

Celebrating 150 Years of Sylvan Grove

By Jyll Phillips, *Lincoln-Sentinel*

This year marks our country's 250th anniversary. It also marks Sylvan Grove, Kansas' 150th anniversary! The community will celebrate their heritage and their sesquicentennial on Saturday, May 23. This is a celebration of the hard work, determination and resilience of those who settled Sylvan Grove and resonate throughout Lincoln County. Sylvan Grove's 150th Anniversary celebration has been carefully planned by a group of resolute volunteers and includes so many events no one will want to miss it.

From <https://legendsofkan-sas.com/sylvan-grove-kansas>, we learn that although the town wouldn't be founded for several years, there was enough population in the area for a post office called Sylvan Grove to be established on December 12, 1872. It was located two miles south of where the town would be established, in the home of C. M. Hea-

ton, the postmaster. It was named after the twin Sylvan groves that were nearby. In 1877, the post office moved to H.S. Merriman's home. That year a flour mill

both day and night, soon earning a reputation as one of the better flouring mills of the West. Farmers from 30 miles away were known to have lined up the night

Bender and H.S. Merriam. E.B. Cross and W. F. Morgan opened the first store, the Cross & Morgan General Store. It was later sold to Berger Brothers & Wil-



was constructed by H.S. Merriman and A.J. Masterson. Containing three runs of stones, it operated

before to have their wheat ground into flour. The town was platted the same year on land belonging to William

son. Later, Schermerhorn & Company bought an interest. This was the only store. See "Sylvan page 3



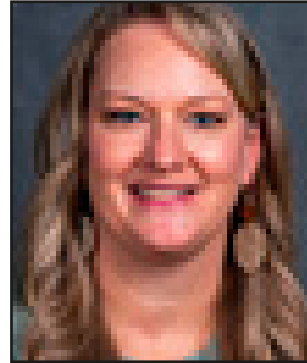
Left: Duane Vonada carves into a limestone slab while Virgil Lawson uses a blowgun to clear away dust during Sylvan's Centennial Celebration. Right: The historic Old Bank Building in Sylvan, site of an attempted 1894 robbery that turned a 19-year-old local into a hero.. (Courtesy Photos)

Welcome to Hopeful Beginnings



The Lincoln Area Chamber of Commerce held the ribbon while Lyda Fincham cut the ribbon on her new downtown business, Hopeful Beginnings Counseling Services at the Lincoln County Hospital Specialty Clinic located at 127 W. Lincoln Avenue. Fincham, a Licensed Graduate Marriage and Family Therapist (LGMFT), specializes in trauma-focused therapy, EMDR and play therapy, she also sees clients who are struggling with depression, anxiety and other mental health conditions. She has practiced privately in the Beloit area for 12 years and is expanding services to surrounding communities. She will have office hours in Lincoln on Tuesdays. (Courtesy Photo)

Babcock retires after 28 years



Debbie Babcock was recognized for her years of service Friday, May 8 by the students and staff at Lincoln Elementary School where she has taught for 28 years. Babcock will retire at the end of the current school year. The students wrote retire advise and taped them in the hallways for her to read.

VFW Auxiliary announces art contest winners



The VFW Auxiliary to VFW Post 7928, Lincoln, has announced the winners of their Art Contest. Entries were received from Veronica Ford,, Zoie Steinborn, Kimberly Helus, Chloe Helus and Nayalie Polly. Kimberly Helus was named first place and will advance to the state level competition. Nayalie Polly was named second place and Chloe Helus was named 3rd place. Congratulations to all who participated.



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Honoring Service, One Quilt at a Time



Nine more Quilts of Valor were presented recently by the Lincoln Quilt Guild. The ceremony was held at LJSHS. Above: Rick McBride, a Viet Nam veteran, receives his Quilt of Valor. (Courtesy Photo)

Operation Acoustic Kitty



In the 1960s, the CIA launched "Operation Acoustic Kitty," an effort to train cats to become foreign spies by implanting microphones in their ears and radio transmitters at the base of their skulls. The hope was to train the cats to sit near foreign officials to capture any private conversations. The operation came to a halt when they realized that cats aren't really trainable and will do whatever the heck they want.

Cash Grain

Corn.....	\$4.20
Milo.....	\$3.75
Soybeans	\$11.00
Wheat	\$6.24

Cash prices courtesy of Ag Mark

Community Calendar

Thursday, May 14

USD 298: 3:00 PM HS TRACK @ TESCOTT; POST ROCK DANCE - 4:00pm- 8:00pm
 USD 299: Dismiss @ 11:30 a.m.; End of 2nd Semester; Grade School Awards; Regional Baseball @ TBD; 3pm HS Track NPL Meet @ Tescott

Friday, May 15

USD 298: HS GOLF LOGAN - 1:00 PM; POST ROCK DANCE - 4:00pm- 8:00pm
 USD 299: Regional Baseball @ TBD; World's of Fun Trip

Saturday, May 16

Lincoln: 10 am Open House @ Lincoln County Historical Museum Complex
 USD 298: POST ROCK DANCE - 4:00pm- 8:00pm
 USD 299: Regional Baseball @ TBD

Sunday, May 17

Lincoln: 6 pm County-wide potluck dinner @ Lincoln Shared Kitchen
 USD 299: Regional Baseball @ TBD

Monday, May 18

USD 299: Baseball Regionals @ TBD; Softball Regionals @ TBD

Tuesday, May 19

USD 299: Baseball Regionals @ TBD; Softball Regionals @ TBD

Wednesday, May 20

USD 299: Baseball Regionals @ TBD; Softball Regionals @ TBD

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



Monday, May 18

Chef Salad w/Chicken, Pickled Beets, Crackers, Grapes & Milk

Tuesday, May 19

Cheeseburger w/Bun, Lettuce, Onion, Tomato, Potato Salad, Coleslaw, Strawberries & Bananas, Milk

Wednesday, May 20

Beef Soft Tacos, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Chips & Salsa, Peaches, Brownie & Milk

Thursday, May 21

Smothered Pork Chops, Candied Yams, Broccoli & Carrots, Pears, Roll & Milk

Friday, May 22

Fish & Cheese w/Bun, Macaroni & Cheese, California Veggie Blend, Applesauce & 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.

2026 Alumni Weekend June 5-7, 2026

Luncheon/Annual Meeting
 Saturday, June 6, 2026 @ Noon
 Location: Lincoln High School

Meal Cost: \$17 per person
 Annual Dues: \$10

Reserve your meal & pay your dues by Friday, May 29, 2026:

Lincoln Alumni Association
 PO Box 15, Lincoln, KS 67455
 (Paypal: @LincolnKSAlumni)

For the full weekend schedule and further details, follow us on Facebook:
 Lincoln High School Alumni Association
 Lincoln KS
 Or email us at: lincolnalumniassc@gmail.com

LINCOLN - PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE - CINDY ENTRIKEN

by Cindy Entriken
Recent Past

On Tuesday evening, April 28, 2026, I attended a community meeting at the Lincoln Grade School to hear a presentation about the critical issues facing the building, the educational staff, and the community. The presenters were Nikki Flinn, superintendent of USD #298 and Jessica Kobbeman, president of the school board. Also present were the entire school board, plus consultants who have been working with the district for the last year, identifying the issues related to the building. I'm guessing there were about 45 - 50 people in the audience and they asked great questions. The presentation was excellent. Ms. Flinn and Ms. Kobbeman came prepared and presented the facts in a straightforward and understandable way that I think everyone appreciated. I know I did!

