

# Graduates of all ages look forward to bigger and better things

**By Jyll Phillips, Lincoln-Sentinel**  
 Graduation ceremonies have been happening throughout the county in the past couple of weeks and will continue for a couple more. Local high school graduates were honored in the Sentinel-Republican last week, but all ages are also graduating! College graduates will all be announced when the schools send us their list of graduates, but this is just a sneak preview of our happy graduates in the last week.



**Top L-R: Members of Little Learners celebrated their graduation and the start of summer with cookies and bottled water generously donated by The Bank of Tescott; Mackenzie Romesburg, daughter of Desirae Gruber and Dale Romesburg, recently earned her Educational Specialist Degree after previously receiving her Master's in School Psychology; Alex Biggs, daughter of Bill and Colleen Biggs, earned a Bachelor of Science in Radiologic Technology from Fort Hays State University; and Lindsay McClure graduated as a Licensed Practical Nurse from Fort Hays Tech North Central and is pictured with her husband Zach McClure. (Courtesy Photos)**

# Another Chance to Double Your Impact

Thanks to the generosity of the Patterson Family Foundation, May is an additional Match Month for the Post Rock Community Foundation. Every dollar donated to an eligible PRCF fund will be matched, doubling its impact. This special opportunity comes at an ideal time during a major county celebration in Sylvan Grove, helping your support go even further and strengthening PRCF. Donations may be mailed to Post Rock Community Foundation, PO Box 62, Sylvan Grove, KS 67481, or made online at [www.postrockcf.org](http://www.postrockcf.org).

# Vacation Bible School

Don't forget the First Presbyterian Church, Sylvan Grove, is once again having our community vacation bible school Tuesday, May 26 through Friday, May 29 from 9:00AM until 11:30 AM. Please come a little early the first day to enroll your child. The closing program will be on Friday, May 29 at 11:00AM.

# 6th Grade Wax Museum a big hit

Sixth grade students created a Wax Museum by researching people, their lives and a. Students presented the information they learned orally as well as creating displays and costumes to fit the subject. This project required hard work and creativity from the students, who surpassed expectations! Five students were nominated by the families who attended the Wax Museum as well as their classmates for specific achievements in their presentations. Congratulations to Caelyn Holeman for being awarded "Best Dressed," Austin Rosebrook who was awarded "Best Overall," Ava Polly for "Best Speech," which was memorized, and Kalli Gardner for the "Most Interesting." Wonderful job by all the students!



L-R: Austin Rosebrook, Ava Polly, Kalli Gardner and Caelyn Holeman. (Courtesy Photo)

# Back to the Future!



After decades of disrepair and not keeping time, the clock tower at the Lincoln County Courthouse is being restored and will soon be ticking again! The internal equipment is being replaced, the clock's faces and numerals are being cleaned and repainted, and the missing minute and hour hands are being replaced. The clock work is being done by Regulator Time Company out of Manhattan and electrical work by StreetPHE in Lincoln. This work has been funded by a generous anonymous donation and the WEB Fund. Many thanks to the donor and the WEB Fund for restoring this piece of the county's history. (Courtesy Photo)

# Sylvan's 150th celebration coming May 23

Terry Lilak is Sylvan Grove's unofficial official historian. Why wouldn't she be? She is a descendant of one of the early families in Sylvan Grove! Terry has shared a plethora of information in the Sylvan Historical Society Facebook page. The following is one entry. Read all her articles and Fast Facts on their Facebook

page. 150 SYLVAN GROVE FAST FACTS (No. 14 of 15)  
 The second decade of the 21st century proved the old adage that the only thing constant is change. The bank changed its name, the school changed its name, and the restaurant located in Sid's Hardware Store changed owners and name.

Several historic buildings were given state and national historic status. Here are the highlights of the 2010's:  
 #131 2010: State Bank Commissioner closes Thunder Bank; reopened as Bennington State Bank.  
 #132 2010: Lucas and Lurray schools joined Sylvan to form Sylvan-Lucas Unified School District No. 299.

