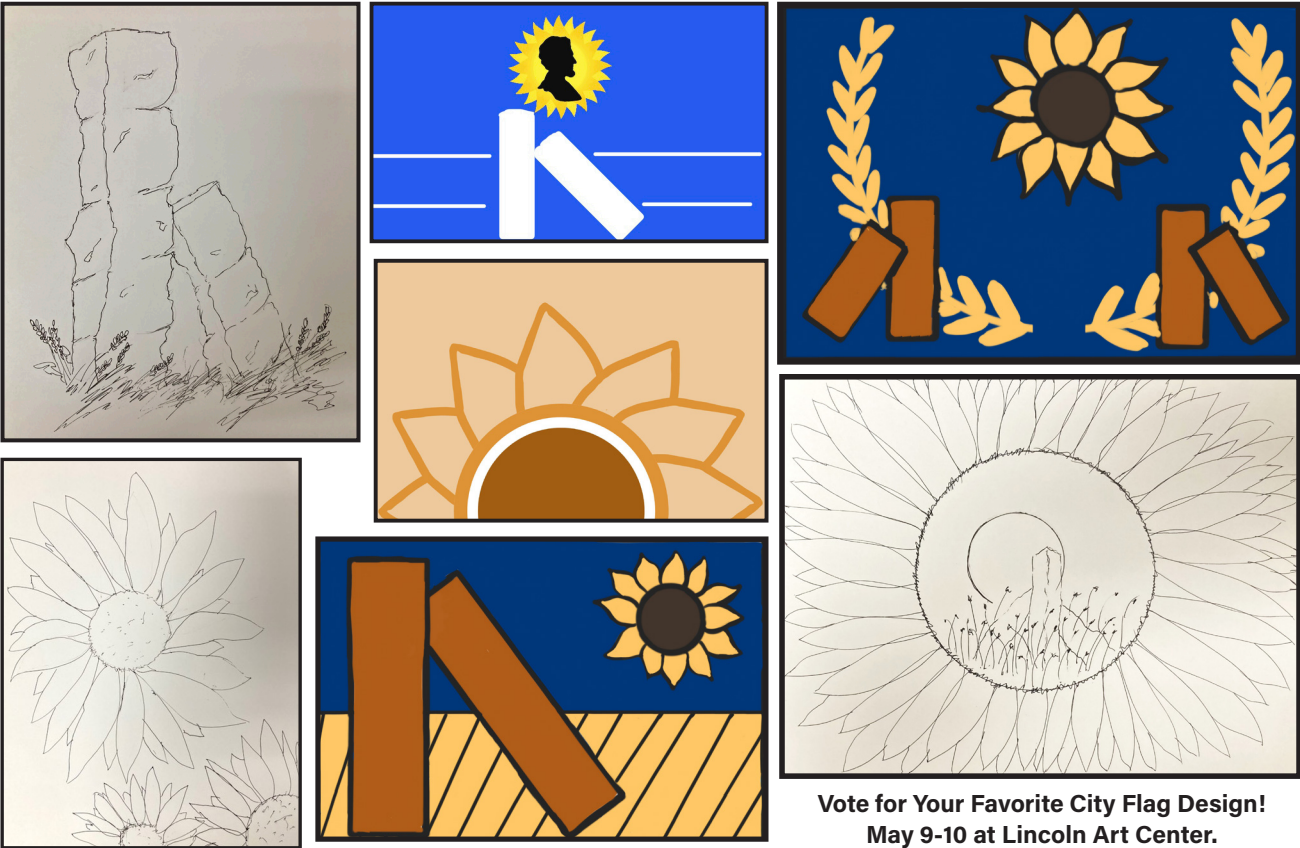


# Voting for Lincoln City Flag begins May 9



**By Jyll Phillips, Lincoln-Sentinel**

The Lincoln Center Improvement Committee has accepted seven entries for the city flag contest. The voting will begin May 9 at the Lincoln Art Center.

Why a city flag?

Flags help provide identity for the municipality as well as the local citizens. Flags represent the people and their community, their history, symbolism and values. Flags unify the citizens as a source of pride and unity. Flags can represent a community's past, present and future.

We have a history when it comes to flag making - our own Lincoln Center citizen, Hazel Avery created the Kansas state flag!

Flags serve as symbols that promote a community, its businesses, and its people.

In choosing a design, LCIC accepted entries from anyone who wanted to submit a design. Residents of Lincoln can vote on their favorite flag design during designated times to ensure community involvement in the final decision.

The voting will be "blind" in that the artist will not be revealed until the final decision is made and the flag unveiled publicly at the Post Rock Festival, 2025.

All city flag designs submitted will be featured in a showcase at the Lincoln Art Center. The public is invited to view the designs and cast their vote for their favorite city flag design. The top three winning designs will

See "Flag" page 6

## "Two Generations, Three Artists" to open at Lincoln Art Center



**"The Card Players" by Barbara-Waterman Peters is among the original works opening at the Lincoln Art Center May 9.** (Courtesy Photo)

The Lincoln Art Center will feature an exhibit of selected works by Barbara Waterman-Peters, Painting; Larry Peters, Ceramics, and Trudy Waterman, Photography, all of Topeka, Kansas. The opening reception at the Lincoln Art Center will be Friday May 9 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. with the exhibit continuing

through June 28, 2025.

Barbara Waterman-Peters received a BFA from Washburn University, her MFA from Kansas State University and a Doctor of Fine Arts from Washburn University. She formerly taught at Washburn and Kansas State University as well as Lassen Community College in California. Her work has been included in more than 350 solo, group and juried exhibits. She is represented by several galleries including Jones in Kansas City, SNW in Manhattan and Ruben Saunders in Wichita. She also owned STUDIO 831 in NOTO from 2010-2024.

Larry Peters earned his BFA from Washburn University and an MFA from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, IL. He was the Gallery Director of the Alice C. Sabatini Gallery, Topeka & Shawnee County Public Library and curator of Permanent Collections from 1975-2003. In 1990 he was presented with the Kansas Governor's Art Award. His work is in the collections of the Mulvane Art Museum, the Alice C. Sabatini Gallery, Emprise Bank, and private collections in several states.

Trudy Waterman has a BS from Kansas State University and has been a resident of Nebraska since 20006. Her photograph education includes studies in black and white film and a study of master photographers. Her award-winning photographs have been included in national and international juried shows and solo and group exhibitions and reside in both public and private collections.

The designs for the city flag will be a display Friday and Saturday, May 9-10, for the public to vote for their favorite design.

The artists will speak at 6:15 and visit with guests, and refreshments will be served.

The Lincoln Art Center is open Tuesday - Friday Noon to 4:00 and Saturday 9:00 - Noon. For more information, visit our Facebook page, or website [Lincolncartcenter.org](http://Lincolncartcenter.org).

## Experience History in the Making



**The Vonada quarry is offering a limestone post splitting demonstration on Saturday, May 24 at 10 a.m. and Sunday, May 25 at 2:00 p.m. weather permitting. From the junction of K18 and K181, the quarry is located three miles north to Oak Drive and two miles west. There will be no charge for this demonstration. Using the techniques honed by our ancestors, the limestone work is not only indicative of our area, but is an integral part of Lincoln County's heritage.** (Courtesy Photo)

## Mrs. Yohe's Tea Party a "big" success



Mrs. Yohe's annual tea party was Saturday, May 3. The dining room and parlor were filled with guests proudly wearing their best tea party hats! Vicki Hook and Carol Stegman, both of Lincoln, received prizes for their hats.

