



Lincoln says goodbye to longtime publisher Ray Rasmussen

Former Lincoln Sentinel-Republican publisher and owner Ray Rasmussen passed away Sunday, January 19. A complete obituary is inside on page 3.



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Mother Nature turns cold on Lincoln

By Jyll Phillips, Lincoln-Sentinel

It's been a cold, wet start to 2025. As the community celebrated a new year, Mother Nature, knowing she missed a white Christmas, sent us

all the fluffy snow she had in storage. It's not easy to attempt to make resolutions or begin a new adventure in the new year when it takes so much time to shake the icicles off your eyebrows.

We have good news though! The forecast calls for partly cloudy to sunny skies and temperatures in the 30s and 40s for the rest of January. The forecast for February 1,

2025, is 47 degrees with 6% humidity and 14mph WNW winds. That kind of weather is welcomed, especially less than a week following below 0 windchills. The Farmer's Almanac predicted unsea-

Sylvan Historical Society plans Time Capsule Presentations

The Sylvan Grove Historical Society has scheduled a 4-part series of engaging historical Time Capsule Presentations. This captivating series promises an enriching exploration of local history through various engaging presentations.

Programs are held monthly at the Sylvan Public Library, 118 S. Main Street in Sylvan Grove. The first of four capsules is set for Wednesday, January 29 at 7 p.m. In honor of Kansas Day, the capsule will focus on early settlers of Pleasant Township, both before and after Statehood.

Wednesday, February 26, at 7 p.m. learn about the Rosette Community's African American residents.

Wednesday, March 6, at 7 p.m., discover what early Sylvan Grove residents enjoyed doing in their leisure time!

The last of the four capsules will be presented Saturday, April 26 at 1 p.m. at the Sylvan Township Cemetery as participants enjoy a "Who's Who" Sylvan Cemetery tour.

Learn about the rich heritage of Sylvan Grove and its surrounding communities in an informative and enjoyable way. Residents are encouraged to join and be a part of this historical journey.



A red barn stands amid the winter landscape, with more than a foot of snow covering the ground, as rural Kansas experienced a cold, wet start to the year. Despite the challenges of the snowstorm, residents are looking forward to clearer skies and milder temperatures for the rest of January. (Photo by Becky Rathbun)

sonably cold temperatures to arrive in late January. We saw those temperatures a week early. The almanac also predicts more snow in February - maybe even a lot of it. Maybe a re-run of January's feature.

January's more than a foot of snow has been well re-

ceived, even though it did bring things to a halt for a few days. The entire area resembled a snow globe once the wind died off. People of all ages were "rewarded" with an extra couple of days at home to relax or take care of business. Any amount of moisture is good for future

crops, but it takes 12 inches of snow to equal one inch of rain, so this snow alone can't resolve a drought situation.

Anyone who has lived in Lincoln knows Mother Nature often ignores the forecasts she makes for our area. Often, she misdirects the moisture to areas surrounding Lin-

coln County without leaving us a simple drop. Sometimes we wait all day and all night for the predicted rain to fall while unbeknownst to us our promised rain falls two counties over. The point is these are just educated guesses. But just in case, don't hang up your sleds just yet.

City council selects officers

By Jyll Phillips, Lincoln-Sentinel

The following minutes are unofficial until voted on during the February meeting.

The annual votes and/or assignments were made during the January meeting of the City of Lincoln Center Council meeting held January 13, 2025.

Elijah Keever was elected president of the council and Melodee Larsen was elected acting president of the council.

The Bank of Tescott and Citizens State Bank were designated as Official Depositories or City funds.

Mayor Travis Schwerdtfager made City Official appointments including City Clerk - Heather Hillegeist; Deputy City Clerk - Kristin G. Dail; City Treasurer - Kimberly Meyer; City Attorney - Jeffrey Norris; Fire Chief - Jarrod Heinze and Municipal Judge Jennifer O'Hare.

A hearing was held for public comments in regard to Stephanie McQueen's application for an animal permit for up to five ducks on the property located at 421 S. 2nd Street. All property owners within two hundred feet of the property lines were notified of the hearing as specified by the city code. City Hall received emails in opposition to the animal permit. The permit was denied.

Lisa Feldkamp, representing LCIC, addressed the council reporting on projects completed in 2024 including the installation of the final musical instrument for the city park. The committee also continues to recognize residents who give back to the community by showing pride in their properties or volunteering their talents and skills for the community. LCIC plants and waters the flowers on Lincoln Avenue during warm months as well as decorating them for holidays. LCIC has future plans that include replacing the walking park bridge, creating and marketing a city flag; improvements in the empty lot on Lincoln Avenue and researching possibilities for new Christmas lights for Lincoln Avenue. Feldkamp requested a monetary donation of \$500 from the city to help with the future funding of projects. That request was approved.

NCK Outdoors President John McClure they have been awarded a \$20,000 Wildlife and Parks grant for use in Phase One of the Quartzite Park Trail project. The grant does require a 25% match that can be met with volunteer labor, donated materials, or machine operations. The city would not be responsible for the match. NCK Outdoors requested to transfer the funds to the city to assure Wildlife and Parks of the proper use and distribution of the funds. NCK Outdoors would provide the necessary documents for the bid-letting and facilitate all organized work on the project. After discussion, the council agreed to accept the grant funds in the city's general fund to provide transparency to Wildlife and Parks and the city to provide the "in kind" match toward the project.

Resolution No. 25-01, authorizing the execution of the Power Purchase Agreement (Grand River Dam Authority Power Supply Project No. 2) between the City of Lincoln Center and Kansas Municipal Energy Agency (KMEA); making certain covenants and agreements to provide for the payment and security thereof and authorizing certain other documents and actions in connection therewith was approved.

An Ordinance entitled "An ordinance amending Chapter II, Article I, Section 2-109 to the city code of the City of Lincoln Center, Kansas, to amend what animals, fowl or other undomesticated animals may be owned or possessed within the City of Lincoln Center, Kansas and to further modify

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Lincoln County Public Officials Sworn In



District Magistrate Judge Jennifer O'Hare swore in several public officials last week, including (L-R) County Clerk Dawn Harlow, Treasurer Mary Ann Stertz, Register of Deeds Tami Kerth, Lincoln County Commissioner Leon Hart, Lincoln County Sheriff Dustin Florence, and Lincoln County Attorney Scott Wright. (Photo by Debora Smith)

A special Valentine's Day date night coming up!

Valentine's Day is coming up and those who have one will want to do something special for their significant others to mark the occasion. Especially when they don't really have the time to plan anything.

What if the planning was completed for you and all you had to do was choose

an option?

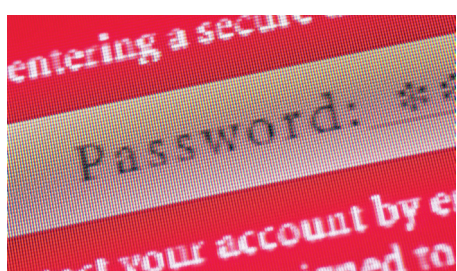
Join the Lincoln County Historical Society and the Bud Finch Community Theatre in a salute to romance Saturday, February 8. Enjoy a 1940's era cocktail party. A prize will be awarded for the best period costume. The event will begin at the

Finch Theatre for cocktails, appetizers, Couples' Combo (popcorn and 2 fountain drinks), and movie at 3:30 Saturday afternoon with dinner being served at the historic Marshall-Yohe House for dinner following the movie. There are three packages from which to choose. Cock-

tails and movie only is only \$25.00 per couple. If you'd prefer to skip the cocktails and movie, but would really enjoy dinner, dinner for two is only \$35.00. To enjoy the cocktail hour, movie and dinner, tickets are \$50 per couple. Contact Dana at 785-524-9997 for ticket information.

February 1st: Change Your Password Day - Time for a Digital Reset!

