

Something in the air... and water...



Residents of Russell, Ellsworth and Lincoln counties attend a town hall presentation by former project lead Karin Goldberg. (Courtesy Photo)

By Taylor Provine with Jyll Phillips, Lincoln Sentinel K-State News and Communications Services

Now the State of Kansas knows what we in Lincoln County have suspected for a long time. Our cancer rates are too high.

My husband was diagnosed with lung cancer three years after relocating to Lincoln, 18 years ago. Five years later I was diagnosed with breast cancer and fought through a recurrence a year later. In that five year interim period, two of my friends were diagnosed with lung cancer, two others with breast cancer and one with prostate cancer. That's eight people in my own small circle diagnosed with cancers in a five year period. That's too much.

When residents of three western Kansas counties raised concerns about rising cancer rates and poten-

tial environmental cancer risks in their communities, Kansas State University researchers responded with research and collaboration that led to results.

rates in these counties, including colorectal cancer in Russell County and prostate and lung cancers in Lincoln County.

Now that the initial re-

search phase has concluded, the researchers have identified results and implemented strategies to help reduce cancer risks and promote community health.

geology, public health, environmental science and K-State Extension. As part of the project, community members could volunteer to have K-State researchers test their homes for radon at no cost. Rafferty said the radon testing results have been a significant concern, prompting the need to install radon mitigation systems.

“The radon tests were off the charts,” Rafferty said. “It was concerning to see what the levels were, but luckily, once we got mitigation systems into about 90% of the houses tested, they were back down to safe levels. Anyone who wanted help received it.”

Private well water testing across the three counties, also conducted voluntarily, found elevated mineral levels that may also pose health risks, Rafferty said, and im

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A project led and funded by K-State's Johnson Cancer Research Center has been studying and testing groundwater contamination in private wells and radon levels in homes in Russell, Ellsworth and Lincoln counties since March 2024. The project was initiated from residents' concerns about increasing cancer

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Ryan Rafferty, interim director of the Johnson Cancer Research Center and associate professor of chemistry, led the research team alongside collaborators in

Industrial Arts students present semester projects



The 7th grade Industrial Arts students have completed their woodshop unit where they learned the proper and safe operation of woodworking machines. Using their newly acquired knowledge the students completed an oven push stick and a cutting board. (Photo courtesy of USD 298)

News from the Lincoln County Economic Development Foundation

The Kansas Department of Commerce is accepting applications for the Industrial Renovation Opportunity and New Economic Development (IRONED) grant program.

As described in “News You Can Use” from LCEDF, grants are up to \$100,000 with program requirements including (a) the property must be an underutilized, vacant or dilapidated industrial and/or manufacturing facility, (b) the project is already in the planning phase and ready for implementation but demonstrate a gap in project financing, (c) renovations must be completed within 12 months of receiving the award, (d) the business/tenant must be operating in the building within 18 months, and (e) matching funds of 1:1 to grant funds is required.

Property owners can apply for the grant directly; however, they must have a support organization committed to partnering with them throughout the grant period. This could be the city, economic development organization, Chamber of Commerce, or other non-profit.

The deadline for applications is 5 p.m. June 17, 2026. Awards will be announced in August.

For more information, contact Kelly Gourley at LCEDF (785-524-8954) or visit <https://www.kansascommerce.gov/ironed/>.

Also, from LCEDF, funding is now available for apprenticeship programs through the Kansas Office of Registered Apprenticeship. They are offering funding to businesses and organizations seeking to attract and retain skilled employees through registered apprenticeships in rural areas.

The Rural Apprenticeship Innovation for a Strong Economy (RAISE) funding can go toward technical instruction, outreach, staffing, partnerships and administrative costs. To qualify businesses must create a registered apprenticeship program that meets criteria that requires the business to commit to developing a registered apprenticeship program within three months of receiving funding. The business must demonstrate a plan to engage existing or potential employees and apprentices residing in counties with populations under 50,000. The business must also provide a 1:1 matching contribution.

Applications will be accepted through April 17.

Big Wins for Sylvan-Lucas



Sylvan-Lucas-Lincoln baseball split a doubleheader with Wichita Defenders, falling 8-6 in Game 1 before bouncing back with an 11-10 win in Game 2. The Sylvan-Lucas softball team dominated Pratt-Skyline, winning 17-1 and 16-2 in a doubleheader sweep. (Photo by Lori Spear)

Of interest to veterans

With the rebirth of spring and the month of April, we remember April 10, 1942. On this date, the Bataan Death March began. Some 76,000 allied POW's including 12,000 Americans were forced to walk 60 miles in extreme heat and sun, without water or food, to the POW camp. This resulted in over 5,000 American deaths.

April 2026 dates to remember include the VFW membership meeting April 8; the American Legion meeting April 9; the American Legion Adopt-A-Highways Clean-up April 11; the VFW Auxiliary meeting April 14; the 78th anniversary of the founding of the Air Force Reserves April 14 and the 117th anniversary of the founding of the US Army Reserves also on the 14th.

Always remember for 24/7 confidential crisis support for veterans dial 988, then press 1.

A good prank



April 1, also known as April Fool's Day, is a day set aside for good-natured fun and pranks. Popular pranks include replacing the crème filling in an Oreo cookie with toothpaste, petroleum jelly on a doorknob, or plastic film stretched across the toilet bowl. In one famous prank in 1957, the BBC broadcast a film in their Panorama current affairs series purporting to show Swiss farmers picking freshly-grown spaghetti in what they called the Swiss Spaghetti Harvest. The BBC was soon flooded with requests to purchase a spaghetti plant, forcing them to declare the film a hoax on the news the next day.

Cash Grain

Corn.....	\$3.99
Milo.....	\$3.59
Soybeans.....	\$10.54
Wheat.....	\$5.67

Cash prices courtesy of Ag Mark

Community Calendar

Thursday, April 2

USD 298: 1:00 PM JH TRACK @ TESCOTT
USD 299: FFA Vet Science/Ag Tech @ Beloit; 1pm JH Track @ Tescott

Friday, April 3

Lincoln: Seirer's Basement Sale
USD 298:
NO SCHOOL - HOLIDAY
USD 299: No school - holiday

Saturday, April 4

Lincoln: Seirer's Basement Sale; Bingo @ Vesper Community Center
USD 298: LINCOLN COUNTY REC - SOCCER 8 AM - 1 PM
USD 299: Kays Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 5

USD 298: LINCOLN COUNTY REC - SOCCER 8 AM - 1 PM

Monday, April 6

USD 298: 5 pm USD 298 BOARD MEETING
USD 299: No school

Tuesday, April 7

3:00 PM HS TRACK @ BELOIT; 6:30 PM K-5 LES SPRING CONCERT; 8am Math State Assessment - 10th Grade; 7:45am JH/HS girls Summer BB Meeting; 3:30pm BOOK FAIR EVENING
USD 299: 3pm HS Track St. John's-Beloit Inv. @ Mankato; 3pm Softball @ Bennington

Wednesday, April 8

USD 298: 8th GRADERS TO GURLEY SALT MARSH; 8th GRADERS TO GURLEY SALT MARSH
USD 299: Gurley Salt Marsh (8th Grade); Kay Board mtg. during seminar; Speaker during Seminar (Electrical Apprenticeship); 6pm Booster Club Meeting 6pm High School Formal Etiquette Evening hosted by FFA; 7pm Post Rock Grant Writing ?

Commodity Distribution held the third Wednesday every other month at The Cube (147 N. 4th St., Lincoln.) January, March, May, June, Sept., Nov.

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.

Morgan Cheney from Lincoln wins Bingo Jackpot in Vesper

There will be bingo, delicious food and wholesome family fun on Saturday April 4th at the Vesper Community Center, located at 1247 N 120th Rd, Lincoln KS 67455 1 mile south of Hwy 18 in Vesper. Doors to the facility and the concession stand open at 5:30pm and bingo begins at 7pm.