While the tea and refreshments were tasty and well-received, the highlight of the event was a presentation by Indian Creek Historical Fashions.

Indian Creek fashions are

historically accurate to each period or change in trends through the years. Each piece is historically accurate, made on treadle sewing machines with era-specific fabrics. Their unwavering commitment to historical accuracy has garnered widespread recognition.

They have developed living history programs celebrated for their authenticity and educational value, and they have been featured at schools, National Parks,

State Parks, museums, historical societies, galleries, and private events. These programs encompass a wide range of activities, including Victorian dressing demonstrations, Dutch oven cooking, historical reenactments, and traditional children's games.

Saturday's presentation entitled "Ladies Got Back" explored the bustle and how it changed through the years. The presentation was interactive, including choosing

a volunteer to dress in historical clothing, teaching the ladies how their ancestors dealt with perspiration, sitting in a bustle and other things we do not discuss in polite company. Did you know it was common for a woman to wear seven layers of clothing? With no air conditioning!

The program was both educational and entertaining, leaving the audience happy they live in 2025!



### Did You Know? The Caesar Salad Was Born in Tijuana, Not Italy!



You may think the Caesar salad comes from Italy, but it was actually created in Tijuana, Mexico by Italian immigrant and restaurateur Caesar Cardini. On the evening of July 4, 1924, Cardini, the owner of Caesar's Place, was under pressure to serve an influx of Californians who were looking for a break from Prohibition. On the fly, he whipped up a salad using romaine lettuce and whatever ingredients he had, including garlic-flavored oil, eggs, Parmesan cheese, lemons and Worcestershire sauce. Word travelled fast and the Caesar salad became a sensation from coast to coast.

### Cash Grain

Corn.....	\$4.17
Milo.....	\$3.57
Soybeans.....	\$9.62
Wheat.....	\$4.88

Cash prices courtesy of  
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Community Calendar

Thursday, May 8

Lincoln: TNGR Post Rock Mountain Bike Club Group Ride @ Mettner Field  
USD 298: 6pm - JH Awards Banquet; 7:30pm - HS Athletic Awards  
USD 299: 8:30am 4-6th grade Vonada/Ramo Decker; 7pm JH/HS Spring Program

Friday, May 9

Lincoln: 8 am Mental Health First Aid for Rural Communities @ Lincoln County Ambulance meeting space; 11 am Hot Dog Day @ Citizens State Bank & Trust Co.  
USD 298: 3pm - HS Track Thompson Relays; Preschool Last Day  
USD 299: ACT Registration Deadline; 1pm Hannah Pahls FHSU Twirling Signing; 3pm HS Track Thompson Relays @ Lincoln

Saturday, May 10

Lincoln: Sip & Shop at Seirer's; 2nd Saturday  
USD 298: 10am LHS Class of 2025 Graduation  
USD 299: Graduation 2 p.m.

Sunday, May 11

Monday, May 12

USD 298: 4pm - Baseball vs Ellinwood @ Lucas; 6 pm Board Mtg  
USD 299: 6th Grade Orientation to HS; All day FFA Greenhand Ag Mechanics; All day School Physicals; 4pm BSB vs. Ellinwood @ Lucas; 4pm SFB vs. Ellinwood @ Sylvan; 7:30pm Board of Ed Mtg

Tuesday, May 13

Lincoln: 11:30 am Walk on your Lunch Break! @ Mettner Field  
USD 299: K-2 Zoo (GB); 1pm PTL JH League Track @ Rock Hills

Wednesday, May 14

USD 298: Last Day of School/Students Dismissed @ Noon; Baseball Regional - TBD (through May 22); 8:15-10:00 am - K-2nd Grade Field Day; 9:30-11:50 am Grades 3-5 Field Day; USD 299: 4th and 5th Field Trip Cheyenne Bottoms; BSB Regionals @ TBD; 7pm Junior High Awards Night

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.

100th Anniversary Celebrated

Lincoln Celebrating 100th Anniversary of the First Flight of the Kansas State Flag for 4th of July Parade

The Lincoln County Historical Society is hosting a special July 4th celebration of the first Kansas state flag, as we know it today, made by Hazel Avery. It was flown for the first time in Lincoln's Independence Day Parade in 1925, making this year the 100th anniversary of its first flight.

While working to have a proclamation signed by the governor declaring July 4, 2025, as Hazel Avery Day, the historical society plans a short parade starting at 10 a.m. from the Lincoln County Courthouse, 216 E. Lincoln Ave, to the Lincoln Art Center, 126 E. Lincoln Ave, which was the location of Avery's "Ladies Ready to Wear" dress shop, where the original flag was made. The public is invited to participate in the uniquely Kansas celebration, as well as local and state officials. The parade will continue from the art center to the museum, 216 W. Lincoln Ave., for a flag raising ceremony. Following the parade, the museum and the art center will be open in the afternoon.

Hazel Avery was an industrious milliner, seamstress and dressmaker, who undertook a personal mission to design and manufacture a flag to represent the state of Kansas, possibly inspired by contests following the state's semicentennial in 1911 and controversy over the final state flag design to be flown at the nation's capital with other state flags.

Avery's design for the Kansas State flag, completed in early 1925, was unaltered until the 1961 Kansas Centennial when "Kansas" was added. The flag was officially adopted by the Kansas legislature on March 23, 1927, and was flown for the first time, in official capacity, at Fort Riley for the troops.

**About Hazel Avery**  
Cora "Hazel" Herman (daughter of Fredrick William Herman Sr. and Susannah Melvina Pace) was born December 20, 1892, in Lincoln, Lincoln County, Kansas, the youngest of 8 children.

On July 31, 1913, in Salina, Saline County, Kansas, at the courthouse, she was married to Charles Dilli-

son Avery (son of Dillison Sunderland Avery and Lillian Ann "Lilly" Brown). Charles and Hazel had one son, Charles Herman Avery, born April 4, 1915, in Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri.

Sometime in the 1920's Hazel and Charles divorced, and she and their son returned to Lincoln. She died unexpectedly on September 26, 1943, and is laid to rest in the Lincoln City Cemetery, Lincoln, Kansas.

**About the Lincoln County Historical Society**  
The Lincoln County Historical Society was organized in 1940, and 85 years later, manages multiple historical properties, including the museum complex at 216 W. Lincoln Ave, with the Kyne House and Topsy School, and the Marshall-Yohe House at 350 S. 2nd, open by appointment for tours and for reservations. The museum has a research room, open to family historians for genealogy research, and a Frank Cooper room, dedicated to the famous artist. Contact Director Dana Walters at 785-524-9997 with inquiries.

Cooper Rathbun awarded

VFW Post #7928 Memorial Scholarship



At the recent Lincoln High School Academics Banquet, senior Cooper Rathbun was awarded the VFW Post #7928 Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship was presented by Bud DeArvil, representing the local Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #7928, in recognition of Rathbun's academic excellence, leadership, and commitment to community service.