#133 2013: Hometown Convenience Store opened, in same building as Hometown Café.  
 #134 2013: Falcon Service teamed with Farmway Co-op in gas sales agreement. Unleaded: \$3.499/gal. Diesel: \$3.799/gal.  
 #135 2014: Fly Boy Brewery & Eats opened in the See "Sylvan" page 6

# Field Day Fun at LES



Students at Lincoln Elementary School enjoyed a day full of games, laughter, and friendly competition during the annual LES Field Day held May 15. The event gave students a chance to celebrate the end of the school year with outdoor activities and teamwork. (Courtesy Photo)

## If you're shopping for an additional vehicle



Frankly, I was happy to retire as a Taxi Mom. If your young driver is bugging you for a vehicle of their own, here are some interesting facts. In 1960 only 57% of American households had one car, 19% had two and only 2.5% had three or more vehicles. Today, only 9% of households don't own a car, 33.8% own one, 37.6% have two and 19.5% own three or more. Trucks account for 170 million of the 278 million vehicles in the country. Not surprisingly, according to the Global Carbon Budget 2024, annual emissions of carbon dioxide from burning fossil fuels increased from close to 11 billion tons of carbon dioxide per year in the 1960s to an estimated 37.4 billion tons in 2024.

## Cash Grain

Corn.....	\$4.10
Milo.....	\$3.70
Soybeans.....	\$10.89
Wheat.....	\$6.49

Cash prices courtesy of Ag Mark

## Community Calendar

### Thursday, May 21

Lincoln: 1A Regional Track & Field Meet @ Mettner Field; 2:30 pm Dino Summer Kick-off Party @ Lincoln Carnegie Library

USD 298: 12:00 PM TRACK REGIONALS  
USD 299: 12pm HS Regional Track @ Lincoln

### Friday, May 22

12pm HS Regional Track @ Lincoln

### Saturday, May 23

Sylvan Grove: Sylvan Grove 150th Celebration!  
USD 299: Sylvan Alumni Reunion

### Sunday, May 24

### Tuesday, May 25

USD 298: STATE GOLF @ Mankato

### Wednesday, May 26

USD 298: STATE GOLF @ Mankato

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.

by Cindy Entriken

Thirty people — newcomers and long-time residents — from Lincoln County attended a potluck dinner on Sunday May 17, 2026, at the Lincoln Shared Kitchen.

The gathering, sponsored by Countywide Connections, formerly known as the Welcoming Committee, was to welcome newcomers to the county and to talk about volunteer opportunities.

Damon Vonada talked about successful volunteer efforts to save and restore the Union Pacific Depot in Sylvan Grove. Volunteers painted and decorated the three-room building. Local residents donated items which were originally at the depot including a safe, numerous books about trains, and historical items that belonged to the Union Pacific Railroad at one time.

Vonada invited everyone to Sylvan Grove for the 150th celebration of the founding of the town. Events scheduled during the celebration include a parade, the reenactment of the Sylvan Grove bank robbery, and an open house at the train depot. The celebration will be on Saturday, May 23, 2026.

Kelly Gourley spoke about the pocket park on West Lincoln Avenue. Lincoln County has given the pocket park to the Economic Development Foundation. Last fall the Foundation

## Potluck dinner

solicited input from the public about a design for the new park.

With funds from a grant the east and west limestone walls, which heretofore were not exposed to the elements, have been tuck-pointed so that they can withstand Kansas weather.

According to Gourley, in order to obtain grant funds for development of the park, she needs to raise money from local sources. Gourley hopes to raise about \$50,000 to use as seed money for the project.

ks 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!



## State Music

The Sylvan-Lucas Unified High School Music Department was very well represented at the Regional Music Contest, held at Cloud County Community College in Concordia, Kansas on Saturday, April 11, 2026. The Men's Ensemble, The Women's Ensemble and the Mixed Ensemble all received I ratings and will be performing in the State Music Festival at Kansas Wesleyan

University on Saturday, April 25. The following students performed solos at Regionals: Ben Feldkamp, Cloe Balluch, Lily Pancost, Mina Pahls, Isaac Schultz, Molly Heller, Macie Ortiz, Aubrelle Hurlbut, Caleb Dlabal, Abigail Feldkamp, Kadence Palmer, Jaacob Oltean and Ozzy Trevino, all doing vocal solos. Kadence Palmer performed a snare drum solo and Abigail Feldkamp

performed a flute solo., Qualifying for the State competition in vocal solos are Ozzy Trevino, Aubrelle Hurlbut, Jacob Oltean, Macie Ortiz, Kadence Palmer, Caleb Dlabal, Molly Heller and Ben Feldkamp. Abigail Feldkamp qualified with her flute solo, also. Congratulations to all of these great young musicians who performed so well at these music festivals.

