

Applequist Manufacturing announces plans for Lincoln expansion

Applequist Manufacturing, Inc. (AMI) presented plans to the Lincoln City Council on June 8 for a significant expansion project that would establish a new agricultural equipment manufacturing facility in Lincoln, Kansas.

The proposed project involves redevelopment of the property located at 702 E. North Street and represents an estimated \$8.5 to \$9 million investment in the county. The facility will operate as a sister location to AMI's existing manufacturing operations in Smith Center with offices in Assaria.

"Having experienced manufacturing agricultural equipment in smaller towns in North Central Kansas, we believe that much can be accomplished both for the community of Lincoln and our company. All of us at AMI look forward to being a part of the Lincoln community," commented Roy Applequist CEO.

Under the proposed plan, a new 65,000 square foot manufacturing facility will be added to the existing structure. Construction is planned to begin in the next few months.

The new facility is expected to be completed in the early fall of 2027, at which time the company anticipates beginning its initial hiring efforts. Additional workforce expansion is planned throughout 2028 as production ramps up, creating opportunities for employees in steel fabrication, welding, assembly, and paint line operations.



The property at 702 E. North Street is the proposed site of a new Applequist Manufacturing facility. The \$8.5 to \$9 million project would include a 65,000-square-foot addition and create new manufacturing jobs in Lincoln over the coming years. (Courtesy photo)

erations.

"Our goal is to create 30 new jobs within five years of completing construction," stated Hank Kummer, President of Applequist Mfg.

To support the project, AMI has requested the City Council approve Industrial Revenue Bonds (IRBs). The bonds would provide the company with a sales tax exemption on construction materials and furnishings used in the project, as well as a property tax abatement. The IRBs would not represent a financial obligation of the City but would serve as an economic development incentive to help facilitate the investment.

The Lincoln County Economic Development Foundation (LCEDF) has been working with AMI over the past month preparing information for the city council meeting. During the meeting, Kelly Gourley, director of LCEDF, noted that the project would bring substantial capital investment, new employment opportunities, and long-term economic benefits to Lincoln and the surrounding area.

"This project represents one of the largest private-sector investments in the county in recent years", stated Gourley.

For additional information regarding the project, contact Gourley at 785-524-8954 or Lcedfdirector@outlook.com.

Rain delays 2026 wheat harvest

The 2026 Kansas wheat crop had a rough spring, from an extended drought, unseasonably hot temperatures, surprise freezes and rapid crop development, producers were test cutting in late May and anticipating an early harvest.

But then, this is Kansas, where the weather and outlook can change overnight.

The past two to three weeks have sent widespread rainstorms accompanied by dangerous and damaging winds. Crops needed the rain. They didn't need a deluge arriving in time for mature wheat.

One local producer posted Sunday, June 14 his harvest had begun. He was the only one in a county that is primarily focused on bringing in a good yield. Wet fields and high humidity have slowed progress before harvest could fully begin, leaving producers in a holding pattern waiting for conditions to improve.

According to kswheat.com, the Kansas wheat harvest traditionally begins in the southern counties and moves north over a period of several weeks. Under "normal" conditions harvest begins in early to mid-June.

"This has been a really challenging year for the wheat crop around the state," said Dr. Romulo Lolloto, K-State Wheat and Forages Extension Specialist. "The crop is further ahead in development than usual, so a lot of the rain will not benefit parts of the state...probably the majority of south central Kansas."

From all indications, when the ground is ready, Lincoln County producers are ready. Combines are fueled, trucks are ready and producers are watching the forecast, waiting for fields to dry.



Lincoln County wheat fields stand ready for harvest, but recent rains have slowed progress. Following a challenging growing season, local producers are watching the forecast and waiting for conditions to improve before bringing in the 2026 wheat crop. (Courtesy of Shawn Elder)

A dentist invented the electric chair

Cash Grain



This is one of those weird history facts you may not know. In 1881, Alfred P. Southwick, a dentist in Buffalo, N.Y., witnessed a freak accident where an intoxicated man was electrocuted by touching a live generator terminal. It sparked an idea of how electrocution might be a quicker more humane method of capital punishment, compared to more grisly methods, like guillotine or hanging. Southwick successfully worked with the New York governor and state legislators, along with 20 other states getting laws passed mandating electrical executions. I don't know about you, but the idea of my dentist using perfectly good brain cells to invent a way to kill someone who sits in a chair makes me a little bit nervous.

