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Melodies in Bloom: Spring Concert Led by Henry Huck



The Lincoln 7th and 8th grade band performs Great Beginnings by Michael Kamuf during the Spring Concert, filling the gym with energy and enthusiasm under the direction of Mr. Henry Huck. (Photo by Becky Rathbun)



ABOVE: The Lincoln High School Band takes the stage with a powerful performance of Wild Blue, Rippling Watercolors, Capstone, and Colliding Visions during their Spring Concert, showcasing a wide range of musical color and intensity. RIGHT: Left to right: Jonathan Bell, Aprilia Suiter, Teryn Spear, and Logan Dail. Special thanks to all who support the performing arts—helping foster learning, creativity, and the growth of caring, thoughtful individuals. (Photos by Becky Rathbun)



Lincoln Groups Team Up to Brighten the Holidays

By Jyll Phillips, Lincoln-Sentinel

The Lincoln Center Improvement Committee (LCIC) and the Lincoln Area Chamber of Commerce are teaming up to bring a little extra sparkle to the community—just in time for the holidays. During the Chamber's After-Hours event on Wednesday, April 16, the two organizations unveiled an exciting new project aimed at enhancing holiday lighting across the city.

The initiative seeks to add festive cheer to Lincoln's business district and public spaces by installing outdoor holiday lights, creating a warm and welcoming glow throughout the season. Professionals were on hand at the event to share their expertise on lighting options for city, government,

and business properties. Local business owners and community members heard how they could be part of this bright new vision.

To help fund the project, LCIC is selling custom-designed yard signs that proudly promote Lincoln Center. Four cheerful designs are available, each with a unique phrase on one side—

- "Lincoln Center, Kansas: My Favorite Place to Be"
- "Life is Good in Lincoln Center, Kansas"
- "There's No Place Like Lincoln Center, Kansas"

Each sign features "Lincoln Center Kansas U.S.A." on the reverse side.

Signs ordered by April 30 are \$15 each, with prices increasing to \$20 after that date. Orders can be placed by visiting

Seirer's Clothing at 143 W. Lincoln Ave., or by calling 785-524-4752.

By purchasing a sign, residents not only show their hometown pride but also contribute to a project that will

light up Lincoln—literally. It's a simple, uplifting way to support community beautification and add a little extra magic to the holidays.



Lincoln Mayor makes Appointments

By Jyll Phillips, Lincoln-Sentinel

Mayor Travis Schwerdtfager requested several appointments at the April City Council meeting on April 14.

Abby Gerleman was appointed to a regular four-year term and Lana Houston to an unexpired four-year term on the Lincoln Carnegie Library Board. Rose Gourley and Mark Luce were reappointed to three-year terms as members of the Lincoln Arts and Humanities Commission. In addition, Clay Haring was reappointed to a four-year term on the Lincoln Port Authority Board.

A public hearing was held to hear comments regarding a request by Scott and Renee Crenshaw for a permit for six chickens on the property located at 628 N 7th Street. All property owners within 200 feet of the property line were notified of the hearing as per city code. The council approved the request for ten chickens.

Vicki Hook addressed the council asking permission to remove the curb and sidewalk in front of her home at 106 E. Yauger to put in a driveway which would include a cement valley gutter. Permission was granted.

Hook also reported on an LCIC event being planned for June 8, 1-3 p.m. LCIC is planning an ice cream social in the park and requested free pool admission during the event. Free admission was approved.

City Attorney Norris presented an ordinance vacating property on W. Lincoln Avenue west of 8th Street. The Ordinance had been prepared as a result of a request by adjoining property owners, Jared Spear and Lisa Simmons. The Ordinance was passed, approved and signed by the mayor, assigned #757 by the City Clerk and ordered to be published once in the official city newspaper.

City Clerk Heather Hillegeist reported one additional application had been received for a lifeguard position. Following discussion, a motion was made to offer employment to applicant Braxton Veal, subject to the acquisition of all required certifications for the 2025 pool season, utilizing the pay scale approved in February 2022 of \$10/hour for lifeguards with a \$.50 increase annually for returning managers/guards, for pool wages.

Jake Cross was employed as a maintenance worker at \$19.75 per hour effective March 18, 2025.

With business completed, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting of the Lincoln City Council will be May 12.

Tee Time for LHS Football's 2nd Annual Golf Event

By Jyll Phillips, Lincoln-Sentinel

Attention golfers! For the second consecutive year, Lincoln Football and Coach Colby Hamel are gearing up for the LHS Football Golf Tournament.


The tournament is being hosted at the Lincoln Golf Club on May 17, 2025. The tournament format mat is a three-person scramble with a tee time of 9 a.m. Entry fees are \$150 per team.

A meal will be provided, as will hole prizes. Hole sponsors are currently being accepted. Mulligans will be available for purchase.

To confirm your team's entry, contact Coach Colby Hamel at 620-805-9006.

Don't miss this opportunity to support your Leopards football team!

First item sold on eBay



eBay is one of the biggest online retailers in the world, selling/auctioning off nearly anything and everything, including vehicles, jewelry and electronics. But have you ever wondered what the first item ever sold through eBay was? eBay was launched by Pierre Omidyar from his home in 1995, originally called Auction Web. During testing he decided to list an inexpensive item he already owned, uploading an ad for a broken laser pointer. The original purchase price was \$30 but the laser broke after just a few weeks. He listed it online for \$1, making sure the ad was labeled as the device being inoperable. After a week, interest picked up kicking off a bidding war. The winning bid for the inoperable laser pointer was \$14.83. Makes the idea of cleaning out the junk drawer more appealing.

