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Lincoln County names new commissioner and interim treasurer

By Jyll Phillips, Lincoln-Sentinel

On Sunday, January 19, 2025 the Lincoln County Republican Committee met at 5pm, at St. Patrick Parish Hall, for the purpose of a Reorganization Committee meeting, a Convention to elect a County Treasurer Interim and a District 3 County Commissioner.

In attendance, for the voting process, the elected Precinct Committee Men and Women were, Elkhorn- Erin Suelter; Franklin- Jeffrey White; Madison- Alisa and Travis Suelter; Orange- Denah Jensen and Vesper- Teri Hiitter. Also, the appointed Precinct Committee Men and Women, Beaver-

Daniel and Traci Bates; Cedron- Jared and Tracy Sulsar; Golden Belt- Richard Farney; Grant- Steven Errebo and Sheila Ruby; Pleasant- John Thaemert (Shelley Thaemert via Proxy); Salt Creek- Ronald and Karolyn Sutton and Vesper- Gerald Hiitter. It is with great respect and appreciation to these men and women who stepped up to ensure that we have a voice in selecting our local governance.

The need for these two positions to be filled at this time came about when former County Treasurer Leann Johnson retired thereby vacating her unexpired term as County Treasurer. The newly elected County Treasurer does not

take office until October 12. District #3 Commissioner Ryley Hembry no longer resides within District #3 boundaries, thereby vacating his position on the Board of County Commissioners.

Committee Chair Denah Jensen informed the committee that of 22 Townships within Lincoln County and only six elected Precincts as compared to the recommended two precincts per township, or 44 precincts. Committee members are encouraged to work toward an election for each precinct the next time precincts are on the ballot.

The positions of Committee Treasure and Committee Secretary need to be filled.

The results for the Convention of County Treasurer Interim, as well as the replacement commissioner for District 3, are awaiting the approval by the governor.

The Committee approved Mary Ann Sertz to fulfill the unexpired term of Leann Johnson through October 12, 2025, when she will be Officially sworn in to begin her first term as the Elected County Treasure.

Kenneth Meitler will fulfill the unexpired term of Ryley Hembry until the next available General Election in 2026, in which the position will be placed on the ballot, as an unexpired term.

LJSHS Students Pursue CNA Certification



LJSHS students recently attended a class that would allow them to become a Certified Nurses Aid! This certification helps the student find gainful employment in a professional capacity while still being able to attend school. Some students will choose their career based on their experiences as a CNA. (Courtesy Photo)

Sylvan-Lucas Speech and Drama Wins Republic County Tournament



The SLUHS Speech and Drama Team captured first place at the Republic County Tournament on Saturday, January 25th. Sylvan finished with 218 points, Phillipsburg had 209, and Wamego was third with 183. After three preliminary rounds, the Sylvan squad had 16 of their entries advance to the final round. Seven events qualified for the State Championship by placing in the top two in their event. Those qualifying for Champs were Anna Feldkamp (1st in Prose; 2nd in Poetry; 5th in Oration); Hallie Thielen (2nd in Oration; 4th in Informative); Macie Ortiz and Lexi McCarter (2nd in Duet; 2nd in IDA); Macie Ortiz (2nd in Impromptu); and Molly Heller (2nd in Serious Solo). Other team members competing for the day were Lexi McCarter (5th in Prose), Lydia Heffel (3rd in Prose); Montana Griffiths (6th in Prose); Layne Buttenhoff and Ashton Bennison (5th in IDA); Lily Pancost (5th in Duet; Impromptu); Caleb Dlabel (5th in Duet; IDA); Ozzy Trevino (3rd in Poetry); Railyne (4th in Humorous Solo and IDA); Kadence Palmer (Prose and IDA); Abby Feldkamp (Prose and IDA); Faith Soukup (Prose and IDA); Isaac Schultz (Poetry); Leah Criswell (Duet); Aubrelle Hurlbut (Duet and IDA). Not pictured is Layne Buttenhoff. (Courtesy Photo)

See Inside for NPL Tournament Brackets and Highlight Photos



(Photo by Becky Rathbun)

Grant opportunities for Barnard and Beverly

The Kansas Department of Commerce (KDC) has launched the new TOWNS grant program to support small-scale quality of place projects in rural communities. Grants will be awarded up to \$10,000 for projects such as downtown beautification, park improvements and communi-

ty signage among other ideas with the goal of increasing local capacity, fostering community and youth engagement and mobilizing volunteers and local investment.

Communities with a population of 5,000 or less that have not received funding in the last three years from the KDC

are eligible to apply. In Lincoln County, only Barnard and Beverly are eligible.

Grant applications close on February 18 and awards will be announced in mid-April, 2025.

Two webinars were held to assist with the process including The Towns Grant Over-

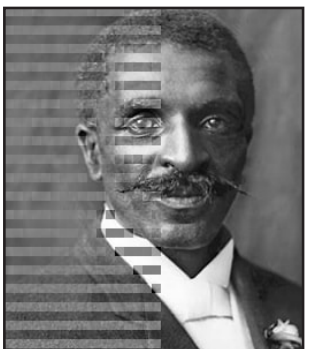
view Webinar which provides a broad overview of the grant including goals, eligibility, timeline and resources. The Towns Grant Application Webinar walks through the application in detail. Recordings of both webinars along with the presentation slides are available.

LJSHS Boys' Basketball Team Spreads Leopard Pride



The high school boys' basketball team started the day Friday, January 24, with a team breakfast and reading to the Kindergarten class afterward spreading Leopard Pride before the NPL tournament. (Courtesy Photo)

February is Black History Month



By Jyll Phillips, Lincoln-Sentinel

February is Black History Month, a time to honor African-Americans who have

made their mark in the development of the U.S. While an article about famous black Americans from Lincoln would be a very short one, Kansas has been home to several. Through February we will highlight one African-American from Kansas each week who has made a mark in history.

GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER 1864-1943

George Washington Carver moved around throughout his life but spent many of his years in Fort Scott, Olathe, and eventually finishing high

school in Minneapolis. Carver discovered and advocated for newly improved farming methods and crop rotation strategies (mostly involving nitrogen restoration). Not only were his findings incredibly useful for the practice of agriculture, but they were also instrumental in our modern understanding of food, health, and nutrition. While many people think of Carver as the inventor of peanut butter, that is more myth than fact. He did, however, encourage crop rotation to preserve the soil's nutrients, developed

ways to increase yield and showed farmers alternate uses for their crops. Working with peanuts brought about the use of peanut oil, flavorings, etc., increasing demand and indirectly increasing profits for the grower. A historical marker featuring Carver states George Washington Carver was one of America's greatest scientists having revolutionized agriculture with his discoveries. The marker is one of The 8 Wonders of Ness County and is located along Highway 96 at Beeler, KS.

