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## CarePortal

### Answering the Call: New Tool Links Community to Children's Needs

By Jyll Phillips, Lincoln-Sentinel

CarePortal is a user-friendly app that connects your church, family, or business to a list of the urgent needs of vulnerable children within your specific geographic area. These children may be in foster care, kinship placements, or struggling within their own families.

CarePortal eliminates the need to donate to generic funds or vague initiatives. This tool allows you to directly address tangible needs, such as providing a car seat for a single mother or bunk beds for a family fostering new children.

One of the most encouraging things about CarePortal is that it's a fantastic tool to help churches partner together to serve children and families

How can an app help chil-

dren at risk? Participants receive real-time requests via the CarePortal app. Needs are submitted by a variety of community partners including school social workers, doctors, state case workers or other human service agencies. Once submitted they are reviewed for approval by Christian Heritage staff members. Christian Heritage is a Christian welfare organization in Nebraska that provides foster care placement and support services to vulnerable families.

Once identified and approved, the need is sent through the platform to partner churches, businesses and ministries in the area. Through the app (or the CarePortal website), the organization or an individual can step up to fulfill these needs by providing items directly or donating through

the app. It's a collaborative effort to ensure no child slips through the cracks and receives the support they urgently require.

The range of needs that come through CarePortal is diverse and might include beds, including cribs, dressers, living room furniture, car seats or seasonal items/services. Each of these needs plays a role in ensuring safety, permanence and overall well-being for children and families involved with child welfare or even in preventing the need for such involvement.

For churches seeking to elevate their impact in the community, CarePortal offers a simple solution. CarePortal is free for any church to use, giving them access to opportunities to engage with the most vulnerable members of their commu-

nity, streamlined organizational processes, consistent avenues for evangelism and discipleship, collaboration with fellow local churches and enhanced participation in local outreach.

The official launch of CarePortal in Lincoln County is set for Tuesday, February 24 at the Community Christian Center (The Cube), 137 N. 4th in Lincoln. Church training for churches already enrolled with CarePortal and churches that are interested in enrolling will begin at 4 p.m. A community celebration and introduction to CarePortal will begin at 5 p.m. Churches, community members and local agencies are all invited to learn how CarePortal is connecting churches and child welfare agencies to serve children and families in crisis in Lincoln County.

### Local Students Spell Their Way to the Top



Ethan Wolting (left) and Sloan McReynolds-Baetz entered the Lincoln County Spelling Bee as a couple of smart kids, and left as Champion and Runner-up! Congratulations to these two LJSBS students! (Courtesy Photo)

### Lincoln County Historical Museum selected for History Makers

The Lincoln County Historical Society and Museum has been selected as one of five rural Kansas museums to participate in Humanities Kansas' statewide strategic planning initiative for rural museums, "History Makers: The Future is Now." Inspired by the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, "History Makers" recognizes the importance of local history in telling America's stories.

Along with Lincoln County Historical Society, Franklin County Historical Society in Ottawa, Miners Hall Museum in Franklin, Scott County Historical Society in Scott City, and Wabaunsee County Historical Society in Alma were selected through a competitive process to participate in the year-long initiative. As participants of the project, the five museums will participate in statewide and local meetings with Carla Patterson, a nonprofit cultural consultant specializing in rural museums and create a plan with tools to address the needs ahead. The first of these meetings was held Monday, February 9 and Tuesday, February 10 in Lindsborg.

Museum Director Dana Walters said the yearlong strategic project not only involves collaborating with community partners to take action to preserve the museum, but by incorporating the community they hope to give back as well.

"We will be using this program as a catalyst to reshape the historical society to fit changing times and to better fit the needs of the community and the county," Walters said, adding that tourism is also a key element.

The Humanities Counsel's goals in designing this initiative was to provide a means to preserve stories that document Kansas stories, to increase public access to the shared cultural heritage and to enhance organization capacity by using a Project Consultant.

In addition to participation in History Makers, Humanities Kansas awarded 11 communities grants to collect the oral histories of Kansas who experienced the Vietnam War, both at home and abroad. Lincoln County Historical Society, along with Altoona Public Library, American Legion Post 213 in Kansas City, Basehor Historical Museum Society, Ellis County Historical Society (Hays), Historical Cheryvale Museum, Howard Benson Museum (Howard), Jackson County Historical Museum (Holton), League of United Latin American Citizens of Topeka, Reno County Historical Society (Hutchinson) and Tonganoxie Community Historical Society were recipients of this grant.

In 2018, to commemorate 50 years since the escalation of U.S. involvement in the Vietnam War, Kansas Stories of the Vietnam War, Humanities Kansas collected more than 70 stories of Kansas as they shared their experiences at home and abroad. This statewide oral history project was a partnership with the Library of Congress. At the end of the project, participating organizations submitted their collected stories from veterans to the Library of Congress' Veterans History Project in Washington, D.C.

Humanities Kansas is an independent nonprofit leading a movement of ideas. Since its founding in 1972, Humanities Kansas has been a catalyst for change. See "Lincoln" page 6

### Downtown Revive and Thrive:

#### Rehabilitation for Innovation and Incubator Spaces program

The Kansas Department of Commerce (KDC) has recently announced a new grant program: Downtown Revive & Thrive - Rehabilitation for Innovation and Incubator Spaces. The grant is for downtown projects that result in functional business incubator spaces or facilities designed for temporary retail or restaurant operations.