Rathbun, set to graduate this May from Lincoln Junior-Senior High School, has demonstrated outstanding dedication both in the classroom and in extracurricular activities. His achievements reflect the values upheld by the VFW, honoring students who exhibit patriotism, responsibility, and a strong work ethic.

Western Kansas farmer reflects on conserving

playas after decades of farming them

After more than 50 years of farming across the playa-filled plains of western Kansas, Mike O'Brate is seeing his land with fresh eyes — and it's thanks to conservation.

The longtime Finney County producer has spent his career working on the ground his grandfather first farmed in 1948, a legacy that now spans three generations. But recently, O'Brate made the decision to transition 600 acres of playas — shallow, rain-fed recharge wetlands — from crop production into conservation, calling it "the best thing I ever did."

"I can't farm that land for what they're paying me. But it's not just the money," O'Brate said. "It's non-productive ground. It drowns out every year. And now, I've got wildlife coming back. I don't have to fertilize and replant the same wet patches year after year. It just made sense."

After years of watching certain low spots in his fields cycle through drought and flood, O'Brate began to see them less as a nuisance and more of a natural part of the landscape worth protecting. Playas are vital, temporary wetlands that provide important habitat for wildlife and are a primary source of recharge to the Ogallala Aquifer, a critical water source for western Kansas. These shallow, clay-lined depressions collect runoff from the surrounding area, filtering out contaminants and directing water underground.

O'Brate enrolled in a 15-year playa conservation program that offered a competitive annual payment per acre. Even though the economics supported the choice, O'Brate emphasized the environmental impact — and the timing — as the deciding factors.

"I was ready to slow down a little," he said. "I'd seen other people enroll. Ducks Unlimited helped a lot. I even got connected with them through the Governor's Water Conference. The more I learned, the more it felt right."

As a board member of the Groundwater Management District No. 3 (GMD3) for the past 27 years, O'Brate has a unique view of the region's water challenges. He's seen the Ogallala Aquifer decline year after year, and he believes playa restoration offers a long-term tool in the state's water conservation strategy.

"Those lakes may take 30 years to soak in, but they will recharge our aquifer," O'Brate said. "You've got to start somewhere."

O'Brate has already seen signs of strain. Wells that once recovered over winter, now stay low. Some of his land will likely come out of irrigation in the next few years and return to dryland cropping.

As the state water conservation goals steer producers to work toward "Q-stable" — the amount of

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Lincoln Senior Center

MENU

Monday, May 12

Sloppy Joe w/Bun, Baked Beans, Potato Wedges, Apricots, Cookie Bar & Milk

Tuesday, May 13

Chicken Noodle Casserole w/Peas & Carrots, Stewed Tomatoes, Five Cup Salad, Bread & Milk

Wednesday, May 14

Taco Salad, Rice, Refried Beans, Hot Spiced Apples & Milk

Thursday, May 15

Polish Sausage Casserole, Italian Veggies, Salad, Fruit, Roll & Milk

Friday, May 16

Chicken Tenders, Potatoes & Gravy, Mixed Veggies, Fresh Fruit, Roll & Milk

Menu is subject to change.

Call 785-524-4738 before 9:30 a.m. to reserve a lunch.

The suggested donation for people over 60 or with current paperwork \$4.00. For people without paperwork or under 60, meals are \$7.00, mandatory.

Lincoln City-Wide Garage Sales

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### OBITUARY



**Dale Andersen**  
**Nov. 9, 1930 – Feb. 13, 2025**

Dale Martin Andersen passed away on February 13, 2025, leaving behind a legacy of love, strength, and unwavering devotion to family. Born on a farm in Denmark, Kansas during the Great Depression, Dale's early life was shaped by hard-ship—but also by the values of hard work, resilience, and the support of his loving parents, Axel and Mary, and by a close-knit extended family. He worked on the farm, went to

a one-room schoolhouse until he went to Lincoln High School where he graduated in 1948. In 1949, he married Lleanna Rhudy of Lincoln, Kansas. They moved to Nebraska while Dale worked as a Surveyor's Aid, and he later joined the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War, serving from November 1951 to November 1955. During that time, Lleanna joined him in Illinois and upstate New York, where they began their family. Their sons Jack and Barry were born there, though tragically, Barry passed away at birth. After the Air Force, Dale worked full-time at Boeing while earning his degree in Electrical Engineering in 1961. He also helped on his parents' farm during harvest time. The family later moved to California, where Dale enjoyed a fulfilling career at General Dynamics. Together, he and Lleanna raised their children—Jack, Terri, and Scott—with love and dedication, creating a life filled with friendships, camping, fishing, dirt bike riding, and

frequent visits to family in Kansas. Dale retired in 1992 as Director of the Standard Missile Division, and he and Lleanna settled in the Reno, Nevada area. There, they built a wonderful community with their neighbors and spent their time with loved ones and traveling in their motorhome, including visits to family and trips with their grandchildren. After Lleanna's passing in 2010, Dale found renewed companionship and joy with longtime family friend Sharon Crocker. Together, they embraced a new chapter of life, filled with travel, laughter, family, and cherished memories. Dale was a devoted and loving brother, husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend. He found joy in every chapter of his life and was especially proud of his family. Dale, you will be deeply missed and will remain in our hearts forever. A short graveside ceremony will be held at Lincoln Cemetery on May 21 at 10:00am.

## RTK launches 14th annual photography contest

### Showcasing the beauty of Kansas ranching and open spaces

The Ranchland Trust of Kansas (RTK) is excited to announce the launch of its 14th annual photography contest, inviting photographers of all ages and skill levels to capture the natural beauty and working landscapes of Kansas ranching. The contest, which opened Thursday, May 1, is open to both amateur and professional photographers. Participants are encouraged to submit images that reflect RTK's mission: *"To preserve Kansas' ranching heritage and open spaces for future generations through the conservation of working landscapes."* Photographers may submit up to five photos that highlight the diverse faces, seasons, and scenes of life on Kansas ranchland. Entries will be accepted through Thursday, September 4, 2025. Photos will be judged by a panel

that includes representatives from RTK and the Kansas Livestock Association (KLA), along with this year's special guest judge, acclaimed National Geographic photographer and Kansas native, Jim Richardson. With over 35 years of global experience, Richardson brings a distinguished eye to the competition. He and his wife, Kathy, own Small World Gallery in Lindsborg, Kansas, where his work is showcased. Winners will be selected in the following categories:

- Grand Prize
- Landscape
- Livestock
- People
- Wildflowers or Other Wildlife
- Sunrise/Sunset
- Youth (ages 5–17)
- KLA Member

- Fan Favorite (selected via Facebook voting)
- Honorable Mention

L'image, a Wichita-based photography and printing company, returns as the contest sponsor. Each category winner will receive an 8"x10" plaque mount of their winning image. The grand prize winner will choose between an 11"x14" canvas or metal print of their photo. L'image specializes in ready-to-hang displays including plaque mounting, metal prints, laminating, gallery wraps, and traditional framing, helping photographers showcase their work at its best. For official contest rules and to submit entries, visit [www.ranchlandtrustofkansas.org](http://www.ranchlandtrustofkansas.org) and navigate to the Photo Contest section under *News and Events*.

### COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

April 21, 2025  
The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met in the courthouse commission meeting room on Monday, April 21, 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: Felicia Strahm, Truette McQueen, Dale Hlad, Brett Wilkinson, Eric Wolgamot, Kelly Gourley, Carol Torkelson, and

Dennis Ray.  
Correspondence: a letter of support for the hospital's application to the Community Service Tax Credit Program; an email from the City of Lincoln regarding complaints received for the W Main St property and the N 3rd St properties; and the Lincoln County Hospital Board of Trustees monthly meeting packet. The board approved the letter of support for the Lincoln County Hospital tax credit application. County Appraiser Truette McQueen and HR Felicia Strahm requested an executive session.

Debora Smith moved to recess into executive session for ten minutes for the purpose of discussing the appraiser's office wages, 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 Appraiser Truette McQueen present, seconded by Leon Hart. Motion carried. Time in: 9:00 a.m. Time out: 9:10 a.m. The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 9:10 a.m.

Debora Smith moved to grant Michelle McVey a two-step increase from grade 15 step 8 to grade 15 step 10, of \$16.57 per hour for completing the Orion Introduction & Overview of Basic Functionality class as agreed to when approving employment, effective March 26, 2025, seconded by Leon Hart. Motion carried. Public Works Director Dale Hlad discussed available funds to pay for the OS 149 bridge replacement project. Brett Wilkinson, Kirkham Michael, presented the contract with L&M Contracting. See "COMMISSION" page 6

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<b>BARNARD UNITED METHODIST</b> Pastors Kaye & Jeff Metzler Adult Sunday School @ 10:00 am Morning Worship @ 11:00 am	<b>LINCOLN PARK MANOR CHAPEL</b> Morning Worship @ 9:30 am Afternoon Worship @ 2:30 pm
<b>BETHANY CHURCH</b> 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	<b>LINCOLN UNITED METHODIST</b> Pastors Kaye & Jeff Metzler Worship Service @ 10:30 am
<b>BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH LC-MS</b> Pastor Christopher Craig Sylvan Grove, Kansas Sunday School following Worship Sunday Worship @ 10:00 am	<b>PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH</b> Sylvan Grove, Kansas Sunday School @ 10:00 am Church @ 11:00 am
<b>BEVERLY COMMUNITY CHURCH</b> <a href="http://www.beverlycommunitychurch.org">www.beverlycommunitychurch.org</a> Pastor Toby Flaming Sunday School @ 9:30 am Morning Worship @ 10:45 am	<b>ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> 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
<b>BEVERLY UNITED METHODIST</b> Pastors Kaye & Jeff Metzler Church Service @ 9:00 am	<b>ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH</b> Father Mark Wesely, Lincoln Rectory phone: 785-524-4823 Email: <a href="mailto:stpat327@gmail.com">stpat327@gmail.com</a> Sunday Mass @ 11:00 am Sunday CCD Classes @ 9:45 am Weekday Mass: Mondays - 3:30 pm
<b>CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH</b> 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	<b>ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH LCMS</b> Pastor Don Haselhuhn Six and one-half miles south and 4 miles east of Lincoln Worship Service @ 9:00 am
<b>CULVER METHODIST CHURCH</b> Pastor Demele Eckart 401 Main Street, Culver, Ks Sunday Worship @ 9:30 am Saturday Coffee @ 8-10 am	<b>ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA</b> Pastor Rod Thompson, Tescott Worship Service @ 9:00 am
<b>DENMARK EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN COMMUNITY CHURCH, ELCA</b> Worship Service @ 10:30 am	<b>TESCOTT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> Pastor Demele Eckart Sunday School @ 10:00 am Worship @ 11:00 am
<b>FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH</b> 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	<b>TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, HUNTER</b> Pastor Matthew Schneider Hunter, Kansas Sunday School @ 9:00 am Worship Service @ 10:00 am Midweek/Confirmation Wednesdays @ 4:30 to 5:45
<b>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH</b> Pastor Carolyn Allen, Barnard Morning Worship @ 11:00 pm	<div><p><b>St. John Lutheran Church</b></p><p>Two and 1/2 miles south of Lincoln on Highway 14 Pastor Don Haselhuhn.</p><p><b>Service Times:</b> Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m.</p></div>
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Guest Editorial  
The power of commitment

A few weeks ago, I hit a milestone that seems silly but gave me a huge sense of accomplishment. I reached my goal of closing all three of my fitness rings on my watch for 365 days in a row.

Closing the rings on my watch requires standing at least one minute per hour for 12 hours a day, moving enough to burn 350 calories and exercising for at least 30 minutes a day. None of those activities are very difficult. Even together they are not that impressive. This accomplishment was about consistency. Doing any activity every single day for a year takes determination and persistence.

My original goal didn't have a timeframe in mind. I wanted to change habits to be healthier, make sure I was moving and doing a little physical activity every day. I set the goal small enough it would be hard to talk myself out of it when life got busy or I was tired.

I started by incorporating walk during my workday, taking a lap around the block a few times each day helped avoid the trap of "not having time."

As spring grew lovelier, I walked at home. We have a view with Instagram worthy sunset almost every night. In the heat I would walk at first light and enjoy sunrises. Each day passing the same crops and cows up close gave me a view of how they grew and changed in real time.

Midsummer I almost broke my streak. I arrived home after 9 p.m. on a busy day with almost no exercise minutes logged. A thunderstorm had rolled in unexpectedly. Not wanting to lose momentum, I walked for 25 minutes around all the rooms in my house, up and down the stairs and anywhere I could get 10 to 15 strides at a time. Poor KitCat, who likes to follow me around, was very confused about my strange pattern and eventually got tired and laid down.

I realized if this goal was important to me, I needed to plan better and be prepared to walk in less than ideal conditions. I got rain boots, a headlamp and various other items to take on whatever Mother Nature threw my way.

I walked in the rain, snow, heat, cold; on nights when it was pitch black and others that felt like hitting my head on the cosmos because the sky was so bright. I walked when I was tired, sick, in pain or just didn't feel like it. I walked on treadmills at hotels, interstate rest

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400-500	\$485.00-497.50	400-500	\$434.00-445.00
500-600	\$419.00-430.00	500-600	\$380.00-392.00
600-700	\$364.00-375.00	600-700	\$318.00-327.00
700-800	\$327.00-338.00	700-800	\$275.00-286.00
800-900	\$285.00-295.00	800-900	\$266.00-277.35
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THE LEOPARD LEGACY- BY NIKKI FLINN

A Celebration of Change and Possibility



Nikki Flinn  
Superintendent  
USD 298

As the final school bell rings and graduation caps prepare to take flight, it's clear — something big is happening. Graduation is more than a ceremony. It's a powerful, emotional milestone that marks the end of an unforgettable chapter in a student's life.

As students put on their caps and gowns, they carry with them years of memories, growth, and hard work. It's a celebration not just of academic achievement, but of perseverance, friendships formed, and the personal challenges overcome along the way.

Yet while the moment is filled with pride and joy, it also signals something deeper, 'change'. For many, graduation is the first major transi-

tion in life. The routines that defined high school, the familiar hallways, daily schedules, and lifelong friends, open the door to the unknown. Whether heading to college, joining the workforce, enlisting in the military, or exploring other paths, graduates are stepping into uncharted territory.

