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## USD 298 shares updates with local business leaders

By Jyll Phillips, Lincoln-Sentinel

The February What's Up luncheon sponsored by the Lincoln Area Chamber of Commerce was held Thursday, February 28 at Lincoln Jr./Sr. High School.

Nancy's Fancies of Barnard served a light lunch of sloppy joes and macaroni and cheese. The theme of the event was Teacher Appreciation, and those in attendance wrote encouraging notes for the teachers on bookmarks wrapped with a ribbon along with a candy bar, complements of the Lincoln Area Chamber.

Principle Stephanie Couch walked those in attendance through accomplishments and changes made at the school since she arrived.

At the top of the list is the new

track at Meitner Field. With a quickly deteriorating track



and insufficient funds in the school's budget for repair or reconstruction, a group of locals accepted the challenge of raising the funds to completely reconstruct a new track. The fundraising and subsequent construction project took

multiple years to complete, but the new track opened with the 2025 school year.

Happy with the school's partnership with Salina Tech, Couch is collaborating with them to get HVAC and electrical training brought into the program. She also praised the programs that bring CNA training to students.

"We need to help our students prepare for life after high school," she said.

Kristy Rosebrook also addressed the group representing USD #298 PTCO (Parent-teacher-community organization). Two years ago, the group expanded from an

elementary focused group to a whole district focused group by taking on the functions of the former Booster Club and former Leopard Pride group. PTCO continues in the efforts those groups made while continuing to add more support and fun events for the district.

The PTCO board currently consists of six members. Kristy Rosebrook is President, Taylor Lebien is Vice-President, Mikayla Zamecnik serves as Secretary and Nicole Weber serves as Treasurer. Amy Ah-ring and Meita Lyne are members at large.

PTCO is looking for two additions to their board. It is open to any parent, teacher, community member and business. Contact [lincolnpcto@gmail.com](mailto:lincolnpcto@gmail.com) if interested.

## Stanley Walker Wins LCIC Volunteer Award



Lisa Feldkamp presents Stanley Walker with the LCIC 2025 First Quarter Volunteer Award for his dedication to community projects. (Courtesy Photo)

By Jyll Phillips, Lincoln-Sentinel

The Lincoln County Innovation Center (LCIC) has named Stanley Walker as the 2025 First Quarter Volunteer Award Winner, recognizing his outstanding dedication and service to the community.

Stanley has generously given his time and effort to several local projects, making a lasting impact on Lincoln. His contributions include volunteering at the new ball field, assisting at the Lincoln Carnegie Library, and cur-

rently working on an exciting project at Meitner Field. His commitment to improving these spaces showcases his passion for the community and willingness to lend a helping hand wherever needed.

The LCIC Volunteer Award honors individuals who go above and beyond to make Lincoln a better place, and Stanley's hard work and dedication truly embody the spirit of volunteerism.

Thank you, Stanley, for your commitment to our community!

## LCIC announces flag contest

By Jyll Phillips, Lincoln-Sentinel

The Lincoln Center Improvement Committee is excited to announce their latest project - creating a city flag!

A city flag is a symbol of our collective identity and heritage. This flag project is a tribute to the generations who built Lincoln Center from the ground up, the community we know and love today, and will be a legacy for future generations to come. That is why we need

your help.

We are inviting anyone with a connection to Lincoln Center to participate in the creation of our city flag. Your ideas, creativity, and input are important to help develop and select a design to represent all of us. We have a history when it comes to flag making - our own Lincoln Center citizen, Hazel Avery created the Kansas state flag! Whether you are an artist, a historian, or someone who loves Lincoln Center, your ideas matter.

Our goal for this project

is to bring our community together and highlight the absolute best of Lincoln Center!

The city flag design submission window will open on Sunday, March 2nd at 11:00am and will remain open until Monday, March 31st at 11:59pm. All city flag designs submitted will be featured in a showcase at the Lincoln Art Center. The public is invited to view the designs and cast their vote for their favorite city flag design. The top three winning designs will move on

to the next round. At the May City Council meeting LCIC will present the council with the top three winning city flag designs. The city council will determine the overall winner. Once the city flag design is confirmed, LCIC will send the design to a graphic designer to be refined. Afterward, the design will move into the production phase... making flags!

The unveiling of Lincoln Center's official city flag will be on Saturday, August 30th, 2025, during the Post Rock Festival parade.

## How to Spot and Avoid Scams

Advice from The Bank of Tescott

In today's digital world, scams are becoming increasingly sophisticated, targeting individuals through phone calls, emails, and social media. Travis Shaft, Vice President of Compliance and Security at The Bank of Tescott, is raising awareness about the warning signs of scams and how people can protect themselves from fraudsters.

"A scam is any fraudulent scheme designed to steal your money or personal information," Shaft explains. "Scammers are constantly adapting, using new technologies like artificial intelligence to impersonate people or organizations you trust."

### Common Types of Scams

Scammers use a variety of tactics to deceive their victims. Some of the most common schemes include:

**AI-Powered Scams** - Fraudsters use artificial intelligence to generate realistic emails or even mimic voices to trick individuals into revealing sensitive information.

**Funeral Scams** - Scammers exploit obituary notices, claiming a deceased loved one has an outstanding debt that must be paid immediately.

**Tech Support Scams** - Callers impersonate tech companies, claiming your computer is infected and offering to "fix" it, only to steal your personal data.

**Government Impersonation Scams** - Scammers pose as IRS or Social Security officials, demanding payment for alleged unpaid taxes or benefits verification.

**Grandparent Scams** - A scammer pretends to be a distressed grandchild in urgent need of money due to an emergency.

**Internet and Investment Scams** - Fraudsters create fake online personas, promising love or high financial returns in exchange for money.