Several key eligibility requirements are:

- Building must be in the downtown or primary corridor of a rural community.
- Building must be currently under-utilized or vacant.
- Projects must show potential for reuse and revitalization as economic drivers in the community.
- Construction must be

complete in 24 months with a tenant in place in 30 months.

- Project creates a functional incubator or a facility that is designed for temporary retail, workspaces, innovation centers, or restaurant operations.
- Project must have a local partnering support organization be the applicant on the owner's behalf.

Projects are eligible to receive a max grant award of \$100,000. Applications are due by Tuesday, March 10th, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

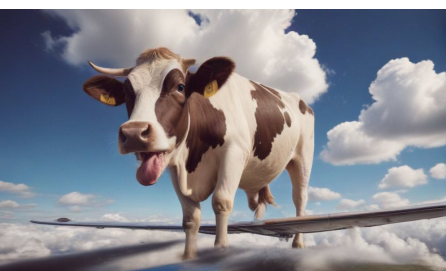
If you're interested in applying, please contact Kelly Gourley at the Lincoln County Economic Development Foundation to learn more and discuss the LCEDF being a partner support organization.

### Trivia Champs Strike Again at St. Patrick's Event



The fun, excitement and fundraising efforts of the first two years of St. Patrick's CYO Trivia Night were repeated for a third time on Saturday, February 14. The CRS team may need to find another name because out of the three years of Trivia Nights they have taken second place once and first place two years in a row! Seems they "R" more than they think they do! The winners are, L-R: Cameron Stultz, Marcia Kraft, Carly Errebo, Shayla Errebo, Shelby Errebo and Abby Gerleman. (Courtesy photo)

#### February 18 is "Cow Milked While Flying in an Airplane Day"



On February 18, 1930, a cow named Elm Farm Ollie — also known as Nellie Jay — became the first cow to fly in an airplane and be milked mid-flight during the International Air Exposition in St. Louis, Missouri. The publicity stunt aimed to see how flying affected milk production. Traveling 72 miles in a Ford Trimotor, dairy farmer Elsworth W. Bunce milked Ollie and produced 24 quarts, which were sealed in paper containers and parachuted to spectators below. The day celebrates a quirky moment where agriculture met aviation, highlighting the curiosity and innovation of the era.

#### Cash Grain

Corn .....	\$3.67
Milo .....	\$3.32
Soybeans.....	\$10.23
Wheat.....	\$4.78

Cash prices courtesy of Ag Mark

## Community Calendar

### Thursday, February 19

Lincoln: 6:30 pm NWS Wichita Storm Fury on the Plains 2026- A Storm Identification and Safety Presentation @ Lincoln Courthouse  
 USD 298: 7:00 PM EDUCATION FOUNDATION MEETING; HS Forensics @ Sylvan; 4 pm JH Scholars Bowl @ Tescott  
 USD 299: JH Scholar Bowl @ Tescott; Speech & Drama @ Sylvan

### Friday, February 20

Lincoln: 10 am Basement Sale @ Seirer's Clothing  
 USD 298: 5:45 PM HS BB @ SOLOMON; 6-8 PM JH DANCE - LJSHS COMMONS  
 USD 299: 4pm HS BB St. John's/Tipton @ Beloit

### Saturday, February 21

Lincoln: 10 am Basement Sale @ Seirer's Clothing; 7 am Pancake Feed @ Lincoln Shared Kitchen (benefits FFA); 10 am Vesper Community Center Farm Show @ Vesper Community Center; 4:30 pm Denmark Hall Pancake Supper @ Denmark Hall  
 USD 298: PIANO STATE FESTIVAL  
 USD 299: Boys Wrestling Regionals @ Southeast Saline; Speech & Drama Tourney @ Bennington; State Piano Festival @ TBD; 9am HS BB (JV Girls) @ Goessel

### Sunday, February 22

### Monday, February 23

USD 298: HS Boys Sub-State BB Quarter finals; 4 pm JH Scholars Bowl @ Ellsworth  
 USD 299: HS Sub-State Basketball @ TBD

### Tuesday, February 24

USD 298: ACT'S - LJSHS LIBRARY; Girls HS Sub-State Quarter finals  
 USD 299: ACT Testing for Juniors; HS Sub-State BB @ TBD

### Wednesday, February 25

USD 298: 6:30 PM SITE COUNCIL MEETING  
 USD 299: HS BB Sub-State BB @ TBD; Speaker during seminar (Electrical Apprenticeship)

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.



## Local Athletes Honored with 8-Man All-Star Recognition

Lincoln head football coach recognized area athletes during Friday night's basketball game, presenting Easton Good, Brody Shearer and Austin Ahring with 2026 Kansas 8-Man All-Star Team selection certificates and Kolton Meyer with a Kansas 8-Man All-Star nomination certificate. Pictured (L-R): Colby Hamel, Easton Good, Brody Shearer, Kolton Meyer and Austin Ahring. (Photo by Becky Rathbun)

## Ladies 2026 Spring Banquet

The Beverly Community Church will be hosting their annual Ladies Spring Banquet Friday evening, March 13, 2026, at the church located at 200 North Agnes Ave. in Beverly, KS. The event will begin with a carry-in salad supper at 6:30 p.m. The theme for the evening is "How Long O Lord" Psalm 94:3. The speaker for the evening will be

Carol Tolbert. Carol was born and raised on a farm southwest of Beloit, KS. She worked for the Guaranty State Bank & Trust Co. until the year 2000 when she moved to Indonesia to help with a Credit Project targeting poverty level families that could not qualify for a bank loan. She has worked in Southeast Asia for the past 26 years.

