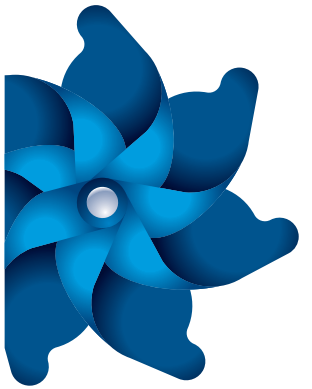


**APRIL IS NATIONAL
 Child Abuse Prevention Month**

By Jyll Phillips,
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 Presented by NCK CASA
 and Hope's Place CAC, the



Lincoln County Commissioners joined thousands of government and private organizations who signed a declaration proclaiming April as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Since 1983, every April, communities across the United States unite to recognize a month dedicated to raising awareness about child abuse and promoting actions that protect children, highlighting the critical issue of child maltreatment and inspiring preventative strategies that support child well-being.

As with major health issues, symbols play a key role in raising awareness. Child Abuse Awareness Month's color is blue – more specifically, a bright and hopeful shade that represents the innocence and strength of childhood. In 1989, Bonnie Finney, a grandmother from Virginia, began the blue ribbon campaign as a tribute to her grandson who

tragically died as a result of child abuse. Today the blue ribbon serves as a symbol of child protection.

Another symbol associated with Child Abuse Prevention Month is the pinwheel. Blue pinwheels are often placed at schools, parks and courthouses. The spinning pinwheels symbolize a safe and carefree childhood.

Children are mistreated in different ways. We have heard much about child sexual abuse in recent months, but neglect and physical abuse are also abusive to young minds.

Data from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates 1

fear, shame, threats or the child's dependence on the abuser. Children may be pressured to remain silent or may not understand that what they are experiencing is abuse.

According to the National Library of Medicine, an estimated 1 in 4 children will experience some form of child abuse or neglect during their lifetime.

Among the children who are mistreated, 18% suffer from physical abuse and 78% experience neglect, while 9% are subjected to sexual abuse. Tragically, homicide ranks as the second leading cause of death for children under the age of

again or hurting others, are more likely to use drugs or alcohol or struggle in school or work. Some may experience problems with brain development, learning or memory.

In 2024, 1,990 children lost their lives due to abuse or neglect, representing a national fatality rate of 2.73 per 100,000 children. Babies under one year of age made up 44.7% of all child fatalities. Statistics show that younger children, girls and those in vulnerable family or racial groups are more frequently impacted by abuse.

These deaths are the most devastating outcome of child maltreatment and highlight the urgent need for stronger preventative action.

Child victims can heal and many resources are in place to help them. In 2024 372,613 children received support from CACs across the country.

Anyone can participate in the awareness campaign. Between April 1-11 choose a day to wear blue to show support for children and families and plant a blue pinwheel in your garden. During the week of April 13-17, join the National Week of Action and help shine a national spotlight on the strategies, everyday actions and policy solutions that help children and families thrive. April 20-24 is National Home Visiting Week and April 28 is the National Day of Giving.

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in 4 girls and 1 in 13 boys will experience sexual abuse during childhood. But it isn't just in the U.S. Across Europe approximately 1 in 5 children are believed to experience sexual violence according to the Council of Europe in 2022.

On a global level, the World Health Organization (WHO) in a 2022 report estimated that around 1 billion children are affected by sexual violence each year. These overwhelming numbers point to a global epidemic of abuse and exploitation that transcends borders, cultures and socioeconomic status.

Many instances of child abuse go unreported due to

one year. In the U.S., the scope of child abuse and neglect remains deeply concerning. In 2022 an estimated 558,899 children were confirmed victims of abuse and neglect. That number represents 8 out of every 1,000 children.

In 2024, Children's Advocacy Centers (CACs) provided trauma-informed support to more than 372,000 children, offering coordinated care that includes advocacy, mental health services and forensic interviews.

Abused or neglected children may suffer physical injuries, emotional effects or PTSD, and may face a higher risk of being hurt

Winner, winner, fire extinguisher



Dan Healy won a new fire extinguisher at the Mid America Farm Show. This prize is both practical and important! Healy is pictured here with Bank of Tescott employee Joe Biggs. Congratulations, Dan! (Courtesy Photo)

It's Prom time in Lincoln!

Parents, we're pretty sure you remember your prom. Remember how cool it felt to get all gussied up, wear a corsage or boutonniere and stay out all night while your parents waited and worried at home?

April 11 is prom at LJSHS, and while some things never change, the schedule has been adjusted slightly.

The Promenade will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the East gym door, followed by pictures in Ms. Farris' room. Class photos will be in the Commons from 7:30 - 7:45 p.m. followed by the dance. Doors at the school will close at 8 p.m.

After Prom is 11 p.m. to 3 a.m. on the 12th, and offers a variety of entertaining games such as the ATM Money Cube, a Mechanical Bull, a Wrecking Ball inflatable, a Basketball inflatable, video game races and poker. Prom goers can enjoy pizza from Biggie Biggs, an ice cream soda bar and even a coffee bar! And the prizes! Students will have the opportunity to take home a tv, computer, air pods, gaming chairs, refrigerators, Keurig coffee makers, microwaves, Stanley cups and more!

And parents, you really don't have to worry at all. Your student will be safe inside the school.

Easter smiles

If you hadn't heard, the Easter Bunny made it to Lincoln and the surrounding areas, dropping eggs along the way! Here are a few photos of our Happy Hunters!



Harlie McCosh took her grandmother, Michelle Sullivan, along on the hunt to carry the loot. (Courtesy Photo)



Cousins Ruby Voeltz and Stella Voeltz are Happy Hunters, showing off their haul at the LCIC egg hunt April 4! (Courtesy Photo)



LJSHS KAY Club sponsored the first hunt of the season April 1 at Lincoln City Park. (Courtesy Photo)

Chickens: More Than Just Egg Layers



Chickens are descendants of dinosaurs and among the closest living relatives to the Tyrannosaurus rex. These adaptable birds are found nearly everywhere in the world (except Antarctica and Vatican City) and can fly short distances, swim, and even communicate before hatching. Early chickens may have been revered rather than eaten, and ancient versions may have even had teeth — something scientists briefly recreated in 2006 through genetic modification. Chickens are smarter than many think, able to recognize each other and humans, and even identify patterns and numbers. They can also live long lives — one Michigan chicken reached over 21 years, while the oldest recorded, "Muffy," lived more than 23 years. And with an estimated 25.8 billion chickens worldwide, they outnumber humans by a wide margin.