**Check Fraud** - Thieves steal checks from the mail, altering the amount or making fake copies for further fraud.

**Reverse Mortgage Scams** - Homeowners, particularly seniors, are targeted with fraudulent offers to unlock home equity through deceptive loans.

**Pig Butchering Scams** - Scammers build online relationships with victims to gain trust before persuading them to invest in fraudulent cryptocurrency platforms.

### How Scammers Operate

Fraudsters often pretend to be from well-known organizations, use scare tactics, or offer fake prizes to lure victims into acting quickly. They manipulate caller ID, making it appear as if they are calling from a legitimate institution.

See "Scams" page 6

## Chamber Member of the Month announced

By Jyll Phillips, Lincoln-Sentinel

The Lincoln Area Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce Lincoln Park Manor as the Chamber Member of the Month for February 2025.

The new Chamber Member of the Month program recognizes Chamber Member businesses for greater awareness in the community

and highlights contributions made to the community, commitment to supporting local business and workforce and dedication to creating a positive impact.

Administrator Diane Walters is making a positive impact in the community, managing Lincoln Park Manor long-term facility for five years as if the first week of March. She arrived only a few weeks before the

Covid-19 pandemic, successfully leading her team through new challenges.

Walters started working in a nursing home at age 14 and has performed all the jobs through the years. That background laid the foundation for her lead-by-example leadership style. In a world where retaining staff can be difficult, especially where the work can be mentally and physically difficult,

Walters' gentle guidance is working.

"If anyone needs help, I'LL DO WHATEVER IS NEEDED," Walters said. "All of my leadership is there to help. There are really good people here."

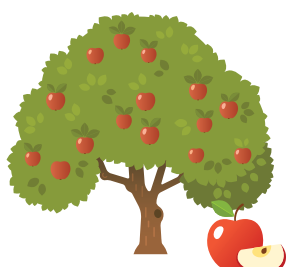
Lincoln Park Manor is home to 36 residents, which is maximum capacity. The oldest resident is 103, and the youngest in their fifties.

See "Chamber" page 6



Lincoln Area Chamber of Commerce presents Administrator Diane Walters and the staff of Lincoln Park Manor with the February 2025 Chamber Member of the Month award, recognizing their dedication to community involvement, workforce support, and exceptional care for residents. (Courtesy Photo)

## Johnny Appleseed Day - March 11



Johnny Appleseed Day celebrates the life and legacy of John Chapman (1774-1845), an American pioneer who became famous for planting apple orchards across the Midwest. His work helped shape agriculture in the U.S., and he became a folk hero for his kindness, conservation efforts, and love for nature.

Plant an apple tree - A great way to honor his environmental legacy.

## Cash Grain

Corn .....\$4.15  
Milo .....\$3.80  
Soybeans.....\$9.45  
Wheat.....\$5.41

Cash prices courtesy of Ag Mark

## Community Calendar

**Thursday, March 6**

**Friday, March 7**

USD 298: 1A/2A LHS Girls Basketball Sub-State - TBD  
USD 299: HS Boys BB Sub-State @ TBD

**Saturday, March 8**

Lincoln: 2nd Saturday - support local; 10 am March Sip & Shop @ Seirer's  
USD 298: 1A/2A LHS Girls Basketball Sub-State - TBD

**Sunday, March 9**

**Monday, March 10**

USD 299: 7:30pm Board of Ed Mtg  
USD 298: 6:30pm - LJH Leopard STEM Expo; 6 pm Board Mtg

**Tuesday, March 11**

USD 298: LINCOLN COUNTY YEC @ LJSHS  
USD 299: 8am YEC @ Lincoln

**Wednesday, March 12**

USD 299: 6:30pm - 8th Grade Enrollment; HS Basketball State Tournament - TBD  
USD 299: HS BB State @ TBD

*Have a Great Week!*

Commodity Distribution held the third Wednesday every other month at the Lincoln Senior Center. (September, November, January, March, May, July)

Lincoln County Historical Society meets third Wednesday of each month @ 5 p.m.; Lincoln County Historical Museum is open Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays. Call 202.744.9041.  
LCEDF meets the second Wednesday of each month in the Courthouse basement. Call 524-8954 for meeting time.  
The Lincoln County Commission meets each Monday, and the last working day of the month, at the courthouse.



**Monday, March 10**  
Ham & Beans, Cornbread, Fruit Crisp & Milk

**Tuesday, March 11**  
Meatloaf, Baby Bakers, Broccoli, Applesauce, Roll & Milk

**Wednesday, March 12**  
Roast Turkey, Potatoes & Gravy, Green Beans, Peaches, Roll & Milk

**Thursday, March 13**  
Chicken Alfredo, Toss Salad w/Dressing, Italian Veggies, Garlic Bread, Fruit Salad & Milk

**Friday, March 14**  
Salmon Patty, Au Gratin Potatoes, Glazed Carrots, Cinnamon Apples, Roll & Milk

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

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# Kansas FFA Foundation breaks day of giving record

The Kansas FFA Foundation is thrilled to announce the incredible success of Give FFA Day 2025, held on Thursday, February 20. Thanks to the generosity of nearly 400 donors, the Foundation raised over \$59,000 in just 24 hours, making this the most successful Give FFA Day in Kansas history. Kansas also ranked third nationally in state giving, highlighting the widespread support for agricultural education and FFA programs. Previously, the record was \$23,000. The Foundation's \$40,000 goal was met by 2:00 p.m., reflecting its deep commitment to agricultural education. Donations came from all 105 Kansas counties, 22 states, Washington, D.C., and Canada, demonstrating its broad dedication to Kansas FFA. "Give FFA Day's success was incredible," said Jory Ratzlaff, State