## DENMARK DANES BY JANET HAMBURG, SECRETARY

The Dames met in May 5, 2026, at the Second Chance restaurant for lunch, enjoying delicious food and friendly conversation. After lunch the Sames met at the high rise for their meeting. Present were Janet Humberg, Elaine Parrish, Elsie Driscoll, Yolanda Dow, Shirley Nelson Hough, and Connie Crawford.

Elaine began the meeting, Janet read a seasonal poem about May, Yolanda shared an American poem about Mother's Day is about women.

Roll Call was about gardening tips/ Shirley said when you have a garden it must be regularly hoe the weeds.

Elsie uses a lot of mulch after howing. Connie's husband's parents advised never ti plant tomatoes before May 5. Elai9ne doesn't plant her tomatoes before May 15. Yolanda follows the Three Sisters Method, planting corn, squahsm and pole beans together. Janet is building raised garden beds, which is easier on the body! You must ammend the bagged soil for plants oto produce well.

The minutes were read with a correction to the balance.

Treasurer's report: There were no expensesnor requestrs since the last meeting. The report was read and approved.

Communications: Elaine read a thank you from the Chareles Derryberry family for the floral arrangement for her funeral.

New Buseiness: The Dames discussed the September trip. Elaine propped a shorter trip such as rrtto a mesuem followed by lunch.

Elaine will host our next meeting on June 9th with luinch at the Second Chance restaurant with a meeting at the high rise.

There was no old business. The meeting closed and the ladies enjoyed homemade chocolate, coffee, and more chit chat.



Monday, May 25  
Happy Memorial Day!

Tuesday, May 26  
Pizza Casserole, Creamy Cucumbers, Garlic Break Sticks, Fruit & Milk

Wednesday, May 27  
Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Carrots, Fruit Cup, Bread & Roll

Thursday, May 28  
Chuckwagon Steak, Cheesy Hashbrown Casserole, Cauliflower, Cinnamon Baked Apples, Roll & Milk

Friday, May 29  
Chicken Tenders, Tater Tots, Sliced Tomatoes, Pineapple Tidbits, Bread & 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.

Phone Number & Website  
785-524-4200 | JLSNewsGroup.com



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Vesper Community Center

## Memorial Day Meal

Monday, May 25th

11:30am - 1:30pm

Sloppy Joes  
Cheesy Potatoes  
green beans

Delicious donated desserts

Call to Donate a Dessert !

785-524-2466 [www.vespercc.org](http://www.vespercc.org)  
1247 N 120th Rd Lincoln KS 67455  
Free will donations are appreciated to support the event and the center

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!**

June 1-5, 2026  
9:00-Noon  
4 Yr Preschool through 6th Grade

**Beverly Community Church**  
200 Agnes, Beverly, KS

Register Today:

[www.beverlycommunitychurch.org/vbs](http://www.beverlycommunitychurch.org/vbs)

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## OBITUARY



**Dee L. Cheney**  
Nov. 9, 1938 - May 11, 2026

Dee L. Cheney, 87, passed away Monday, May 11, 2026 in Salina, KS. He was born November 9, 1938 in Sylvan Grove, KS to Verne and Myrtle (Herman) Cheney. Dee was a graduate of Vesper High School. Following high school, Dee joined the United States Air Force. After his military discharge, Dee settled in Salina, KS where he became a grain miller for ADM and ran his landscaping business, Dee's Lawn Service. He retired in 2011. While working for ADM, he was active in the labor union. He married Lois (Shetron) Sanders in Salina in 1995. Dee is survived by his daughter

ter Deanna Venable (Robert) of Georgetown, TX; granddaughter Stephanie Wallace (Doug) of Georgetown; step sons, Steven Sanders of Simpsonville, SC and Kevin Sanders of Phoenix, AZ, step daughter Cathy Mourning of Wichita; and many step grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife Lois; parents; and brother Delbert.

Funeral service: 10:00 a.m., Monday, May 18, 2026 at Hall Chapel in Lincoln, KS with burial following at the Vesper Cemetery.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Vesper Cemetery, c/o, Hall Chapel, PO Box 37, Lincoln, KS 67455. Condolences can be left at hallchapel.com.

