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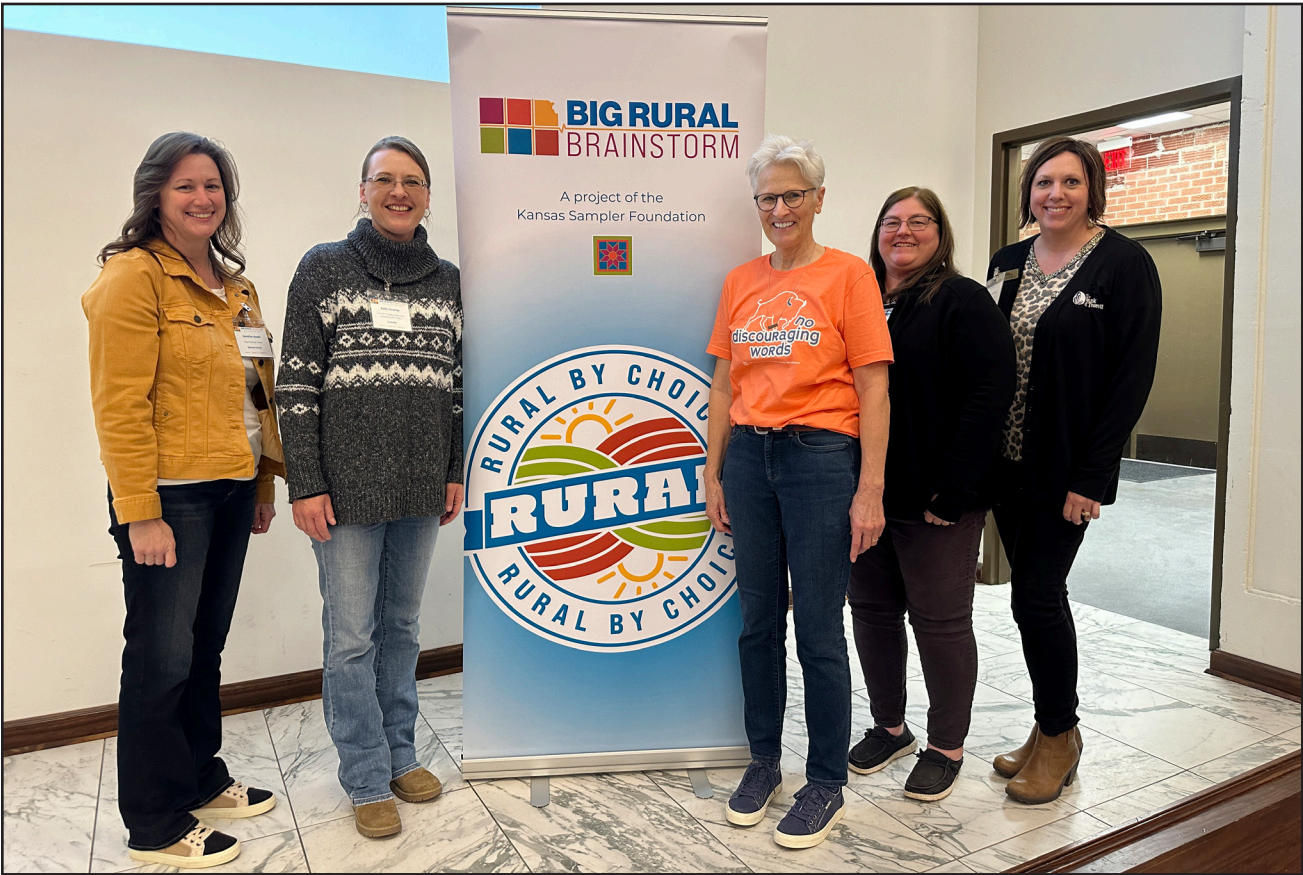
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Lincoln Co. participates in Rural Brainstorm



Pictured with Kansas Sampler Foundation Executive Director Marci Penner are (L-R): Jennifer Huehl, City Clerk of Sylvan Grove; Kelly Gourley, Executive Director of Lincoln County Economic Development; Penner; Kris Heinze, Director of the Lincoln Area Chamber of Commerce and Marketing Director for LCEDF; and Becky Rathbun, Assistant Vice President of Marketing at The Bank of Tescott. (Photo by Mark Galloway)

By Jyll Phillips,
Lincoln-Sentinel

Four of Lincoln County's leaders recently participated in the Big Rural Brainstorm 2025 event, held in McPherson on Thursday, April 3. This annual gathering, sponsored by the Kansas Rural Center, brings together community movers and shakers from across

Kansas to discuss innovative solutions and strategies for enhancing and sustaining rural communities.

At the event, Lincoln County was well-represented by Jennifer Huehl, Kelly Gourley, Kris Heinze, and Becky Rathbun. These ladies engaged in brainstorming sessions with other rural community advocates, shar-

ing ideas and learning from one another to tackle the challenges facing rural Kansas.

The Big Rural Brainstorm is known for encouraging open and creative thinking. During the session, participants were given the opportunity to voice their ideas freely, building upon each other's contributions in a

judgment-free environment. The focus was on leveraging the collective knowledge and experiences of the group to come up with fresh perspectives and innovative solutions for rural communities.

The event was a testament to the power of collaboration.

Making Christmas shine brighter

By Jyll Phillips, Lincoln-Sentinel

The What's Up program sponsored by the Lincoln Chamber is meeting in the evening this month, and appropriately so as the conversation of the evening will include a discussion on lighting main street with Christmas lights.

Chris Rios of Ultra Shine Holiday Lights will be on hand to share what Christmas in Lincoln could look like and how it all works.

No reservation is required for this event. Attendance is \$5.00 at the door and includes Christmas cookies and wine.

Chamber members, interested individuals, and downtown businesses are encouraged to attend Wednesday, April 16, 5-7 p.m. This is a come-and-go event.



Card Shower Honoring Marilyn Helmer's Retirement After 38 Years of Business

By Jyll Phillips, Lincoln-Sentinel

After 38 years of sharing her creativity, hospitality, and community spirit, Marilyn Helmer is retiring from her beloved business, Village Lines, located on Lincoln Avenue in downtown Lincoln. In celebration of her incredible dedication and the countless memories made in her store, a card shower is being organized in her honor.

Community members, friends, and loyal customers are invited to send their well wishes, stories, and thanks to help Marilyn celebrate this special milestone. Cards may be sent to:

Marilyn Helmer
Village Lines
139 W. Lincoln Ave.
Lincoln, KS 67455

Let's help Marilyn feel the appreciation she deserves for nearly four decades of passion, service, and heart in our community!

You're Invited to Mrs. Yohe's Annual Tea Party

By Jyll Phillips,
Lincoln-Sentinel

Mrs. Yohe is having her annual tea party, and you're invited!

The tea is set for Saturday, May 3 from 11 am - 1 p.m. and will include a variety of hot teas, iced teas, and an assortment of tasty treats like finger sandwiches, scones and of course, sweets!

Indian Creek Historical Fashions will provide entertainment. Only the best for

Mrs. Yohe, yes? One of their esteemed programs is titled "Lady's Got Back," which showcases the undergarments and outer garments worn by Victorian women. Witness live demonstrations illustrating how they mastered the ideal silhouette of the period, with a lucky audience member getting the chance to participate. Interact with our model as you examine genuine Victorian-era lingerie and clothing up

close. Dive into the captivating history of corsets and undergarments from that era, presented in a fun, entertaining, and educational fashion exhibition!

Ooh-la-la!

The tea is for ladies of all ages, with goodie bags for the little ladies, along with door prizes and a prize for the best hat! There are even free tickets available! So, ladies, grab your mothers, your daughters, your sis-

ters, your nieces, your best friend's granddaughter, or any significant-other female in your life and get your tickets for the event soon!

Citizens State Bank, Seirer's Clothing, and Sideline Swag have obtained two tickets each to be given away through a drawing. The drawings will take place on April 18.

Ticket prices for the event are \$40 for two or \$25 for one.