Cash Grain



It's time for Change Your Password Day on February 1st! If you haven't updated your passwords in the last year (or longer), now's the time to reset them. Whether you have 10, 50, or 100+ accounts, it's a good idea to review and refresh your login credentials. It might take some time, but the peace of mind knowing your accounts are secure is worth it. So grab your coffee, get comfy, and start resetting those passwords!

Corn.....	\$4.44
Milo.....	\$4.04
Soybeans.....	\$9.39
Wheat.....	\$4.94

Cash prices courtesy of Ag Mark

Community Calendar

Thursday, January 23

USD 298: 3:30pm - LJH Basketball vs St. John's- Tipton
 USD 299: HS BB NPL Tourney @ Lincoln; 4pm JH BB vs. Tescott @ Sylvan

Friday, January 24

USD 298: NPL Basketball Tournament; School dismissed @ 2pm
 USD 299: 2:30pm Wrestling Hays Invite @ Hays; 3pm HS BB NPL Tourney @ Lincoln

Saturday, January 25

USD 299: Speech & Drama Tournament @ Republic County; 9am Girls Wrestling @ Osborne; 9am Wrestling Hays Invite @ Hays

Sunday, January 26

USD 299: 1pm Free Throw Contest @ Sylvan (doors open at noon)

Monday, January 27

4pm - LHS Basketball vs St. John/Tipton @ Beloit
 USD 299: Booster Club 6 p.m.; HS JV (C) Boys vs. Russell & Central Plains @ Sylvan

Tuesday, January 28

USD 299: 4pm HS BB @ Osborne
 USD 298: 4pm - LHS Basketball vs Lakeside @ Downs

Wednesday, January 29

USD 298: 1:30pm - NPL Scholars Bowl @ Pike Valley
 USD 299: FFA Poultry @ Ellsworth; 1pm HS NPL Scholars Bowl Meet @ Pike Valley (Scandia)

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.

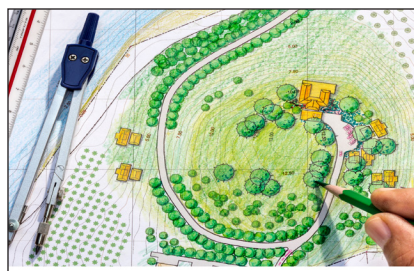
Landscape Design Workshop

Join Horticulture Agent Cassie Thiessen over the lunch hour in Osborne on Friday, January 24th and January 31st to learn how to make your landscape stand out this spring.

When: Fridays - January 24th and January 31st from 12:10pm - 12:50pm

Where: Osborne Public Library (325 W. Main in Osborne)

Details: No cost to participate. Please RSVP to the Beloit Extension Office by visiting <https://www.postrock.k-state.edu/> by January 22nd to reserve your spot. Contact Cassie with any questions! 785-738-3597 or cathiessen@ksu.edu



Garden Seeds

By Horticulture Agent Cassie Thiessen

If you have leftover seeds from last year's garden, now is a good time to organize them and test their viability.

If unsure about your seed's viability, here's how to test it this winter:

- Place 10 seeds on a paper towel moistened with warm water. Cover with a second moistened towel.
- Roll up the towels and place them inside a plastic bag with several holes. Keep the bag in a warm location, such as the top of the refrigerator.
- Remoisten the towels with warm water, as needed.
- After one week, check for germination. Remove sprouted seeds and check again after another week.

The percentage of seeds that sprout indicates the germination rate. You can decide if the rate is acceptable, or if purchasing new seed is warranted.

For more info about storing seeds, check out this publication: <https://extension.colostate.edu/topic-areas/yard-garden/storing-vegetable-and-flower-seeds-7-221/>



LINCOLN - PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE

by Cindy Entriiken

Present

December 31, 2024 has come and gone and my house at 604 N. 3rd is still not done.

But it's not for lack of effort! I'm sure you've heard that old adage about rehabbing an old house -- you don't know what you'll find until after you've started.

That's absolutely true in this case. Let me tell you about the three surprises we've had.

Past

In terms of the biggest surprise, I'm torn between finding the grow light in the attic where a previous resident decided to do some indoor gardening or discovering the

55' hand dug well that was at the northwest corner at the back of the house. I don't have a photo of the grow light, but here's a photo of the rim of the well.



Hand dug well

Kevin Milbers of Milbers Mason-

ry, and his workmen, were repairing the foundation when they accidentally uncapped the well. The walls were lined with limestone blocks and they could see water at the bottom but didn't know the depth. Employees from Milbers Masonry and Abrams Ready Mix, and Hayden Howard filled the well with concrete blocks and over two tons of sand before capping it. They estimated the depth based on how much sand they had to use to fill the hole.

In my October 23, 2024 column, I already told you of the other surprise, no sub-floor under the lovely hardwood floor. That was a disappointment and an expense I hadn't planned on. But I've picked out the new flooring that will go over the sub-floor, and am excited to see it

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Monday, January 27

Salisbury Steak, Baby Bakers, Green Beans, Pears, Cookie, Roll & Milk

Tuesday, January 28

Beef Pizza, Salad w/Dressing, Tomatoes & Cucumbers, Fruit w/Jello & Milk

Wednesday, January 29

Cream Chicken w/Biscuits, Peas & Carrots, Pineapple & Milk

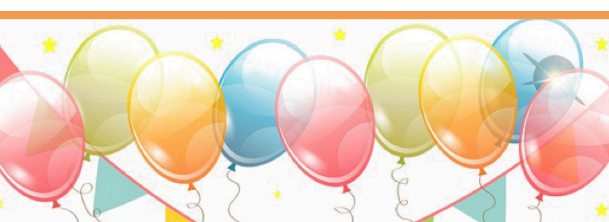
Thursday, January 30

Chili, Coleslaw, Crackers, Cinnamon Roll & Milk

Friday, January 31

Sweet & Sour Chicken, Rice, Brussel Sprouts, Fruit & 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.



Please Join us in celebrating the retirement of our Lincoln County Treasurer, Leann Johnson

Leann has dedicated 30 years of hard work and service to the Lincoln County community! We are sad to see her go, but happy for the new opportunities that lie ahead for her!

Retirement party
 Friday, January 31, 2025

"Come & Go" · 2 - 4 pm
 Finch Theatre · 122 E Lincoln Ave, Lincoln

Honors Student Spotlight

Lucas-Sylvan Junior & Senior High
 2nd Quarter Honor Roll

High School

4.0 GPA Honor Roll

12th- Emily Cheek, Anna Feldkamp, Harlan Pancost, Serenity Steinike, Hallie Thielen
 11th- Vance Dohl, Molly Heller, Macie Ortiz, Josie Svaty
 10th- Abigail Feldkamp, Saydee Goss
 9th- Caleb Dlabal, Cooper Johnson, Landon McCarter, Jayden Meitler, Lily Pancost, Kale Sorensen, Brooklyn Thielen

3.5-3.99 GPA Honor Roll

12th- Connor Charvat, Abigail Dlabal, Anneliese Drees, Alivia Koch, Maggie Labertew, Dylon McKnight, Izack Schulmeister, Tage

Junior High

4.0 GPA Honor Roll

8th- Aeris Brock, Lauren Brokes, Jozelyn Davidson, Benjamin Feldkamp, Samuel Heller, Alina Morrison
 7th- Callyn Brummer, Cason Hlad, Jaxson Meitler, Kenneth Pahls, Liam Stone

Woodmansee

11th- Olivia Crawford, Leah Criswell, Breckyn Gosvener, Montana Griffiths, Carter Johnson, Harlee Nelson, Kristyn Nimz, Chase Palmer, Railyne Soukup, LeeAllie Wacker
 10th- Madden Esposito, Morgan Finkbinder, Kenzley Frederking, Codie Huehl, Braelyn Maupin, Delaney McCollum, Kadence Palmer
 9th- Lane Brokes, Cody Charvat, William Cline, Colton Covio, Dominique Davidson, Tevis Dohl, Gabriel Esposito, Caleb Meier, James Morrison, Tucker Mullender, Jacob Oltean, Mina Pahls, Faith Soukup, Leila Stone, Belle Wehrman