Cash Grain

Corn.....	\$3.84
Milo.....	\$3.44
Soybeans.....	\$10.51
Wheat.....	\$5.46

Cash prices courtesy of Ag Mark

Community Calendar

Thursday, April 9

USD 298: 9:30 AM JH TRACK - LAKESIDE @ OSBORNE; BASEBALL @ BELOIT - 4:00 PM; HS GOLF BELOIT - 4:00 PM; 5 pm FAMILY HOT DOG NIGHT & BOOK FAIR
 USD 299: 9:30am JH Track Lakeside Invt. @ Osborne; 4pm Baseball @ Beloit; 4pm Softball @ Beloit

Friday, April 10

USD 298: NO PK - SIT MEETING

Saturday, April 11

Sylvan Grove: 10 am Spring Beef Show @ Sylvan Grove Fairgrounds
 USD 298: PROM NIGHT - LJSHS COMMONS; AFTER-PROM - 11 PM - 4 AM; LINCOLN COUNTY REC - SOCCER 8 AM - 1 PM; SOLO & SMALL ENSEMBLE - REGIONAL FESTIVAL - WEEK 2
 USD 299: Music Regional Festival (Solos & Small Ensembles)

Sunday, April 12

USD 299: 5pm Speech & Drama Showcase @ Sylvan Commons

Monday, April 13

USD 298: 7:00 PM LJSHS SPRING BAND/VOCAL CONCERT @ LJSHS COMMONS
 USD 299: FFA Livestock Eval/Floriculture/ Nursery; Mid-Plains @ Sylvan-Lucas; 7pm Board of Ed Mtg

Tuesday, April 14

USD 298: 3:30 PM HS VARSITY TRACK @ ELLSWORTH; 3:30 PM JH TRACK GRIZZLY INVITATIONAL @ MANKATO; BASEBALL @ LUCAS - 4:00PM; HS GOLF LINCOLN - 1:00 PM
 USD 299: 10am JH Track Stockton Invt. @ Stockton
 3pm HS Track Stockton Invt. @ Stockton; 4pm; Baseball vs. Russell @ Lucas; 4pm Softball vs. Russell @ Sylvan

Wednesday, April 15

USD 298: LARGE GROUP - STATE FESTIVAL
 USD 299: Fort Hays Art Show

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.

Honors Student Spotlight

Lincoln Junior/Senior High 3rd Quarter Honor Roll

A Honor Roll

2026: Austin Ahring, Damon Bennett, Alaya Bourque, Veronica Ford, Josee Hillegeist, Alyssa Lopez, Nayallie Polly
 2027: Clay Bates, Madden Esposito, Ethney Sheldon
 2028: Gabriel Esposito, Mallie Florence, Chloe Helus, Anna Koster, Ivey Sheldon
 2029: Colton Baxter, Alison Rosebrook
 2030: Dane Bates, Titus Bell, Kaitlyn Heize, Emily King, Gavin Lopez, Sloan McReynolds-Baetz, Marissa Rosebrook, Kayley Schnieder, Ethan Wolting
 2031: Olivia Borst, Leilani Holeman, Chloe Koster, Layne Nelson, Adrian Rathbun, Conor Schneider, Brianna Westerman
 2032: Kyndal Flinn, Kali Gardner, Caylen Holeman, Sadie Hull, Brennan Wolting

A-B Honor Roll

2026: Aliana Becerra-Gil, Jonathan Bell, Easton Good, Kimberly Helus, Jasmin Hoffman, Jordan Meyer, Kolton Meyer, Riley Obermueller, Aprilia Suiter
 2027: Ben Bell, Chris Boucher, Olivia Dail, Ember Larson, Ayden McBride, Mckayla Meier, Alannah Polly, Dylann Rosebrook, Kadin Schneider, Evan Voeltz
 2028: Marcella Barcerra-Gil, Izabell Dail, Kaylee Obermueller, Ian Ryan, Camden Weber
 2029: Tenley Buttenhoff, Owen Dyer, Juliette Good, Alexis Hoffman, Laina Larson, Zoie Steinborn, Arabella Westerman, Hadley Wiebke
 2030: Hailey Buttenhoff, Kimber Gardner, Ben Hull, Emily Rodriguez-Nolasco, Nathanael Shale
 2031: Grace Bishop, Lyla Hair, Levi Hillegeist, Aaliyah Stertz
 2032: August Buttenhoff, Parker Hall, Jack Metz, Amelia Norman, Madelyn Oliver, Austin Rosebrook, Kaydence Serrien

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Congratulations

Sylvan-Lucas Unified Commencement Speaker

Annette Wiles, a Hunter native and a 1987 graduate of Sylvan Grove High School, will be the honored speaker at the Sylvan-Lucas Unified Graduation on Saturday, May 9th. As a Sylvan Mustang, Wiles led the team to a state runner-up finish in 1987. Recruited by Fort Hays State, she became a two-time All-American and MVP of the 1991 NAIA tournament. She left Fort Hays holding career

records for points, rebounds, field goals, free throws, and blocked shots. Upon graduation with a bachelor's degree in K-12 Health and PE, she accepted the head coaching position at Bethany College in Lindsborg, Kansas, where she led the Swedes to four NAIA national tournaments before returning to coach at Fort Hays State for eight years. She earned her Master's in Athletic Administration and took over the

Minnesota-Duluth program for seven years, where she led the Bulldogs to two NCAA Tournament appearances. Her athlete prowess has earned her induction into both the Fort Hays State Sports Hall of Fame and the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference Hall of Fame. Ms. Wiles currently serves as the District Athletic Director for Topeka Public Schools and the Director of the Hummer Sports Park in Topeka, Kansas.



Above right and Bottom right: Annette Wiles action shot and as coach at Fort Hyas State.



Above and right: Annette Wiles at Fort Hays State and as Director of the Hummer Sports Park in Topeka.



- Monday, April 13**
Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Apple Crisp, Roll & Milk
- Tuesday, April 14**
Cream Chicken over Biscuits, Beets, Rosey Pears & Milk
- Wednesday, April 15**
Meatballs, Potatoes w/Gravy, Peas & Carrots, Mandarin Oranges in Jello, Bread & Milk
- Thursday, April 16**
Chicken, Roasted Red Potatoes, Brussel Sprouts, Peaches, Bread & Milk
- Friday, April 17**
Chef Salad w/Turkey, Pickled Beets, Crackers, Mixed Berries, 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.