CNA Students Take First Steps Toward Lifelong Skills and Careers in Healthcare



These students are completing their CNA clinicals, gaining hands-on experience and skills that can lead to careers in healthcare, support future medical education, or help fund their college journey. (Courtesy Photo)



(L-R): Riley Obermueller, Nayalie Polly, Allece Moler, and Matthew Schale represented Lincoln at the SunPowered Student Challenge on April 2 at Wichita State University. Sponsored by Rolling Hills REC, the team competed in hands-on solar energy challenges and presented their findings to industry professionals. (Courtesy Photo)

National Former Prisoner of War Recognition Day

Cash Grain



On April 9, the United States observes National Former Prisoner of War Recognition Day, honoring the courage and sacrifice of American service members who endured captivity during wartime. This day serves as a solemn reminder of their resilience and the nation's commitment to never forget their hardships. Communities and organizations across the country hold ceremonies and events to pay tribute to these heroes and their families.

Corn.....\$4.14
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Soybeans.....\$8.89
Wheat.....\$5.13

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Community Calendar

Thursday, April 10
Lincoln: 6 pm TNGR Post Rock Mountain Bike Club Group Ride @ Mettner Field
USD 298: 3:30 -7pm - LES Family Hot Dog Night; 4pm - Baseball vs Beloit @ Lucas; 4pm - Varsity Golf vs St.John's-Tipton @ Glasco; 9:30am - JH Track Lakeside Invitational Meet @ Osborne
USD 299: 9:30am JH Track Lakeside hosting @ Osborne; BSB vs. Beloit @ Lucas; 4pm SFB vs. Beloit @ Sylvan

Friday, April 11
USD 298: No Preschool - SIT Meetings
USD 299: Prom

Saturday, April 12
Beverly: 1 pm Easter Party@ Beverly Township Hall
Lincoln: 10 am April Sip & Shop @ Seirer's Clothing
Sylvan Grove: 10 am Lincoln County Spring Beef Show @ Sylvan County Fairgrounds
USD 298: LHS Prom
USD 299: Speech & Drama Regional Festival @ TBD

Sunday, April 13
Lincoln: 3 pm Easter Egg Hunt @ Lincoln Park Manor

Monday, April 14
USD 298: 6 pm Board Mtg
USD 299: Juniors to FHSU Spring Tiger Day; Mid Plains Speech Meet @ Sylvan; Zoo Outreach (4th, 5th and 6th); 9am FFA Livestock Eval, Floriculture @ Clay Center; 7:30pm Board of Ed Mtg

Tuesday, April 15
Lincoln: 10:15 Easter Story Time @ Marshall Yohe-House
USD 298: 3pm - JH Track Grizzly Invitational Meet @ Mankato; 4pm - Baseball @ Russell
USD 299: 10am JH Track Stockton Inv. @ Stockton; 3pm HS Track Stockton Inv. @ Stockton; 4pm BSB @ Russell; 4pm SFB @ Russell

Tuesday, April 16
USD 298: State Powerlifting @ Claflin
USD 299: Fort Hays Art Show-Leave at 7:45; Speech & Drama Western Plains Last Chance

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

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



Monday, April 14
Fiesta Steak, Potato, Roasted Brussel Sprouts, Ambrosia, Bread, & Milk

Tuesday, April 15
Polish Sausage w/Bun, Sauerkraut, Potato Salad, Pineapple, & Milk

Wednesday, April 16
Baked Ham, Au Gratin Potato, Glazed Carrots, Jello w/Fruit, Roll, & Milk

Thursday, April 17
Taco Salad, Spanish Rice, Refried Beans, Hot Spiced Apples, Cookie Bar, & Milk

Friday, April 18
Broccoli Cheese Soup, Pineapple, Garlic Bread Stick, & Milk

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

City Wide Cleanup Days
April 28 & 29
Monday, April 28 - East of 4th St.
Tuesday, April 29 - West of 4th St.

City of Lincoln Center trucks and crew will be available to pick up unwanted items not acceptable on the regular trash route.

Separate metal, wood & household junk.

Will take dead limbs and burnable material in a separate truck. (8 ft. length limit)

NO GREEN LIMBS!

NO FUEL TANKS, FULL CAR BODIES, TIRES, HAZARDOUS WASTES, VEHICLE BATTERIES, ASPHALT SHINGLES, SHEET ROCK OR PLASTER.

To ensure pickup, items MUST be identified and approved prior to Monday, April 28th by calling City Hall at 785-524-4280.

Items will only be picked up at curbs!!

Commerce Announces New Opportunity for Transformative Art in Public Spaces

TOPEKA – The Kansas Department of Commerce today announced the launch of an innovative program to support the enhancements of often overlooked public infrastructure to help drive economic growth and community vitality. The Transformative Art for Public Spaces (TAPS) grant will invest in projects that leverage creative placemaking to attract visitors, encourage local investment, and support small businesses. A total of \$150,000 will be available.

“The TAPS grant program is about more than making every-day objects look more presentable,” Lieutenant Governor and Secretary of Commerce David Toland said. “Having attractive public gathering spots encourages more people to utilize them, stay for longer periods of time, and spend more money at local establishments. These small investments will have long-term economic benefits for communities across the state.”

The TAPS grant offers awardees amounts of \$1,500 to \$2,000 per project to cover materials, supplies and artist compensation. Interested applicants are encouraged to collaborate with local artists, students and community members by offering them opportunities to contribute creatively to their communities. Repurposing these mundane or unsightly objects will give the community assets that reflect local pride and long-term economic resilience.

Approved and funded fixtures and overlooked structures include:

- Electrical boxes
- Fire hydrants
- Trashcans
- Water utilities
- Other infrastructures

Applications will be accepted through December 5 or until funds are depleted. Priority will be given to projects in communities that have not received funding from Commerce during the previous three years.

“The TAPS Grant is an exciting way to celebrate community identity while offering artists and residents the chance to make a lasting impact on their surroundings,” Assistant Secretary of Quality Places Matt Godinez said. “We can’t wait to see how these projects inspire collaboration and connections

among our Kansas communities and residents.”

Organizations may submit proposals for multiple projects within a single application, provided each project meets the program’s guidelines. A maximum of five projects are allowed per applicant. Projects that will not be supported include:

- Signs promoting businesses
- Murals or large-scale wall installations
- Live performances or temporary art
- Large undertakings requiring structural modifications

Applicants must work with their local municipality or property owner and be permitted to create art on the proposed structure. Documentation of this permission will be required for the application.

For more details, application forms, project examples and resources, visit <https://www.kansas-commerce.gov/community-development/taps/>

Questions about the TAPS Grant can be directed to Quality Places Manager Sara Bloom at Sara.Bloom@ks.gov or (785) 506-9278.

KDHE Announces the Beginning of the Harmful Algal Bloom Season

TOPEKA –The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) and the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks (KDWP) are announcing the beginning of the Harmful Algal Bloom season.

The water recreation season in Kansas officially runs from April 1 to October 31, as do the harmful algae blooms (HAB) response program’s active operations. Kansans should remain vigilant while engaging in activities taking place in or on the water, such as swimming, boating, and fishing.

A harmful algal bloom (HAB) may look like foam, scum or paint floating on the water and be colored blue, bright green, brown or red. Blooms can develop rapidly; if the water appears suspicious or there is decaying algae on the shore, avoid contact and keep dogs away. These toxins can be absorbed by ingestion, inhalation of aerosols and even skin contact. Symptoms vary depending upon the type of exposure (e.g., direct contact, ingestion, inhalation) but can include rash, vomiting, diarrhea, fever, sore throat, and headache.

If you, or your pets, come into contact with algae rinse the area with clean, fresh water. Suspected HAB-related health incidents, whether human or animal, regardless of season, should be reported as soon as possible at kdhe.ks.gov/1163.

Kansas recognizes three advisory levels:

- A Hazard status indicates that a HAB is present, and extreme conditions exist.
- A Warning status indicates that a HAB is expected or present.
- A Watch status

means that a HAB is possible and may be present.

- Advisories are Lifted when cell densities and toxin concentrations dissipate to levels below the Watch thresholds.

KDHE investigates publicly accessible bodies of water for blue-green algae when the agency receives reports of potential algae blooms in Kansas lakes. Based on credible field observation and sampling results, KDHE and KDWP report on potentially harmful conditions.

If you observe a scum or paint-like surface on the water, small floating blue-green clumps, or filaments in the water, or if the water is an opaque green, avoid contact and keep pets away. These are indications that a harmful bloom may be present. Pet owners should be aware that animals that swim in or drink water affected by a HAB or eat dried algae along the shore may become seriously ill or die.


For information on blue-green algae and reporting potential HAB’s, please visit kdhe.ks.gov/HAB and view our interactive story and informative video.