3.5-3.99 GPA Honor Roll

8th- Keegan Barta, Allie Gier, Logan Graf, Kelbie Nelson, Nash Seehafer, Miles Zapata
 7th- Christina Balluch, Tayleigh Denning, Grace Krisher, Kaidence Mikulecky, Blaine Nelson, Peyton Nielsen, Nicholas Oltean, Keira Palmer, Huriyah Proveaux, Madilynn Reichel

Lucas-Sylvan Elementary
 2nd Quarter Honor Roll

4.0 GPA Honor Roll

6th: Ronni Stoppel
 5th: Logan Koehn, Trey Meitler and Ryler Wacker
 4th: Emma Agler, Rylee Bradshaw, Alex Cline, Andrew Cline, Camden Hlad, Benjamin Meyer, Chase Nielsen, Kamryn Palmer, Bentley Raile, Lennox Seehafer, Sophia Stone, and Ray Stoppel

3.5-3.99 GPA Honor Roll

6th: Micah Agler, Benton Barta, Kai Frederking, Jacob Gosvener, Wyatt Mullender, Briggs Seehafer and Emerald Ugbo
 5th: Emery Berg, Jesse Pahls, Willow Reichel, and Acee Schneider
 4th: Irish Bailey, Sebastiaan Geustyn, Kaylee Jackson, Abel Kirgis, Joseph Kratky, Aydon Luallin, John Oltean, and Cash Sonnier-Rowe

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OBITUARIES



Ray Rasmussen
Nov. 21, 1946 - Dec. 30, 2024

Ray Rasmussen, 92, passed away on January 19, 2025. He was born on January 8, 1933, in Lincoln, Kansas, in a house that served as a hospital. Ray spent his childhood just a mile south of Denmark, Kansas, and attended grades 1 through 8 in Denmark before graduating from Lincoln High School in 1951.

The son of Chris and Esther Rasmussen, farmers in Denmark, Ray grew up with a strong work ethic, a firmness in his faith, and a love for his community. After high school, he began working at Jim Page Motors, where he stayed until enrolling at Kansas State University. It was there that he met his wife of 67 years, Pat Kilpatrick Rasmussen.

In 1956, Ray was drafted into the U.S. Army and stationed in Augusta, Georgia. While on leave that fall, he proposed to Pat. They were married on Easter Sunday, April 21, 1957, in Great Bend, Kansas. The couple lived in Augusta, GA until Ray's military service concluded in 1958.

Following his time in the Army, Ray and Pat returned to Denmark briefly before settling in Lincoln, Kansas, where they lived for over 60 years. In 2020, they relocated to Augusta, Kansas, and in 2022, they moved to Two Timbers in Highland, Kansas. They are members of the United Methodist Church, Lincoln.

Ray's professional career was defined by his commitment to the Lincoln community. After working for Lou Skinner at the Lincoln Hatchery and Earl Myers at Myers Chevrolet, Ray became the owner, editor and publisher of the Lincoln Sentinel-Republican. He dedicated over three decades (1965-1998) to the newspaper. During Ray's time at the newspaper, he was able to witness the technological revolution in the printing industry. Going from handset type and letter presses, to phototypesetting equipment and eventually the personal computer.

In 1971, Ray partnered with Ellsworth businessmen to establish LE (Lincoln Ellsworth) Offset, a modern printing facility equipped with state-of-the-art technology. The facility printed the Lincoln Sentinel and numerous other community newspapers, expanding Ray's impact beyond Lincoln.

Publishing and editing a weekly newspaper left little time for hobbies; however, Ray was never one to sit still. He enjoyed tinkering with cars and riding motorcycles. When his grandchildren were visiting, he would often entertain them with singing - a talent he displayed all his life. He and Pat took several trips to Colorado Springs and Branson on the Goldwing. After retirement, they were able to spend

more time with the grandchildren, travel a bit, and enjoy season tickets to the New Theater in Kansas City.

Ray is survived by his wife Pat Rasmussen; their children, Cheryl Rasmussen, Nancy (Troy) Nordman, and Steve (Sandy) Rasmussen; his brothers, Keith (Peggy) Rasmussen and Erik (Pam) Rasmussen, his sister-in-law, Matty Kilpatrick; six grandchildren: Abby Phillips (Cody), Tyler Nordman (Stephanie), Nicholas Nordman (Taylor), Katy Jenkins (Jaylen), Corbin Rasmussen (Lindsey), and Cameryn Rasmussen; ten great-grandchildren and one on the way; and many beloved nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; mother and father-in-law, Henrietta and Vernon Kilpatrick; sister and brother-in-law, Joy and Elmer Jacobsen; sister-in-law, Virginia Wickham and brother-in-law, Don Kilpatrick.

Funeral services will be on Thursday, January 23 at 11:00 am at Chapel Oaks Funeral Home in Highland, KS with family greeting guests one hour before the service. Friends may sign the guest book at Chapel Oaks in Highland on Wednesday, January 22 from 10:00 am-5:00 pm. Jeff Jacobsen, nephew, will officiate.

On Friday, January 24, family will greet visitors in Lincoln, KS at Parsons Funeral Home at 1:00 followed by a graveside service at 2:00 pm at the Lincoln Cemetery. Friends may sign the guestbook at Parsons Funeral Home in Lincoln on Friday beginning at 10 am.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation or the United Methodist Church in Lincoln.

Janet A. Rediker
Mar. 10, 1936 - Jan. 14, 2025

Janet A. Rediker, 88, Topeka, Kansas and formerly of Emporia, Kansas, passed away Tuesday, January 14, 2025 at Midland Hospice, Topeka. She was born in Emporia, Kansas on March 10, 1936, the daughter of Morris Murdock and Bertha Alice (Anderson) Bond. She grew up in the Plymouth Community west of Emporia. Janet married Gerald A. Rediker on June 3, 1956 at the First Methodist Church, Emporia. He survives. She is also survived by daughter, Karen (Bruce) Flanders, Lawrence; son, Mark (Cassandra) Rediker, Roseburg, Oregon; grandchildren, Kelly Flanders and Kevin (Miranda) Flanders and great-grandchildren, John and

Ivella Flanders. She was preceded in death by her parents and brother, Edgar Bond.

She was a graduate of Emporia High School (1953), received her B.S. in Education from Kansas State Teachers College (1958), and her M.S. in Home Economics from Kansas State University (1981). She was a Home Economics Instructor at Council Grove in 1963, then Physical Education Coordinator there 1964 to 1966, Morris County Extension Home Economist 1966 to 1976, then Lyon County Extension Home Economist 1976 to 1995. She retired in 1995.

She was a member of Messiah Lutheran Church, Emporia, and attended Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Topeka. In 1974, she received the Florence Hall award as one of six Home Economists nationally recognized for county

programs. She served as President of Kansas Home Extension Economists, received the Distinguished Service award from USDA in 1976, the Emporia State University Home Economics Alumni Award in 1980, and the Emporia Business and Community Woman of the Year Award in 1983.

A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, January 22, 2025 at 2:30 P.M. at the Messiah Lutheran Church, 1101 Neosho St., Emporia, Kansas, officiated by Pastor Norbert Tegtmeier. Private family interment at Memorial Lawn Cemetery, Emporia at a separate time.

Memorials have been established to Rock Springs 4-H Ranch or the Messiah Lutheran Church (Emporia), sent in care of Roberts-Blue-Barnett Funeral Home, PO Box 175, Emporia, Kansas, 66801, which is in charge of arrangements.