And let's be honest, change can be scary. It brings uncertainty and forces us to let go of what is comfortable. But it is also necessary for growth. Like the first flower blooms of spring, change is often the beginning of something new and beautiful. It offers the chance to discover strengths we didn't know we had, meet people who broaden our perspectives, and pursue passions that define our purpose.

There is reward in that risk. Graduates who embrace change with courage and curiosity often find that life

opens doors they never expected. New environments can lead to new opportunities; education, internships, careers, travel, and personal discoveries. While the path ahead might feel daunting, it is also full of potential. Each step forward builds resilience, confidence, and a clearer sense of self.

So as families cheer from the stands and students toss their caps into the air, let this milestone be more than a goodbye, let it be a welcome. A welcome to growth, to change, and to the exciting, unpredictable journey ahead. Graduation is not the end of learning or dreaming. It's the beginning of what comes next!

Congratulations Class of 2025! Go take on the world. Be excited about the adventures ahead and don't worry about change. It is simply a new door, a new opportunity to welcome into your lives.

LINCOLN - PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE

by Cindy Entriken

Lincoln's revolution is happening so quietly you may not even notice.

But if you drive around town you'll see signs of the battles being fought every day. It might be scaffolding alongside a house which is being painted. Or the service vehicle for a plumbing or electrical business. Perhaps you've seen a pallet stacked with bundles of new shingles sitting in someone's driveway. All these are signs of the revolution . . . a revolution to save dilapidated houses in Lincoln to return them to the community and the tax rolls.

In 2021 Lincoln had 98 vacant houses, many of them unfit for human habitation. Coincidentally mid-2021 is when one local resident started buying and rehabbing old, vacant houses in Lincoln. On her own dime -- no "gov'ment" funds. I started toward the end of 2021, with the purchase of my first house at 428 E. Yauger. Then in 2022 another person began purchasing and rehabbing houses.

Since 2021 at least 11 different individuals have been purchasing and rehabbing dilapidated houses in Lincoln, using their own money as well as loans from local institutions. And there are more houses in the pipeline. Local businesses and individuals have done most of the work on all these houses, keeping the money in town.

All this work -- and I can certainly attest to the blood, sweat and tears I've invested -- is because these folks believe in Lincoln. They believe Lincoln, Kansas, is a community worth investing in. They can see the potential.

Here's a breakdown of the results of this work.

- number of houses vacant at purchase; rehabbed and now

occupied	21
• number of houses vacant at purchase and currently being rehabbed	6
• number of houses vacant at purchase, rehabbed and on the market	3
• number of apartment complexes rehabbed and on the market	2
• number of apartment units rehabbed	30
• number of occupied houses purchased, rehabbed and now occupied	7

There were 98 vacant houses in Lincoln in 2021, and 21 of those houses have been purchased, rehabbed, and are now occupied. That means the total number of vacant houses has been reduced by 21%! That's a lot of work and a LOT of money poured into the local economy since 2021.

And every property that has been rehabbed has seen a corresponding increase in assessed value -- another benefit to the community.

Other investments have happened as well. Consider the Post Rock Fitness Center which was once a Duckwalls. The Fitness Center offers the newest in exercise and fitness equipment for cardio exercise and strength training. There's even a weekly yoga class for members. Be honest. Did you ever think that you would find a yoga class in Lincoln, Kansas?

Two new businesses have opened at 129 E. Lincoln Avenue after that old building was dramatically rehabbed. One is the new Lincoln Laundry, and the other is Post Rock Realty, owned by Kendra Johnson. Prior to the opening, if you didn't have your own washer and dryer, you had to drive to Ellsworth, Beloit, or Salina to do your

laundry. I had to do it one time and vowed I would never do it again.

I had been in Lincoln for about eight days, working on my house on North 3rd Street. Almost all my clothes were filthy and I just couldn't stand the thought of having to put them on again. Wearing the last clean set of clothes I had with me, I loaded up the laundry and my supplies and drove to Salina. I stopped at the first laundromat I found on E. Crawford Avenue. I wasn't there long because it was dirtier than my filthy clothes. Eventually I found another one, did my laundry, and drove back to Lincoln. Unfortunately I left all my laundry supplies there. So having a local laundromat, one that's clean and monitored by local folks, is a huge benefit for the community.

Sometime in the next few months, when you're downtown, you'll see another new presence on Lincoln Avenue. Some years back, the Economic Development Foundation purchased the old building at 127 W. Lincoln Avenue. They called the building "Lincoln Office Suites" and rehabbed into office space. But the building has recently been leased by the Lincoln County Hospital which is going to use it as a clinic for medical specialists who will be providing medical services to the community. That is going to bring more people downtown which will mean increased foot traffic for retail businesses.

All this activity is a measure of the growth potential for Lincoln. And growth means new jobs, higher wages and benefits, more students for the school district, and a need for more housing.

I'm excited about Lincoln's future! But mostly I'm proud that I'm helping my hometown and that several other folks are, too.

Shop Kansas Farms By Rick McNary

Reflections on Shop Kansas Farms' 5th Birthday

It was five years ago on April 28 that I launched the Shop Kansas Farms (SKF) Facebook group after my wife told me the meat counter was empty at the grocery store, a result of supply chain interruptions due to COVID-19.

We had just dined on beef we purchased from a local farm, and I knew they, along with other farmers and ranchers I had met while writing their stories for Kansas Living magazine, had more to sell. As I created the Facebook group, the purpose was, "To connect you to the wonderful farm and ranch families of Kansas so you can purchase the food they raise."

More than 5,000 people joined in the first 24 hours and it was a wild-west, social media rodeo. In the first week, more than 50,000 members joined, many discovering for the first time they could purchase food straight from the farm down the road.

However, the keyboard warriors started attacking farmers, each other, the government, politicians and a few came after me. I felt like a little kid seeing a plug in a dam and wondering what would happen if I pulled it. I pulled it, the dam burst and suddenly I was drowning in a social media flood.

**Rescued from the river**

Meagan Cramer and Nancy Brown of Kansas Farm Bureau (KFB) came to my rescue. I had been writing for Meagan for five years for Kansas Living magazine and had told her I was starting Shop Kansas Farms so, as she watched it go crazy, asked if I needed help. Oh my, did I need help!

Shop Kansas Farms does not exist today without Meagan Cramer and Nancy Brown. They put the infrastructure in place to make sure people behaved and created helpful guides for consumers. Soon, Olivia Fletcher joined and those three terrific people are the reason SKF still thrives.

**Keeping it civil**

One of the most challenging aspects has been to keep it civil. Although some have argued they can say whatever they want because of freedom of speech, I say, "Think of it like this: I created this site so it's like a house I built. If you come into my house and start trashing me, insulting my children, kicking my dog and disparaging my wife, I will ask you to leave. You are not free to be hateful here. You want to be hateful? Go start your own site."

**Staying true to our mission**

There has been a temptation to "mission creep" by allowing farmers to sell

things other than food such as equipment, feed, crafts they make, or live animals. We also have consumers asking, "Does anyone out here have a rabbit we can come pet?" Our site is about buying food from Kansas farms.