FFA President. "Kansas ranking in the top three nationwide shows the strong support for our members. This achievement means more opportunities for nearly 14,000 Kansas FFA members. Thank you to everyone who made this possible." Funds raised will directly support FFA members, support agricultural educators, and provide leadership development, career readiness, and hands-on learning experiences for students across the state. "We are incredibly grateful for our donors," said Kevin Davis, Kansas FFA Foundation Board of Trustees. "Their generosity strengthens FFA programs, equips educators, and creates life-changing opportunities for students. Give FFA Day 2025 proves the collective commitment to Kansas agriculture's future." The Kansas FFA Foundation Board of Trustees appreciates all the donors and matching partners

who helped amplify contributions: Mustang Seed, Ag Partners Cooperative, Keith and Sheri Westervelt, Grass and Grain Newspaper, Jerry and Anita DeWeese, Mark Mayfield, S&S Rock Crushing, Kansas State University Ag Education Club, and the Kansas FFA Foundation Board of Trustees. Building on this success, the Kansas FFA Foundation looks forward to welcoming chapters and guests to the 97th Kansas FFA Convention, which will be held at Kansas State University from May 27 to May 30, 2025. For more information on the Kansas FFA Foundation, visit [www.kfffa.org/foundation](http://www.kfffa.org/foundation). The Kansas FFA Association is a school-based youth leadership development organization of nearly 14,000 student members as part of 232 local FFA chapters in 103 of the 105 Kansas counties.

# Jamie Rathbun Honored with Extension Award for Outstanding Contributions

Jamie Rathbun, Family and Community Wellness Extension Agent for Kansas State University in the Post Rock District, has been recognized with the prestigious Extension Award for her exceptional work in empowering individuals and communities through education in nutrition, health, family resiliency, and resource management. Jamie's dedication to strengthening families and communities is evident in her tireless efforts to im-

prove the quality of life for individuals and families across the region. Through her work, she has helped build healthier, more sustainable communities, making a lasting impact that extends far beyond those she directly serves. Her passion for education and outreach makes her a truly deserving recipient of this award, and her commitment to fostering resilience and well-being in the communities she serves is an inspiration to all. Congratulations, Jamie!



# OCCK and Families Together, Inc. Host Free Employment Awareness Training in Salina

OCCK, Inc. is partnering with Families Together, Inc. to bring Families Employment Awareness Training (FEAT) to Salina on March 7-8, 2025, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. each day. This free, two-day training is designed for Kansas families, youth, young adults, and professionals who support individuals with disabilities. Please register if you are planning to attend!

**Event Details**  
Date: March 7, 2025 - March 8, 2025  
Location: OCCK, Inc. 1710 W. Schilling Ave, Salina, KS 67401  
Lunch, snacks, and materials will be provided to those who pre-register. Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/family-employment-awareness-training-feat-salina-tickets-1144170006289?aff=odd>

What to Expect at FEAT  
**Day 1 - Building the Dream of Employment (March 7)**

- Exploring customized job opportunities.
- Using transition services in an IEP to support employment.
- Meeting individuals with disabilities who are successfully employed.
- Engaging youth breakout session.

**Day 2 - Identifying and Accessing Employment Resources (March 8)**

- Learning about services, programs, and tools for long-term employment success.
- Understanding anti-discrimination laws.
- Connecting with state and local service agencies.
- Youth breakout session.

This training provides valuable insights, resources, and connections for families and young adults seeking meaningful employment. For more information, visit: <https://famieltogetherinc.org/events/salinafeat/> About OCCK, Inc. OCCK, Inc. is a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping North Central Kansans with disabilities remove barriers to employment, live independently, and fully participate in their communities. About Families Together, Inc. Families Together, Inc. is committed to building a society that values and includes all people. The organization provides high-quality information and support to families navigating school services, health-care, and community resources across Kansas.

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## Invitation from North Central Kansas Transportation

Do you have doctor appointments in Salina or even Wichita but prefer not to drive in the city? Would you like to have a tour of Cloud County Community College but don't have a car to get you there? Do you need groceries, but feel a little nervous driving in the snow, wind or rain? You can solve all of these problems and more by using North Central Kansas Transportation. Please come to a presentation at the Sylvan Senior Center/Elevator Warehouse on Tuesday, March 11, at noon. Michelle Coats, Director of Mobility Management for North Central Kansas, will present information about transportation opportunities in the area. The program will begin with light snacks at noon and will be followed by Ms. Coats' presentation. Lincoln County transportation officials will also share information about opportunities in Lincoln County. Please come if you can to learn more about travel options for Kansans of all ages.

Army Recruiter Presentation for Juniors and Seniors will be held on March 12, 2025 during 4th hour (10:42 a.m. to 11:32 a.m.) in the Commons at Lincoln Junior Senior High School.

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### KSU NC/NW "Virtual" Agronomy Series in full swing

NC and NW Extension Districts and counties of K-State Research and Extension are hosting an ONLINE agronomy series, "Crop Talk", that began in February and will continue through Tuesday, March 11, which will highlight several topics important to crop producers. These will be on Tuesdays and each session will be held from Noon to 1:00 p.m. CST.

In the NC and NW agronomy focused areas, the "webinar" series will feature presentations and comments by K-State Research and Extension faculty to enhance management strategies utilized by crop producers. Our KSU extension team has vast

experience in crop production and we're here to help solve and prevent production problems with reliable information.