March's bingo had more than 25 winners. Morgan Cheney from Lincoln won the jackpot round. More info about bingo and volunteer opportunities can be found at <https://vespercc.org/bingo/>
Volunteers will be selling burgers, hot dogs, loaded nachos, fresh baked cinnamon rolls and cheesecake, ice cream sundaes, pie and beverages inside the facility at the concession stand. Food is hot and ready and also available for takeout from 5:30pm to 8:30pm. All proceeds support the

community center.

The Vesper facility is available to rent for wedding receptions and other gatherings and includes the use of up 300+ chairs and 42 8' tables for indoor seating arrangements. For more information go to the www.vespercc.org web site.

In addition to rental income and monies raised from Bingo and other sponsored events, the all volunteer run Vesper Community Center is supported by private donations and grants from Dane G Hansen, Post Rock Community Foundation, Lincoln County Wind Economic Benefit fund and local businesses, so be sure to thank Kansas Homes and Movers, Seirer's Clothing, Citizens State Bank & Trust, Meyer Tire and Lube, the Bank of Tescott, Lincoln Building Supply, S&S Auto service and towing and

181 Ag Supply, Bennington State Bank and Beloit GMC when you patronize these businesses.



Morgan Cheney, Lincoln, won the bingo jackpot.

Post Rock District Extension to Host Coffee Conversation Series for area producers

Post Rock District Extension invites community members, farmers, and ranchers to attend its upcoming Coffee Conversation Series, three meetings focused on timely and relevant agricultural topics. Designed to be both informative and informal, each session will feature expert insight along with opportunities for attendees to ask questions and connect with others in the agricultural community.

The series will kick off on April 7th at the Bank of Tescott Meeting Room in Beloit, where Jennifer Ifft, K-State Extension Specialist in Agricultural Economics, will present on Livestock Risk Protection (LRP). Attendees will gain a better understanding of how LRP works and how it can be used as a tool to help manage price risk in today's markets.

The second session will take place on April 16th at the Osborne Library, featuring K-State Range Scientist Keith Harmoney. This discussion will focus on woody encroachment, including its impact on pasture health and productivity, and on practical management strategies producers can use to control unwanted species.

The series will conclude on April 21st at the Finch Theatre in Lincoln. Ashlee Westerhold, Director of the K-State Farm and Ranch Transition Office, will lead a conversation on farm and ranch transition planning.

This session will highlight key considerations for passing operations on to the next generation and provide guidance on how families can begin navigating the transition process.

All meetings will begin at 10:00 a.m. and will last approximately one hour, with time built in for questions and discussion. Attendees are welcome to join one or all three sessions.

There is no cost to attend; however, registration is encouraged to help plan coffee and seating.

For more information or to register, visit the Post Rock District Extension website or contact Blaire Todd, Livestock Production Agent, at 785-738-3597.

Cold Weather Rule and LIEAP application period end soon

TOPEKA – The Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC) wants to remind utility customers that there are two important dates coming up next week. First, the Cold Weather Rule ends on Tuesday, March 31. The Cold Weather Rule protects residential customers, served by KCC regulated utilities, from disconnection when temperatures are forecast to drop below 35 degrees.

When the Cold Weather Rule is in effect, regulated utilities are required to offer a 12-month payment plan upon request, even if a previous payment plan has been broken. When that protection ends on Tuesday, failure to make arrangements or failure to adhere to an already estab-

lished payment plan could result in disconnection. Reconnection after March 31 may require past due balances to be paid in full, depending on the utility's policy. That is why it is important to call now – while regulated utilities are still required to offer the Cold Weather Rule 12-month payment plan.

In addition, March 31 is the deadline to apply for the Low-Income Energy Assistance Program, known as LIEAP. Applications for the federally funded program must be received by the Kansas Department of Children and Families by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, March 31. Information about the program is available at <https://www.dcf.ks.gov/services/>

ees/Pages/EnergyAssistance.aspx.

The Commission urges all customers facing financial difficulties to act now to stay connected. To find out more about utility assistance programs in your area, please contact your utility or the KCC Consumer Protection Office at 800-662-0027 or 785-271-3140. Utility assistance program information is also posted on the KCC's website.

It is important to note that the Commission does not regulate co-ops or municipal utilities, although many of those utilities also offer a cold weather payment plan. For a complete list of utilities regulated by the KCC visit: <http://kcc.ks.gov/about-us/jurisdiction>.

Kobach warns consumers to be wary of fake traffic violation scam

TOPEKA – (March 26, 2026) – Kansas Attorney General Kris Kobach today issued a consumer alert warning Kansans about a growing scam involving fraudulent "Notice of Hearing" notices for alleged traffic violations.

Scammers are sending fake notices via text message and email that mimic official court documents. These notices often include realistic details such as court headings, case numbers, statute citations, and a QR code or link directing recipients to pay a fictitious fine and associated costs.

"Courts do not serve legal documents on individuals via text or email," Kobach said. "Kansans should not respond to unsolicited messages or emails containing purported legal documents from courts requesting payments. Kansans should also avoid interacting with texts or emails that include

alleged notices or direct the consumer to scan any QR code within them. If you receive any of these notices, please report it to my office so we can investigate."

How to Spot and Avoid the Scam

- Unsolicited delivery: Real court notices for traffic violations or hearings are never sent by text or email.
 - Pressure to pay: The notices urge quick payment via QR code or link to "resolve" the matter and avoid further penalties.
 - Professional appearance: They often feature official-looking formatting to appear legitimate.
- What to Do If You Receive One**
- Do not reply, call any provided number, scan the QR code, or click any links. Interacting with the message could introduce malware to your device.
 - Verify any claim independently: Contact the clerk of

the relevant court directly using a phone number from the court's official website (never one listed in the suspicious message).

- Think before you act: Pause and double-check before responding to any unexpected legal communication.

Kansans who receive these fraudulent notices are encouraged to report them to the Kansas Attorney General's Public Protection Division at www.ag.ks.gov or by calling (785) 296-3751 or 1-800-432-2310.

About the Kansas Attorney General's Office

The Kansas Attorney General's Office protects Kansas consumers through enforcement of the Kansas Consumer Protection Act, investigation of fraud and scams, and education to help residents avoid deceptive practices. For more information, visit www.ag.ks.gov.

OCCK Transportation will have shortened hours on Good Friday

OCCK, Inc. Transportation will have shortened hours on Friday, April 3, 2026, in observation of Good Friday.

On April 3rd, CityGo buses will run from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. with no peak routes running.

Regional paratransit, GoAbilene, and GoConcordia vehicles will run a reduced number of trips.

81 Connection, KanConnect, and OCCK OnDemand will run nor-

mal schedules.

Transportation services will resume normal operating hours on Saturday, April 4th.

OCCK, Inc. provides services in north central Kansas to anyone with any type of long or short-term disability, starting as early as birth and following people through their whole lives. OCCK provides an array of supports for success at home and

in the community, including independent living skills and supports, employment and career training, Alzheimer's supports, autism services, assistive technology, children's services, transportation, specialized therapies, and home health care.

OCCK is committed to providing transportation services to the general public, seniors, and persons

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Monday, April 6

BBQ Baked Chikcen, Baked Beans, Marinated Slaw, Grapes, Rolls & Milk

Tuesday, April 7

Breakfast Casserole, Sunshine Salad, Biscuit & Milk

Wednesday, April 8

Meatloaf, Baby Bakers, Broccoli w/Cheese Sauce, Mixed Fruit Cup, Roll & Milk

Thursday, April 9

Taco Salad, Spanish Rice, Refried Beans, Hot Spiced Apples, Tortilla Chps & Milk

Friday, April 10

Baked Ham, Au Gratin Potatoes, Green Beans, Apricots, 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.