The Price is Right: 69 Years of TV Game Show Excellence



"The Price is Right" holds the title of the longest-running TV game show in the U.S., first airing in 1956. With an impressive 69 years on the air, the show has become a staple of American television, captivating audiences with its exciting prizes, fun games, and charismatic hosts. The show's longevity speaks to its enduring popularity and its ability to evolve while staying true to its original concept. From its early days with host Bob Barker to its current iteration with Drew Carey, "The Price is Right" continues to entertain generations of viewers and remains a beloved part of TV history.

Cash Grain

Corn	\$4.47
Milo	\$4.07
Soybeans.....	\$9.61
Wheat.....	\$5.05

Cash prices courtesy of Ag Mark

Community Calendar

Thursday, January 30

USD 298: 9 am Miss KS
USD 299: 4 pm JH BB vs. Lakeside @ Sylvan

Friday, January 31

USD 298: 5:15pm - LHS Basketball vs Natoma; LES Awards Night; No Preschool - SIT Meetings
USD 299: Sweetheart and Dance; Wrestling MCL Meet @ Russell; 1 pm Girls Wrestling @ Russell; 4 pm HS BB vs. Otis-Bison @ Sylvan

Saturday, February 1

Lincoln: 5:30 pm Bingo @ Vesper Community Center
USD 298: JH Basketball PTL Tournament @ Mankato
USD 299: HS Boys BB JV & C vs. Central Family Educators @ Felton MS; JH PTL BB Tourney Play in @ Mankato (Rock Hills)

Sunday, February 2

USD 299: 5 pm Ryan Stoppel Gym

Monday, February 3

USD 298: JH Basketball PTL Tournament @ Mankato
USD 299: JH BB PTL Tourney

Tuesday, February 4

USD 298: 4pm - LHS Basketball vs Stockton

Wednesday, February 5

USD 299: FFA Speech & Job Interview @ Clay Center; 11 am PTL Meeting @ Beloit; 1 pm NPL Meeting @ Beloit

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.

Kansas Wildlife and Parks Commission to hold January Meeting, Seeks Input on Coyote Night Vision Hunting Season

TOPEKA – The Kansas Wildlife and Parks Commission will hold its first public meeting of 2025 on Thursday, Jan. 30, 2025, at the K-State Alumni Center in Manhattan. The meeting will begin at noon and continue until all agenda items are addressed.

The meeting will open with a report from the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, during which commissioners will hear about regulations currently in promulgation. Following the department report, commissioners will take comments on non-agenda items, receive updates on the agency's fiscal status, and hear a legislative briefing.

Commissioners will then hear informational items, including:

- 2025 Commission Big Game Permit Program, to include the live drawing
- Quail Eye-Worm Research
- Review of the Prohibition of Trail Cameras on Public Lands
- Night Vision Coyote Hunting Season

A general discussion on 2025-26 waterfowl season dates, and bag and possession limits will follow.

Workshop session items—topics that may be voted on in the future—will also be discussed, including:

- K.A.R. 115-25-9a – 2025 Deer Seasons on Military Units
- K.A.R. 115-25-9 – Big Game Regulations

The public is encouraged to attend either in person or virtually to share their thoughts on these informational items or other related topics. Wildlife officials are particularly interested in hearing public opinion about the coyote night vision season which was introduced in 2021 and currently runs from Jan 1 through March 31. The regulation allows hunters to use artificial light and thermal-imaging equipment during the season with an additional \$2.50 Night Vision Equipment Permit required to participate. No changes to the coyote night vision season have been proposed at this time, but Kansas Department of Wildlife and Park staff are gathering feedback to ensure it continues to meet the needs and expectations of Kansans. The regular coyote furharvesting and hunting season in Kansas is open year-round with no limit on the number of coyotes that can be taken.

The meeting will conclude with an additional opportunity for public comment on non-agenda items.

The complete agenda and briefing book, which includes pro-

posed regulation changes, can be downloaded at <https://ksoutdoors.com/KDWP-Info/Commission/Upcoming-Archived-Meeting-Information/Manhattan-KS-K-State-Alumni-Center-Tadtman-Board-room-January-30-2025>.

Attendees can participate in the meetings in person or virtually. Instructions for joining via Zoom, phone, or live streaming are available at <https://ksoutdoors.com/KDWP-Info/Commission> under "Instructions to Participate in Virtual Meeting." Additionally, those who wish to provide input but are unable to attend a meeting may fill out the "Contact All Commissioners" form at ksoutdoors.com/KDWP-Info/Commission/Contact-Commissioners/Contact-All-Commissioners.

An interpreter for the hearing impaired can be requested by calling the Kansas Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing at 1-800-432-0698. Individuals with disabilities may request other accommodations by contacting the Commission secretary at (620) 672-0702.

The next commission meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 27, 2025, at the Topeka & Shawnee County Library in Topeka.

Disaster extension letter sent

Governor Laura Kelly has sent a letter to the Federal Emergency Management Agency asking for an extension to submit a request for a major presidential disaster. The letter asks for an extension to March 6, 2025, to submit a disaster request for a major winter storm that struck the state Jan. 4-5, 2025, and included heavy snowfall, excessive winds and frigid tempera-

tures. The letter also seeks snow assistance due to impacted counties that received record or near-record snowfall.

"This extension is required due to challenges in gathering data on sustained damages that will strain local budgets to repair," Governor Laura Kelly said. "I am seeking time to collect data and validate all legitimate expenses to aid local

governments in restoring the infrastructure so vital to the safety and wellbeing of Kansans."

Governor Kelly made the request to allow more time for preliminary damage assessments to seek federal assistance through the Public Assistance Program. The program provides funds on a cost-share basis to repair damaged public infrastructure, such as roads and bridges.

COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

January 13, 2025

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met in the commission meeting room Monday, January 13, 2025. Chairman Dennis Ray called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with Vice Chairman Debora Smith present and Member Ryley Hembry absent. County Clerk Dawn Harlow was in attendance as the recording secretary.

Others present for portions of the meeting: Leon Hart, Felicia Strahm, Rodney Larsen, Melody Larsen, Dale Hlad, Brett Wilkinson, Jesse Knight, Roberta Turner, Vicki Hook, Leann Johnson, Mary Ann Stertz, Tawnya Seitz, Teri Hiitter, and Randy Lohmann.

Correspondence: a letter from the Kansas State Historical Society notifying that a property located at 282 N 60th Rd, Sylvan Grove, was placed on the National Register of Historic Places; North Central Regional Planning Commission annual bill, year-end review, and calendar; a safety flyer from Oneok; a packet from the National Association of Counties; a packet from US Representative Tracey Mann; bills for Lincoln Park Manor; and State Water Plan Funds Grant conditions for the LEPP grant program.

Commissioner Hembry arrived at 8:52 a.m.