In late 2024, the KDHE HAB response program identified a new and evolving health concern at a Kansas public waterbody associated with another species and growth form of blue-green algae, Harmful Algal Mats (HAMs). HAMs are blue-green algae that grow attached to the bottom of the waterbody or other surfaces. However, these blue-green algae mats can become detached and float or wash up on shore. In addition, HAMs can be mixed with non-harmful green algae and other aquatic vegetation.

HABs and HAMs can produce the same toxins, but their growth types are different, as do the advisory messages and signage issued for them. HABs are composed of high densities of usually small, microscopic blue-green algae dispersed in the water column that can change the color of water and often form a surface scum, especially during warmer months. HABs can be unpredictable, and conditions can change rapidly. On the other hand, HAMs can reside in water that looks clear and clean and may often appear as excess growth that is brown or black in color that carpets the bottom of the waterbody or other surfaces. HAMs may continue to persist and grow year-round in affected waterbodies.

The health risk from HAMs is greatest when exposure occurs through ingestion and when contact or disturbance of algal mat material occurs (particularly for small children and dogs). KDHE HAB Response Program will notify pub

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A great big Thank You

Marlin Dee Jeffers !

A great big thank you goes out to Marlin Dee Jeffers for another very generous memorial contribution in memory of his wife Charlene Joyce (Ryan) Jeffers. His generosity is greatly appreciated and will help to keep the hospital’s HVAC system up to date.

Thank you, Mr. Jeffers!



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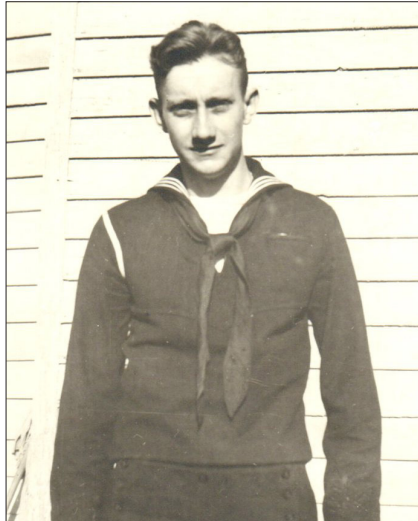
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OBITUARY



Norman William “Bill” Hipple
July 18, 1924 - Mar. 30, 2025

Norman William “Bill” Hipple, 100, was born July 18, 1924, in

Barnard, to William and Blanche Cummings Hipple. He died at his home in Hutchinson on Sunday, March 30, 2025.
Bill was a senior at Lincoln High School when America entered World War II. Upon turning 18 in July, he enlisted and was inducted into the Navy. Following basic training he was assigned to a new aircraft carrier, the Shipley Bay, which was deployed to the South Pacific.
Following his discharge in 1946, Bill returned to Lincoln. Using the skills he learned from his father, he was a small construction contractor in Lincoln for many years.
He was united in marriage with Drene Herman of Lincoln on September 8, 1950. In 1983 they moved to Hutchinson where Drene passed away in 2006.

Bill had his Navy stories which he enjoyed telling to all who would listen. An entertaining storyteller, he was always ready to mix his service history with humor. As the owner of a small private plane, Bill loved to fly in his younger years.
While in Hutchinson, Bill and Drene joined the Countryside Baptist Church. They both received Christ and were baptized in 1996.
Other family members preceding him in death include three brothers, Lew, Carl, and Jack; and three sisters, Willmetta Stogehill, Marjorie Drageus, and Eloise Wilson.
Bill is survived by his nephew, John Wilson, and his wife, Mary of Minneapolis.
Graveside services with Naval military honors will be held at 1:00 P.M. on Monday, April 7, at the Lincoln Cemetery.

COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

March 19, 2025
A special meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners was held in the courthouse commission meeting room on Wednesday, March 19, 2025. Chairman Debora Smith called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. with Vice-Chairman Leon Hart and Member Kenny Meitler present. Deputy County Clerk Jennifer Machado was in attendance as recording secretary.
Purpose: To conduct interviews for the County Administrator position.
Others present for the meeting: Felicia Strahm.
The board reviewed interview questions and determined the best way to handle the interview process. The board reviewed the handbook's residency requirements for the department.
Human Resource Officer Felicia Strahm provided dates available for postponed interviews due to the weather. Strahm inquired whether the board would consider reimburs-

ing one of the applicants' hotel costs for one night. The board approved the request.
Debora Smith moved to recess into executive session for forty-five minutes for the purpose of conducting an interview for the County Administrator position, 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, Human Resource Officer Felicia Strahm, and Applicant #4, seconded by Leon Hart. Motion carried. Time in: 3:05 p.m. Time out: 3:50 p.m.
The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 3:50 p.m. with no action taken.
The chairman adjourned the meeting at 3:55 p.m. The next meeting will be in the courthouse commission meeting room at 1:45 p.m. on Friday, March 21, 2025.
March 21, 2025
A special meeting of the

Lincoln County Board of Commissioners was held in the commission meeting room at 1:45 p.m. Chairman Debora Smith called the meeting to order at 1:45 p.m. with Vice-Chairman Leon Hart and Member Kenny Meitler present. County Clerk Dawn Harlow was in attendance as recording secretary.
Purpose: To conduct interviews for the County Administrator position.
Others present for portions of the meeting: Felicia Strahm.
The board reviewed interview questions and added additional questions to ask candidates.
Debora Smith moved to recess into executive session for forty-five minutes for the purpose of conducting an interview for the County Administrator position, 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, HR Felicia Strahm, and

applicant #5, seconded by Kenny Meitler. Motion carried. Time in: 2:13 p.m. Time out: 2:58 p.m.
The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 2:58 p.m. with no action taken.
Debora Smith moved to recess into executive session for ten minutes for the purpose of conducting an interview for the County Administrator position, 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, HR Felicia Strahm, and applicant #5, seconded by Leon Hart. Motion carried. Time in: 3:04 p.m. Time out: 3:14 p.m.
The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 3:14 p.m. with no action taken.
Debora Smith moved to recess into executive session for forty-five minutes for the purpose of conducting an interview for

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BARNARD UNITED METHODIST Pastors Kaye & Jeff Metzler Adult Sunday School @ 10:00 am Morning Worship @ 11:00 am BETHANY CHURCH Eight miles north, six miles west and one mile north of Lincoln Sunday School @ 9:45 am Worship Service @ 11:00 am Evening Service @ 7:00 pm BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH LC-MS Pastor Christopher Craig Sylvan Grove, Kansas Sunday School following Worship Sunday Worship @ 10:00 am BEVERLY COMMUNITY CHURCH www.beverlycommunitychurch.org Pastor Toby Flaming Sunday School @ 9:30 am Morning Worship @ 10:45 am BEVERLY UNITED METHODIST Pastors Kaye & Jeff Metzler Church Service @ 9:00 am CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH Pastor, Chris Hall Sunday School @ 9:30 am Worship Service @ 10:30 am Nursery available during service Light Keepers Wed. @6:30 grades 6-12 CULVER METHODIST CHURCH Pastor Demerle Eckart 401 Main Street, Culver, Ks Sunday Worship @ 9:30 am Saturday Coffee @ 8-10 am DENMARK EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN COMMUNITY CHURCH, ELCA Worship Service @ 10:30 am FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor Jonathan Schale Lincoln Park Manor @ 9:30 am Bible Study @10:30 am Worship Hour @ 11:00 am Afternoon Worship @ 2:00 pm Wed. Bible Study @ 7:00 pm FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor Carolyn Allen, Barnard Morning Worship @11:00 pm GRACE CHAPEL-HUNTER Pastors Kaye & Jeff Metzler Worship Service @ 9:00 am LINCOLN COMMUNITY CHURCH www.lincolncommunitychurch.org Pastor Steven Rohn Sunday School @ 9:30 am Worship Service @ 10:30 am Ladies Prayer Group.Wed. @ 5 pm To rent the cube call Michael Pickering 785-488-7049. Sunday Evening Service @ 6:30 Adventure Club Wed. 6pm - 7pm Ages 3-12	LINCOLN PARK MANOR CHAPEL Morning Worship @ 9:30 am Afternoon Worship @ 2:30 pm LINCOLN UNITED METHODIST Pastors Kaye & Jeff Metzler Worship Service @ 10:30 am PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Sylvan Grove, Kansas Sunday School @ 10:00 am Church @ 11:00 am ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH Pastor Don Haselhuhn Lincoln, Kansas Two and one-half miles south of Lincoln on Highway 14 Sunday/Bible School...9:30 am Worship Service.....10:30 am ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH Father Mark Wesely, Lincoln Rectory phone: 785-524-4823 Email: stpat327@gmail.com Sunday Mass @ 11:00 am Sunday CCD Classes @ 9:45 am Weekday Mass: Mondays - 3:30 pm ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH LCMS Pastor Don Haselhuhn Six and one-half miles south and 4 miles east of Lincoln Worship Service @ 9:00 am ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA Pastor Rod Thompson, Tescott Worship Service @ 9:00 am TESCOTT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Pastor Demerle Eckart Sunday School @ 10:00 am Worship @ 11:00 am TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, HUNTER Pastor Matthew Schneider Hunter, Kansas Sunday School @ 9:00 am Worship Service @10:00 am Midweek/Confirmation Wednesdays @ 4:30 to 5:45
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Guest Editorial

Beware of AI voice scams
targeting families

Imagine answering the phone and hearing the distressed voice of a loved one claiming to be in jail, pleading for urgent financial help. The caller ID appears legitimate and their voice is unmistakable. Moments later, an “attorney” follows up, instructing you to send bail money through an instant, untraceable payment method.