Ms. Flinn presented two options for resolving the issues of the grade school building, and their respective costs. **Option 1a** — Critical Infrastructure Repairs — approximately \$6 million stop the infiltration of an underground spring into the basement of the grade school and fix the foundation problems that have occurred due to the underground spring, update the antiquated electrical systems, fix the sewer pipe which is corroded and has collapsed allowing sewage

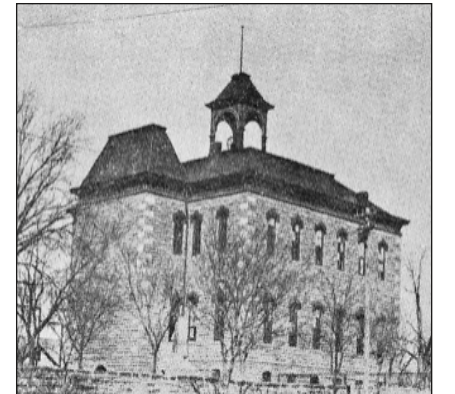
to seep into the building (this will require significant demolition of concrete, bathroom fixtures, flooring and walls) and repair the deteriorated building exterior. **Option 1b** — *Additional Needs and/or Enhancements to Consider* — approximately \$10.25 million major remodeling to remove walls enlarging classrooms to support modern teaching methods and better learning, requiring construction of three additional classrooms remodeling to relocate the district office from E. Lincoln Avenue to the grade school building remodeling to create a secure main entrance into the building. **Option 2** — Build a new grade school addition onto the existing high school — approximately \$13.5 million.

Other Considerations
 Option 1b would require that the school district find other locations for teaching elementary students while construction was occurring. These costs are not included in the estimates above.

If voters were to vote for Option 2, the district and the community would need to decide what to do with the vacant elementary school building. No one wants to see it deteriorate like the old high school has.

Why was the current grade school built over an underground spring?
 The grade school we know today was built on the site of the former grade

school/high school, Central School, built in 1881 or 1887, depending on which source document you use. The building was made of limestone. In addition to being two stories with a basement, it had wood floors, stairways, and outside fire escapes. Here's a photo of Central School. The building was not razed until 1950 when the current grade school was built.



Central School

I doubt that either 1881 or 1887 technology allowed builders to determine whether any underground springs existed where Central School was built. No records exist, as far as I know, which describe problems with the Central School building. It makes sense that the architects and builders of the existing grade school didn't know there was an underground spring when they

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Pump Handles and Public Health

Health care is often thought of as something that happens one patient at a time in a clinic or hospital. Public health takes a broader view and is focused on improving the health of entire populations. In 1854, a London physician helped stop a deadly cholera outbreak by removing a simple pump handle. That moment would become one of the earliest and most powerful examples of public health in action. Back then no one understood how cholera spread. Many believed it was caused by "bad air" or mysterious environmental forces. They did not know that it was actually caused by a bacterium that was spread through contaminated water sources.

Dr. John Snow noticed a pattern. In London's Soho neighborhood, a cluster of cholera cases seemed concentrated around a single public water source, the Broad Street pump. When he mapped where people lived, most of the infections pointed back to that pump. Even those who lived farther away, but became ill reported getting their water from the same source. Meanwhile, workers at a nearby brewery, who drank beer instead of water,

were largely spared. The brewing process, alcohol and acidity of the beer made it difficult for the cholera bacteria or other pathogens to survive.

Armed with this evidence, Dr. Snow convinced local officials to remove the pump handle. This cut off public access to the contaminated water. After this happened, the number of new infections quickly declined. That simple act marked the beginning of modern public health; using data, observation, and intervention to stop disease at its source.

Today, public health has evolved from reacting to outbreaks to preventing illness before it starts. Public health professionals work behind the scenes to protect and improve the health of communities. They do this through providing education, guiding policy, and conducting research. They are the unsung heroes of healthcare. When Public Health works well, it can be almost invisible or easy to ignore. However, when there is a breakdown in Public Health services, the results can be devastating to a community and the effects are obvious.

Federal, state and local health

departments prepare for emergencies, monitor for disease outbreaks, ensure food safety, and safeguard water quality. They also advocate for health screenings in underserved or high-risk populations. Public health officials work to reduce barriers to care and promote healthier lifestyles for everyone. They may not be removing pump handles anymore, but they are still working every day to protect our water, our food, and our communities. They are helping us all, as we say on the show, to stay healthy out there people.

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).

Annual Post Rock Extension District Wheat Tour with 3 stops on Thursday, May 21

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the 2026 K-State Extension/Post Rock District Wheat Plot Tours, Thursday, May 21, to view over 25 varieties in each of the wheat plots with three stops.

Our wheat tour starts at 10:30 a.m. in Smith County with the Jewell County tour starting at 1:30 p.m. and ending with the Mitchell County wheat plot at 4:30 p.m. The site for lunch will be at NOON in Esbon at Sam's Place with sponsor Guaranty State Bank

The Smith County Wheat Plot, with cooperators Art and Linda Befort, is located ½ mile north of Highway 36 and Lebanon junction, on the east side of the highway. The Jewell County wheat plot tour will begin at 1:30 p.m. with cooperators Justin Angleton and Jason Ryan and is located ½ mile north of the Highway 36 and Esbon junction

with the plot on the east side. The day will end with a stop in Mitchell County at the K-State Research and Extension replicated wheat plot at 4:30 p.m. with cooperators Mike and Gregory Jordan and is located 7 miles south of Beloit on Highway 14 to P Road, go west to 250 road, then ½ mile north on 250 Road, with the plot on the east side of the road, couple hundred feet north of the old grain bin.

The tours will feature K-State Research and Extension agronomists Jeanne Falk Jones, Anthony Zuckoff and Sandra L. Wick. There will be time for "question and answer" sessions at each of the plots, so bring them with you.

Supper will follow the Mitchell County wheat plot at approximately 5:45 p.m., and will be held at Tice Farms Office/Spray Shed (at the

corner north of the plot and a couple hundred yards west.) The complimentary supper is provided by local Agri-business sponsors. The tours provide the opportunity to visit one-on-one with KSU agronomists. Producers are invited to make their own observations at any of the stops that fit their schedule. Variety signs will be up in the plots soon, so check them out prior to the plot tour. Producers are encouraged to check out the tour nearest their operation then bring a neighbor for the presentations along with lunch or dinner at any of the plots. For further information go to the Post Rock Extension District Website, www.postrock.ksu.edu, under "events" or contact Sandra at any of the Post Rock Extension District Offices in Beloit, Lincoln, Mankato, Osborne or Smith Center.

Kick off the summer at the library with fun games and roar-some good times!

Lincoln Carnegie Library
 203 S 3rd
 Lincoln, Kansas 67455 | 785-524-4034
www.lincolncld.org

BE SEEN IN GREEN

May is Mental Health Awareness Month, a time to raise awareness, reduce stigma and support mental well-being.

How to participate:

- ✔ Wear green every Friday in May
- ✔ Encourage your workplace or team to join
- ✔ Snap a photo and share your support

Share & Tag Us!
 Share your photos on social media using [#BeSeenInGreenCKMHC](https://www.instagram.com/BeSeenInGreenCKMHC) and tag us at Central Kansas Mental Health Center.

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OBITUARY



Richard Duane "Dick" Lantz
Jan. 6, 1943 - May 4, 2026

Richard Duane "Dick" Lantz, 83, passed away Monday, May 4, 2026 surrounded by his family in Hutchinson, KS. He was born January 6, 1943 in Russell Co., KS to Harold and Lois (Ward) Lantz. Following high school graduation, Richard enlisted in the United States Air Force where he served four years before his discharge. He married Susan "Sue" Schroeder on October 13, 1963 in Lincoln, KS.