Debora Smith moved to approve the grant conditions for the Kansas Department of Health and Environment State Water Plan Funds, seconded by Dennis Ray. Motion carried. Dennis Ray moved to approve the NCRPC dues in the amount of \$3,500, seconded by

Debora Smith. Motion carried.

Rodney Larsen, Larsen Construction, discussed the bill received for disposing of a dilapidated structure as part of the City of Lincoln's abatement of a nuisance property, requesting that the board reconsider assessing his business for the cost to dispose of the household solid waste that was also removed from the property. Dennis Ray moved to remove the charge for trash from the bill and to bill the city if the city is adding a special, and if not, then bill and charge as a special assessment on the tax roll, seconded by Debora Smith. Motion carried.

Director of Highway Department Dale Hlad provided an update on department activities. Hlad presented a utility permit agreement for the board's approval. Debora Smith moved to approve the utility permit agreement in Orange Township with Wilson Communications, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried. The group discussed staffing the Noxious Weed department moving forward. Brett Wilkinson, Kirkham Michael reported that the OS 107 bridge replacement project is currently being advertised, and he will present bids received at the February 10 meeting. Wilkinson presented the biennial bridge inspection report.

Felicia Strahm presented the annual pay resolution and longevity payroll runs for the board's approval. Dennis Ray moved to approve Resolution 2025-01, setting the salaries effective

December 26, 2024, seconded by Debora Smith. Motion carried. Dennis Ray moved to recess into executive session for ten minutes for the purpose of discussing county administrator applications, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b)(1) to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel, to reconvene in the courthouse commission meeting room with the commission, HR Felicia Strahm, County Clerk Dawn Harlow, and commissioner elect Leon Hart, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried. Time in: 9:56 a.m. Time out: 10:06 a.m.

The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 10:06 a.m.

Debora Smith moved to approve the longevity payroll run in the amount of \$14,478.98, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried.

Transportation Bus Director Roberta Turner provided an update on department activities and vehicle maintenance. Turner related that she would like to go part-time effective January 26 and would be available to work 25 hours per week, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m., and inquired about whether the change would affect her current hourly wage. The board made no commitments and requested that HR Strahm determine the impact on benefits.

Vicki Hook, representing the Council on Aging with Bus Director Turner, discussed the Council on Aging voucher program providing bus rides to individuals over 55. The Council on Aging will discuss the program at their January meeting to determine how to make changes to reach

age qualified individuals needing reliable transportation services.

Vicki Hook, representing the Lincoln Senior Center, related that the Center does not have sufficient funds to meet their salary obligations at the end of the month and inquired if the board would be willing to distribute allocations to the Center in January. The board discussed the 2025 distribution of Services for the Aged funding. Dennis Ray moved to approve funding in the amount of \$5,000 to the Council on Aging; \$20,000 to the Sylvan Senior Center; and \$35,000 for the Lincoln Senior Center, with \$15,000 specifically earmarked for the Food Program, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried.

Emergency Manager Jesse Knight requested the board approve an intra-county mutual aid agreement between the rural fire districts. Debora Smith moved to approve the Mutual Aid Agreement, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried.

County Treasurer Leann Johnson requested that the board allow an employee, within the first 90 days of employment, to utilize accrued PTO while the courthouse was closed. Debora Smith moved to grant an exception and allow an employee in the first 90 days the option to utilize their PTO or take time without pay, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried. Deputy Treasurer Mary Ann Stertz presented the total taxes collected. Stertz provided the 4th quarter 2024 Treasurer's Quar-

See "COMMISSION" page 5



Monday, February 3

Vegetable Beef Soup, Cottage Cheese, Biscuit, Baked Cinnamon Apples & Milk

Tuesday, February 4

Fish Patty w/Bun, Au Gratin Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Fruit Cocktail & Milk

Wednesday, February 5

Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Tossed Salad, Italian Veggies, Garlic Bread Stick, Rose Pears & Milk

Thursday, February 6

Lil Smokies, Mac & Cheese, Peas, Fruit & Roll

Friday, February 7

Sweet & S

Menu is subject to change.

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

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OBITUARIES



Ruth Zier
Apr. 22, 1929 - Jan. 20, 2025

Ruth Zier, 95, of Salina, Kansas, passed away on Monday, January 20, 2025, at the Bethany Home, Lindsborg.

Ruth was born on April 2, 1929, in Lincoln County, Kansas, to Ben and Olga Tatkenhorst. She graduated

from Lincoln High School. She married Virgil Zier on May 30, 1948. Virgil and Ruth farmed in Lincoln County. Ruth also was employed as a clerk at the Lincoln County Courthouse and later at the Salina Journal. She continued to live in Lincoln County after Virgil's death in 1974 until moving to Salina in 1983. She was a member of St. John Lutheran Church, Lincoln, and Trinity Lutheran Church, Salina.

Ruth is survived by her children: Kristin (Kenneth) Stewart of Hunter, Kansas; Gwen (Dean Leon) Hatzenbuehler of Dorrance, Kansas; Mark (Charyl) Zier of Medicine Lodge, Kansas; Kim (Nancy) Zier of Manhattan, Kansas; Lillian (Brad) Martell of Bettendorf, Iowa; 10 grandchildren: Daysha (Brad) Sutton of Assaria, Kansas; Todd (Kerry) Hatzenbuehler of Wichita, Kansas; Kenda (Phil) Steffensmeier of Iowa City, Iowa; Krisha Stewart of Kansas City, Missouri; Mica Zier

of Fairway, Kansas; Clint (Katie) Zier of Bucyrus, Kansas; Ann Zier of Manhattan, Kansas; Ben Zier of Manhattan, Kansas; Nate Martell of Fort Worth, Texas; Bria Martell of Bettendorf, Iowa; and six great-grandchildren: Treyton Sutton, Savannah Sutton, Grant Hatzenbuehler, Ethan Hatzenbuehler, Kellen Zier and Carter Zier.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Virgil Zier, in 1974; and an infant son, Robert, in 1952.

The funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, January 24, at Trinity Lutheran Church, 702 S. Ninth, Salina, Kansas. Interment will be at 2 p.m. Friday at St. John Lutheran Church, Lincoln, Kansas. The family will greet friends from 4-6 p.m. Thursday at Ryan Mortuary, 137 N. Eighth St., Salina.

Memorials may be made to the cemetery fund of St. John Lutheran Church, Lincoln, Kansas, or to Trinity Lutheran Church, Salina, Kansas.