The church extends a heartfelt invitation to all ladies in the community to bring a salad and a friend to share an evening of praise and fellowship together and to hear what God has laid on Carol's heart. For additional information please call Cindy McCosh at 785-436-2456 or Katherine Flaming at 620-960-3576.

## Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge Looking for Volunteers

Looking for a fun volunteer opportunity? This year's Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge (YEC) is set for Tuesday, March 10, 2026, at the Sylvan Jr/Sr High School and the Lincoln County Economic Development Foundation (LCEDF) is looking for judges to help with this fun event! The YEC is a student business competition that is part Shark Tank and part science-fair. Students de-

velop business ideas that are then pitched to judges in three different ways: a written business plan, a formal presentation (like Shark Tank), and a tradeshow (like a science fair). Judges evaluate the businesses based on a standard set of criteria. The best businesses win cash prizes and have a chance to go to the Kansas Entrepreneurship Challenge! Volunteer judges are needed for:

- Executive summaries - Read

3-page business plans anytime during the week of March 2-8

- Tradeshow - Meet with students at their business booths as they 'pitch' their business idea to you on March 10
- Formal Presentations - Listen to students present their business plan on March 10

If you are interested in being a judge, please reach out to Kelly Gourley at the LCEDF!



### Monday, February 23

Chicken Tenders, Tator Tots, Cauliflower, Roll & Milk

### Tuesday, February 24

Oven Fried Chicken, Potatoes 2/Gravy, Green Beans, Strawberry Shortcake, Roll & Milk

### Wednesday, February 25

Chili, Coleslaw, Crackers, Blushing Pears, Cinnamon Roll & Milk

### Thursday, February 26

Sloppy Joe w/Bun, Potato Wedges, Chuckwagon Corn, Mandarin Oranges & Milk

### Friday, February 27

Beef Stew, Biscuits, Apple Slices, Cookie & 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.*

## COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

February 2, 2026

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met in the courthouse commission meeting room on Monday, February 2, 2026. Chairman Debora Smith called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with Vice-Chairman Ken Meitler and Member Leon Hart present. County Clerk Dawn Harlow was in attendance as recording secretary.

Others present for portions of the meeting: Adam Robertson, Mona Buttenhoff, Tami Kerth, Erica Schmid, Brandon Cochran, Dustin Florence, Luke Sanders, Mary Ann Stertz, and Scott Wright.

Correspondence: a newsletter and an invitation to the annual business meeting from the Lincoln County Conservation District; an agreement with Saline County to perform the county's local environmental protection program; and the WEB Fund bylaws.

Administrators' Report: provided an update report from Human Resource Officer Felicia Strahm, which included that handbook changes should be completed with a presentation at the February 9 meeting, requested a price estimate to update the county's pay scale, has had additional applicants for the janitor/maintenance position, provided pricing received

from a local individual who provides cleaning services, inquiry on department head meetings dates, and transportation bus personnel. Debora Smith moved to recess into executive session for fifteen minutes for the purpose of discussing transportation bus department FMLA, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b) (1) to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel with the board and Adam Robertson present, seconded by Leon Hart. Motion carried. Time in: 9:09 a.m. Time out: 9:24 a.m.

The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 9:24 a.m. with no action taken.

The group reviewed the topics to be discussed at the department head meeting.

Clerk Harlow requested approval to allow part-time employee Emily Hernandez to exceed 1,000 hours per year. Debora Smith moved to approve allowing Emily Hernandez to exceed 1,000 hours per year, seconded by Ken Meitler. Motion carried.

Debora Smith moved to approve tax abatements 2026-06 & 2026-07, in the amount of \$1,559.28, seconded by Leon Hart. Motion carried.

Debora Smith moved to approve the amended bylaws for the Wind-

power Economic Benefit fund, seconded by Ken Meitler. Motion carried.

Debora Smith moved to approve the minutes of the January 26 and January 30 meetings, seconded by Leon Hart. Motion carried.

The board reviewed the bids received to repair or replace the courthouse roof.

The chairman called a special meeting for Friday, February 6, at 10:00 a.m. to interview applicants for the Public Works Department.

The chairman recessed the meeting at 10:48 a.m. to sit as the Public Building Commission. The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 10:54 a.m.

The chairman recessed the meeting to the courthouse meeting room at 10:57 a.m. The chairman reconvened the meeting in the courthouse meeting room at 11:00 a.m. with the following department heads present: Mona Buttenhoff, Tami Kerth, Erica Schmid, Brandon Cochran, Dustin Florence, Luke Sanders, Adam Robertson, Mary Ann Stertz, and Scott Wright.

The following topics were discussed: KWORCC recommended motorcycle policy and ATV policy; the department technology needs assessment for the Cyber Security plan should be completed by the

See "COMMISSION" page 3

## DENMARK HALL PANCAKE SUPPER

Come spend the evening with us and enjoy delicious pancakes, whole hog sausage, scrambled eggs, homemade pies, and drinks.

Freewill Donation

Proceeds will be used for building repairs & upkeep.

**Saturday, February 21, 2026**

**4:30 – 7:00 p.m.**



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### City of Lincoln Center



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Lincoln, KS 67455

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# Contact Information: Lincoln Sentinel-Republican

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## OBITUARY



**David Ramon Abell**  
Dec. 5, 1953 - Feb. 7, 2026

David Ramon Abell was born on December 5, 1953, to Bob and Mary Jo (Shaffer) Abell in Grand

Island, NE. He grew up in Barnard and graduated from Lincoln High School in 1972 and Fort Hays State College in 1976. David spent over 40 years in the cement industry working first for Quartzite Stone Company and then for Ash Grove Cement Company. He also farmed and ranched in the Barnard, KS area. David married Marla Troeger in 1974, and together they raised three sons in Barnard. David died on February 7, 2026, of pulmonary fibrosis at the age of 72.