Cash Grain

Corn	\$4.35
Milo	\$3.80
Soybeans.....	\$9.51
Wheat.....	\$5.08

Cash prices courtesy of Ag Mark

Community Calendar

Thursday, April 24

Lincoln: 6 pm TNGR Post Rock Mountain Bike Club Group Ride @ Mettner Field
USD 298: 4pm - Baseball @ Kinsley
USD 299: 3pm SFB vs. Little River @ Sylvan; 4pm BSB @ Kinsley

Friday, April 25

USD 298: 9:30am - JH Bullpup Relays Track Meet @ Osborne; 3pm - HS Track Kaser Relays @ Osborne; 4:00 p.m. - JV Baseball @ Lucas - Smokey Valley Home School
USD 299: 3pm HS Track Kaser Relays @ Osborne; 4pm JV Baseball @ Lucas vs. Smoky Valley Home School 5 innings-Double Header; 6pm JH Cheer meeting @ Sylvan Commons

Saturday, April 26

Lincoln: 9 am Lincoln Golf Tournament @ Lincoln Golf Course; 5 pm Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser @ the Cube
Sylvan: 1 pm Time Capsule Presentations – A series presented by the Sylvan Historical Society @ Sylvan Public Library; 6 pm Ranch Rodeo @ Sylvan Grove Fairgrounds
USD 298: KSHSAA Solos & Small Ensembles State Festival
USD 299: State Music (Solos & Small Ens.) @ Hillsboro

Sunday, April 27

Barnard: 5:30 pm Leo Dowlin and Eric Jones Memorial Fish Fry @ Barnard Community Building
USD 299: 5:30pm Speech Showcase @ Sylvan Commons

Monday, April 28

Lincoln: Lincoln City-Wide Cleanup Days
USD 298: 3pm - HS Track @ Tescott JV Invitational
USD 299: 3pm HS JV Track @ Tescott; 6:30pm 6th Grade Spotlight; 7pm Grade School Spring Program

Tuesday, April 29

Lincoln: Lincoln City-Wide Cleanup Days
USD 298: 1pm - Varsity Golf vs Rock Hills @ Mankato; 4pm - Baseball @ Ellsworth
USD 299: 1pm 5th Grade DARE Graduation; 4pm BSB @ Ellsworth; 4pm SFB @ Ness City

Wednesday, April 30

USD 298: 6pm - LHS Academic Banquet
USD 299: 11am PTL Meeting @ Beloit; 1pm NPL Meeting @ Beloit

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

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

Lincoln Senior Center

MENU

Monday, April 28

Meatballs & Gravy, Scalloped Potatoes, Peas & Carrots, Mixed Fruit, Bread & Milk

Tuesday, April 29

Reuben Sandwich, Sauerkraut, Oven Potatoes, Cottage Cheese Fruit Salad, & Milk

Wednesday, April 30

Pork Roast, Sweet Potatoes, Peas, Cinnamon Apples, Roll, & Milk

Thursday, May 1

To be determined

Friday, May 2

To be determined

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.

LINCOLN COMMUNITY CHURCH

ONLY \$10 (or \$25 for the whole family!)

Is Hosting A Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

Sat. April 26, 2025 5-7 p.m. @ The Cube - 137 N 4th Street, Lincoln

The CUBE need to replace the HVAC system. The funds raise will be used to help with that expense.
*Gluten-free options available!

DENMARK DAMES SERVICE CLUB - JANET HUMBERG, SECRETARY

The Dames met at the home of Connie Crawford on April 8, 2025. Members present were Connie Crawford, Elaine Parrish, Janet Humburg, Georgie DeArvil, and guest Arlene Smith.
Opening: A poem written by Katherine Pulsefer entitled “Rejoicing in Easter Embrace”
Roll Call: What April Fool’s joke have you ever pulled on someone or was pulled on you? Most of the ladies could not recall doing an April Fool’s joke on anyone.
Minutes: The Minutes were approved as read.
“Treasurer Report” There was no activity and the balance remains the same.
There was no correspondance.

New Business was about our trip. Elaine is going to research places of interest in Lindsborg.
Program: Georgie read a poem about old age.
The next meeting is May 6 at Janet Humburg’s home. The Dames enjoyed coffee and dessert around Connie’s table.

Sunflower Summer Program Returning

TOPEKA – Lieutenant Governor and Secretary of Commerce David Toland announced that the popular Sunflower Summer program, which encourages young Kansans to explore and fall in love with Kansas, will return this summer. Designed for Kansas residents and families with school-aged children from Pre-K to Grade 12, Sunflower Summer will run from July 12 to August 3.
“The Sunflower Summer initiative is a great opportunity for our young and growing Kansans to explore all the things that make our state great,” Lieutenant Governor and Secretary of Commerce David Toland said. “While encouraging exploration, the program also drives tourism, ushering in new dollars and new memories for families and communities alike.”
The program covers admission costs for eligible students and one adult guardian per attraction, per season. Tickets can be claimed through the free Sunflower Summer app and are later redeemed at the participating venues upon arrival.
“This program is a wonderful opportunity for Kansas attractions to welcome families from across the state,” Kansas Tourism Director Bridgette Jobe said. “Sunflower Summer not only provides free admission to incredible destinations, it strengthens communities by making family adventures more accessible and extends the length of their vacations.”
Kansas Tourism is encouraging eligible tourism attractions to apply to be part of this year’s Sunflower Summer season. The application for attractions opens April 15 and will remain open through April 30. Participating attractions will be announced in early June.
Sunflower Summer has updated venue participation requirements and reimbursement guidelines for the 2025 season. For important updates, the attraction application and additional information, visit the program webpage at sunflower-summer.org.

Cemetery Tour April 26

Ever wonder about the personal stories of the people buried in the cemetery? The Sylvan Historical Society will conduct a walking tour of the Sylvan Township and Bethlehem Lutheran Cemeteries on Saturday, April 26 at 1:30 p.m.
The tour will focus on notable settlers, leaders and many others whose stories have historic or otherwise interesting significance to Sylvan Grove. A demonstration of grave witching will also be given.
There is no admission fee, just come to the cemetery located one-half mile east of Sylvan Grove. The tour will start on the west side, and parking is available throughout the cemetery. Contact Terry Lilak at 785 524-6034 with questions or more information.