- BARNARD UNITED METHODIST**
Pastors Kaye & Jeff Metzler
Adult Sunday School @ 10:00 am
Morning Worship @ 11:00 am
- BETHANY CHURCH**
Eight miles north, six miles west and one mile north of Lincoln
Sunday School @ 9:45 am
Worship Service @ 11:00 am
Evening Service @ 7:00 pm
- BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH LC-MS**
Pastor Christopher Craig
Sylvan Grove, Kansas
Sunday School following Worship
Sunday Worship @ 10:00 am
- BEVERLY COMMUNITY CHURCH**
www.beverlycommunitychurch.org
Pastor Toby Flaming
Sunday School @ 9:30 am
Morning Worship @ 10:45 am
- BEVERLY UNITED METHODIST**
Pastors Kaye & Jeff Metzler
Church Service @ 9:00 am
- CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH**
Pastor, Chris Hall
Sunday School @ 9:30 am
Worship Service @ 10:30 am
Nursery available during service
Light Keepers Wed. @ 6:30
grades 6-12
- CULVER METHODIST CHURCH**
Pastor Demerle Eckart
401 Main Street, Culver, Ks
Sunday Worship @ 9:30 am
Saturday Coffee @ 8-10 am
- DENMARK EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN COMMUNITY CHURCH, ELCA**
Worship Service @ 10:30 am
- FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH**
Pastor Jonathan Schale
Lincoln Park Manor @ 9:30 am
Bible Study @ 10:30 am
Worship Hour @ 11:00 am
Afternoon Worship @ 2:00 pm
Wed. Bible Study @ 7:00 pm
- FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**
Pastor Carolyn Allen, Barnard
Morning Worship @ 11:00 pm
- GRACE CHAPEL-HUNTER**
Pastors Kaye & Jeff Metzler
Worship Service @ 9:00 am
- LINCOLN COMMUNITY CHURCH**
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
- 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
- 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
- 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
- ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA**
Pastor Rod Thompson, Tescott
Worship Service @ 9:00 am
- TESCOTT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**
Pastor Demerle Eckart
Sunday School @ 10:00 am
Worship @ 11:00 am
- TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, HUNTER**
Pastor Matthew Schneider
Hunter, Kansas
Sunday School @ 9:00 am
Worship Service @ 10:00 am
Midweek/Confirmation
Wednesdays @ 4:30 to 5:45

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.

Insights on advocating to legislators

By **Tod Bowman**
former Iowa State Senator

Effective advocacy requires understanding the legislative process and employing strategic communication. Constituents can impact legislation by providing their perspective on a bill and explaining the reasoning for their position.

As a former Iowa State Senator from Maquoketa, I served in the Iowa Senate from 2011 to 2019 and saw countless examples of advocacy in action.

Understanding a legislator's background can lead to more effectively tailored communication, increasing the likelihood of successful messaging. For example, my constituents knew I was a wrestling

coach and enjoyed other sports, and we built rapport over those.

Personal meetings are the best way to build relationships with legislators. However, make sure to schedule an appointment in advance rather than simply showing up at the Capitol—scheduling a meeting prior to a visit can ensure a legislator has time to meet and is prepared to discuss a specific legislative issue. If travelling to the Capitol is difficult, consider inviting a legislator to meet at a cafe or coffee shop in your district that is convenient to your legislator.

Communicating directly with a legislator through personalized, handwritten letters can be a highly effective approach to sharing your perspective. A particularly memo-

orable communication I received during my time as a senator was a unique and creative expression of support: A singing card with a short note encouraging support for a bill. This unexpected and heartfelt gesture from a constituent underscored the power of personal advocacy. Remember to follow up to thank your legislator for their support or to encourage them to reconsider their position.

Surprisingly few constituents contact their legislators, but effective communication with policymakers is essential for a healthy democracy. Every voice matters—it shapes the policies affecting the community and ensures the people's concerns are heard.

Insight - Kansas Farm Bureau - opinion Tinkering with taxes

By **Greg Doering**
Kansas Farm Bureau

My local public library has perhaps the best marketing of a tax-provided service ever. Patrons who check out items there receive a receipt that details the savings achieved by using the library. In 2024, my wife and I "saved" close to \$5,000, according to this accounting.

There are some generous assumptions made to achieve that figure. The biggest, of course, is that we would have paid the retail price for every book we checked out. Then there's the matter of the property tax we paid directly to the library, which would knock about \$200 off the alleged savings.

Even with the creative accounting, I think it's safe to say we came out ahead in the value proposition. The savings likely didn't exceed the entire property tax liability of our home as the library would like us to believe, but we did receive a benefit far above the list price on our tax bill.

On the other hand, the vast majority of our property tax bill went to services we didn't directly use but still benefitted from. Things like police and fire protection along with elementary schools and road repairs. All are vital to a thriving community. I believe people who keep our communities safe, run into burning buildings, educate the next generation and patch potholes are all underpaid.

Primarily because while we enjoy the services provided by taxes, we don't like getting the bill. This is especially true of property taxes where the benefits are diffuse and not neatly allocated on the tab we receive each fall.

Logically, I understand property taxes are like a subscription service for ongoing services, similar to the bills I receive from my internet provider and Netflix. But I can cancel those services without consequence if I think their cost exceeds their value.

In reality, property taxes are a mix of policy and politics that we've collectively chosen through voting for city councilors, county commissioners and state legislators. I can't say they always get things right, but they usually find the appropriate balance.

Often good politics are at odds with good policy. Generally speaking, our state's property tax system is fair and balances the impact of taxation on various property uses in a judicious manner. I'm sure there's room for improvement, but it could also be much worse.

A recent proposal to limit the valuation growth of residential and commercial property is one of those times where politics is running ahead of policy. While I would likely benefit from such a change from a tax standpoint, I don't know if I'd come out ahead after accounting for the unintended consequences.

A cap on appraisals to limit the growth of property

taxes is an attempt to manipulate the market. If the legislature wants to lower property taxes it has the power to reduce its current 21.5-mill levy that supports funding for public schools and university maintenance.

That would provide an immediate relief to homeowners, businesses and landowners. The proposal to limit appraisal growth wouldn't undo any of the meteoric rise of years gone by but instead would slowly shift tax burdens from fast-growing areas to ones with slower growth. It would create an incentive for people to not move and levy taxes based not on a property's actual value, but rather when it was purchased.

Older, more established people who happen to frequent their local library would pay far less than the newlyweds who bought the house next door despite both receiving similar services. If the legislature is determined to tinker with taxes, it should stick to setting rates rather than pursuing a policy that will create collateral damage in the future.

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Farmers & Ranchers Livestock Commission Co.