Topics that have been presented include Weed Management with New Technology; Getting the Most Out of Your Irrigation Water along with Leveraging Precision Ag Tools. Topics that will be presented in March include Strategic Tillage/ Crop Rotations with Tillage and a New Disease to Watch For: Corn Stunt. There will also be time for questions between Kansas crop producers and extension specialists at each of the sessions.

Register ONLINE at <https://www.northwest.k-state.edu/events/crop-talk-series/index.html> or call your local Extension Office. Once you register, a link to the ONLINE sessions will be emailed to you. Each session provides 1 CCA credit. If you missed any of the previous sessions, they are posted on our Post Rock Extension District website at <https://www.postrock.k-state.edu/crops/meetings/>.

For more information about the ONLINE KSU Extension NW and NC Agronomy Series, contact Sandra Wick at 785-282-6823 or any office of the Post Rock Extension District in Beloit, Lincoln, Mankato, Osborne or Smith Center.



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- BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH LC-MS**  
Pastor Christopher Craig  
Sylvan Grove, Kansas  
Sunday School following Worship  
Sunday Worship @ 10:00 am
- BEVERLY COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
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Pastor Toby Flaming  
Sunday School @ 9:30 am  
Morning Worship @ 10:45 am
- BEVERLY UNITED METHODIST**  
Pastors Kaye & Jeff Metzler  
Church Service @ 9:00 am
- CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
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Worship Service @ 10:30 am  
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Sunday Worship @ 9:30 am  
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Sunday School @ 9:30 am  
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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
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Weekday Mass: Mondays - 3:30 pm
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Worship Service @ 9:00 am
- ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA**  
Pastor Rod Thompson, Tescott  
Worship Service @ 9:00 am
- TESCOTT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Pastor Demerle Eckart  
Sunday School @ 10:00 am  
Worship @ 11:00 am
- TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, HUNTER**  
Pastor Matthew Schneider  
Hunter, Kansas  
Sunday School @ 9:00 am  
Worship Service @ 10:00 am  
Midweek/Confirmation  
Wednesdays @ 4:30 to 5:45

### March is National Reading Month

By Emma Meyer  
Family & Community Wellness Agent

March is recognized as National Reading month to celebrate the birthday of Dr. Seuss and the influence he had on storytelling. This national celebration was established as a way to encourage reading to individuals of all ages. Reading is important for all stages of life. For children it supports cognitive development and for adults it can be a way to reduce stress.

Some ways to celebrate this month could include visiting your local library or picking up a book from around the house. A library can be a good place to

visit because it can offer an ideal environment for young children, providing free access to books while fostering a learning atmosphere. Another way to participate is by reading with family or friends. Studies and research have found that young children whose parents read to them daily have heard 290,000 more words by the age of five than kids who aren't read to on a regular basis. When parents read to their children, it strengthens bonding and attachment. Even reading aloud for a short time can be beneficial, as it helps develop fundamental skills, encourages social interaction, and enhances vocabulary,

word recognition, listening comprehension, and cognitive growth. Another way to celebrate National Reading Month is to sign the young children in your life up for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. This program mails one book a month to children from birth to age 5 - all for free! Signing up is simple and takes just a few minutes. You can enroll your child by visiting [imaginationlibrary.com](http://imaginationlibrary.com) or by calling or stopping by your local Post Rock Extension District office. As Dr. Seuss said, "The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."

### THE LEOPARD LEGACY- BY NIKKI FLINN

#### Snowed In: School Closed Due to Winter Chaos



Nikki Flinn  
Superintendent  
USD 298

Nature can catch many off guard with its heavy snowfall and freezing temperatures. This winter has been unusual than in years past, especially with the school schedule and school cancellations and delays. This year, school has had significant disruptions to daily routines, extracurricular activities and attendance throughout the winter season. Two significant winter storms swept through Lincoln, one dumping up to fifteen inches of snow and the other producing extreme dangerous wind chills. When roads become treacherous, transportation services become limited, and dangerous wind chills put children's safety at risk. Decisions must be made to keep children safe and reduce the risk of liabilities. As a result, many students and staff were given extra time off this winter season to avoid the winter conditions. When schools cancel or delay class, some schools are forced to adjust calendars and schedules to meet state

statute for school year requirements. In the state of Kansas, all schools are required to meet certain term limits in a school year. The school term can be counted by days or by hours and each school must choose one. A school can attend 186 school days with a minimum of six hours per day or 1,116 hours per year. Most schools in Kansas follow the hour requirements to meet the term limits for a full school year. Other things are taken into consideration when counting the time students attend school in Kansas. For example, parent teacher conferences can count towards the hours that students attend school as well as some teacher professional development times or inservice training. Time spent at lunch does not count during the hours in a school day. There is a lot of calculations and time spent making sure that schools meet all the requirements set by the state. When winter storms happen, schools can be put in situations where additional time must be made up to ensure students are attending the correct amount of time in the school year and state statutes are being followed. Across the state, schools are working through how this additional

time will be made up due to the unusual winter cancellations this year and our district is no different. Decisions on whether or not to cancel or delay are never easy to make, but the safety of the students is the most important. When judgements on the weather are made, the safety of all students have to be taken into consideration. Students who are riding a bus, students who drive themselves, and students who walk to school are all taken into account. In situations like a winter storm, the safety of our students and staff is always our top priority. We carefully monitor weather conditions, road conditions, and consult with local authorities to make informed decisions regarding school closures and delays. Our goal is to ensure that no child is put in unnecessary risk when traveling to or from school. We understand the inconvenience that these decisions can cause, but every action we take is with the well-being of our students in mind. Keeping them safe is our foremost concern, and we will always err on the side of caution to protect their health and safety. Hopefully, Mother Nature is calling it quits on winter, wrapping up the season with this last, final, frosty farewell!

### COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

February 18, 2025  
The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met in the courthouse commission meeting room on Tuesday, February 18, 2025. Chairman Debora Smith called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with Vice-Chairman Leon Hart and Member Kenny Meitler present. County Clerk Dawn Harlow was in attendance as the recording secretary. Others present for portions of the meeting: Truette McQueen. Correspondence: tax abatements; a letter of interest from Steve McReynolds to continue serving on the First Rural Fire District governing board; a letter of interest from Joe Coover to serve on the Barnard Rural Fire District governing board;

a letter of interest from Bill Houston to continue serving on the Lincoln County Hospital Board of Trustees; mid-month accounts payable; a proclamation; the annual cost to participate in the roof maintenance program; and a bid from Stanfield Roofing to repair portions of the soffit and fascia on the nursing home. County Appraiser Truette McQueen explained payment under protest tax abatements. McQueen related that the department has received thirty-three Notification of Construction forms since requiring the completion of the document. Debora Smith moved to approve mid-month account payable in the amount of \$12,506.75, seconded by Kenny

Meitler. Motion carried. Debora Smith moved to allow tax abatements 2025000018 Through 2025000019 in the amount of \$279.66, seconded by Leon Hart. Motion carried. Debora Smith moved to approve the Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month Proclamation for February 2025, seconded by Kenny Meitler. Motion carried. Debora Smith moved to approve the rooftop maintenance agreement with Stanfield Roofing in the total amount of \$3,406.20, to be divided between appropriate departments and to apply to KCAMP for the Risk Avoidance grant, seconded by Kenny Meitler. Motion carried. County Clerk Harlow discussed complaints re-

ceived in the Clerk's Office regarding the minutes and the lack of timely deposits. The group discussed the following topics: minutes, recording of motions, deposit requirements. Clerk Harlow related that Stanfield Roofing had suggested that the PVC pipe running on the West side of the Emergency Services Building be buried to prevent the breakage that has occurred. Debora Smith moved to approve the minutes of the February 10th meeting as presented, seconded by Leon Hart. Motion carried. The chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:22 a.m. The next meeting will be in the courthouse commission meeting room at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, February 24, 2025.

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## Guest Editorial

### Cure for cabin fever

I drove my kids to school one morning last week. As we drove to town, we passed a farm pond that had the remains of a homemade hockey rink pulled onto the wheat surrounding the pond. This particular pond has had many days this winter where the ice has been so thick that hockey games and ice skating has been a common sight for passersby. Now, the ice on the pond has melted and replaced by an impressive number of geese floating on the water.

Since the hockey rink had not been stored away yet, it left me wondering if someone still believes that the pond will freeze thick enough for a few more rounds of hockey this winter.

I would soon discover not everyone shared the belief as the owner of the beached hockey rink.

As I inched closer to the school drop-off line, I couldn't believe my eyes. Shorts!

They were everywhere.

Kids with exposed legs walking into the school building. Some kids wearing sweatshirts, some wearing long sleeve shirts, some wearing jackets. But so many kids entering the building wearing shorts!

Yes, the temperature outside that morning was significantly warmer than the majority of the days we've experienced the last few months.

But in my mind, it was as if those same kids had just gone to school in heavy coats, insulated overalls, knit caps, gloves and snow boots. Literally just days before.

These were the same kids who didn't have outside recess because of extreme wind chills just days before. The same kids who had multiple days of school called off and late start days because of the wintery conditions. And now, these same kids were all walking into school that morning wearing shorts.

Perhaps the youth do believe that we are still in the throes of winter. Maybe they saw an opportunity to shed some of the extra layers that have been weighing them down for what seems like months. Perhaps they are simply capitalizing on temporary warmer temperatures.

Whatever the case, I caught myself saying out loud as I drove off from the school: "Madness! Pure madness!"

The next day, after much pleading by the kids and double checking the forecast by the parents, both of my kids went to school wearing shorts, too.

Who knows if winter will reappear again before spring officially sets in? Who knows if the kids will have to layer up and stay inside for recess again due to cold temperatures? Who knows?

All I know is that the warmer temperatures, the bright sun and the lack of wind have left many who experienced extreme cabin fever ready to embrace the next season.

Yes, there are many experiencing this fever right now. And for many kids in our school district, the cure for this fever is in the form of shorts.

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

- Kim Baldwin  
McPherson County farmer and rancher

## Post Rock Extension District

### Thank a farmer TODAY!

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

For more than 240 years, agriculture has been the vital thread in the fabric of our nation. America's farm and ranch families represent the cornerstone of our freedom and way of life - now and in the future. American agriculture is the backbone of our nation's economy, and we express our appreciation for all who contribute to the U.S. agriculture industry.

National Agriculture Week, March 18-24, features the recognition of the strong agriculture tradition in Kansas and across the nation and the role the agriculture industry plays in the Kansas economy. This year's theme, "Agriculture: Together We Grow!" marks the 52nd anniversary of the celebration and describes the significant importance of our producers and that Agriculture is a part of all of us.

This special recognition helps the consumer understand how food and fiber products are produced along with building appreciation of the role agriculture plays in providing safe, abundant and affordable products. In addition, the recognition will build consumer awareness and value the essential role of agriculture in maintaining a strong economy as well as acknowledging and consider career opportunities in the agriculture, food and fiber industry.

According to the Kansas Ag Statistics, each Kansas farmer feeds ap-

proximately 165 people around the state which is a dramatic increase from 25 people in the 1960's. While farmland may stretch far and wide, the actual percentage of the U.S. population involved in agriculture is only 1.3%, or 2.6 million people! But quite simply, American agriculture is doing MORE and doing it BETTER!