## Memorial Day Meal in Vesper on Monday the 25th

The Vesper Community Center volunteers will be hosting the annual Memorial Day Luncheon in Vesper on Monday, May 25th from 11:30am to 1:30pm for travelers who are out visiting memorials around the county. This year the menu includes sloppy joes, cheesy potatoes, green bean, a choice of donated dessert and beverages.

The Memorial Luncheon meal, an annual tradition in Vesper is also the community center's biggest fundraiser of the year. A donation is appreciated to cover the cost of the meal and to help maintain the all volunteer run community center. If you would like to donate a dessert or volunteer, please contact Jodie Weibke or leave a message at the community center - (785) 524 2466 or sign up using the link on the vespercc.org website.

Last year, over 200 visitors came out for the meal. Volunteers kept the line moving very fast and everyone enjoyed the delicious fresh made food. Volunteers are always needed to help prepare and serve. Visitors will notice several improvements including expanded handicapped parking spots, and an extended sidewalk around the building to the playground, made possible with a generous grant from the Post Rock Community Foundation.

Beginning after Memorial Day on June 6th, Vesper Farmers markets will happen once a month, instead of weekly. Farmers markets will happen the first Saturday of the month, right before bingo in the community center parking lot from 5:00pm-7:00pm. A Saturday market was tested last year with good results. As bingo sometimes attracts over 150 visitors, and the

concession stand serves hot dogs, burgers, nachos, pie, cinnamon rolls, sundaes and floats, larger and well attended markets are expected. There is no fee to sell outside, but vendors must sign up and agree to the farmers market terms and conditions at the vespercc.org website prior to each market to participate.

The community center is supported by private donations and grants from Dane G Hansen, Post Rock Community Foundation, Lincoln County Wind Economic Benefit fund and local businesses, so be sure to thank Beloit GMC, Kansas Homes and Movers, Seir's Clothing, Citizens State Bank & Trust, Meyer Tire and Lube, the Bank of Tescott, Lincoln Building Supply and S&S Auto service and towing, 181 Ag Supply and Bennington State Bank when you patronize these generous local businesses.

## First Presbyterian Church Vacation Bible School

The First Presbyterian Church of Sylvan Grove will hold its annual community Vacation Bible School beginning Tuesday, May 26 through Friday, May 29 from 9:00-11:30AM. The theme of this year's VBS is "Treasured".

Join us as we learn how God knows us, God comforts us, God forgives us and God chooses us! The kids will learn that they are treasured! Preschool children through fifth graders are welcome! Please come a little early on the first

day to enroll your child. The students will have lessons, recreation, singing, crafts and of course snacks! The closing program will be Friday, May 29 at 11:00 AM. For further information, contact Janet Vonada or Aspen Tharp.

## COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

May 4, 2026  
The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met in the courthouse commission meeting room on Monday, May 4, 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, Felicia Strahm, Shelia Nelson-Stout, Susan Sprague, Kendra Krier, and Mark Millard.

Administrator Adam Robertson provided a quote for culverts for the board's approval. Debora Smith moved to approve the quote from J&J Drainage Products Co. for the purchase of stock culverts in the amount of \$26,421.33, seconded by Leon Hart. Motion carried. Commissioner Smith forwarded the hospital budget request received at the Hospital Board of Trustees monthly meeting.

Administrator Adam Robertson discussed the courthouse mowing, pro-

vided an update on the bridge replacement project, and shared information received in response to an inquiry from Meyer Tire about the requirements that must be met for tire disposal in the transfer station.

Human Resource Officer Felicia Strahm requested approval to employ Jake Mitchell as an assistant appraiser. Debora Smith moved to make a conditional offer of employment to Jake Mitchell as the Assistant County Appraiser, Grade 15, Step 10, \$17.42 per hour, with a tentative start date of August 3, seconded by Ken Meitler. Motion carried.

Debora Smith moved to recess into executive session for thirty minutes for the purpose of discussing FMLA employees pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2) (b)(1) to reconvene in the courthouse commission meeting room with the board, Adam Robertson, and Felicia Strahm present, seconded by Leon Hart. Motion carried.

Time in: 9:08 a.m. Time out: 9:38 a.m.

The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 9:38 a.m. with

no action taken.

The board discussed open positions with Human Resource Officer Strahm.

The board discussed an individual's request to increase the ROZ budget so they can qualify for funding before the end of the program. Clerk Harlow will contact the state and inquire whether the individual can take the remaining partial funding.

