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Historical Society plans events

The historical society has more plans underway, inviting the community to join in celebrating local history.

On March 20 from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. they will be hosting the Lincoln Area Chamber of Commerce's What's Up luncheon. The museum was closed for several weeks while staff and volunteers made improvements in reorganization of some of the exhibits. The Research Room has moved to a bigger room, providing space for reorganization and research. The Cooper Room has taken the space previously occupied by the Research Room. Additionally, artifacts have been moved from certain exhibits to more prominent spaces.

Director Dana Walters, along with the board of directors, have accomplished much in regard to community outreach, the last two events being well-attended within the community, including "Christmas at the Yohe House" and the Mys-

tery Dinner Party, also held at the Marshall-Yohe House.

Another event, "Pie on the Porch" is a joint effort between the Historical Society and MarCon Pies. This event will occur the first weekend in May as part of the Big

Kansas Road Trip and will be by freewill donation.

Additionally, a Mother-Daughter Tea is planned for May 19 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. A variety of finger sandwiches and desserts will be served. The cost for

this event is \$30.00 for two people in advance and \$40 at the door.

Walters intends to continue community outreach as much as possible.

"This is their history," she said. "We want the community to enjoy it."

While community outreach is the topic of conversation, a situation has arisen concerning an important artifact at the museum that may be of interest to community members.

The "Mystery Stone," believed to be prehistoric and European by nature, was discovered by Maurice Briand in 1919 on his farm near Beverly. The stone is part of a limestone slab and is roughly 12 inches long, nine inches wide and two inches thick with hieroglyphic characters on its surface on one side.

In 1920, the stone was donated to KSHS where it was studied before storing it away, and never placed on

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Lucas - Best Small Town Art Scene

By Jyll Phillips, Lincoln-Sentinel

In an article dated March 1, 2024, USA Today announced their ten best spots for art lovers. Of the ten towns with populations of less than 30,000 recognized, our neighbor, Lucas, KS was No. 1!

Other towns mentioned (in order of ranking) include Tubac, AZ; Abingdon, VA; Homer, AK; Saugatuck, MI; Berea, KY; Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA; Manitou Springs, CO; Eureka Springs, AR and Cody, WY.

Each of these communities were selected by an expert panel and voted by USA Today readers as the best in the U.S. for their art scenes. As USA Today said, "what each of these towns lacks in size, they make up for with museums, art galleries, performing arts and busy event calendars."

Lucas, the "Grassroots Art Capital of Kansas," highlights the ingenuity of largely self-taught artists, the publication said. Besides the Grassroots Art Center, the Garden of Eden, described as "the funky sculpture garden," the Fork Art Park, Bowl Plaza and Miller's Park are all located in Lucas.



"The Garden of Eden" in Lucas was created by S.P. Dinsmoor depicts his own rendition of religious and social issues. (Courtesy Photo)

Celebrating Rosie



Agnes Moore, left, and Phyllis Gould, right, both worked in Richmond shipyards during WWII. (Courtesy Photo)

During World War II, women played a vital role in the war effort, both home and abroad. Women worked in factories producing munitions, ships, planes, tanks, and bombs. They also worked in schools, hospitals, offices, construction, steel, lumber, and agriculture. Women volunteered with the Red Cross and served in the military in non-combatant roles. Women's participation in WWII increased their economic and social opportunities and contributed to the Allied victory.

One of these women, Phyllis Gould, was a new mother when World War II began, but that did not stop her from being a part of the war effort. In fact, she became a symbol of America during the war, as one of the six original Rosie the Riveters.

She took a two-week class in welding and convinced her sister to take care of her infant son. She sought work in the shipyard near her home in Richmond, CA. Time and time again she applied for work only to be rejected. She persisted, however, until eventually she and five other women were hired. Over time, she became a journeyman welder.

These women worked hard on the home front taking care of their homes, families and often, succeeding in their new work environment. They worked hard abroad as well, many serving in as nurses in the field.

After the war, the men (and women) returned home, hoping to restore the lives they led prior to the war. One by one, women who had sacrificed much in order to help their country were dismissed from their jobs so that returning soldiers could take their positions. The country seemed to forget about these women – all six million of them – and the quality of work they had performed.

See "Rosie" page 6



The Marshall-Yohe House is the venue selected for the Mother-Daughter Tea in May. Above: New LED signage, partially funded with grants, is one of the recent upgrades at the museum. (Courtesy Photo)

Welcoming new LJSHS principal



USD 298, Lincoln, is pleased to announce the hiring of Mrs. Stefanie Couch as the Lincoln Jr./

Sr. High School Principal effective July 15, 2024. Mrs. Couch will be filling the position vacated by Mrs. Nikki Flinn, who will start as USD 298 Superintendent on July 1, 2024.

Mrs. Couch graduated from high school from St. George, KS prior to beginning her college studies at Kansas State University where she earned an accounting degree. She completed her elementary education licensure from Oklahoma Panhandle State University in Goodwell, OK, all the while substitute teaching, working as a para

and coach at USD 480 in Liberal, KS.

She taught 7th and 8th grade English and PE, along with coaching and being assistant athletic director at USD 483 in Kismet. While at Kismet she returned to college to obtain her ESOL endorsement, fostering a difference for students as they increased reading scores.

After completing her master's degree in Building Leadership through Newman University in Wichita, she started her building principalship experience at USD459, Bucklin, where

she has been for seven years. In this position she developed positive relationships with students, staff and the local community. As Athletic Director for grades 6-12 in Bucklin, Couch has organized not only athletic activities but academic activities.

Nikki Flinn, incoming Superintendent of Schools, added that, "Mrs. Couch's strong organizational skills and communications abilities are valuable assets for our school and community. We are looking forward to the great leadership she will bring to our school."

Things you didn't know about St. Patrick



Saint Patrick didn't wear green, and Patrick was not his original name. Despite his Irish notoriety, Saint Patrick was British, not Irish. He was kidnapped by pirates and brought to Ireland as a slave when he was 16.