Corn.....	\$3.65
Milo.....	\$3.30
Soybeans.....	\$10.14
Wheat.....	\$5.86

Cash prices courtesy of Ag Mark

Community Calendar

Thursday, June 18

Lincoln: 2:30 pm Paleontology with Sternberg @ Lincoln Library

Friday, June 19

Saturday, June 20

Wilson State Park: Free State Park Entrance Day

Sunday, June 21

USD 299: 3:45pm Storm BB Practice @ Sylvan Gym; 6pm HS Boys BB Practice @ Sylvan Gym

Monday, June 22

Tuesday, June 23

Lincoln: 10:15 am Summer Storytime @ Lincoln Carnegie Library

USD 299: 8am HS Girls BB Practice @ Sylvan Grove

Wednesday, June 24

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.

2026 KS vs CO All-Star Game



The Kansas 6-Man Football All-Stars headed to Adams State University in Alamosa, Colorado, on Saturday, June 6th, to showcase the state’s top talent against Colorado’s best. The elite roster was made up of recently graduated seniors from Cunningham, Ingalls, Kiowa-South Barber, Almena-Northern Valley, Rexford-Golden Plains, Weskan, Otis-Bison, Tescott, and Melvern-Marais des Cygnes. Leading the team from the sidelines were coaches Brett Clow (Weskan), Daymon Walker (Tescott), Matt Cantrell (Kiowa-South Barber), and Marc Cowles (Otis-Bison). The event followed a fast-paced jamboree format: Kansas battled the Colorado North All-Stars for two quarters, followed by another two quarters against the Colorado South All-Stars. Kansas proved they could compete with the best, locking down a thrilling 16-8 overtime victory against Colorado North before dropping a hard-fought 16-6 battle to Colorado South.

Participating from Tescott High School was Charlie Phelps son of Jeremy & Kriston Phelps.

(Pictured Tescott Head Coach Daymon Walker and Charlie Phelps)

Coast-to-Coast Relay to Celebrate America 250 - STARTS JULY 1st

FRONT ROYAL, VA – In 2026, the American Discovery Trail Society (ADTS) celebrates the outdoors and 250 years of our independence with the American Discovery 250 Relay— a 6,800-mile (11,000 km) journey along the entire American Discovery Trail from California to Delaware, starting in July and ending around Thanksgiving. This event will be the longest continuous, non-motorized relay in world history. The ADTS invites all to join in the celebration by participating for a day or more in a relay, attending one of over 100 local events, or sharing your story of personal growth and adventure. Together, we commemorate America’s past and unify our country.

Participants will carry a specialized baton displaying the header and carrying a copy of the Declaration

of Independence. There will be three batons to choose from - each engraved with the three founding principles in the document: Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness. There will be three different colors assigned to each baton as well - red, gold and blue.

This national celebration kicks off on JULY 1st from Point Reyes National Seashore in California and crosses the Golden Gate Bridge on July 4th! The relay calendar is now available to review here: discovery-trail.org/adt-relay-calendar

Interested participants or teams are asked to register for free at discoverytrail.org/america-250-relay. Runners, cyclists, hikers, wheelchair users and horseback riders are all encouraged to take part. We also encourage interest from those who wish to help with logistics,

welcoming events or sponsorships. **About the American Discovery Trail** The American Discovery Trail is the nation’s first non-motorized coast-to-coast trail. It runs for 6,800 miles through 15 states and Washington, D.C. The route incorporates numerous local, state, and national trails, with most of them designed for walking, hiking, and running and for bicycle and equestrian use. It connects scores of scenic and historic trails, backcountry roads, national parks and forests plus thousands of state and local properties of historic, cultural and natural significance. Users can experience their local environment, or the 23 ecosystems the trail passes through - deserts, mountains, forests, waterfronts, and plains. You can learn more about the ADT by visiting www.discoverytrail.org

Insurance Commissioner Vicki Schmidt offers assistance following recent severe weather in Lincoln County

Topeka, Kan. – Kansas Insurance Commissioner Vicki Schmidt reminds residents, businesses, and agents affected by recent severe weather in Lincoln County to contact the Kansas Department of Insurance if they have an issue with an insurance claim.

The Kansas Department of Insurance has been in contact with local authorities in the county and urges anyone affected by the storm to contact the Department if they need assistance with an insurance issue. “Severe weather in Kansas often

means storm damage and insurance claims,” Commissioner Vicki Schmidt said.

“If you have any questions about your insurance coverage after the storm or have an issue with an insurance claim in the coming weeks, please contact the Department.”