Richard and Sue moved to Wilson in June of 1968 and opened Interstate House. He managed the service station and restaurant for six years. Richard then began a career with Wilson Telephone Company (Wilson Communications) and retired as a team leader. He was a member of the Wilson First Presbyterian Church, Ellsworth American Legion Post 174, and the Kansas Western Horseman's Association (KWAH). Richard and his family enjoyed many years of showing horses in KWAH and the National O-Mok-See.

He loved attending his daughter's activities and later activities of his grandchildren. He and Sue were always early to attend and usually the first ones in the stands. Richard was the ultimate story and joke teller. Lifelong friends were made sitting at the coffee shop, around the arena and on work duty. It is almost certain that Dick has reunited with his buddies, Bob and Tom.

"There are heroes and there's legends. Heroes get remembered, but legends never die." He taught his daughter and grandkids how to saddle a horse and servers at the Snack Shack how to flip a burger. You could always count on him to be the leader, or as some would say the boss. But most of all, we'll

remember him for the way he loved his family. Richard was a man of many heroic actions, but what we will all remember him most for are the actions that made him legendary.

Richard is survived by his wife Susan "Sue" Lantz of Wilson; daughter Shawn Petersen (Sean) of Rural Wilson; grandchildren, Mitch Wolf (Tyler), Cheyenne Davis (Kaden), Savannah Hellebust, and Nash Hellebust; great grandchildren, Roni and Bo Davis; and sisters-in-law, Renee Lantz, Judy Fuller, Lynne Fink (Jim), Lyla Schroeder, and Gerry Schroeder and brother in law, Bob Schroeder. He was preceded in death by his parents; siblings, Carolyn Willoughby, Randy Lantz, brother in laws, Gary Schroeder and Fred Fuller. Visitation will be held from 1-8 p.m., Thursday, May 7, 2026 at Parsons Funeral Home of Ellsworth with family present to greet visitors from 6-8 p.m. A funeral service will be held at 3:00 p.m., Friday, May 8, 2026 at First Presbyterian Church of Wilson with burial following at Wilson Cemetery with military honors. Memorials can be made to the First Presbyterian Church of Wilson, c/o, Parsons Funeral Home, PO Box 45, Ellsworth, KS 67439. Condolences can be left at parsonsfh.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>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor Carolyn Allen, Barnard Morning Worship @ 11:00 pm</p>	<p>TESCOTT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Pastor Demerle Eckart Sunday School @ 10:00 am Worship @ 11:00 am</p>
<p>GRACE CHAPEL-HUNTER Pastors Kaye & Jeff Metzler Worship Service @ 9:00 am</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>
<p>LINCOLN COMMUNITY CHURCH www.lincolncommunitychurch.org Pastor Steven Rohm Sunday School @ 9:30 am Worship Service @ 10:30 am Women of Grace.Wed. @ 5:30 pm To rent the cube call Michael Pickering 785-524-4744. Sunday Evening Service @ 6:30 Adventure Club Wed. 6pm - 7pm Ages 3-12</p>	<p>St. John Lutheran Church Two and 1/2 miles south of Lincoln on Highway 14 Pastor Don Haselhuhn. Service Times: Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m.</p>

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before the coming of the railroad, and people came from miles away to do their shopping.

The growing town was tragically destroyed by fire in 1886 and replatted in 1877. The Sylvan Grove Sentinel, one of many forerunners to today's Sentinel-Republican, demonstrated the hard work and pride of the community by publishing and encouraging statement on July 28, 1887. That mindset prevails throughout the community even today as volunteers have come together to provide new and improved facilities, such as the work of the Sylvan Senior Center and the restoration of the old Railroad Depot.

"Although the town is only a few months old, the strides she has made in that brief period are amazing. Its location in the western part of Lincoln County, 16 miles from the county seat and at least 20 miles from any other town of importance, gave it advantages as a business point which are unexcelled by any other new town in Western Kansas."

That pioneer spirit prevails today throughout the community as volunteers come together to create, improve and provide facilities such as the new Sylvan Senior Center and the restoration of the old Railroad Depot, continue to create entertaining and educational county fairs and celebrate their community with a come-one-come-all party in the city park annually.

The celebration will speak to the history of the community and some of the most illustrated events in their history, including the 1894 bank robbery in downtown Sylvan Grove.

Three armed gunmen rode into town on November 12, 1894, not looking to make friends. One hitched his horse to a stone hitching post in the back of the Sylvan State Bank and walked into the bank. The other two stopped in the middle of the street in front of the bank.

The one who entered the bank made his way to the cashier's window and asked for change for a silver dollar. At the time, the only employee in the bank was 19-year-old William D. Schermerhorn, who was at the window. Schermerhorn gave the man ten silver dimes while exchanging friendly chitchat. While standing in the front window, with his back to the cashier, the man threw open his coat drawing a revolver, and "wheeling suddenly presented it at the cashier's

head with the exclamation, "Don't holler or g__d___ you, I'll blow your brains out."

He presented young Schermerhorn with a canvas bag and told him to put the money in it, but the teen refused. The man eventually hit Schermerhorn on the head with the gun, and while not seriously hurt, the teenager threw himself to the floor, covering a Sharp's rifle (that was on the floor) with his body. The robber then hurriedly helped himself to \$1,734, left the bank, and walked towards his horse. That is the equivalent of \$66,580 in today's dollars.

In the meantime, the clever young man ran out the door with the Sharp's rifle, rounded the corner and fired the only load in the rifle. The ball hit the man "just to the back of the right arm and came out at the left side of the breast, passing through the heart and killing him instantly.

Of course, the fellow's cohorts began firing at Schermerhorn trying to get possession of the money sack that had been thrown atop the dead man's horse moments before he was shot. William Brumbaugh, one of the proprietors of Brumbaugh & Bowen's livery stable, grabbed a revolver and joined in the gunfight. They managed to escape, but it was later learned that the dead man was Anthony McKee, brother-in-law to the notorious outlaw Henry Starr, who was in the Fort Smith, Arkansas jail at the time. Basing their operations out of Mitchell County, the outlaws were on a crime spree throughout the region when McKee was killed.

Source: <https://legendsofkansas.com/sylvan-grove-kansas/>

An historically accurate re-enactment of this event will be presented during the day's activities.

Among all the fun that is planned for the day - live music in the afternoon followed by live music in the evening, food, fun and friends - is a tribute to the reason this area is Post Rock Country.

When the planning committee of Sylvan Grove's Centennial celebration asked the question, "What is our heritage?" It wasn't long before they decided that our forefathers relied so heavily on the "post rock." So, a group of men quarried out a large piece of limestone and at Sylvan Grove's Centennial celebration the splitting of limestone was demonstrated. Not only that, but many street signs made from

limestone were carved and placed around Sylvan Grove. Today, many of these are still standing! At this year's 150th celebration, the Vonada family will continue this by demonstrating the splitting of limestone on Saturday, May 23 at 2:30 and 3:30. They will be located just north of the Sylvan Grove Depot.

To learn more about Sylvan Grove's colorful history visit the Sylvan Historical Society Facebook page where Terry Lilak has shared her research into the community and its members. A full story of the bank robbery is posted on that page as well. The Yesterday House Museum in Sylvan Grove (open 1-4 during the celebration) and the Lincoln County Historical Society in Lincoln are excellent resources for local history buffs or those researching family roots. While you are on Facebook, also visit Sylvan Grove 150th Celebration for all the latest information and detail.

The schedule of events for the day as of May 10:

Beginning at 8 a.m. until 10 a.m. - Long Johns & Coffee by donation to the Sylvan Senior Center in front of the Elevator Warehouse on Main Street.

