Seagull*. Together with the other artists of Moscow Art Theater, Chekhov and Stanislavsky pioneered a new style of ensemble performance, focusing on the whole society, rather than one "main character."

So if the literature-people under-appreciate his brilliance as a playwright, and theater-people undervalue his excellence in prose, both groups could stand to note his life-long dedication to medicine. Even after he became a famous writer, Dr. Chekhov never stopped seeing patients, and at the height of his literary career, he traveled nearly 6000 miles from Moscow to a notorious prison on Sakhalin Island to study the failures of the island-prison's health care system. After his trip, Chekhov wrote a carefully reported book-length argument for prison health care reform, a work of investigative medical journalism.

He once wrote in a letter: "Medicine is my lawful wife, and literature is my mistress."

My Dad was the great Dr. Rick Holm, whose mind was also rich with a multiplicity of passions and talents. I sometimes think that the way Chekhov's devotion to medicine was overshadowed by his success as an artist is an inversion of the way my Dad's devotion to art was overshadowed by his success as a doctor. He was well-known as a singer and a choral conductor, founding the (still ongoing) Hopeful Spirit Chorale, but his other artistic pursuits were less well-known: he was a fine amateur painter, a long-time member of the board of Prairie Repertory Theater, a talented draftsman (his book *Life's Final Season* includes his own anatomical drawings), and when he died, he was writing historical fiction — a novella set in the twelfth century in Salerno, Italy, about the first Western medical school.

I think Dr. Chekhov's perspective as a physician sharpened his observational powers as an artist. His plays and stories are full of people who suffer from habits of mind that they can't understand; the good doctor seems, with his careful, diagnostic observation, to identify problems with his characters' mental health (obsessions, depressions, manias, addictions) years before the vocabulary for such mental

health disorders had been developed. Like Shakespeare, Dr. Chekhov writes honestly about both the very poor and the very rich, treating servant characters with as much detail and dignity as the owners of the estate. Though the good doctor's 'slice-of-life' literary style is deeply rooted in reality, his work is paradoxical, both traditional and unconventional at once, using a physician's skill-set and a prescient fascination with the health-of-the-mind to create literary, theatrical, and journalistic work that was, thrillingly, ahead of its time.

*Eric Holm is an artist and teacher working mostly in performance, film, and music. He trained in Minneapolis and New York and is a founding member (with fellow Brookings-person Katie Melby) of the BREAD Arts Collective. Now based in Houston, Texas, Eric is an adjunct theater and film professor at the University of Houston, Galveston College, and Lone Star College, and is working on self-producing his second album. Follow The Prairie Doc® at www.prairiedoc.org, Facebook, Instagram, Youtube and Threads. Prairie Doc Programming includes On Call with the Prairie Doc®, a medical Q&A show (most Thursdays at 7pm streaming on Facebook), 2 podcasts, and a Radio program (on SDPB), providing health information based on science, built on trust.*

## POST ROCK EXTENSION DISTRICT

### Have a Merry Christmas with a Fresh Cut Tree

By Cassie Thiessen  
K-State Research and Extension Post Rock District Horticulture Agent

The Holiday Season is not complete without a Christmas tree. Nothing beats the look, feel, and smell of bringing a real Christmas tree into your home. Decorating the tree is a family tradition at my house and it never fails to get everyone in the holiday spirit. A fun way to bring some of the outdoors inside over the holidays is to buy a fresh cut Christmas tree. Toss aside the common misconception of fresh trees being messy and follow these tricks to choosing and caring for a live Christmas tree.

Before you head out to the tree farm, first decide where you will be placing the tree in your home. It is helpful to measure the height and width of the area you will place the tree prior to shopping. Don't forget to take a tape measure with you so when you find that perfect tree, you can make sure it's the right fit.

If you would like to visit a tree farm, visit the Kansas Christmas Tree Growers Association website to find a list of Christmas tree growers around the state. Christmas tree farm operators enjoy setting the stage for a cheerful and fun experience. Many

also provide hot chocolate, cider, bonfires and candy canes. You will likely be able to purchase a wreath or garland for your front door as well.