According to Irish legend, Saint Patrick used the shamrock as a metaphor for the Holy Trinity when he was first introducing Christianity to Ireland. He was never formally canonized, having lived before the current laws of the Catholic Church. Nevertheless, he is venerated as a saint in the Catholic Church, the Lutheran Church, the Church of Ireland (part of the Anglican Communion), and in the Eastern Orthodox Church, where he is regarded as equal-to-the-apostles and Enlightener of Ireland. St. Patrick's Day is March 17, the supposed date of his death.

Cash Grain

Wheat.....	\$5.54
Corn.....	\$4.27
Sorghum.....	\$4.02
Soybeans.....	\$10.78

Cash prices courtesy of bankoftescott.com

Community Calendar

Thursday, March 14

Lincoln: 10 am St. Patrick's Day Storytime @ the Library
USD 299:No School - Teacher Comp Day; Yearbook Sales

Friday, March 15

USD 299: No School- Snow Day

Saturday, March 16

Sunday, March 17

Lincoln: 11 am LCIC Baked Potato Bar Fundraiser @ Lincoln Senior Center

Monday, March 18

USD 298: LES/LJSHS Dental Screenings (All week)
USD 299: 8th Grade Trip to Nebraska

Tuesday, March 19

USD 298: Election Day @ LJSHS Storm Shelter
USD 299: SFB Pratt-Skyline @ Pratt

Wednesday, March 20

USD 299: NCK Tech Rep Visit during lunch; 10:30 am NPL Art Awards @ Osborne

Spring Break

USD 298:
March 11 - 15

USD 299:
March 14 - 15 No School

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 second Monday of each month @ 6 p.m.; Lincoln County Historical Museum is open Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays. Call 202.744.9041.
LCEDF meets the second Wednesday of each month in the Courthouse basement. Call 524-8954 for meeting time.
The Lincoln County Commission meets each Monday, and the last working day of the month, at the courthouse.

Lincoln Senior Center

MENU

Monday, March 18

Biscuits w/Gravy, Potato Patty, Italian Mix Veggies & Cinnamon Apples

Tuesday, March 19

Sweet n Sour Pork, Rice, Mixed Veggies, Pineapple Crumble & Breadstick

Wednesday, March 20

Beef Stew, Coleslaw, Mixed Fruit, Biscuit & Cookie

Thursday, March 21

Oven Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Green Beans, Strawberry Shortcake & Roll

Friday, March 22

Salmon Patty, Potato Wedges, Creamed Peas, Cinnamon Baked Apples & Roll

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.

Thank You!

Thank you each and everyone who acknowledged us on our 70th anniversary, in anyway. First to our children for planning the event, Leila & Ron and Steve & Melinda. We thank each person for cards, calls, facebook messages and flowers.
A special thank you to Betsy Healy and David Healy from across the country from each other, but sent a beautiful floral arrangement.
Again, we appreciated each for their good wishes.
Carolyn and Gilbert Hansen

LINCOLN - PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE

by Cindy EntriKen
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Tidbits from the Past

History gets lost if it's not taught or talked about. Today's column includes vignettes from Lincoln's past. Join me in a walk down memory lane.
Tunnels Under the Intersection?
All the time I was growing up I heard comments that there was a tunnel under main street. Then a few years ago, a story in the Wichita Eagle made reference to the tunnels under the streets of Lincoln and compared those tunnels to the ones in Ellsworth or Ellinwood.
So I went hunting for tunnels. Jim Gabelmann gave me a tour of the basements of some of the businesses on Lincoln Avenue. Sadly, we didn't find any tunnels, but I haven't given up. I still think that they're there for a couple of reasons.
First, I have two old Lincoln photo postcards which show the sidewalk, railing, and steps leading down the east and west sides of the old bank building and the Bank of Tescott buildings respectively, at the intersection of Lincoln Avenue and 4th Street. I know there were businesses below ground on both sides of the street and I've always thought there was a tunnel under the street that connected the two sides.
Second, when Jim took me into the basement of the old Snyder's Drug Store, now Crangles Accounting, I saw a newer cinder-block wall which is built at an angle where the south and west corner of the building should meet. In other words, instead of the two sides meeting at a right angle, they meet at what appears to be a 45 degree angle. And that wall is wide - at least ten feet wide if I remember correctly. Large enough for a comfortably-sized walkway.
So, readers. What do you know about tunnels under main street in Lincoln? Are there any?
The Shooting Gallery
Part of the tour that Jim Gabelmann gave me was to see the old shooting gallery under Crangles. This was new information to me and it was fascinating to see, especially since there are still two enormous sections of trees which were used as targets. See the photos below.