<p>BARNARD UNITED METHODIST Pastors Kaye & Jeff Metzler Adult Sunday School @ 10:00 am Morning Worship @ 11:00 am</p> <p>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</p> <p>BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH LC-MS Pastor Christopher Craig Sylvan Grove, Kansas Sunday School following Worship Sunday Worship @ 10:00 am</p> <p>BEVERLY COMMUNITY CHURCH www.beverlycommunitychurch.org Pastor Toby Flaming Sunday School @ 9:30 am Morning Worship @ 10:45 am</p> <p>BEVERLY UNITED METHODIST Pastors Kaye & Jeff Metzler Church Service @ 9:00 am</p> <p>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</p> <p>CULVER METHODIST CHURCH Pastor Demerle Eckart 401 Main Street, Culver, Ks Sunday Worship @ 9:30 am Saturday Coffee @ 8-10 am</p> <p>DENMARK EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN COMMUNITY CHURCH, ELCA Worship Service @ 10:30 am</p> <p>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</p> <p>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor Carolyn Allen, Barnard Morning Worship @ 11:00 pm</p> <p>GRACE CHAPEL-HUNTER Pastors Kaye & Jeff Metzler Worship Service @ 9:00 am</p> <p>LINCOLN COMMUNITY CHURCH 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</p>	<p>LINCOLN PARK MANOR CHAPEL Morning Worship @ 9:30 am Afternoon Worship @ 2:30 pm</p> <p>LINCOLN UNITED METHODIST Pastors Kaye & Jeff Metzler Worship Service @ 10:30 am</p> <p>PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Sylvan Grove, Kansas Sunday School @ 10:00 am Church @ 11:00 am</p> <p>ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH Pastor Don Haselhuhn Lincoln, Kansas Two and one-half miles south of Lincoln on Highway 14 Sunday/Bible School...9:30 am Worship Service.....10:30 am</p> <p>ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH Father Mark Wesely, Lincoln Rectory phone: 785-524-4823 Email: stpat327@gmail.com Sunday Mass @ 11:00 am Sunday CCD Classes @ 9:45 am Weekday Mass: Mondays - 3:30 pm</p> <p>ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH LCMS Pastor Don Haselhuhn Six and one-half miles south and 4 miles east of Lincoln Worship Service @ 9:00 am</p> <p>ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA Pastor Rod Thompson, Tescott Worship Service @ 9:00 am</p> <p>TESCOTT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Pastor Demerle Eckart Sunday School @ 10:00 am Worship @ 11:00 am</p> <p>TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, HUNTER Pastor Matthew Schneider Hunter, Kansas Sunday School @ 9:00 am Worship Service @ 10:00 am Midweek/Confirmation Wednesdays @ 4:30 to 5:45</p>
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St. John Lutheran Church

Two and 1/2 miles south of Lincoln on Highway 14
Pastor Don Haselhuhn.

Service Times:
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m.

Is Radon a Real Problem?

By Jamie Rathbun, Post Rock Extension Dist. Family and Community Wellness Agent

The air we breathe on planet earth contains radon. Radon is a natural, tasteless, odorless, colorless, radioactive gas produced from the decay of uranium found in nearly all soils. Radon gas moves from the ground under and around your home through cracks in concrete floors and walls, floor drains, and sump pits. As we breathe, the radon gas can release tiny bursts of energy that can damage living lung tissue and lead to lung cancer over time. Radon is the leading cause of lung cancer among nonsmokers. The Kansas Department of Health and Environment estimates that as many as 200 new cases of radon-related lung cancer occur each year in Kansas. The risk of developing lung cancer increase as the concentration and length of exposure to radon increases. Many scientists believe that children may run an even greater risk from radon exposure than adults, and smokers are definitely at greater risk than nonsmokers.

Current data indicate that one in four homes in Kansas may have elevated radon levels. In some coun-

ties this rate may be higher. The only way to know the radon level in your home is to test. Given the increased potential for lung cancer the radon hazard brings, Kansas should be asking themselves, "Have we tested our home yet?" A neighbor's radon test results cannot substitute for a reading in your home. Only testing can provide you with a level of confidence about the potential radon exposure you face.

The amount of radon in the air is measured in picocuries per liter of air (pCi/l). The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has set 4 pCi/l as the maximum average recommended indoor radon concentration. With the technology available today, most homes with high readings can be reduced to below this level.

Testing is easy. A do-it-yourself radon test is economical, easy to use, reliable and readily available. Testing your home for radon will not disrupt your daily routine. Read the testing instructions and follow them carefully for the most accurate results. It is best that windows and doors to the outside are closed as much as possible, making winter an ideal time for testing. Avoid

testing in kitchen or baths, drafty rooms, or rooms with high heat or humidity levels. Do not test in crawl spaces, sumps, or on the floor.

Your testing process should begin with a short term test of just a few days. It's as easy as opening a package and putting the test kit in the right place. Be sure the cost of the laboratory analysis is included in the price. When the time frame is up, immediately mail the test kit to the manufacturer in the prepaid mailer that comes with the kit. Results usually come back within a few weeks. If your result is over 4pCi/l, follow up with either a second short-term test or a long-term test.

Long-term tests give a better understanding of average radon levels. Short-term tests get results quickly. If either the average result of the two short-term tests or the result of the long-term test is over 4pCi/l, you should consider taking steps to reduce radon levels.

There are trained experts in the central Kansas area who can test for you and who can provide professional radon services. There are also trained contractors who can install a radon mitigation system to lower the **See "Radon" page 6**

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Guest Editorial

Thank an Agricultural Producer for Keeping Us Fed

Last week in the nation's capital, 6.8 inches of snow closed federal office buildings. Here at home, blizzards brought more than 18 inches of snowfall. Farmers, ranchers, and agricultural producers in Kansas didn't have the luxury of closing for the week. When you answer the call to feed, clothe, and fuel the world, you're required to show up—even when the temperatures outside are below freezing.

Kansas' first congressional district is one of the top agricultural producing districts in the country. It is home to more than 60,000 farms along with farmers, ranchers, feed lot managers, nutritionists, veterinarians, ethanol producers, ag lenders, and agribusiness owners who bring the agricultural ecosystem to life. When snow piles up and temperatures refuse to rise past freezing, these men and women don't get a break. They throw on their layers to keep warm and get the job done.

Those of us who spend a lot of time around agriculture understand full well that Mother Nature is not a reliable business partner. At the end of October, much of western Kansas was still navigating dry to severe drought conditions. On top of navigating an already challenging farm year, these droughts severely squeezed already tight margins for farmers and ranchers. Less than two months later, Mother Nature changed course once again with more than a foot of snow. In true Kansas fashion, families and neighbors came together to help one another in a time of need.

Across our state, Kansans helped move snow to ensure livestock could still be watered and fed. They helped neighbors move calves to make sure that after they were born, the calves could get to a warm place to be properly fed and nourished in negative temperatures. Kansans stayed up through the night to make sure livestock had a chance of surviving or to guarantee there was equipment ready to go and work by sunrise the next morning.

Why on earth would anyone do this?

It's a special calling that many families in our district have answered.

In a world where Instacart and Amazon Fresh can deliver groceries to your door in nearly an hour if you live in an urban area, it can be easy to forget that our food doesn't come from the grocery store shelves. It comes from men and women who work tirelessly day in and day out to answer the call to feed, clothe, and fuel the world. On days with lots of extreme weather like we saw last week, these men and women bust their backs to ensure that we can still have food on our plates when the storms are long gone.

It can often be a thankless job, but on behalf of Kansans and the nation, I thank these brave men and women for keeping us fueled, clothed and fed. Your tireless efforts do not go unnoticed, and we are deeply grateful for your commitment to feed a hungry world.

- Congressman Tracey Mann

PRAIRIE DOC - BY DEBRA JOHNSTON, MD

It's Here

Lately I've been reminded of a blockbuster movie from my youth. It contains a scene that even those who never saw the film are likely to recognize. A sleeping family is jolted awake, and from the foot of the bed the young daughter sings "they're here!"