It sounds like a nightmare scenario -- but it’s happening with alarming frequency. Scammers are now using artificial intelligence (AI) and voice-cloning technology to deceive families into handing over money, posing as incarcerated loved ones in distress.

How These Scams Work

With rapid advancements in AI, criminals can clone a person’s voice with just a few seconds of audio -- often taken from social media or online videos. Armed with this technology, scammers call unsuspecting families, mimicking the voice of a jailed relative and creating a sense of panic. The call typically unfolds in two stages. First, the family receives a call from someone claiming to be their loved one in jail. The AI-generated voice sounds eerily similar, even expressing fear and urgency. Caller ID may even display what appears to be a legitimate jail or law enforcement number. Second, immediately after, another call comes in from someone posing as an attorney. They claim to be handling the case and demand an immediate payment via Cash App, cryptocurrency, or another untraceable method -- often threatening legal consequences if the family hesitates.

Tragically, many well-meaning families have already fallen victim to these scams, losing thousands of dollars before realizing the deception.

Why AI-Generated Scams Are So Dangerous

For decades, families have relied on a loved one’s voice and caller ID to confirm identities. But now, neither can be trusted. AI technology has advanced to the point where even the most skeptical individuals can be fooled.

If you think this is just a far-fetched possibility, consider the case last year involving actor Tom Hanks. Without his permission, AI was used to create several fake TV ads featuring his likeness, including a widely reported dental plan commercial. This demonstrates just how powerful and deceptive the technology can be.

How to Protect Yourself and Your Loved Ones

Scammers rely on panic and urgency to bypass critical thinking. To safeguard against these AI-based scams, families should take proactive steps:

- Verify Any Distress Call Before Acting** – Never make a financial decision based solely on a phone call. If you receive a call from someone claiming to be in jail, hang up and contact the jail or police department directly.
- Establish a Family Safe Word** – Create a unique code word or security question known only to immediate family members. If you ever receive a distress call, ask for the safe word to verify the caller’s identity. However, treat this safe word as you would a bank password -- never share it via email, text or any written format that could be compromised.
- Be Wary of Urgent Payment Demands** – Scammers push for immediate payment using untraceable methods like Cash App, Venmo or cryptocurrency. Legitimate bail bondsmen and attorneys will never demand payment this way.
- Limit Personal Information Online** – Many scammers gather voice samples and personal details from social media. Be mindful of what you or your family share publicly, especially voice recordings and personal details.
- Spread Awareness** – The more people know about these scams, the harder it becomes for criminals to succeed. Share this information with friends, family, and community members.
- Regulation Hasn’t Caught Up -- But Awareness Can Help**

AI technology is advancing faster than the laws meant to regulate it, leaving consumers vulnerable. Until lawmakers address these risks, public awareness is the best defense.

As a longtime bail bondsman, I’ve seen firsthand how difficult the legal process can be for families. The last thing they need is to be preyed upon in a moment of distress. By staying informed and taking precautions, we can protect ourselves and our loved ones from falling victim to these scams.

If you or someone you know has encountered a scam like this, report it to law enforcement immediately. Raising awareness can help put an end to this dangerous new form of fraud.

- David Stuckman
President, Professional Bail Agents of the United States

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Not Just A Test



Nikki Flinn
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State assessment testing has long been a fixture of the American educational landscape, a tool used to measure academic achievement and ensure accountability across school systems. As these assessments continue to evolve, it’s important to take a step back and critically examine how they impact not only our students, but also our schools, teachers, and parents.

State assessments are meant to serve as a benchmark for educational standards, offering a snapshot of how well students are mastering key concepts. They provide valuable data that informs policymakers about whether schools are meeting state expectations in areas like literacy, mathematics, and science. When interpreted thoughtfully, this data can be used to identify gaps in education, ensure resources are allocated where they’re needed most, and drive improvements in instruction.

For schools, state testing provides critical insights into where educational methods are working and where they need adjustment. The data collected allows schools to make informed decisions about curriculum changes, teaching strategies, and even professional development for

teachers. For teachers, these tests offer valuable feedback on how effectively students are grasping material and where additional support may be required. Data can be used to quantify student performance on a wide scale, showing areas of strength and highlighting where schools and districts may need to improve.

However, it is essential to remember that state test scores are just one piece of the puzzle. While valuable, they do not fully capture the complexities of student development or the wide range of skills students need to succeed in life. Critical thinking, creativity, emotional intelligence, and collaborative skills, for example, are not reflected in standardized tests. Therefore, it is vital that we view test data in the broader context of a student’s overall educational experience. This is just a couple days of testing, which is used by the state to measure the success of the entire year. Unfortunately, the state measures school success on state assessments and this is an inaccurate representation of the full scope of a student.

The role of parents in the testing process cannot be overstated. Parental involvement has been shown to positively influence student performance. Parents who actively engage in their child’s education set their children up for success. Supporting students means more than simply reminding them of the test

dates; it means helping them see the value in the assessment process. When parents communicate the importance of these tests in a positive way, students are more likely to approach the tests with a sense of purpose. Furthermore, by actively participating in their child’s academic journey, parents can help create a culture of high expectations, where students feel motivated to do their best, not just for the test, but for their own future success. Parents need to stress and support the importance of education.

While state assessment testing undeniably serves as a useful tool for evaluating student performance and guiding school improvement, we must also remember that the educational journey is about more than just passing tests. It is important to make our students well rounded individuals, which takes both the school and the parents to be successful. Therefore, it is important that parents help schools explain to students the value of these tests and to work hard in getting the best scores possible.

As we approach this testing season, let us remember that while the tests may be important, they are only one chapter in the larger story of a student’s academic life. With the right support from parents and educators, students can face these challenges head-on and continue to excel far beyond the testing period.

POST ROCK EXTENSION DISTRICT

April Gardening Calendar

By Cassie Thiessen
K-State Research and Extension Post Rock Horticulture Agent

Spring is finally here, and it’s time to take care of our blooming landscapes. This is a busy season for most of us, but getting outside can be relaxing and rewarding. Use this helpful checklist to have a colorful landscape this year.