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OBITUARIES

Ramona Jean "Jeane" Berryman Sept. 20, 1929 - March 26, 2026



Ramona Jean "Jeane" Berryman, 96, passed away Thursday, March 26, 2026 in Lincoln, KS. She was born September 20, 1929 in Lincoln to William and Essie Mae (Miller) Squires. Jeane was a homemaker and volunteered at Lincoln Park Manor which she enjoyed very much. She was a member of the Central Christian Church. She loved to read. Jeane married George Berryman in Lincoln on December 27, 1948. Jeane is survived by her granddaughter Melissa and husband; and great grandsons, Joseph, Aiden, Marek, and Utah. She was preceded in death by her husband George in 1996; infant daughter Georgann in 1951; and daughter Kitty Rainey in 2007. A graveside service will be held at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, April 2, 2026 at Lincoln Cemetery. Memorial contributions can be made to the Central Christian Church of Lincoln, c/o, Hall Chapel, PO Box 37, Lincoln, KS 67455. Condolences can be left at hallchapel.com.



Mildred "Millie" Louise Hlad May 10, 1933 - March 23, 2026

Mildred "Millie" Louise Hlad, 92, of Sylvan Grove, Kansas, passed away on March 23, 2026. Millie was born on May 10, 1933, in Lucas, Kansas, to Joseph and Anna (Steenbock) Hendrich. She grew up on a farm south of Lucas with her nine brothers and sisters.

She attended Pleasant Valley Grade School through the eighth grade and then attended Lucas High School, graduating in 1951. After high school, she worked as a nurse's aide at Ellsworth County Hospital in Ellsworth, Kansas. On November 15, 1952, she married her high school sweetheart, Edward Hlad. They shared 68 years of marriage and were blessed with four children. Throughout her life, church was an integral part of who she was. She attended First Baptist Church in Wilson, Kansas, where she accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Savior at the age of eight and was baptized. For over 50 years, she faithfully served in many areas, including teaching Sunday School and Vacation Bible School, offering hospitality, and playing the piano and organ. Millie was well known for her warm hospitality and home-cooked meals. She often opened her home to family, friends, missionaries, and neighbors. A devoted homemaker and dedicated farmwife, she had a gift for decorating, sewing, and gardening.

In her later years, her love of birds brought her joy, even in the midst of declining health. She was preceded in death by her loving husband, Edward, and her son, Dean Mark. Millie is survived by her daughter, Janet Bryan (Jim) of Ankeny, Iowa; her daughter, Rosalie Traver (Dan) of Wichita, Kansas; and her son, Dale Hlad (Pam) of Sylvan Grove, Kansas. She is also survived by eleven grandchildren and nineteen great-grandchildren. A Celebration of Life will be held on Tuesday, March 31, at 11:00 a.m. Visitation with the family will take place at the church prior to the service at 10:00 a.m. Burial will follow in the Wilson City Cemetery. A memorial has been established in her honor for First Baptist Church in Wilson, Kansas, and the aviary at Lincoln Park Manor in Lincoln, Kansas and may be sent to Plumer-Overlease Funeral Home, PO Box 533, Wilson, Kansas 67490. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.plumeroverlease.com

COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

March 16, 2026
The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met in the courthouse commission meeting room on Monday, March 16, 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, Jesse Knight, Mona Buttenhoff, Tony Miller, Felicia Strahm, Diane Walters, Brett Wilkinson, and Dustin Florence. Correspondence: midmonth accounts payable; bills for Lincoln Park Manor; a letter from Sharon Dohe requesting that the county not spray near their property; and an estimate to replace a portion of the guttering on the nursing home. Debora Smith moved to approve midmonth accounts payable in the amount of \$83,381.05, seconded by Leon Hart. Motion carried. Administrator Adam Robertson provided an update on Public Works activities, including viewed mowers available at Great Plains, staff identified a box culvert that could be replaced with a railcar, and a status update on the two bridge replacement projects. Robertson related that he had discussed the log jam in Grant Township with Emergency Manager Jesse Knight. Robertson discussed HB 2152, which concerns the investment of county funds. Health Nurse/Administrator Mona Buttenhoff presented the Kansas Department of Health and Environment Grant Application Signature Page for the board's approval. Debora Smith moved to approve the health department's grant applications for the grant period July 2026 to June 2027, seconded by Ken Meitler. Motion carried. Buttenhoff Tony Miller, NCK CASA, explained the organization's services provided and presented a proclamation for the board's approval.

Debora Smith moved to proclaim April as Child Abuse Prevention Month, seconded by Leon Hart. Motion carried. The board approved Miller to plant pinwheels and signs on courthouse grounds. Human Resource Officer Felicia Strahm provided the employee handbook language modifications. Debora Smith moved to approve Resolution 2026-12 adopting the Lincoln County Employee Handbook, effective March 16, 2026, seconded by Ken Meitler. Motion carried. Christen Robinson provided an update on maintenance needs for the facility and upcoming facility and resident activities. Brett Wilkinson, Kirkham Michael, related that the cost share program is accepting applications through March 26 and inquired if the board would like to apply for funding for the Westfall Rd blacktop. Wilkinson provided a cost estimate for core sampling of the Westfall Rd. The group discussed that the Sylvan blacktop will also require another 1.5-inch overlay within the first 5-year period, with Wilkinson providing cost estimates for both projects. The board approved applying for cost share funding for the Westfall Rd and agreed to conduct core sampling. Wilkinson will provide an agreement for the core sampling for final approval. Letters of support will need to be gathered to submit with the application. Wilkinson provided a cost estimate to develop cell 3 for the construction/demolition pit and provided an agreement to perform bidding and part-time construction inspection. Debora Smith moved to approve the addendum for additional services for the landfill design projects, seconded by Leon Hart. Motion carried. The board discussed the law enforcement center and sales tax committee meeting held on March 11. The board has discussed having the ability to complete both the Law Enforcement Center and courthouse rehabilitation projects

if voters approve the sales tax question. Concerns were raised at the meeting about adding the courthouse project and its impact on the law enforcement center. Revenue forecasts and bond repayment schedules have been received from Piper Sandler & Co., indicating that a one-cent sales tax could generate sufficient revenue to fund both projects. The group discussed ways to get factual information to the public so that they can be informed voters when voting on the issue in August. Sheriff Dustin Florence joined the meeting to discuss the building plans for the new law enforcement center and the comments received. Debora Smith moved to approve the minutes of the March 9 meeting, seconded by Ken Meitler. Motion carried. The chairman adjourned the meeting at 12:32 p.m. The next meeting will be in the courthouse commission meeting room at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, March 23, 2026. March 20, 2026 The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met in a special session in the courthouse commission meeting room on Friday, March 20, 2026. Chairman Debora Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with Vice-Chairman Ken Meitler and Member Leon Hart present. County Clerk Dawn Harlow was in attendance as recording secretary. Purpose: To discuss enacting a burn ban. Others present for portions of the meeting: none. Debora Smith moved to approve Resolution 2026-13, State of Disaster Emergency Proclamation enacting a burn ban effective March 20, 2026, seconded by Leon Hart. Motion carried. The chairman adjourned the meeting at 7:02 p.m. The next meeting will be in the courthouse commission meeting room at 8:30 a.m. Monday, March 23, 2026.



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Sunday Worship @ 10:30 am
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Pastor Toby Flaming
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Morning Worship @ 10:45 am
- CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH**
Sunday School @ 9:30 am
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
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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
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- LINCOLN UNITED METHODIST**
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- PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**
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Sunday School @ 10:00 am
Church @ 11:00 am
- ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH**
Pastor Don Haselhuhn
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Sunday/Bible School...9:30 am
Worship Service.....10:30 am
- ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH**
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Sunday Mass @ 11:00 am
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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**
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Insight - Kansas Farm Bureau - opinion The voices that carry

Jackie Mundt
Pratt County farmer and rancher

During a recent trip to Nashville, I found myself thinking about the first time I landed at that very same airport. I was 19, headed to the RFD-TV studios to record a special with Orion Samuelson. At the time, it felt like a big moment — one of those early milestones that help shape a life.