One might wonder why I'm thinking so much about Poltergeist. That quote started ringing in my brain during our last monthly clinic meeting, when our lab director reported on the previous day's influenza statistics. Nearly 90% of the tests were positive. Respiratory viruses may not seem like a natural comparison to malevolent ghosts, but they're here, and things are likely to get worse before they get better.

Last season, there were over 20,000 confirmed cases of influenza in South Dakota. Over 800 people were hospitalized. Nearly 50 died.

When I diagnose someone with influenza, I warn them to expect misery. They will likely have fevers, body aches, exhaustion, and of course cough. Some people are out of commission for only a few days, others for two weeks. Some people can barely get out of bed, and some people just feel a bit run down.

The flu shot helps, but it is far from perfect. People who get the shot can still get influenza. Generally it is between 40 and 60% effective at preventing infection. Still, those who had the shot and get sick anyway are significantly less likely to be hospitalized. So long as influenza is circulating you should still get your shot. It isn't too late even if you already had influenza, as the shot contains 3 different strains.

Of course, things like washing your hands, not touching your face, and avoiding sick people are also useful. It can be hard to distinguish one respiratory virus from another.

Influenza tends to strike more suddenly than many others, but symptoms have significant overlap. Testing is the best way to distinguish whether or not your illness is influenza. Influenza is also one of the few viruses for which we have specific treatments, so getting that answer can be useful. Treatment is generally used for those at higher risk, such as young children, people over 65, those who have chronic health conditions or are pregnant. Importantly, medicine should be started within the first 48 hours of illness.

So what can you do if you get sick? First, stay home! Get lots of rest. Drink lots of fluids. Fever reducers and over the counter pain medications can help you be more comfortable. Pseudoephedrine can help the congestion. Guaifenesin can help thin the mucus. Dextromethorphan or honey can help soothe the cough.

Finally, watch out for signs that you are getting sicker instead of better. Influenza can lead to ear infections, sinus infections, pneumonia, and things that are even more serious, like bloodstream infections, inflammation of the heart or brain, and kidney failure. If something doesn't seem right, get it checked out.

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SPICE UP YOUR LIFE - LINDSAY YOUNG

Overcome old assumptions with something sc'rum'ptious



These balls can be made with rum or bourbon and feature cocoa, vanilla and chopped nuts, along with a hint of alcohol.

It must have been sometime when I was in middle school that a family acquaintance gifted us with a basket of homemade goodies during the holidays.

Most of the items were run-of-the-mill, well-done treats, but there was one none of us could identify initially. Upon further inspection, we discovered a sweet that none of us liked: the rum ball.

In our fabulous, pre-teen humor, my sister and I deemed these as "baby poop balls." Of course, as an adult, I realize we (A) probably shouldn't have been eating mildly alcoholic candies and (B) there has to be a better way to make this classic treat that doesn't induce gagging.

So, with a gathering coming up, I decided it was time to find a recipe and redeem the "baby poop balls" once and for all.

The recipe I settled on comes from the website "Food.com." You can find the original post at <https://www.food.com/recipe/christmas-rum-balls-or-bourbon-balls-13214>. I added vanilla to my version.

Rum or Bourbon Balls

Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons cocoa
- 1 1/4 cups powdered sugar, divided
- 11 ounces vanilla wafer cookies, finely crushed
- 1 cup pecans or walnuts, chopped
- 1/2 cup spiced rum or bourbon
- 2 tablespoons light corn syrup
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

Directions

Process the wafers in a food processor until they are fine crumbs. Pulse in the chopped nuts.

In a small bowl, stir the rum or bourbon with the corn syrup until the corn syrup is totally incorporated.

Add the alcohol mixture, along with the vanilla, to the processor and process until the mixture looks like wet sand.

Finally, sift the cocoa and one cup of the powdered sugar into the processor and process until the mixture is well combined.

(All of these steps can, alternatively,

be done in a mixing bowl.)

Once the mixture is done, place the rest of the powdered sugar into a small bowl.

Roll the mixture into about one-inch balls, and then roll them in the sugar. Store the finished rum balls in an airtight container.

I liked these. I'm sure part of that is that I don't mind the taste of a little spiced rum, and the texture in this particular recipe was very nice.

Rolling them into one-inch balls instead of the approximately three-inch behemoths I tried long, long ago also allowed the added vanilla, along with the powdered sugar on the outside, to help mellow the rum flavor a bit, which I appreciated. I'm interested to see what the bourbon version would taste like, too.

And, since these do contain some booze, I will caution that they should probably be for adult-only enjoyment, despite the fact that I think you'd have to eat quite a few of these before the rum had any effect on you.

With this recipe in the books, I feel like I have redeemed rum balls in my culinary memory, which also feels nice. Now I'll just have to make another batch to convince the rest of the family that we can lay the "baby poop balls" to rest.

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.

POST ROCK EXTENSION DISTRICT

Now is the time to have a Farmland Transition Plan!

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

"Mother Nature" is really bringing us some big fluctuations in temperatures the last couple of weeks. We hope that you all are staying safe and well! It is a time to reflect on memories, discuss your family farm operations and even visit about plans in the future for sustaining your family farm.

The Kansas producer's average age is 58, indicating there will be a major transfer of farm ownership throughout the next 20 years. To ensure the successful transition of farm ownership and management across generations, it is essential to have a contingency plan in case the "what if" situations happen such as an unexpected injury or passing. Developing and communicating these plans to family members can be a challenge; however, the reward of sustaining the well-being of your family is worth the effort. It is important to regularly discuss farm succession and estate planning with your parents, children, grandchildren, and other appropriate

stakeholders.

So when do I need to start working on my farm contingency plan? The family farm is a vital aspect of American industry and a significant contributor to the economy. But maintaining a thriving farm operation is no small task, given the level of financial commitment, opportunity and risk associated with agriculture and agri-business. Few family farming operations survive an unexpected change to the management ownership of their farming business as well as a family crisis situation and still remain profitable. So the answer to the question on when to start planning? As soon as possible even if it is several years in the future.

The simple goal is to make family communications about the future of the farm easier, more satisfying, and more effective for family members of all ages. A greater understanding of the role of communication in farm transition planning can help farm families develop workable contingency plans that result in productive family businesses while maintaining family relationships.

Did you know that K-State Research and Extension has a program called, the Kansas Agricultural Mediation services or also known as KAMS that has been available to farm families for over 25 years to help with agricultural legal matters and your financial questions including farm succession? KAMS connects producers with the right resources for any of your ag-related issues or concerns. The initial contact is with a toll free number at 1-800-321-3276 or 1-800-321-FARM! From this contact the staff will direct your questions and inquiries to the most appropriate specialists depending on your situation. Email can also be used with kams@ksu.edu and their website is www.ksre.ksu.edu/kams.

KSRE also has several excellent publications available on our Ag manager website under the Business Planning section, in helping farm families start the process of transition planning. One such publication is the "12 steps to Keep the Family Farming". This KSU publication is available either online or at any of our Post Rock **See "Post" page 6**

Thrive for Life Class Lincoln County Health Department

Starting in February, LCHD will be starting a Thrive for Life Class. This class provides a wealth of information along with one on one and peer support for a healthier you. This class is FREE for any Lincoln County Resident. LCHD is partnering with Post Rock Fitness who will allow us access to the gym as well as the first 5 to sign up will receive an opportunity for a reduced membership fee. If you are 18 years or older and might be prediabetic or diabetic, give us a call by January 30th.

This is a great opportunity to reach your new year's goal of being a healthier you!



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Robotic Assisted Surgery: Live Demonstration at MCHHS

Beloit, Kansas – Mitchell County Hospital is excited to announce a special demonstration of its robotic assisted surgical system, aimed at showcasing the advanced technology that is revolutionizing patient care. The event is open to the public and will provide an opportunity to witness firsthand how this advanced surgical technology improves precision, enhances recovery times, and ultimately provides better outcomes for patients.