Vegetables and Fruits

- Start fruit tree spray schedule when growth begins
- Plant carrots, onions, beets, and other salad crops in early April
- Thin radishes, beets, and carrots as needed
- Harvest asparagus until spear size decreases.
- Prune fruit trees if not already done
- Plant new fruit trees
- Plant asparagus and rhubarb
- Remove mulch from strawberry bed
- Prune raspberry and blackberry plantings
- Plant beans, corn, and vine crops in late April
- Cultivate to control seedling weed growth
- Turn the compost pile after a long winter rest
- Transplant broccoli, cauliflower, and cabbage in the garden
- Fertilize the vegetable garden before planting

Flowers

- Cut back last year’s growth from perennials
- Remove seed heads from spring bulbs

- Do not remove foliage from spring flowering bulbs, as growth is needed for next year’s flowers
- Fertilize spring flowering bulbs
- Add organic matter such as compost before planting new flowers
- Divide perennials
- Plant new roses
- Prune rose bushes
- Fertilize rose bushes for spring growth
- Plant annuals from seed and transplants

Lawns

- Apply crabgrass control by mid-month
- Mow lawn as needed, bluegrass 2”, tall fescue 3”
- Fertilize cool season lawns with slow release nitrogen fertilizer
- Do not fertilize zoysia this early in spring, nutrients go to weeds, not dormant grass
- Spot treat broadleaf weeds such as dandelions, henbit, and chickweed
- Check mower and make needed repairs before season begins
- Sharpen mower blade
- No need to catch grass clippings if mowing frequently
- Do not water unless extremely dry, early irrigation sets turf up as high water user in summer

Trees and Shrubs

- Prune spring flowering shrubs such as forsythia and lilac after flowering
- Prune trees as needed, and repair winter storm damage
- Topping is not pruning, never

- top a tree
- Plant new trees and shrubs
- Remove grass from the base of young trees and shrubs to prevent lawn mower and line trimmer damage
- Apply mulch layer around plants
- Keep new trees and shrubs watered
- Fertilize young trees to promote growth

Houseplants

- Remove winter dust from leaves by gently rinsing with room temperature water
- Repot as needed, increase pot size by 1”
- Leach excess fertilizers from soil with water
- Begin summer fertilization of plants
- Do not move plants outside until night temperatures remain over 60 degrees
- Propagate house plants by cuttings or divisions
- Fertilize amaryllis and keep in bright light to encourage new leaves

K-State Research and Extension has a variety of resources for all your gardening and landscaping needs this summer. Stop by or give us a call with your questions.

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Spice Up Your Life - Lindsay Young

Every night is date night with this great coffee cake



Walnut date coffee cake has a great combination of flavors, from the hints of stone fruit with the dates to the nuttiness of the walnuts and the sweet bitterness of the coffee.

I’ve struggled over the years with the definition of coffee cake.

Generally speaking, it’s cake that is meant to be enjoyed with coffee and doesn’t actually contain any.

But then I run into a recipe like I made for this week, which is a coffee cake—a cake that includes coffee.

We hosted an event at the office, where I shared it, and I was constantly saying, “It’s a coffee cake. Like, I mean, it has coffee in it, not like a coffee cake.”

I am also often baffled by when something is a cake or a quick bread. The banana breads and pumpkin breads I grew up with are moist and cake-y. I always thought they were called a quick bread because you made them in a loaf pan.

But then here comes this week’s recipe again, where it’s in a loaf pan, but it’s still a cake.

Regardless of the semantics, this week’s recipe is a must-try and turned out to be a real crowd-pleaser at our get-together.

This comes from the blog “Creative Culinary.” You can find the original post at <https://creative-culinary.com/date-coffee-cake-walnuts-esspresso/>. I added extra spices, vanilla and coffee

powder in my version.

Walnut and Date Coffee Cake

Cake Ingredients

- 12 ounces dates, pitted and diced
- 1 1/2 cups strong hot coffee or espresso
- 1 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 cup butter
- 3/4 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 tablespoon vanilla
- 1 3/4 cup flour
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup walnuts, toasted and chopped

Glaze Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons hot water
- 1/2 to 1 teaspoon instant espresso or coffee powder
- 2 cups powdered sugar
- 3 tablespoons butter, melted
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 1/2 cup walnuts, toasted and chopped

Cake Directions

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Prepare a nine-by-five inch loaf pan by greasing it and lining it on the bottom and sides with parchment paper. Set it aside.

In a bowl, combine the chopped dates, hot coffee and baking soda, and stir to combine. Set it aside.

In a mixing bowl, beat the butter and sugars for a couple minutes until they are smooth. Beat in the egg and vanilla.

Strain the dates, reserving them and the liquid, too.

Alternate between beating in part of

the liquid and the flour, cinnamon, nutmeg and salt until everything is smooth and combined.

Fold in the dates and walnuts.

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

Bake for 55 to 60 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean.

Let the cake cool in the pan until it is comfortable to handle, remove it from the pan, and let it cool completely before adding the glaze.

Glaze Directions

In a small bowl, combine the hot water and espresso powder, stirring until the powder is dissolved.

Add the powdered sugar, melted butter and vanilla, and whisk to get a glaze consistency you’re happy with. If it’s too thick, add just a touch more water until it’s to your liking. If it’s too loose, add just a touch more powdered sugar.

Drizzle the glaze evenly over the top of the cake (it will run down the sides, too). Sprinkle the walnuts evenly on top, and let the glaze set up before cutting the cake into slices.

Store in an airtight container.

This had great depth of flavor, and if you like coffee, you’ll definitely like this cake. I served mine in slices, but you could also cube it to serve like more traditional cake. And if you’d rather cut down on the sugar, this would be delicious without the glaze, too.

Just be ready to try to explain to anyone enjoying it with you that it’s a coffee cake, not a coffee cake.

That should be easy enough.

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.

Prairie Doc By Jill Kruse, DO

My Journey to Becoming a Hospitalist

When I first moved to Brookings, the primary care physicians took care of their own patients in the hospital. We would round on patients in the morning before clinic or try to sneak over during lunch or after clinic. While I loved taking care of patients in the hospital, it was hard to juggle the responsibilities of both giving my attention to the patients in the hospital while seeing people in the clinic. Any time the hospital nurse had a question; my clinic nurse would have to interrupt a clinic visit or wait for me between patients. This could lead to some less-than-ideal times where I was being pulled in multiple directions at once.

Then about six years ago, the Brookings Health System decided to start a new program where there would be Hospitalist hired. These would be doctors who would just take care of patients in the hospital. Primary Care Physicians in the clinic would follow up after the hospital stay and resume care. This had already been

done for several years in Sioux Falls at the Sanford and Avera McKennan. Despite the fact that I was familiar with what a hospitalist was, it was still hard to give up caring for my patients when they were in the hospital. However, I learned to see these Hospitalists as valued colleagues who were giving my patients the time and attention that they deserved. They could give better care and more attention as hospital medicine continues to evolve and advance.

During COVID, I started taking extra shifts to help out in the hospital on weekends. This was a good way for me to keep up my skills for taking care of patients who were sicker than in the clinic. In the clinic, we mainly focus on taking care of minor illnesses and injuries as well as managing chronic medical conditions and health maintenance visits. I realized that I missed taking care of hospitalized patients and caring for people when they were at their sickest.

When one of the hospitalists left for a new job, I was asked if I wanted

to take their place as a hospitalist. After careful consideration of all the pros and cons, I decided to answer the call to this new challenge of being a hospitalist. I am happy to see my former clinic patients, but now it is usually in the grocery store and at the post office. However, it is extra special when I can care for them when they are admitted to the hospital. I embrace this current chapter in my medical career and wonder how it will continue to evolve as medicine changes with time.

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the County Administrator position, 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, HR Felicia Strahm, and applicant #2, seconded by Kenny Meitler. Motion carried. Time in: 4:03 p.m. Time out: 4:13 p.m.

The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 4:02 p.m. with no action taken.

Debora Smith moved to recess into executive session for ten minutes for the purpose of conducting an interview for the County Administrator position, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b)(1) to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel to reconvene in the court-

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Time in: 4:14 p.m. Time out: 4:24 p.m.

The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 4:24 p.m. with no action taken.

Debora Smith moved to recess into executive session for forty-five minutes for the purpose of conducting an interview for the County Administrator position, 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, HR Felicia Strahm, and applicant #6, seconded by Leon Hart. Motion carried. Time in: 4:26 p.m. Time out: 5:11 p.m.

The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 5:11 p.m. with no action taken.

Debora Smith moved to recess into executive session for ten minutes for the purpose of conducting an interview for the County Administrator position, 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, HR Felicia Strahm, and applicant #6, seconded by Leon Hart. Motion carried. Time in: 5:12 p.m. Time out: 5:22 p.m.

The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 5:22 p.m. with no action taken.

The chairman adjourned the meeting at 5:33 p.m. The next meeting will be Monday, March 24, 2025, in the courthouse commission meeting room.

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lic waterbody managers if HAMs are detected at the waterbody while responding to algae bloom complaints and recommend that signage be posted.

If you notice HAM signage posted at the waterbody or excess algal growth that appears black or brown in color, be aware that potential health risks may be present when engaging in recreational

activities. KDHE HAB Response Program recommends the following precautions be taken at HAM affected waters:

- Do not allow people or pets to eat algal mats or ingest lake water.
- Do not touch or contact algal mats. Use caution when engaging in recreational activities, especially primary

contact recreation, such as swimming. Wash with clean water after skin contact with lake water.