9 a.m. - 5 p.m. - Craft/Business vendors at the fairgrounds

10 a.m. - Parade down Main Street Immediately following the parade - Reenactment of Sylvan Bank Robbery

Immediately following the parade - until 2 p.m., Post Office Open for 150th Stam Cancellations

12 p.m. - 4 p.m. - Library open 1 p.m.-3 p.m. - Bethlehem Lutheran School Open for tours and refreshments

1:30 p.m. - Beard Contest at the Mini Park

2 p.m. - Live Music by Rock & Ride Duo (Barry Vonada and Randy Jones in City Park SE Shelter)

2:30 & 3:30 p.m. - Vonada Stone Cutting Demonstration at Depot 3 p.m. - Corn Threshing Demonstration at Depot

3 p.m. - Youth Watermelon Seed Spitting Contest at Baseball Field

1 p.m. - 4 p.m. - Kids games at the Fairgrounds Ballfields, Car Display at City Park, Tractor Display at Fairgrounds

1 p.m. - 5 p.m. - Yesterday House Museum Open, Depot Open

4 p.m. - 6 p.m. - Alumni Meet and Greet at High School

8 p.m. - Live Band and Dance featuring Petty Cash at Fairgrounds

Donate to Post Rock Plaza!

Fundraising is underway for the creation of Post Rock Plaza in downtown Lincoln! While progress on masonry wall repairs is happening now, funds are needed to bring the full vision of the pocket park to life. The steering committee intends to pursue additional grant opportunities as they become available but most require local matching funds for the grant applications to be competitive. The vision for Post Rock Plaza is a flexible, multi-use space that can host small events and family friendly activities with a pavilion, picnic tables and benches and public bathrooms. www.livelincolncounty.com/post-rock-plaza/ Donations can be mailed to LCEDF, c/o Post Rock Plaza, 216 E Lincoln Ave, Lincoln, KS 67455 or at www.zeffy.com/en-US/donation-form/post-rock-plaza Side note: Have you seen the masonry walls? Much of the plaster has been removed and repairs are nearing completion. The walls are looking amazing!

Church schedules are made possible by the following sponsors:

St. Paul's Lutheran Church



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

NEWS BRIEFS

Retirement Reception

Beloit USD #273 will be hosting a Retirement Reception honoring Cindy Berrett, Brenda Bonebrake, Stephanie Draayer, Rachel Ellenz, Anne Palen, Jeff Travis, Sally Ulrich, and Kathy Wilson on Wednesday, May 20, 2026 at the Beloit Junior Senior High School Gymnasium from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

Upcoming Events May 23

Sylvan Grove's 150th Anniversary Celebration Don't miss the reenactment of Sylvan's bank robbery plus the parade, scavenger hunt, beard contest, tractor and car displays plus a dance and live band.

June 5-7

Lincoln High School Alumni Weekend Activities include cruising Lincoln Avenue, golf scramble, ice cream social, plus a beer garden and street dance.

June 6-7

Free Fishing Days at Wilson Lake Anyone can fish by legal means without a Kansas fishing license. Length and creel limits remain in effect.

Legal Notice

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Notice is hereby given that Lincoln County, Kansas is soliciting bids for construction of **LINCOLN COUNTY Landfill Cell 3 Excavation**. The project consists of constructing a new Construction and Demolition Landfill disposal cell. The project consists of 19,691 yards of unclassified excavation, 3,362 yards of compaction of earthwork, and accompanying erosion and pollution control. Lincoln County shall provide all of the funds required for this project. All Federal, State and County regulations must be complied with. Online Bids (vBids) for the proposed construction will be received by Lincoln County via QuestCDN Virtubid until **1:00 pm local time May 15, 2026**. Bids will be presented to the Lincoln County Commissioners at their meeting in the Lincoln County Courthouse Commission room at **9:30 a.m. local time May 18, 2026**. Plans, Specifications and Contract Documents may be examined at the County Clerk's Office in the Lincoln County Courthouse and at the Engineer's Office at the following address at Kirkham, Michael & Associates, Inc., 217 N. Douglas, Ellsworth, Kansas 67439. The contract documents are available at www.questcdn.com. This contract is **QuestCDN project #10124767**.

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Lincoln County, Kansas, Treasurer's Quarterly Report as of April 30th 2026	
Fund	Fund Balance
General Fund	\$ 744,718.01
Road and Bridge (Highway)	915,208.66
Special Bridge	117,219.24
Special County Road	39,483.96
Special Machinery	141,088.33
Special Road Improvement	143,721.01
spec hiway improvement fund	142,780.88
Refuse	221,344.20
Ambulance CPR	1,144.24
Ambulance Fund	112,709.46
Ambulance Fund-Capital Outlay	149,180.94
Capital Improvement Fund- Co General	2,259,047.43
Equipment Reserve	212,953.80
Lincoln County 911 Fund	222,009.90
Employee Benefit Fund	739,970.12
Health Insurance Claim Fund	937,381.05
Emerg Mngt Cert Grant	151.07
Grants	19,189.83
County Health Fund	61,462.02
County Health-Capital Outlay	108,086.69
Home For Aged-Emergency & Repair	135,865.94
Law Enforcement Fund	23,179.76
Noxious Weed-General	62,795.19
Noxious Weed-Capital Outlay	44,159.57
Reappraisal-Capital Outlay	17,976.09
Rescue Squad Fund	164,299.09
Repeater Board Fund	23,248.41
Transportation bus fund	8,342.14
Barnard RFD-Special Equipment	40,797.04
Beverly RFD-Special Equipment	24,828.40
First RFD-Special Equipment	43,724.66
Hunter RFD-Special Equipment	51,248.75
Sylvan Grove RFD-Special Equipment	95,582.58
Barnard RFD-General	17,370.31
Beverly RFD-General	29,497.19
First RFD-General	8,610.71
Hunter RFD-General	29,616.37
Sylvan Grove RFD-General	13,743.27
Ambulance Memorial Fund	1,645.35
Rescue Squad Memorial Fund	2,490.00
First Rural Fire Dept Memorial	1,292.50
County Health Memorial	467.97
Asset Forfeiture-Suspense	1,168.00
LEPC- Emergency planning	460.43
Delia Pittard Bequest Fund	582,353.45
LC Childrens Health Care Endowment	310,493.02
Wildlife and Park Fees	3,276.04
Beverly RFD Memorial Fund	10,749.85
Windpower Capital Improvement	521,899.56
Windpower Economic Benefit	6,120,587.32
Windpower- Interest earned	273,665.10
Drivers License	207.00
American Rescue Plan	258,210.85
LACTF	90,020.00
Emergency Management	78.16
DARE Fund	286.40
Crime Victims Restitution	31,212.68
Law Enforcement Trust Fund	3,306.61
Spec Prosecutors Div Fund	510.00
PATF	1,575.31
Water Recovery Team	2,647.90
Wic-Parent Agency	3,308.63
Treasurers-Technology Fund	1,573.09
Clerks-Technology Fund	12,416.01
Reg Deeds-Technology Fund	18,930.77
Sheriffs Opioid Fund	9,132.71
Sheriffs Concealed Carry	1,642.50
Sheriffs Regis Offender	445.90
Treas Motor Vehicle Fund	46,022.73
Motor Vehicle Advance Payment Fund	4,834.45
Commercial Vehicle Fund	1,753.25
Advance Tax Account	3,836.21
Current Tax	265,652.55
Pers Prop Tax Warrants	5,863.36
Real Estate Redemptions-Prior Yrs	8,645.79
CMV Tax Accounty	9,513.00
Motor Vehicle Tax Account	79,378.71
RV Tax Account	1,792.05
Tax Foreclosure Sale	50.64
Insufficient Funds Checks	59.00
Salt Creek Watershed	1,207.73
Spillman Creek Watershed	18.94
State Heritage Trust fund	251.00
VIN Inspection Fund	5,901.97
Long and Short	6.82
Total All Funds	\$ 16,824,577.42
State of Kansas, Lincoln County)ss.	
I do solemnly swear that the above statement is complete, true, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, so help me God.	
Mary Ann Stertz, County Treasurer, Lincoln County, Kansas	

CORRECTION

In last week's graduation special, Josee Hillegeist's parents were listed incorrectly. Josee is the daughter of Royce and Toni Hillegeist. We apologize for the error.