Event Details:

- Date: January 29th
- Time: 4 pm to 6 pm
- Location: Mitchell County Hospital Health Systems

During the demonstration, attendees will learn about the robotic

surgical system's capabilities, which offer a minimally invasive alternative to traditional surgery. These systems allow surgeons to perform complex procedures with greater accuracy and control, resulting in smaller incisions, less pain, and quicker recovery times for patients. "Our goal is to make cutting-edge medical technologies accessible and understandable to the community," said Janelle Kircher, CEO. "Robotic assisted surgery is transforming how we approach many types of surgeries and this event is a chance for everyone to see how this technology may benefit them or their loved ones."

Key Highlights of the Demonstration:

- Interact with Dr. Owens, Dr.

Banker, and the surgical team

- Live demonstration of robotic-assisted surgery techniques
- Explanation of how robotic surgery works and its benefits
- Q&A session for community members to learn more about robotic surgery and its potential

This event is part of Mitchell County Hospital Health System's ongoing efforts to educate the community about new healthcare innovations that improve quality of life. We encourage everyone to attend and gain a deeper understanding of how these advancements are shaping the future of healthcare. For more information, please contact the MCHHS Surgery Clinic at 785-738-9405.

COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

December 31, 2024
The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met in the courthouse commission meeting room on Tuesday, December 31, 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: Leon Hart, Felicia Strahm, Keegan Bailey,

Dustin Florence, and Leann Johnson.
Correspondence: a ONEOK safety flyer; Kansas Pipeline Association safety flyer; a letter from Hanna Toq providing information on Toq Consulting Services; a Christmas card from North Central-Flint Hills Area Agency on Aging; and a tax abatement. Dennis Ray moved to approve tax abatement 2024-87 in the amount of \$156.94, seconded by Debora Smith. Motion carried. Commissioner Smith

provided an update on the Hospital Board of Trustees' monthly meeting and comments received for a road closure request in Indiana Township. Commissioner Ray provided an update on Alan Hunter's field entrance complaint. Chairman Ray convened the scheduled budget hearing at 9:00 a.m. to hear and answer objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed amended use of budgeted funds with Leon Hart, Felicia Strahm, Keegan Bailey and Dustin Flor-

ence present. The chairman adjourned the budget hearing at 9:11 a.m. and convened the meeting to regular session. Dennis Ray moved to approve the 2024 Lincoln County amended budget, seconded by Debora Smith. Motion carried. Keegan Bailey, North Central Regional Planning Commission, provided a listing of allocated ARPA funds and requested that the board allocate the remaining funds to a specific project. Dennis Ray moved **See "COMMISSION" page 6**

Native American Code Talkers: A Lasting Legacy Lunch & Learn Series

The public is invited to join our first Lunch & Learn program of the 2025 series on Thursday, January 23, at 12 p.m. noon central time at the Eisenhower Presidential Library. The hybrid program will be held in the Library building indoor courtyard and online via YouTube Livestream. Guests are encouraged to arrive by 11:45 a.m. A light box-lunch will be provided on a first come, first served basis. Dr. Meadows will join us virtually to provide an overview of the origins, development and use of

Native American Code Talkers. He will also address code and alphabet formation, training, use, secrecy, post war recognition and other aspects of their service. Dr. William C. Meadows is a Professor of Anthropology and Native American Studies at Missouri State University. He holds a B.A. from Indiana University (1989) with a double major in anthropology and history, and M.A. (1991) and Ph.D. (1995) degrees in cultural anthropology from the University of Oklahoma. He is the author of

seven books, five of which focus on Native American veterans, as well as numerous articles and book chapters on Native American veterans, Code Talkers, art, maps, language, geography and tribal names. The 2025 programming season is dedicated to our nation's veterans. The Eisenhower Museum was originally founded as a tribute to WWII veterans. Join us as we continue to uphold the legacy of honoring those who served. These programs are all made possible courtesy of the Eisenhower Foundation.



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NOTICE OF HEARING
(First Published in Lincoln Sentinel-Republican on Wednesday, January 15, 2025)
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF LINCOLN COUNTY, KANSAS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF TIMOTHY PETE FALCON, DECEASED.
LC-21-PR-000023

NOTICE OF HEARING
The State of Kansas to all persons concerned:
You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in said court by Peg Falcon, Administratrix of the estate of Timothy Pete Falcon, deceased, praying for final settlement of said estate, allowances for attorney's fees and expenses, determination of the heirs entitled to the estate and assignment to them in accordance with the laws of the State of Kansas.
You are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 13th day of February, at 9:30 o'clock a.m. on said day, in said court, in the City of Lincoln, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said petition.
Peg Falcon, Petitioner

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Legal Notice
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Notice is hereby given that Lincoln County, Kansas is soliciting bids for construction of **Lincoln County OS 107 Bridge Replacement**. The project consists of replacing an existing bridge with a new 30'-40'-30' Reinforced Concrete Haunched Slab bridge with AB-3 approach surfacing. Lincoln County shall provide all of the funds required for this project. All Federal, State and County regulations must be complied with. Online Bids (vBids) for the proposed construction will be received by Lincoln County via QuestCDN Virtubid until **3:00 pm local time February 6, 2025**. Bids will be presented to the Lincoln County Commissioners at their meeting in the Lincoln County Courthouse Commission room at **9:30 a.m. local time February 10, 2025**. Plans, Specifications and Contract Documents may be examined at the County Clerk's Office in the Lincoln County Courthouse and at the Engineer's Office at the following address at Kirkham, Michael & Associates, Inc., 200 E. Iron, Salina, Kansas 67401. The contract documents are available at www.questcdn.com. This contract is **QuestCDN project #9478488**.

Legal Notice
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF LINCOLN COUNTY, KANSAS
In the Matter of the Estate of)
)
DONALD DEAN WOLTING,) Case No.: LC-2024-PR-000018
a/k/a Donald D. Wolting, Deceased)
)
(Pursuant to Chapter 59 K.S.A.)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:
You are hereby notified that on December 20, 2024, a Petition for Probate of Will and Issuance of Letters Testamentary Under the Kansas Simplified Estates Act was filed in this Court by Angela Haag, the sole heir and only child of Donald Dean Wolting, a/k/a Donald D. Wolting, 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/ Angela Haag, Petitioner

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NOTICE OF HEARING
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF LINCOLN COUNTY, KANSAS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JAMES A. GOURLEY, DECEASED.
NO. LC-24-PR-000019

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:
You are hereby notified that on December 26, 2024, a Petition for Administration under Kansas Simplified Estates Act was filed in this Court by Kelly Gourley, as an heir of James A. Gourley, 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 first publication of this Notice, as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.
Kelly Gourley, Petitioner

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Legal Notice
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ORDINANCE NUMBER 756
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER II, ARTICLE 1, SECTION 2-109 TO THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF LINCOLN CENTER, KANSAS, TO AMEND WHAT ANIMALS, FOWL, OR OTHER UNDOMESTICATED ANIMALS MAY BE OWNED OR POSSESSED WITHIN THE CITY OF LINCOLN CENTER, KANSAS AND TO FURTHER MODIFY THE PERMITTING APPLICATION AND RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE KEEPING OF ANIMALS, FOWL, OR OTHER UNDOMESTICATED ANIMALS IN THE CITY OF LINCOLN CENTER, KANSAS.
BE IT ORDAINED, BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF LINCOLN, KANSAS:

SECTION 1. Section 2-109 of the City Code of the City of Lincoln Center, Kansas is hereby amended to read as follows:
2-109. KEEPING OF ANIMALS AND FOWL;
PERMIT REQUIRED; PERMIT RENEWAL.
• **Prohibited Owning and Maintaining Certain Animals and Fowl.** It shall be unlawful for the owner, lessee, occupant, or person in charge of any premises in the city to own, possess, harbor, or keep any animal or fowl that exceeds the weight of twenty (20) pounds at the time of full maturity. It shall further be prohibited for the owner, lessee, occupant, or person in charge of any premises in the city to permit to be maintained thereon any stable, shed, pen, or other place where horses, mules, cattle, sheep, goats or swine, or undomesticated animals or fowl are kept. The provisions of this section shall not apply to maintaining a veterinary hospital or slaughterhouse for commercial or professional purposes, if the location of any such business does not otherwise violate the zoning ordinances of the city.
• **Certain Animals and Fowl Allowed Subject to Prior Approval.** Subject to the permit approval procedure, payment of the permit fee, and annual permit renewal set forth in subsections (c), (d), and (e) below, the owner, lessee, occupant, or person in charge of any premises in the city may possess and maintain any animal or fowl that weighs twenty (20) pounds or less at the time of full maturity, and such owner, lessee, occupant, or person in charge of any premises in the city may maintain any pen, shed, coup, or similar confinement to keep or maintain such animal or fowl, with such number not to exceed a total of twelve (12). The provisions of this section shall not apply to maintaining a veterinary hospital or slaughterhouse for commercial or professional purposes, if the location of any such business does not otherwise violate the zoning ordinances of the city.
• **Permit Approval Procedure.** Any person desiring to keep or maintain any animals or fowl within the city in accordance with subsection (b) above shall file an application with the city clerk for permission therefore and the city clerk shall thereupon deliver the application to the law enforcement personnel of the city who shall inspect the place that the animals or fowl are to be kept and who shall make recommendations to the city council as to the application at the next regular council meeting. If the council shall find that the keeping of the animals or fowl as set out in the application shall not be unsanitary or constitute a nuisance to adjoining or neighborhood property owners or residences, the council shall issue a permit therefore and set forth therein the conditions under which animals or fowl may be kept on the location set out in the application. Prior to hearing the application, the city clerk shall mail notice thereof to all persons owning or residing on property within 200 feet from the property line of the property on which it is proposed that such animals or fowl be kept or maintained.
• **Permit Fee.** Any person desiring to keep or maintain any animals or fowl within the city, upon approval in accordance with Section 2-109(c), shall pay a permit fee of \$10 to the city clerk.
• **Annual Permit Renewal.** Any person keeping or maintaining any animal or fowl pursuant to this section shall be required to renew their permit and pay an annual permit renewal fee of \$10 to the city clerk. The registration year shall be from January 1 to December 31 of each year. The renewal fee shall be payable before February 1 of each year without penalty. Failure to submit such annual permit renewal fee before the February 1 deadline shall result such person's permit to lapse and shall require such person to re-apply for a permit in accordance with Section 2-109(c).
• **Does Not Apply to Dogs, Cats, House Birds.** The provisions of this section shall not apply to the keeping of dogs, cats, hamsters (or like species) and house birds.

SECTION 2. Existing Section 2-109 of the City Code of the City of Lincoln Center, Kansas is hereby repealed.
SECTION 3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and publication once in the official city newspaper.
INTRODUCED, PASSED, and APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Lincoln Center, Kansas, on this 13th day of January, 2025.

APPROVED:
/s/ Travis Schwerdtfager
Mayor

Attest: (seal)
/s/ Heather N. Hillegeist
City Clerk

Farmers & Ranchers Livestock Commission Co.

Total for the Week - Cattle - 8,558 Hogs - 77
 Bulls - \$150.00 - \$161.50 Cows - \$128.00 - \$139.50

Strs	Hfrs
300-400 \$434.00-445.00	300-400 \$385.00-396.00
400-500 \$445.00-455.00	400-500 \$386.00-397.00
500-600 \$406.00-417.00	500-600 \$333.00-344.00
600-700 \$327.00-339.00	600-700 \$287.00-297.50
700-800 \$306.00-317.00	700-800 \$258.00-269.00
800-900 \$275.00-285.00	800-900 \$235.00-247.75
900-1000 \$233.00-245.00	900-1000 NO TEST

Early Consignments

Thursday January 23rd - 10 a.m start time

60 mostly blk s&h, 550-650, home raise, wean 60+days, 2 round vaccs, open; 88 s&h, 675-975, home raise, wean 60+days, 2 round vaccs; 14 s&h, 750-800, home raise, long wean, vaccs, open; 125 mix str, 775-850, long wean 2 round vaccs; 42blk/char hfrs, 550-650, wean 60+days; 21 blk/char str, 600-700, wean 60+days; 65 mostly blk hfrs, 750, no sort; 110 angus str, 700-850, wean Nov.1, vaccs, no implants; 29 blk str, 500-600, home raise, wean 45 days, 2 round vaccs; 6 blk hfrs, 900, home raise, long wean, vaccs, open; 37 s&h, 600-800, wean 60+days, 3 round vaccs, open, bunk broke; 12 blk s&h, 650-800, home raise, long wean, vaccs, open; 21 red angus str, home raise, wean 60+days, vaccs; 30 mostly blk hfrs, 600-700, home raise, long wean, vaccs, off triticale; 65 hfrs, 800; plus more by sale time.

Early Consignments Special Cow Sale MOVED TO

Tuesday January 28th - 11 a.m start time

Bulls: 3-4/5 years, Green Garden bulls, cow bulls, semen & tric checked; plus more by sale time.

Bred Heifers: 20; 85 blk hfrs, home raise, bull bred to Sons Of Hickok, calve March 1 for 30 days; 69 bred hfrs; 63 bwf hfrs, bred to Harms ranch angus low birth weight bulls, calve March 1 for 60 days; 130 blkhfrs, Rosebrook & Eiler origin, AI bred, calve March 10, clean up sim/angus; 30 blk hfrs, home raise, Schrerber angus sired, bred to Schultz pulled Hereford bulls, pelvic tested, LBW; 50 blk hfrs, FI, home raise, AI to Gardener Quantum Fink Rainmaker Growthfund blk bulls, calving Jan.27, pelvic & tract; 25 blk hfrs, 1100#, 1 iron, AI bred to Bar Dynamic, clean up with calving ease son of Galileo, hfrs - sons of CCR Graduate & Cowboy Cut, full vacc program; 44 bwf, home raise hfrs, closed herd, 1100#, bred registered angus lbw bull, Neitler or Clark origin, calve Feb.1 for 60 days, reputation herd; 14 red bred hfrs; 20 blk hfrs, bred blk LBW bulls, calve Feb.1; plus more by sale time.

Cows/Cow Pairs: 130 3-older, bred red & blk angus; 21 older cows, bred to Pelton red angus/simX bulls, heavy bred; 20+20 blk Balancer pairs, 3-4 years; 20+20 young blk pairs; 100 blk/red cows, 3-6years, early spring bred, bred angus or red angus; 80+80 blk/red pairs, calves 30 days plus, bulls in Thanksgiving, calves vaccs; 100 blk cows, 3-6 years, calve Feb/March, bred blk & red bulls; 40 blk cows, 5-8 years, calve Feb.1, bred to Schrader sim/angus bulls; 10 blk cows, 2nd calvers, calve March 1; 125 blk/charX/redX cows, solid mouth, bred angus, calve Feb.1 for 55 days, Lucky 7 bred; 8 blk cows, 6-7 years, heavy bred, bred red angus; 10 mostly blk/bwf cows, 4 years old, bred char bulls; 60 blk solid-older, bred blk, northern origin as calves, in really good shape; 25+25 red pairs, 3-5 years, charX calves, 150-200#, worked; 22 blk 2nd calvers, bred Cow Camp sim/angus; 50 blk/red cows, 4-8 years, bred Cow Camp sim/angus; 11+11 blk/red pairs, 3-4 years, exposed back to red angus bull 11-11; 200 blk/bwf cows, 3-9 years, bred blk angus, calve Feb.14 for 60 days, mostly home raise; (Complete Dispersal) 120 blk cows, 3-older, home raise, bred McCurry angus, calve March 1 for 60 days; 240 blk/red angus, 5-older, spring bred; 10 blk angus cows, 3-5 years, Feb-April calvers; 35 blk cows, 3 years, bred angus, calve Feb.10 - 80 days; 30 4-5 years old, calve March/April; 5 bred cows; 2 blk 3 years, bred red angus Mush Rush bulls, calve April; 5+5 young blk pairs; 70 blk cows, bred blk angus, all ages; plus more by sale time.