Different Tree Stump Target

Phil Wilkerson is a fount of information about historical Lincoln and I love talking with him to learn what he knows. According to Phil, and confirmed by Mary Ann Stertz, there was a shooting club under the Marcon Pie building. Sadly, nothing of that club remains. Per Phil, the members of that club participated in regional shooting contests also.
Poker
He also talked about a group of guys who used to meet and play poker in the lower level of the old bank building at the corner of Lincoln Avenue and 4th Street while the Lincoln chapter of the Jaycees met in the lower level of Dan Metz' law office.
The Lions Club
The Lincoln Lions Club met every Monday evening in what was the old Farm Bureau building on East Lincoln Avenue. The Lions Club was very active and quite large, given the size of Lincoln.
My grandmother, Wava Farrington, fixed delicious Monday evening meals for them. Her menus always featured Brookville Hotel coleslaw which the men loved, mashed potatoes and gravy, and a wonderful dessert. Her fried chicken and smothered steak were big hits, and everyone loved her pies and cakes.
My job was to set up the tables and chairs, roll out long paper table "clothes", put out silverware, napkins, and glasses, and help Grammy with serving the meal. I also refilled cups and glasses, and afterwards did the dishes. I thought I was rolling in dough because Grammy paid me \$5.00 every Monday evening for my labor. This was 1964.
The Lincoln County Anti-Horse Thief Association
The Anti-Horse Thief Association was started in Fort Scott, Kansas, in the late 1850s, prior to the Civil War. Chapters sprang up all over the country. Their task was, as you might imagine, to capture horse thieves and return stolen horses to their rightful owners. Lincoln had a chapter also.
My great aunt, Metta (Armsbury) Wilson was the County Superintendent of Public Instruction for Lincoln County, Kansas, from 1945 - 1947. Her office was in the basement of the Courthouse.
One of the annual tasks of the County Superintendent was to sign all the diplomas for the graduating seniors of the county's schools. After signing, she was supposed to use the school's official handheld seal embosser on each document.
When it came time for her to sign and seal the high school diplomas, she was unable to find the sealer. Other county employees also looked for it without success. They finally decided that the school's seal embosser had been donated during one of the WWII metal drives.
The county didn't have time to order a new sealer -- graduation was just a few days away. So, in desperation, Metta used the Lincoln County Anti-Horse Thief Association handheld seal embosser for each diploma.
If you or anyone you know still has one of the those diplomas with Metta's signature the the Anti-Horse Thief seal, please let me know. I'd love to have a photo of it.

The Shooting Gallery Under Crangles with old tree stumps in foreground and background.

Side View Tree Stump Target

Embark on the Walk Kansas Journey – registration now open

Mark your calendars for the much-anticipated return of the Walk Kansas program, kicking off on March 31 and concluding on May 25. This annual statewide initiative underscores the transformative impact of physical activity and healthy eating on overall well-being.

Program Highlights:

- Team Formation: Rally your friends or family as teams of up to six members, with one designated as the captain. Embrace flexibility, as each team member records their weekly activities, be it walking, yoga, or any chosen exercise.
- Global Connection: Through the magic of technology, teams can unite across borders, fostering bonds with family or friends residing in different parts of the world. Our Walk Kansas community extends its warm welcome to participants from around the globe!
- No Team, No Problem: Sign up on your own and be matched to a team by our office. You'll be walking in no time, and making new friends too. Or a solo route is available for those that choose to go it alone.

Registration Details:

- Cost: A nominal fee of \$10 per person opens the door to a wealth of health benefits.
- Apparel: Elevate your experience with exclusive Walk Kansas apparel, available for purchase directly from our website.

For additional information and registration, visit <https://bit.ly/3IucjJP>, reach out to Jamie Rathbun at jrathbun@ksu.edu, or 785-524-4432.

Choose Your Challenge and Walk with Us!

Knights of Columbus

Shrimp Boil

Friday, March 22

5 - 7 pm

St. Patrick's Parish

206 N 5th St, Lincoln

Adults \$16 • Kids \$8

Everyone Welcome!

Post Rock Community Foundation accepting grant applications

The Post Rock Community Foundation is accepting applications for spring grants.

Online applications opened March 1 and are due Wednesday, May 1, 2024.

This year, over \$70,000 is available to charitable projects within the Post Rock service area, which includes Lincoln County and all communities served by USD 298 and 299. This cycle will fund local community projects that meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Programs and projects that address education, health care, community social services and security, conservation and environment, arts and culture, and community beautification.
- Projects that improve the quality of life for Post Rock area residents.
- Projects that support the public health of Lincoln County and those served by USD 298 and 299. Funding for the spring grant cycle is provided by the Dane G. Hansen Community Grant Fund, the Post Rock Community Action Fund, the Kansas Health Foundation Fund, and the Sylvan Area Fund.

Grants are limited to communities in the Post Rock service area and will be awarded through a competitive application process. Nonprofit organizations, government and public entities, educational institutions and churches are encouraged to apply. Applications must be submitted online by 11:59 p.m. on May 1. Complete funding criteria and the grant application are available at <https://postrockcf.org/grants/>.

Storm Fury on the Plains

March 13th, 2024

Doors open at 6 PM
Program starts at 6:30 PM
Location: Lincoln County Courthouse Court Room
216 E Lincoln Ave., Lincoln KS 67455

This is a FREE event sponsored by LC Emergency Mgmt.

Presented by the National Weather Service- Wichita

OBITUARY



Daniel (Dan) Andrew Worley
Aug. 12, 1966 - March 8, 2024

Daniel (Dan) Andrew Worley, 57, died Friday, March 8, 2024, at Osborne County Memorial Hospital, Osborne, Kan.

Born Aug. 12, 1966, in Herington, Dan was the son of Richard and Mary Catherine Worley. He attended Abilene Public Schools where he honed his natural abilities in the Vo-Ag department, learning car repair, auto body, home construction, electrical, wiring and plumbing.

Dan began working as soon as he could, starting at Robo Car Wash and Bernie Collette's dog farm in Abilene; then at a Texaco station in Hutchinson. After moving to Osborne, he was the co-owner and mechanic at Corner Cupboard before taking a mechanic position at Swank Standley Motors, was manager of S & W Supply in Osborne and then moved to Sims Fertilizer and Chemical in Osborne, where he was a jack of all trades, whether that included loading trucks, making deliveries, repairing vehicles and equipment and last year, he helped remodel the former Circle

Inn Restaurant after Sims purchased it and even spent time cooking there.

For a time he had his own DJ business, nicknamed DJ Jazzy Dan, and played at weddings, school dances and other events around the area.

Dan enjoyed rehabbing homes for his family or to sell with other investors. He spent a lot of time at the Osborne (newspaper) printing plant when it was in operation solving electrical and mechanical issues. Classic cars were his passion and he restored several vehicles for Joe Sims, helped dozens of others and happily provided insight to anyone who called him with a vehicle or home repair problem.