Orion was already a legend, though he never carried himself that way. As a fellow Wisconsinite and someone shaped by FFA, we shared an instant bond. We talked about speaking contests and how they had given us confidence, direction and purpose. His voice — deep, distinctive, unmistakable — was one I had heard before, but sitting across from him, it became something more personal. It carried warmth, humor and a quiet steadiness that reflected a generation rooted in resilience and humility.

That wasn't the first or last time Orion would interview me, but it was never routine with him, always sincere and memorable. Earlier this month, when he passed away, I found myself reflecting on the role he and others like him played in my life — and in the lives of so many across rural communities.

The first farm broadcaster I met was Bob Meyer from Loyal, Wis.. I will never forget the feeling of walking into a studio for the first time — equal parts excited and awe-struck. Bob had a way of making conversation feel easy. Over the years of my FFA career he was a friend, a cheerleader, someone who believed in what I could accomplish.

We always laughed about my first state FFA officer interview. In Wisconsin, new officers are on the radio show at five the morning after their election. I had inside knowledge: the interview was held in a conference room without an audience; it didn't matter what you wore. My new teammates showed up in full official dress, eager to make a polished impression, I walked in wearing leopard pajama pants. Bob loved that story — not because of the outfit, but because it reflected authenticity. Be yourself. The rest will follow.

A few years ago, I spoke at an event Bob was emceeing. He introduced me in his deep rumbling voice, and it felt like I was back in my youth running across the stage at FFA convention. We laughed and reminisced. It was a moment I was glad to have as it was the last time I would see Bob. Earlier this year, he passed away unexpectedly.

Farm broadcasters occupy a unique place in American life. They all build relationships with their audiences, but farm broadcasters are something more. They are part of the daily rhythm — voices heard in tractors, kitchens and pickup trucks at dawn. They deliver markets and weather, but also perspective, reassurance and hope. They tell the truth in hard times and celebrate in good times. Farm broadcasters are neighbors.

Digital noise and endless information dominate our world today and farm broadcasters are a dwindling group. The profession is changing, evolving, and in some places, fading. That reality makes me feel

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THE LEOPARD LEGACY- BY NIKKI FLINN

Beyond the Classroom: Honoring the Dedication of our Teachers



Nikki Flinn
Superintendent
USD 298

There is a common misconception that teachers work only eight to four, nine months out of the year. At USD 298 Lincoln, we know this could not be further from the truth. Teaching is a profession that demands commitment far beyond the classroom, far beyond the bell, and far beyond the traditional school calendar. Our educators work year-round, preparing lessons, grading assignments, and researching new strategies to ensure that every student has the opportunity to succeed. Not to mention the ongoing classes and trainings they complete to perfect their craft.

If you drive past our schools after hours or on weekends, you may notice cars in the parking lots long after the last bell has rung. These are our teachers, invested, dedicated, and working tirelessly to plan meaningful lessons, create engaging learning experiences, and provide the individualized attention students need to thrive. The hours they dedicate to their craft are often

invisible to the public eye, yet they are essential to the success of our students and our schools.

Teaching was once one of the most respected professions in our country, recognized not only for the knowledge imparted to students but also for the character and care that educators brought into their classrooms. Today, education is burdened with endless mandates, bureaucratic requirements, and shifting challenges that can often obscure the incredible work of our teachers. Yet, despite these pressures, the teachers at USD 298 Lincoln continue to show extraordinary dedication, passion, and resilience.

With Teacher Appreciation Week approaching next month, I want to take this opportunity to celebrate the incredible educators who make our schools exceptional. We are truly fortunate to have some of the very best teachers in the state working in our classrooms. Their care, attention to detail, and unwavering commitment ensure that our students are receiving a world-class education. Their work goes beyond academics, it shapes the character, confidence, and future of every student who walks through our doors.

Respect for the teaching profession must return. It is more than a job; it is a calling that requires patience, creativity, and a deep commitment to the growth and well-being of children. So, the next time you think about the teaching profession remember the hours of planning, grading, mentoring, and caring that go unseen.

At USD 298 Lincoln, we are proud of our teachers, and we are grateful for their service. They set the standard of excellence in education, and they do so with heart, integrity, and an unwavering belief in the potential of every student. Our community is stronger because of their dedication, and our students' futures are brighter because of the teachers who pour their energy, knowledge, and care into each day. They are shaping the future of our community, one student at a time.

Let this upcoming Teacher Appreciation Week and every day be a reminder to honor and respect the profession, to recognize the countless hours our educators devote to learning and growth, and to celebrate the extraordinary individuals who make USD 298 Lincoln a place of excellence, opportunity, and inspiration.

POST ROCK EXTENSION DISTRICT

Spring Horticulture Help Offered Across the Post Rock District

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

As spring arrives and gardens begin to wake up, local homeowners and gardeners will have access to expert horticulture support through the Post Rock Extension District. Cassie Thiessen, Horticulture Agent, will be visiting Extension offices throughout the district this spring to assist residents with their plant, garden, and landscape concerns.

Join us for Horticulture Help Hours, providing an opportunity for community members to bring in questions related to insect and pest issues, plant diseases, environmental stress, lawn care, vegetable gardening, ornamentals, trees, shrubs, and other nature-related topics. Whether dealing with mysterious spots on leaves or needing direction on planting and maintenance, residents are en-

couraged to stop by during scheduled office hours for one-on-one guidance.

During April and May, Cassie will hold designated walk-in hours at offices across the district:

- April 2026
- Mankato: April 16th 9–11:30 a.m.
 - Smith Center: April 16th 1–3:30 p.m.
 - Osborne Office: April 22nd 9 a.m.–3 p.m.
 - Lincoln Office: April 30th 9 a.m.–3 p.m.
- May 2026
- Mankato: May 7th and May 28th 9–11:30 a.m.
 - Smith Center: May 7th and May 28th 1–3:30 p.m.
 - Osborne Office: May 14th 9 a.m.–3 p.m.
 - Lincoln Office: May 21st 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

– 3 p.m.
For residents of Mitchell County, Cassie will also be available in person at the Beloit Extension Office to answer plant-related questions and offer science-based recommendations.

Spring is one of the busiest and most exciting times for gardeners. These help hours give community members a chance to troubleshoot issues early, plan ahead, and build confidence in their landscape and gardening projects.

Those unable to attend scheduled office hours may still reach out for support. Appointments are available, and questions are welcome by email or phone.

Post Rock Extension District of K-State Extension serves Jewell, Lincoln, Mitchell, Osborne, and Smith counties. Cassie may be contacted at cthiessen@ksu.edu or by calling Beloit (785-738-3597). Find us online at www.postrock.ksu.edu

PRAIRIE DOC BY ETHAN L. SNOW, PHD, MA

Anatomical Variations: Breaking Down the Basic Details of Tumors and Cancer

Cells are the basic building blocks of all living organisms. In a healthy body, cells follow an orderly life cycle: they develop from a systematic process called mitosis, perform important physiological functions to maintain body homeostasis (i.e., a stable internal environment), and die via apoptosis when they become dysfunctional, old, or no longer needed. This cycle is tightly regulated by DNA — the body's genetic code that controls when and how each cell functions.

With about 30 trillion cells in each human body, some cells naturally develop mutations in their genetic code that disrupt their life cycle. Mutations can be caused by genetic issues, environmental exposures (e.g., tobacco smoke, radiation), infections, lifestyle, and other etiologies. Cells with mutated genetic codes are usually detected and removed by the body's immune system, or they stop working and die on their own. However, sometimes these altered cells survive and gain a competitive growth advantage, causing them to replicate more rapidly than normal. Over time, this uncontrolled growth can create a mass of cells known as a tumor.

