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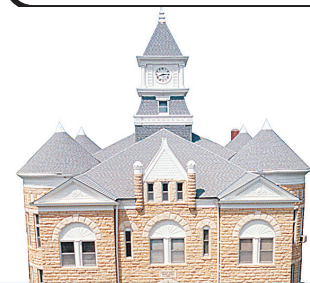
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## Senior Center not just for seniors

By Jyll Phillips,  
*Lincoln-Sentinel*

Senior centers are local facilities available to seniors and offer them resources, activities, and social engagement. Their programs and activities help enhance the senior population's quality of life and ease their loved ones' worries.

The Lincoln Senior Center goes beyond being a gathering place for the senior community. Senior centers are designed as "one-stop shopping" for older adults.

The meal program offered by the Lincoln Senior Center serves not only Lincoln's

older population, but also delivers meals to Sylvan Grove, Beverly and Barnard. Anyone can take advantage of the low-cost meals offered at the senior center, no matter their age.

Adults over 60 pay only \$4.00 for a well-balanced meal, including beverage and dessert. Anyone under 60 is considered a "full-pay" guest, paying only \$7.00 for a meal. Menus are published each week in the Sentinel-Republican. A basic health assessment must be completed and on file at the center.

Lincoln's Senior Center prepares an average of 78 meals per day, which is fewer meals than they prepared prior to the COVID outbreak. Additionally, prior to COVID the center was full every day. People ate in the dining room and nourished their personal relationships as they nourished their bodies. Deliveries were also available but were primarily used by those who were unable to go to the center for health and/or mobility reasons.

"After COVID, everyone wanted delivery service,"

said Cecilia Tagtmeyer, Director of the Lincoln facility. "It is the same price, and they enjoy the convenience of delivery."

The daily interaction at the Lincoln Senior Center is missed by everyone involved, but is often ignored in favor of convenience.

This might sound wonderful for people in a small rural area like ours where food delivery seldom exists, but it is also a dangerous trend. The adult children of local seniors were able to check on their loved ones by con

See "Seniors" page 4

## Esterl named 2023 Sanitarian of the Year



Shawn Esterl, Lincoln, (left) was recently named Kansas Environment Health Association's Sanitarian of the Year for 2023. Esterl also received the association's President's Award in 2018. The main objective of the association is to promote competency and effectiveness in sanitarians and other environmentalists engaged in the regulation of the Kansas environment. (Courtesy Photo)

## City approves vaccination clinic

The Lincoln Area Humane Society (LAHS) was represented by Anita Simmons and Charlene Griffen at the regular city council meeting Monday, March 11, asking the council's permission to use the "firehouse" portion of the city building for a vaccination and licensing clinic. Simmons told the council they have not chosen a specific date as of yet, but plan on one weekend day in April, asking which dates might be available. The clinic would be held from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., conducted by a veterinary prac-

tice based in Beloit.

City Clerk Heather Hillegeist informed them each weekend in April is available, agreeing the city would be notified of the date set as soon as possible, requesting LAHS help in making sure licensing occurs at the same time. Hillegeist said of all the dogs currently owned as pets in Lincoln, only 17 were licensed. Licensing is important for several reasons, including compliance with state regulations, avoidance of fines and for identification purposes if dogs are loose. Rabies vaccinations

are required by state law. Licenses are available with evidence of proper vaccination. Licensing fees are set to increase from \$5.00 to \$10.00.

Jim Metz spoke to the council on behalf of the Recreation Council regarding a softball game during Bike Across Kansas (BAK) June 11. Metz requested a concession stand and beer garden. The council approved their plan and gave them guidance on obtaining a liquor license for the event. The funds will be used for the continuation of upgrading the east ball field.

Keegan Bailey, North Central Regional Planning Commission (NCRPC) presented her recommendation for the city's ARPA funding, authorizing several items to be paid with ARPA funding, leaving the general fund intact.

Projects include Lift Station Valves in the amount of \$14,706 out of \$15,500 in the Expense Category of 5.5 in ARPA regulations; a 2013 Ford F250 purchase for the Street Department in the amount of \$30,294 in Expense Category 5.18 in

See "City" page 2

## Volunteers make the community

Are you involved in a non-profit organization within Lincoln County? Do you have the volunteers needed to complete projects? Do you need help with fundraising? If you answer "yes" to any of these questions an event is planned for you.

A meeting will be held April 2 at 6:00 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center to talk about ways to increase volunteerism and creative fundraising.

Discover what other organizations have done to increase their volunteers, i.e., what worked for them or what didn't work for them.

Share creative ideas for fundraising events and talk about ways to increase attendance.

Brainstorm ways to improve the overall climate of non-profit organizations.

## March Madness has officially begun

By Jyll Phillips, *Lincoln-Sentinel*

For those who enjoy college basketball, March Madness is better than Christmas. Everyone doesn't get presents, but basketball fans have the opportunity to watch as much basketball as they can manage.

March 17 was Selection Sunday, the day when the NCAA Selection Committee announces the full NCAA Tournament brackets, including teams, their seeds and the regions in which they will play. Both the men's and women's NCAA tournaments consist of 68 teams.

The first four games for both men's and women's teams will be played two days later, on March 19-20, at UD Arena in Dayton, OH. The results of the first four games will eliminate four teams. If a team makes it through the first four games, a fan is feeling relief.

See "Madness" page 4

## It's Spring!

By Jyll Phillips, *Lincoln-Sentinel*

It's spring! The grass is brown, some birds are out, some children are playing outside now and then, and the skies are blue some days.

While we wait for spring-like weather to visit and stay for a while, maybe Spring Cleaning is in order.

No one actually enjoys spring cleaning. No one waits anxiously for the joy of cleaning the basement, or garage, or behind the refrigerator. But the results are the reward for the

See "Spring" page 4

## Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge was March 5



Top winners of the 2024 Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge. (L-R) Sydney Heller, Maryn Schmidt, Kolton Palmer, Blane Lamb, Casey Sigle and Drayse Walter.. (Courtesy Photo)

Sydney Heller, a student at USD 299, captured 1st place at the Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge held on Tuesday, March 5th. Sydney won \$500 for her 1st place finish with her online storefront business-Sydney's Savings Storefront, LLC. She also won \$100 for winning the Ready to Launch Award, as she has recently started this business. In second place, and winning \$300, was Maryn Schmidt, USD 298, with

her Cupcakes and Confetti event planning business.