Have you ever considered how agriculture starts with the growing and harvesting of food and fiber, and it ends with almost everything we eat, wear, and use and therefore helps make us...WHO WE ARE! From the food we eat and the fuel for our vehicles, to the fiber in the clothes we wear, and the oil used to make kids' crayons, agriculture touches everyone in some way. Consumers around the nation will be learning about agriculture's important role in their daily lives as part of National Agriculture Month during March along with National Agriculture Week, March 18-24, 2025.

Now more than ever, American agriculture is working together with the consumer to provide wholesome, safe, affordable and environmentally friendly products of the consumer's choice. To make this happen, the various production and marketing segments within American agriculture are forming new and unique alliances, working together to better serve the global consumer.

More and more, students and individuals are finding careers in agriculture. The industry needs scientists, biologists, food safety technicians,

livestock nutrition specialists, arborists, or conservationists - one doesn't have to be a farmer or have a direct on-farm job to be involved in the agriculture industry.

Agriculture is a complex and constantly changing industry, striving to meet the needs and concerns of its customers - consumers. It is very important that the public understand agriculture and how closely each person is tied to it. Our food and agriculture industry need the support of all Americans. Agriculture has always and will continue to be our country, state and county mainstay. American agriculture is the foundation of our country. It's the backbone of a healthy and prosperous nation, made possible by the hard work of America's farms and farm families who lead the way in preservation and innovation for the health of our planet. Let's make sure it stays that way! For more information on agriculture contact me at any Post Rock Extension District Office 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. Sandra may be contacted at [swick@ksu.edu](mailto:swick@ksu.edu) or by calling Smith Center, 282-6823, Beloit 738-3597, Lincoln 524-4432, Mankato 378-3174, or Osborne 346-2521. Join us on Facebook at "Post Rock Extension" at [www.postrock.ksu.edu](http://www.postrock.ksu.edu), our weekly Ag News Roundup every Friday and my twitter account is @PRDCrops.

## SPICE UP YOUR LIFE - LINDSAY YOUNG

### Turn to easy lemon cake when you're squeezed for time



There are only three ingredients in this easy lemon cake (and one is optional). The best part is it can be served in slices to be eaten with a fork or as a finger food for your next gathering.

With plans to have company over recently, I was on the lookout for something easy to share for our snack table.

After perusing several websites, I landed on one of my favorite ways to make a quick sweet without working all that hard for it: a cake mix transformation.

The recipe I tried promised to produce lemon bars with only three ingredients—cake mix, pie filling and powdered sugar—and I decided I was in.

And these turned out well, although I wouldn't really call these lemon "bars." Because you use an angel food

cake mix, these are more cake-like than bar-like, but they are still darn delicious, so regardless, you can't argue with the results.

This comes from the blog "My Crazy Good Life" by Becca Ludlum. You can find the original post at <https://mycrazygoodlife.com/3-ingredient-lemon-bars/>. I didn't add anything to this recipe, but I did leave something out when I made these. I didn't feel like the extra powdered sugar was necessary.

#### Easy Lemon Cake

##### Ingredients

- 16 ounces angel food cake mix
- 21 ounces lemon pie filling
- 1/2 cup powdered sugar (optional)

##### Directions

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Prepare a nine-by-13-inch pan by spraying it with cooking spray or coating the insides and bottom with butter, and then set it aside.

In a mixing bowl, mix the dry cake mix and the pie filling until everything is well combined.

Pour the batter into the prepared pan and bake for 20 to 25 minutes or until the edges are lightly browned.

Let the cake cool completely.

Once it's cool, evenly sprinkle the powdered sugar over the top, if you want to use it (this is plenty sweet and tasty without it), and slice into pieces.

This can be served as a finger food or eaten with a fork. Store any leftovers in an airtight container.

These had delicious lemon flavor without being overpowering. I think sometimes lemon bars tend to have a bit of a pucker factor that I'm not as big on, but these were light and tasty.

I was also really glad I left out the extra sugar. I think it would have taken away from the rest of the flavors.

I kept thinking these would be such a cute little dessert to serve at a tea party because of the lightness and the pretty pale yellow color. Putting a little strawberry sauce over the top would be absolutely delicious.

And despite the fact that these took almost no time or effort, our guests were happy to help us dig into them. Time in the kitchen can be very satisfying, but time with friends is much more rewarding.

*Spice Up Your Life is a weekly recipe column by Lindsay Young, who describes herself as an enthusiastic amateur cook and can be reached through her website at [spiceupkitchen.net](http://spiceupkitchen.net).*

## PRAIRIE DOC BY CHRISTINA YOUNG, DIRECTOR FOR THE CENTER FOR THE PREVENTION OF CHILD MALTREATMENT

### Businesses for Babies

When businesses support working parents, they're not just boosting their bottom line - they're helping prevent child abuse and neglect. In South Dakota, 72.5% of all children under age six have all available parents in the workforce, making family-friendly workplace policies crucial for our state's families.

Research shows that workplace policies like flexible scheduling, paid family leave, and childcare assistance significantly reduce major risk factors for child maltreatment by decreasing parental stress and providing essential economic stability. When parents have the flexibility to attend school events, care for sick children, or work from home when appropriate, it strengthens family bonds and creates more nurturing environments. Access to quality childcare and living wages helps ensure families can meet basic needs without the overwhelming

stress that can lead to crisis.

Prevention is far better - and far less costly - than intervention after abuse occurs. Studies show that every dollar invested in prevention can save up to seven dollars in future costs related to child welfare services, healthcare, and criminal justice. By creating supportive work environments, businesses play a crucial role in building the safe, stable, nurturing relationships children need to thrive. These investments in families today help develop healthier communities and a stronger workforce for tomorrow.