Tumors can develop anywhere cells are present (i.e., essentially anywhere in the body), and they are classified as benign or malignant. Benign tumors are non-cancerous, and they typically grow slowly and exhibit clear bound-

aries. Contrariwise, malignant tumors are invasive to nearby tissues — a hallmark of cancer — and are characteristically more aggressive. A biopsy is often necessary to confirm whether a tumor is benign or malignant. Notably, not all tumors are cancer (e.g., a benign tumor is not cancer), and not all cancers produce tumors (e.g., leukemia is a cancer of the blood).

A serious feature of malignant cancers is their ability to spread to other locations in the body — a process known as metastasis. Metastasis occurs when malignant cells break away from the original tumor, travel through the bloodstream or lymphatic system (or other pathway), and seed new tumors in other areas of the body. This makes cancer more difficult to treat and can provoke additional sequelae.

Clinical jargon associated with tumors and cancer can be daunting, but breaking down the terminology can be helpful. For example, the root words "hem-" means blood, "angio-" means vessel, and "-oma" means tumor, so a "hemangioma" is quite literally a "blood vessel tumor". Additional terminology can be descriptive; for example, a "giant intramuscular lipoma" describes a fatty ("lyp-") tumor ("-oma") that is located within ("intra-") a muscle ("-muscular") and is at least five centimeters in any one dimension (the criteria for

"giant" classification).

While loss of control is the foundational concept for tumor and cancer development, routine screening, avoiding carcinogens, and other controllable actions are important for preventing cancer, detecting it in early stages, and performing early interventional treatment. A lump, bump, or lesion might be just that, or it might be something serious. Tumors and cancer are complex, and they command respect and proper attention. It's important to consult a physician about such concerns so they can execute a proper workup and assemble a multi-disciplinary healthcare team as warranted.

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Total for the Week - Cattle - 4,735
Bulls - \$240 - \$250 Cows - \$175 - \$187

Strs	Hftrs
300-400 \$662.00-675.00	300-400 \$670.00-680.00
400-500 \$620.00-630.00	400-500 \$433.00-545.00
500-600 \$550.00-560.00	500-600 \$430.00-440.00
600-700 \$452.00-465.00	600-700 \$400.00-410.00
700-800 \$412.00-421.00	700-800 \$350.00-360.00
800-900 \$346.00-358.00	800-900 \$340.00-351.00
900-1000 \$335.00-347.25	900-1000 \$287.00-297.00

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Offering 32 bulls.

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Bethany Church
Sunrise Service at 7 am.
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2021 Lincoln Aviator Reserve AWD, Iced Mocha w/ Sandstone Leather, 3.0L V-6, Elements Package, Co-Pilot 360 Plus, Panoramic Roof, Remote Start, Keyless Entry Pad, 99K Miles #05100 \$24,850

2023 Ford F350 Crew Cab XLT 4X4, White w/ Medium Slate Cloth, 6.7L Turbo Diesel, 3.31 E-lock Axle, Uplifter Switches, One Owner, Rear View Camera, Keyless Entry, 75K Miles #05418 \$48,850

2025 Ford Ranger Crewcab 4X4, Oxford White w/ Ebony Cloth, 2.3L Eco Boost, XLT Trim, Power Sliding Rear Windows, Black Running Boards, 444 Miles #05684 \$39,850

2014 Ford F150 Supercrew Lariat 4WD, Oxford White w/ Gray Leather, 5.0L V-8, FX4, Navigation, Tailgate Step, Bedliner, Remote Start, Rear View Camera, 178K Miles #07517 \$9,995

2024 Chevrolet Colorado Crewcab 4X4, Radiant Red Clearcoat w/ Jet Black Cloth, 2.7L Turbo Max, Cruise Control, Trailer Equipment Package, 21K Miles #10565 \$34,850

2025 Ford F150 Supercrew Raptor, Black w/ Black Leather, 3.5L H.D. Eco Boost, Twin Panel Moonroof, Spray In Bedliner, 2nd Row Heated Seats, 2K Miles #19320 **Fresh Arrival**

2022 Ford Ranger Supercab XLT 4WD, White w/ Ebony Cloth, 2.3L Eco Boost, Rearview Camera, Remote Keyless Entry, Tire Pressure Monitor, Trailer Tow, Bedliner, 17K Miles #38043 \$30,850

2022 Ford Ranger Supercab XLT, White w/ Ebony Cloth, 2.3L Eco Boost, Trailer Tow, Bedliner, 17" Silver Painted Aluminum Wheels, 17K Miles #36993 \$29,850

Ford F350 Crew Cab Platinum 4X4, Star White w/ Dark Marsala Leather, 6.7L Power Stroke Diesel, 3.55 E Lock Axle, Factory Gooseneck Hitch, 105K Miles #42721 \$57,850

2023 Ford F150 Supercab XLT, White w/ Gray Cloth, 2.7L V-6, Vinyl Flooring, Trailer Tow, Sprayed In Bedliner, 40/Console/40, Running Boards, On Board 400W Outlet, 50K Miles #48776 **Fresh Arrival**

2025 Ford Bronco Sport Outer Banks 4WD, Desert Sand w/ Ebony Roast Leather, 1.5L Eco Boost, Heated Seats, Remote Start, Remote Keyless Entry, 16K Miles #57943 \$31,850

2019 Ford Expedition Platinum, White Platinum w/ Ceramic Leather, 3.5L EcoBoost, Panoramic Roof, Power Running Boards, Heated/Ventilated Seats, 103K Miles #65615 \$31,850

2015 GMC Sierra SLT 4 Dr Crewcab, Green w/ Tan Leather, 5.3L V8, Leather Trim, Heated Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Bose Stereo, 118K Miles #77661 \$26,850

2025 Ford Bronco Sport Badlands 4X4, White w/ Dark Space Gray Leather, 2.0L Eco Boost, Front Bash Plate, Heated Seats, Underseat Storage, 13K Miles #80644 \$34,850

2019 JEEP Cherokee Limited, Maroon w/ Gray Leather, 3.2L V6, Heated & Ventilated Seats, Navigation w/8.4" Display, Technology Group, 96K Miles #81453 \$15,850

2022 Ram 2500 Mega Cab Big Horn, Silver Metallic w/ Black & Diesel Gray Premium Cloth, 6.7L I-6 Cummins Diesel, Heated Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, 62K Miles #82429 \$48,850

2019 Ford Fusion S FWD, White Gold w/ Medium Slate Cloth, 2.5L 16" Steel Wheels w/ Hubcaps, Ford Co-Pilot 360 Assist, Navigation, 96K Miles #83906 \$12,500

2025 Ford Bronco Sport Big Bend 4X4, Velocity Blue w/ Light Smoked Truffle Cloth, 1.5L Eco Boost, Power Moonroof, 11K Miles #85853 \$28,850

2021 GMC Acadia AT4 AWD, Gray w/ Black Leather, 3.6L V-6, Heated Steering Wheel, Heated/Cooled Seats, Power Steering/Tilt/Telescope, 71K Miles #93576 \$23,850

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Anniversary Announcements

Free with one photo for 50 years and over for Lincoln County residents or couples with children in Lincoln County. Free announcements, with no photo, are available 25, 30, 40 and 45 years. Announcements can include couple's name, residence, date and place of marriage, occupations, children/grandchildren, and reception information (if applicable), Additional photos can be submitted for \$25.



Wedding Announcements

Free for Lincoln County residents or couples with parents in Lincoln County with the following information: name of bride and groom, residence, parents and residence, bridal party, where and when the wedding took place, honeymoon location and where the couple resides after wedding. Free announcements must be submitted to our office before their one year anniversary. A photo may be added for \$25.