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OBITUARY



William John "Jack" Meili
Feb. 1, 1932 - March 27, 2026

William John "Jack" Meili, 94, passed away Friday, March 27, 2026 in Wichita, KS. He was born February 1, 1932 in the family home in Beverly, KS to John R. and Esther (Miller) Meili. He graduated from

Beverly High School in 1950. Jack served his country in the United States Army and was stationed in Korea from 1954-1955. Upon his discharge, he attended U.S Trade School in Kansas City Missouri and subsequently returned to Beverly where he was the owner and operator of Meili Garage and Radiator repair for many years. Jack was a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Jack married Lavon C. Meier at St. Paul Lutheran Church near Westfall, KS on May 18, 1958. Jack was a long time member of the church. Jack was also active in his community serving as a volunteer fireman and received an award for his longtime service to the Beverly-Westfall Rural Fire Department. Jack served several terms as Mayor and city council for the City of Beverly, and supported local water and sanitary sewer infrastructure both by championing projects and helping to maintain and operate these city utilities.

Jack is survived by his wife Lavon of Beverly; daughter Marsha Meili of Wichita, KS; son Mark Meili (Lisa) of Cincinnati, OH; grandchildren, Alan and Julie Meili; brother-in-law Steven Meier (Pam); as well as two nieces, two nephews, one great niece, one great nephew, two great-nieces, and one cousin. He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Mary Jane Day and husband Wilborn and Barbara Smith and husband Charles; and one nephew.

Visitation: 1-7 p.m., April 10, 2026 at Parsons Funeral Home - Hall Chapel in Lincoln, KS with family present to greet visitors 5-7 p.m.

Funeral service: 11:00 a.m., April 11, 2026 at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Westfall with burial following in the church cemetery.

Memorial contributions can be made to St. Paul Lutheran Church or the Rebecca A. Morrison House of Salina, c/o, Hall Chapel, PO Box 37, Lincoln, KS 67455. Condolences can be left at hallchapel.com.



<p>BETHANY CHURCH Eight miles north, six miles west and one mile north of Lincoln Sunday School @ 9:45 am Worship Service @ 11:00 am Evening Service @ 7:00 pm</p>	<p>LINCOLN PARK MANOR CHAPEL Morning Worship @ 9:30 am Afternoon Worship @ 2:30 pm</p>
<p>BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH LC-MS Pastor Christopher Craig Sylvan Grove, Kansas Sunday School following Worship Sunday Worship @ 10:30 am</p>	<p>LINCOLN UNITED METHODIST Worship Service @ 10:30 am Alternate Pastor & Lay Leaders provide Communion</p>
<p>BEVERLY COMMUNITY CHURCH www.beverlycommunitychurch.org Pastor Toby Flaming Sunday School @ 9:30 am Morning Worship @ 10:45 am</p>	<p>PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Sylvan Grove, Kansas Sunday School @ 10:00 am Church @ 11:00 am</p>
<p>CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH Sunday School @ 9:30 am Worship Service @ 10:30 am Nursery available during service Light Keepers Wed. @6:30 grades 6-12 Men's Prayer Breakfast, 7am @ The Cube</p>	<p>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</p>
<p>CULVER METHODIST CHURCH Pastor Demerle Eckart 401 Main Street, Culver, Ks Sunday Worship @ 9:30 am Saturday Coffee @ 8-10 am</p>	<p>ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH Father Mark Wesely, Lincoln Rectory phone: 785-524-4823 Email: stpat327@gmail.com Sunday Mass @ 11:00 am Sunday CCD Classes @ 9:45 am Weekday Mass: Mondays - 3:30 pm</p>
<p>DENMARK EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN COMMUNITY CHURCH, ELCA Worship Service @ 10:30 am</p>	<p>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</p>
<p>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</p>	<p>ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA Pastor Rod Thompson, Tescott Worship Service @ 9:00 am</p>
<p>GRACE CHAPEL-HUNTER Pastors Kaye & Jeff Metzler Worship Service @ 9:00 am</p>	<p>TESCOTT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Pastor Demerle Eckart Sunday School @ 10:00 am Worship @ 11:00 am</p>
<p>LINCOLN COMMUNITY CHURCH 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</p>	<p>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</p>

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Kansas Farm Bureau accepting entries for 2026 Agricultural Reporting Awards

Kansas Farm Bureau (KFB) is accepting entries for its annual Agricultural Reporting Awards, recognizing the important contributions of print and broadcast journalists in portraying the stories of Kansas farmers and ranchers.

"We want to recognize the outstanding ag reporting produced every year in Kansas," KFB's Greg Doering says. "We know journalists do great work in telling the stories of Kansas farmers and ranchers, and we want to highlight work that really showcases what goes into growing our food."

To be eligible, journalists must cover agriculture in Kansas, be published or aired with byline or credit in a professional capacity between June 1, 2025, and May 31, 2026.

Print and broadcast journalists are encouraged to submit their work in one of four categories:

Printed News Story: Published story focusing on immediacy and facts

Printed Feature Story: Published story showing originality and human interest

Audio/Video News Story: Produced for television or radio, 5

minutes or less

Audio/Video News Feature/Enterprise Story: Produced for television or radio, 30-minute max

Journalists may submit one entry for each category here. The deadline for submissions is 5 p.m. Friday, June 19. A panel of Farm Bureau members and KFB staff will judge entries. Winners will be announced at KFB's 2026 annual meeting Dec. 5-7 in Manhattan. Second- and third-place recipients will receive recognition in the program. Prizes are \$200 for first, \$50 for second and \$25 for third.

COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

March 23, 2026

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met in the courthouse commission meeting room on Monday, March 23, 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, Tracy Barton, Felicia Strahm, Truette McQueen, Keegan Bailey, and Dustin Florence.

Correspondence: a request from Men's Health Network to proclaim June as Men's Health Month and the week of Father's Day as Men's Health Week; tax abatements; the Hospital Board of Trustees monthly meeting packet; updated advertisement to request bids to mow and trim the abandoned cemeteries; and Project Agreement for bridge replacement project OS 65.

Emergency Manager Jesse Knight recommended maintaining the burn ban until forecasted conditions improve.