Left to celebrate his life are his father Bob Abell of Barnard; wife Marla of Barnard; sons, Justin (Anne) of Minneapolis, KS, Jeremy (Jenny) of Barnard, and Ryan (Kim) of Union, NE; seven grandchildren, Joel, Jaylee, Reece, Lane, Kamdyn, Kelson, and Mila Abell; and siblings, Monte (Jacque) of

Phillipsburg, KS, Leesa Frederking (Ron) of Sylvan Grove, KS, Mark (Roberta) of Minneapolis, and Brett of Barnard. He was preceded in death by his mother Mary Jo and twin brother Robert.

Visitation will be from 1-7 p.m., Friday, February 13, 2026, at Hall Chapel of Lincoln with family present to greet visitors from 5-7 p.m. A private family burial will take place before the funeral. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, February 14, 2026, at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 2282 E. Fox Dr., Westfall, KS.

In lieu of plants and flowers, memorials contributions can made to St. Paul Lutheran Church or to the Morrison House of Salina, KS, c/o, Hall Chapel, PO Box 37, Lincoln, KS 67455. Condolences can be left at hallchapel.com.

## Feedback is requested

The North Central Regional Planning Commission (NCRPC) would like you to share your thoughts on regional challenges and opportunities in our rural communities. Your feedback will help update the region's five-year Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) and ensure community needs and priorities are reflected in plans to support

a strong, thriving region.

To take the survey, visit: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2026ncksurvey>

The survey ends March 12, 2026. Please share with others, including those who serve on your local governing bodies.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2026ncksurvey>

## Scholarships available to attend WeKan

The Lincoln County Economic Development Foundation is again sponsoring registrations for those interested in attending the WeKan! Conference on Thursday, April 2nd, at the Meridian Center in Newton.

Organized by the Kansas Sampler Foundation, the theme of

this year's conference is "Creating the Choir". Join many other rural advocates to explore ways to create "the choir" in our communities - singing the praises of what is good about where we live. Learn about how we can invite future community members to be rural by choice and expand the ways we

invest in the places we love.

Interested in a scholarship to attend? Reach out to Kelly Gourley at the LCEDF by calling 785-524-8954 or email [Lcedfdirector@outlook.com](mailto:Lcedfdirector@outlook.com)!

Register at <https://secure.qgiv.com/for/ksfevents/event/wekan2026/>

## Commission/ from page 2

April department head meeting; inquiry if a department head work session should be scheduled with Emergency Management to update department COOP plans; update on the meeting with Senator Elaine Bowers regarding Sales Tax legislation request; one jail committee public meeting was held in January; changes to the WEB fund bylaws which will keep portions of the interest for county projects; and wage projections and budget impacts if the commissioners grant an additional fifty-cent per hour cost of living increase.

The chairman recessed the meeting to the courthouse commission meeting room at 11:45 a.m. The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session in the commission meeting room at 11:48 a.m.

The board discussed the following topics with County Attorney Scott Wright: lease agreements for county-owned properties let for bid in September; the recycling center operations agreement with Slechta Enterprises; status on conducting a tax sale; identified options for distributing the remaining balance in the water recovery fund, as 1. give it back to the club, 2. give it to another dive team or similar organization or 3. transfer it to the county, recommending that the board not pay individuals as it could be a point of contention on who to pay for members that are no longer alive; and the board discussed the volunteer pay for firefighters and correspondence received from the attorney assist and from a fire chief.

Administrators report: had previously forwarded bids received for repairing and/or replacing the courthouse roof, and the failed pipe that drains roof runoff at the emergency services building; discussed bridge

projects recommended by Brett Wilkinson for upcoming available grants; that he will be meeting with the hospital on future collaboration; discussed using the fuel trailer to deliver fuel to outlying shops and bid the fuel purchased by the tanker; and the PMI grant report is due for the Health Department.

Commissioner Smith requested that Robertson and Health Nurse/Administrator Buttenhoff determine what is needed to officially appoint Buttenhoff as the county's Health Officer. The board requested that Wilkinson be scheduled on Monday's agenda to discuss bridge recommendations. The board asked that HR prepare a resolution to grant an additional fifty cent per hour cost of living adjustment.

The chairman adjourned the meeting at 1:34 p.m. The next meeting will be in the courthouse commission meeting room at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, February 6, 2026.

February 6, 2026

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met in special session on Friday, February 6, 2026. Chairman Debora Smith called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with Vice-Chairman Ken Meitler and Member Leon Hart present. County Clerk Dawn Harlow was in attendance as the recording secretary.

Purpose: The purpose of the special meeting is to conduct interviews for the Public Works Director position.

Others present for portions of the meeting: Adam Robertson and Felicia Strahm.

Debora Smith moved to recess into executive session for ten minutes, for the purpose of reviewing Public Works Director applications, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b)(1) to

discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel, to reconvene in the courthouse commission meeting room with the board, Adam Robertson, and Felicia Strahm present, seconded by Leon Hart. Motion carried. Time in: 10:01 a.m. Time out: 10:11 a.m.

The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 10:11 a.m. with no action taken.