Engagement Announcements

Free for residents of Lincoln County or couples with parents in Lincoln County with the following information: name of prospective bride and groom with residence, their parents and residence, when/where the wedding is planned, couples' schooling and occupations. Free announcement must be submitted to our office before their wedding. A photo may be added for \$25.

Birth Announcements

Free for parents and/or grandparents in Lincoln County with the following information: baby's name, weight, length, place of birth and date, parents name and residence, siblings, grandparents and residences, great grandparents and residences) please specify if they are deceased). A photo may be added for \$25.

Letters to the Editor

The Lincoln Sentinel-Republican, Lincoln County is open to views from residents within the county.

Letters to the Editor must include complete name, signature, address and phone number. Name and town will only be published in the newspaper. Free letters are limited to approximately 250 words. If a letter is more than 250 words, it is subject to editing and the full versions will be posted online. They may also be published in the paper at the editor's discretion. If the word count exceeds 250 words, the letter can be published as a paid advertisement (subject to editorial approval). Political letters are also considered paid advertisements.

Calendar Entries

Any event from Lincoln County which is free or by free will donation may be listed in the Times calendar. Those events are also listed in the Essential Calendar on the website, Deadline is 5 pm Friday.

Club Notes

Clubs and organizations are welcome to submit items. We publish these for free if the clubs regularly meet within Lincoln County.

Business Briefs

If a business is located within Lincoln County, or owned by a resident of Lincoln County submissions such as new hires, awards, etc. may be submitted for consideration. Note, this does not include sales, services or other items considered advertising.

Sports Items

We are happy to publish sports items from around the county. Don't forget your college student-athletes! Open to all Lincoln County residents -- including proud grandpa and grandmas!

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We publish awards and achievements from our students around the county. This can be any level from elementary school through college.

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Lincoln Hosts NPL Powerlifting Meet

(Photos courtesy of Lincoln yearbook staff)

Boys Results

#	Name	Team	Weight	Bench	Squat	Clean	Ratio
1	Whitley Frost	Rock Hills	139.0	215.0	405.0	240.0	6.187
2	Trentin Maupin	Natoma	197.0	300.0	435.0	325.0	5.381
3	Ayden Mcbride	Lincoln	173.0	295.0	365.0	205.0	5.0
4	Noah Krueger	Lincoln	141.0	215.0	275.0	205.0	4.929
5	Austin Ahring	Lincoln	211.0	315.0	435.0	285.0	4.905
6	Ben Bell	Lincoln	190.0	225.0	405.0	295.0	4.868
7	Henryk Watkins	Thunder Ridge	157.0	225.0	315.0	200.0	4.713
8	Kadin Schneider	Lincoln	137.0	195.0	225.0	225.0	4.708
9	Zayne Maupin	Sylvan-Lucas	173.0	275.0	325.0	205.0	4.653
10	Tristan Taylor	Thunder Ridge	129.0	165.0	230.0	190.0	4.535
11	Parker Graves	Tescott	170.0	205.0	320.0	225.0	4.412
12	Nate King	Lincoln	196.0	275.0	345.0	235.0	4.362
13	Canaan Letourneau	St. John's	180.0	180.0	370.0	235.0	4.361
14	Vincent Thayer	Stockton	156.0	175.0	305.0	200.0	4.359
15	Payton Hoisington	Natoma	137.0	155.0	245.0	190.0	4.307
16	Logan Dail	Lincoln	213.0	275.0	405.0	230.0	4.272
17	Dominic Clark	St. John's	156.0	165.0	305.0	195.0	4.263
18	RaShad Stafford	Thunder Ridge	178.0	215.0	325.0	210.0	4.213
19	Zach Chandler	Stockton	154.0	210.0	250.0	185.0	4.188
20	Tate Foreman	Thunder Ridge	179.0	215.0	330.0	195.0	4.134
21	Daniel Ferguson	Thunder Ridge	150.0	175.0	265.0	175.0	4.1
22	Israel Bos	Natoma	122.0	150.0	235.0	115.0	4.098
23	Jayce Richards	Sylvan-Lucas	170.0	205.0	275.0	215.0	4.088
24	Jeremiah Miller	Lincoln	201.0	245.0	345.0	225.0	4.055
25	Waysen Colson	Rock Hills	131.0	150.0	215.0	165.0	4.046
26	Lucien Bowles	Lakeside	175.0	255.0	255.0	185.0	3.971
27	Sam Heller	Sylvan-Lucas	141.8	165.0	225.0	170.0	3.949
28	Jonathan Bell	Lincoln	152.0	175.0	225.0	195.0	3.914
29	Grant Middleton	Lakeside	231.0	255.0	405.0	235.0	3.874
30	Riley Obermueller	Lincoln	166.0	190.0	245.0	200.0	3.825
31	Brody Shearer	Lincoln	282.0	275.0	525.0	270.0	3.794
32	David DiNuzzo	St. John's	172.0	185.0	270.0	195.0	3.779
33	Kolt Kuhlmann	Stockton	129.1	150.0	165.0	170.0	3.757
34	Evan Slavik	Thunder Ridge	172.0	155.0	245.0	245.0	3.75
35	Jakeb Brown	Thunder Ridge	156.0	175.0	250.0	160.0	3.75
36	John Schoen	Lakeside	194.0	235.0	285.0	205.0	3.737
37	Kylin Petersen	Thunder Ridge	153.0	200.0	185.0	185.0	3.725
38	Konnor Wagenblast	Thunder Ridge	156.0	160.0	225.0	195.0	3.718
39	Miles Zapata	Sylvan-Lucas	127.2	145.0	185.0	135.0	3.656
40	Caleb Frasier	Lakeside	191.0	205.0	295.0	195.0	3.639
41	Cole Schneider	Lincoln	131.0	160.0	175.0	140.0	3.626
42	Dalton Ard	Stockton	185.0	220.0	265.0	185.0	3.622
43	Brody Conlin	Natoma	153.0	170.0	230.0	150.0	3.595
44	Ben Case	Tescott	112.0	135.0	150.0	115.0	3.571
45	Henry Woods	St. John's	178.0	165.0	285.0	185.0	3.567
46	Sean Robison	Natoma	143.0	150.0	225.0	135.0	3.566
47	Luke Hollerich	Tipton	145.0	180.0	165.0	170.0	3.552
48	Sion Na	Lincoln	177.0	185.0	255.0	185.0	3.531
49	Colson Cline	Lakeside	116.0	115.0	175.0	115.0	3.491
50	Cooper Johnson	Sylvan-Lucas	124.6	115.0	205.0	115.0	3.491
51	Eli Schmitt	Lakeside	147.0	150.0	205.0	155.0	3.469
52	Biel Garcia	Natoma	133.0	130.0	195.0	135.0	3.459
53	Luke Hutson	Lakeside	219.0	225.0	325.0	200.0	3.425
54	Brillon McDowell	Thunder Ridge	209.0	225.0	275.0	215.0	3.421
55	Miles Challans	Tescott	156.0	170.0	205.0	155.0	3.397
56	Dalton Strnad	Rock Hills	152.0	145.0	215.0	145.0	3.322
57	Kelton Frederking	Sylvan-Lucas	156.0	140.0	190.0	185.0	3.301
58	Ryker Remus	Lakeside	122.0	105.0	160.0	125.0	3.197
59	Morgan Brownwood	Thunder Ridge	155.0	0	275.0	220.0	3.194
60	Toby Johnson	Lakeside	155.0	160.0	170.0	160.0	3.161
61	Kale Sorensen	Sylvan-Lucas	187.6	180.0	225.0	185.0	3.145
62	Ian Ryan	Lincoln	224.0	220.0	280.0	200.0	3.125
63	Luke Simmelink	Rock Hills	117.0	100.0	155.0	110.0	3.12
64	Xavier Miller	Lincoln	179.0	0	315.0	240.0	3.101
65	Carter Johnson	Sylvan-Lucas	186.0	185.0	200.0	185.0	3.065
66	Jahdiel Miller	Lincoln	204.0	185.0	250.0	190.0	3.064
67	Cash McCollum	Sylvan-Lucas	134.0	125.0	155.0	120.0	2.985
68	Enrique Marquina	Lakeside	191.0	175.0	225.0	150.0	2.88
69	Luke Hartsock	Lakeside	112.0	95.0	110.0	110.0	2.813
70	Christan Bales	Thunder Ridge	168.0	155.0	175.0	135.0	2.768
71	Solomon Bowles	Lakeside	155.0	115.0	190.0	120.0	2.742
72	Colyn Starkey	Sylvan-Lucas	217.0	175.0	245.0	155.0	2.65
73	Triston Kraft	Sylvan-Lucas	165.0	200.0	0	235.0	2.636
74	Kaden Frasier	Lakeside	180.0	165.0	165.0	135.0	2.583
75	Carter Beougher	Lakeside	169.0	115.0	205.0	110.0	2.544
76	Mathew Schale	Lincoln	162.0	175.0	0	235.0	2.531
77	Cai Labertew	Sylvan-Lucas	182.4	215.0	0	245.0	2.522
78	Camden Hamilton	Lakeside	130.0	160.0	0	160.0	2.462
79	Brody Thompson	Tescott	140.0	155.0	0	175.0	2.357
80	Izyiah Marquez	Lakeside	180.0	125.0	155.0	135.0	2.306
81	Dylan Rosebrook	Lincoln	162.0	185.0	0	185.0	2.284
82	Raiden Huenergerde	Stockton	208.0	145.0	200.0	120.0	2.236
83	Braxtyn Dodds	Thunder Ridge	168.0	190.0	0	185.0	2.232
84	Cristopher Herfel	Rock Hills	172.0	170.0	0	205.0	2.18
85	Ayden Thompson	Tescott	215.0	255.0	0	205.0	2.14
86	Garrison Mongeau	Stockton	187.0	105.0	185.0	110.0	2.139
87	Milo Schreuder	Lakeside	104.0	90.0	65.0	55.0	2.019
88	Jonathan Mick	Lakeside	142.0	125.0	0	150.0	1.937
89	Jeremy Janssen	Lakeside	202.0	155.0	95.0	125.0	1.856
90	Dalton Edwards	Lakeside	126.0	115.0	0	115.0	1.825
91	Parker Maupin	Natoma	227.0	0	225.0	185.0	1.806
92	Nash Seehafer	Sylvan-Lucas	162.4	135.0	0	155.0	1.786
93	Quintin Schlaeffli	Lakeside	164.0	75.0	100.0	100.0	1.677
94	Austen Remus	Lakeside	180.0	140.0	0	150.0	1.611
95	Kylian Alvis	Lakeside	127.0	105.0	0	95.0	1.575
96	Byron Smith	Lakeside	206.0	100.0	115.0	100.0	1.529
97	Devon Ackerman	Lakeside	138.0	65.0	0	45.0	0.797
98	Noah Blackwood	Lincoln High School	272.0	185.0	0	0	0.68
99	Hunter Townley	Lincoln High School	195.00	0	0	0.0	