Administrator Adam Robertson reported that he has met with the Wilson Lake Estates Homeowners Association regarding road maintenance requests within the subdivision. The group discussed the land-fill backhoe.

Tracy Barton, Executive Director, Kansas Natural Resource Coalition, provided information on the organization whose mission statement is a coalition of counties, led by commissioners, who monitors and, when appropriate intervenes to reduce the impact of the federal government's overreach on member counties and their citizens in the areas of human environment, natural resources, and land use. Barton related that the organization charges an annual membership fee, discussed several projects that they have helped with, and discussed HB 2433, which is detrimental to

county home rule.

County Appraiser Truette McQueen provided a comparison of appraised and assessed values between 2025 and 2026, as well as the preliminary Ratio Study, explaining the benchmarks that county appraisers across the State are required to meet when assessing the value of property.

Human Resource Officer Felicia Strahm provided an update on open positions and requested approval to employ James Bryant. Debora Smith moved to make a conditional offer of employment to James Bryant for a part-time land-fill position, at Grade 13 Step 6, \$15.09 per hour, seconded by Leon Hart. Motion carried. Strahm discussed the drug-testing pool and the difficulties of testing night-shift workers, as testers cannot reach the county before the shift ends. Commissioner Smith stated that once the Health Nurse is acclimated to her position, Strahm should inquire whether she would be willing to take the classes required to complete the county's drug testing. Strahm noted that individuals marketing health insurance plans have been approaching her about submitting bids to the county, as the county will be completing its three-year agreement with the State this year. The board approved seeking bids for health insurance.

Keegan Bailey, North Central Regional Planning Commission Assistant Director, met with the board to discuss services provided by the organization. Bailey provided information on NCRPC assistance to Lincoln County and the cities within, including the weatherization program, demo-to-dirt program, low-interest business finance, community development, wildfire planning and prevention, and serving as the fiscal agent for the regional homeland security council.

Sheriff Dustin Florence provided an alternative building design, including items discussed at a previ-

ous meeting, with an estimated cost of \$7 million. The board reviewed the sales tax projections and bond repayment options, should the legislation pass to place a sales tax question on the August ballot.

Administrator Robertson provided an update on Public Works activities. The group discussed the mower quotes received. Debora Smith moved to purchase two Land Pride RCM5710 mowers from KanEquip Inc and trade in the two Farm King mowers with a balance due of \$40,750, seconded by Leon Hart. Motion carried. Robertson stated that Slechts Enterprises would be willing to continue operating the recycling center if the board agreed to increase the monthly reimbursement rate to \$1,500. The board requested that Robertson ask Slechts to itemize the company's expenses before making a decision, as the county covers all utility and insurance costs.

Debora Smith moved to make a conditional offer of employment to Brandon Sauers as full-time Public Works Director, at grade 36 Step 7, \$31.48 per hour, effective April 6, 2026, seconded by Ken Meitler. Motion carried.

Debora Smith moved to approve tax abatements 2026-15 & 2026-16 in the amount of \$841.30, seconded by Leon Hart. Motion carried. Debora Smith moved to approve the project agreement for OS 65, bridge replacement project 53C-5391-01 with the State of Kansas, seconded by Leon Hart. Motion carried. The board approved advertising for sealed bids to mow and trim the abandoned cemeteries.

Debora Smith moved to approve the minutes for both the March 16, 2026, regular meeting and the March 20, 2026, special meeting, seconded by Ken Meitler. Motion carried.

The chairman adjourned the meeting at 12:40 p.m. The next meeting will be in the courthouse commission meeting room at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, March 30, 2026.

Bridge repair underway in Ottawa County

The Kansas Department of Transportation has begun a bridge repair on K-18 in Ottawa County. The bridge is located about 4 miles east of K-106 over Antelope Creek.

During bridge repair, temporary traffic signals will direct one lane of traffic through construction

at a reduced speed. Motorists should anticipate delays of up to 15 minutes.

Bridges Inc., of Newton, is the prime contractor for the \$1 million project, which is scheduled to be completed in October, weather permitting.

KDOT urges motorists to stay alert and follow posted signs in all work zones. For current road conditions, visit kandrive.gov or call 5-1-1. Updates on highway projects in north central Kansas, are available at NewsReleases/District2-north central Kansas.

Guest Editorial

Short-term gain, long-term pain

As I drove home recently after visiting my little grocery store in Ellis, I looked hard at the community on each side of the street as I cruised up Washington, and thought about all of the lives that have lived inside of these city limits.

The numerous businesses and families, some still here, but most gone. And it made me sadder that I've felt in a long time. Likely a symptom of the blues I've been feeling since the grocery store broke the news that they were looking to close. I couldn't help but think of the people here who are feeling the same sadness, the same heartbreak, as they watch their little community slip through their fingers.

But what's to be done? How can we stop the slide, stop the decline? How can we turn around the ship?? There is much chatter and many good ideas, but who will step up and start such a large project?

To those who live in Ellis, I have a question for you: have you been a good steward of your community? So many people say "Oh no!" when a store closes, but do you shop here? Is the immediate 'cost savings' found at a big box store worth losing your community grocery store? Worth your community as a whole??

I have done the math. As a mother of three VERY healthy boys who eat a lot of food. What I think people tend to forget to factor into figuring grocery prices and 'savings' is the fuel, wear and tear on the vehicle, and undercutting of the local economy. When you factor those big ticket items into the costs of goods and services in Hays, you more often than not end up paying more in the long run!

Right now, Ellis is paying BIG TIME.

As the community faces the reality of losing the grocery store here, I know out-of-town shoppers are feeling the pressure. The grocery store is not just any business closing. It is the heartbeat of your community, a source of tax revenue for your community, a hub of resources and goods that every family needs in their home. When a community loses its store, the community risks losing itself, the community! Higher taxes, fewer people wanting to live here, which will affect the school (already losing enrollment)... the effects are immeasurable!

The short term gains found in 'lower prices' in Hays are not displaying the long-term pains that will be felt because of those shopping decisions.

There is an old saying about throwing stones in a glass house, and nowhere is that more applicable to a drastic community situation upsetting the general public.

What have you been doing to help the situation you are now upset about? If you are as upset at the situation as your social media page says, what are you going to do to fix the situation? Will this change your shopping habits if, by some miracle, we get another grocery store here? Will you and your family reevaluate what's truly important to a community, and bring those dollars back home again?