From childhood, Dan loved participating in sports, but his true passion was coaching: T-ball, coach-pitch, K-18 softball, flag football, junior high football and girls basketball. He spent 25 years coaching the Little Dawgs, the kids' tackle football team in Osborne. He was the play-by-play announcer for the Osborne High School Bulldogs football team, did statistics and was on the chain gang. Dan also spent countless weekends preparing and working on Josh's motorcycle during the 11 years Josh was involved with motocross racing.

Dan married Sherrill Fischer of Abilene in 1988. They had two children, Joshua and Sasha, and later divorced in 2005. On Dec. 1, 2018, Dan married Lisette Michel in Osborne, adding her adult children Kelsey, Raegan and Madison to his family.

Family was everything to Dan. He loved nothing more than spending time with his children, grandchild-

dren and extended family, whether it be holidays, birthdays, school concerts, games, going to the lake, cookouts or just hanging out. Dan never knew a stranger and loved to make people laugh.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Richard and Mary Catherine Worley.

Survivors include his wife Lisette, of the home; children, Josh Worley (Lyndie) of Osborne, Sasha Schultze (Clayton) of Osborne; stepchildren, Kelsey (Andrew) Clark of Beloit, Raegan (Phil) Shamburg of Salina and Madison (Bobby) Bliss of Downs; grandchildren, Carsyn, Kamdyn, Brodee and Briar Worley; Fischer, Fulton, Daxx and Christian Schultze; Reid, Noah and Maci Clark; Harlyne and Olson Shamburg; and Asher and Mia Bliss; sister, Kathy Hageman (Gary) of Abilene; brother, Dale Worley of Lincoln; and fur babies, Rucker, Razr, Daisy, Elle and Sabre.

The memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 12, 2024, at the Kaser Track/Libery Field in Osborne. A lunch will follow at the Sims Event Center. Visitation for Dan will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday, March 11 at the United Methodist Church, 105 N 3rd Street.

The family asks that anyone with a classic car drive it to the Memorial service in honor of Dan and asks everyone to wear their Chief's gear, classic car gear or any cutoff shirt because this is what Dan would have wanted. No ties!

Memorials are suggested to the Little Dawgs Football fund in care of Rentschler Family Mortuaries at 238 N. First Street, Osborne, KS 67473.

COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

February 26, 2024

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met in the courthouse commission meeting room on Monday, February 26, 2024. Chairman Dennis Ray called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with Vice-Chairman Debora Smith and Member Ryley Hembry present. County Clerk Dawn Harlow was in attendance as recording secretary.

Others present for portions of the meeting: Jack Crispin, Marilyn Hellmer, Kris Heinze, Kelly Gourley, Rhonda Wright, Dale Hlad, Dustin Florence, Steve McReynolds, Brandon Cochran, Tony Lammia, and Jesse Knight.

Correspondence: an estimate from KONE Elevator for proposed maintenance items for the Nursing Home elevator; Hospital Board of Trustees monthly meeting packet; an email from Lorelei Dohl providing an update on the Sylvan Senior Center Building project; and two cereal malt beverage licenses.

Debora Smith moved to approve Cereal Malt Beverage Licenses 2024-01 and 2024-02 for Knotheads at Wilson Lake, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried.

Lincoln County Tourism Committee Jack Crispin, Kris Heinze, Kelly Gourley, and Marilyn Hellmer discussed upcoming activities that will bring many tourists into the community from April to June of this year. The committee is working on beautifying the area and requested that the county paint the guard rails, install warning signs on all four corners of the Lincoln Ave Bridge, and close the walking bridge permanently by removing the handrails and placing a chain across both ends with closed signs. The board will visit with the Highway Department Director.

County Appraiser Rhonda Wright reported that appraisal notices will be mailed on March 15. Wright related that she

will need information soon if the board wants to add any documents to the mailing.

Dennis Ray moved to approve the following three-year board appointments: Barnard Rural Fire District – John Wiebke; Beverly Rural Fire District – Greg Morrical; First Rural Fire District – Jay Core; Hunter Rural Fire District – Doug Sulsar; Sylvan Grove Rural Fire District – Brock Mueller and Jerrett Kubick (unexpired term); Repeater Board – Jarrod Heinze and Jeremy Wiebke; Hospital Board of Trustees – Omar Hair; Delia Pittard Inheritance Guideline Committee – Dayton Walter; Children's Healthcare Endowment Fund Guideline Committee – Dayton Walter; and WEB Fund Board – Debora Ortiz, seconded by Debora Smith. Motion carried.

Director of Highway Department Dale Hlad requested an executive session to discuss a road issue. Dennis Ray moved to recess into executive session for ten minutes for the purpose of discussing unauthorized work on roads, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b) (12)(b) to discuss matters relating to security measures, if the discussion of such matters at an open meeting would jeopardize such security measures, that protect: (B) transportation and sewer or wastewater treatment systems, facilities or equipment, to reconvene in the courthouse commission meeting room with the commission, Highway Department Director Dale Hlad, Sheriff Dustin Florence, and County Clerk Dawn Harlow, seconded by Debora Smith. Motion carried. Time in: 9:30 a.m. Time out: 9:40 a.m.

The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 9:40 a.m. The board requested that Hlad contact the County Attorney to draft a letter for approval at Thursday's meeting.

Hlad provided the re-

port on the Beverly Bridge and the approaches. The group discussed the earlier request for the Lincoln Ave Bridge and walking bridge.

Dennis Ray requested that Sheriff Florence contact Russell County for information on a recently approved resolution to charge inmates a daily housing fee.

Economic Development Director Kelly Gourley provided an update on improvement projects at McReynolds Park. Gourley requested the board approve a grant amendment allowing an additional year to complete. Debora Smith moved to amend the grant for the Community Fisheries Assistance Program, extending the grant through March 1, 2025, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried.