Girls Results

#	Name	Team	Weight	Bench	Squat	Clean	Ratio
1	Alyssa Lopez	Lincoln	110.0	110.0	200.0	145.0	4.136
2	Ember Larson	Lincoln	122.0	140.0	190.0	135.0	3.811
3	Kaylee Obermueller	Lincoln	131.0	140.0	190.0	140.0	3.588
4	Ashton Lyne	Lincoln	129.0	130.0	200.0	130.0	3.566
5	Jasmine Ferguson	Thunder Ridge	142.0	105.0	230.0	155.0	3.451
6	Logann Arnoldy	Tipton	137.0	135.0	155.0	125.0	3.029
7	Tenley Buttenhof	Lincoln	138.0	105.0	190.0	120.0	3.007
8	Julie Good	Lincoln	123.0	100.0	170.0	95.0	2.967
9	Harlee Harris	Rock Hills	112.0	70.0	180.0	75.0	2.902
10	Allison Rosebrook	Lincoln	148.0	105.0	170.0	135.0	2.77
11	Lexi Rust	Thunder Ridge	130.0	95.0	155.0	110.0	2.769
12	Adee Arnold	Natoma	151.5	85.0	190.0	135.0	2.706
13	Aniston Madsen	Lincoln	164.0	120.0	190.0	105.0	2.53
14	Hadley Wiebke	Lincoln	142.0	70.0	135.0	135.0	2.394
15	Skyler Amlong	Stockton	185.0	120.0	195.0	95.0	2.216
16	Nevaeh Tromble	Tescott	153.0	90.0	145.0	90.0	2.124
17	Lucey Alexander	Natoma	149.0	95.0	135.0	85.0	2.114
18	Alana Schroeder	Thunder Ridge	162.0	80.0	180.0	80.0	2.099
19	Tiah Hummer	Thunder Ridge	130.0	70.0	110.0	75.0	1.962
20	Makenna Challans	Tescott	171.0	80.0	130.0	115.0	1.901
21	Chloe Helus	Lincoln	150.0	75.0	125.0	85.0	1.9
22	Lynae Paget	Natoma	150.0	0	160.0	105.0	1.767
23	Gracie Miller	Tescott	109.0	90.0	0	100.0	1.743
24	Kyra Keller	Lakeside	129.0	45.0	75.0	60.0	1.395
25	Ella Wyman	Lakeside	144.0	65.0	75.0	55.0	1.354
26	Laina Larson	Lincoln	111.0	75.0	0	75.0	1.351
27	Hailee Schneider	Thunder Ridge	134.0	80.0	0	100.0	1.343
28	Zuhrya Aita	Tescott	132.0	85.0	0	85.0	1.288
29	Emily Torres	Lakeside	203.0	65.0	85.0	80.0	1.133
30	Isabel Dail	Lincoln	110.0	0	0	0.0	



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2	Thunder Ridge	63
3	Tescott	62
4	Natoma	47
5	Stockton	28
6	Lakeside	23
7	Tipton	18
8	Rock Hills	16

BOYS		
1	Lincoln	299
2	Lakeside	193
3	Thunder Ridge	153
4	Natoma	103
5	Sylvan-Lucas	91
6	Rock Hills	62
7	Tescott	60
8	Stockton	45
9	St. John's	39
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/s/ Dawn M Harlow, County Clerk

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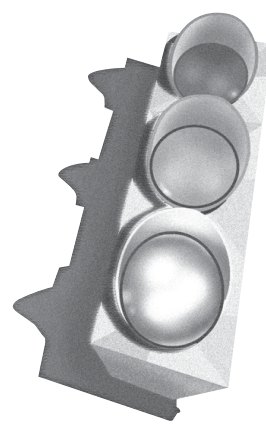
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In 1996 my grandmother sold her house to my cousin, Jim, and she moved into the high rise, leaving behind 55 years of papers, books, and photos among the household decorations and furniture.

Over the years, when he's felt the urge, Jim has slowly cleaned out all the drawers, cupboards, closets, and hidey holes. Some things he's kept but others he's given to me. One of his best discoveries was a year's collection of The Wisconsin Farmer, January to December, 1870, brought to Kansas in a covered wagon by our great, great, great grandmother, Sally Armsbury. Sally homesteaded in Mitchell County up by Tipton, so I donated the magazines to the Mitchell County Historical Society.

A few weeks ago Jim decided to tackle the attic over the garage. After finding a box labeled "LaDonna" — my mom — full of old cards, letters and photos Jim called me and asked that I stop by on my next trip to Lincoln and take the box with me.