For a community like Ellis, that is so rich in heritage, time-period and historically significant structures and myriad of other wonderful niche enjoyments for visitors and residents alike, it blows my mind that the reason behind the 'Shop Local' push in our communities is because we don't want to lose them!

The people who fight day in and day out, to keep our small community afloat, need your voice, your help, your efforts here at home to change the tide!

Where's the pride in our communities? Where's the brotherhood and fellowship we once felt as residents of the same community? Where are the groups banding together to tackle big projects and maintain and perpetuate a good quality of life for residents now and in the future? Where's the desire to roll up our sleeves and get to work on a job that just needs done? Where's the community drive to contribute?

This is what we're missing, folks. In the hustle and bustle of living and keeping up with the Jones', we have lost sight of what life is really made of. Taking care of which belongs to us is one of the most important acts we can engage in within our own communities, and it truly starts with you. Each and every one of you. Giving \$1, giving an hour, giving your supportive voice...and act of contributing to something bigger than yourself!

Caring for our communities is vitally important to the survival of our rural way of life. I believe we are the last frontier for the freedom our beautiful country was once founded on, but we must care for our communities or we will lose them!

If you are upset about stores closing in your town, good! Get off your duff and get involved, make a difference instead of just being upset! There are groups actively working on rebuilding your community, get involved!

It is time for the people to stand together if we want to save what's ours. We've made big things happen before, and this little problem can find big solutions if you become part of the effort to save our towns and the businesses, stories and lives within them.

-Nickole Byers, Ellis Review

THE ANGLE



Alexa Romesburg

Can we talk about evil and good? Not the common kind we all so easily identify as such, ergo the murderer, or the serial adulterer and their counterpart, the "homewrecker." Not the thief, or the liar. Not even your garden variety pervert; or most easily identifiable of all- those who are predisposed to harm children. There is another kind of evil that can be both observed and experienced. The sort of which people can be both victims and perpetrators of at once. It is a strange evil professing to be good while dressed in highly spiritual garb. It is the religious kind.

If we are not careful, we are all capable of deceiving ourselves into believing that our pet convictions, our favorite doctrines, our personal interpretations of dogma are THE right and true way and anyone who disagrees is simply wrong- and they had better all recognize and get in line. Now I am not at all suggesting that there is no such thing as absolute truth. Because there absolutely is. Jesus Christ professed to be THE way, THE Truth, and THE Life. He also declared that there is no other way to the Father but through him. I think that last part is the sticking point in this conversation. The only way to

God is through Jesus, according to Jesus himself. C. S. Lewis once brilliantly pointed out that either Jesus was a liar, a lunatic, or he really is THE Lord. Jesus left no other options for us by which to cast our votes. This matters when seeking to identify evil and good in this world. If we say we believe in him then we must necessarily agree that he is THE only way. Our dogma is not it. Our pet convictions are not it. Even biblical doctrine studied and applied to absolute perfection is not it. Jesus. The same Jesus the highly spiritual of his time, the holy and religious people of his own culture, crucified and demonized.

We all, who know him today, can convince ourselves that we are so different from them who rejected him in the past or them who may still reject him now, in this present time and place. But we are not. It is only our pride which has deceived us, and pride it surely is. But don't worry, I'm not calling anyone out to a greater degree than I am calling myself out too. As I said, we can all be both victims and perpetrators of this sort of evil-simultaneously. I know I have been. Make no mistake, evil dressed as good, wearing religious clothing is the worst kind of evil of all. It literally killed Christ. It has sacrificed babies. It has traded purity for piety; righteousness for superiority; and good for

Evil and Good

"Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil..." Isaiah 5:20

evil. Can you see how it is the worst evil? With a mindset like that, a man or a woman can do absolutely anything they deem morally right in their own deceived minds and hearts. Furthermore, they can do it all in justification of their actions, laying claim to moral superiority, born of pride, steeped in psychological entitlement, allowing one to trample the rights or dignity of others free from any conscientious reproach within their own conscience.

Any ideology is vulnerable to the self-deception of the impassioned faithful. Which is why it is imperative we examine ourselves in the light for error and misplaced loyalties or misdirected passions buried deeply in our hearts. These tiny seeds of wrong belief and the extreme practices of righteous doctrines can all lead to evil. The kind we so often mistake for good. Especially when we find it within ourselves. As a society we look around us and decide what kind of government we want and with those choice opinions, we seek to know and support our side of the aisle & argument- the side we have deemed "good." But the other side? They are "evil" we vehemently proclaim with complete confidence. They must be wrong if we are right. Likewise, they must be evil if we are good. But that whole setup is deceptive. We are

all more nuanced than that. Both sides of the extreme political aisles have good and evil practices. All major religions have histories chock full of both good and evil deeds done by the faithful of their brand. Even the bible is full of nuanced characters complete with personal histories and checkered pasts replete with both evil and good records attributed to them.

So. How do we fortify our resolve to do "good" and be aware of the evil lurking in the shadows of our own nuanced hearts? By accepting that good will never be produced by the past. It will not look like slavery or rebellion. It will not be angry or full of rage. It will not lie, will not cheat, will not rampage on murderous crusades in his name, and will not hide itself or from itself. It will be open and transparent. Ready and giving. Ever learning and never retired from loving. But it will be holy and obedient to the word of God. Jesus. Good will always be found in Jesus. Evil will always be found where he is absent. Worst of all there will be times and people when and who will champion belief whereby the prevailing sentiment will be that he is present and thus sanctioning the evil being done presently in his name- but not by him at all. We must discern this distinction that we may distinguish evil from good in our world, and moreover, in ourselves.

Post Rock Extension District

Spring Horticulture Help Offered Across the Post Rock District

By Sandra L. Wick
K-State Research and Extension
Post Rock Crop Production Agent

Even though spring is officially here, Mother Nature just wants to keep surprising us with unseasonal weather!! Hopefully, we will get some measurable moisture soon!

Over the last couple of weeks, we have been experiencing some pretty big fluctuations in our temperatures around north central Kansas. Producers may be wondering if our wheat was affected.

The below freezing temperatures occurred Sunday evening, March 15, through Monday morning, March 16. According to our K-State Mesonet stations in each of our counties of our Post Rock District (Jewell, Lincoln, Mitchell, Osborne and Smith), temperatures ranged from 12-16 degrees F. on March 15, and 7-10 degrees F. on March 16. So really low temperatures for this time of year and for the wheat crop!