Debora Smith moved to recess into executive session for sixty minutes, for the purpose of conducting an interview for the Public Works Director 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, Adam Robertson, Felicia Strahm and Applicant #4 present, seconded by Ken Meitler. Motion carried. Time in: 10:14 a.m. Time out: 11:14 a.m.

The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 11:14 a.m. with no action taken.

Debora Smith moved to recess into executive session for sixty minutes, for the purpose of conducting an interview for the Public Works Director 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, Adam Robertson, Felicia Strahm and Applicant #5 present, seconded by Leon Hart. Motion carried. Time in: 11:22 a.m. Time out: 12:22 p.m.

The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 12:22 p.m. with no action taken.

The chairman adjourned the meeting at 12:27 p.m. The next meeting will be in the courthouse commission meeting room at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, February 9, 2025.



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Pastor Toby Flaming  
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Morning Worship @ 10:45 am

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Worship Service @ 10:30 am  
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Light Keepers Wed. @6:30 grades 6-12  
Men's Prayer Breakfast, 7am @ The Cube

**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](http://www.lincolncommunitychurch.org)  
Pastor Steven Rohn  
Sunday School @ 9:30 am  
Worship Service @ 10:30 am  
Women of Grace.Wed. @ 5:30 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**  
Worship Service @ 10:30 am  
Alternate Pastor & Lay Leaders provide Communion

**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

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Father Mark Wesely, Lincoln  
Rectory phone: 785-524-4823  
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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

**Barnard United Methodist Church**

Pastors Kaye and Jeff Metzler  
**Service Times:**  
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship: 11:00 a.m.

Church schedules are made possible by the following sponsors:

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church**

If you would like to sponsor these area churches, please contact the Lincoln Sentinel at 785-524-4200.

**SEIRER'S CLOTHING**

Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup> 10am-6pm | Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup> 10am-4pm

**BASEMENT SALE**

\*ALL SALES FINAL. EXCLUDES LITTLE BLACK CARDS

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## Guest Editorial

### More clarity, and a way forward on "college" sports

A few thoughts about the state of "college" athletics and the notion of taxpayer money supporting it. First and foremost, the whole thing is a mess. As my long conversations with Gene Taylor (as published in the Mercury ([the last week of January]) show, it's the Wild West, where college kids are getting paid to play, and the amounts are entirely unregulated. That's neither sustainable nor fair, and the problem needs to be addressed yesterday. Not just for K-State - which is at a competitive disadvantage in this scenario, but for the entire industry. Without a level playing field, "college" sports are on a suicide mission.

A big part of the solution is already on hand, with a regulatory body and what amounts to a salary cap. All that has to happen is that colleges have to sign an agreement to bestow legal authority.

That's the first step, the key to everything. Mr. Taylor is advocating strongly for it, as he should. Tip of the cap to him for sharing all that background information - we learned more in that interview than I have known for quite some time. And a salute to him for advocating for a solution.

K-State, KU and Wichita State this past week also began laying groundwork for some sort of request to the state government for money to pay for some part of all of this. Keep in mind that K-State does not put university money into athletics, and hasn't for many years. That makes it unusual nationwide, where many colleges subsidize their athletics operations.

Such a request faces a giant public-relations hurdle until the larger problem is solved. If the public can be certain that it's a level

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## Post Rock Extension District

### Protect Your Landscape from Deer

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

Deer may be fun to watch as they jump through our backyards and run in the woods, but they can cause trouble in our landscape. Deer damage is a major problem in many of our backyards during the winter months.

Bucks rub on saplings and young trees to get the velvet off their antlers. In late winter their rubbing intensifies to help shed their antlers. This causes extensive damage to the bark and often results in a slow death of the tree. Protecting trees from damage is important in areas populated with deer. Once deer have damaged your tree, there is unfortunately little that can be done to heal the tree. If the damage was only to one side, it may survive, although it will be weakened and have an ugly scar. When bucks rub on a tree it damages the phloem and xylem wood. These are water and nutrient conducting tissues, when damaged, the tree won't be able to take up water or send food down to its roots. The cambium layer of wood is in the middle of the phloem and xylem. If it is the only wood damaged the tree will usually be able to heal.

In north central Kansas, it is often necessary to protect our young trees. To be safe, protect all trees, deciduous and evergreen, under 6 to 8 inches in trunk diameter. Here are some control options to protect your landscape;

There are several methods for protecting young trees. Some are more effective than others. The simplest

method, but also the least dependable, is the use of strong odor deterrent materials. The most common product on the market is called "Liquid Fence," which is sprayed on the tree. Predator urine is also sold as a deterrent. Deer repellents are not highly effective because they wear off with rain and snow. They should be applied at least once a month, or after every rainfall starting from early fall till late winter. If you happen to miss a timely application, your tree will likely be damaged.

Another method is to wrap the tree using paper tree wrap or vinyl spiral wrap. Paper wrap is less effective as it can be worn through by the deer. Tree wraps can be found at many garden centers and nurseries. Wrap the trunk, covering all exposed bark, from the base until you reach the bottom branches. Be sure to remove the wrap in late winter/early spring before the tree leaves out. Corrugated plastic tubing is another option for protecting young trees. If bucks continue to rub on the plastic, the friction can rip the bark of the tree.