Total for the Week - Cattle - 3,257
Bulls - \$170.00 - \$180.00 Cows - \$133.00 - \$144.00

Strs		Hftrs	
300-400	\$454.00-465.00	300-400	\$356.00-367.00
400-500	\$415.00-425.00	400-500	\$356.00-366.00
500-600	\$370.00-380.00	500-600	\$317.00-327.50
600-700	\$327.00-339.00	600-700	\$278.00-289.00
700-800	\$296.00-306.50	700-800	\$258.00-269.50
800-900	\$275.00-285.00	800-900	\$245.00-256.00
900-1000	\$252.00-263.75	900-1000	NO TEST

Early Consignments Thursday January 30th 10 a.m. start time

7 str, 800#, wean 120 days, fall vaccs; 135 blk str, 550-800, long wean, vaccs; 285 blk str, 700-850, wean Sept/Oct. 2 round fall vaccs; 30 str, 400-500, home raise, wean 40 days, fall vaccs; 6 hftr, 750, long wean, 2 round fall vaccs; 12 charX s&h, 650, home raise, wean 60+days, fall vaccs, open; 20 str, 700-800, home raise, long wean, 2 round vaccs; 20 blk/red s&h, 700, wean, vacc, hay fed; 42 red angus s&h, 500-800, home raise, wean Nov.1, vaccs; 62 blk str, 875-925, no sort; 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; 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; 250 s&h, 500-700; 33 s&h, 400-650, wean Dec.1, home raise, 1 round vaccs, knife cut, bunk broke; 43 blk s&h, 700-800; 4 hftr, 400-500, wean Aug. 2 round vaccs, open; 6 blk sim/angus hftr, 500-600, home raise, Rock Creek sim/angus sired; 55 mix s&h, 650-750, wean Oct. vaccs, open; 28 s&h, 500-700, wean 90+days, 2 round vaccs; 140 blk/bwf s&h, 600-800, wean Nov. fall vaccs, open; 65 blk/bwf hftr, 550-650, long wean, vaccs, open; plus more by sale time.

Special Cow Sales

Tuesday February 18, 2025

Tuesday March 18, 2025

Tuesday April 15, 2025

Tuesday May 6, 2025

Weaned Vaccinated Sales

Tuesday February 4, 2025

Don Johnson Bull Sale

Monday March 3, 2025

New Frontier Bull Sale

Saturday March 22, 2025

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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!

785-524-4406

ask for Lana

Schneider

or Elizabeth

Sheldon.

LINCOLN COUNTY
PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

"Healthy People Build Strong Communities"

PRAIRIE DOC - By KELLY EVANS-HULLINGER, MD

What can we learn from the dying?

For the last five years, I have had the great privilege of serving my local health system as Medical Director for Home Hospice. Every week I sit in a meeting with the multidisciplinary caretakers on this team – the nurses who provide the great majority of the hands-on care, social worker, pharmacist, dietician, and pastor. We discuss all the patients currently under our care and discuss how we can improve each patient's suffering and maximize their quality of life.

The patients we care for on home hospice are those we believe to be at the end of life. Some are actively in the dying process; others are stable, still going about their lives, but have a terminal disease with a high likelihood of death in the next six months. On home hospice, most patients either stay in their own home with help from a caretaker, often a family member; or they might choose to reside in a care facility where they can get more extensive needs met.

Our nurses and other staff get to know these patients and their families extremely well, and I truly enjoy hearing our patients' stories relayed. I don't always get to meet the patients cared for by our team, as most continue to stay under the care of their primary care providers while on hospice. But even when I am hearing their stories second hand, a theme stands out as a common sentiment of our patients – the desire to reflect on their lives.

Patients facing their own deaths want to talk about their lives. Our staff frequently tries to facilitate what they call a "life review" in which a patient can openly talk about their childhood, family, career, service, and sometimes their regrets. This is therapeutic for the dying patient and their loved ones. Even some patients with dementia, with no memory of recent years, can delight in recalling a story from their childhood, looking through old photographs, or listening to music they once loved.

I have recently thought about this particular human need – to reflect and remember one's life. I take this as a reminder to both seek those stories from my own loved ones (gosh, I wish I had asked my grandmother more questions about her life) and, perhaps, to tell and write about the things in my own life I would want to be remembered after I am gone. For if there is another thing I've learned serving patients on hospice, it is that my death is also inevitable; but, I think, life's finality is what gives it beauty and meaning.

Kelly Evans-Hullinger, MD, is part of The Prairie Doc® team of physicians and currently practices Internal Medicine at Avera Medical Group in Brookings, South Dakota. Follow The Prairie Doc® at www.prairiedoc.org, and on social media. Watch On Call with the Prairie Doc, most Thursdays at 7PM on streaming on Facebook and listen to Prairie Doc Radio Sunday's at 6am and 1pm.

SPICE UP YOUR LIFE - LINDSAY YOUNG

Combo recipe is piece of cake and easy as pie



A pumpkin pie cake can be made completely with pre-packaged ingredients but tastes homemade, making it a great dessert for anyone who isn't a big fan of baking.

One of my unofficial New Year's resolutions each year is to try to use up the random ingredients hiding in my pantry.

In this case, one of the culprits was a large can of pumpkin pie filling that I bought by mistake, thinking I found a great deal on plain canned pumpkin.

It's been staring at me, mocking me, for months, but I'm happy to report that the can is officially off the shelf and into this week's recipe, which was a tasty and super easy dessert to make. If you don't consider yourself much of a baker, stow this one away

for the future, because this one takes absolutely zero skill to create.

This comes from the blog "The Country Cook" by Brandie Skibinski. You can find the original post at <https://www.thecountrycook.net/pumpkin-pie-cake/>. I added cinnamon and swapped out salted butter in my version.

Pumpkin Pie Cake

Ingredients

- 30 ounces pumpkin pie filling
- 4 eggs
- 1 box spice cake mix
- 1 cup butter, melted
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 container frosting (I used cream cheese)
- cinnamon, for sprinkling

Directions

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

Beat the pie filling and eggs until the mixture is smooth. Add in the cake mix, butter and salt, and beat until everything is well combined.

Pour the batter into the prepared pan and spread it evenly.

Bake for 45 to 55 minutes or until the center is completely set.

Let it cool completely before icing it, and then sprinkling it lightly with cinnamon. Store in an airtight container.

As you can see, this really is a super easy recipe, mostly because it's made with all pre-made ingredients. But the combination really elevates all of it. The pumpkin pie filling gives the cake just a little bit of a pie texture, which was really nice.

And I received the added benefit of getting that huge can of pumpkin pie filling out of my pantry, along with a long-forgotten cake mix and the container of frosting. Win-win-win.

Hopefully, as I continue to dig through my shelves over the next couple of months, I will be able to find more treasures that work out just as well. And hopefully I'll read labels a little better in 2025 so I don't find myself in this same mess next January.