Public Notice

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The Lincoln County Economic Development Foundation (LCEDF) will be considering revising their bylaws during their monthly meeting on Wednesday, May 13th, 2026, at 9:30 a.m., in the County Courthouse basement meeting room. Proposed changes primarily involve revising the definition of 'voting members', eliminating the public election process for the Board of Trustees and replacing it with an appointment process by the County Commission. These proposed changes are due to very low participation in the public election process. The goal of the proposed changes is for a less confusing and more open and streamlined process for determining Trustees serving on the board. Citizens are welcome to attend the meeting to provide comment on the proposed revisions. Questions? Contact the LCEDF at 216 E Lincoln Ave., Lincoln, KS 67455, 785-524-8954, LcedfDirector@Outlook.com.

Legal Notice

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GENERAL NOTICE TO CONTROL NOXIOUS WEEDS

The Kansas Noxious Weed Law K.S.A. 2-1314 et seq requires all persons who own or supervise land in Kansas to control and eradicate all weeds declared noxious by legislative action. The weeds declared noxious are: field bindweed, musk thistle, Johnsongrass, bur ragweed, Canada thistle, sericea lespedeza, leafy spurge, hoary cress, quackgrass, Russian knapweed, kudzu and pignut and is / are County Option Noxious Weed/Weeds declared noxious by the Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County.

Notice is hereby given pursuant to the Kansas Noxious Weed Law to every person who owns or supervises land in Lincoln County that noxious weeds growing or found on such land shall be controlled and eradicated. Control is defined as preventing the production of viable seed and the vegetative spread of the plant.

Failure to observe this notice may result in the County:

1. Serving a legal notice requiring control of the noxious weeds within a minimum of five days. Failure to control the noxious weeds within the time period allowed may result in the county treating the noxious weeds at the landowners expense and placing a lien on the property if the bill is not paid within 30 days or,
2. Filing criminal charges for non-compliance. Conviction for non-compliance may result in a fine of \$100 per day of non-compliance with a maximum fine of \$1,500.

The public is also hereby notified that it is a violation of the Kansas Noxious Weed Law to barter, sell or give away infested nursery stock or livestock feed unless the feed is fed on the farm where grown or sold to a commercial processor that will destroy the viability of the noxious weed seed. Custom harvesting machines must be labeled with a label provided by the Kansas Department of Agriculture and must be free of all weed seed and litter when entering the State and when leaving a field infested with noxious weeds. Additional information may be obtained from the Lincoln County Noxious Weed Department or by contacting the Kansas Department of Agriculture, 1320 Research Park Dr., Manhattan, KS 66502

Legal Notice

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF LINCOLN COUNTY, KANSAS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

ROBERT D. CRANGLE, SR., DECEASED. No. LC-2026-PR- NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in this court by S. Jeanne Crangle, as surviving spouse and one of the heirs of Robert D. Crangle, Sr., deceased, requesting:

Descent be determined of the following described personal property:

50 shares of Rose & Crangle, LTD, representing ownership of 50% of the company

and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by decedent at the time of death. And that such property and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by the decedent at the time of death be assigned pursuant to the laws of intestate succession.

You are hereby required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before June 1, 2026 at 9:30 o'clock a.m., in the City of Lincoln, Lincoln County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

S. Jeanne Crangle, Petitioner

Chantz N. Martin
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P.O. Box 369
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(785)-738-5723
Attorneys for Petitioner

Letter to the Editor

World War II Survivor Article

Dear Editor:

Your May 6, 2026 article "World War II Survivor..." describing Mildred Jansen's recent presentation to the Lincoln High School history class represents secondary education at its best. Books of history are wonderful reading but nothing compares to hearing personal accounts from one who "lived the times." For these students, World War II will no longer be just another of many bloody ancient events. Their understanding of WW2 has been immeasurably expanded by this experience and teacher Cody Wolting deserves a standing ovation for bringing Jansen and her remarkable story into his classroom.

Sincerely,
Bob Wallace
Reston, Virginia
History major, Ottawa University, 1966

Guest Editorial

Eyeing storms is true Kansas culture

Having lived in Kansas most of my life, I learned long ago that culture doesn't always come labeled. More often, it shows up at Sunday dinners after church or wherever people passionately debate herbicide brands and the accuracy of seven-day weather forecasts.

We wave at strangers on gravel roads and keep coats within arm's reach for all four seasons, which we fully expect to experience before sunset. And when severe weather barrels toward town, we do what any sensible Kansan does: check for ourselves.

Meteorologists can keep their Doppler radar. Real confirmation requires standing in a driveway, squinting at the sky, and telling anyone within earshot, "It could produce one."

This was reaffirmed recently at a chamber of commerce dinner—one of those events built on networking, good food and the unspoken understanding that themed attire is the real reason people show up.

At approximately 6:40 p.m., every phone in the event center exploded to life in perfect unison, like a digital prairie dog popup. Screens flashed and wailed, signaling that this wasn't a gentle suggestion or a civic nudge; it was an emergency, announced with an exclamation point. You could practically hear it yelling, "I mean it" to the audience.

"Tornado on the ground. Take cover immediately." At the time, I was in another room with my wife, discussing important chamber matters—namely, which desserts would spark a bidding war. But when I returned to the banquet hall, I noticed something unusual. The men were gone. Not "stepped out to take a call" gone and not "checking something in the truck" gone. They had fully evaporated.

Most of the women, meanwhile, sensibly moved deeper into the building, following the advice of people with graduate degrees in emergency management. Personally, I might have chosen something other than a metal structure, but choices were limited.

Faced with this fork in the road between sheltering responsibly or investigating personally, I did what any Kansas man would do: I went outside to look while briefly wondering why women statistically live longer.

Out in the parking lot stood a cluster of men in dress shirts and sport coats, assembled like a hastily formed board of atmospheric trustees. "Well?" someone asked, peering east. "I don't know," another replied. "But it looks ugly."

That was the entire dataset. We studied the sky where the clouds were dark, dramatic and absolutely capable of doing something. Someone mentioned possible rotation, and someone else referenced hail "earlier and north of here." A third guy—there's always a third guy—announced, "Radar says it's already past us."


The investigation lasted about 20 minutes. We saw no funnel, debris or airborne livestock. Still, we agreed the conditions were right, which in Kansas is functionally equivalent to a sighting. Inside, event staff hesitated to serve dinner due to half the population being elsewhere, conducting a free-range weather verification clinic. As a result, the meal was delayed—a reminder that Kansas storms don't just disrupt power, they disrupt buffet logistics.

Eventually, we returned indoors, satisfied that while we personally had not witnessed a tornado, the sky had unquestionably been capable of producing one.

Later that evening, Facebook confirmed it. Photos surfaced of a real tornado on the ground. It was clearly visible, dangerous and thankfully nowhere near where we had been standing.