The most effective method is to construct a rigid fence out and around the trees. Start by using three to four heavy duty metal fence posts. Drive them into the ground at the dripline of the evergreen tree. For deciduous trees, put them 2 feet or more from the trunk. The fence posts provide a rigid object for the deer to rub against. You could stop there, or you could add another level of defense. For additional protection, wrap the fence posts with a woven wire. Con-

crete reinforcing wire or similar material works well. This encloses the tree and prevents the deer from getting to it. You can also use perimeter electric fences 8 to 10 feet tall, baited electric fences and meshes, and electric deer shocking devices.

If you are down to a last resort. There are a number of home remedies to keep deer at bay. These include hanging all types of odorous soaps or even human hair in the lower branches. These methods are not proven and may provide limited control. I have heard of many people having success using Irish Spring soap. Simply wipe/rub the bar of soap up and down the tree trunk. Once that is accomplished the remaining piece of the bar is hung in the trees about deer head height. Plant an herb garden with strong flavored plants like chives, thyme, garlic, and oleander to deter deer. You can also try scaring the deer away using strobe lights, noise making devices or letting dogs roam around your property.

Protecting your landscape from deer is important to save your valuable plant investments. It's easy to get started with a few simple protective measures. If you have any questions about keeping deer out of your landscape, contact your local Extension Office.

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## PRAIRIE DOC BY DEB JOHNSTON, MD

### The Bones of the Matter

When I was in medical school, I learned that a shocking number of people would die or be admitted to a nursing home after a hip fracture.

Even today, a hip fracture can be a devastating event for an older American. Up to 30% will die within the next year. Many more will lose independence and require admission to assisted living or a nursing home. Estimates vary, but it may approach 50%. As hard as it is to believe, these statistics are improved from my long ago medical school days.

As a doctor in training, the solution seemed obvious. If osteoporosis caused hip fractures, and hip fractures caused premature death and disability, then my mission as a primary care physician would be to prevent osteoporosis. I've been nagging my patients about their calcium and vitamin D intake and their weight bearing exercise ever since.

To be fair, the reality is a bit more nuanced. It's true that osteoporosis is a major factor in hip fractures, but it is often accompanied by other issues: poor nutrition, poor balance, low muscle mass, and more obvious serious health conditions like dementia, heart

disease, kidney disease, and diabetes.

Similarly, preventing osteoporosis isn't as simple as urging everyone to drink enough milk. Generally we can build stronger bones up until about age 30. After that, the goal is to maintain bone mass. Those critical years are often decades before a person starts thinking about their bones, and sometimes well before they start thinking about their health at all!

Other habits also influence how strong your bones are at their best. Smoking and alcohol reduce bone mass. Weight bearing exercise increases it; while being sedentary has the opposite effect. Your body needs vitamin D to make bone, too, and deficiencies are surprisingly common.

Other health conditions, and their treatments, can have significant influences on your bone health. The list is long: eating disorders, premature menopause, inflammatory bowel disease, seizure disorders, asthma, rheumatoid arthritis, chronic kidney disease, thyroid disease, cancer.

While preventing osteoporosis starts in childhood, hope is not lost just because you are well into middle age, or older. Talk with your doc-

tor about what you should be doing to keep your bones healthy. Do you need help getting rid of nicotine, or cutting back on alcohol? Are you having trouble getting enough calcium or vitamin D? Are there medications you are taking that could be changed? Is it time to start screening?

While many people think about osteoporosis as a woman's disease, it affects men too, albeit at lower rates. In fact, men may have a higher risk of death after a hip fracture. We all need to be thinking about our bones. It's never too early. Or too late.

Dr. Debra Johnston is a Family Medicine Physician at Avera Medical Group Brookings in Brookings, SD. She serves as one of the Prairie Doc Volunteer Hosts during its 24th Season providing Health Education Based on Science, Built on Trust. Follow The Prairie Doc® at [www.prairiedoc.org](http://www.prairiedoc.org), Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and Tik Tok. Prairie Doc Programming includes On Call with the Prairie Doc®, a medical Q&A show (most Thursdays at 7pm on YouTube and streaming on Facebook), 2 pod-casts, and a Radio program (on SDPB, Sundays at 6am and 1pm).

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with only the 800 highest-scoring hospitals earning a spot on the 2026 list.

"This recognition from Newsweek is a tremendous honor for MCHHS," said Janelle Kircher, Chief Executive Officer. "It reflects our entire team's dedication to ensuring patients receive the best possible care. For a rural hospital to earn national best-in-state recognition speaks volumes about the excellence and heart we bring to work every day."

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**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF LINCOLN COUNTY, KANSAS**

In the Matter of the Estate of )  
 ) Case No. LC-2026-PR-000002  
 Doris E. White, deceased ) **Title to Real Estate Involved**  
 )  
 (Petition Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

**NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
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You are hereby notified that on February 5, 2026, a Petition was filed in this Court by Rodney R. Larsen and Nancy K. Marihugh, Petitioners, praying for the issuance of Letters of Administration under the Kansas Simplified Estates Act, to serve without bond.

You are further advised that the Petitioners in this matter have requested administration pursuant to the Kansas Simplified Estates Act. The Court may not supervise administration of the Estate, and no further notice of any action from the Administrators or other proceedings in the administration will be given. If written objections to simplified administration are filed with the Court, the Court may order supervised administration to ensue.

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/s/ Rodney R. Larsen /s/ Nancy K. Marihugh  
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**Legal Notice**

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**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF LINCOLN COUNTY, KANSAS CIVIL DEPARTMENT**

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 ) Case No. LC-2025-CV-000001  
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 ) Chapter 60  
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# Welcome to the Neighborhood

By Cindy Entriken

Justin Callahan and his mother, Christine, are the newest residents of Lincoln having moved here recently from Anderson, South Carolina. Justin's dad passed away in 2007 but an older brother and a younger sister remain in Anderson.