Since it has been more than 14 days, usually you can determine if any damage has occurred to the growing point (wheat head). For most of our wheat in north central Kansas, the wheat is between Feekes 5 (tillering) and Feekes 6 (jointing). According to K-State Extension research, in the tillering stage, temperatures can dip down to 12 degrees F. for two hours, before damage may occur. However, in the jointing stage, temperatures can only dip down to 24 degrees F. for two hours before damage may occur. Unfortunately, as you can see, we did

experience temperatures that could cause some damage, but truly dependent on the growth stage of your wheat. K-State Extension has an excellent "Wheat Growth Chart" available at any of our district offices.

I did provide a couple of videos on our K-State, Post Rock District, YouTube and website, providing information on freeze damage and an update on the condition of our wheat crop. Simply go to postrock.ksu.edu and click on the "Crops" tab on the left and then "Video series". I also have a couple videos, a demonstration "splitting the wheat stems" along with my latest update on Facebook LIVE! Join us on Facebook by following the Post Rock Extension District!!

So, in the last 2-3 days, I have gathered wheat samples, split the stems and examined the "growing point" and have not found any indication that the growing point was damaged. Somehow, wheat has put on new growth since the low temperatures, especially with the warmer conditions on some days. I honestly don't know how that has happened with the very dry conditions we are experiencing! But you know, wheat does have "nine lives", but just don't know for sure how many are left!!!"

Actually, more of a concern, at this time, is the very dry conditions! We did manage to get a sprinkling in some areas, but we are still in much need of moisture for the wheat to continue to thrive and survive!!!

Producers are now making some really tough decisions on exactly what

nutrients along with weed control, needs to be applied to their wheat crop, especially with the rising cost of inputs. Some wheat fields look pretty decent, while other fields are pretty thin due to limited moisture and the planting date. Producers need to evaluate their wheat stands for potential yield to determine what their management options might be. K-State Extension does have resources available for helping to determine potential yields that are available online or at any of our district offices.

Other things to watch for are insects that might be affecting the wheat. According to the K-State Extension entomologists, brown wheat mites have been very active in southwest Kansas and in central Kansas in Saline County. The brown wheat mites are early predators and tend to like hot and dry conditions so thus the reason for the higher populations. I have done some looking around our district, but have not really found any significant populations. They could be active for another couple weeks depending on our weather conditions.

If you have more questions, contact me at any Post Rock Extension District Office in Beloit, Lincoln, Mankato, Osborne or Smith Center. Don't forget to go to our Post Rock District webpage at postrock.ksu.edu and take advantage of our many agronomy educational programs to help you with your cropping enterprises. If you were unable to participate in our educational programs this winter, some of the programs were recorded.

Fight Inflated Food Costs

The high cost of purchasing food is a concern for nearly all of us. One suggestion for cutting down on this expense at home is to reduce food waste.

Consider these suggestions from the Mayo Clinic:

- Take an inventory. Take stock of the pantry, refrigerator, and freezer before shopping to avoid over-buying.
- Save and eat left-overs. If you don't think that you will be able to eat your leftovers within 2-3 days,

freeze what you don't think you'll use. Be sure to label and date each container.

- Store food properly. Learn how to properly store food, especially fresh produce, and only buy what you can use before it starts to lose quality.
- Use leftovers creatively. Find ways to use rather than toss food that isn't fresh. Vegetable scraps and peels can be made into a soup stock. Apples and blueberries that are soft work perfectly in oatmeal.

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There's No Place Like Home - Home Safety Evaluations

In my role as a hospitalist, I am always happy when a patient is healthy enough to be discharged. A resounding majority of people want to go back to their home after they leave the hospital. What we do not want is an unsafe environment leading to repeat injuries resulting in a hospital readmission.

At discharge we can have members of the Home Health team perform a "Home Safety Evaluation". Physical Therapists, Occupational Therapists and sometimes Speech Therapists will evaluate a person's home for safety concerns and ensure it is set up optimally for best function. The team looks at areas where injuries typically occur. This could include the installation of grab bars in the bathroom or having a shower chair. Paying attention to slipping or falling hazards - such as throw rugs or loose stair railings. Good lighting, especially on stairs and in hallways, can help prevent tripping and falling.

Before hospital discharge Physical Therapists will evaluate how well a person can walk including their bal-

ance. If there are steps in the home, they will ensure the ability to navigate stairs is evaluated. They perform tests which can help predict who is at a higher risk for falling. The proverb may be, pride goeth before a fall, but a walker or cane could help prevent that. Unfortunately, too often pride is the reason that the walker or cane is not used in the first place. Using someone else's old walker may be a bargain, but proper walker and cane height is important. A used device may be more dangerous if not adjusted properly and therapists can help confirm they are at the correct height.

Occupational Therapists evaluate a person's ability to perform "Activities of Daily Living". These include being able to feed, dress or bathe themselves, and using the bathroom. They have lots of assistive devices, tricks and tips to assist people if arthritis, injuries, or recent surgery prevents the person from moving like normal.

Speech Therapists are asked at times to assess a person's cognition and "safety awareness". They evaluate and determine if this person can the per-

son recognize an emergency and get to safety or call for help. With dementia, the part of the brain responsible for logic and good decision making is no longer working. Dementia patients often make impulsive mistakes such as walking into traffic or forgetting to turn the stove off after cooking. There is no place like home, but it needs to be a safe home. With a few tips and modifications, your home can be a safer place to live thereby keeping you there longer. We want you to "Stay healthy in there."

Dr. Jill Kruse is a hospitalist at the Brookings Health System 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, 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 podcasts, and a Radio program (on SDPB, Sundays at 6am and 1pm).

Insight - Kansas Farm Bureau - opinion

Spring surprises

Kim Baldwin

McPherson County farmer and rancher

It's that time of the year when the trees begin to blossom, the wheat fields become a magnificent green and our yard becomes an interesting site thanks to our farm dog, Rosie. During the winter months Rosie spends a lot of time indoors. Whether it's taking day naps while my husband or I work in the office, patrolling the shop while equipment is worked on or willingly sleeping inside the house at night.

But when the days and nights warm up, Rosie spends much more of her time outside. She'll nap outside the office door soaking up the midday sun. She'll sniff around the shop before leaving to patrol the farmyard. She refuses to come inside the house at night, preferring to sleep on a wicker bench on my front porch.