There are two choices when picking out a tree: farms will let you cut your own tree or they will have a selection of pre-cut trees for you to choose from. If you decide to cut your own tree, make sure the trunk or base of the tree is straight and 6-8 inches long so it will fit easily in the stand. You will likely need to bring your own straps or cables to tie the tree to your vehicle.

Pre-cut Christmas trees are available at various stores and farms and are great, convenient choices as well. Remember that trees sold on retail lots may have come from out of state and may have been exposed to drying winds in transit. They may have been cut weeks earlier. Buy trees early before the best trees have been sold and select from locations where trees are stored in the shade. You can find a fresh tree by looking for a healthy green appearance with few browning needles. Needles should be flexible and not fall off if you run a branch through your hand. Raise the tree a few inches off the ground and drop it on the trunk. Very few green needles should drop off the tree. It is normal

for a few inner brown needles to drop.

After you've gotten your tree home, you will want to prepare the spot in your house with a tree stand and plenty of space to move the tree indoors. Before you bring it indoors, cut the bottom inch of the trunk off so that the tree can easily take up water. When the tree is originally cut at the farm, it begins to send sap down to close off the cells so that the canopy of the tree can be protected from water loss. It needs to be cut again to open up the cells that transfer water into the tree so that it won't dry up during the few weeks it is in your home. Make sure to replenish the water in the tree stand regularly since the tree can transpire up to a gallon of water per day. This reduces the risk of fire hazards by keeping the tree hydrated as well as allowing the tree to act as an indoor air purifier during the holidays.

Whether you choose a locally grown tree, purchase a live pre-cut tree, or enjoy your artificial tree in your home this year, I hope it brightens your home and holiday season!

*Post Rock Extension District of K-State Research and Extension serves Jewell, Lincoln, Mitchell, Osborne, and Smith counties. Cassie may be contacted at cthiessen@ksu.edu or by calling Beloit (785-738-3597).*

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## KDA warns poultry owners of HPAI risk

MANHATTAN, Kansas — The increase in migratory bird activity brings the risk of a resurgence of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI), which is primarily spread by wild waterfowl. Although Kansas has not confirmed a case of HPAI in a domestic/commercial flock since April 2024, the virus has been detected in wild birds across the state over the first few weeks of November, so the Kansas Department of Agriculture reminds poultry owners that the threat of exposure to susceptible birds in Kansas is high.

Anyone involved with poultry production from the small backyard chicken owner to the large commercial producer should review their biosecurity activities to assure the health of their birds. Find guidance on biosecurity on the KDA Division of Animal Health webpage at [agriculture.ks.gov/AvianInfluenza](http://agriculture.ks.gov/AvianInfluenza).

Highly pathogenic avian influenza is a highly contagious viral disease that can infect chickens, gamebirds, turkeys, and other birds and can

cause severe illness and/or sudden death in infected birds. This outbreak has seen illness and mortality in a wider scope of bird species than past outbreaks, including wild and domestic waterfowl. Attentively monitor your birds for symptoms of HPAI which include: coughing, sneezing, nasal discharge, and other signs of respiratory distress; lack of energy and appetite; decreased water consumption; decreased egg production and/or soft-shelled, misshapen eggs; incoordination; and diarrhea. Avian influenza can also cause sudden death in birds even if they aren't showing other symptoms.

If these symptoms are observed in your birds, immediately contact your veterinarian. If you don't have a regular veterinarian, contact KDA's Division of Animal Health office toll-free at 833-765-2006.

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the recent HPAI detections do not present an immediate public health

concern. Birds and eggs from the infected flock will not enter the food system. As a reminder, the proper handling and cooking of all poultry and eggs to an internal temperature of 165 °F is recommended as a general food safety precaution.

As part of existing avian influenza response plans, federal and state partners are working jointly on additional surveillance and testing in areas around the affected flocks. The United States has the strongest avian influenza surveillance program in the world, and USDA is working with its partners to actively look for the disease in commercial poultry operations and live bird markets and in migratory wild bird populations.

For more information about HPAI, including current status of the confirmed cases in other states as well as more information about biosecurity for your flock, go to KDA's avian influenza webpage at [agriculture.ks.gov/AvianInfluenza](http://agriculture.ks.gov/AvianInfluenza) or call KDA at 833-765-2006.