- Do not transport algal mats to other waterbodies and follow KDWP’s guidance for cleaning boats and equipment.

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Bulls - \$208.00 - \$219.00

Cows - \$145.00 - \$157.50

Strs		Hfrs	
300-400	\$504.00-515.00	300-400	\$450.00-460.00
400-500	\$480.00-490.00	400-500	\$400.00-410.00
500-600	\$410.00-421.00	500-600	\$352.00-362.50
600-700	\$355.00-365.00	600-700	\$302.00-312.50
700-800	\$309.00-318.00	700-800	\$279.00-288.00
800-900	\$279.00-289.50	800-900	\$260.00-270.00
900-1000	\$270.00-280.00	900-1000	\$231.00-243.50

Early Consignments

Thursday, April 10th - 10 a.m start time

100 blk/red s&h, 450-600, wean 30-40 days, 2 round vacc, knife cut; 25 blk s&h, 500-650, wean 90 days, vacc, knife cut, checked open; 160 blk/bwf/rwf s&h, 450-650, home raise, wean, vacc; 130 blk s&h, 650-850, wean 90 days, 2 round vacc, running out, Benoit sired; 85 blk s&h, 500-700, vacc, knife cut; 50 blk s&h, 500-700, vacc, knife cut; 50 hfrs, 775-850, off rye; 105 blk s&h, 650-800, home raise, long wean, vacc; 22 blk s&h, 350-500, wean 45 days, vacc, knife cut; 11 blk strs, 600, off cow, vacc, knife cut; 22 blk s&h, 375-500, off cow, 2 round vacc, open; 15 s&h, 600-700, wean, vacc; 120 blk s&h, 450-650, vacc, knife cut; 10 blk s&h, 450-650, home raise, wean 4 weeks; 42 s&h, 750-850, long wean, all vacc, off rye; 23 blk s&h, 500-525, wean Feb.23, weaning vacc, open, bunk & hot wire broke; 115 blk/red s&h, 500-550, home raise, vacc, Judd ranch sired, Dec. vacc; 120 blk strs, 850-900, off rye, no grain/silage; 30 blk/red s&h, 450-600, home raise, 1 round vacc, open; 28 s&h, 400-550, home raise, wean 45 days; 71 s&h, 400-600, home raise, wean 30 days; plus more by sale time.

Early Consignments Special Cow Sale

Tuesday, April 15 - 11 a.m start time

• Bulls: 14, 13-18 month old, 4 charX, 4 blk/red angusX, 6 purebred red angus; 1 red ang.X, yearling semen checked; 4 yearling Hereford hfr bulls, semen checked; 3 2 year old blk sim/angusX, virgin bulls, semen & trich checked; 1 red short horn, 4 year old, semen & trich checked, poured, vacc; 2 reg. angus 2 year old, trich & semen checked; plus more at sale time.

• Bred Heifers: 45 blk hfrs, fall bred, bred Scheilbern lbw bulls, 925-1000lbs, pelvic- 144cm or bigger, OCHV'd, Libro-lepto; plus more by sale time.

• Heifer Pairs: 25+25 red hfr pairs, calves 1-3month; 5+5 balancer hfr pairs; 30+30 blk/bwf hfr pairs, OCHV'd, John McCurry angus sired; 5+5 blk hfr pairs, purebred, bred son of Tahoe, low birth weight; plus more by sale time.

• Replacement Heifers: 100 blk ang. hfrs, home raise, pelvic checked, OCHV'd, Extra fancy; 60 red/blk ang. hfrs, OCHV'd, pelvic exam, pre-breeding vacc; 25 purebred angus hfrs, 900#s, open, OCHV'd; plus more by sale time.

• Cows/Cow Pairs: 150 blk/red ang. fall bred cows; 30 blk/red ang. fall bred cows, 4-6years, bred sim/ang.; 40 blk 3-5 years, fall cows, bred Gerlach ang. bull, calve Aug.15 for 70 days; 50+50 red/rwf fall pairs, 3-N-1, fancy, worked, bred to Gardner bulls- sons of Sunrise & Sunbeam; 80 blk fall cows, 3-4 years, Sept. calvers; 100 mostly blk/red ang. fall cows, 5-older, bred blk Gardner ang. bull; 45 blk fall bred young cows; 40 blk/red cows, bred ang., home raise, 3-older; 30+30 pairs, 2-5years; 10 bred cows; 15+15 older pairs; 60 blk/red/char cows, 3-7 years, NexGen red ang. bred sim/ang.; 40+40 pairs, 6-older, local origin, calves 100-350#s; 50+50 pairs, ND origin cows, 3-4 years, calves born March, Al to Gardner Hometown, clean up Frost char bull; 40 blk 3 year old fall bred cows; 40 blk 5-8 years, fall bred cows; 3+3 young pairs; 15 ang. cows, 5-9 years, bred Green Garden, early fall calvers; 13 red ang. 3 years, Pelton red ang. sired, bred Diamond H red ang. bulls, calve late Aug. poured, vacc; 20+20 blk pairs, 4 years, calves born March; 10 blk cows, bred to Son of Stucky Exponential, maternal & high growth; 5 fall bred cows, 4-5years; 3+3 4-5 years, spring pairs; 5+5 blk/bwf solid mouth pairs; 5 bred cows; 5+5 blk angus pairs, 6-9 years, calves 1 months old; plus more by sale time.

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The Northeast Quarter (NE ¼) and the North Half of the Northwest Quarter (N ½ NW ¼) of Section Twenty-eight (28), Township Ten (10) South, Range Nine (9) West of the 6th P.M. in Lincoln County, Kansas

AND

An undivided one-sixth interest in and to the Northwest Quarter (NW/4) and the North Half of the Southwest Quarter (N/2 SW/4) and the South Half of the Northeast Quarter (S/2 NE/4) of Section Eight (8), and all that part of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NW/4 NE/4) of Section Eight (8), Township Eleven (11) South, Range Nine (9) West of the 6th P.M. in Lincoln County, Kansas, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Commencing at the Northwest Corner at the Northeast Quarter of said Section Eight (8), Thence East on the Section Line Seventy-six (76) rods; thence South Eighty (80) rods to a stone; Thence West Seventy-six (76) rods to a stone on the half section line; thence North on the half section line Eighty (80) rods to the place of beginning, containing in all One Hundred Eighteen (118) acres, more or less; AND a tract of land in the Southeast Quarter (SE/4) of Section Eight (8) described as follows: Beginning at the Northwest corner of the Southeast Quarter (SE/4) of Section Eight (8), Thence South on the half section line Thirteen hundred fifty-three (1353) feet to the South bank of Spillman Creek; Thence in a generally Northeasterly direction around the South bank of Spillman Creek; Thence in a generally Northeasterly direction around the South bank of Spillman Creek to a point One hundred fifty-eight (158) feet due South of the North line of the SE/4 of Section 8, Township 11 South, Range 9 West, to a point in the middle of Spillman Creek; Thence North to the North bank of Spillman Creek; Thence along the North bank of Spillman Creek in a Southeasterly direction to a point where the North bank of Spillman Creek joins the West bank of Bacon Creek; Thence along the West bank of Bacon Creek in a Northerly direction to a point on the North line of the Southeast Quarter of Section Eight (8), Township Eleven (11) South, Range Nine (9) West Twenty hundred eighteen and one-half (2018 1/2) feet due East of the Northwest corner of the Southeast Quarter of Section 8, Township 11 South, Range 9 West; Thence West along the North line of the Southeast Quarter Section Eight (8), Township Eleven (11) South, Range Nine (9) West, Twenty hundred eighteen and one-half (2018 1/2) feet to the place of beginning, said tract containing thirty-two and three-fourths (32 3/4) acres more or less.

and all property, real and personal, or interests therein, owned by decedent at the time of death; and you are hereby required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before April 21, 2025, at 1:30 o'clock p.m., in the City of Lincoln, Lincoln County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said Petition.

Dedra A. Wehrman, Petitioner

Curtis A. Frasier
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Attorney for Petitioner

Legal Notice

(First Published in Lincoln Sentinel-Republican on Wednesday, April 9, 2025)

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF

SPILLMAN CREEK WATERSHED JOINT

DISTRICT No. 43, REVISED

Notice is hereby given to all qualified voters of Spillman Creek Watershed Joint District No. 43, Lincoln, Mitchell, Russell and Osborne Counties, Kansas, that the Annual Meeting of said Watershed District will be held at Sylvan Grove City Hall, Sylvan Grove, Kansas on April 23, 2025, at 8:00 P.M.