Other Sylvan students placing in the top six were Elsie Finkenbinder with her business, The Trendy Trailer, a mobile hair salon; Kolten Palmer and Blane Lamb with their Entire Convenience and Repair business; and McKaylee Maupin and Emma Cline with SugarLane, a plan for a locally owned bakery. Kolten Palmer and Blane Lamb also won the Most Need-

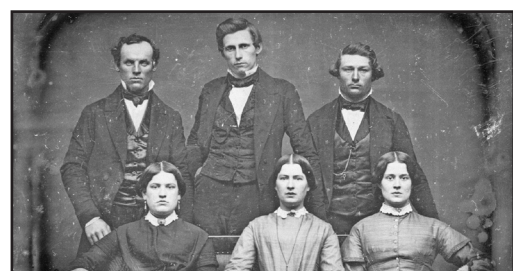
ed Local Business Award (\$100 prize), and Drayse Walter and Casey Sigle were selected for the best age related business (\$100 prize sponsored by Farm Bureau) with their welding company. Heller will advance to the state competition on April 16 at K-State University. Thirty-one business concepts were entered in this year's local contest including 16 from Sylvan and 15 from Lincoln.

In this three-phase com-

petition, students were required to submit a 3-page executive summary, present a 4-minute Power Point presentation, and then give a 4-minute pitch with the Trade Show booth that they created.

This state-wide event is sponsored by NetWork Kansas and locally organized by Kelly Gourley, the Lincoln County Economic Development Director. Congratulations to these students!

### Why do old photos look so somber?



In 1826, the oldest surviving photograph was taken requiring an exposure time of eight hours. By the early 1840's technology had advanced to a processing time of 20 seconds. When a person is attempting to hold a full open-mouth smile for 20 full seconds they find the need to blink or swallow. A smile is difficult to maintain, especially for children. The requirement for stillness, combined with the novelty and cost of posing for a professional photographer, created an atmosphere where it was simply easier to maintain a neutral or serious expression. But even once the technology existed to capture more relaxed expressions, it was a long time before smiling in photos became the norm. Your relatives weren't nearly as unhappy as they may have looked.

### Cash Grain

Wheat.....\$5.53  
Corn.....\$4.29  
Sorghum.....\$4.04  
Soybeans.....\$11.01

Cash prices courtesy of [bankoftescott.com](http://bankoftescott.com)



Community Calendar

Thursday, March 21

Lincoln: 10 am Welcome Spring Storytime @ the Library  
USD 298: School Dismissed @ 1 pm; NPL Powerlifting @ Lincoln Jr/Sr High School  
USD 299: Forensics @ Smith Center; 1 pm NPL Power Lifting @ Lincoln

Friday, March 22

Lincoln: PTCO Carnival @ Lincoln Elementary (USD 298); 5 pm Knight of Columbus Shrimp Boil @ St. Patrick's Parish

Saturday, March 23

Beverly: 2 pm Easter Egg Hunt at Beverly Township Hall  
Lincoln: 10 am Spring Fling Craft Show @ Vesper CC  
Sylvan Grove: 4 pm Easter Egg Hunt @ Sylvan Grove City Park  
Tescott: 7 am Tescott Lions Club Pancake Day @ Tescott Lions Building  
USD 299: 1 pm Rod Seehafer-Little Basketball Clinic; 4 pm Kay Community Easter Egg Hunt @ Sylvan Park

Sunday, March 24

Lincoln: 2 pm Easter Egg Hunt @ Lincoln Park Manor

Monday, March 25

USD 298: 5 pm NPL Speech & Drama @ Sylvan-Lucas  
USD 299: 7th Graders to Rolling Hills Zoo; 2 pm NPL Speech & Drama @ Sylvan (School Dismiss at 1:00)

Tuesday, March 26

USD 298: 4 pm HS Sylvan-Lucas/Lincoln Baseball @ Republic Co. (Belleville)  
USD 299: 4 pm BSB @ Republic Co.; 4 pm SFB @ Republic Co.

Wednesday, March 27

Lincoln: 6 pm Storm Fury on the Plains @ Lincoln County Courthouse  
USD 298: 1 pm NPL Monthly Mtg @ Beloit  
USD 299: Spring Blood Drive, 9 am FFA Formal Event

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.



LCIC fundraiser a success

Members of the Lincoln Center Improvement Committee (LCIC), formerly known as PRIDE hosted a baked potato bar fundraiser at the Senior Center Sunday, March 17. LCIC members include (L-R) Shelby Errebo, Lisa Feldkamp, Christopher Gerbitz, Carly Errebo, Vicki Hook and not pictured, Breanna Brown and Shay Errebo. (courtesy photo)

Spring Fling Crafts Show to host many new vendors

Many new vendors are expected at the Spring Fling CRAFTS MARKET in Vesper on Saturday March 23rd from 10am to 2pm.  
Brunch/Lunch will be sold by community center volunteers to fund raise for the community center. The menu will include biscuits and gravy, all beef hot dogs, a variety of potato chips, ice cream sundaes and beverages. The hot dog grilling machine was donated by Gerald Huehl and Triple H Outfitters.  
Vendors will include:  
US Studio, a veteran family owned supply store will be offering art, embroidered embellished photography and more.  
4 Corners Bee Farm will be offering hand crafted beeswax products. Nancy's Fancys will be offering wood signs, barn quilts, hair bows and key chains.  
Little Luxuries Shed will be offering paparazzi jewelry, soap and body products.  
LouMae & Ash will be offering a hat bar and customized press on patches chains and pins and will be offering while you watch pressed custom tee shirts.  
Little Arrows Sewing will be offering homemade jams and jellies, Rice Packs and cloth trash bags.  
Anderson Family Tree Woodworks will be offering laser engraved tumblers coasters glasses and box sets.  
PSB woodworking and crafts will be offering a selection of hand made custom wood crafts, crates, signs, corn hole, crosses and more.  
Gramma Rita's will be offering crochet items and baked goods.  
Aleta Flaherty will be offering wreaths, shelf sitters, coasters and table decor.  
Karen Brumbaugh will be offering Jalapeno jellies, salsas, veggies and cowboy candy.  
Watson Girls Creations will be offering home baked goods and handmade crocheted items.  
And there is expected to be a nice selection of Tupperware Tuff Stock for sale as well.  
Table space is still available. It is not too late to sign up. Vendors who help setup and arrange tables/chairs before and after the event and who help clean up pay only \$15 per table.  
Sign up at the vespercc.org website today.

I-70 rest areas in Ellsworth County to close for remodeling

Beginning Wednesday, March 13, the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) plans to close westbound and eastbound I-70 rest areas in Ellsworth County for remodeling.  
The traveling public will not be able to access the rest area buildings or parking areas during the closure. Work is scheduled to be completed in July.  
Persons with questions may contact Ashley Perez at KDOT-Salina, (785) 826-6799.

Lincoln Senior Center MENU

Monday, March 25

Pizza, Lettuce Salad, Grapes & Pudding

Tuesday, March 26

Chili, Crackers, Coleslaw, Peaches & Cinnamon Rolls

Wednesday, March 27

Hot Turkey Sandwich, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Buttered Beets, Apricots & Cookie

Thursday, March 28

Baked Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Glazed Carrots, Strawberry Jello Poke Cake & Roll

Friday, March 29

Fish, Hashbrown Casserole, Creamed Corn, Mandarin Oranges & 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.