The Center for the Prevention of Child Maltreatment's "Businesses for Babies" campaign highlights South Dakota companies that have adopted family-friendly policies. By showcasing businesses that prioritize family well-being through flexible schedules, parental leave, and childcare support, the campaign aims to inspire

more companies to implement similar policies. Together, we can create a business culture that strengthens families and protects our most vulnerable citizens - our children.

*Christina Young has been an influential figure in the child welfare field for over a decade, dedicating her career to the well-being of children and families. She directed an in-home family services program covering 30 western counties in Iowa, demonstrating her commitment to community-based support. Christina has a bachelor's degree in psychology and a master's in human services administration. Follow The Prairie Doc® at [www.prairedoc.org](http://www.prairedoc.org), Facebook, Instagram, Youtube and Threads. Prairie Doc Programming includes On Call with the Prairie Doc®, a medical Q&A show (streaming Thursdays on Facebook), 2 podcasts, and a Radio program (on SDBB), providing health information based on science, built on trust.*



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**Math Blocks**

Fill in the missing blocks with numbers between 0-20.  
The numbers in each row add up to the totals on the right.  
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Solution

**THIS DAY IN HISTORY**

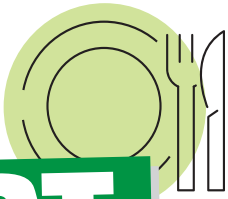


**1910:** French aviator Raymonde de Laroche becomes the first woman to receive a pilot's license.

**1936:** Daytona Beach and Road Course holds its first oval stock car race.

**1979:** The compact disc is demonstrated for the first time.

**Food FACT:**



True or false?  
There is no perfect diet for everyone.

Answer: True; experimentation may be needed

**Get Scrambled**

Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.

E H L T Y H A L M S A E

Answer: Healthy meals

**NEW WORD**

**REFINED**

with unwanted elements removed by processing

**How they say that in...**

- English:** Protein
- Spanish:** Proteína
- Italian:** Proteine
- French:** Protéine
- German:** Eiweiß

**Did You Know?**

A combination of various foods, with a good deal of vegetables and fruits, is part of a healthy and balanced diet.



**Get the PICTURE?**



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

Answer: Smoothie

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**Crunched for Time? Physical Activity is Possible**

By Jamie Rathbun  
Family & Community Wellness  
Agent

Maintaining an active lifestyle should be one of our top priorities, but finding time to be active can be challenging. It is recommended that adults get 150 minutes of physical activity a week, or about 30 minutes a day. This can be broken down to two 15 minute or three 10 minute periods during the day. We can always find a few free minutes in our day. Short workouts can do wonders for both body and mind. Additional ideas for squeezing in physical activity:

- Be active with friends and family. Having a support network can help you keep up with your program.
- Schedule it in. The more regular activity you do, the quicker it will become a habit. Think of ways to link activity to daily life, such as scheduling walking with a coworker after lunch.
- Include work around the house. Get busy with yard work and other active chores. Have family help you with raking, weeding, planting, or vacuuming.
- Work out during screen time. Watch a movie while you jog on a treadmill or download a video to

your phone and watch while you ride a stationary bike. Find ways to be active during commercial breaks. Be an active parent. Instead of standing on the sidelines, walk up and down the soccer, football, or softball field while kids play or practice. Looking for more motivation? Join Walk Kansas 2025! The team-based program brings together the support network, tracking keeps you accountable, and by the end of the 8 weeks you will have made physical activity a habit. Check out more information here: [postrock.k-state.edu/health-nutrition/walk-kansas](https://postrock.k-state.edu/health-nutrition/walk-kansas)

**KDOT's Cost Share Program  
applications being accepted**

The Kansas Department of Transportation is now accepting applications for the spring 2025 round of the agency's Cost Share Program. More than \$152 million has been given to Kansas communities since the Cost Share Program began in 2019.

The Cost Share Program provides financial assistance to local entities for construction projects that improve safety, leverage state funds to increase total transportation investment and help both rural and urban areas of the state improve the transportation system. This is the 12th round of projects to receive funding.

"KDOT's Cost Share Program improves transportation, creates economic growth and increases job opportunities across Kansas," said Michelle Needham, Economic Development Programs Manager. "Past Cost Share participants have proven this program to be the financial boost that many small and large communities needed to achieve their project goals." All transportation projects are eligible, including roadway (on and off the state system), rail, airport, bicycle/pedestrian and public transit. Candidate projects should include investments that provide transportation benefits and are not

eligible for other KDOT programs. This round of grant funding has an overall budget of \$6 million, with a maximum awarded amount of \$1 million per project. The deadline to submit applications is March 27. More information and the application link are on KDOT's website at <https://www.ksdot.gov/programs/economic-development-programs/cost-share-program>. All applications will be completed online, and a sample PDF application will be available for preview. Please contact Needham, [michelle.d.needham@ks.gov](mailto:michelle.d.needham@ks.gov), with any questions.

**Scams/**from page 1

"Scammers will pressure you to act immediately," warns Shaft. "They'll say you're in trouble, your bank account has been hacked, or you've won a prize—but only if you pay a fee upfront."

**How to Protect Yourself**  
Shaft advises individuals to remain cautious and follow these guidelines to avoid falling victim to scams:

- Block unknown callers and filter spam messages

- Never share personal or financial information over the phone
  - Do not click on suspicious links in emails or texts
  - Verify organizations independently—don't trust caller ID
  - Stay calm and don't let scammers pressure you into quick decisions
  - Never make payments using gift cards, cryptocurrency, or wire transfers
- "Legitimate institutions will never

ask for payment in the form of gift cards or cryptocurrency," Shaft emphasizes. "If someone insists on a specific payment method, that's a major red flag."  
**Stay Vigilant**  
Education is the best defense against fraud. The Bank of Tescott encourages customers to stay informed and report suspicious activity. If you suspect a scam, contact your bank immediately.