Kansas: Battleground for Freedom

A new exhibit, Kansas: Battleground for Freedom, opens April 18 at the Smoky Hill Museum. This intriguing exhibit explores how Kansas found itself a hotbed of political turmoil and a foreshadowing of the coming Civil War.
In the turbulent mid-19th century, the Kansas Territory was at the heart of intense conflict. When the Kansas-Nebraska Act of 1854 was passed, it allowed the people in those territories to decide for themselves whether they wanted to be free or slave states. This might sound fair, but it quickly turned Kansas into a battleground. Both pro-slavery and anti-slavery settlers rushed in, hoping to tip the scales in their favor. What followed was a series of violent clashes that earned the region the nickname “Bleeding Kansas.”
These violent episodes weren’t just local issues, they echoed across the entire nation, highlighting the deep divisions over slavery. The nation’s eyes were fixed upon Kansas, watching, waiting, fearful and hopeful. The future of the United States played out on its soil. The Civil War did not begin with the firing of the first cannons in 1861. Instead, it began in Kansas as settlers took strong stances, either for or against slavery. The resulting clashes and fierce battles signaled the coming of the Civil War. Suspicion became hatred, words were replaced with bullets, and as the nation watched, Kansas did indeed bleed.
For more on this fascinating period of Kansas History, visit the Museum’s center gallery for the newest exhibit, Kansas: Battleground for Freedom. This exhibit will be open to the public April 18 to October 4, 2025.
Special thanks to our generous sponsors: Cary Bringer and Dean and Debra Lewis.

Crop Insurance Deadline Nears

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) reminds agricultural producers that the final date to apply for or make changes to their existing crop insurance coverage is quickly approaching for summer planted crops, annual forage and forage seeding. Sales closing dates vary by crop and location, but the next major sales closing dates are May 1, July 15, and July 31.
Producers are encouraged to visit their crop insurance agent soon to learn specific details for the 2025 crop year. Crop insurance coverage decisions must be made on or before the applicable sales closing date.

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

Empty Homes, Full Potential: Rethinking Vacant Housing

By Keegan Bailey
NCRPC Housing Director

Rural and urban communities have one commonality within their housing stock: vacant properties.
There are many different reasons why structures can be vacant. Vacancies can occur due to foreclosures, inheritance or probate court, vacation-hunting or secondary homes, extensive work needed on the home, and simply beyond useful life. Why is this important? Frankly, each scenario takes away housing from the housing stock.
The longer a house is left vacant, the more probable it is for repairs to go unnoticed and the deterioration of the home to occur. Vacation, hunting, or secondary homes are still paying property taxes and bringing in some revenue a few months out of the year. But for seven to nine months, what revenue is being lost in comparison to if someone lived there full time? Is this where cities should begin to have a higher flat utility rate for those homes that are identified as second homes?
Vacant homes also have an increased need for security to avoid vandalism, trespassing, and maintenance. Should cities begin to look into structural integrity inspections, with more emphasis on health and code enforcement? With any new way of addressing housing needs, there could be resistance, criticism, and even an increase in legal/enforcement action. The biggest question that would need to be answered is how can NCRPC begin to help address the vacant housing issues along with the communities that we serve?
Keegan Bailey has been the Housing Director at NCRPC since 2020 and has been with the organization since 2015.
* This article was published on: 04/16/2025, Quarter 1 2025 NCRPC Newsletter

NCRPC Establishes Endowment Fund

Fund to Focus on Science Education, Arts

The NCRPC is excited to announce the establishment of a new endowment fund dedicated to supporting science education and the arts in the area.
The initial contribution to this fund was donated by North Central Kansas Community Network Co., an affiliate of the NCRPC, in recognition of long-time employee Todd Tuttle. Todd currently serves as Technical Consultant to NCKCN. He joined the organization in 1999 and has held various positions throughout his tenure, including Systems Manager of NCKCN and Assistant Director of NCRPC.
“Creating an endowment has always been a personal goal of mine because I see the potential it has for positive impact and long-term sustainability,” says Tuttle. “Our fund is just beginning, but this is an important first step, and I am excited to see the impact it can have in our region.”
As the fund grows, the goal is to foster an active role in the fields of science and the arts in the area. Possible initiatives may include internships/mentorship opportunities in astronomy, financial assistance for local classrooms to support education in these fields, and more.
The NCRPC has partnered with the Solomon Valley Community Foundation to manage the endowment and is participating in their Give to Grow event on April 30. This event offers a matching incentive to build capacity and endowments for participating non-profits. Any contributions made to the NCRPC Fund on that day will be matched up to 100 percent, pending funding availability. Participate in the Give to Grow event or donate anytime through the Solomon Valley Community Foundation.
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OBITUARY

Barbara Ann Welchance Mar. 26, 1942 - Mar. 12, 2025

Barbara Ann Welchance died at Lincoln Park Manor, Lincoln, KS on March 12, 2025. She was born March 26, 1942 in Kingsville, TX. She was given, by her birth parents, three weeks later to Captain and Mrs. John Lacy Barnett. They adopted her two years later in San Antonio, TX. Captain Barnett died in 1958. Barbara and Mrs. Barnett then moved to North Benton, WA. Barbara graduated from Mount Si High School in Snoqualmie, WA.

During this time, she had a horse named Pete and she won several belt buckles riding him in barrel races. Pete was later killed by a bear. Barbara married Kenneth Welchance in Galveston, TX. Shortly thereafter, they moved to San Antonio where daughter Karen was born. In 1998, the family moved to Lincoln, KS where they lived out their days. Barbara was preceded in death by her husband Kenneth, daughter Karen, and great granddaughter Valoree Leann Higle. She is survived by three grandchildren, Chris Hoffman, Ahsley Ochoa,

and Crystal Hoffman; and 14 great grandchildren. Barbara lived many years in the “High Rise” in Lincoln and was loved by all. She brought joy and happiness to all who knew her. She will be missed by all. Visitation: 5-7 p.m., Tuesday, April 15, 2025 at Hall Chapel in Lincoln. Graveside service: 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 16, 2025 at Lincoln City Cemetery. In lieu of plants and flowers, memorials may be made to Lincoln Park Manor, c/o, Hall Chapel, PO Box 37, Lincoln, KS 67455. Condolences can be left at hallchapel.com.