The Water Below

HEATHER GABELMANN

HEATHER GABELMANN BOOK SIGNING

Hosted by Village Lines

139 W Lincoln Avenue - Lincoln, KS

March 29, 2024 - 3:00-6:00PM

A mysterious warning. A missing sibling. Caught between family loyalty and a heartbreaking possibility, Jessie has few choices and no good outcomes.  
The Water Below is a moody contemporary women's work of fiction. If you like serious questions, moral dilemmas, and unsettling mysteries, then you'll love the deep undercurrents of Heather Gabelmann's first novel.  
Given Heather's ties to and knowledge of Lincoln County, some of the disguised characters and businesses will be recognized by locals.  
Heather looks forward to seeing and visiting with you.

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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

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!

Vesper Community Center

CRAFT MARKET

Saturday March 23rd

10am-2pm

Crafts, baked goods & more

Biscuits & gravy & all beef hotdogs for sale for brunch/lunch


https://vespercc.org/vesper-crafts-shows/

785-524-2466 www.vespercc.org

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OBITUARY



**Lanny E. Morse**  
*Jan. 20, 1943 - March 11, 2024*

Lanny E. Morse, 81, passed away Monday, March 11, 2024 in Lincoln, KS. He was born January 20, 1943 in Minneapolis, KS to Gar-


field Raymond Morse and Elva Rachel (Moore) Morse. He married Arletta Sperry in Barnard, KS on December 16, 1967. One of his many jobs was a truck driver for Farmway Coop and Cameron Compression for many years. He was a member of the Salina Church of Christ.

Lanny is survived by his wife Arletta of Lincoln; son Raymond Morse of Concordia; daughter Patricia Winters (Matt) of Lincoln; grandchildren, Dakotah Eidet (Katelyn), Rebecca Morse, Nicole Morse, Ethan Morse, Jacob Winters (Madison), Alex Winters (Jessica), Macy Winters, and Marissa Winters; and great grandchildren, K'den, Kotah, Gypsy, Danny, Raelynn, Colter, Adelynn, and Matthew. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Garfield "Gary" Morse.

Visitation: 4-7 p.m., Friday, March 15, 2024 at Hall Chapel in Lincoln. Family will be present 5-7 p.m.

Memorial service: 10:30 a.m., Saturday, March 16, 2024 at Salina Church of Christ, 1646 N. 9th St. Inurnment will take place at a later date.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Salina Church of Christ or Lincoln Senior Center, c/o, Hall Chapel, PO Box 37, Lincoln, KS 67455. Condolences can be left at hallchapel.com.



**Helen LaVerne (Spohrer) Nelso**  
*Sept. 26, 1935 - March 12, 2024*

Helen LaVerne (Spohrer) Nelson, 88, passed away Tuesday, March 12, 2024 in Salina, KS. She was born, the daughter of Roy P. and Nellie (Dolan) Spohrer, Sept. 26, 1935, in Norton, KS.

Helen attended school at New Almelo and graduated from St.

John's Beloit High School in 1953. Her class was the first graduating class at St. John's. On May 26, 1956, she married Martin Andrew Nelson at Concordia, KS. To this union two daughters were born.

Helen was preceded in death by her husband, Martin, who passed away April 17, 2012; her parents; brothers, Aaron M. (Margaret); Leroy J. (Lucille); and sisters, Fern O. (Joseph) Reinert; Anna Maria (Robert) Brummer.

She is survived by daughters, Terri Ann Black and husband, Larry; Tamra Aileen Budreau and husband, Scott; grandchildren, Cheryl Lynn Mason and husband, Greg; David Allen Black and wife, Christina; Danielle Elizabeth Ruda and husband, Daniel; and Jennifer Marie Gottschalk and husband, Jerome; great-grandchildren, Jillian Marie Mason, Aiden Kane Black, Waylon Abram Black, Dominic Dean Ruda, Lucas Michael Ruda, and Julian Reid Gottschalk; brother, Albert Joe (Sharleen); and sister-in-law, Doreen Nelson; nieces, nephews family, and friends.

Helen was retired from banking. She enjoyed family, playing board games, and especially playing cards.

Visitation: Friday, March 15 at 6:00 p.m., followed by a 7:00 p.m. rosary at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Lincoln.

Memorial mass: Saturday, March 16 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Patrick's Catholic Church. Burial will follow at the Lincoln City Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to St Patrick's Catholic Church or Gentiva Hospice, c/o, Hall Chapel, PO Box 37, Lincoln, KS 67455. Condolences can be left at hallchapel.com.

Hansen Scholarship

The Dane G. Hansen Foundation of Logan, Kansas has named 219 high school seniors from 49 Northwest Kansas schools as winners in its 49th annual scholarship competition.

In selecting award winners, the Scholarship Committee considered proficiency in verbal and writing skills. Other important factors are academic records, test scores, and community service in which the student may have participated.

For students interested in seeking competence through career and technical education in one of the pre-approved schools in Northwest

Kansas, the Foundation offered the following scholarships. These awards are \$4000 and may be renewed for one additional year provided the student has maintained a satisfactory academic record. Local winners of Career and Technical Education scholarships are:

Ella Hogan, Sylvan-Lucas Unified H.S., Elsie Finkenbinder, Sylvan-Lucas Unified H.S., Tyanna Burnett-Porter, Lincoln H.S., Emma Finkenbinder, Sylvan-Lucas Unified H.S., Mia Rogers, Lincoln H.S., McKaylee Maupin, Sylvan-Lucas Unified H.S., Hagen Starkey, Sylvan-Lucas Unified H.S.



COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

March 4, 2024

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met in the courthouse commission meeting room on Monday, March 4, 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: Jarrod Heinze, Jesse Knight, Rhonda Wright, and Felicia Strahm.

Correspondence: A letter from the Kansas Historical Society notifying that the county's grant application was not accepted for funding; a letter from Central Kansas Mental Health Center with a flyer for Match Madness; a thank you from North Central Regional Planning Commission; an invitation to attend a joint meeting with the Cloud County Commissioners and other county commissioners on April 10 at 6:00 p.m.; a contract from Lindburg Vogel Pierce Faris Chtd to complete the audit for fiscal year ending December 31, 2023; a service agreement from Glassman Corporation; and a Cereal Malt Beverage license. Debora Smith moved to enter into a preventative maintenance agreement with Glassman Corporation for three years to provide maintenance for

the courthouse boiler, inspection and cleaning, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried. Dennis Ray moved to enter into an agreement with Lindburg Vogel Pierce Faris, Certified Public Accountants, to complete the audit for the year ended December 31, 2023, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried. Debora Smith moved to approve Cereal Malt Beverage License No. 2024-03 for the Sylvan Grove Fair & Agricultural Association, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried.