Farmers, ranchers and growers have grown their businesses

Behind the scenes of SKF, we had a lot of decisions about what was allowed on our site and our motto was to prosper and protect farmers. My greatest joy is when a farmer tells me they made a lot of money because of Shop Kansas Farms.

**We provide easier access to find local food**

We have learned that farmers are great at growing food, and we're here to help them market and advertise. We help make it easy for consumers to find them.

Currently, we have nearly 170,000 members in the Facebook group and that number grows each week. That would be like filling Arrowhead stadium twice with consumers wanting to purchase from farmers. Not only do we have the SKF Facebook group, but we also have a website that is like an online shopping mall so people can find farmers near them. We don't sell the farmer's products, but we give them a space, for

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Spice Up Your Life - Lindsay Young

A fresh veggie-based pasta sauce will keep them ‘aspara’guessing



It sounds weird at first, but making a pasta sauce from asparagus is not only easy, it’s a delicious way to enjoy the fresh greens.

According to the website “The Kitchen Project,” asparagus is a very old vegetable.

Historical records show it was grown in ancient Greece, Rome and Egypt.

It takes a few years to get a plant going, but once you have an asparagus plant established, the growing season will last about three months, and a healthy plant can grow six inches every day.

With my gardening skills, I don’t think I could get a plant to live long enough to get to that point, but I’m always willing to enjoy the fruits of others’ labor when it comes to fresh vegetables.

With asparagus harvesting season just around the corner, I wanted to share a unique way to use the veggie for those who start getting tired of just roasting stalks.

This comes from “Christopher Kimball’s Milk Street.” You can find the original recipe on their YouTube channel at <https://youtu.be/pLjflANPvNk?si=tSQSwkFV5PW35UTV>.

I replaced the shallots with onions, increased the garlic and figured out the amounts for several of the ingredients in my version below.

Asparagus Pasta Sauce

Ingredients

- 2 pounds fresh asparagus
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 small onion, diced
- 1/4 teaspoon salt (plus more, to taste)
- 6 to 8 cloves garlic, minced
- pepper, to taste
- 16 ounces fettuccine pasta
- 1 cup heavy cream
- 1/2 cup parmesan cheese, freshly grated
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice

Directions

Trim ends off asparagus and then cut the stalks into one-inch pieces.

Put the pieces into a food processor, and process until it is finely chopped.

Save out about one cup of the asparagus mixture and set it aside.

Heat a large skillet over medium heat, and melt the butter in it.

When the butter is melted, add the onion and 1/4 teaspoon salt, and saute until the onion is soft.

Add in the garlic and saute for about one minute. Add in the remaining asparagus from the food processor and stir to combine the ingredients. Let it saute for four to five minutes, stirring regularly.

While the asparagus sautes, begin cooking your pasta, according to the package instructions. When it’s done, be sure to reserve at least one cup of

the pasta water when you drain it.

Once the asparagus is just starting to brown a bit, add in the heavy cream. Once it comes to a low simmer, add in the reserved asparagus, and stir.

Continue stirring regularly, letting the cream reduce a bit until dragging a spatula across the bottom of the pan leaves an empty trail for a few seconds before the sauce runs back into it.

Turn the heat to low and stir in the parmesan.

Add your drained pasta to the skillet. Add a touch of the pasta water, and toss the pasta with the sauce. If you want the sauce a little looser, add more pasta water until it’s at a consistency you like. Stir in the lemon juice and more salt and pepper, to taste. Serve with a little more fresh parmesan on top.

We ate our pasta with some meatballs, but it would also pair really well with chicken.

It was fresh and pretty, and it tasted like, well, asparagus, but with the addition of the parmesan, it had almost Alfredo qualities, and it was just a really nice sauce for dinner.

I’m looking forward to some locally grown asparagus popping up around the area so that I can make this again, and now that I know the ancient Italians were also eating asparagus, I guess the pasta combination just makes sense. Buon appetito!

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

Power out? Prepping, storing food can be ‘tricky’

K-State food scientist shares tips for protecting your family

Kansas State University food scientist Karen Blakeslee says preparing and storing food during a power outage can be “tricky.”

“Without a steady power source (such as a generator), food can be temperature-abused, which increases the risk for foodborne illness,” said Blakeslee, who also is coordinator of K-State’s Rapid Response Center for Food Science.

Foodborne bacteria grows most rapidly between 40 degrees and 140 degrees Fahrenheit, Blakeslee said – doubling in number in as little as 20 minutes. “This temperature range is often called the ‘Temperature Danger Zone,’” she said.

When power fails, “refrigerated and frozen food warms or thaws and can allow potential bacteria to grow and multiply,” Blakeslee said.

“Without power, the options are limited to cook food indoors,” she said. “A fireplace can be used with wood or gas to grill food, or you can wrap food in foil in the fireplace.”

However, if using a fireplace, she cautions: “Do not use charcoal in the fireplace because it can emit carbon monoxide. Be sure the fireplace flue is open during use. Otherwise, use foods you don’t have to cook or keep cold. Only prepare enough food for one meal so that you don’t have leftovers.”

Blakeslee adds: “Now that outside temperatures are warming, use an outdoor grill to cook food. Camping stoves are also a good outdoor cooking option.”

Meat products must be cooked to the proper internal temperature to assure safety. The food safety recommendations include:

- 145 F for steaks, chops and roasts.
- 160 F for ground meat.
- 165 F for all poultry.

Blakeslee urges consumers to consider stocking up on non-perishable foods and disposable utensils for an emergency. Some examples of foods to include are peanut butter, canned

meats, whole grain chips or crackers, canned fruit, canned fruit and dried fruit. “And don’t forget pet food for your family’s pets,” she said.

“For canned foods, the pop top cans are easy to open,” Blakeslee said. “Otherwise, be sure to have a (non-electric) can opener available. These foods can be portable in case you need to relocate during an emergency. Single serve items – such as fruit cups and pudding – are easy foods to store for an emergency.”

Once canned goods are opened, they must be used, especially canned meats, fruits and vegetables. “Without refrigeration, the leftovers can not be stored for later use,” Blakeslee said.

She also reminded consumers of one of the most basic food safety steps: Wash your hands.

“If running water is not available, disposable wipes or hand sanitizers can be used. Pack some extra bottles of water and soap in your emergency kit.”

KANSASWORKS to hold weekend statewide Virtual Job Fair in May

TOPEKA – Lieutenant Governor and Secretary of Commerce David Toland today announced an upcoming job fair that will be held on a weekend for Kansans seeking new career opportunities. Jobseekers and employers from all industries are encouraged to take part in the Statewide Virtual Job Fair, hosted by KANSASWORKS, any time between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Friday through Sunday, May 16-18.

“Over a three-day period, companies will be conducting interviews to fill a wide array of positions,” Lieutenant Governor and Secretary of Commerce David Toland said. “There are many hard-working Kansans who simply don’t have time to scout out new career options during the week. The Commerce Department is determined to meet jobseekers where they are and provide a chance to explore hundreds of jobs currently available across the state.”

The Virtual Job Fair allows individuals to fill out applications, chat live and interview virtually with participating employers.

In the job fair portal, participants can find helpful information such as a jobseeker training video, a list of participating employers, and channels for attendees to register and log in. Jobseekers are encouraged to dress professionally, as employers might request to engage in a video interview.