Ambulance Service Director Brandon Cochran provided an update on department activities. Cochran related that the EMT class had started with six students from Lincoln County and that he has submitted an Education Incentive Grant application to the Kansas Board of EMS to pay for the class, in return, the students must commit to a minimum number of hours per month for a year. Cochran related that storage items have been removed from overhead storage and will be sorted, with unused equipment being placed for sale on PurpleWave. Tony Lammia, Slechta Enterprises, attended the meeting at the board's request to discuss the Sylvan recycling trailer. Slechta told the board that they had posted signs requesting that trash not be placed in the trailer, or it would be removed at the City Office and Post Office, a notice was also sent in the city utility billing. The trailer was removed late last year as they continued to find trash. The group discussed whether a recycling trailer with compartments would deter

individuals from dumping trash bags. Commissioner Ray suggested that the recycling center apply for WEB funds to purchase a recycling trailer.

Emergency Manager Jesse Knight requested that the board sign a letter allowing him to renew FCC call signs for the county. Debora Smith moved to approve authorizing Jesse Knight to renew FCC licenses for Lincoln County, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried.

Debora Smith moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Dennis Ray. Motion carried.

The chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:04 a.m. The next meeting will be in the courthouse commission meeting room at 8:30 a.m. Thursday, February 29, 2024.

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Others present for portions of the meeting: Jesse Knight, and Felicia Strahm.

Dennis Ray moved to approve accounts payable in the amount of \$393,311.62, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried.

Dennis Ray moved to approve February payroll in the amount of \$228,627.04, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried.

Dennis Ray moved to send correspondence to citizens regarding damage to county roads, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried.

The chairman adjourned the meeting at 9:06 a.m. The next meeting will be in the courthouse commission meeting room at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, March 4, 2024.



BARNARD UNITED METHODIST Pastors Kaye & Jeff Metzler Adult Sunday School @ 10:00 am Morning Worship @ 11:00 am	LINCOLN PARK MANOR CHAPEL Morning Worship @ 9:30 am Afternoon Worship @ 2:30 pm
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	LINCOLN UNITED METHODIST Pastors Kaye & Jeff Metzler Worship Service @ 10:30 am
BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH LC-MS Pastor Christopher Craig Sylvan Grove, Kansas Sunday School @ 9:00 am Sunday Worship @ 10:00 am	PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Sylvan Grove, Kansas Sunday School @ 10:00 am Church @ 11:00 am
BEVERLY COMMUNITY CHURCH www.beverlycommunitychurch.org Pastor Toby Flaming Sunday School @ 9:30 am Morning Worship @ 10:45 am Wednesday Service @ 7:00 pm Youth Mtg., Sun. eve. @ 6:30 pm	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
BEVERLY UNITED METHODIST Pastors Kaye & Jeff Metzler Church Service @ 9:00 am	ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH Father Mark Wesely, Lincoln Rectory phone: 785-524-4823 Email: spat327@gmail.com Sunday Mass @ 11:00 am Sunday CCD Classes @ 9:45 am Weekday Mass: Mondays - 3:30 pm
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	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
CULVER METHODIST CHURCH Pastor Demerle Eckart 401 Main Street, Culver, Ks Sunday Worship @ 9:30 am Saturday Coffee @ 8-10 am	ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA Pastor Rod Thompson, Tescott Worship Service @ 9:00 am
DENMARK EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN COMMUNITY CHURCH, ELCA Pastor Angie Sundell Worship Service @ 10:30 am	TESCOTT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Pastor Demerle Eckart Sunday School @ 10:00 am Worship @ 11:00 am
FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor Jonathan Schale Lincoln Park Manor @ 9:30 am Bible Study @10:30 am Worship Hour @ 11:15 am Evening Worship @ 6:00 pm Wed. Bible Study @ 7:00 pm	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
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 Adam Boyd Sunday School @ 9:30 am Worship Service @ 10:30 am Ladies Prayer Group.Wed. @ 5 pm Awana @ Cube Wed. @ 6:30 pm "Teens for Christ" Sun. @ 7:00 pm Michael Pickering 785-488-7049	

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St. John Lutheran Church



St. Paul's Lutheran Church



The Post Rock Cluster of the United Methodist Church

Barnard - Beverly - Hunter - Lincoln

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Guest Editorial

Yes, Kansans are more industrious, patriotic and morally superior to coastal elites

New York Times columnist Paul Krugman is at it again.

In his Feb. 26 column "The Mystery of White Rural Rage" he essentially criticizes rural voters' support of Donald Trump without presenting any kind of reasoning why Biden could theoretically be a better option.

And more than that he mostly just throws shade at rural folks. By "rural folks", I generally mean everyone who lives west of the Appalachian Mountains or east of the Sierra Nevadas.

I have to assume all snooty urban elitists crap on rural America while within their social circles, so I guess I'll give him credit for doing it publicly rather than behind our backs.

The column isn't very cohesive. He starts by talking about how technology and innovation can be job killers, then he does a book review, then starts bashing rural support for conservative politics.

He claims "white rural rage is arguably the single greatest threat facing American democracy" which of course means he doesn't like that we vote for Trump.

He is fundamentally confused about rural culture. In this excerpt, after he talks about the loss of jobs to technology, and the resulting use of feral programs such as a social safety net and the loss of dignity associated with that, he writes:

"This feeling of loss of dignity may be worsened because some rural Americans have long seen themselves as more industrious, more patriotic and maybe even morally superior to the denizens of big cities - an attitude still expressed in cultural artifacts like Jason Aldean's hit "Try That in a Small Town." "In the crudest sense, rural and small-town America is supposed to be filled with hard-working people who adhere to traditional values... but the economic and social reality doesn't match this self-image."

He's right on the first part and wrong on the final part.

I'll just speak for Kansans.

We ARE more industrious, more patriotic and morally superior to city folks. This self-appraisal is nothing new. We definitely look down on the folks Krugman represents.

In general, we believe the coastal elites are soft and stupid.

They couldn't really care for themselves if they had to and couldn't defend their communities if it somehow came to that.