Holocaust Remembrance Day Programs

The public is invited to attend two special events marking Holocaust Remembrance Day. On Thursday, April 24, Dr. Jason Lantzer, author of Dwight Eisenhower and the Holocaust: A History, will join us in person to discuss this newly published book. **Thursday, April 24, 12 p.m.** - Lunch & Learn Library indoor courtyard YouTube Livestream: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NhD-_SqUTQY The noon program with Dr. Lantzer will be held in the Library building indoor courtyard and online via YouTube Livestream. Guests are encouraged to arrive by 11:45 a.m. A light box-lunch will be provided on a first come, first served basis. **Thursday, April 24, 7 p.m.** - Conversation with the Author Visitors Center Auditorium | Book signing & reception to follow

In a compelling conversation, Dr. Lantzer and Library Director Todd Arrington will delve into the profound legacy and leadership of Dwight Eisenhower, particularly as we commemorate the 80th anniversary of the Holocaust. General Eisenhower’s experience with the Holocaust altered his understanding of World War II. It spurred his belief that totalitarianism in all its forms needed to be confronted. This conviction shaped his presidency and solidified American engagement in the postwar world. This book is the first to blend scholarship on Eisenhower, World War II, and the Holocaust together. This narrative offers new insights into all three, while uncovering the story of how Ike became among the first to vow that such atrocities would never again be allowed to happen. Dr. Lantzer serves as the Assistant Director of the Butler Uni-

versity Honors Program. He is the author of eight books, including Dwight Eisenhower & the Holocaust (DeGruyter, 2023), Mainline Christianity: The Past and Future of America’s Majority Faith (NYU 2012), Dis-History: Uses of the Past at Walt Disney’s Worlds (TPP, 2017), and Rebel Bulldog: The Story of One Family, Two States, and the Civil War (Indiana Historical Society Press, 2017), numerous book chapters and articles. He is a three-time graduate of Indiana University (BA, MA, PhD). The 2025 programming season is dedicated to our nation’s veterans. The Eisenhower Museum was originally founded as a tribute to WWII veterans. Join us as we continue to uphold the legacy of honoring those who served. These programs are all made possible courtesy of the Eisenhower Foundation with generous support from the Jeffcoat Memorial Foundation.

New exhibit at Deines Cultural Center



Sale Barn Day, watercolor by Von Pounds

A new art exhibition opened at the Deines Cultural Center on Sunday April 20th with a reception from 2-4pm. “A Simpler Time” features watercolors by Larned artist, Von Pounds. Von Pounds creative inspirations come from the world around him. It may be anything, from people and places, sounds and emotions. The common core in all Pounds work is that it comes from his emotional response and his desire to share that experience with other people. Pounds watercolors will be at the Deines from April 20th to May 28th. The Deines is located in Downtown Russell at 820 N Main Street. Follow them on Facebook or check out their website www.deinesculturalcenter.org for the latest information on events. Call them at 785-483-3742.

COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

April 7, 2025
The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met in the courthouse commission meeting room on Monday, April 7, 2025. Chairman Debora Smith called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with Vice-Chairman Leon Hart and Member Kenny Meitler present. County Clerk Dawn Harlow was in attendance as recording secretary. Others present for portions of the meeting: Carol Torkelson, Dale Hlad, and Felicia Strahm. Correspondence: a bid from Diamond Roofing for repairs to Lincoln Park Manor, and a postcard from Southern Star Pipeline. Debora Smith moved to approve the bid from Diamond Roofing to repair the fascia, soffit, guttering, and other miscellaneous repairs at Lincoln Park Manor in the amount of \$9,660, seconded by Leon Hart. Motion carried. Voting as follows: Smith – Aye, Hart – Aye, Meitler – Abstained. Carol Torkelson, NCRPC, provided information on a CDBG-CVR grant application

via telephone. Torkelson requested that the board approve the determination of the level of review and environmental review. Debora Smith moved to approve the environmental level of review and environmental review report for the CDBG-CVR grant for Spearpoint Ranch, seconded by Kenny Meitler. Motion carried. Public Works Director Dale Hlad presented contract books for the bridge replacement project OS 107 and a gravel agreement for the board to approve. Debora Smith moved to allow the chairman to sign the OS 107 bridge documents, seconded by Leon Hart. Motion carried. Debora Smith moved to approve a gravel removal/purchase agreement with Mark Zorn, seconded by Kenny Meitler. Motion carried. Hlad provided an update on department activities. Human Resource Officer Felicia Strahm reviewed current open positions in several departments. Strahm provided an update on the applicant for the Transportation Bus

Director position. Debora Smith moved to recess into executive session for thirty minutes for the purpose of discussing county administrator applicants, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b)(1) to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel, to reconvene in the courthouse commission meeting room, with the board and HR Felicia Strahm, seconded by Leon Hart. Motion carried. Time in: 9:58 a.m. Time out: 10:28 a.m. The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 10:28 a.m. with no action taken. Debora Smith moved to extend the executive session for fifteen minutes for the purpose of discussing the county administrator applicants, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b)(1) to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel, to reconvene in the courthouse commission meeting room, with the board and HR Felicia Strahm, seconded by Kenny Meitler. Motion carried. Time in: 10:29 a.m. Time out: 10:44 a.m. The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 10:44 a.m.

with no action taken. Clerk Harlow related that a fire chief contacted the clerk’s office, notifying her that the fire chiefs had all agreed to change their previous pay increase request for compensation to volunteer firefighters from \$10 per hour per run & \$10 per meeting to \$20 per response or meeting. Clerk Harlow contacted legal counsel to help determine the impact on the County for reporting requirements. It was determined that the Clerk’s office should complete a study to compare payments made to the fire districts for the volunteers in 2024 with the proposed payment. Once the study is completed, counsel will assist the County in determining the impact and how best to proceed. Debora Smith moved to approve the minutes for the March 31 and the April 3 meetings, seconded by Leon Hart. Motion carried. The chairman adjourned the meeting to regular session at 11:59 a.m. The next meeting will be in the courthouse commission meeting room at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, April 14, 2025.