When Rosie comes inside to sleep during the winter, she actually sleeps. When Rosie migrates to her bench on my front porch, she usually does not sleep.

Whether it's barking near my bedroom window at all hours of the night, launching herself off the porch bench in pursuit of night creatures that get too close to her house or patrolling the farmyard in the dark, Rosie's winter hibernation ceases and her spring behaviors kick into full gear.

It's quite common to open the front door to find treasures she has gathered throughout the night strewn about our front yard. Sometimes you'll spot a large bone she has found somewhere during her patrols. At other times you will find multiple rabbits - or portions of rabbits or birds, or opossums, or rats or raccoons on display.

Sometimes Rosie will leave her treasures for us to see and then relocate them to an area near the barn where she buries them for later.

Other times, our farm dog leaves her treasures in the yard for us to appreciate and/or deal with.

Spring is the season that requires a pitchfork or shovel readily available in order for us to pick up after Rosie's night shift.

I often wonder what delivery drivers dropping off packages at our place think as they walk up to our porch during the spring months.

A neighbor recently shared on social media a photo montage of the items her dogs have started bringing home and leaving in her yard as well.

I had to chuckle and was thankful that I have someone I can commiserate with thanks to our dogs' spring antics on the farm.

Fraud Remains a Top Concern for Kansas Residents, New AARP Research Shows

Governor Laura Kelly Proclaims April as Fraud Prevention Month; AARP Kansas mobilizes communities across Kansas with free events and expert resources to help residents protect themselves.

Topeka, Kansas — New AARP research shows fraud is a widespread and growing concern. Nearly 4 in 10 U.S. adults—about 103 million people—have already experienced fraud, and an estimated 159 million are worried about becoming victims. A little under one-third (30%) of adults say their biggest fear is being targeted themselves, followed by losing money with no way to recover it

(21%) and seeing a loved one victimized (15%). These concerns highlight both the financial and emotional toll of these crimes and reflect how pervasive and personal the threat has become.

"Criminals are persistent, and awareness alone won't stop them," said Glenda DuBoise, AARP Kansas State Director. "That's why AARP is active in Kansas communities—pro-

viding practical tools, trusted guidance, and support so people can better protect themselves and their loved ones. We are appreciative that Governor Kelly, along with the City of Wichita and City of Topeka, proclaimed April as Fraud Prevention Month"

Throughout April, AARP Kansas is hosting local events, including: Community Shred Days offering

See "FRAUD" page 8

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereto set my hand and cause to be affixed my official seal, this 24th day of March, A.D. 2026.

/s/ Dawn M Harlow, County Clerk

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

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Kansas is also among more than a dozen states that recently passed legislation regulating cryptocurrency kiosks, which criminals use as payment methods in their scams.

The report also finds that nine in ten Americans agree that fraud can happen to anyone. One in six adults say they answer calls (11%) or respond to texts (5%) from unknown contacts, and roughly half download free apps and take online quizzes on social media that can expose personal data. Gaps in digital security also persist, including password reuse, limited use of private virtual networks on public Wi-Fi, and low adoption of multifactor authentication.

AARP Fraud Watch Network provides free tools and support to help people prevent and avoid fraud, including:

- AARP Fraud Watch Network™ Helpline (877-908-3360) - Free guidance from trained fraud specialists, available Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. ET.
- Watchdog Alerts- A free bi-weekly email and text newsletter covering the latest fraud trends.
- Scam-Tracking Map - See fraud occurring near you or report an incident.

To find local events or learn more about AARP Fraud Prevention Month, visit aarp.org/localfraudevents

About the AARP Fraud Watch Network

Launched in 2013, the AARP Fraud Watch Network is a free resource for people of all ages. Consumers can sign up for Watchdog Alerts by email or text, call the free helpline at 877-908-3360 to report scams or seek support, and access tools to track scams nationwide. The program also provides expert insights, prevention tips, and education to help individuals safeguard their finances and identities.

Lincoln County GOP Meeting and opportunity to meet two Gubernatorial Candidates

The Lincoln County GOP is having a meeting on Tue, April 14th, 2026, from 7-8pm, at The Cube, 319 S. 4th St. Lincoln Kansas. This meeting is to discuss the future of the Lincoln County GOP and all REPUBLICAN VOTERS are encouraged to attend. If the Lincoln County GOP is to continue, there is a strong need for Precinct Committee men and women from each township. Danedri Herbert, the

Kansas GOP Chairwoman and Chris McGowen, the Kansas First District GOP Chairman, will be speaking on what it is to be a Precinct Committee person and more. Denah Jensen, the Lincoln GOP Chairwoman is also hosting two Gubernatorial Candidates this month. Joy Eakins will be speaking on Tue, April 21, 2026 from 1-2pm at 2nd Chance Eats & Drinks, 147 E. Lincoln Ks. Then on Mon. April 27th,

2026 from 7-8:30pm Philip Sarnecki will be speaking at The Cube, 319 s. 4th St. Lincoln Ks. Both of these events will give YOU the VOTER an opportunity to meet and ask questions of a Gubernatorial Candidate that is asking for your vote. Being an INFORMED Voter helps to ensure you feel good about the person you elect and gives you greater opportunity to be engaged with those you elect to govern you!

JOY EAKINS: Joy Eakins is a leader who has spent her life fighting for what's right. She overcame difficult circumstances growing up to earn full-ride scholarships to both college and graduate school where she earned degrees in advanced mathematics. For the last 16 years, Joy built one of the most successful data-analytics firms in Kansas: Cornerstone Data, Inc., a full-service consultancy with a nationwide reach.

Joy served for several years on the Wichita Board of Education where she fought for parents' rights and fiscal responsibility. She also led the Wichita Chamber of Commerce, the largest Chamber organization in Kansas. Joy has continued to be an advocate for better data in policy decisions and education policy that focuses on student outcomes -- in fact, her work and testimony helped get Kansas reopened during COVID.

Joy has been married to her husband Eric for over 30 years, and together they have a biological son serving in the U.S. Air Force and a bonus son who lives in Chicago.

Philip Sarnecki: Philip Sarnecki is a Kansas businessman, family man, and job creator who has built companies that today employ approximately 1,000 people across multiple industries. He founded and led RPS Financial Group, Inc., growing it into one of the largest financial services firms in the nation before selling the company.