## Application period for big game hunting permits now open

TOPEKA — Kansas-based chapters of nonprofit organizations focused on wildlife conservation and promoting the hunting and fishing heritage have a special fundraising opportunity thanks to the Kansas Wildlife and Parks Commission. Through the Commission Big Game Permit program, eligible organizations can enter a random drawing for one of seven special big game hunting permits, which may then be sold to fund conservation projects. The drawing will take place at the Commission's meeting on January 30, 2025. Applicants do not need to be present to win.

Applications are due by Jan. 17, 2025. To submit an application: Visit [fo/Commission](http://ksoutdoors.com/KDWP-In-</a></p>
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Click "Commissioner Permits" toward the bottom of the page. Download the file titled, "2025 Commissioner Permit Application fillable."

Return the completed application by mail or email at the addresses listed on the application.

Each year, the program offers up to seven Commission Big Game permits (no more than one elk and one antelope and up to seven deer permits), depending on applicants' preferences. Deer permits are either-species/either-sex and are valid statewide during any season with the legal equipment for that season; and, they do not count against other big game permits the

license holder may obtain.

Winning organizations keep 15 percent of their sale price of the Commission Big Game Permit to support their missions. The remaining 85 percent is held by the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks until a mutually agreed upon conservation project is approved. (If Kansas Hunters Feeding the Hungry is drawn, they may keep 85 percent of their sale price in order to offset donated deer processing fees.) Organizations may not win a Commission Big Game Permit more than once in a three-year period.

For more information, contact Jake George, KDWP Wildlife Division Director, at [jake.george@ks.gov](mailto:jake.george@ks.gov).

## SPICE UP YOUR LIFE - LINDSAY YOUNG

*Oh, my 'ganache.' This pie is absolutely incredible!*



- 1/2 cup flour
- 1/3 cup brown sugar
- 1/3 cup rolled or quick oats
- 6 tablespoons butter, room temperature
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon cardamom
- 1/4 teaspoon salt

### Overall Directions

There will be a lot of waiting between steps on this pie, but you can easily make all the components ahead of time and keep them in the refrigerator over the course of a couple days before assembling it at the end. You will want to use a deep pie dish for this recipe.

### Pumpkin Ganache Directions

Preheat the oven to 325 degrees. Line a rimmed baking sheet with parchment paper.

Spread all of the pumpkin out on the paper and roast for 20 to 30 minutes or until it is a deep orange color and is reduced down to about two cups.

Remove it from the oven and set it aside to cool.

Place the chocolate chips in a large, heat-safe bowl and set aside.

In a small pot, bring the cream, corn syrup and butter to a boil, stirring regularly.

As soon as it's at a boil, remove it from the heat and pour the mixture evenly over the chocolate chips. You don't need to stir. Just set it aside for one minute.

Add the pumpkin and seasonings, and stir. Using an immersion blender (or a normal one), blend until everything is completely smooth. Place the ganache in the refrigerator to completely cool.

### Caramel Directions

Have the heavy cream, butter (cut into tablespoons), vanilla and salt measured out and ready. Set them aside.

In a heavy-bottomed saucepan, add the sugar, water and corn syrup. Heat it over medium heat, stirring to make sure the ingredients are totally incorporated. Keep stirring until the sugar dissolves. Once the mixture is clear and bubbling, do not stir any more. Just swirl the pot every few minutes, watching it closely. You'll cook it until it reaches a golden brown color. You'll know it's ready when it's a deep brown and there are just small bits of smoke coming up from the mixture. This could take as long as 10 minutes.

As soon as it's to the point, remove

it from the heat immediately and instantly toss in a tablespoon of butter, whisking vigorously. As soon as that pad is almost melted, follow suit with another, continuing until all of the butter is incorporated.

Now, drizzle in the cream, continuing to whisk.

Whisk in the vanilla and salt, and then pour the caramel into a heat-safe container. Let the caramel cool on the counter before placing the container in the refrigerator to cool completely.

### Streusel Directions

Preheat the oven to 325 degrees. Prepare a rimmed baking sheet by lining it with parchment paper, and set it aside.