OCCK representatives Shelia Nelson-Stout, Susan Sprague, Kendra Krier, and Mark Millard presented the 2027 budget request. The group provided information on services offered to community members.

Administrator Robertson discussed a meeting with the Wilson Lake Estates Homeowners' Association and Russell County. Robertson stated that he spoke with Coun-

ty Attorney Scott Wright about the matter to help determine the county's responsibility.

Debora Smith moved to approve the minutes for the April 27 and April 30 meetings, seconded by Leon Hart. Motion carried.

All board members expressed interest in attending the May 14 Regional Dialogue on Corrections Needs and Solutions, facilitated by the North Central Regional Planning Commission, from 10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at the Cloud County COOP meeting room, 1401 E 6th St, Trafficway, Concordia, KS. Clerk Harlow will notice the potential meeting.

The chairman adjourned the meeting at 12:04 p.m. The next meeting will be in the courthouse commission meeting room at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, May 11, 2026.



- 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
- BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH LC-MS**  
Pastor Christopher Craig  
Sylvan Grove, Kansas  
Sunday School following Worship  
Sunday Worship @ 10:30 am
- BEVERLY COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
www.beverlycommunitychurch.org  
Pastor Toby Flaming  
Sunday School @ 9:30 am  
Morning Worship @ 10:45 am
- 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
- CULVER METHODIST CHURCH**  
Pastor Demele Eckart  
401 Main Street, Culver, Ks  
Sunday Worship @ 9:30 am  
Saturday Coffee @ 8-10 am
- DENMARK EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN COMMUNITY CHURCH, ELCA**  
Worship Service @ 10:30 am
- FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Pastor Jonathan Schale  
Lincoln Park Manor @ 9:30 am  
Bible Study @ 10:30 am  
Worship Hour @ 11:00 am  
Afternoon Worship @ 2:00 pm  
Wed. Bible Study @ 7:00 pm
- FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Pastor Carolyn Allen, Barnard  
Morning Worship @ 11:00 pm
- GRACE CHAPEL-HUNTER**  
Pastors Kaye & Jeff Metzler  
Worship Service @ 9:00 am
- LINCOLN COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
www.lincolncommunitychurch.org  
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 785-524-4744.  
Sunday Evening Service @ 6:30  
Adventure Club Wed. 6pm - 7pm  
Ages 3-12
- LINCOLN PARK MANOR CHAPEL**  
Morning Worship @ 9:30 am  
Afternoon Worship @ 2:30 pm
- LINCOLN UNITED METHODIST**  
Worship Service @ 10:30 am  
Alternate Pastor & Lay Leaders provide Communion
- PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
Sylvan Grove, Kansas  
Sunday School @ 10:00 am  
Church @ 11:00 am
- ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Pastor Don Haselhuhn  
Lincoln, Kansas  
Two and one-half miles south of Lincoln on Highway 14  
Sunday/Bible School...9:30 am  
Worship Service.....10:30 am
- 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
- ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH LCMS**  
Pastor Don Haselhuhn  
Six and one-half miles south and 4 miles east of Lincoln  
Worship Service @ 9:00 am
- ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA**  
Pastor Rod Thompson, Tescott  
Worship Service @ 9:00 am
- TESCOTT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Pastor Demele Eckart  
Sunday School @ 10:00 am  
Worship @ 11:00 am
- TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, HUNTER**  
Pastor Matthew Schneider  
Hunter, Kansas  
Sunday School @ 9:00 am  
Worship Service @ 10:00 am  
Midweek/Confirmation  
Wednesdays @ 4:30 to 5:45

**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.

Church schedules are made possible by the following sponsors:

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church**

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**Lincoln City ~ Wide Garage Sales Saturday, June 6**

Sale list & map available Wednesday, June 3 at Mity Mart, Lincoln Grocery & Lincoln Chamber Facebook  
785-524-4934

**Tescott Lions Club Memorial Day Lunch**  
(Carry-Out meals will be available)  
**Monday, May 25th 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM**  
**Tescott High School**  
Chicken & Noodles, Ham, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Rolls, Salad, and Desserts  
**By Donation**

**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.

Got a local story or event? Email: lincolinksnews@gmail.com today!