And what the heck are they thinking? Urban folks have become so deluded in their woke narrative, they've lost touch with reality - I mean, they can't even seem to tell the difference between male and female anymore.

It's easy to counter his last sentence. Does he contend urban areas are filled with hard-working people or folks with traditional values compared to rural areas?

I mean, we've all seen the post-apocalyptic scenes of homelessness and human carnage in San Francisco or Los Angeles. Even the worst of Kansas City can't compete with that.

And as liberal as college towns can be, the rainbow mafia wasn't born in Manhattan, Kansas, but the alphabet army wields power in Manhattan, New York.

Does Krugman think rural communities won't meet their highest potential until they have their own skid rows or monthly drag queen story hours at the public library? No thanks.

D. Thalman
Washington County News

Student Achievements
Fort Hays State University

Fort Hays State University has named 1,646 students to the Deans' Honor Roll for the fall 2023 semester.

The Deans' Honor Roll includes undergraduate students only. To be eligible, students must have completed 12 or more credit hours and earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.60 for the semester. Full-time on-campus and FHSU Virtual College students are eligible.

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This Isn't the Baby Blues

Transitioning to become a parent can be one of the most pivotal changes in a person's life. Rarely are the hard moments of this change talked about enough. For example, did you know 1 in 5 women and 1 in 10 men suffer from postpartum depression? Parents of any culture, race, age, or income level can be affected. We commonly hear and get confused about postpartum depression being the "baby blues". This is a common misconception. The baby blues are very common and happen to 80% of women in postpartum. This occurs within the first few days and lasts a few weeks. The baby blues will usually go away with rest and time.

Postpartum depression and postpartum anxiety are much more serious and will not get better without some sort of treatment. Postpartum depression and postpartum anxiety usually last weeks to months or sometimes years after childbirth, if not treated. Some of the red flags or symptoms one can look out for include: frequent shame, guilt, and sadness; feelings of rage, irritability; scary unwanted thoughts; lack of interest in caring for baby; difficulty in bonding with baby; loss of interest, joy, or pleasure in things you used to enjoy; disturbances in sleep

and appetite; constant worry; racing thoughts; feelings of dread; physical symptoms like nausea, dizziness, and hot flashes; and possible thoughts of harming yourself or your baby. If you identify with any of these symptoms, please reach out to your doctor or mental health professional in your area. You know you best and if you don't feel like yourself, there is no shame in asking for help.

Becoming well and mentally healthy again are possible with treatment. Some of the common treatments for a person struggling with postpartum depression or anxiety can be seeing a counselor, medication management, bright light therapy, cognitive behavioral therapy, couples therapy, support from others, exercise, adequate sleep, healthy diet, yoga, and relaxation strategies. A healthy support network of friends/family can be so helpful for new moms and/or parents. Here are some tips on supporting your loved ones throughout this transition: Reassure her, this is not her fault, she will get better; Encourage her to talk about feelings; Help with housework without being asked; Encourage her to take some time for herself; Be realistic about what time you will be home, and come home at that time; Help her reach out to oth-

ers for support; Schedule some dates with her and work together to find a babysitter; Offer simple affection and physical comfort.

There are so many resources available especially at postpartum.net or by dialing 988. Please know this is a transition and transitions are temporary. With help, you can be well. Take care of yourself.

Elizabeth provides counseling for individuals and families — primarily adolescents and adults in an outpatient setting at Avera Behavioral Health in Brookings, SD. She is a certified perinatal mental health therapist and works with depression, anxiety, stress management, trauma, interpersonal conflict, adolescent issues and women's issues. She is also certified to teach Bringing Baby Home workshops through the Gottman Institute. Her practice includes trauma-informed counseling, individual dialectical behavior therapy, cognitive behavioral therapy, emotion freedom technique, and solution-focused and mindfulness strategies. Follow The Prairie Doc® at www.prairiedoc.org and on Facebook featuring On Call with the Prairie Doc® a medical Q&A show providing health information based on science, built on trust, streaming live on Facebook most Thursdays at 7 p.m. central.

SPICE UP YOUR LIFE - LINDSAY YOUNG

This flavorful vegetable pasta doesn't 'shrimp' on flavor



Tuscan shrimp linguine is fairly quick to make but packs a lot of flavor from fresh vegetables. It would be a great summer dish, when gardens are in full swing.

Some wonderful friends of ours hosted Joey and me this past weekend while we were on a trip to speak to some college students.

We were treated to a great time, fabulous food and amazing company, getting to break bread with a lot of their friends while we were there.

Of course, we had to return to reality, and once we were back home late on Monday, work loomed, and our fridge was empty. Not feeling particularly sure I wanted to indulge in a peanut butter and jelly sandwich after the culinary weekend we experienced, I went to my Pinterest board to see what I could make for a quick dinner with only a dash into the grocery store.

The recipe I decided on comes from the blog "Sweet C's" by Courtney Odell. You can find the original post at <https://sweetcsdesigns.com/tuscan-shrimp-linguine/>. I added seasoning in my version and subbed in asparagus

instead of broccolini.

Tuscan Shrimp Linguine
Donut Ingredients

- 1 pound linguine pasta
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 2 tablespoons butter, divided
- 1 small onion, diced
- 1/2 pound fresh asparagus, cut into half-inch pieces
- 10 ounces grape or cherry tomatoes
- 1 cup vegetable stock or dry white wine
- 8 cloves garlic, diced
- 1 pound uncooked shrimp, peeled and deveined
- 2 teaspoons dried basil
- 1/2 teaspoon red pepper flakes
- salt and pepper, to taste
- 2 cups loosely packed fresh spinach, cut into ribbons

Directions

Start boiling your linguine according to package directions to cook it al dente.

While the pasta cooks, in a very large skillet, heat the olive oil and one tablespoon butter over medium heat. When the pan is hot, add the onion and asparagus, and saute until they are both almost cooked through.