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 following Worship 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	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: stpat327@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 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 @ 11:00 am Afternoon Worship @ 2:00 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 Steven Rohn Sunday School @ 9:30 am Worship Service @ 10:30 am Ladies Prayer Group/Wed. @ 5 pm To rent the cube call Michael Pickering 785-488-7049. Sunday Evening Service @ 6:30 Adventure Club Wed. 6pm - 7pm Ages 3-12	<div><div>St. John Lutheran Church</div><div></div><div>Two and 1/2 miles south of Lincoln on Highway 14 Pastor Don Haselhuhn. Service Times: Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m.</div></div>

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Attention Lincoln Readers

In the foyer of the newspaper office at 141 W Lincoln Ave there is a blue drop box into which you can place payments, ads, etc. There are also papers in the foyer available for purchase. If for any reason you don't receive your paper with your mail delivery, please feel free to pick one up at the office.

Guest Editorial
To Mow or Not to Mow

How Do I Love Mowing? Let Me Count the Ways. I'm not just ripping off an Elizabeth Barrett Browning sonnet; I actually mean it. And if you don't already enjoy it, I think you would if you understood all the benefits it has to offer.

There aren't many things that sound better to me than the first pull of a mower's cord turning into that steady hum. That hum is like a symphony to me, drowning out the cacophony of work calls, email notifications, and office hustle.

Long before being elected County Attorney, I discovered the mental, physical, and emotional benefits of mowing back when I was a teenager. I'd mow my grandparents' yard, which felt like a mountain, even if it was just a steep, sprawling hill. No riding lawn mower, no self-propelled mower, just me, my push mower, and my thoughts as I switchbacked across that 45-degree incline for hours every weekend. No music, no earbuds, just that rhythmic sound of the blades spinning.

Yes, I know this sounds unbelievable. And yes, this will be the story I tell my kids, just like my dad's tale of how he had to walk barefoot to school in six feet of snow.

Even as a kid, mowing gave me a deeper appreciation for people like my dad and so many others who worked with their hands like him. My few hours working on the weekend paled in comparison to my dad's pouring and finishing concrete under the relentless sun. The contrast stuck with me.

In a world that often celebrates digital and intellectual accomplishments, we tend to overlook those who keep the real world running, people like my dad. These are the people who roll up their sleeves, fix what's broken, build what's needed, and tend to what machines still cannot. They show up, do the job, and let the results speak for themselves. They are the true backbones of our Nation.

At the same time, mowing offers a kind of refuge for those of us tied to phones and desks-and for me, a courtroom. It's a chance to disconnect. Nobody can call you. Nobody can interrupt you. It's just you and the yard. It's meditative. The right balance of physical effort and mental space. It's not exhausting, but it's enough to let your mind wander. That wander is where the magic happens, problems untangle, and ideas connect, like the insights that come to you before falling asleep or while in the shower.

Physically, mowing gets your heart pumping and gives you a healthy dose of vitamin D. Science has also shown that just the smell of grass can boost your mood and reduce stress through a compound called cis-3 hexenal.

Mowing provides a much-needed break from digital overload. It builds focus, calms your thoughts, and gives you that immediate sense of accomplishment. Like checking off a to-do list, which fuels you to keep going. It gives you a small win - and who doesn't need a win from time to time.

So who wouldn't want to get outside and tame that wild mane of a lawn into a clean-cut buzz? Soak in the sun, stretch your legs, breathe the fresh air, and escape for a while. Now if only this story convinces my wife to take a turn now and then.

- Todd Thompson
Leavenworth County Attorney

Post Rock Extension District

The Basics of Mineral Nutrition

By Blaire Todd
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Most beef cattle producers recognize that mineral nutrition is important. However, a mineral program is only one component of an operation's nutrition and management plan. An exceptional mineral program will not compensate for deficiencies in energy, protein, or management according to Kansas State Extension Beef Systems Specialist, Justin Waggoner. Additionally, the classical signs associated with clinical deficiency of a particular mineral (wasting, hair loss, discoloration of hair coat, diarrhea, bone abnormalities, etc.) are not often or are rarely observed in production settings. The production and economic losses attributed to mineral nutrition in many situations are the result of sub-clinical deficiencies, toxicities and antagonisms between minerals which are often less obvious (reduced immune function, vaccine response, and sub-optimal fertility).

Many producers erroneously assume that the science of mineral nutrition is relatively complete. However, mineral nutrition is complicated, and our knowledge of mineral nutri-

tion is relatively incomplete. There are 17 minerals required in the diets of beef cattle. However, no requirements have been established for several minerals that are considered essential (Chlorine, Chromium, Molybdenum, and Nickel). Minerals may be broken down into two categories. 1. The macrominerals whose requirements are expressed as a percent of the total diet (calcium, phosphorous, magnesium, potassium, sodium, chlorine, and sulfur). 2. The microminerals or trace minerals (required in trace amounts) whose requirements are expressed as parts per million (ppm) or milligrams per kilogram of dry matter consumed (chromium, cobalt, copper, iodine, iron, manganese, molybdenum, nickel, selenium, and zinc).

Mineral status of an animal is a function of the total diet (both water and feed) and stored mineral reserves within the body. Water may be a substantial source of mineral; however, the variation in water consumption makes estimating the contribution of mineral from water sources difficult. Mineral content of forages is influenced by several factors including plant species, soil, maturity, and growing conditions. These factors, and others not men-

tioned, make estimating the dietary mineral content of grazing cattle challenging. Most commercial mineral supplements are formulated to meet or exceed the requirements for a given stage of production. This ensures that deficiencies are unlikely but providing supra-optimal levels of minerals may be unnecessary unless specific production problems exist. A mineral program does not have to be complex or expensive to be successful. Minerals are an important component of beef cattle nutrition that should not be overlooked as sub-clinical deficiencies of minerals likely contribute to more production and economic losses than we realize.