If you or someone you know is having trouble with an insurance claim, please contact the Department’s Consumer Assistance Division 785-296-3071, by email at KDOL.complaints@ks.gov or visit the Department online at insurance.kansas.gov for any claims-related questions or concerns.

The Kansas Department of Insurance was established in 1871, currently led by Commissioner Vicki Schmidt. The mission of the Department is to regulate companies that sell policies in Kansas to ensure solvency and compliance with state law, educate consumers about all things insurance and securities, and advocate for a strong and competitive market to give Kansans choices when shopping for products that meet their needs.

MCHHS Earns Ongoing National Recognition from Becker’s Hospital Review

Becker’s Hospital Review has released its 2026 list of the nation’s top-performing hospitals, recognizing healthcare organizations that demonstrate an unwavering commitment to quality, safety, and patient-centered care. Through investments in advanced technologies, innovative clinical practices, and workforce

development, these hospitals continue to drive meaningful improvements in patient outcomes and healthcare experiences.

Mitchell County Hospital Health Systems (MCHHS) was recognized among the nation’s cleanest hospitals, hospitals most highly recommended by patients, hospitals with the lowest catheter-associated urinary tract infection rates, and top hospitals for nurse communication. The distinctions are based on data from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and national patient satisfaction surveys.

These recognitions reflect MCHHS’s dedication to delivering exceptional healthcare in a compassionate and healing environment. From maintaining a safe, clean, and welcoming environment to fostering compassionate communication and high-quality clinical care, the organization remains focused on creating positive experiences and outcomes for every patient.

While honored to be recognized among leading hospitals nationwide, MCHHS remains committed to its mission of improving the health and well-being of the communities it serves. As healthcare continues to evolve, MCHHS remains dedicated to ensuring local patients have access to exceptional care close to home for generations to come.

Lincoln Senior Center

MENU

Monday, June 22

Turk Lasagna, Italian Veggies, Peas, Fruit, Garlic Bread Stick, Milk

Tuesday, June 23

Baked Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Broccoli/ Cauliflower Blend, Pineapple Tidbits, Oatmeal Raisin Cookie, Roll/ Milk

Wednesday, June 24

Swiss Steak, Baked Potato, Mixed Veggies, Strawberry Shortcake, Roll/ Milk

Thursday, June 25

Taco Salad, Tortilla Chips, Garden Pasta Salad, Corn Salsa, Seasonal Fruit/ Milk

Friday, June 26

BBQ Baked Chicken, Sweet Potatoes, Carrots, Fruit Roll/Milk

Menu is subject to change.

Call 785-524-4738 before 9:30 a.m. to reserve a lunch.

The suggested donation for people over 60 or with current paperwork \$4.00. For people without paperwork or under 60, meals are \$7.00, mandatory.

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WILSON COMMUNICATIONS

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Total for the Week - Cattle - 2,009 Hogs - 87

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500-600	\$435.00-444.00	500-600	\$462.00-472.00
600-700	\$420.00-430.00	600-700	\$403.00-412.00
700-800	\$365.00-376.00	700-800	\$347.00-358.75
800-900	\$342.00-352.00	800-900	NO TEST
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Post Rock Extension District

Tips for Managing Tick Population

By Blaire Todd
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Ticks and the pathogens they transmit are a significant concern for both humans and animals alike. Controlling tick populations can be difficult because a large part of their lives is spent off the animal host or on hosts we have little control over, like deer, rabbits, and other animals. Between feeding periods, ticks are found in brush or tall grasses, especially around water areas and streams. High humidity, the presence of protective leaf litter, and animals moving through the area provide a perfect habitat for ticks.

Burning pastures can significantly reduce tick populations, with burning early in the spring while ticks are still overwintering being the most effective (Salazar et al., 2024). The impact of burning is immediate, with reduced tick numbers lasting the growing season after the burn. Female ticks lay thousands of eggs, and tick populations can rebound very quickly if burning isn't maintained. When burning, pay special attention

to thickets and areas of dense plant growth. Eastern redcedars are a tick hot spot (Noden et al., 2021) and an area often visited by animals. Alarmingly, not only are more ticks found in these areas, but they are also carrying more pathogens than those collected from surrounding pasture (Noden et al., 2021). Keep grass around buildings short, and trim bushes so they are off the ground.

For on-animal tick control, fly tags can help control ear-associated ticks like Gulf Coast and spinose ear ticks. These are not effective against tick species that live on the animal's body, such as the American dog tick, which transmits Anaplasmosis. Sprays can be effective if they reach areas where ticks are attached, and tick populations are not resistant. As seen with flies, rates of pesticide resistance in ticks are also increasing. Common tick attachment sites include areas under the tail, in folds of skin, under the belly/udder areas, and dewlap. Pour-ons can also be effective.