Add all of the ingredients to a mixing bowl and cut together with a fork or pastry cutter until everything is well incorporated and resembles large crumbs.

Dump the mixture into an even layer on the baking sheet and bake for 10 to 15 minutes, stirring every five, until the mixture is browned.

Remove from the oven, and let the mixture cool completely.

### Assembly Directions

In a mixing bowl, beat the whipped cream, powdered sugar and vanilla until stiff peaks form. If the whipped cream isn't sweet enough, add a bit more powdered sugar until it's to your liking. Set it aside.

Spread the caramel evenly into the bottom of the pie crust.

Next, carefully spread the ganache over the caramel layer. Top that with the prepared whipped cream, and sprinkle the streusel on top just before serving. Store the finished pie or any leftovers in the refrigerator in an airtight container.

This was fabulous. It was an elevated version of the old classic—plenty of pumpkin-y goodness with lots of extra flavors and textures included.

It was also a big hit at Friendsgiving. Unfortunately, they'll all have to make this themselves if they want it again, though. I'm afraid they're stuck being guinea pigs for the foreseeable future.

*Spice Up Your Life is a weekly recipe column by Lindsay 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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THE STATE OF KANSAS TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS WHO ARE OR MAY BE CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in the District Court of Lincoln County, Kansas, by Charlene A. Jones, Trustee of the Charlene A. Jones Family Trust under Trust Agreement Dated December 31, 2012 and Trustee of the Larry Jones Family Trust Under Trust Agreement Dated December 31, 2012, Plaintiffs, praying for an order quieting the title to the following described property, to-wit:

A one (1) acre tract in the Southwest corner of the Southwest Quarter (SW¼) of Section Two (2), Township Ten (10) South, Range Eight (8) West of the 6th P.M., in Lincoln County, Kansas.

The petition further seeks an order holding the Plaintiffs to be the owners in fee simple title to the above-described property, free of all right, title, and interest of the above named defendants, and all other persons who are or may be concerned, and that they and each of them be forever barred and foreclosed of and from all right, title, interest, lien, estate, or equity of redemption in or to the above described real estate, or any part thereof.

You are hereby required to plead to said Petition on or before the 3rd day of February, 2025, at 1:00 o'clock p.m., which is not less than 41 days after first publication of this Notice of Suit, in said court, at Lincoln, Lincoln County, Kansas. Should you fail therein the Court will enter judgment against you in due course upon said Petition.

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Legal Notice

(First Published in Lincoln Sentinel-Republican on Wednesday, November 27, 2024)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF LINCOLN COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of ) No. LC-2024-PR-17 ) Robert Ray White, a/k/a, ) ) Robert R. White, Deceased ) (Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59 )

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on November 22, 2024, a Petition for Letters of Administration was filed in this Court by Richard F. White, one of the heirs and brother of Robert Ray White, a/k/a Robert R. White, deceased.

All creditors of the above-named decedent are notified to exhibit their demands against the estate within four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred

/s/ Richard F. White, Petitioner

Submitted by: Jeffrey A. Norris, Kan. Sup. Ct. No. 27036 CLARK, MIZE & LINVILLE, CHARTERED 129 South 8th, P.O. Box 380 Salina, KS 67402-0380 TELE: (785) 823-6325 - FAX: (785) 823-1868 janorris@cml-law.com Attorneys for Estate of Robert Ray White

Legal Notice

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NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

Notice is hereby given that the tax rolls of Lincoln County, Kansas, for the year 2024 have been placed in my hands and that I will attend to receiving of taxes in the Lincoln County Treasurer's Office in Lincoln, Kansas, beginning November 1, 2024. The Lincoln County Treasurer's Office business hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday for the purpose of receiving taxes charged on the rolls for the year 2024. The law declares that each person charged with taxes, real estate, personal or intangible, on the tax rolls in the hands of the County Treasurer may, at his or her option, pay the full amount of such tax on or before December 20, 2024, or one-half on or before December 20, 2024, and the remaining one-half on or before May 10, 2025. Advance or partial payments will be accepted.

Leann Johnson, Lincoln County Treasurer

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lecting toys for the TTPM Most Wanted lists takes months. TTPM's editorial team reviews the toys, removes them from the packaging, assembles them and plays with them. They talk to retailers and, of course, track trends in the culture from play to entertainment to fashion and more.