**Chamber/**from page 1

It takes between 55 and 60 staff members to care for the residents, working together across three shifts. This quiet group of people with big hearts show up every day to care for the residents like family.

A family environment is just what Walters strives to foster, for residents and staff alike. They often express appreciation by cooking special meals and fun activities like themed potlucks, baked potatoes, breakfast made-to-order and holiday party celebrations. Residents and staff vote on an employee of the month, adding a note to a ballot box. The staff member with the most votes is recognized on the LPM Facebook page and wins \$25 in Chamber Bucks.

"Most of the people who work here, live here, so most of the things we do we want to put back into the community," Walters Saidel  
Lincoln Park Manor puts on and

participates in several community events, including the Easter Egg Hunt and 4th of July celebration at the nursing home. Family, kids and community make it feel more like home. "The residents help fill up the eggs. We get the Easter Bunny here, Last year we put out over 5,000 eggs. It's fun having the kids come. The residents can watch and if the weather is nice, they can interact too," Walters said. Walters and Director of Nursing Jennifer Kresin are supporting young people getting their start in the field. Through work study programs, participating in career fairs and serving on technical school boards, they help young people gain work experience and knowledge while developing necessary skills. While building a workforce that meets their needs, they also work to

be sure all employees feel supported. Walters has an open-door policy where staff can stop by and talk, grab a candy or get something off their chest. At least one faithful employee has stuck it out through the hard times with more than 20 years of working at the nursing home. "Lincoln Park Manor is a great example for our community, especially when it comes to an appreciative and rewarding experience for workforce," said Craig Stertz, Chamber President. To celebrate Chamber Member of the Month, the Lincoln Area Chamber of Commerce presented Walters and Lincoln Park Manor staff with a certificate and cinnamon rolls from a local baker. For more information on Lincoln Park Manor in Lincoln, please visit [www.lincolnparkmanor.org](http://www.lincolnparkmanor.org) or find them on Facebook.

**Farmers & Ranchers  
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400-500 \$440.00-450.00	400-500 \$355.00-365.00
500-600 \$400.00-412.00	500-600 \$324.00-334.00
600-700 \$340.00-350.00	600-700 \$302.00-313.00
700-800 \$302.00-313.00	700-800 \$260.00-271.00
800-900 \$275.00-286.75	800-900 \$238.00-249.00
900-1000 \$255.00-264.50	900-1000 \$235.00-246.75

**Early Consignments  
Thursday, March 6th  
10 a.m start time**

20 mostly blk s&h, 700-800, long wean, vaccs, open, hfhrs - calfhood; 150 blk str, 800-900, off rye; 50 str, 600-800, home raise, long wean, running out; 50 charX s&h, 600-750, home raise, long wean, hay fed, 2 round vacc, Fink sired; 205 blk s&h, 500-750, wean Nov. 2 round vacc, Don Johnson sired; 145blk s&h, 450-700, wean, 2 round vacc, running out, Don Johnson sire; 35 red/blk s&h, 550-700, long wean, 2 round vacc, running out, open; 6 s&h, 500-700, fall vacc; 7 mostly blk hfhrs, 550-750, home raise, long wean, no imp. Open; 120 blk str, 800-900, long wean, fall vacc; 95 blk hfhrs, 700-850, long wean, fall vacc, open; 175 mostly blk hfhrs, 400-600, home raise, long wean, 2 round vacc, off cover, green; 100 str, 600-800, long wean, 2 round vacc; 65 hfhrs, 800, no sort; 18 red str, 400-800, long wean, vacc, knife cut; plus more by sale time.

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2-26	74	40	
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2-28	67	33	

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3-3	62	41

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# Still in the Fight: Sylvan-Lucas survives first round

[1] Lincoln Boys (14-4) First Round Bye in Sub-State



HARLAN PANCOST AND CONNOR CHARVAT

[4] Sylvan-Lucas Unified HS (15-6)  
Thu, 2/27 @ Sylvan-Lucas Unified HS - 6:00 PM  
[13] Leoti-Wichita County HS (8-12)  
Final Score:  
Sylvan-Lucas 54  
Leoti-Wichita County 44



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(Photos by Melissa Wacker)

# Tescott Triumphs Over Thunder Ridge to Advance in Substate Battle

[8] Tescott HS (8-9)  
Tue, 2/25 @ Tescott HS - 6:00 PM  
[9] Kensington-Thunder Ridge HS (7-8)  
Final Score:  
Tescott 49  
Kensington-Thunder Ridge 46



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# Triple Heartbreak: All Three Local Girls Teams Fall in First Round of Substate

## LINCOLN

[7] Randolph-Blue Valley HS (8-10)  
Monday, 2/24 @ 7:00 p.m.  
[10] Lincoln HS (5-13)

Final Score:  
Randolph-Blue Valley 47  
Lincoln 16

## SYLVAN-LUCAS

[6] Sylvan-Lucas Unified HS (12-8)  
Friday, 2/28 @ 7:00 p.m. at Sylvan  
[11] Smith Center HS (6-13)

Final Score:  
Smith Center 46  
Sylvan-Lucas Unified 44

## TESCOTT

[8] Almena-Northern Valley HS (6-13)  
Mon, 2/24 @  
Almena-Northern Valley HS - 6:00 PM  
[9] Tescott HS (5-13)

Final Score:  
Almena-Northern Valley 51  
Tescott 36