Protect yourself and your family while outdoors, too! Make sure you wear long pants tucked into socks and shirts with long sleeves, tucked into pants. Check yourself for ticks

at the end of the day and remove any attached ticks as soon as possible. Dogs and cats should receive veterinarian-prescribed tick control products. Be careful of 'natural' remedies found on the internet, as these have not been tested for safety or efficacy. There has been a rise in garlic-based products for tick and flea control in dogs for sale on online retailers like Amazon. Garlic is not safe for dogs to consume and should not be used for flea and tick control.

Thanks to K-State Extension livestock entomologist Cassandra Olds for information on tick control. For further information, contact me at any Post Rock Extension District Offices in Beloit, Lincoln, Mankato, Osborne, or Smith Center.

Post Rock Extension District of K-State Research and Extension serves Jewell, Lincoln, Mitchell, Osborne, and Smith counties. Blaire may be contacted at blairet@ksu.edu or by calling Beloit 738-3597, Smith Center, 282-6823, Lincoln 524-4432, Mankato 378-3174, or Osborne 346-2521. Join us on Facebook at "Post Rock Extension" and remember our website is www.postrock.k-state.edu.



VFW Award

At the June meeting of the Lincoln VFW Post #7928 a steel plaque was awarded to the outgoing Post Commander Eric Yates. Eric has served with distinction for the past 4 years as Post Commander. Under his watch, the post earned All America status. Pictured here are, from left to right, Rick McBride currently the longest serving member of our post, outgoing Commander Eric Yates, and the new incoming Post Commander James Sanchez.

COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

June 1, 2026

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met in the courthouse commission meeting room on Monday, June 1, 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, Dale Pacey, Jim Wiebke, Bev Fischer, Brandon Sauer, Lloyd Gier, Mona Buttenhoff, Doug Sulsar, Jared Sulsar, Tami Kerth, Felicia Strahm, and Marion Woody.

Correspondence: Standfield Roofing invoice and correspondence from the coroner requesting an increase for performing coroner services.

Dale Pacey provided pictures of drainage issues along E Milo Dr, west of Lincoln, and offered suggestions on how to repair them appropriately.

Administrator's report: provided RFP's for a construction manager for the courthouse project and website design; noted that the ambulance service had to turn down a transfer; received the fi-

nal bill for the courthouse clock project; noted that he will mow until an individual can be hired or contracted with for mowing; received results of the county building appraisal report from KCAMP; and discussed North Central Kansas-Flint Hills Area Agency on Aging.

Clerk Harlow inquired if the board would like to renew the roof maintenance program with Stanfield Roofing. Robertson will contact other roofing companies to inquire if they offer a program.

Health Nurse/Administrator Mona Buttenhoff inquired about how the department's holiday schedule is handled and when evaluations are conducted.

Debora Smith moved to approve the minutes of the May 26th and May 29th meetings, seconded by Leon Hart. Motion carried.

Register of Deeds Tami Kerth presented the department's 2027 budget request.

Lloyd Gier expressed concern over the operation of the highway department and his frustration that a bridge that was not repaired after employees worked on it.

Jim Wiebke issued a

complaint concerning musk thistle in Battle Creek Township, noting that the property had been reported two years ago to the Noxious Weed Director at that time.

Beverly Fischer issued a complaint concerning musk thistle in Beaver Township regarding the same landowner.

Jared Sulsar expressed concerns with highway department operational procedures.

Human Resource Officer Felicia Strahm requested approval to employ Cameron Dyer. Debora Smith moved to employ Cameron Dyer as a full-time equipment operator, Grade 14 Step 12, \$17.12 per hour, effective today, seconded by Ken Meitler. Motion carried.

Debora Smith moved to recess into executive session for ten minutes for the purpose of discussing employees on FMLA, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b)(1) to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel to reconvene in the courthouse commission meeting room with the board, Adam Robertson, Felicia Strahm and Brandon Sauers, seconded by Leon Hart. Motion carried. Time in: 10:36 a.m. Time out: 10:51 a.m.

The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 10:51 a.m. with no action taken.

Marion Woody reported a bridge plugged that is pushing water into his yard. Commissioner Smith reported on the Hospital Board of Trustees monthly meeting.

The chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:58 a.m. The next meeting will be in the courthouse commission meeting room at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, June 8, 2026.