## Letter to the Editor Another Letter to the Editor - Acoustic Kitty

Dear Editor: I sincerely appreciate your publishing my letter (May 13, 2026 edition) to the editor about the recent "living" World War II history lesson taught at Lincoln High School. Then at the bottom of the front page I was delighted to read about another piece of 20th century history--the CIA Acoustic Kitty. This project, managed by the Technical Services Division at the Central Intelligence Agency, has become legendary. Like many legends, much of what is written or believed is myth mixed with conjecture. In this case, however, the first-hand accurate account of Acoustic Kitty is told in pages 200-201 in SPYCRAFT: The Secret History of the CIA's Spytachs from Communism to al-Qaeda, a book I coauthored. I captured the story in 2004 during an interview of the CIA technical officer who was in the operating room as the veterinarian who implanted a transmitter in Acoustic Kitty. You can't get much closer to the action than that. Subsequently the transmitter was removed and Acoustic Kitty lived to tell her grandkittens of the adventure. Regrettably, no photos of this historic surgical event are known to exist.

Sincerely,  
Bob Wallace  
Reston, Virginia  
Former Director, CIA Office of Technical Service

## THE ANGLE



Alexa Romesburg

You matter. If you work with your hands, you matter. If you drive truck or a school bus, you matter. If you earned degrees or a certification, you matter. If you work in an office at a desk or within a cubicle, you matter. If you work in fields with hay, cattle, wheat or corn, producing crops and meat, you matter. If you sell life insurance door to door, or real estate, house to house, you matter. If you work in retail selling clothes or on a lot selling cars, you matter. If you have a closeknit family (large or tiny) but no name brand belongings, you matter. If you have very few people with whom to celebrate holidays, accomplishments or life's major milestones, you matter. If you change diapers all day, you matter. If you teach children, of any age, all year, you matter. If you work with special needs humans at any developmental stage, you matter. If you have special needs

too, you matter. If you feel like a burden, you matter. If you have taken a detour in life and been derailed from a path of becoming who you were meant to be all along, you matter. If you have never been told you matter by anyone or even that you matter at all, you do matter.

If you are an artist, author, attorney, or athlete, then beauty, truth, order and excellence in our society rests on the prowess of your skilled, talented shoulders, and indubitably, you matter. If you are a professional, you matter. If you are a student intern, you matter. If you are an outlaw, you still matter. If you feel worthless to them, you matter. If you have no parent or partner who claims you as theirs, you matter. If you lost a child, you matter. If you lost your job, you matter. If you lost everything, you matter. If your birthday was yesterday and there was no cake or party, you matter. If you turned 18 last week and feel scared of life as an adult on your own, you matter. If you are turning 93 next month and your loved ones have either passed on, or moved

## You. Matter.

away, please know that you are still here for a purpose, your life has value, and you very much matter. If you are divorced, you matter. If you never married, you matter. If you are still waiting for love, you matter. If you have small children, shrieking toddlers, or independent teenagers, you matter. If you are an empty nester, or widowed, you matter.

If you never had a child of your own, you matter. If your husband is a farmer, pull a tractor, operate a forklift, dig ditches, or ride shotgun for the long-haul, you matter. If you are an electrician, you matter. If you are a plumber, you matter. If you clean bathrooms, houses, buildings, or hotels for a living, you definitely matter. If you are a secretary, you matter. If you are a server or a bartender, you matter. If you work at a gas station or an auto parts store, you matter. If you work in a factory, an elevator, a pizza place, a salon, or a fast-food drive-thru, you matter. If you are currently unemployed and looking for work, you matter. If you are retired, your work and prior contributions are of value to your industry and community, and you matter. If you served in any

branch of the military, we could not ever thank you enough, and you matter. If you are a ranch hand, a CEO, a mechanic or a small business owner, you matter. If you feel insignificant in the grande scheme of things because you live an unproblematic and mundane life in an ordinary place that the rest of the world will probably never hear of or about on the news, you matter. If you have mental health problems, you matter. If you have other problems, or a host of problems, you matter. If you are sick, you matter. If you are old, you matter. If you are young, you matter. If you are new in town, you matter. If you were born here, lived here your entire life, and your whole family has been here for five generations, you matter. If you never finished school, you matter. If you recently graduated, you matter. If you had no friends in high school or were made fun of in middle school, you matter. If you feel unpopular, you matter. If you have friends yet somehow, you still feel unknown, you matter. If you exist, you matter. You matter. You matter. Never let anyone anywhere ever say otherwise. You matter. You. Matter.