But that didn't invalidate the process. In Kansas, See "GUEST" page 10


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Legal Notice

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Notice to Creditors Under K.S.A. 58a-818

To all persons concerned:

You are notified that Mildred L. Hlad died on March 23, 2026. The decedent was the grantor of the Mildred L. Hlad Revocable Trust, dated May 5, 1994, as restated on September 2, 2016, and any amendments thereto. Janet L. Bryan and Dale E. Hlad serve as Trustees. The Trustees have the power to pay the decedent's outstanding debts from the trust property on receipt of proper proof of the debts. Under K.S.A. 58a-818, the decedent's creditors must present the Trustee with written claims for such debts within the later of four (4) months from the date of the first publication of notice, or thirty (30) days after receipt of actual notice if the identity of the creditor is known or reasonably ascertainable by the Trustee. If a creditor fails to present such claims to the Trustee within such prescribed time, then the creditor will be forever barred as against the Trustee and the trust property.

Janet L. Bryan and Dale E. Hlad Trustees of the Mildred L. Hlad Revocable Trust, dated May 5, 1994, as restated on September 2, 2016, and any amendments thereto.

Adam C. Dees
Clinkscales Elder Law Practice, P.A.
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Legal Notice

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:
You are hereby notified that Charles E. Derryberry, Jr. died on April 6, 2026. All of his property and assets were titled in The Charles Edward Derryberry, Jr. Trust No. 1 dated May 7, 2008, as amended ("Trust"). The successor co-trustees of the Trust is H. Stanley Crawford and Cornelia Ann Crawford, 1266 E. Pike Drive, Lincoln, Kansas 67455, and all debts of the decedent shall be paid from the Trust upon receipt of proper proof thereof.

All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the Trust within the later of four months from the date of the first publication of this notice or if the creditor is known or reasonably ascertainable, thirty days after receipt of actual notice, as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

The Charles Edward Derryberry Trust No. 1 dated May 7, 2008, as amended

By: /s/ H. Stanley Crawford
Trustee

By: /s/ Cornelia Ann Crawford
Trustee

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LEGAL NOTICE

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF LINCOLN COUNTY, KANSAS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE
OF
DOLORES OBERMUELLER, DECEASED
(Petition Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59) CASE NO. LC-2026-PR-6

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:
You are hereby notified that on April 10, 2026, a Petition was filed in this Court by Randy Obermueller and Terri Wagoner, the devisees and legatees in the Last Will and Testament of Dolores Obermueller, deceased, dated August 17, 1999, requesting Informal Administration and to Admit Will to Probate.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the May 11, 2026, at 11:00 o'clock A.M., in the District Court of Lincoln County, Lincoln, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said Petition.

Randy Obermueller and Terri Wagoner, Petitioners

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ALYSSA LOPEZ, Valedictorian



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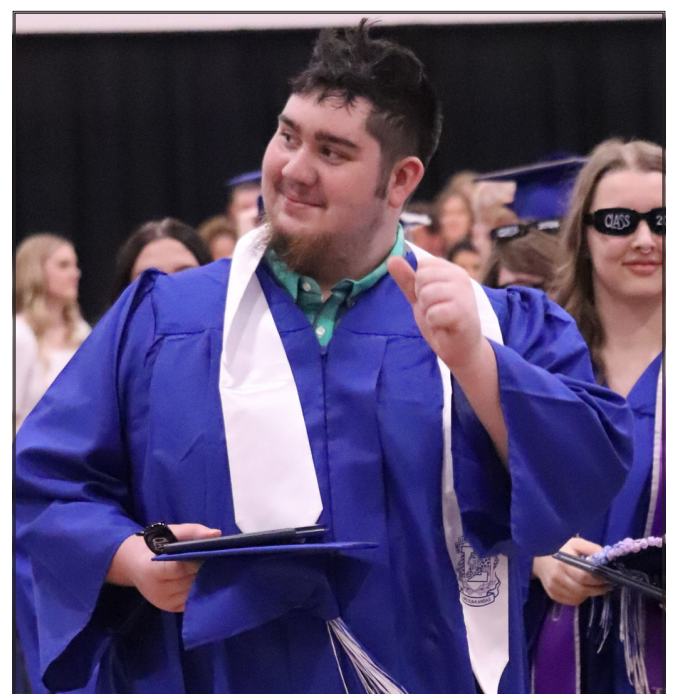
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MIRANDA WEIDENHAFT, Graduation Speaker



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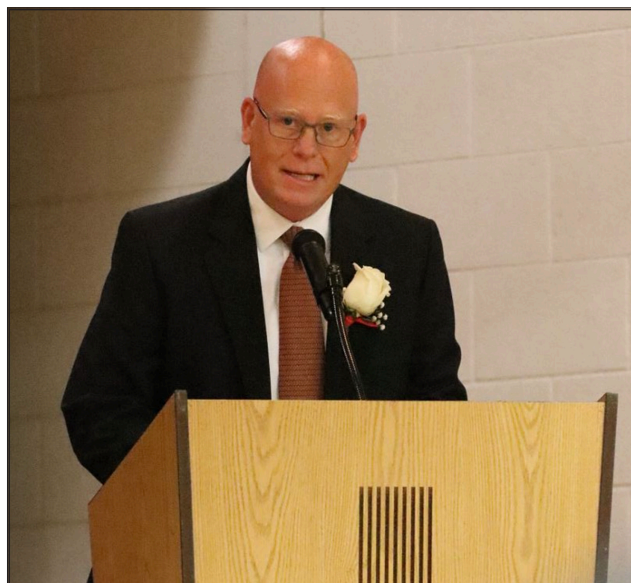
Sylvan-Lucas Unified High School Class of 2026. Front Row (L-R): Macie Ortiz, Josie Svaty, LeeAllie Wacker, Meyah Tweedy, Aubrelle Hurlbut and Kristyn Jackson. Second Row: Harlee Nelson, Montana Griffiths, Breckyn Gosvener, Olivia Crawford, Molly Heller, Leah Criswell and Railyne Soukup. Third Row: Asher Hernandez, Gage Meier, Ashton Bennison, Carter Johnson, Chase Palmer and Aden Larsen. Fourth Row: Layne Buttenhoff, Eli Schultz, Isaac Shultz and Elijah McCoy. Fifth Row: Braden Nelson, Vance Dohl, Tristan Keith, Liam Goss and Declan Ryan. (Photos by Lori Spear)



MACIE ORTIZ, Class President



The Sylvan-Lucas High School choir performs the "Star-Spangled Banner" during the Class of 2026 graduation ceremony. (Photos by Lori Spear)



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Tescott High School CLASS OF 2026



Tescott High School Class of 2026: Alison Adams, Breonna Peterson, Loni Pasley, Jaleigh Trow, Charlie Phelps, Carter Fern, Benjamin Case and Karina McMillan. (Photo by Kriston Phelps)



LONI PASLEY
2026 Valedictorian



KARINA McMILLAN
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Congratulations Class of 2026
(Photos by Becky Rathbun)

Top Athletes Shine at 58th Thompson Relays



Breonna Peterson of Tescott and Easton Good of Lincoln are named Outstanding Athletes at the Thompson Relays. (Courtesy Photo)

THOMPSON RELAYS FRIDAY, MAY 8, 2026 (TOP 3 FINISHERS LISTED)

100 Meters Boys:
2. Zayne Maupin, 11.77 Sylvan-Lucas
3. Cai Labertew, 11.83 Sylvan-Lucas

200 Meters Boys:
1. Xavier Miller, 22.90 Lincoln
2. Cai Labertew, 24.33 Sylvan-Lucas

400 Meters Boys:
1. Xavier Miller, 52.74 Lincoln
2. Jonathan Bell, 56.71 Lincoln
3. Parker Graves, 57.98 Tescott

800 Meters Boys:
3. Parker Graves, 2:25.09 Tescott

1600 Meters Boys:
2. Brody Thompson, 5:00.80 Tescott

3200 Meters Boys:
2. Brody Thompson, 11:36.79 Tescott
3. Eli Schultz, 12:52.95 Sylvan-Lucas

110m Hurdles Boys:
1. Jeremiah Miller, 15.81 Lincoln
2. Joey Stirn, 17.12 Tescott