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

Preparing for the calving season

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

Being prepared for calving season is key to improving the success of your weaned calf crop. Here are some management tips to help you plan ahead this year. It's important to balance cow rations for adequate protein and energy for increased third trimester and subsequent lactation requirements. Try to group and feed cows by body condition and age to the degree possible. The target body condition for first calf heifers at calving is 5.5 to 6 and 5 to 5.5 for mature cows. Prior to calving, you should develop a sound vaccination program to prepare the cow to produce high quality colostrum. As always, control lice and internal parasites, plan for recording calving data, make sure facilities are clean and in good repair. Keep ear tags on hand and prepare tools for tattoos, banding or castration. You should keep OB chains, a calf puller, OB gloves, OB lube (non-detergent soap & water is one option), non-irritant antiseptic (Betadine or Nolvasan), and a flank rope in case you need to lay a cow down if she needs assistance calving. A cooler can also be used to keep warm water in the calving barn if no other source is available and always keep old towels on hand.

You should review basic treatment plans with your local veterinarian prior to calving for issues such as a retained placenta, calf scours, colostrum replacers and supplements and ensure necessary treatments and supplies are readily available including a functional thermometer. Make sure to also know the difference between colostrum supplements and

replacers. In most instances, it is best to use replacers that contain at least 100 IgG per dose. Try to have at least 2 clean and functional esophageal tube feeders on hand that are clearly marked. One should be used for healthy calves, and the other for sick calves. If possible, plan and watch for any opportunity to collect colostrum from within the herd. Be sure to date and freeze any colostrum you collect in quart sized plastic bags. Handle healthy calves before sick calves and avoid exposing newborns to contaminants on clothing or materials used on sick calves. If you obtain replacement calves from outside the herd, plan for their isolation and testing before exposing to the entire herd to reduce the risk of disease.

Develop standard operation procedures for calving and for when you may need to provide assistance. Include a list of characteristics of calving and how to know when to intervene and provide contact information for individuals who can give expertise or assistance if it's needed. If you suspect the cow has been in stage one for over 8 hours, it is best to intervene. Stage one characteristics include restlessness, pain, lying down and getting up frequently, and seeking isolation (these signs are more apparent in first-calf heifers than mature cows). Signs for knowing when to intervene during stage two include the water sack is visible for 2 hours and cow is not pushing, the cow has been trying for over 30 minutes and no progress is being made, the cow has quit trying for over 15-20 minutes after a period of progress, the cow or calf is showing excessive fatigue or stress (swollen tongue or excessive bleeding), and you can observe the calf presentation is other than

two front feet and head first.

After calving, calves should have colostrum within the first 2 hours of life, if the calf can't get colostrum from the dam, you should take steps to give colostrum within 4-6 hours of birth. Colostrum intake should be 10% of calf's body weight or 0.5 - 1 gallon. The first choice is for the calf to nurse a bottle so that the colostrum goes directly to the abomasum. Don't over feed to encourage the calf to nurse on its own; a 1.5-quart dose is a good starting point.

Work towards developing a notebook that has all the standard operating procedures for your operation. Include things such as yearly vaccination plans, treatment protocols, calving and calving assistance protocols, euthanasia protocols, drought management plans and weather emergency plans. This will be a valuable resource when communicating with employees, new and old, when reviewing what needs to be improved for the next year or if a health emergency forces someone else to take care of the herd.

Thanks to Sandy Johnson, Extension Beef Specialist, and AJ Tarpoff, Extension Veterinarian, for sharing information related to preparing cattle for calving season and for further information, contact me at any Post Rock Extension District Offices in Beloit, Lincoln, Mankato, Osborne, or Smith Center.

Post Rock Extension District of K-State Research and Extension serves Jewell, Lincoln, Mitchell, Osborne, and Smith counties. Blaire may be contacted at blairet@ksu.edu or by calling Beloit 738-3597, Smith Center 282-6823, Lincoln 524-4432, Mankato 378-3174, or Osborne 346-2521. Join us on Facebook at "Post Rock Extension" along with our website www.postrock.k-state.edu.

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ADVERTISING AND NEWS DEADLINE - FRIDAYS AT NOON

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terly Idle Funds Investment Report with interest earned of \$33,712.37. Carol Torkelson, North Central Regional Planning Commission, via telephone, requested that the board approve the letter to Tim Parks with the Kansas Department of Commerce and the low bids for CDBG-CVR applicant Tara Kubick Agency of Lincoln, Kansas. Debora Smith moved to accept the low bids for the HVAC replacement and radon system contingent upon approval from the state, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried. Debora Smith moved to approve the minutes of December 31, 2024 meeting, and the January 5, 2025, special meeting, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried. Appraiser Clerk/Secretary Teri Hiitter presented the appraiser's office inventory.

Dennis Ray moved to approve midmonth accounts payable in the amount of \$26,057.85, seconded by Debora Smith. Motion carried. The chairman recessed the commission meeting at 11:30 a.m. to sit as the Public Building Commission.

The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 11:34 a.m.

The board updated the commissioner's journal. The chairman recessed the meeting at 11:46 a.m. until 12:15 p.m.

The Vice-Chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 12:15 p.m. with newly elected commissioner Leon Hart present.

Pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 19-219, the Vice-Chairman called for the organization of the board for the ensuing year with Debora Smith and newly elected board member Leon Hart present. Leon Hart moved to appoint Debora Smith as the Chairman, seconded by Debora Smith. Motion carried. Debora Smith moved to appoint Leon Hart as the Vice-Chairman, seconded by Leon Hart. Motion carried. The chairman adjourned the meeting at 12:50 p.m. The next meeting will be held in the courthouse commission meeting room at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, January 21, 2025.

Big ads get noticed - small ads do too!

Have a great week!

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

Submitted by:
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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
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

James M. Johnson
Frasier, Johnson & Martin, LLC
P.O. Box 369
116 North Hersey
Beloit, Kansas 67420-0369
(785) 738-5723

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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Send your stories, news and information to lincolinksnews@gmail.com

Legal Notice

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Resolution to Levy Tax for Capital Outlay Fund

Unified School District No. 299, Lincoln County, State of Kansas,

RESOLUTION

Be It Resolved that:

The above-named school board shall be authorized to make an annual tax levy in an amount not to exceed 8 mills upon the taxable tangible property in the school district for the purpose of acquisition, construction, reconstruction, repair, remodeling, additions to, furnishing, maintaining and equipping of school district property and equipment necessary for school district purposes, including: (1) Computer software; (2) performance uniforms; (3) housing and boarding pupils enrolled in an area vocational school operated under the board; (4) architectural expenses; (5) building sites; (6) undertaking and maintenance of asbestos control projects; (7) school buses and (8) other fixed assets, and with respect to any redevelopment district established prior to July 1, 2017, pursuant to K.S.A. 12-1771, and amendments thereto, for the purpose of paying a portion of the principal and interest on bonds issued by cities under the authority of K.S.A. 12-1774, and amendments thereto, for the financing of redevelopment projects upon property located within the school district. The tax levy authorized by this resolution may be made, unless a petition in opposition to the same, signed by not less than 10% of the qualified electors of the school district, is filed with the county election officer of the home county of the school district within 40 calendar days after the last publication of this resolution. In the event a petition is filed, the county election officer shall submit the question of whether the tax levy shall be authorized to the electors in the school district at an election called for that purpose or at the next general election, as is specified by the board of education of the above school district.