The business to come before the meeting will be the election of two directors to fill the vacancy of the director whose term expires, report of the financial condition and activities in the district, and such other matters of general business that may be properly brought before the directors.

Jared Sulsar, President of the Board

PUBLIC NOTICE

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Lincoln County

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)

Tier II Hazardous Materials Reporting and Public Access Information

The Lincoln County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC), in accordance with the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA), is responsible for developing emergency response plans and maintaining information on hazardous chemicals stored within the county.

Facilities that store hazardous chemicals above threshold quantities are required to submit Tier II reports annually by March 1st to the LEPC, the Kansas Division of Emergency Management (KDEM), and the local fire districts and departments.

These reports help emergency responders plan for incidents involving hazardous materials and ensure public safety.

Members of the public may review the emergency response plan, hazardous chemical inventory reports, and other LEPC documents by contacting:

Lincoln County Emergency Management
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Email: lcem@lincolncoks.gov

The LEPC encourages public involvement and welcomes participation from individuals, businesses, and community groups who wish to contribute to countywide emergency preparedness.

Legal Notice

(First Published in Lincoln Sentinel-Republican on Wednesday, April 2, 2025)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF LINCOLN COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of)
) Case No. LC-2025-PR-000007
Tamara L. Newcom, deceased)

NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

(Petition Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

TO THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on **March 21, 2025**, a Petition was filed in this Court by Jonathan M. Murdock, surviving son of Tamara L. Newcom, deceased, requesting that Daniel K. Diederich be appointed as Administrator, without bond; and that Daniel K. Diederich be granted Letters of Administration.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before **Monday, May 19, 2025, at 10:00 A.M.**, in this Lincoln County District Court, Lincoln, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate within four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

Jonathan M. Murdock
PETITIONER

DANIEL K. DIEDERICH #11540
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Legal Notice

(First Published in Lincoln Sentinel-Republican on Wednesday, March 26, 2025)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF LINCOLN COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF)
Case No. LC-2025-PR-000006
ANDREW K. OBERMUELLER, DECEASED)
Title to Real Estate Involved

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a petition was filed in said Court by Laurel Grace Obermueller, an heir of Andrew K. Obermueller, deceased, praying that the descent be determined with respect to the real property interest in and to the following described real estate:

The West One Hundred and Fifty Feet (150') of the North Half of Lot Three (3) in Block Thirty (30) in the City of Lincoln Center, Kansas, according to the recorded plat thereof.

and all other property, or interests therein, owned by the decedent at the time of his death; and that such property and all personal property owned by the decedent at the time of death be assigned pursuant to the laws of intestate succession.

You are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before April 21, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. in the City of Lincoln, Lincoln County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said Petition.

Laurel Grace Obermueller
Petitioner

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Lincoln High School Boys Track Team: Back row (L-R): Ben Bell, Matthew Schale, and Kaven Jones. Middle row: Evan Voeltz, Xavier Miller and Jeremiah Miller. Front row: Easton Good, Austin Ahring, Nicholas Koster and Jonathan Bell. *(Photo by Jenna Farris)*



Lincoln High School Girls Track Team: Back row (L-R): Ivey Sheldon, Izabell Dail, Chloe Helus, Tennyson Donley and Lily Behrens. Middle row (L-R): Kaylee Obermueller, Ember Larson, Ethney Sheldon and Olivia Dail. Front row (L-R): Ashton Lyne, Hazel Metz and Kimberly Helus. *(Photo by Jenna Farris)*



Lincoln Junior High School Track Team: Front Row (L to R): Ezra Nelson, Tatum Wolf , Lyle Hair, Layne Nelson, Brianna Westerman, Chloe Koster, Olivia Borst, Leilani Holeman, Adrian Rathbun, Conor Schneider, and Gabriel Perez. Second Row (L to R): Sloan McReynolds- Baetz, Kaitlyn Heinze, Emily King, Hailey Buttenhoff, Levvie Adams, Kimber Gardner, Kaley Schneider, Emmalee Dail, Marissa Rosebrook, and Emily Rodriguez-Nolasco. Third Row (L to R): Nathanael Schale, Ayden Muchow, Benjamin Hull, Gavin Lopez, Dane Bates, Titus Bell, and Brock Holman. Fourth Row (L to R): Arabella Westerman, Laina Larson, Juliette Good, Jessica Meyer, Tenley Buttenhoff, Jayden Meyer, Alison Rosebrook and Hadley Wiebke. Back Row (L to R): Elijah Maddocks, Hunter Townley, Jahdiel Miller, and Owen Dyer. *(Photo by Jenna Farris)*

**HIGH SCHOOL
TRACK SCHEDULE**

4/4	Bennington Inv. @ Bennington	3:00 p.m.
4/8	St.John's - Beloit Inv. @ Mankato	3:00 p.m.
4/22	Belleville Lions Club @ Belleville	10:00 a.m.
4/25	Kaser Relays @ Osborne	3:00 p.m.
4/28	JV Tescott Invitational @ Tescott	3:00 p.m.
5/2	Beloit Relays @ Beloit	10:00 a.m.
5/6	Tescott Invitational @ Tescott	3:00 p.m.
5/9	Thompson Relays @ Lincoln	3:00 p.m.
5/15	NPL League Meet @ Mankato	3:00 p.m.
5/22	Regional Track Meet	TBD
5/30-31	State Track Meet	WSU
		TBD

**JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL
TRACK SCHEDULE**

4/3	Tescott @ Tescott	1:00 p.m.
4/10	Lakeside @ Osborne	9:30 a.m.
4/15	Grizzly Invitational @ Mankato	3:00 p.m.
4/25	Bullpup Relays @ Osborne	9:00 a.m.
5/1	Lincoln Invitational @ Lincoln	1:00 p.m.
5/7	St. John's Invitational @ Mankato	9:00 a.m.
5/13	Pike Trail League @ Mankato	1:00 p.m.

**HIGH SCHOOL
GOLF SCHEDULE**

4/10	vs St. John's-Tipton @ Glasco	4:00 p.m.
4/17	vs Chase County @ Cottonwood Falls	1:00 p.m.
4/22	NPL Golf @ Downs	1:00 p.m.
4/29	vs Rock Hills @ Mankato	1:00 p.m.
5/6	vs Lakeside @ Downs	1:00 p.m.
5/13	vs Tipton @Tipton	10:30 a.m.

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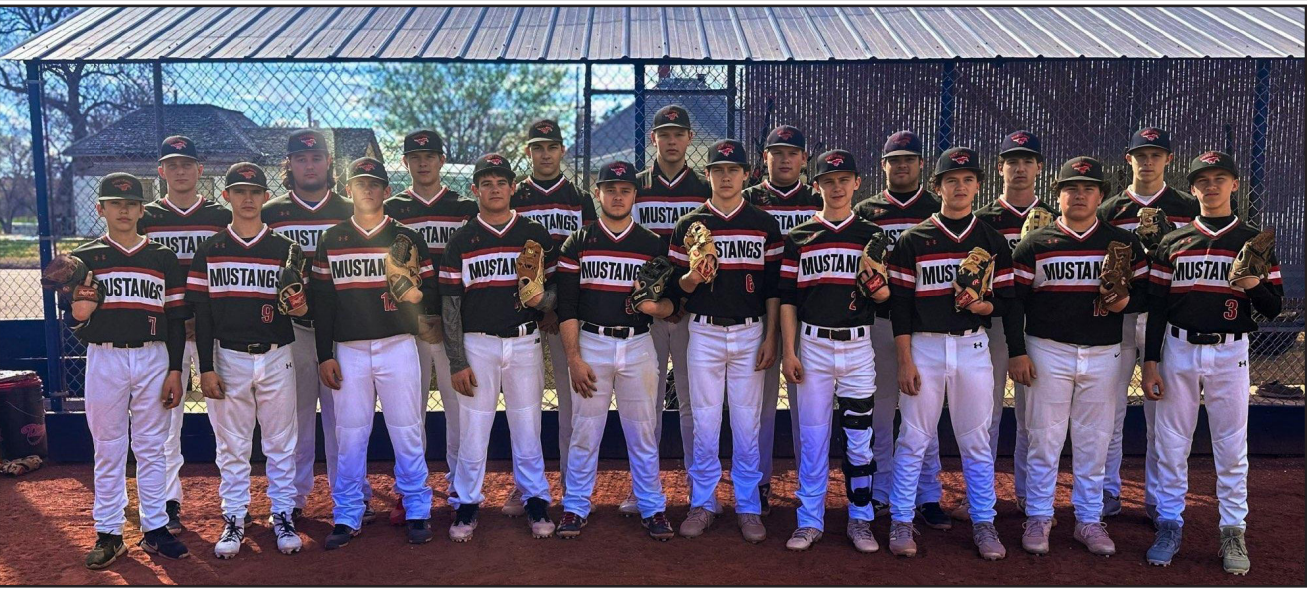
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Sylvan-Lucas/Lincoln Boys Baseball Team: Back row (L-R): Levi Bates, Brody Shearer, Treydon Herskowitz, Braden Nelson, Cooper Rathbun, Isaac Shultz, Tristan Keith, Ashton Bennison, and Riley Obermueller. Front row(L-R): Deven Paksek, Kaden Schneider, Conner Charvat, Cody Charvat, Deagen Walters, Caleb Meier, Gage Meier, Tucker Mullender, Garrett Bohnen, and Cole Schneider. *(Photo by Marmie Schultz)*