As the evaluation process proceeds, TTPM answers a few questions - criteria - with each toy.

Generally, only new toys introduced in the last year or those that have been revised and updated are considered. Many toys do come back every few years, often with innovations that make them new and newsworthy.

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The quality of manufacturing is also important. It's necessary for the toy to be well-made and perform as advertised. No one wants to see a child disappointed on Christmas Day because their new toy has broken or doesn't work quite right.

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See all the toys selected for TTPM's Most Wanted List at TTPM.com.

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LINCOLN COUNTY, KANSAS 2024 TAX LEVIES

Population - 2,920

Table with columns: STATE, K.S.A., 2024 Value, 2023 Value, Total Change, 2024 Levy, 2023 Levy, Total Change. Rows include State Educational Bldg, State Institutions Bldg, and TOTAL STATE.

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Lincoln County Clerk

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LEGAL NOTICE

(First published in Lincoln Sentinel Republican on Wednesday, November 20, 2024)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF LINCOLN COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of Loren Leslie Powell, a/k/a Loren L. Powell, deceased

Case No.: LC-2024-PR-16

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in this Court by Maria F. Powell, the surviving spouse and heir of Loren Leslie Powell, a/k/a Loren L. Powell, a/k/a Marilou Feyerherm, deceased, praying for the determination of the descent of the following-described real estate in Lincoln County, Kansas:

The North one-half of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (N/2 NW/4 N/4) of Section Twenty-one (21), Township Twelve (12) South, Range Six (6) West of the 6th P.M., Lincoln County, Kansas;

The South one-half of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (S/2 NW/4 N/4) of Section Twenty-one (21), Township Twelve (12) South, Range Six (6) West of the 6th P.M., Lincoln County, Kansas;

A tract of Land in the East Half of Section Seventeen (17), Township Twelve (12) South, Range Six (6) West of the 6th P.M., Lincoln County, Kansas, more particularly described as follows: BEGINNING at the Southeast Corner of the Southeast Quarter of Section Seventeen (17), Township Twelve (12) South, Range Six (6) West; thence along the South Line of said Southeast Quarter (SE/4) on an assumed bearing of N 89°34'55" W a distance of 2630.64 feet to the Southwest Corner of said Southeast Quarter (SE/4); thence along the West line of the East Half (E/2) of said Section Seventeen (17) on a bearing of N 0°05'40" E a distance of 2406.70 feet; thence S 89°54'09" E a distance of 632 feet, more or less, to a point on the Center of the Saline River; thence down the Center of said River 4350 feet more or less to a point on the East Line of the Southeast Quarter (SE/4) of Section Seventeen (17), Township Twelve (12) South, Range Six (6) West; thence along said East line on a bearing of S 0°11'19" W a distance of 968.0 feet, more or less, to the Point of Beginning, containing 98.6 acres, more or less, inclusive of county road right of way, and and that such property and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by the decedent at the time of death be assigned in accordance with a valid settlement agreement to Maria F. Powell.

You are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 16th day of December, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., in such Court, in the City of Lincoln, in Lincoln County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

Maria F. Powell, Petitioner

Jeffrey A. Norris, KS 27036 CLARK, MIZE & LINVILLE, CHARTERED 129 S. Eighth - P. O. Box 380 Salina, Kansas 67402-0380 Tel. (785) 823-6325 - Fax (785) 823-1868 janorris@cml-law.com Attorneys for Petitioner

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Klein is an Associate Professor Emerita from the Department of Theatre and Dance at KU.

This free presentation is offered by the Smoky Hill Museum, December 5, 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.

The Smoky Hill Museum is a nationally accredited history museum, in the heart of downtown Salina, Kansas. This FREE museum is open Tuesday-Friday 11-5, Saturday 10-5. Also, be sure to stop by the Museum Store for a wide variety of regional and Kansas products, local artwork and gifts for all ages.

For needed accommodations, please call Nona Miller at 309-5776 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Every effort will be made to accommodate known disabilities. For material or speech access, please call at least 5 working days prior to the event.

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