In addition to financial services, Sarnecki owns businesses in various industries that strengthen communities and create jobs. He is the largest franchise owner of a national quick lubes company and has established locations across Kansas, including in Andover, El Dorado, Derby, Pittsburg, Fort Scott, and Independence.

Guided by his Christian faith and conservative values, Philip believes in hard work, strong families, and accountable leadership, not career politics. He is unafraid to take on entrenched interests and bring a business-minded, results-driven approach to government.

Philip lives in Bucyrus, Kansas with his wife, Heidi, and their three children.

\$\$ Financial Literacy Month \$\$

Each week this month check off one of the following financial tasks:

- Plan for your tax refund. Make a plan before the money arrives. Split your refund between savings, debt payoff, goals, and fun money. Use percentages to make it easy; 30% savings, 40% debt, 20% fun, etc.
- Review your tax withholdings and update your W-4 if you want more or less money withheld from your paycheck. Adjusting withholdings will increase or decrease the refund amount you get from the IRS each year.
- Take time to update, or designate, the appropriate beneficiaries on financial accounts. Many financial

accounts are POD (payable on death) accounts, which means the money will be dispersed to whom-ever is listed as the beneficiary. Don't forget any life insurance and retirement accounts.

- Automate to stay on track. Automation helps reduce decision fatigue. Whether it's a bill, savings contribution, or debt payment, schedule at least one financial task to run on autopilot, directly from your paycheck.
- Shred and organize. Set a timer for 30 minutes and declutter your financial files. Use the Household Information Records Organizer (HIRO) tool from Utah State University to know what to keep and what to shred. www.finance.usu.edu/hiro

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Total for the Week - Cattle - 4043

Bulls - \$245 - \$257 Cows- \$180 - \$189

Strs		Hftrs	
300-400	\$690.00-710.00	300-400	\$600.00-625.00
400-500	\$605.00-625.00	400-500	\$545.00-560.00
500-600	\$530.00-540.00	500-600	\$455.00-475.00
600-700	\$460.00-472.00	600-700	\$415.00-430.00
700-800	\$385.00-417.00	700-800	\$370.00-381.50
800-900	\$368.00-379.00	800-900	\$320.00-332.00
900-1000	\$330.00-347.50	900-1000	\$300.00-304.00

Early Consignments for Thursday, April 9th

Sale: 10 a.m. 120 blk/red s&h, 450-550, home raise, vacc; 12 s&h, 500, wean 60 days, 2 round vacc, open, no implant; 16 red/blk s&h, wean 3 weeks, 2 round vacc; 16 blk s&h, 500-900, wean Dec or longer, hay fed; 30 blk s&h, 450-550, home raise, wean 70 days; 59 red s&h, 350-600, 1 round vacc, Copperhead sire; 50 mostly blk s&h, 800-950; 50 blk str, 475-525, home raise, off cow, 1 round vacc; 35 s&h, 400, wean 70 days, 2 round vacc, off wheat; 60 hftrs, 700, home raise, long wean, 2 round vacc, open, no implant; 160 str, 800-850, native, 2 round vacc, off wheat; 50 str, 500-650, native, 2 round vacc, off wheat; 30 red/blk s&h, 450-650, 1 round, poured; 30 blk str, 900-950, long wean; 25 s&h 400-600 60 days weaned; 7 str 700-800; 100 mostly blk s&h 450-650 home raised, vacc; 180 blk str 900-925 off rye, no grain/silage; 60 str 900-950 no sort; plus many more by sale time.

APRIL COWS SALE: APRIL 21, 2026

• **BULLS:** 13 blk/red/char bulls, 12-18 months, 5-yearlings, semen checked; 3 registered red ang, 2-3 years old, semen & trich checked, 1-yearlin, semen checked, EPP's available; 4-2year old blk ang. Registered bulls, semen & trich checked, virgins; 1-2.5 year old angus, semen & trich checked; 3 blk 2-18 month old, 1-13 month old, virgin, semen checked, worked, Gardner Fire Proof or Gardner Kansas; plus more by sale time.

• **HEIFER PAIRS:** 20+20 blk AI sired calves, hftrs- Don Johnson sired; 40+40 home raise, sim/ang. Calves sired by lbw sim/ang bulls; 50+50 blk/bwf hfr pairs, SD origin, mostly AI sire Basin True Grit, calves worked; 19+19 blk hfr pairs, home raise, calves 1-2 months, Benoit sired; 8+8 blk hfr pairs, calves worked; plus more by sale time.

• **BRED HEIFERS:** 105 red/blk fall bred hftrs, AI bred 12/1, bulls in 12/4-1/17; 18 red hftrs, bred calving ease Mushrush or Double C char; 5 blk hftrs, bred angus, 7-8 months; 12 red angus fall bred hftrs, bred LBW angus, calve Sept. 1; plus more by sale time.

• **COWS/COW PAIRS:** 70 blk/red angus, young fall breds, bred blk; 20 blk cows, 3-5 years, bred good blk bulls; 60 blk 3-5 years, fall bred, bred blk bulls; 80 blk 3-5 years, fall bred, bred blk; 20 blk fall cows, 3-6 years, bred blk; 40+40 pairs, calves worked; 300 fall bred cows, 3-6 years, bred char, calves weaned off late February; 50 fall bred cows, 3-6 years, bred Green Garden angus or Bar S; 40 blk cows, 3-6 years, bred blk sim/angus, calve Sept.1; 75 fall cows, 3-6 years, bred angus; calve Sept.1; 180 blk/red angus, 3-5 years, bred blk bulls, fall calvers; 20+20 mostly home raise, red pairs, young to solid mouth; 15 red cows 3-6 years, fall bred, bred red or char; 12 red/blk cows, 3-5 years, fall bred, bred blk; 10+10 blk cow pairs, 4 years old, calves 2 months old; 30 fall bred cows, running age, bred blk; 50 blk/bwf cows, young, bred blk angus; 80 blk/red angus cows, 3-5 years, fall bred; 20 bred cows; 15+10 pairs, 2-5 years, all worked; 5+5 older pairs, good calves; 14 blk/red angus fall cows, 3-5 years, bred Circle S black Balancer; 20+20 blk running age pairs; 8 blk fall bred cows, 3-6 years, bred blk; 14 red/blk cows, 8-older, fall bred; 22 blk cows, fall bred, bred blk sim/angus, 4-5 months;

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