## Post Rock Extension District

### Why is my wheat turning yellow and stunted?

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

This is the million dollar question! Unfortunately, there is more than just one thing going on with the 2026 wheat crop! Imagine that! The wheat crop is about 2-3 weeks ahead of schedule and short across north-central Kansas and has been battling drought stress for the last 3-5 months. Some parts of NC Kansas were able to receive some needed moisture, but at this point, most of the wheat yields have already been determined. Some fields have already been released by insurance.

Another problem that has occurred this spring, is at least two low temperature events and you can definitely see the results of that with things such partially white/bleached heads, "trapped" heads in the boot or heads with no grain.

So the third problem is the disease, Wheat Streak Mosaic! As you know the Wheat Streak mosaic virus has been an epidemic the last couple of years, especially, if volunteer wheat was not managed and controlled. The wheat curl mite is the insect

that spreads the virus with volunteer wheat as the primary host. Our K-State Extension plant pathology lab is receiving many wheat samples with over 75% of the samples testing positive for one of the three Wheat Mosaic Viruses including Wheat Streak, High Plains and Triticum. The primary defense against these viruses still remains to manage and control your volunteer wheat in the NEW "30 day window" protocol. So, for NC Kansas the recommended "window" would be August 15 to September 15! The "old" K-State Extension standard recommendation was controlling the volunteer wheat at least 2 weeks prior to drilling your wheat or when it emerges.

So, I guess you could say, "Three strikes and you are out!" I have received several calls, in the last 10 days to two weeks, on the wheat condition around northcentral Kansas, with the question, "what is the cause of the widespread "yellowing" of the wheat?" So the answer is "all the above" with drought, freeze and diseases. So, producers are making some difficult decisions on their wheat fields.

On Thursday, May 21, we will host a tour of each of our wheat plot

locations in Jewell, Mitchell, and Smith counties with approximately 25 different wheat varieties in each of the demonstration plots. This would be an excellent opportunity to learn about these different factors and what you can do next year as far as wheat variety selection along with cultural practices. For specific times and locations, visit our website at postrock.ksu.edu. Our 2026 K-State Extension, Post Rock District wheat plot cooperators include Jason Ryan and Justin Angleton, Jewell County; Mike and Gregory Jordan, Mitchell County; along with Art and Linda Befort for Smith County. We certainly would like to thank these cooperators and recognize them, for their continued commitment to our K-State Extension, Post Rock District, wheat demonstration plot program! Hope to see you at one of the stops! Bring your family, friends and neighbors.

If you have more questions on your wheat and would like me to come and take a look at your field or would like to volunteer for a wheat demonstration plot, stop by or give me a call at any of our Post Rock Extension District Offices in Beloit, Lincoln, Mankato, Osborne, or Smith Center.

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Strs	Hfrs
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400-500 \$595.00-607.50	400-500 \$550.00-563.00
500-600 \$530.00-540.00	500-600 \$475.00-491.00
600-700 \$445.00-454.00	600-700 \$410.00-420.00
700-800 \$400.00-410.00	700-800 \$370.00-381.00
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**Early Consignments for Thursday May 21st**  
**Sale: 10 a.m.** 28 mostly blk s&h, 450-600, home raise, wean 30 days, 2 rnd vacc, open; 12 blk s&h, wean, vacc; 36 blk str, 725-750, 1 iron, Wyoming origin, no sort; 63 blk str, 825-850, 2 irons, Wyoming origin, no sort; 18 blk s&h, 450-550, vacc; 60 blk/red/char str, 850, local, vacc; 21 str, 500-600, home raise, wean 45 days, vacc; ; plus many more by sale time.

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## Sylvan/from page 1

ware store building.  
#136 2014: Sylvan Grove Union Pacific Railroad Depot named to National Register of Historic Places.  
#137 2015: Bethlehem Lutheran School named to National Register of Historic Places.  
#138 2016: Grant of \$235,300 funded City Park Improvements including sidewalks, playground equipment, landscaping and a new restroom.  
#139 2017: Depot renovations were completed by the Sylvan Historical Society followed by an Open House to celebrate its 130th year.  
#140 2018: The City received a Community Development Block Grant for Housing Rehabilitation.  
After a facelift and new foundation, the Depot stands ready for the next 100 or more years. Many improvements have been made since this photo was taken. Be sure to pay it a visit on May 23!



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Janet L. Bryan and Dale E. Hlad  
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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.