Commissioner Smith provided an update on the Hospital Board of Trustees meeting that was attended. Commissioner Ray provided an update on the Council on Aging board meeting that was attended. Commissioner Ray reported that the landfill backhoe repair is completed and that the highway department will pick it up this week and deliver it to the landfill.

First Rural Fire Chief Jarrod Heinze requested approval to paint logos on the emergency services bay doors. The board approved. The board requested that Heinze obtain quotes to replace the guttering on the building. On behalf of the rescue squad, Heinze notified the board that the smaller truck needs to be replaced. The board provided the fund's balance and related that the department could look for a

replacement.

Dennis Ray moved to approve the February 26th and February 29th minutes as presented, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried.

Dennis Ray moved to recess into executive session for ten minutes for the purpose of discussing the county appraisers' position, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b)(1) to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel, to reconvene in the courthouse commission meeting room, with the commission and County Appraiser Rhonda Wright, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried. Time in: 9:17 a.m. Time out: 9:27 a.m.

The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 9:27 a.m. with no action taken.

Human Resource Officer Felicia Strahm notified the board that Employee Benefits Corporation charged employees health savings accounts \$25 to transfer balances to the state health insurance health savings accounts. Strahm inquired if the board would reimburse the employees for the expense or consider making an additional contribution equal to the fee. Debora Smith moved to make a one-time \$25 additional contribution to employees' HSA accounts to pay the \$25 transfer fee charged by Employee Benefits Corporation, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried.

bry. Motion carried. Voting as follows: Smith – Aye; Hembry – Aye; Ray - Abstained.

Emergency Manager Jesse Knight, County Appraiser Rhonda Wright, and County Clerk Dawn Harlow discussed building and floodplain permit fees and requirements. After discussion, the board requested that a resolution be prepared to set fees for the following: Construction Notification - \$5, and Floodplain Development Permit - \$150. The appraiser will develop a Construction Notification form and guidelines that residents can use to determine whether a notification is required in the unincorporated portions of Lincoln County. This form will be used to refer applicants to other departments, if needed, such as floodplain management, environmental services, and highway department.

Emergency Manager Knight commented that the State notified him that the landfill must have a permit from the State to complete any prescribed burns moving forward. The board requested that Knight forward the information to Landfill/Transfer Station Operator Daniel Muchow.

The chairman adjourned the meeting at 10:21 a.m. The next meeting will be in the courthouse commission meeting room at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, March 11, 2024.



**BARNARD UNITED METHODIST**  
Pastors Kaye & Jeff Metzler  
Adult Sunday School @ 10:00 am  
Morning Worship @ 11:00 am

**BETHANY CHURCH**  
Eight miles north, six miles west and one mile north of Lincoln  
Sunday School @ 9:45 am  
Worship Service @ 11:00 am  
Evening Service @ 7:00 pm

**BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH LC-MS**  
Pastor Christopher Craig  
Sylvan Grove, Kansas  
Sunday School @ 9:00 am  
Sunday Worship @ 10:00 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

**BEVERLY UNITED METHODIST**  
Pastors Kaye & Jeff Metzler  
Church Service @ 9:00 am

**CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
Pastor, Chris Hall  
Sunday School @ 9:30 am  
Worship Service @ 10:30 am  
Nursery available during service  
Light Keepers Wed. @6:30 grades 6-12

**CULVER METHODIST CHURCH**  
Pastor Demerle Eckart  
401 Main Street, Culver, Ks  
Sunday Worship @ 9:30 am  
Saturday Coffee @ 8-10 am

**DENMARK EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN COMMUNITY CHURCH, ELCA**  
Pastor Angie Sundell  
Worship Service @ 10:30 am

**FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Pastor Jonathan Schale  
Lincoln Park Manor @ 9:30 am  
Bible Study @10:30 am  
Worship Hour @ 11:15 am  
Evening Worship @ 6:00 pm  
Wed. Bible Study @ 7:00 pm

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Pastor Carolyn Allen, Barnard  
Morning Worship @11:00 pm

**GRACE CHAPEL-HUNTER**  
Pastors Kaye & Jeff Metzler  
Worship Service @ 9:00 am

**LINCOLN COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
www.lincolncommunitychurch.org  
Pastor 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

**LINCOLN PARK MANOR CHAPEL**  
Morning Worship @ 9:30 am  
Afternoon Worship @ 2:30 pm

**LINCOLN UNITED METHODIST**  
Pastors Kaye & Jeff Metzler  
Worship Service @ 10:30 am

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
Sylvan Grove, Kansas  
Sunday School @ 10:00 am  
Church @ 11:00 am

**ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Pastor Don Haselhuhn  
Lincoln, Kansas  
Two and one-half miles south of Lincoln on Highway 14  
Sunday/Bible School...9:30 am  
Worship Service.....10:30 am

**ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
Father Mark Wesely, Lincoln  
Rectory phone: 785-524-4823  
Email: spat327@gmail.com  
Sunday Mass @ 11:00 am  
Sunday CCD Classes @ 9:45 am  
Weekday Mass: Mondays - 3:30 pm

**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH LCMS**  
Pastor Don Haselhuhn  
Six and one-half miles south and 4 miles east of Lincoln  
Worship Service @ 9:00 am

**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA**  
Pastor Rod Thompson, Tescott  
Worship Service @ 9:00 am

**TESCOTT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Pastor Demerle Eckart  
Sunday School @ 10:00 am  
Worship @ 11:00 am

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, HUNTER**  
Pastor Matthew Schneider  
Hunter, Kansas  
Sunday School @ 9:00 am  
Worship Service @10:00 am  
Midweek/Confirmation  
Wednesdays @ 4:30 to 5:45

**Beverly United Methodist Church**  


**Pastors:**  
Kaye & Jeff Metzler

**Service Times:**  
Morning Worship  
9:30 a.m.

Church schedules are made possible by the following sponsors:

**St. John Lutheran Church**

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church**

**The Post Rock Cluster of the United Methodist Church**  
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Guest Editorial

This Sunshine Week, Kansas officials should finally clear the Marion County Record’s journalists

Welcome to Sunshine Week, an annual opportunity to celebrate the public’s right to know and promote the need for government transparency. Sadly, there’s not much transparency to celebrate these days when it comes to resolving questions surrounding the raids that took place in Marion on August 11, when the newsroom of the Marion County Record and two private residences were searched at the beginning of a saga that is still playing out in the national news. No charges have been filed to date, and seven months later, the public, along with journalists industry-wide, are left wondering whether law enforcement, or, crucially, even Record staff, will face criminal or administrative consequences for their roles in the events of that fateful day.

This ongoing ambiguity, stemming from a lack of transparency, leaves an inescapable statewide chilling effect on journalists’ First Amendment rights. “We would like to think that something like this would not happen with the law enforcement agencies in Douglas County,” said Mackenzie Clark, reporter and founder of The Lawrence Times. “But I’m sure the Marion County Record folks probably felt the same way before the raid.”