Candidates can participate through any digital device. Any individual with a disability may request accommodation by contacting their nearest workforce center at (877) 509-6757 prior to the event.

Registration is required to participate in all Virtual Job Fairs, regardless of previous participation. To register, visit <https://www.kansascommerce.gov/2025/04/kansasworks-to-hold-weekend-statewide-virtual-job-fair-in-may/>.

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BELOIT RELAYS  
FRIDAY, MAY 2, 2025  
(TOP 10 FINISHERS LISTED)

100 Meters Boys:

8. Zayne Maupin, 12.35 Sylvan-Lucas

400 Meters Boys:

2. Xavier Miller, 52.11 Lincoln  
6. Cai Labertew, 54.72 Sylvan-Lucas  
9. Charlie Phelps, 55.71 Tescott

800 Meters Boys:

9. Carter Johnson, 2:12.96 Sylvan-Lucas

1600 Meters Boys:

9. Brody Thompson, 5:12.22 Tescott

110m Hurdles Boys:

6. Jeremiah Miller, 16.85 Lincoln

300m Hurdles Boys:

3. Jeremiah Miller, 43.63 Lincoln  
10. Joey Stirn, 48.74 Tescott

4x100 Relay Boys:

6. Lincoln, 46.24

4x800 Relay Boys:

7. Tescott, 9:31.04

High Jump Boys:

3. Vance Dohl, 6-0 Sylvan-Lucas  
8. Asher Hernandez, 5-6 Sylvan-Lucas

Long Jump Boys:

10. Zayne Maupin, 18-5 Sylvan-Lucas

Pole Vault Boys:

2. Ben Bell, 12-0 Lincoln

Shot Put Boys:

3. Easton Good, 45-7 Lincoln  
5. Austin Ahring, 42-10 Lincoln

Discus Boys:

5. Austin Ahring, 125-8 Lincoln  
8. Lane Brokes, 119-5 Sylvan-Lucas

Javelin Boys:

2. James Dickerman, 173-3 Tescott  
10. Easton Good, 149-3 Lincoln

100 Meters Girls:

3. Ember Larson, 13.5 Lincoln  
8. Elizabeth Wenthe, 13.72 Tescott

200 Meters Girls:

5. Ember Larson, 27.92 Lincoln  
8. Elizabeth Wenthe, 29.42 Tescott

400 Meters Girls:

2. Codie Huehl, 1:01 Sylvan-Lucas  
3. Hazel Metz, 1:04.41 Lincoln

800 Meters Girls:

2. Codie Huehl, 2:25.65 Sylvan-Lucas

1600 Meters Girls:

4. Breonna Peterson, 5:48.58 Tescott  
9. Kaylee Obermueller, 6:06.06 Lincoln

3200 Meters Girls:

2. Breonna Peterson, 12:12.85 Tescott  
7. Olivia Dail, 13:04.1 Lincoln

4x100 Relay Girls:

6. Lincoln, 53.29

4x400 Relay Girls:

10. Lincoln, 4:32.90

Discus Girls:

4. Lilly Behrens, 109-10 Lincoln

Long Jump Girls:

2. Maggie Labertew, 15-9 Sylvan-Lucas

Triple Jump Girls:

4. Morgan Finkenbinger, 32-8 Sylvan-Lucas  
10. Ashton Lyne, 30-10.6 Lincoln

Tojans Smash Records on the Field and Track



Congratulations to Tescott Trojans James Dickerman and Breonna for setting new school records! James launched the javelin 173 feet, 3 inches, while Breonna shattered her own 3200-meter record with a time of 12:12. Way to go, athletes! (Courtesy Photo)

Got a great local story or pictures? email: [lincolnksnews@gmail.com](mailto:lincolnksnews@gmail.com)



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tors, Inc. for the board's approval. Debora Smith moved to approve the contract with L&M Contractors Inc. for bridge replacement project OS 149, seconded by Leon Hart. Motion carried.

Economic Development Director Kelly Gourley provided the information given to potential contractors for the county-owned property on W Lincoln Ave based upon the recommendations of Bruce McMillan. Only one bid was received with the cost as follows: the west wall - \$18,990, the east wall - \$7,100, and the north wall - \$13,630, for a total of \$39,720. The group discussed the following topics: what the county's responsibility is to adjacent properties, whether adjacent property owners should contribute to the project, whether adjacent landowners could provide in-kind services, and whether the North wall will be kept. The board requested that Gourley get bids to replace the wall that is reduced in height and has one arch in the center.

Carol Torkelson, via telephone, presented the bids received for the Spearpoint Ranch CDBG-CVR grant application. Debora Smith moved to approve the low bids as presented for the CDBG-CVR grant for Spearpoint Ranch in the amount of \$15,732, seconded by Leon Hart. Motion carried. Torkelson related that this will be the last project due to time constraints with the grant.

Brett Wilkinson, Kirkham Michael, summarized the previously approved project to design construction/demolition cells #3 and #4. Wilkinson presented the bids received to complete an environmental study of the proposed area. Debora Smith moved that we allow all expenses for the building and construction of the third and fourth cell for the C/D pit to come from the WEB fund, seconded by Kenny Meitler. Motion carried. Debora Smith moved to approve the bid from UES for the Geotech services in the amount of \$9,175, seconded by Leon Hart. Motion carried. Public Works Director Hlad discussed the noxious weed program used to track chemical distribution and sales. The department had received an estimate in 2024 to add the program from their current software provider. The board requested Hlad obtain an updated price and return for approval.

Felicia Strahm requested approval to employ a landfill employee. Debora Smith moved to make a

conditional offer of employment to Jayden Kenny as a full-time landfill employee, Grade 13 Step 14, \$15.94, upon completion of preemployment testing, seconded by Leon Hart. Motion carried.

Debora Smith moved to recess into executive session for five minutes for the purpose of discussing personnel in the maintenance department, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b)(1) to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel, to reconvene in the courthouse commission meeting, seconded by Kenny Meitler. Motion carried. Time in: 10:36 a.m. Time out: 10:41 a.m.

The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 10:41 a.m. with no action taken.

Ambulance Service Director Brandon Cochran discussed a potential applicant to fill a full-time position when available. Cochran provided the bookkeeping reports for March and insurance write-offs for January-March and related that he is caught up on the bookkeeping. Cochran reported on department activities and the assignment of duties to staff members. The board discussed the Facebook post about the board not approving purchases for needed equipment.

The board reminded Cochran that there are grant opportunities available and encouraged Cochran to apply for grants if there is equipment required that operating funds cannot afford, suggesting that his staff help identify needs and grant sources. The board requested that he provide last year's run and collection report this week for review at next week's meeting.

Human Resource Officer Felica Strahm provided the schedule for conducting second interviews for the County Administrator position. The chairman called the following special meetings to interview candidates for the County Administrator position: Friday, April 25 at 2:00 p.m.; Thursday, May 1 at 8:00 a.m.; and Saturday, May 3 at 8:00 a.m.

Debora Smith moved to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2025, meeting, seconded by Leon Hart. Motion carried.

The chairman adjourned the meeting at 1:00 p.m. The next meeting will be in the courthouse commission meeting room at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, April 25, 2025.