For further information, contact me at any Post Rock Extension District Offices in Beloit, Lincoln, Mankato, Osborne or Smith Center.

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PRAIRIE DOC BY KELLY EVANS-HULLINGER, MD

Spring is finally here

Spring is finally here, and for many of us that brings the joy of returning to outdoor activities, planning summer vacations, and... well, allergies. Depending on the allergen, people can suffer from allergies any time of year, but spring is a particularly common time in our part of the world to hear my patients complain of seasonal allergies.

Allergic rhinitis most commonly manifests as runny nose, congestion, and sneezing. Other symptoms can include cough from postnasal drip or worsening asthma, hives, and itchy or watery eyes. Sometimes these symptoms can be hard to differentiate from a viral cold, but typically the symptoms are fairly classic and don't require any testing.

I often have patients inquire about allergy testing. We might refer to an allergy specialist for testing in patients with severe symptoms that aren't adequately improved with usual care. Testing might include blood or skin patch testing depending on the situation or allergen in question. However, the vast major-

ity of patients can be treated without specialized testing.

Initial recommended treatments for allergic rhinitis are available over-the-counter. Antihistamine medications can reduce many of the symptoms. I recommend using second generation medications such as loratadine, cetirizine, or fexofenadine, which act more specifically for the targeted symptoms. First generation antihistamines such as diphenhydramine or doxylamine are less specific and thus have more problems with adverse effects. Common side effects include dry mouth and drowsiness, but we can see those first generation antihistamines cause more severe adverse effects such as confusion.

Another very effective option is an over-the-counter nasal steroid spray, such as fluticasone or various others. Taken daily these will reduce congestion, mucous, and post nasal drip. They are quite safe for long term use and should not have systemic side effects. Additionally, these can be used along with an an-

tihistamine.

Take care in the nasal spray aisle, however. Some other nasal sprays are vasoconstrictors, such as oxymetazoline, and while they will alleviate congestion, they should not be used more than three days consecutively. If so they can cause worsening congestion when the medication wears off, or a rebound effect.

In summary, allergies can be a real annoyance and truly make people feel rotten. Basic over-the-counter measures can be very helpful and are worth trying. If those aren't working, though, time to talk to your primary care provider about other options or the need for further testing.

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INSIGHT KANSAS - FARM BUREAU (OPINION)

Trusting the process

Glenn Brunkow
Pottawatomie County farmer and rancher

Kansas Farm Bureau is fully engaged in the process of developing policy for members' consideration at our annual meeting in December. The Resolutions Committee has received your ideas from issue surfacing and we have started developing proposals for the full delegation to consider.

We all know that we live in interesting times, and it is even more critical that we hear from all of our members and gather as many opinions as we can. The policy in our book reflects the direction our members want Kansas Farm Bureau staff to engage with legislators and other leaders as they make decisions that affect your farm or ranch.

The grassroots nature of our policy book is what gives Kansas Farm Bureau and the American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF) their clout in Topeka and Washington D.C. Each one of those policies came from a member and were developed with the help of other members until they were adopted by Kansas Farm Bureau and, in the case of national policy, (AFBF).

I hope you had an opportunity to attend an issue surfacing meeting, but if you did not and want to submit an idea or an issue for the Resolutions Committee, you can do so at www.kfb.org/advocacy. Again, I remind you that our policy and our organization are strong because of members and their ability to have a voice in the direction of the organization.

This fall we will have 10 listening posts all across the state, and it will be your opportunity to voice your opinion on any of the proposed policy changes. The more members who weigh in on policy changes, the stronger those changes are. Each of our 10 districts are represented on the Resolutions Committee, and I encourage you to reach out to yours with ideas or questions. Every member has the right to voice their opinion and we are stronger because of the varied ideas.

In December at the Kansas Farm Bureau Annual Meeting we will finalize the proposed changes in policy and that policy book will be our marching orders when it comes to working with legislators at the state and federal level. Those are your words and

your ideas and that is why it is so important that we have as much input as possible.

Will we always agree with the policy? Probably not, but it is in the book because a majority of the delegates from all 105 counties voted for it. You know what? If you don't agree with the policy you have the ability to lead the charge to change it. Everything we do is member driven, which means what we do can be changed by you, the member.

I hope you will engage in the policy development process. Yes, we have already started the wheels in motion, but there is still time for each member to weigh in with their ideas. If you are not a member, there is still time to join and jump in.

I believe in our process, and I truly believe it is because we are a grassroots organization who has a seat at the table for everyone involved in agriculture. It's up to you to be involved. "Insight" is a weekly column published by Kansas Farm Bureau, the state's largest farm organization whose mission is to strengthen agriculture and the lives of Kansans through advocacy, education and service.



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Spice Up Your Life - Lindsay Young

Prepare to paint the town red with a from-scratch Mexican rice



Merely calling this dish red rice doesn't do it justice as far as all the flavor it possesses. With a combination of fresh vegetables cooked down into white rice, it's easy to create a tomato-y, delicious side dish for your next Mexican food entree.

Sometimes, in reflecting on my childhood, I realize just what a weird kid I was.

I'll forever be thankful that I had supportive parents who had a "go with the flow" attitude about my idiosyncracies.

One of those strange traits flashed in my mind recently, when I decided I wanted to make a Mexican-style rice as a side for dinner. I suddenly remembered back to eating Mexican food with my family at a locally owned kiosk at the mall. We would go every so often, and the food was great—especially the Mexican rice.

I got to a point where I stopped ordering an entree. I would just get a double side order of rice, and that would be my meal. I loved it. I'm sure my parents were wondering if I was switched at birth.

Weird or not, though, I still love rice, and especially the kinds you get

a Mexican restaurant, so when I tried out the recipe I shared with you last week from TV chef Pati Jinich, I had to try one of her rice recipes, as well, to go with it.