No meaningful update since last year

The most recent revelations came in December of last year and did not necessarily help journalists sleep easier. That’s when the public learned that agents from the Colorado Bureau of Investigation had been in Marion, and that Riley County Attorney Barry Wilkerson was involved in the investigation. At that time, neither Wilkerson nor anyone else in law enforcement could confirm whether the journalists would face charges, leaving open the possibility that such charges could, indeed, be filed.

Four months later, the public remains in the dark. When contacted last week, Wilkerson said he believes CBI agents are nearly concluded with their work, which he said has produced an unexpectedly high volume of investigative reports.

He also revealed the faintest outline of a timeline, indicating he would be travelling to Colorado at the end of March to review the CBI’s findings in person before making any decisions.

“Just trying to be careful. Tie up every loose end,” Wilkerson said.

But he would not confirm whether law enforcement officers, journalists or both were being investigated, perpetuating a chilling status quo.

And although Wilkerson was opaque, his transparency far outstripped that of either the offices of the Kansas attorney general or the Marion County attorney. Neither responded to requests for comment for this column.

Press left in the cold

Eric Meyer, publisher of the Marion County Record, is at a loss for what’s taking so long.

“Our exoneration should have been, as TV commercials say, the easiest decision in the history of decisions,” Meyer said. “Instead, KBI continues to ‘investigate’ whether we — not just the bullies who raided our office and home — might have committed a crime.”

Even though he hasn’t yet been charged, Meyer has felt the chilling effects of the raid, in the form of employee attrition, which has led to difficult editorial decisions. Since August 11, his reporters “fear they might be stopped on some pretext and harassed. We’ve been unable to attract replacements, leaving us so overworked and fearful of consequences that we haven’t been able to pursue or have soft-pedaled a host of stories about governmental abuse.”

“The only hope” for changing the current chilling climate, he said, “would be for state agencies to stand up for justice, but instead they unconscionably seem to have been dragging their feet.”

Without support from state actors, the chilling effect of the raid has spread well beyond Marion.

“Since August 11, 2023, I have heard from numerous members asking if a raid could happen to them because they were looking into a local public official,” said Emily Bradbury, executive director of the Kansas Press Association.

Meyer likewise worries about newsrooms across the state, “where people without extensive experience or working for companies that care only about their bottom line might shy away from anything controversial for fear that what happened to us might happen to them.”

Sunshine ahead?

Despite playing their trade amid the chill emanating from law enforcement’s response to the Marion raids, journalists persevere.

“We will keep pursuing and utilizing public records to the fullest extent in order to seek the truth and report it,” Clark said. “We owe it to our readers and to our colleagues across the state to continue reporting fearlessly.”

But journalists should not feel

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PRAIRIE DOC - DEBRA JOHNSTON, MD

True Self-Care

During our most recent family movie night, we watched one of my favorites: Encanto. At one point in the movie, a character who has been gifted supernatural strength confesses that she fears she will crumble under the weight of all that is expected from her. Although she accomplishes amazing things, it never feels like enough. She never feels like she, herself, is enough.

Popular culture suggests she should prioritize “self-care,” which is usually represented by manicures or massages and long soaks in the tub, or perhaps half an hour of meditation or spin class.

Now, to be clear, I’m a big fan of massages and getting my nails done, and I spend a lot of my professional time nagging people about exercise, as my patients can certainly attest. But I’d suggest this perspective on self-care is at best incomplete. Protecting your mental well-being goes well beyond little escapes, and even beyond tending to your physical health.

The specifics of true self-care are unique to each individual, because each individual is unique, in their needs, their desires, and their circumstances. You simply can’t meditate quality daycare into existence, or a nasty coworker into a team player, or a loved one into sobriety.

Self-care, meaningful self-care, means being able to recognize that you are human, and you have limits and that it’s not just ok, it’s critical, to acknowledge and respect those limits. The demands vying for your time and energy are endless. Those

resources, however, are not. True self-care means standing up for your right to be the one who decides how you will allocate them.

This means setting boundaries, and that’s an incredibly difficult thing to do. With those limits will naturally come guilt, because you simply can’t do everything for everyone, or even all the things you yourself want to do. No one else can decide where your lines are, and no one else will hold those lines on your behalf.

In order to hold those boundaries, you must be kind to yourself. Most of us have a perpetual self-commentary of criticism that tells us we could do better, we should do better, we aren’t enough. Honest self-reflection is important, but why does that so often mean a laser focus on where we fell short, without recognizing how far we came? We internalize the message that if we can’t keep up with demands that escalate until we crack, the fault is ours. It’s not. To draw these boundaries, and make that self-compassion meaningful, we each must clarify our own values.

Spending our limited energy in ways that conflict with the ideas we hold most dear is the antithesis of self-care. We need a clear idea of what those values are to hold that line. Massages and meal delivery services can be great tools, but the real key to protecting your mental well-being is a lot harder to define and a lot harder to do.

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SPICE UP YOUR LIFE - LINDSAY YOUNG

Put this ‘four’midable cake on your list for this week



This cake is made with only four ingredients—yogurt, eggs, vanilla extract and cornstarch. It’s a lightly sweet dessert that pairs well with fruit, honey or maple syrup and has a consistency a bit like a custard.

I was recently given the opportunity to speak to the Newton Kiwanis about the many projects I have been working on at the newspaper.

We enjoyed a great lunch and good conversation before I spent a bit talking about my job, including my over 10-year expedition into writing this column.

I noted to them that sometimes the recipes I try these days get a little weird, because I often feel like I’m running out of ideas for something new each week.

This week was definitely one of those weeks, but it was also one of those recipes that once I saw it online, I had to try it. It’s a cake that is billed as having only three ingredients. It actually has

four, though, if you don’t count the toppings, so I decided to change the name. (See? There is accuracy in journalism.) Regardless, the combination sounded super strange, and I couldn’t resist.

This recipe comes from the blog “The Modern Nonna.” You can find the original post at <https://themodernnonna.com/3-ingredient-yogurt-cake/>. I doubled the vanilla in my version below.

**Four-Ingredient Yogurt Cake**

**Ingredients**

- 1 1/2 cups vanilla yogurt
- 4 eggs
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 5 tablespoons cornstarch
- Optional toppings: fruit, honey, maple syrup, powdered sugar

**Directions**

Line a nine-by-five-inch loaf pan with parchment paper, letting the excess hang over the edges a bit so you can remove the cake easily when it’s done. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees.

In a mixing bowl, whisk the yogurt and eggs until they are smooth.

Whisk in the vanilla and cornstarch, and continue stirring until everything is well combined.

Pour the mixture into the prepared loaf pan and bake for 50 to 55 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean.

Let the cake cool, gently remove it

from the pan using the parchment paper, and transfer to a serving plate. Top with fruit, honey or maple syrup and sprinkle with powdered sugar, if desired. Slice and serve.