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Failure to observe this notice may result in the County:

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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.

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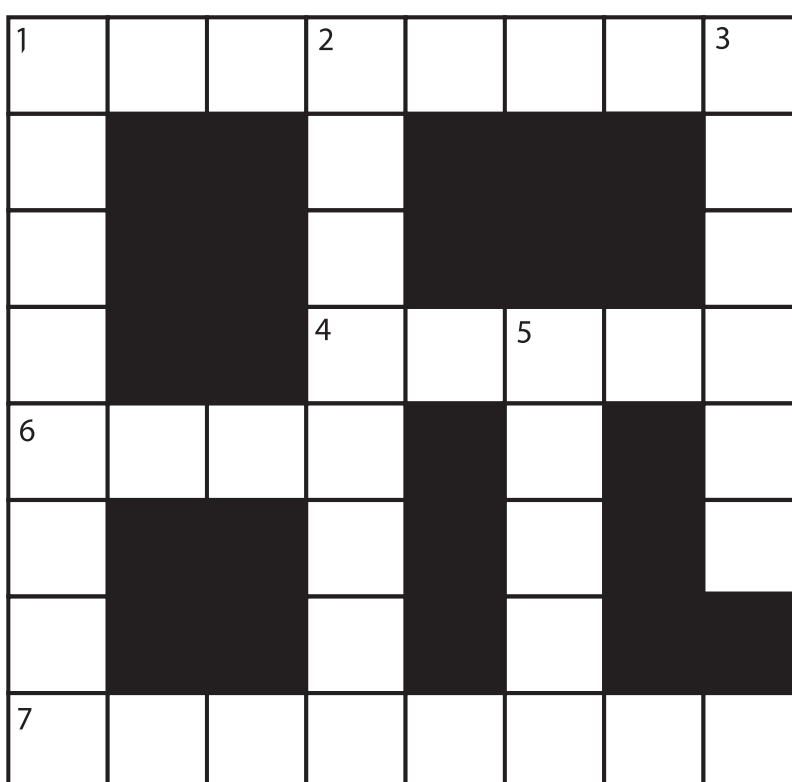
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**Questions? Contact the LCEDF at 785-524-8954 or [LcedfDirector@outlook.com](mailto:LcedfDirector@outlook.com)**

*Have a great week!*



**Crossword Puzzle**



**THIS DAY IN HISTORY**



**1673:** French explorers Jacques Marquette and Louis Jolliet reach the Mississippi River.

**1885:** The Statue of Liberty arrives in New York Harbor.

**1901:** The College Board introduces a standardized test that would ultimately evolve into the SAT.

**Animal FACT:**



These powerful predators typically are not found in captivity because of their demanding needs.

Answer: Great white shark

**ACROSS**

- 1. When animals are being fed
- 4. Engine
- 6. Body of water
- 7. Young animal

**DOWN**

- 1. A place for a particular purpose
- 2. Straight line through the center of a circle
- 3. Insufficient, not many
- 5. \_\_\_\_\_ frutti

Answers:  
 Across  
 1. Feedings 4. Motor 6. Lake 7. Yearling  
 Down  
 1. Facility 2. Diameter 3. Scarce 5. Tutti

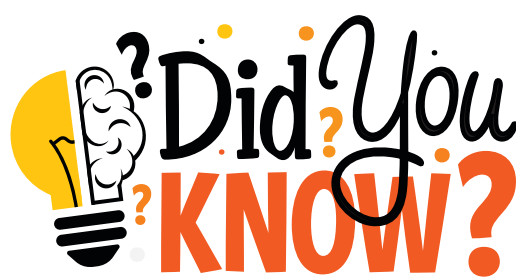
**NEW WORD**

**ZOO**

an establishment that maintains a collection of wild animals

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

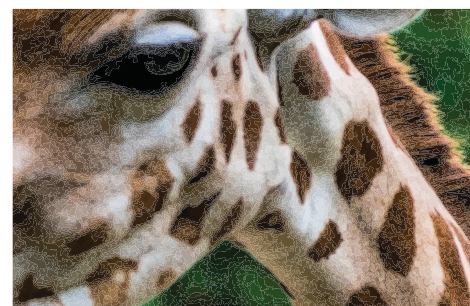
- English:** Habitat
- Spanish:** Hábitat
- Italian:** Habitat
- French:** Habitat
- German:** Lebensraum



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