Justin received his GED and joined the Army at the age of 17, where he served six years including a tour in Iraq from 2009-2010. He is a disabled veteran.

When asked what brought them to Lincoln, Justin explained that he and his mom were ready for a change and that they did research to decide where to move. He said they love the town.

Justin enjoys working on cars and watching sports while Christine wants to become involved in community activities and hopes to grow her jewelry and craft business.

Three words Justin chose to describe himself are caring, friendly, and determined, and he ended our interview by saying "We are a friendly family and welcome all questions and conversations. We're hoping to make new friends."

When you see Justin or Christine around town, be sure to introduce yourself and welcome them to Lincoln!

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organization's programming, grants and partnerships have documented and shared Kansas stories to spark conversations Together with statewide partners

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Dana Walters, Director of the Lincoln County Historical Society and Museum (first row, far right), stands with directors and curators of historical societies and museums in Franklin County, Miners Hall Museum in Franklin, Scott County and Waubesa County as a member of the five-museum team for "History Makers: The Future is Now." (Courtesy Photo)



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### ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS

Lincoln County Economic Development Foundation (LCEDF)  
Board of Trustees - Districts 1 & At-Large

The LCEDF is accepting nominations for two positions on the Board of Trustees representing District 1 & At-Large. To be eligible, nominees must be a registered voter with the Lincoln County Clerk and must reside in the district which they would serve. Nominees may be self-nominated or nominated by another voting member who lives in the district. Nomination forms are available in the LCEDF office located in the county courthouse basement at 216 E Lincoln Avenue, Lincoln.

Nominations are due in the LCEDF office by **4:30 pm on Wednesday, March 11, 2026.**

**NOTICE OF UPCOMING ELECTIONS**

To be eligible to vote in the election, voters must be a registered voter with the Lincoln County Clerk and must live in the district up for election. Voters may cast their ballot at the LCEDF office between Wednesday, March 18, and Wednesday, March 25 during regular office hours.

**QUESTIONS?**  
Contact the LCEDF at 785-524-8954 or [LcedfDirector@Outlook.com](mailto:LcedfDirector@Outlook.com)

Cedron	Orange	Battle Creek	Scott	Salt Creek
Hanover	Grant	Marion	Beaver	Logan
Pleasant	Vesper	Indiana	Elkhorn	Colorado
Highland	Golden Belt	Valley	Franklin	Madison

Board of Trustees' Districts

District 1 (Orange, Grant, Pleasant, Highland)

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District 3 (Scott, Beaver, Elkhorn, Franklin, Salt Creek, Logan, Colorado, Madison)

### PUBLIC NOTICE

(First Published in Lincoln Sentinel-Republican on Wednesday, February 18, 2026)  
NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

Lincoln Unified School District No. 298  
133 E. Lincoln Ave.  
Lincoln, KS 67455

Lincoln Unified School District 298 intends to issue a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to interested General Contractors for Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) services for the project(s) that would result from a successful bond issue campaign in 2026. The projects would include new construction addition(s) to the current facilities and potential renovations to same.

A formal RFQ will be available on February 13th, 2026. Firms interested in receiving a copy of the RFQ shall submit a written request by the close of business on February 27th, 2026, to: Sarah Sipe, Landmark Architects, 1020 N. Main St. Hutchinson, Kansas 67501, [sarah@landmarkarchitects.net](mailto:sarah@landmarkarchitects.net). Responses to the RFQ will be due on or before 5:00 p.m., March 4th, 2026, to be eligible for further consideration.

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2019 Ford Expedition Platinum, White Platinum w/Ceramic Leather, 3.5L EcoBoost, Panoramic Roof, Power Running Boards, 103K Miles #65615 <b>\$32,850</b>	

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playing field, then the notion of underwriting athletics could become more palatable as an economic development initiative. Even then, it would have to be carefully and narrowly crafted: Say, for instance, that they established a special taxing district such that only the growth in taxes was captured and funneled toward athletics. Then no government service would be negatively impacted. That could possibly pass muster. Something akin to the Chiefs deal, for short-hand. Or a tax on tickets, or a surcharge on television-rights packages, or... something specifically targeted. Get the Kansas City Polsinelli lawyers on the job.

But nobody's going to want to pump any taxpayer money of any kind into a black hole where K-State and KU are competing against, say, LSU spending \$50 million on players. Where would the request end? If the public can be certain that there are real enforceable limits, then there could be a reasonable debate. Otherwise it will be swamped by complaints: I don't want my tax money paying some entitled brat who ends up transferring to KU. Those greedy so-and-sos created this mess, and now they want my tax money to bail them out? Hell to the no. Yadda yadda yadda.

Which probably means any such request is going to have to wait a year or so. Because - to get back to the starting point - the big picture issues have to get fixed first. That should have happened months ago, at the very least.

Ned Seaton  
Manhattan Mercury

### Two Day February Consignment Auction

Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> - 9:00am  
At lot East of Brush, CO at the Junction of Highways 34 & 71  
Live On-Site Plus Pre-Auction & Live On-Line, Phone & Absentee Bidding on All Items Both Days.  
Visit [AMAAuctions.com](http://AMAAuctions.com) for the complete detailed Listing.

**Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> - 9:00am**  
New & Used 3pt & Small Equip, Skid Steer Attachments, Farm & Construction Attachments sell at 9:00am-There are several hundred pieces in this category including a large variety & quantity of new & used skid steer attachments & much more-Livestock Equip, CO Brand, Hay & Feed, Livestock Shelters, Fencing Material, Metal Siding, Pipe & Structural Steel, New & Used Lumber & More Sells After 3pt Equip-2+ Rows of items selling in this category. Both New & Used Items. There is a great selection of new livestock equip plus a good variety alfalfa & grass hay. The CO Livestock Brand is "Lazy K Strung Connected Slash/!"

**Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> - 9:00am**  
Tractors, Motor Grader, Forklifts, Mini Excavators, Skid Steers & more sell after ATV's-Everything from antique & collectible tractors to late model farm tractors, ind. equip plus large variety new mini skid steers & mini ex's-Trucks & Trailers sell after Tractors-Semi & farm trucks, manure, dump & tire trucks, bumper pull, gooseneck & semi trailers, livestock trailers & more-Vehicles sell after Trailers-PU's, Cars, SUV's & Vans-Irrigation Equip sells at 9:00am-GPS Equip Truck & Tractor Parts, Attachments & Tires sell after Irrigation-Quick hitches, tractor weights, fenders & other parts, truck accessories & toolboxes, tractor, truck & implement tires & much more-Commercial Shop Equip & Misc sell after tractor parts-Wide variety commercial shop equip, new & used shop benches & cabinets, wrought iron fencing & decorative gates, portable restrooms & much more-Fuel Tanks & Trailers, Propane Tanks, Product Tanks, Truck & Pickup Beds sell after Misc-Horizontal fuel tanks, OH tanks, transfer tanks, new fuel trailers. Variety product tanks, propane tanks, pickup & truck flatbeds, utility beds & more-Storage Containers & Buildings, Garage & Car Port Kits sell after Pickup Beds-Shipping & storage containers, canvas shelters, new garage & car port kits, garden sheds & more-4 Wheelers, Side x Sides, Snow Mobile, Golf Carts, Mower & More sell after buildings-

**Note**-The February sale is shaping up nicely with a wide variety of good new & used items. Starting here in February and through the spring we will start to see a lot of good farmer owned pieces coming in, many of which will be consigned after the advertising deadline. Pre-auction & Live Online bidding available on all items. Please utilize the website to view detailed listings and info about items and check back often for additions. Don't miss a good February sale with something for everyone. Plan to Attend.

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**THIS DAY IN HISTORY**



**1861:** The Kingdom of Italy is proclaimed.

**1958:** The United States launches the first solar-powered satellite.

**1966:** Off the coast of Spain in the Mediterranean, a submarine finds a missing American hydrogen bomb.

**People FACT:**



The collapsible version of this device was made popular by Parisian merchant Jean Marius in the early 18th century.

Answer: Umbrella

**ACROSS**

- 1. Rainy day tool
- 5. Incorporated
- 6. Widely admired
- 7. A sea eagle
- 8. Opposite of stand
- 9. State of atmosphere

**DOWN**

- 1. Positive notion
- 2. Most rain
- 3. Sport with netted stick
- 4. Means or skill

Down  
1. Upside 2. Rainiest 3. Lacrosse 4. Ability

Across  
1. Umbrella 5. Inc. 6. Icon 7. Erne 8. Sit 9. Weather

Answers:

**NEW WORD**

**RUNNER**

part of an umbrella that slides up and down

**How they say that in...**

- English:** Rain
- Spanish:** Lluvia
- Italian:** Pioggia
- French:** Pluie
- German:** Regen

**Did You Know?**

A vented canopy on an umbrella is an extra layer that allows air to pass through. This helps to prevent the wind from carrying larger umbrellas away.



**Get the PICTURE?**



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

Answer: Umbrella

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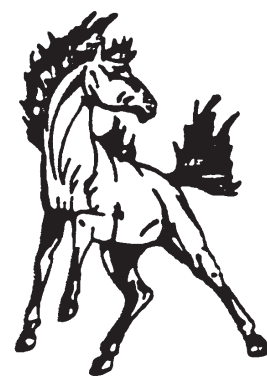


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# LOCAL ATHLETE NELSON COMMITS TO BETHEL SOFTBALL



Sylvan-Lucas senior Harlee Nelson signed to play softball at Bethel College as head coach Dave Middleton looks on. Joining her for the occasion were her parents, Michael and Rosanna Nelson, and sister Kelbie, along with supporters April Saskowski, Cleo Simoneau and Linda Haring. (Courtesy Photo)

## Scenes from the Hardwood



Lincoln Junior Jeremiah Miller elevates for a slam during Lincoln action. (Photo by Becky Rathbun)



Lincoln's Alison Rosebrook pulls up for a jumper in Friday's game versus Rock Hills. (Photo by Becky Rathbun)



Lincoln's Hadley Wiebke takes it strong to the basket. (Photo by Becky Rathbun)



Tescott Junior Joey Stirn surveys the defense while searching for a passing lane. (Photo by Kriston Phelps)



Sylvan-Lucas senior Tristan Keith attacks the rim against Thunder Ridge. (Photo by Lori Spear)



Sylvan-Lucas junior Cai Labertew shoots a one-handed jumper. (Photo by Lori Spear)



Tescott's Carter Phelps goes up strong for a rebound. (Photo by Kriston Phelps)



Sylvan-Lucas sophomore Jayden Meitler rises above traffic to secure the rebound. (Photo by Lori Spear)



Sylvan-Lucas senior Molly Heller applies defensive pressure. (Photo by Lori Spear)