Refrigerate any leftovers in an airtight container.

This. Was. Weird. It had a bit of a custard consistency, but it was firm enough to slice easily, too. I opted for honey and powdered sugar on mine, and it was very lightly sweet. Joey and I agreed it would have been even better with some fresh berries on top. The flavor profile reminded me a little bit of tapioca pudding.

Also, be ready for this to puff up a whole lot and then fall to being about two inches tall.

The recipe’s author also noted that you can use any other flavor of yogurt that sounds good, too, so if you’re in the mood to experiment even further, you have tons of options.

I really enjoyed my time with the Kiwanis, although no one seemed particularly excited by my explanation of this week’s weird recipe.

To each their own, I suppose.

*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](http://spiceupkitchen.net).*

POST ROCK EXTENSION DISTRICT - BY BLAIR TODD  
K-STATE RESEARCH AND EXTENSION-POST ROCK DISTRICT LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION AGENT

Practice Good Habits to Ensure Safety When Handling Liquid Nitrogen Tanks

Breeding season is still a ways off but those that use artificial insemination may be busy delivering or picking up semen stored in a liquid nitrogen tank. Unfortunately, many of the people involved with moving these tanks may be unaware of the safety precautions they should be taking when doing so. Understanding more about liquid nitrogen and its properties will reduce complacency and help prevent accidents.

Nitrogen in a liquid form (liquid nitrogen, LN) is very cold and serves a cryogenic purpose in storing and preserving semen. To remain a liquid, it must be kept at very low temperatures. The semen tanks we use are well insulated and serve this purpose. As liquid nitrogen is exposed to warmer temperatures it changes to vapor and the resulting gas form now takes up 700 times the liquid’s

volume. When this happens the nitrogen gas displaces oxygen. In an enclosed area this can deplete the amount of oxygen to the point where there is not enough oxygen for life. The level of oxygen in clean outdoor air is 20.9% and supports life. A potentially dangerous environment is reached when oxygen levels decline to 19.5% or less. Humans are unable to detect the nitrogen in the air (no color or odor) so in an oxygen depleted environment an individual may feel dizzy, confused, or just slip into unconsciousness without any awareness of a possible issue before complete asphyxiation. ABS Global (ABS), located in DeForest, WI, produces and delivers semen all over the world. This organization has conducted studies that help us understand some of the safety issues with transporting LN in semen tanks.

When they placed two newly filled tanks in the back seat of a crew cab pickup, it only took 3 minutes before the cab contained unsafe oxygen levels. At the end of 60 minutes, there was only 14.7% oxygen in the cab. If one of the tanks was allowed to tip on its side, it took less than one minute for oxygen to decline to 18.3%.

Liquid nitrogen tanks are designed to vent around the slots in the stoppers, because without this they would explode. Factors such as the age of the tank can further impact the likelihood of undetected leaks and the risk of hauling a semen tank inside the closed cab of a vehicle. The extra space in the pickup cab may seem like a convenient place to haul a tank, but not if it puts lives in danger. Rather, take the time to develop a plan to develop a secure

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SHOP KANSAS FARMS BY RICK McNARY

The Launch of the Border Queen Harvest Hub

Thanks to a generous Thriving Rural Grant from the Patterson Family Foundation, Vision Caldwell and Shop Kansas Farms partnered together to launch the Border Queen Harvest Hub. The Harvest Hub is a community-based approach that creates economic opportunities for farms and ranches by using a digital hub to connect a physical system of production, processing and distribution of local food that can be purchased by local, regional and national consumers. The vision of Shop Kansas Farms is to help communities across the state start their own Harvest Hub.

“We have been talking with Shop Kansas Farms for a year after Karen Sturm invited them to talk to us,” says Jill Kuehny, CEO of KanOkla and president of Vision Caldwell. “Shop Kansas Farms has a model to create economic prosperity in rural communities by tapping into the entrepreneurial spirit of existing farmers, ranchers and growers to provide them with new revenue streams and to energize entrepreneurs who want to begin farming with a new, less costly and smaller scale point of entry.”

Shop Kansas Farms began in April of 2020 as the pandemic interrupted the global food system evidenced by empty meat counters at grocery stores. What began as a Facebook group to connect people to the farm and ranch families of Kansas so they could purchase the food they grow, exploded overnight as consumers discovered local farms and ranches had the food they needed. As it continued to grow, a website with a searchable map was added as more consumers wanted to buy locally.

“Our Facebook group now has 166,700 consumers looking to buy local,” says Rick McNary, founder of Shop Kansas Farms. “If you go there or to our website at shopkansasfarms.com, you will see it is a digital hub that connects producers, processors and distributors to a statewide food system. The Border Queen Harvest Hub will narrow that into an even more defined, regional area. Consumers want to know where their food comes from and are often willing to pay more, but for that direct-to-consumer transaction to be successful, there needs to be a practi-

cal, physical regional supply chain of those three components.”

When this Harvest Hub is established, consumers will be able to look on a map and identify the supply chain of farms where their local food is being produced, the commercial kitchens and lockers where the food is processed and how and where those items can be purchased. The Border Queen Harvest Hub brand on products, signs and merchandise will create community pride and assurance they are buying locally.

“We’re going to call it the ‘BQ-double H,’” Kuehny says. “Just like the cattle brands of our storied history of cattle drives on the Chisolm Trail, we will be ‘riding with the brand’ of BQ-Double H.”

There are two parallel tracks the Border Queen Harvest Hub is built on: community engagement and economic development.

Although Vision Caldwell is the convening organization behind this, their vision of BQ-Double H is much broader than just the town of Caldwell. There will be Town Halls, Charcuterie Nights, Market of Farms and other engagement strategies that create a sense of community support and pride in creating a hub that connects everyone.

The first BQHH Town Hall was held in Caldwell on February 21, but drew interested businesses from Medicine Lodge, Belle Plaine, Oxford, Wellington, as well as Oklahoma businesses from Enid, Tonkawa and Medford. In addition, a report was given about the support of the Sumner County Commission to fund a part time data entry person who will populate another key to the digital hub, a Customer Relationship Management (CRM) Platform, Salesforce.

Town Halls serve an important element in creating the engagement of everyone in the surrounding community. Food has long been a common denominator that unifies people as is evidenced by church dinners, potlucks, barbecues and tailgating. Building upon the idea of food connecting a community, it is important to understand this is more than just an organization connecting a few isolated parts, rather, it is a hub that connects everyone in the region through the production, processing

and distribution of food.

The Harvest Hub will work with all stakeholders in the community to create a common agenda, shared measurements, mutually reinforcing activities and continuous communication. A website is coming soon along with additional digital and print communications.