Early Consignments Wean/Vacc Sale Tuesday February 4 - 11 a.m start time

21 blk s&h, 450-500; 50 s&h, 500-700, home raise, wean 90 days, 2 round vaccs; 44 s&h, 400-450, wean 30 days, fall vaccs; 174 blk s&h, 700-800, wean Nov.1, 2 round vaccs, off wheat; 80 blk s&h, 500-800, home raise, wean Nov.1, fall vacc, open, hot wire broke; 60 s&h, 500-700, home raise; 92 s&h, 700-750, home raise, wean 90 days, 2 round vaccs, open; 130 blk s&h, 600-700, home raise, long wean, 2 round fall vaccs, sim/angus sired; 50 blk/charX s&h, 550-750, home raise, long wean, 2 round vaccs; 240 blk str, 500-700, wean Dec.1, vaccs; 120 s&h, 500-700, wean Dec.1, vaccs; 73 blk s&h, 550-750, wean Dec.15, vaccs; 80 mostly blk s&h, 550-700, long wean, home raise, 2 round vaccs, off rye; 161 s&h, 550-750, home raise, wean 60 days, 2 round vaccs, open; 285 blk str, 700-850, wean Sept./Oct. 2 round fall vaccs; 90 blk/red str, 700-900, long wean, 2 round vaccs; 64 blk s&h, 700, 2 round fall vaccs; 60 blk s&h, 600-700; 70 red angus s&h, 550-750, home raise; 100 blk/bwf/charX s&h, 450-650, wean 90 days, Walrod sim/angus/NIPP char Morehead angus; 25 s&h, 500-700; 33 s&h, 400-650, wean Dec.1, home raise, 1 round vaccs, knife cut, bunk broke; plus more by sale time.

Special Cow Sales

- Tuesday January 28, 2025
- Tuesday February 18, 2025
- Tuesday March 18, 2025
- Tuesday April 15, 2025
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it's installed.

I'm very pleased with the foundation repair work. Kevin and his crew installed a huge beam across the underside of the house as well as some permanent jacks. They also removed and rebuilt the entire north wall and the walls around the addition at the back of the house.

We had extensive dirt work done in the back and it looks great. Below are before and after photos so you can see what a great job Eric Wolgamot did clearing out the old cinder blocks and bringing in fresh dirt.



Back of house prior to foundation repair and dirt work



After dirt work completed

And I'm delighted with the paint job on the outside. The colors turned out even better than I had imagined. We still need to take some corrective measures with regard to the guttering but you can see how well the painting turned out, thanks to the hard work of Ben, Winter, and Ian Williams. The photo was taken before the porch pillars were painted so if you drive by now you'll see how good the pillars look.



East side painted

Inside the plumbing is roughed in, the wiring is done and all the walls have been insulated with R-19 batt insulation. The furnace has been installed as has the duct work.

The next step is to have a gas line run to the house and the gas meter installed. We're waiting for the weather to warm up but I also need to have the property surveyed so that the gas line is installed on my property and not the neighbor's.

After the gas line is installed we just will have a few more things to do like new insulated exterior doors; three new windows; sheetrock, mudding and taping; blowing insulation into the attic; installing the plumbing fixtures, painting, cabinetry, the light fixtures, flooring and wood trim; and finally painting the walls. As I said - just a few more things.

Post/from page 4

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City/from page 1

the permitting application and renewal requirements for the keeping of animals, fowl, or other undomesticated animals in the city of Lincoln Center, Kansas. Said Ordinance requires animal permit holders to renew said permits annually by February 1 and sets a limit to twelve (12) animals on a premise. Clerk Hillgeist was instructed to send letters to permit holders regarding the new Ordinance.

Mayor Schwerdtfager announced a City Service Award for Perry Zachgo for 35 years of dedicated service to the City of Lincoln Center.

The Council voted to move \$25,000 from the General Fund to the Recreation Fund for 2025 Rec Appropriation. A transfer of \$49,672 from the Light Fund to the Bond and Interest Fund for 2025 GO Bond Payments was carried.

The next regular meeting will be February 10.

Radon/from page 3

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Commission/from page 3

to allocate the remaining ARPA funds in the amount of \$167,413.72 to go to the courthouse renovation project, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried.

Sheriff Dustin Florence requested approval to allow an employee to carryover unused leave time due to staffing requirements. The board denied the request.

Human Resource Officer Felicia Strahm reported that Roberta Turner has asked to be moved to part-time beginning January 26, 2025.

Commissioner Hembry departed the meeting at 9:54 a.m.

Dennis Ray moved to approve Resolution 2024-31, transferring \$150,000 from the Road Fund into the Special Road Improvement Fund; Resolution 2024-32, transferring \$180,000 from the Lincoln County General Fund into the Lincoln County Capital Improvement Fund; Resolution 2024-33, transferring \$50,000 from the Lincoln County General Fund into the Equipment Reserve Fund; Resolution 2024-34, transferring \$8,000 from the Barnard Rural Fire Operating Fund to the Barnard Rural Fire Special Equipment Fund; \$22,000 from the Beverly Rural Fire Operating Fund to the Beverly Rural Fire Special Equipment Fund; \$26,500 from the First Rural Fire Operating Fund to the First Rural Fire Special Equipment Fund; \$21,000 from the Hunter Rural Fire Operating Fund to the Hunter Rural Fire Special Equipment Fund; and \$20,500 from the Sylvan Grove Rural Fire Operating Fund to the Sylvan Grove Rural Fire Special Equipment Fund; and Resolution 2024-35, transferring \$18,000 from the Lincoln County General Fund to the Lincoln County Refuse fund for the operation, maintenance and improvement expenses that exceeds available cash, seconded by Debora Smith. Motion carried.

Dennis Ray moved to approve payroll in the amount of \$247,013.75, seconded by Debora Smith. Motion carried. Dennis Ray moved to approve accounts payable in the amount of \$330,087.94, seconded by Debora Smith. Motion carried.

Dennis Ray moved to approve the minutes of the December 23 meeting as presented, seconded by Debora Smith. Motion carried.

County Treasurer Leann Johnson provided her letter of resignation effective January 31, 2025.

The chairman adjourned the meeting at 10:32 a.m. The next meeting will be in the courthouse commission meeting room at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, January 6, 2025.

January 5, 2025

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met virtually in special session on Sunday, January 5, 2025. Chairman Dennis Ray called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. with Vice-Chairman Debora Smith and Member Ryley Hembry present. County Clerk Dawn Harlow was in attendance as recording secretary.

Purpose: to determine whether county departments should be closed due to inclement weather.

Others present for portions of the meeting: Lisa Feldkamp.

The board discussed the impact of the recent snow-storm on the community and services provided by county departments and service contractors. Commissioner Ray related that Slechta Enterprises would not collect trash on Monday, allowing city crews time to clean the city streets and ensure employee safety.

Dennis Ray moved to close all county departments except emergency services and the highway department on Monday, January 6, with affected employees required to use PTO time or take time off without pay, and that the county departments will remain closed until 10:00 a.m. on January 7; and to cancel the January 6 board meeting, moving all appointments to January 13, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried.

Commissioner Ray requested a public announcement via a Facebook post be made and requested meeting participants to share the post to notify the public.

The chairman adjourned the meeting at 4:28 p.m. The next meeting will be in the courthouse commission meeting room at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, January 13, 2025.

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