Add in the tomatoes, continuing to stir until their outsides start to wrinkle a bit, and they begin to burst (you can help them out at this point by gently squishing them with your spatula).

Add in the stock, garlic and the other tablespoon of butter, stirring to

combine.

Once the butter is melted and the stock is at a low simmer, stir in the shrimp, basil, red pepper flakes, salt and pepper, continuing to stir regularly until the shrimp is cooked completely (it should be a light pink and starting to curl on itself a bit).

Stir in the cooked linguine, coating it with the sauce. Once everything is well-combined, stir in the fresh spinach, letting it wilt, and then serve immediately.

This was really tasty, and I couldn't help but think it would be even better for those of you who will have gardens bursting with fresh veggies this summer. It was a simple, but filling, pasta that wasn't overly seasoned, so the taste of the tomatoes and asparagus came through well.

If you're not a shrimp person, you could easily use some pre-cooked chicken instead or just double the vegetables.

Even though I still need to do a proper grocery store trip, the bags are unpacked, the laundry is done, and the we're back to another week of putting out the paper. But I do feel a bit lighter after this weekend.

There are few things as good for the soul as a great meal and even greater people to share it with.

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 - By SANDRA L. WICK
K-STATE RESEARCH AND EXTENSION-POST ROCK DISTRICT CROP PRODUCTION AGENT

Thank a farmer TODAY!

For more than 235 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 17-23, 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: Growing a Climate for Tomorrow!" marks the 51st 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 approximately 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! Consum-

ers around the nation will be learning about agriculture's important role in their daily lives as part of National Agriculture Week, March 17-23, 2024.

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.

Agriculture is a complex and constantly changing industry, striving to meet the needs and concerns of its customers—consumers. It is crucial 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

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A Call to Dream on Behalf of Our Communities

“Our communities need us to dream for them.” Marcia Taylor-Trump

As I traveled to Howard down the undulating two-lane road sandwiched by sienna-colored prairie grasses of the Flint Hills, I reminisced about previous trips there. In my high school football days, I bounced along these same roads in big yellow buses from Rosalia when our Flint Hills Mustangs endured repeated beat-downs by the West Elk Patriots on the football field in Howard. My dad referred to their victories over us as shellackings. Later, as a parent, I followed my children in similar big yellow buses to their sporting events.

Howard sits in a breathtaking and unusual geographic transition from the southern tip of the vast rolling prairies of the Flint Hills as it segues into the Chautauqua Hills and the northern part of an ecosystem known as Cross Timbers. In his travels to the western frontier in the early 1830s, American writer Washington Irving characterized the Cross Timbers as “forests of cast iron.” The Cross Timbers, or Cast-Iron Forest, was a swath of blackjack and post oak trees that ran all the way south near Dallas. Early pioneers coming from the east found the Cross Timbers virtually impenetrable through the undergrowth and small, thick trees. A nearby Cross Timbers State Park has marked trails that wind through a forest with trees as old as President George Washington.

It had been nearly 20 years since I last shivered in the stadium in Howard watching my children at a brutally cold spring track meet where the howling north wind almost stopped hurdlers midstride. As each mile I traveled turned over one fond memory after another, I wondered what I would see upon arrival. Would it be like so many small towns that are slowly dying on the prairie as the last vestiges of hope depart when the senior class graduates? Would the iconic Toots Drive-In still dish out deliciousness? Would other businesses have replaced their windows with plywood and glaring No Trespassing signs? A July 2023 report in the Wichita

Eagle listed Elk County as the second poorest county in the state with a median income of \$45,660, median home value of \$72,455 and the highest poverty level of any county in the state at 16.2 percent. Would I find Howard a dying town in one of the most beautiful parts of the state?

Nope. Not even close. Instead of finding the town barely surviving, I found it alive and thriving. Toots Drive-In is still there along with several new businesses, evidence of the vibrancy of a vivacious populace.

I soon found the origin of inspiration for this small-town vibrancy in the banquet room of the restaurant, Sweet and Spicy. There, gathered around tables, were the energetic members of the Elk County Community Foundation (ECCF). Along with a delicious meal, I was served generous helpings of laughter, inspiration, hope and, once they found out I was a Flint Hills High School grad, a bit of good-natured ribbing. It felt like home.

I was delighted when I received notice from the Central Kansas Community Foundation (CKCF) that, as a board member, I had been selected to be the affiliate liaison to the ECCF. I called up their chair, Marcia Taylor-Trump, and she invited me to their noon meeting.

Their stellar reputation in the foundation world had already caught my attention because, as a CKCF board member on the appreciation committee, I had recently sent numerous handwritten thank you notes to donors in Elk County when they raised \$97,000 for the Patterson Family Foundation (PFF) Matching Grant.

Neal Patterson was a native of rural Kansas having grown up near Anthony. He and his wife, Jeanne, were principals in Cerner Health and began investing philanthropically into rural communities in Kansas and Northwest Missouri through the PFF. After their passing, their children took over the helm and strived to help lift rural communities through health care, education, economic opportunity and beyond. One of their

most successful initiatives was the \$70,000 matching grant for rural community foundations of which ECCF has taken full advantage.

In a county with a population of only 2,441 souls, the ECCF made short work of not only raising the initial \$70,000 but an additional \$27,000 for a grand total of \$97,000, which then turned into \$167,000. Elk County tackled the PFF Matching Grant Challenge with the same intensity they used to tackle me in football games. All that money was then distributed to various nonprofits in the six communities that ECCF represents.

As I sat at the table listening to the banter of lively conversation as Marcia worked through the agenda, I was reminded of the power of community foundations, these grantmaking public charities dedicated to improving the lives of people in their communities. They turn seeming impossibilities into vibrant possibilities.

However, like any group, they are only as effective as the people who comprise the group. As I listened in that day, I understood this collection of dreamers and doers were the changemakers in Elk County. This was not a group who sat around just talking about dreams, instead, this was a group who learned how to both dream and do. Their energy was infectious and reminded me of Margaret Meads quote, “Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.”