CERTIFICATE

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the above Resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Education of Unified School District No. 299, Lincoln County, Kansas, on the 13th day of January 2025.

Angela Fallis
Clerk of the above Board of Education

Legal Notice

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**City of Lincoln Center, Kansas
FINANCIAL REPORT**

For the Period from	October 1, 2024	To	December 31, 2024	
Funds	Balance Forward	Receipts	Withdrawals	Balance
General Operating	\$1,084,497.58	\$379,856.78	\$616,082.26	\$848,272.10
Water Utility	\$514,634.43	\$83,741.61	\$126,603.32	\$471,772.72
Electric Utility	\$3,375,111.83	\$502,613.08	\$749,215.88	\$3,128,509.03
Sewer Utility	\$466,027.38	\$60,757.77	\$55,109.12	\$471,676.03
Special Liability	\$75,123.46	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$75,123.46
G.O. Bond & Interest	\$80,115.01	\$311.03	\$35,962.50	\$44,463.54
Library	\$541.10	\$1,363.76	\$1,904.86	\$0.00
Special Highway	\$257,280.73	\$7,991.65	\$170,000.00	\$95,272.38
Equipment Reserve Fund	\$233,426.34	\$46,435.76	\$0.00	\$279,862.10
Employee Benefits	\$61,050.59	\$1,443.89	\$7,560.66	\$54,933.82
Payroll Withholding	\$10,186.33	\$5,438.14	\$7,253.77	\$8,370.70
Sp. Park & Recreation	\$20,981.21	\$1,094.75	\$0.00	\$22,075.96
Solid Waste Service	\$14,490.49	\$26,582.80	\$28,984.23	\$12,089.06
Cemetery Trust	\$80,556.01	\$630.88	\$0.00	\$81,186.89
Recreation Fund	\$160,028.35	\$3,479.44	\$6,581.29	\$156,926.50
Water Reserve	\$46,161.53	\$30,000.00	\$0.00	\$76,161.53
Light Reserve	\$500,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$0.00	\$650,000.00
Sewer Reserve	\$90,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$105,000.00
Project Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Covid-19 Fed Funds	\$100,000.00	\$0.00	\$6,000.00	\$94,000.00
Base Grant Project	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTALS	\$7,170,212.37	\$1,316,741.34	\$1,811,257.89	\$6,675,695.82

The Airport, Band, Cemetery, Defense, Swimming Pool Operation, and Tennis Court Maintenance Funds are carried as sub-accounts in the General Operating Fund.

Balance on Deposit:	
Citizens State Bank:	\$3,664,835.26
Bank of Tescott:	\$3,030,270.22
Petty Cash:	\$500.00
TOTAL	\$6,695,605.48
Outstanding Warrants:	\$19,909.66
Net Balance on Deposit:	\$6,675,695.82

CITY DEBT	
General Obligation Bond, Series 2017	\$353,000.00
General Obligation Bond, Series 2008	\$0.00
Sewer Project	\$0.00
Kansas Public Water Supply Loan Fund	\$1,006,641.58
TOTAL	\$1,359,641.58

INVESTMENTS OWNED BY CITY	
Citizens State Bank - NOW	\$25,467.43
Citizens State Bank - Savings & CD	\$3,639,367.83
Bank of Tescott - NOW	\$301,410.52
Bank of Tescott - Savings & CD	\$2,728,859.70
(Included in Net Balance on Deposit)	TOTAL \$6,695,105.48

I, Kimberly Meyer, do hereby certify that the Above Statement is Correct
Signed *Kimberly Meyer* day of _____ Title: Treasurer
Subscribed and Sworn Before Me this _____ day of _____
(SEAL) _____ day of _____ City Clerk
My Commission Expires _____ day of _____

Legal Notice

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Appendix 4-A: Notice of Annual Meeting (for the election of one supervisor)

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
—Lincoln— COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

To all qualified electors residing within the boundaries of the Lincoln County Conservation District, notice is hereby given that pursuant to K.S.A. 2-1907, as amended, on the 8th day of February 2025 at 6:00 p.m., an annual meeting of the Lincoln County Conservation District will be held at the Lincoln Jr/Sr High School Commons Area, 701 North Street, Lincoln KS 67455

The meeting agenda shall include the following business items:
ONE:
The supervisors of the Lincoln County Conservation District shall make full and due report of their activities and financial affairs since the last annual meeting.

TWO:
The supervisors shall conduct an election by secret ballot of qualified electors there present, of one supervisor to serve for a term of three years from date of said meeting.

The term of Carl Nielsen is expiring.