300m Hurdles Boys:
1. Jeremiah Miller, 42.27 Lincoln
2. Joey Stirn, 44.19 Tescott
3. Reid Oetting, 46.86 Tescott

4x100 Relay Boys:
1. Lincoln, 44.70
3. Sylvan-Lucas, 46.99

4x400 Relay Boys:
1. Lincoln, 3:47.93
3. Tescott, 3:55.91

High Jump Boys:
1. Vance Dohl, 6-4 Sylvan-Lucas
3. Asher Hernandez, 5-8 Sylvan-Lucas

Long Jump Boys:
2. Matthew Schale, 18-7.75 Lincoln
3. Jace Krone, 18-7 Tescott

Pole Vault Boys:
1. Ben Bell, 13'0" Lincoln

Triple Jump Boys:
3. Reid Oetting, 37-1.25 Tescott

Discus Boys:
1. Lane Brokes, 152-11 Sylvan-Lucas
2. Austin Ahring, 134-8 Lincoln

Javelin Boys:
1. Easton Good, 150-9 Lincoln
2. Austin Ahring, 145-7.5 Lincoln
3. Jeremiah Miller, 134-2 Lincoln

Shot Put Boys:
1. Easton Good, 51-3.75 Lincoln
3. Austin Ahring, 42-7.25 Lincoln

100 Meters Girls:
2. Ember Larson, 13.45 Lincoln

200 Meters Girls:
2. Hailey Thornhill, 28.48 Tescott
3. Ember Larson, 28.63 Lincoln

400 Meters Girls:
1. Codie Huehl, 1:04.02 Sylvan-Lucas
2. Hailey Thornhill, 1:05.74 Tescott
3. Aubrey Adams, 1:07.91 Tescott

800 Meters Girls:
1. Codie Huehl, 2:35.34 Sylvan-Lucas
2. Breonna Peterson, 2:39.68 Tescott
3. Olivia Dail, 2:51.22 Lincoln

1600 Meters Girls:
1. Breonna Peterson, 5:43.36 Tescott
2. Olivia Dail, 6:18.97 Lincoln

3200 Meters Girls:
1. Breonna Peterson, 13:06.99 Tescott
3. Julie Good, 16:02.64 Lincoln

100m Hurdles Girls:
1. Alison Adams, 18.27 Tescott

300m Hurdles Girls:
1. Belle Wehrman, 53.65 Sylvan-Lucas
2. Gracie Miller, 58.28 Tescott
3. Hadley Wiebke, 59.41 Lincoln

4x100 Relay Girls:
2. Tescott, 54.32
3. Lincoln, 54.74

4x400 Relay Girls:
1. Tescott, 4:39.73
2. Lincoln, 4:46.75
3. Sylvan-Lucas, 4:58.86

Record-Breaking Run: 4x100 Team Shatters Own Mark



Jeremiah Miller, Jonathan Bell, Xavier Miller, and Ben Bell sprint to victory, setting a new school record of 44.59 and surpassing last year's mark of 44.86. (Photo courtesy of USD 298)

Capturing the Moments

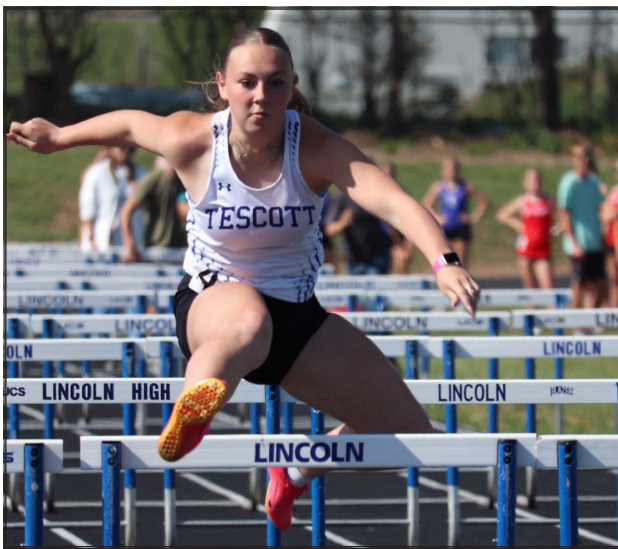
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CARTER PHELPS & JACE KRONE



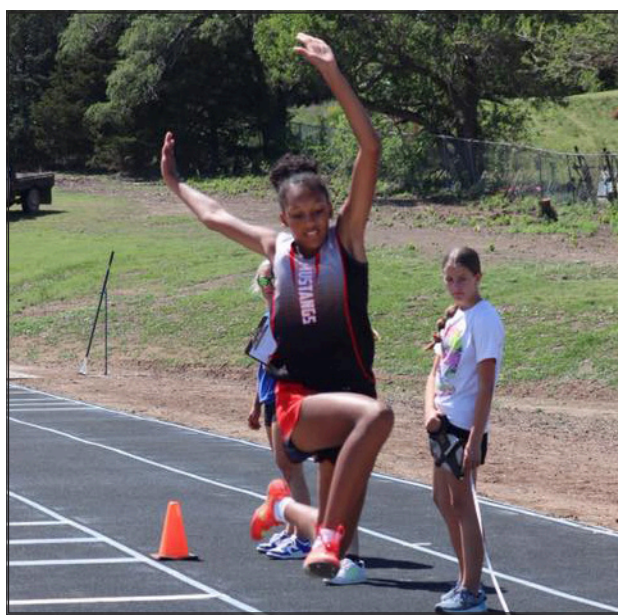
TRISTON KRAFT



ALISON ADAMS



CHLOE HELUS



DOMINIQUE DAVIDSON



AUSTIN AHRING

High Jump Girls:
1. Tennyson Donley, 4-10 Lincoln
2. Dominique Davidson 4-6 Sylvan-Lucas
3. Hadley Wiebke 4-4 Lincoln

Long Jump Girls:
2. Morgan Finkenbinder 14-6.5 Sylvan-Lucas
3. Hadley Wiebke 14-2 Lincoln

Triple Jump Girls:
1. Morgan Finkenbinger, 31-8.5 Sylvan-Lucas
3. Ashton Lyne, 30-11.75 Lincoln

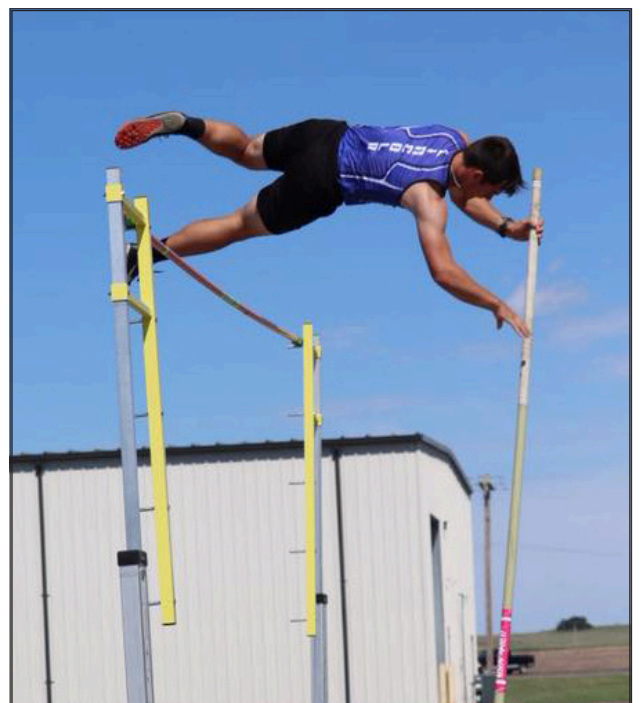
Pole Vault Girls:
2. Hadley Wiebke, 8-0 Lincoln

Discus Girls:
1. Lilly Behrens, 108-7 Lincoln
2. Lauren Brokes, 100-3 Sylvan-Lucas

Javelin Girls:
2. Kaylee Obermueller, 93-4.5 Lincoln
3. Jaleigh Trow, 91-11 Tescott

Discus Girls:
1. Breckyn Gosvener, 30-2.5 Sylvan-Lucas

4x800 Girls:
2. Tescott, 9:57.72
1. Lincoln, 11:30.87



BEN BELL

Insight - Kansas Farm Bureau

The first planter

Jackie Mundt

Pratt County farmer and rancher

Planting season has begun, and it has the feel of opening day of a long-awaited sports season. Months of preparation lead to this moment. Equipment has been inspected and repaired. Seed has been selected. Crop nutrient plans are mapped out. Weather forecasts are studied with the intensity of a coach reviewing game film. When conditions are just right, the plan is put into motion.