You can find the original recipe on her website at <https://patijinich.com/red-rice/>. I added extra garlic in my version.

Red Rice

Ingredients

- 1 pound ripe tomatoes, quartered
- 1 small white onion, chopped
- 6 cloves garlic
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 3 cups chicken or vegetable broth
- 3 tablespoons canola or vegetable oil
- 2 cups white rice
- 4 sprigs fresh Italian parsley, chopped
- 2-3 tablespoons pickled jalapeno slices
- 3/4 cup carrots, diced (fresh or frozen)
- 1/2 cup peas (fresh or frozen)
- 1/2 cup corn (fresh or frozen)

Directions

Add the tomatoes, onion, garlic and salt to a food processor or blender, and blend it until the mixture is smooth.

Pour the mixture through a fine mesh strainer into a large liquid measuring cup.

Look at how much liquid is in the cup, and then measure out enough chicken broth in a separate measur-

ing cup so that you'll have four cups of total liquid. (Don't mix them together yet.)

Heat the oil in a medium-sized pot over medium-high heat. Add the rice, and stir regularly, cooking for three or four minutes until the rice is a milky color. Pour in the reserved tomato mixture, and continue to stirring regularly, letting the rice absorb most of the liquid. This will take another three or four minutes.

Stir in the chicken broth, parsley, jalapenos, carrots, peas and corn, and stir to combine.

Cover the pot and cook for 15 minutes or until the rice is cooked through. (If it isn't cooked through and there is no more liquid in the pot, add a few tablespoons of water, cover and let it cook for another three minutes or so.) Fluff with a fork, and serve.

This was the perfect side dish, and I loved the added veggies in this rice, too. It was a nice change of pace from the more standard types of Mexican rice. If you like more spice to your food, you could add even more jalapenos. This didn't have much of a kick to it, but letting the sauce cook a bit with the rice really made the tomato flavors pop, which I really liked.

And my parents would have been proud to see me eating rice as a side dish instead of just an entree. Let's just not talk about how I consumed the leftovers, OK?

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.

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Early Consignments
Thursday, April 24th - 10 a.m start time

25 s&h, 650-800, home raise, long wean, 2 round vacc; 20 s&h, 600-700, home raise, wean 65 days, 2 round vacc; 75 s&h, 600-800, home raise, long wean, 2 round vacc, open; 17 blk s&h, 550-700, wean 30 days, 2 round vacc, open; 20 blk s&h, 550-700, home raise, vacc; 55 blk strs, 900-925, no sort; plus more by sale time.

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Tuesday, May 6th - 11 a.m start time

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AN ORDINANCE VACATING THAT PORTION OF W. LINCOLN AVENUE WEST OF 8TH STREET, WHICH SUCH VACATION IS BOUNDED BY LOTS 1, 2, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, AND 14 ALONG WITH ALL OF VACATED ELM STREET ADJOINING THE SOUTH LINE LOTS 1 AND 2, THE SOUTH HALF OF THE VACATED ALLEY ADJOINING THE NORTH LINE OF LOTS 8, 9, 10, 11, AND 12 AND THE EAST HALF OF VACATED NINTH STREET ADJOINING SAID SOUTH HALF OF THE VACATED ALLEY ADJOINING BLOCK 16 OF THE VALLEY PARK ADDITION TO LINCOLN CENTER, KANSAS; AND VACATING THAT PORTION OF W. LINCOLN AVENUE WEST OF 8TH STREET, WHICH SUCH VACATION IS BOUNDED BY LOTS 1, 2, AND 3 IN BLOCK 19 OF THE VALLEY PARK ADDITION TO LINCOLN CENTER, KANSAS, ALL OF WHICH IS IN THE CITY OF LINCOLN CENTER, LINCOLN COUNTY, KANSAS:

BE IT ORDAINED, BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF LINCOLN, KANSAS:

SECTION 1. K.S.A. 14-423 provides that the governing body of any city of the second class shall have the power to vacate or discontinue any street and alley whenever deemed necessary or expedient.

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SECTION 3. The governing body deems it to be necessary and expedient to vacate that portion of W. Lincoln Avenue west of 8th Street, which portion is bounded by Lots 1, 2, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14 along with all of vacated Elm Street adjoining the North line of Lots 1 and 2; all of the vacated alley adjoining the North line of Lots 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12, and the East Half of vacated ninth Street adjoining the West line of Lot 8 and East Half of said Ninth Street adjoining said South Half of the vacated alley adjoining in Block 16 of the Valley Park Addition to Lincoln Center, Kansas, being described by Jason P. Johnson, Professional Surveyor #1410 on November 27, 2024, and is more fully described as follows: Beginning at the Southeast corner of said Block 16, thence on an assumed bearing of S 89°39'18" W along with South line of said Block 16 a distance of 379.92 feet to a point on the centerline of vacated Ninth Street; thence N 00°44'22" W along said centerline a distance of 130.17 feet to the point of intersection of said centerline of vacated Ninth Street and the centerline of the vacated alley in said Block 16; thence N 89°40'48" E along said vacated alley centerline a distance of 280.00 feet; thence N 89°40'48" E along said North right of way line a distance of 101.36 feet; thence S 00°28'27" E along the West right of way line of Eighth Street right of way a distance of 340.00 feet to the Point of Beginning; said tract contains 1.62 acres, more or less and is subject to easements, reservations, and restrictions of recorded; and that portion of W. Lincoln Avenue west of 8th Street, which is bounded by Lots 1 and 2 and 3 in Block 19 of the Valley Park Addition to Lincoln Center, Kansas, being described by Jason P. Johnson, Professional Surveyor #1410 on November 27, 2024, and is more fully described as follows: Beginning at the Northeast corner of said Block 19, thence on an assumed bearing of S 00°21'18" E along the East line of said Lot 1, a distance of 120.00 feet to the Southeast corner of said Lot 1; thence S 89°40'48" W a distance of 148.35 feet to the Southwest corner of said Lot 3; thence N 00°45'30" W a distance of 120 feet to the Northwest corner of said Lot 3; thence N 89°40'48" E a distance of 149.20 feet to the Point of Beginning; said tract contains 0.41 acres, more or less and is subject to easements, reservations, and restrictions of record.