The other track this is built on is economic development: BQ-Double H will expand small businesses with new revenue streams and support entrepreneurs with new opportunities in these three areas:

- Producers: Identify and support current and future producers in the region to create new revenue streams, gain access to capital, find new markets, write business plans, provide sales and marketing support, build customer relationship management systems, develop communications strategies and be more easily found by consumers.
- Processing: Identify and support local meat processors and commercial kitchens in existence, or, in the absence of those necessary elements, establish that missing link in the local supply chain.
- Distribution: Provide support to producers with the distribution of their products by helping them learn how to ship, hosting an annual Market of Farms, making connections to local grocery stores and finding markets where various producers can take their products and consumers can shop there.

The first BQHH Market of Farms, held in Caldwell on Saturday, March 9, was a glowing success. Consumers as far away as Kansas City came to purchase food products from vendors as far away as Seneca. The Market of Farms brings vendors and consumers from all over the state together to make local foods available for purchase. This event was the rollout of the Border Queen Harvest Hub (BQHH) new website, [www.borderqueenharvesthub.com](http://www.borderqueenharvesthub.com). For more information on how to start a Harvest Hub in your community, reach out to me: [rick@shopkansasfarms.com](mailto:rick@shopkansasfarms.com)

Insight - Kansas Farm Bureau

Counting farms

**Greg Doering**  
*Kansas Farm Bureau*

There are fewer than 2 million farms in the United States according to the USDA Census of Agriculture released last month, down from a peak of just under 7 million in the early 1930s. Any agricultural enterprise with at least \$1,000 in sales was counted as a farm, which excludes the family vegetable garden.

The census, which began in 1840 and has been conducted every five years since 1920, is the best source of comprehensive and impartial information about the state of agriculture down to the county level available. The trends it reveals, like fewer farms, older farmers and less farmland are not necessarily new, but it will inform decisions for a variety of stakeholders ranging from farmers and ranchers to private companies and cooperatives.

The census showed Kansas followed the national trend with 55,734 farms, down almost 3,000 from the last count in 2017 and the lowest total in 25 years. The average size was 804 acres, up 25 acres from five years ago. That total would be higher, but all land devoted to farming fell by nearly 1 million acres to 44,784,702 acres.

Less than a third of farms had sales of \$100,000 or more in 2022. The vast majority of Kansas farms are owned by an individual, family or through a partnership. Just under 7 percent of farms are corporations, most of which are still family owned enterprises.

While the number of farms shrank, the number of farmers topped 100,000, with more than a third of that total being women. The average age of a Kansas farmer increased slightly to 58.2 years (0.2 above the national average), but the number of farmers 34 and younger grew by more than 1,100 to 9,700.

It just so happens 2022 was a good year for farmers on the revenue side, with Kansas producers earning just under \$24 billion. Livestock accounted for \$15.5 billion of the total sales with crops adding \$8.4 billion. The expense side of the ledger tallied \$21.5 billion, leaving a gross profit of about \$2.5 billion, or less than \$45,000 per farm. It helps put in perspective how thin the margins are in farming, especially when the average acre costs \$2,324 and the average farm has more than \$200,000 worth of machinery and equipment.

Taken as a whole, the census shows there are challenges and opportunities in agriculture. The job has never been easy, but small and medium farms are the most strained in today’s current environment. It says something about the nature of farmers and ranchers that their ranks are growing. Though it’s a tough way to make a living, farming and ranching does provide an appealing lifestyle.

What we should all keep in mind with the census is it’s not the counting of farms that matters, rather how we can best use the information to support the people working the fields. Remember the ones who count every time you eat.

Shopping for Yard Equipment: Things to Know

With the weather warming up, now is the time to think about how you want your yard to serve your family, pets and wildlife. Maybe you’re aiming to have the best yard on the block, want to install an outdoor family room or outdoor office, or want to expand your space for entertaining. Perhaps your kids or pets could use a better space for play. Regardless of need, now is the time to get “backyard ready” for spring. What tools do you need?

“Completing big outdoor jobs is always easier with help from outdoor power equipment,” said Kris Kiser, President and CEO of the Outdoor Power Equipment Institute (OPEI). “The right outdoor power equipment can help you get the work done faster and can help you safely maintain your yard.”

Here are some tips from Kiser to help you select the machinery you need to get the job done.

Plan your needs. Draw a sketch of your yard. Include any major features like trees, bushes, an herb or vegetable garden, flower beds, lawn furniture, play or sports equipment, an outdoor patio, or bird bath. Note where maintenance may be required. Will bushes need to be

trimmed back from your home or garage? Do you want to put in some flowering bushes or a tree? Are you planning to install a fence and more grass because for your pet? Now list the tools and equipment needed to take care of your yard, and what will make the job easier.

Consider equipment needed. Visit your garage or shed and find your lawn and garden tools. Wheel out your mower and get out other equipment. Look it over and make a list of what is needed or could be upgraded. Repair anything that needs attention or identify where a newer or other machine is required. If you have a large vegetable garden, you may need a cultivator or tiller. If you have a large lawn, an upgrade to a riding lawn mower might make mowing easier. A string trimmer might make caring for bushes or trimming grass near a fence line easier. A pole pruner can help trim back limbs that are too high to reach safely with a saw, and a leaf blower can clear leaves faster than a rake.

Research equipment online before you buy. Think about efficiencies of scale. The right equipment can mean more time for other ac-

tivities, and make doing yard work more enjoyable, too. Doing online research in advance will help you pick the right equipment for the job. Outdoor power equipment can be gas, electric or battery powered, and technology is rapidly impacting product design. There are even robotic lawn mowers available today. Equipment may be sized to handle a smaller job or a massive one. Ultimately, your decision should be based on your needs.

Ask questions. Talk with the staff at the store or ask online about the equipment. In the store, ask to pick up and hold equipment to determine its “fit” for you. Discuss safety features and ask about manufacturer fueling and care instructions. Find out how often equipment may need to be serviced.

Make a plan for storage and maintenance. Store your equipment in a cool and dry place. It also should typically be serviced at the end of the fall and the beginning of the spring. Put service dates on your calendar with a reminder.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 24-02**

**A RESOLUTION FIXING A TIME AND PLACE FOR A HEARING BEFORE THE GOVERNING BODY TO DETERMINE WHETHER A STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 306 E. PARK STREET, LINCOLN, KANSAS, IS DANGEROUS, UNSAFE, AND UNFIT FOR HUMAN HABITATION, AND DETERMINE WHETHER THE STRUCTURE SHOULD BE CONDEMNED AND ORDERED REPAIRED, OR DEMOLISHED.**

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 4, Article 6 of the Code of the City of Lincoln Center, Kansas ("Code") authorizes the governing body (the "Governing Body") of the City of Lincoln Center, Kansas (the "City"), upon receiving a report from the code enforcement officer charging that any structure is danger, unsafe, or unfit for human habitation, to fix a date, time, and place at which the owner, owner's agent, any lienholder of records, and any occupant of the structure, may appear and show cause why the structure should not be condemned and ordered repaired, or demolished; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body, upon receiving a report from the code enforcement officer regarding the condition of 306 E. Park Street, Lincoln, Kansas, has determined it is necessary and advisable to set a time a place for hearing to determine whether the structure is dangerous, unsafe, and unfit, at which time and place the owner, owner's agent, any lienholder of records, and any occupant of the structure, may appear and show cause why the structure should not be found dangerous, unsafe, and unfit and thereby condemned and ordered repaired, or demolished;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF LINCOLN CENTER, KANSAS:

**SECTION 1. Petition.** The Governing Body hereby finds and determines that the report dated January 23, 2024 filed by the code enforcement officer as it relates to the structure situated at 306 E. Park Street, Lincoln, Kansas meets the requirements of Section 4-603 and 4-604 of the Code.