SYLVAN-LUCAS/LINCOLN
HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Event	Location	Time
3/28	St. Mary's Academy	Lucas	4:00 p.m.
4/1	Republic County	Lucas	4:00 p.m.
4/7	Blue Valley- Randolph	Bennington	3:00 p.m.
4/10	Beloit	Lucas	4:00 p.m.
4/15	Russell	Russell	4:00 p.m.
4/22	Ellis	Lucas	4:00 p.m.
4/24	Kinsley	Kinsley	4:00 p.m.
4/29	Ellsworth	Ellsworth	4:00 p.m.
5/5	Minneapolis	Lucas	4:00 p.m.
5/12	Ellinwood	Lucas	4:00 p.m.
5/19-22	Regionals	TBD	TBD
5/29-30	State	TBD	TBD

SYLVAN-LUCAS
HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Event	Time
3/25	Pratt-Skyline @ Sylvan	4:00 p.m.
4/1	Republic Co. @ Sylvan	4:00 p.m.
4/3	TMP @ Sylvan	4 :00 p.m.
4/10	Beloit @ Sylvan	4:00 p.m.
4/15	Russell @ Russell	4:00 p.m.
4/17	Plainville @ Plainville	4:00 p.m.
4/22	Ellis @ Sylvan	4:00 p.m.
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4/29	Ness City @ Ness City	4:00 p.m.
5/5	Minneapolis @ Sylvan	4:00 p.m.
5/12	Ellinwood @ Sylvan	4:00 p.m.
5/19-22	Regional @ TBD	TBD
5/29-30	State @ TBD	TBD

SYLVAN-LUCAS
HIGH SCHOOL TRACK SCHEDULE

Date	Event	Time
4/8	St. John's-Beloit Invitational @ Makato	3:00 p.m.
4/15	Stockton Invitational @ Stockton	3:00 p.m.
4/22	Plainville Invitational @ Plainville	3:00 p.m.
4/25	Kaser Relays @ Osborne	3:00 p.m.
4/28	Tescott (JV) @ Tescott	3:00 p.m.
5/2	Beloit Relays @ Beloit	10:00 a.m.
5/6	Tescott Invitational @ Tescott	3:00 p.m.
5/9	Thompson Relays @ Lincoln	3:00 p.m.
5/15	NPL Meet @ Rock Hills	3:00 p.m.
5/22-23	Regional @ TBD	TBD
5/30	State Track @ Wichita	TBD
5/31	State Track @ Wichita	TBD

SYLVAN-LUCAS
JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL TRACK SCHEDULE

Date	Event	Time
4/3	Tescott @ Tescott	1:00 p.m.
4/10	Lakeside @ Osborne	9:30 a.m.
4/15	Stockton Invitational @ Stockton	10:00 a.m.
4/23	Plainville Invitational @ Plainville	10:30 a.m.
5/1	Lincoln @ Lincoln	1:00 p.m.
5/7	St. John's Beloit @ Mankato	9:00 a.m.
5/13	PTL Meet @ Mankato	1:00 p.m.



Sylvan-Lucas Girls Softball Team: (L-R): Manager Maddie Combs, Josie Svaty, Mina Pahls, Kenzley Frederking, Olivia Crawford, Anna Feldkamp, Hannah Pahls, Brooklyn Thielen, Lily Pancost, Harlee Nelson, Montana Griffiths, Merzadys Gustus, and Manager Macie Ortiz. *(Photo by Melissa Wacker)*



Lucas-Sylvan Girls Track Team: Back row (L-R): Maggie Labertew, Morgan Finkenbinder, Serenity Steinike, Abby Dlabal, and Hallie Thielen. Front Row (L-R): Dominique Davidson, Codie Huehl, Jayden Meitler, LeeAllie Wacker, Breckyn Gosvener, and Faith Soukup. (not pictured Belle Wehrman and Chloe Balluch) *(Photo by Marmie Schultz)*



Lucas-Sylvan Boys Track Team: Back row (L-R): Eli Schultz, Jacob Oltean, Zayne Maupin, Tevis Dohl, Cade Brokes, Lane Brokes, Liam Goss, Matthew Craven, and Colton Covieo. Front row (L-R): Kendale Felio, Caleb Dlabal, Casey Janssen, Cai Labertew, Vance Dohl, Harlan Pancost, Carter Johnson, Tucker Denning, and Cooper Johnson. (not pictured Asher Hernandez) *(Photo by Marmie Schultz)*

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Tescott High School Boys Track Team: Front Row (L-R): Brody Hurtig, Miles Challans, Reid Oetting, Carter Phelps, Jayce Krone, and Brody Thompson. Middle Row: Konnor VanDoren, Ayden Thompson, Charlie Phelps, Ben Case, Joey Stirn, and Jarrett Trow. Back Row: Austin Miller, Cade Ellekson, Eli Gipe, James Dickerman, and Kaden Budreau. *(Courtesy photo)*

HIGH SCHOOL
TRACK SCHEDULE

4/8	Beloit-St. John's Inv.	3:00 p.m.
4/15	Stockton Inv.	3:00 p.m.
4/22	Belleville Invitational	10:00 a.m.
4/25	Solomon Invitational	3:00 p.m.
4/28	Tescott JV Meet	3:00 p.m.
5/2	Beloit Relays	10:00 a.m.
5/6	Tescott Invitational	3:00 p.m.
5/9	Lincoln Thompson Relays	3:00 p.m.
5/15	NPL Meet @ Mankato	3:00 p.m.
5/22 or 23	Regional	TBD
5/30-31	State	TBD



JUNIOR HIGH
TRACK SCHEDULE

4/3	Tescott Inv.	1:00 p.m.
4/10	Central Plains Inv.	1:00 p.m.
4/17	Victoria Inv.	1:00 p.m.
4/23	Fleming Inv.	10:30 a.m.
5/1	Lincoln Inv.	1:00 p.m.
5/7	St. John's Inv.	9:00 a.m.
5/13	PTL @ Mankato	1:00 p.m.



Tescott High School Girls Track Team. Front Row (L-R): Nevaeh Stanley, Makenna Challans, and Shennise Simmons. Middle Row: Maddy Kohart, Aerial Jorgensen, Susan Hunley, Jady Krone, and Elizabeth Wenthe. Back Row: Breonna Peterson, Caitlin Stirn, and Alison Adams. *(Courtesy photo)*



Tescott Junior High Boys Track Team: Front Row (L-R): Austen Krone, Marshall Challans, Nathaniel Beauchamp, Landyn Zachgo, Case Cramton. Middle: Bradee Fern, Kyle Nelson, Graison Zachgo, Jake Castillo, and Ethan Adams. Back: Coyer Cramton, Parker Graves, Brock Hurtig, Silas Sherman, and Cooper Peters. *(Courtesy photo)*



Tescott Junior High Girls Track Team: Front Row (L-R): Nataya Valeka, Cahya Beauchamp and Ashtyn Kohart. Middle Row: Caroline Yates, Stinna Hunley, Lexi Thompson, Mara Stanley, and Adi Aita. Back Row: Alaya, Stanley, Hailey Thornhill, Aubree Weis, Zuhrya Aita, Aubrey Adams, and Gracie Miller. *(Courtesy photo)*

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