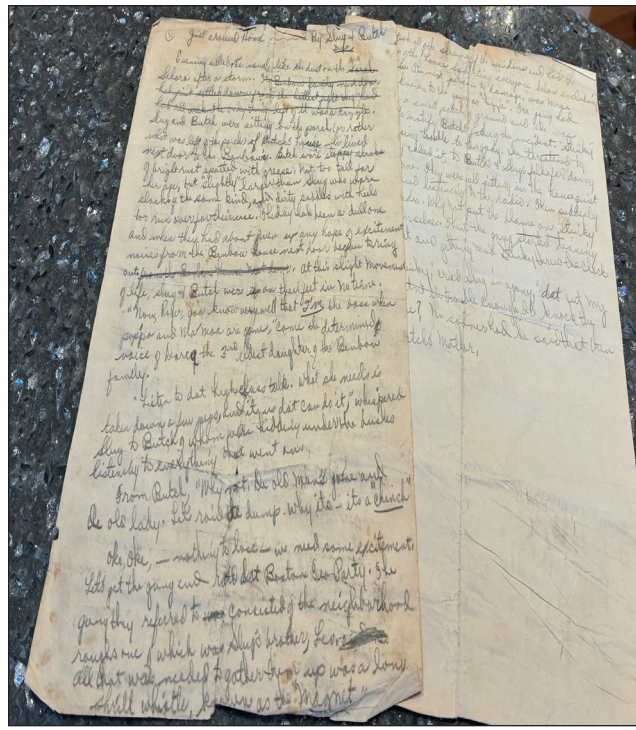


LaDonna's Cards and Letters

When I got home I sat down in front of the television and slowly sorted through the box. Not much of interest until I got to the very bottom when I found a three page, hand-written script about the adventures of a group of pre-teen kids in Lincoln who thought of themselves as a gang.

In the last years of her life my mother occasionally mentioned the gang. The Lincoln gang modeled their activities after the big-screen movie short titled "Our Gang" a children's comedy series that was shown in theaters across the country from 1922 until 1944. The name "Our Gang" was changed to "The Little Rascals" sometime in the mid-1940s and The Little Rascals moved to television. I remember watching them when I was a kid.

My mom and her friends grew up watching Our Gang at the local movie theater. She and her friends imagined themselves as members. The premise of each film was of resourceful children getting the better of mean-spirited grown-ups.



Butch, Slug & The Gang

In addition to my mom, the members of the Lincoln "gang" were Connie Healy (nee Kerr), her brother, Howard, and mother's sister, Phyllis. And like the kids in Our Gang, each one had a nickname. My mom's nickname was Butch; Connie was Slug; Howard was Junior; and Auntie Phyl was Stinky.

The script, which I'm guessing was written around 1940, was about Butch, Slug and the gang. I'm certain it was not written by my mom because the handwriting is dramatically different from hers. I think Connie was the author, with editorial help from my mother. The script is likely based on something that happened near my grandparents' home in Lincoln. At that time my grandparents, mom, and aunt were living on the 100 block of East Yauger. Across the street from them lived a family notorious in the neighborhood for disruptive behavior and loud arguments.

Below is a portion of the script. I have corrected the spelling and punctuation to make it easier to read. I didn't correct the grammatical errors in the dialogue and descriptive phrases because they are similar to those used in the old Our Gang movies.

The names of Butch and Slug apply to my mom and Connie. Other names were changed to protect the innocent (and the guilty). The script is fictional except for the part which reads, "Butch's mother and the razor

strop." That's a reference to my grandmother who did have a razor strop and threatened the grandchildren with it if we misbehaved. I never saw or felt it but I think Jim's sister, Robin, may have.

Just Around Home by Slug and Butch Inc.

Evening settled on as usual like the dust on the Sahara after a storm. Slug and Butch were sitting on the porch (or rather what was left of the porch) of Butch's house who lived next door to the Benbow's. Butch wore sloppy slacks of bright rust spotted with grease. Not too tall of her age, but "slightly" larger than Slug who wore slacks of the same kind, and dirty saddles with heels too run over for their use. The day had been a dull one and when they had about given up any hope of excitement noises from the Benbow house next door began to ring out.

At this slight movement of life, Slug and Butch were up on their feet in no time.

"Now, Roger, you know very well that I'm the boss when Pop'pa and Ma'maa are gone," came the determined voice of Darcq the 3rd eldest daughter of the Benbow family.

"Listen to dat highclass talk. What she needs is taken down a few pegs, and its us dat can do it," whispered Slug to Butch of whom were hiding under the bushes listening to everything that went on.

From Butch, "Why not. De old man's gone and de old lady. Let's raid the dump. Why its — its a 'cinch'."

"Oke,oke, — nothing to lose — we need some excitement. Let's get the gang and raid dat Boston Tea Party."

The gang they referred to consisted of the neighborhood roughs one of which was Slug's brother, Leo. All that was needed to gather them up was a long shrill whistle, known as the "magnet."

Odd as it seems, Slug and Butch, who were girls, were the leaders of the roughneck boys whose names were Leo, Joe and Smokey. Getting back to the Benbows, Slug and Butch were giving last minute orders to surround the house. Butch gave the signal and they closed in from all sides. The next 5 minutes there could be heard all over the neighborhood loud crashes and excited shouts. As they had closed in they had taken all doors, chandeliers, and china cupboards with them, not to mention the silverware.

"Go to it gang, go to it!" They did and would have lasted longer but for the fact that Butch's mother and the razor strop stepped in the picture. This was all that was needed and before you could bat an eye, they were all home. And thus ended the day with excitement, that had started so calm.

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proved water filtration systems could help reduce the public's exposure.

Residents of Russell, Ellsworth and Lincoln counties attended a town hall presentation by Karin Goldberg, former project lead to explain the study.

Jessica Kootz is a family and consumer sciences specialist in Ellsworth for the K-State Extension Midway District. As a dedicated catalyst for improving community health, she has been a strong advocate and partner for the project.

"Sometimes a lot of our focus is just on healthy living, but healthy living can run a lot deeper," Kootz said. "With this project, one of the focuses was, if there is something in the ground that's contributing to our health, how long has it been there? What we're doing to our environment today might not affect us, but it could affect generations to come."

Kootz helped coordinate town halls in Ellsworth, Lincoln and Russell counties for residents to learn more about the project and how they could participate in research efforts.

During follow-up town hall meetings, the researchers shared anonymized results of their findings with community members for their awareness.

"The people in these counties are hungry for knowledge," Rafferty said. "They want to know what is happening in the ground that they farm and live on."

The project reflects K-State's land-grant commitment to addressing real-world health challenges, Rafferty said, helping to provide not only education, but also education for Kansans' quality of life. The group is working on the next steps to continue the project and implement additional mitigation efforts.

"We are working to rebuild the team, as both professors who started this great work have retired," Rafferty said. "The team is excited to return to these communities, continue to provide results and build connections so that the community members can continue to feel like their voices are being heard."

With the anticipation of additional funding from the Johnson Cancer Research Center and potential support from other entities, the team could expand water and radon testing to more homes, he said.

"We are living our land-grant institution's mission," Rafferty said. "That's why it was so important for us to get out there with the center's mission for fighting cancer. Radon is a big cause of cancer, and we're happy that we can mitigate it in so many homes in that area, and we look forward to helping many others."

"Every single person in this wonderful state of Kansas deserves to live a healthy and long life," he said.

The project team also includes Shreepad Joglekar, professor and head of the art department, who is documenting the daily lives of community members through photography and video interviews for the project "Surveying the Invisible: Cancer and Research in Kansas"; Helene Avocat, visiting assistant professor in geography and geospatial sciences; Luke Romang, a 2025 graduate in geology; Karin Goldberg, adjunct professor of geology; Matt Kirk, professor of geology; and Sherry Fleming, former director of the Johnson Cancer Research Center.