Spring planting, wheat harvest and fall harvest all carry the same sense of urgency and excitement that fans feel before kickoff. Farmers know what it means to prepare for a big season.

A few weeks ago, I saw a video that made me laugh out loud. A farmer was driving his planter around "the neighborhood" with no intention of planting that day. He was simply trying to prank his neighbors into thinking it was time to start. Once one planter hits the field, everyone else suddenly feels the urge to do the same. It becomes an unspoken competition.

Now imagine those same farmers are coming off a few losing seasons.

Farmers know better than anyone that success is never guaranteed. They can make every correct decision and still face drought, hail, disease, breakdowns or market swings beyond their control. They can invest heavily in a crop only to watch circumstances change overnight. Yet every spring, they climb back into the tractor and begin again.

That kind of faith is difficult to explain to someone outside agriculture. Farming requires science, discipline and careful planning, but it also requires belief. Farmers must believe the seed they place into the ground today can become something far greater tomorrow. They must trust that hard work still matters even when outcomes are uncertain.

Recently, I attended the funeral of a local farmer and community pillar. I don't think I will ever forget the analogy used by the officiant. He spoke about his life not in terms of accomplishments, but in terms of his investment. His kindness to strangers was an investment. Teaching young people was an investment. Supporting community events, organizations and schools was an investment. He spent his life pouring time and energy into things he believed would matter long after he was gone. He lived his life as a farmer of more than crops.

Every acre planted is an investment in the future. Farmers invest money, labor, time and hope into something they cannot fully control. They do it because they believe there will eventually be a harvest worth gathering. That lesson applies far beyond agriculture. Communities do not thrive by accident. Strong families, healthy towns and meaningful relationships all require someone willing to invest first. Encouragement is an investment. Mentorship is an investment. Showing up for neighbors and supporting local organizations is an investment. Like farming, many of those efforts do not produce immediate results. Sometimes the payoff is not visible for years.

Still, we keep planting.

That may be why planting season resonates so deeply, even with people who have never driven a tractor. It reflects something universal about human nature. We all want to believe that what we do today can create something better tomorrow.

Farmers understand that better than anyone. Every spring, they demonstrate resilience in its purest form. No matter how last season ended, each planting season brings fresh determination and renewed hope.

That is the real lesson of planting season. The actions that we take today are seeds that will yield a better tomorrow — and all it takes is one person willing to start investing for others to follow.

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The Greatest Show on Earth: Kathy Ruth Neal's Artwork Open House



Juggler

On Saturday, May 16th, the Grassroots Art Center in Lucas, Kansas, will host an Open House featuring the new artwork of Kathy Ruth Neal. The event will take place from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM at 213 S. Main St., Lucas, KS. The exhibition, titled "Greatest Show on Earth," highlights Kathy's original wood carvings. Susan Sanders will be present at 1:30 PM to discuss Kathy's creative process behind the sculptures, which explore political themes, circus motifs, international influences, and clever puns. Attendees can look forward to a diverse range of wood carvings, from thought-provoking pieces to entertaining works. Additionally, four pieces on display are on loan from the George A. Spiva Art Center in Joplin, Missouri. Everyone is invited to attend this afternoon event, and no admission fee will be charged. The event is sponsored in partnership with the Kansas Arts Commission and the National Endowment for the Arts.



Strike or Spare

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the job isn't just surviving severe weather, it's also personally confirming it. Sirens are invitations, and alerts are suggestions. True belief comes only after standing outside with crossed arms, looking up, and saying, "Huh." Emergency managers may cringe, but the ritual is about

more than curiosity. It's about community—standing shoulder to shoulder with people you barely know, united by skepticism, curiosity and the belief that if a tornado is coming, it should at least show itself ahead of time. And if it doesn't? Well, at least we checked...

Ken Knepper - who keeps his camera suspiciously close whenever severe weather looms, not out of caution but in the optimistic hope of one day waving from a graphic overlay on national television—can be reached at ken.knepper@gmail.com.

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built the grade school. *The Tour*
The tour of the building sold me on the need for a major construction project to fix the many serious infrastructure problems of the current building.

I didn't know a basement existed. It is disgusting. The stench from mold is overwhelming. You can see where the water from the underground spring has flowed across the floor and through the walls. Every metal pipe and piece of equipment is badly corroded.

Teaching methods used today are different than when I was in grade school from 1955 - 1964. Students no longer routinely sit at their desks all day, listening to a teacher drone on about the topic at hand. Teaching today is much more dynamic. Students interact with their peers, the teacher and the material being taught rather than sitting at their desks receiving information. Additionally the technology used in the classroom

today, i.e., computers weren't even on the radar when I was in grade school.

The Emotional Connection
After the presentation I called my husband who was at home in Wichita. I told him it hurts my heart to think that the building could be torn down or abandoned. I love that building and all my memories of my time there are precious. I would love to see that building remade to today's standards and supportive of today's teaching methods.

Additionally, I love basketball and while growing up here I attended every single home game unless I was sick. I've never been in another high school gym that compares to the one at the grade school.

I'm a registered voter in Sedgwick County, where I live, so I can't vote on a bond issue to support construction at the grade school. However, I own three houses in Lincoln so if a bond issue passes, my property taxes

will definitely go up.

A word to those who would oppose a bond issue. Your No vote won't stop the project because the need is so obvious and the problems so apparent. All you will do is drive up the cost of the entire project and that added cost will be born by you and all the other property owners in the district, including me.

If I could vote on the school bond issue in USD #298, I'd vote YES! I'm in favor of Option 1b and I will gladly pay the increased property taxes to support the work that needs to be done at Lincoln Grade School. I love that grade school and want to see it brought up to date.

And I want to go to many more basketball games at that gym!!

If you haven't attended one of the district's community meetings yet, do it! Become an informed voter ready to support your community and your public schools!

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Bulls - \$225 - \$247 Cows - \$185 - \$192

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400-500 \$575.00-590.00	400-500 \$525.00-535.00
500-600 \$500.00-527.00	500-600 \$485.00-500.00
600-700 \$460.00-477.00	600-700 \$420.00-440.00
700-800 \$382.00-394.00	700-800 \$365.00-379.25
800-900 \$350.00-364.00	800-900 \$325.00-337.50
900-1000 \$340.00-350.00	900-1000 \$310.00-320.00

Early Consignments for Thursday May 14th Sale: 10 a.m. 50 blk/charX s&h, 500-600, home raise, off cow, 2 rnd vacc; 40 blk s&h, 500-650, wean 30 days, vacc; plus many more by sale time.

Spring Spectacular Catalog Horse Sale May 15-16th

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***Ranch Horse Competition Friday May 15th 6 p.m.
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