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SECTION 5. That portion of W. Lincoln Avenue west of 8th Street, which portion is bounded by Lots 1, 2, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14 along with all of vacated Elm Street adjoining the North line of Lots 1 and 2; all of the vacated alley adjoining the North line of Lots 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12, and the East Half of vacated ninth Street adjoining the West line of Lot 8 and East Half of said Ninth Street adjoining said South Half of the vacated alley adjoining in Block 16 of the Valley Park Addition to Lincoln Center, Kansas, being described by Jason P. Johnson, Professional Surveyor #1410 on November 27, 2024, and is more fully described as follows: Beginning at the Southeast corner of said Block 16, thence on an assumed bearing of S 89°39'18" W along with South line of said Block 16 a distance of 379.92 feet to a point on the centerline of vacated Ninth Street; thence N 00°44'22" W along said centerline a distance of 130.17 feet to the point of intersection of said centerline of vacated Ninth Street and the centerline of the vacated alley in said Block 16; thence N 89°40'48" E along said vacated alley centerline a distance of 280.00 feet; thence N 89°40'48" E along said North right of way line a distance of 101.36 feet; thence S 00°28'27" E along the West right of way line of Eighth Street right of way a distance of 340.00 feet to the Point of Beginning; said tract contains 1.62 acres, more or less and is subject to easements, reservations, and restrictions of recorded; and that portion of W. Lincoln Avenue west of 8th Street, which is bounded by Lots 1 and 2 and 3 in Block 19 of the Valley Park Addition to Lincoln Center, Kansas, being described by Jason P. Johnson, Professional Surveyor #1410 on November 27, 2024, and is more fully described as follows: Beginning at the Northeast corner of said Block 19, thence on an assumed bearing of S 00°21'18" E along the East line of said Lot 1, a distance of 120.00 feet to the Southeast corner of said Lot 1; thence S 89°40'48" W a distance of 148.35 feet to the Southwest corner of said Lot 3; thence N 00°45'30" W a distance of 120 feet to the Northwest corner of said Lot 3; thence N 89°40'48" E a distance of 149.20 feet to the Point of Beginning; said tract contains 0.41 acres, more or less and is subject to easements, reservations, and restrictions of record shall revert to the adjacent lots of real estate in the same proportion as when taken from them.

SECTION 6. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and thirty (30) days after the publication in the official city newspaper.

INTRODUCED, PASSED, and APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Lincoln Center, Kansas, on this 14th day of April, 2025.

APPROVED:

By: /s/ Travis Schwerdtfager
Mayor

Attest: (seal)

By: /s/ Heather N. Hillegeist
City Clerk

Kansas storm season insurance claims cost \$612 million in 2024

Topeka, Kan. – Kansas Insurance Commissioner Vicki Schmidt, today, released data on the amount paid by insurance companies for Kansas storm damage claims in 2024.

“The Kansas Department of Insurance calls on insurance companies for yearly data to better understand the impact of storm events across the state,” said Commissioner Schmidt. “The Department uses this data as a tool to monitor trends in the marketplace.”

In 2024, reported storm claims totaled 56,778 and the amount paid out on those claims by insurance companies was \$612,069,643.50. Johnson County saw the highest amount while Greeley County saw the lowest. A county-by-county breakdown of the data can be found on the Department’s website at <https://insurance.ks.gov/documents/departments/publications/Storm-Claim-Losses-by-County.pdf>.

The Department collected data from companies writing property and casualty insurance in Kansas. This data includes the number of total claims as well as the amount paid for those claims across several types of storm losses in-

cluding hail, wind, water damage, and other weather-related claim losses for homeowner and automobile policies.

“These numbers serve as a reminder that catastrophic weather events do not just happen on the coasts,” said Schmidt. “Check in with your insurance agent and make sure you are ready for this storm season.”

This storm season, if you or someone you know is having trouble with an insurance claim, please contact the Kansas Department of Insurance’s Consumer Assistance Division at 785-296-3071, by email at KDOI.complaints@ks.gov or online at insurance.kansas.gov for any claims-related questions or concerns.

The Kansas Department of Insurance was established in 1871, currently led by Commissioner Vicki Schmidt. The mission of the Department is to regulate companies that sell policies in Kansas to ensure solvency and compliance with state law, educate consumers about all things insurance and securities, and advocate for a strong and competitive market to give Kansans choices when shopping for products that meet their needs.

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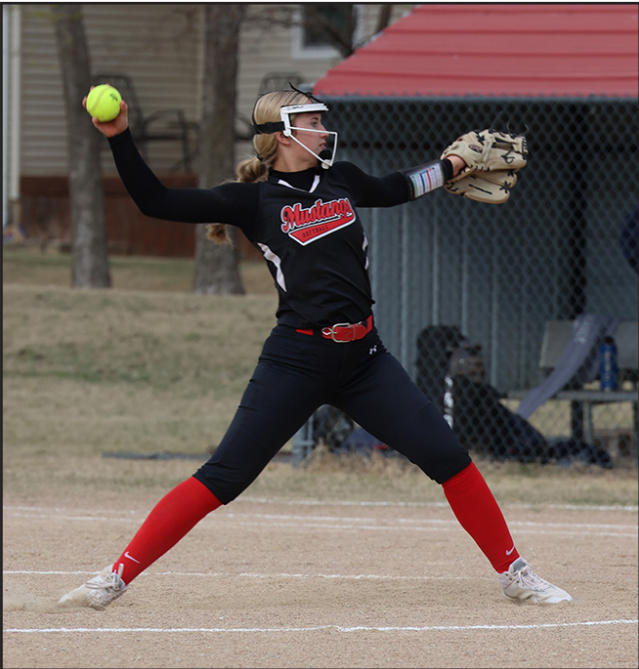
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