In her closing remarks, Marcia made one of the most compelling challenges for civic leadership I have ever heard: “We need to dream,” she said. “But more importantly, our communities need us to dream for them.”

The communities of Elk County are fortunate to have passionate citizens like the ECCF board dreaming on their behalf. And based on my past personal experiences on their football field, they will continue tackling the challenges with dedication, skill and intensity. And they will be victorious.

Insight - Kansas Farm Bureau

Farm kid privilege

Jackie Mundt
Pratt County farmer and rancher

I have a friend that lives in a big city who recently shared a story about how local students visiting a nature preserve were given shovels and allowed to dig holes. This was a novel experience for almost all of them. Both my partner and I raised our eyebrows because we were raised as farm kids and wouldn’t find digging holes very fun or interesting at that age. The conversation eventually led to our childhood memories of digging holes.

The first hole I remember digging was in kindergarten when my Girl Scout troop planted a tree at our school. Many of my fondest “hole-digging memories” are of planting trees with my friends for Earth Day or other events. It really is odd to think about how many kids have never planted a tree or used a shovel to build a fence, fix underground equipment or any number of other chores.

When comparing my childhood to others, I recognize how lucky I am and feel a wave of gratitude for my privilege. I was a very happy kid — some of that was probably genetic but a lot came for things like having happily married parents who provided for my needs along with the support that comes from a large extended family.

My privilege feels amplified because I am part of a shrinking population to grow up in a small town or on a family farm. I have experienced the freedom of a bike, the adventure of climbing into corn cribs, the creativity of building something from your mind and the satisfaction of working with dirty hands. I solve problems of all kinds, use tools, drive vehicles of all sizes and back trailers.

Even though they never have to spend a day stacking bales in a sweltering, chaff-filled haymow or picking rocks out of a field, I am sad for the kids who don’t grow up on a farm. They are missing out on some of the best ways to grow skills, work ethic, responsibility, confidence, grit, problem solving and countless other valuable character traits.

I use my farm kid upbringing all the time, but it is most evident when it helps me to survive as a farm adult. Farming requires the kind of mental toughness that is built up overtime.

As I was leaving our house the other day, I met Marc as he was arriving. Cell phones don’t hold a candle to the communications that comes with the eye contact of a quick conversation through truck windows in the middle of a gravel road.

As we wrapped up a quick conversation, Marc’s parting words were, “don’t look at what’s on the back of my pick-up.” He wasn’t trying to be secretive. We are several weeks into calving season and he had found a stillborn calf during his pen check. Marc was trying to save me from the sadness of a lost animal.

My heart will always hurt when we lose a calf, but death is an inevitable part of owning livestock. A lifetime experience on the farm helped me build the strength to weather the cycle of life and death that is a truth of this life.

Farm life is full of hard thing — hard lessons, hard truths, hard work. Confidence and competence to face challenges in life by doing what is difficult and surviving.

CONSUMER CONNECTION

As storm season arrives, make sure you are not underinsured

As Severe Weather Preparedness Week draws to a close, many across Kansas have made plans for the arrival of storm season. But while you should certainly prepare your home and family for the risk of severe weather, do not overlook your insurance policies in your preparation. If you have not checked in with you agent or reviewed your policies recently, you could be underinsured and not know it.

“If you are underinsured and a storm causes major damage to your property, you could have a nasty surprise when you are stuck paying thousands of dollars out-of-pocket,” said Kansas Insurance Commissioner Vicki Schmidt. “Take the time now to check with your agent to understand and address any coverage gaps you may have before storm season arrives.”

Underinsurance refers to when you have an insurance policy that does not provide enough coverage to pay for the full cost of a claim. Often homeowners can become underinsured if they have made changes to their prop-

erty like renovations or additions, or they have not updated their coverage to keep up with construction costs. Here are a few tips to make sure that your policies are up to date before severe weather season:

- Check with your agent or insurance company. First and foremost, review your current coverages with your agent or insurer right away. It is always a good idea to do a yearly insurance review, but even more so if you have made major changes to your property.
- Consider your auto coverage as well. Hail and wind can take their toll on your vehicle just as much as your home. If you have liability coverage only, you may want to weigh the benefits of getting comprehensive coverage. Liability alone won’t cover hail damage or if a tree branch falls on your car. Just like your home coverage, review and understand what your policy does and

does not cover when it comes to your vehicle.

- Shop around for better coverages and premiums. With inflation and rising costs, it can feel like you are spending more than you should for coverage. But there are options, and shopping around for coverage that better fits your needs can lead to savings that help offset rising premiums. Additionally, be sure to check if there are discounts you may qualify for.

The Kansas Department of Insurance has several insurance shopping guides that you can find online at [insurance.ks.gov/departments/publications.php](https://ks.gov/departments/publications.php). This storm season, if you are If you or someone you know is having trouble with an insurance claim, please contact the Department’s Consumer Assistance Division toll-free at 1-800-432-2484, by email at kdoi.complaints@ks.gov or online at insurance.kansas.gov for any claims-related questions or concerns.

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Legal Notice

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF LINCOLN COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF)
) Case No. 23 PR 000018
) TITLE TO REAL
DARRELL K. OETTING, DECEASED) ESTATE INVOLVED
)

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT AND APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:
You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in said Court by Quinton Richards, executor of the Estate of Darrell K. Oetting, deceased, praying for final settlement of said estate, approval of his acts and proceedings as executor, allowance of attorneys' fees and expenses, and that the Court determine the devisees and legatees entitled to the estate and assign the same to them in accordance with the Will of Darrell K. Oetting, deceased.

You are hereby required to file your written defenses on or before the 27th day of March 2024 at 9:30 o'clock A.M. on said day, in said Court, in Salina, Kansas, 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.

/s/Quinton Richards

Quinton Richards
Executor

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