**SECTION 2. Public Hearing.** It is hereby authorized, ordered and directed that the Governing Body shall hold a public hearing, in accordance with the provisions of the Section 4-605 of the Code, at which time the owner, owner's agent, any lienholder of records, and any occupant of the structure, may appear and show cause why the structure should not be found dangerous, unsafe, and unfit and thereby condemned and ordered repaired, or demolished, and such other matters related thereto, with such public hearing to be held on **April 29, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, in the City Council meeting room located at City Hall, at 153 W. Lincoln Avenue, Lincoln, Kansas, under the authority of the Code.

**SECTION 3. Notice of Hearing.** The City Clerk is hereby authorized, ordered, and directed to give notice of said public hearing by publication of this Resolution in the official City newspaper. Such publication shall be at least once each week for two consecutive weeks. At least 30 days shall elapse between the last publication and the date set for the hearing. The City Clerk is hereby further ordered and directed to mail a copy of this Resolution, via certified mail, the owner, owner's agent, any lienholder of records, and any occupant of the structure within three days after this Resolution is first published.

**SECTION 4. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall take effect and be in full force immediately after its adoption by the Governing Body of the City.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Governing Body of the City of Lincoln Center, Kansas, this 11th day of March, 2024.

APPROVED:

By: /s/ Travis Schwerdtfager

Mayor

Attest: (seal)

By: /s/ Heather N. Hillegeist  
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Hometown Helpers Members: Jacob Schultz, Hadley Reagan, President Anna Feldkamp, Recreation Leader Hunter Reagan, Isaac Schultz, Eli Schultz, Kale Sorensen, Chaplain Parker Reagan, Paxton Reagan, Song Leader Brayden Dohl, Treasurer Ben Feldkamp, Reporter/Historian Adelyn Dohl, Vice President Maren Sorensen, Bethany Boyd, Parliamentarian Abby Feldkamp, Felicity Dohl, Caitlyn Dohl, Devin Boyd, Secretary Clara Sorensen, Mercy Boyd. Not pictured are members Vance and Tevis Dohl, Peter Boyd and Ashlen Doctor. (courtesy photo)

## Hometown Helpers Community Club News

The Hometown Helpers Community Club has elected officers for the 2024 club year. These are: President – Anna Feldkamp, Vice President – Maren Sorensen, Secretary – Clara Sorensen, Treasurer – Ben Feldkamp, Parliamentarian – Abby Feldkamp, Reporter/Historian – Adelyn Dohl, Song Leader – Brayden Dohl, Recreation Leader – Hunter Reagan, Chaplain – Parker Reagan.

The club met Saturday, March 2, 2024, at the Presbyterian Church in Sylvan Grove. The meeting was called to order by President Anna Feldkamp.

The club recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Members recited John 3:16. *For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son that whosoever believeth in Him will not perish, but have eternal life.* Chaplain Parker Reagan gave an object lesson using water and bleach to demonstrate how God washes his people clean of their sins.

Brayden Dohl led the club in singing Jacob's Ladder and Kum Ba Yah. Roll call question was: My favorite Easter tradition. Roll call was answered by 19 club members, 5 adults and 1 guest.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read. Treasurer Ben Feldkamp updated members on the club's finances. Parliamentarian Abby Feldkamp led the club in playing a game in which the club matched officers to their duties.

Club Leader Lorelei Dohl reported that the county fair will be July 15 – 20. All events will take place during the course of the week. Final decisions regarding the fair schedule will be made at the March Fairboard meeting.

In Old Business, it was decided that the Requirements & Recognition committee should meet before the next meeting. Committee members include: Isaac Schultz, Ben Feldkamp, Jennifer Feldkamp, Lorelei Dohl, Sophia Schofield and Dena Sorensen.

In New Business, Anna Feldkamp

moved that the Hometown Helpers elect officers and begin the new club year in January, rather than September. The motion was seconded and carried.

A committee was appointed to rewrite community club by-laws. These include: Isaac Schultz, Anna Feldkamp and Lorelei Dohl.

Abby Feldkamp moved that the club reimburse Lorelei Dohl \$10 for eggs and candy purchased for the community Easter Egg Hunt. The motion was seconded and carried.

Ben Feldkamp moved that the Hometown Helpers choose Wildlife as the club project. The motion was seconded and carried.

Members were reminded that they may serve the alumni banquet and assist with the Vesper Memorial Day meal in May. They may also be asked to help the SSC will summer concessions.

Members expressed an interest in serving as assistant superintendents and building supervisors in the open class building at the county fair. They were encouraged to think about other ways in which they might want to participate in the fair.

The next club meeting is tentatively set for Saturday, April 27, 2024, at the Presbyterian Church at 10:00 a.m. Seeing no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Following the meeting program books were distributed. Also, some members stuffed Easter Eggs for the community hunt.

Recreation Leader Hunter Reagan led the club in a spirited game, boys vs. girls, to see who could turn up or down the most paper cups in one minute. The boys won all three games.

Lorelei Dohl provided meat and cheese with crackers and deviled eggs for refreshments.

Respectfully submitted - Adelyn Dohl, Hometown Helpers Reporter



Parker Reagan gives an object lesson of how Jesus washes away our sins to make us whiter than snow. (courtesy photo)



Hometown Helpers Ben Feldkamp, Paxton Reagan and Bethany Boyd pack Easter Eggs for the community egg hunt. (courtesy photo)

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like they are taking an unreasonable risk just to do their jobs, a feeling perpetuated every day that goes by without resolution on the raids.

"This is not a partisan issue," Bradbury emphasized. "Anyone who values limiting government overreach, which I believe most Americans do, should support full transparency surrounding the Record raid. Transparency protects good public servants as well as the public. As soon as possible, law enforcement should take an obvious step toward transparency and announce that no journalists subjected to the Record raid will be charged."

There's no time like the present, especially when it's Sunshine Week, for law enforcement to make good on that unquestionably reasonable ask.

*Max Kautsch is an attorney whose practice focuses on First Amendment rights and open government law.*



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