All in the county of Lincoln Kansas in the State of Kansas

By *Carl Nielsen*
Chairperson
Lincoln County Conservation District

Attest
Mary Puhalla Reed
District Secretary / Manager

Cowman's Kind
BULL & FEMALE SALE



February 22, 2025
12:30 p.m. (CST)
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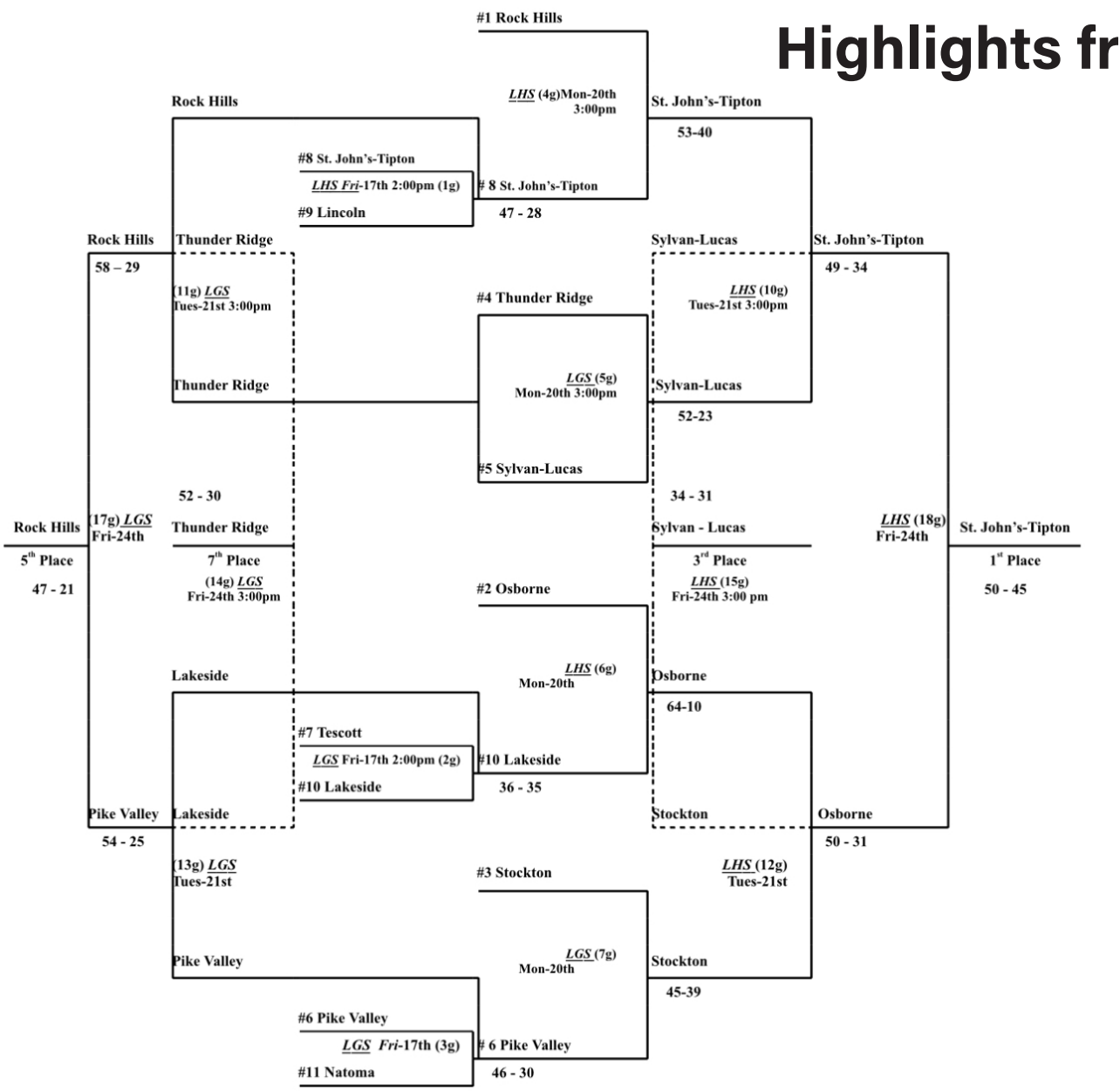
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Anna Feldkamp (24) (Photo by Melissa Wacker)



LeeAllie Wacker (11) (Photo by Melissa Wacker)



Kaylee Obermueller (33), Teryn Spear (11), Breonna Peterson (21) Jadyn Krone (10) (Photo by Lori Spear)



Teryn Spear (11) (Photo by Lori Spear)



Hazel Metz (10) Jadyn Krone (10) (Photo by Lori Spear)



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Breonna Peterson (21) and Alison Adams (3) Tyra Meyer (22) (Photo by Lori Spear)

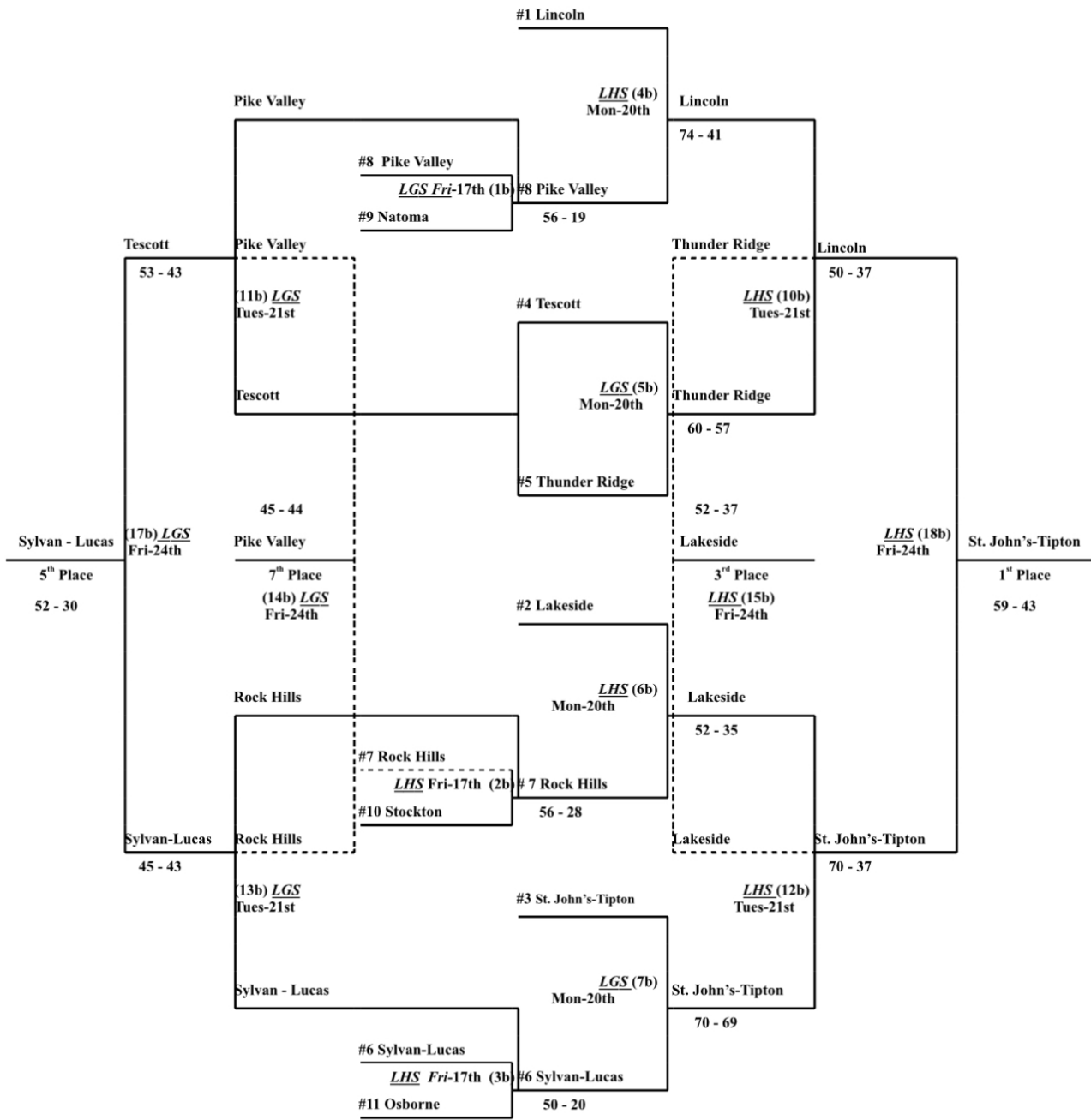


Alyssa Lopez (3) Tyra Meyer (22) Teryn Spear (11) and McKenna Challans (30) (Photo by Lori Spear)



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Lincoln Falls Short in NPL Championship Game



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