April 25, 2025  
A special meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners was held

in the courthouse commission meeting room on Friday, April 25, 2025. Chairman Debora Smith called the meeting to order at 2:00 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 and Randy Lohmann. The board reviewed interview questions to ask candidates.

Debora Smith moved to recess into executive session for one hour 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: 2:30 p.m. Time out: 3:30 p.m.

The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 3:30 p.m. with no action taken.

Debora Smith moved to recess into executive session for thirty 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 Kenny Meitler. Motion carried. Time in: 3:31 p.m. Time out: 4:01 p.m.

The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 4:01 p.m. with no action taken.

Debora Smith moved to recess into executive session for fifteen 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: 4:02 p.m. Time out: 4:17 p.m.

The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 4:17 p.m. with no action taken.

The chairman adjourned the meeting at 4:30 p.m. The next meeting will be in the courthouse commission meeting room at 8:30 a.m. Monday, April 28, 2025.

## Roots of Resilience: Rural Mental Health Gathering set for June 7 in Minneapolis

Minneapolis, KS — Central Kansas Mental Health Center and the Ottawa County Health Department invite the public to Roots of Resilience: A Rural Mental Health Gathering on Saturday, June 7 from 1:00 to 5:00 PM at the Minneapolis Public Library Meeting Room, 519 Delia Ave.

This free community event is designed to spark open conversation, reduce stigma, and connect individuals in rural and farming communities with tools and resources for mental health and suicide prevention. Whether you're a farmer, rancher, business owner, parent, or neighbor, all are welcome to attend and participate in the discussion.

The event will feature inspiring presentations and a panel of local experts:

1:30 PM — “A Call to Action” with Isabelle

Blackwood, Youth Leaders in Kansas (YLink)

Nationally recognized youth advocate Isabelle Blackwood shares her powerful story and leadership in suicide prevention, especially in farming communities.

3:00 PM — “Weathering the Storm in Agriculture” with Rebecca McFarland, K-State Extension

Extension veteran and farm stress specialist Rebecca McFarland offers practical strategies for recognizing and managing stress in agricultural life.

4:15 PM — Community Resource Panel

Representatives from the Ottawa County Health Department, CKMHC, and NAMI will highlight local behavioral health services, prevention programs, and community supports.

Attendees that live in Ottawa and Lincoln counties

will receive a \$30 grocery card as a thank-you for participating. All are welcome, registration is encouraged but not required.

For more information or to RSVP, contact Gretchen Boyum at gboyum@ckmhc.org or call 785-515-6139.

About Central Kansas Mental Health Center

The mission of CKMHC is to make life better in our communities by providing excellent behavioral health services, education, and integrated care, which exceeds expectations. CKMHC is a nonprofit provider and delivers services based on medical necessity, regardless of age, race, color, national origin, disability or ability to pay. In addition to the main campus in Salina, satellite offices are located in Abilene, Ellsworth, Lincoln, and Minneapolis.

## Flag/ from page 1

then move on into the next round. Voting at the Lincoln Art Center is from 4:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, May 9 or 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 10.

Bad weekend for you? No worries. The entries will be displayed at the Lincoln County Historical Society the following

weekend, May 17, and open for voting.

At the June City Council meeting LCIC will present the council with the top three winning city flag designs. The city council will then determine the overall winner.

Once the city flag design is confirmed LCIC

will send the design to a graphic designer to be refined. Afterward the design will then move into the production phase... making flags!

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

## Playa/ from page 2

pumping that results in no aquifer decline — he says water policy will need to evolve with the realities farmers face.

“I’ve talked to Sen. Jerry Moran and Sen. Roger Marshall about it,” he said. “If they want people to get serious about conservation, the payment limits need to be updated. That’s how you get more neighbors to sign up.”

He sees payment caps as barriers that limit broader adoption of conservation efforts.

“The \$50,000 limit was set back in the 1980s. That doesn’t stretch far today,” he said. “I’d love to do more, but I’m limited with a cap.”

The benefits, he said,

are visible. Antelope, deer and waterfowl now frequent his playa acres. The land, once a repeated source of planting losses, now requires no inputs and supports biodiversity in a region where wildlife habitat is sparse.

“Out here, we don’t have trees. We can’t have turkeys. But these playas bring in so much,” he said.

At 73, O’Brate said he’s not planning major changes but still has more ground he could enroll in playa conservation programs. With many acres of CRP behind him and terraced fields across his operation, he’s focused on maintaining the work already done.

“I think I’ll be good for

a while,” he said with a chuckle. “But I’d still like to see more people get involved. These playas are worth protecting — for our farms and our future.”

For producers like Mike O’Brate, conserving playas isn’t just good stewardship — it’s a smart investment in the future of western Kansas. Learn more about how playas support aquifer recharge and resilient farming at playasworkforkansas.com. To discuss programs and options that can help meet your conservation objectives, contact PLJV Conservation Outreach Specialist Titus Jaeger at 620-272-2828 or Ducks Unlimited Biologist Abe Lollar at 620-214-2693.

## Guest/ from page 4

stops, the streets of New York, the Mall in Washington, D.C., and along the rugged coast of Ireland. It didn't matter where or how, I kept up the streak.

The most trying times were when the goal slipped my mind. I had one or two nights where I crawled into bed only to see my watch and remember the rings. Each time I mustered the motivation to change back into workout clothes and head out to get the minutes.

At Christmas time, I was gifted a mini-treadmill that helped me make it through the worst of the winter days that would otherwise have broken my spirit. That was the point I knew I would

reach my goal. I had overcome all obstacles and excuses. Nothing would stand in the way because I was committed.

Thirty minutes of exercise sounded simple, but over 12 months I walked 3.5 million steps and more than 1,600 miles. It gave me a new perspective on what it means to be committed. When you truly commit to something there will be obstacles and trials; make it your priority. Push past the hard and keep showing up — that is how you achieve your goals.

- Jackie Mundt  
Pratt County farmer and rancher  
for Kansas Farm Bureau

## Shop/ from page 4

free, where people can easily find them .  
**People have fallen in love with farmers and ranchers**

I began to fall in love with Kansas farmers and ranchers when I began writing about them in 2015. I often had conversations with Meagan about ways in which I could help people fall in love with them like I have. Their values of family, faith, community, hard work, hope and producing the food we eat are the threads that ties the fabric of our state together. Agriculture is the No. 1 business in Kansas by contributing \$57 billion to our economy and the best thing, they feed us.  
**Our plans to make access easier for consumers to purchase from and prosper farmers**

In addition to our Facebook group and

website, we’ve added a new tool to make access easier through our Harvest Hub model. We have launched the Border Queen Harvest Hub in Caldwell, thanks to a grant from the Patterson Family Foundation and we’re launching the Sedgwick County Harvest Hub, thanks to a grant from the Kansas Health Foundation. A Harvest Hub is a community-based approach that creates economic opportunities for farms and ranches by establishing both a digital hub (website) and a physical system of production, processing and distribution of local food that can be purchased by local, regional and national consumers.

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The qualified consultant will need to take a creative and innovative approach to reviewing the needs of the community, while obtaining public input about the plan. The planning process shall develop a comprehensive vision for the City, business opportunities, amenities and programs, as well as complement the recently-completed parks plan.

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Answer: Mariachi!

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