June 4, 2026

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met in special session via telephone on Thursday, June 4, 2026. Chairman Debora Smith called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. with Vice Chairman Ken Meitler and Member Leon Hart present. County Clerk Dawn Harlow was in attendance as recording secretary.

Purpose: To approve an Emergency Disaster Declaration to assist the City of Barnard who is experiencing flooding.

Others present for portions of the meeting: none.

Debora Smith moved to approve Resolution 2026-16, Emergency Disaster

See "COMMISSION" page 5



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	LINCOLN PARK MANOR CHAPEL Morning Worship @ 9:30 am Afternoon Worship @ 2:30 pm
BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH LC-MS Pastor Christopher Craig Sylvan Grove, Kansas Sunday School following Worship Sunday Worship @ 10:30 am	LINCOLN UNITED METHODIST Worship Service @ 10:30 am Alternate Pastor & Lay Leaders provide Communion
BEVERLY COMMUNITY CHURCH www.beverlycommunitychurch.org Pastor Toby Flaming Sunday School @ 9:30 am Morning Worship @ 10:45 am	PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Sylvan Grove, Kansas Sunday School @ 10:00 am Church @ 11:00 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	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
CULVER METHODIST CHURCH Pastor Demerle Eckart 401 Main Street, Culver, Ks Sunday Worship @ 9:30 am Saturday Coffee @ 8-10 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 Weekdays Mass: Mondays - 3:30 pm
DENMARK EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN COMMUNITY CHURCH, ELCA Worship Service @ 10:30 am	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
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	ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA Pastor Rod Thompson, Tescott Worship Service @ 9:00 am
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor Carolyn Allen, Barnard Morning Worship @11:00 pm	TESCOTT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Pastor Demerle Eckart Sunday School @ 10:00 am Worship @ 11:00 am
GRACE CHAPEL-HUNTER Pastors Kaye & Jeff Metzler Worship Service @ 9:00 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
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	Barnard United Methodist Church Pastors Kaye and Jeff Metzler Service Times: Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship: 11:00 a.m.

Church schedules are made possible by the following sponsors:

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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

Swimming lessons offered at City Pool

The Lincoln City Pool is offering non Red Cross Certified swimming lessons for ages 3 to middle school! The classes are \$50 per child per session. Sessions are set for June 15-19 and July 6-10. Lessons will be on a rolling 30-45 minute schedule beginning at 8 a.m. with the oldest groups. A schedule will be shared when it becomes available. For more information or to sign up, contact Taegen at 785-524-6170.

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Letter to the Editor
Our nation turns 250

The first time I set foot in Abilene, Kansas, was the day of my granddad's funeral in 1969. Having never been here before, I did not know what to expect as a child. Today, I cannot imagine living anywhere else. After traveling all over the world in my professional life and eventually settling in Abilene, I understand why my granddad called it "the very heart of America." This year, our nation turns 250. It is an anniversary worth celebrating, and one meaningful way Kansans can participate is by reflecting on our shared history. To help mark this milestone, the National Archives and Records Administration has assembled a treasure trove of documents straight from their vaults. Aptly named "Opening the Vault at the Presidential Libraries," this extraordinary collection of original documents is now on display at the Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum in Abilene through July 5, 2026. "We the people" owe it to the next generation to be good stewards of our country and ensure the stories of our past are not forgotten. This exhibit allows visitors to experience history firsthand. Where else can a child in Kansas stand inches away from the Louisiana Purchase, the Kansas-Nebraska Act, the World War II German Surrender document, and my granddad's 1957 Executive Order desegregating Little Rock Central High School? Bring your entire family and do not miss this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to see these documents right here in Kansas. I believe you will leave inspired, with a desire to learn more about our country. — Mary Jean Eisenhower Granddaughter of Dwight D. Eisenhower Board Member, The Eisenhower Foundation

THE ANGLE



Alexa Romesburg

There really is a time for everything. "To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven." King Solomon first coined the phrase in Ecclesiastes 3:1 circa 935 B.C. However, that particular phrasing would go on to become immortalized in American music culture when made famous by folk-rock band, The Byrds in 1965 A.D. They performed a cover of the song written by Pete Seeger, who was as well-known for his political and social activism as for his songwriting. He penned the song, "Turn! Turn! Turn!" in 1959. It is adapted almost in its entirety from the book of Ecclesiastes. But, no matter who is credited for the idea that there is a time and purpose for every season under heaven (even the painful, messy, broken ones), history makes clear that in a span of more than 2900 years from 935 B.C. to 1959 A.D. even to now, rulers and kingdoms may rise and fall, the powers on earth may change hands a time or two between the powers-that-be, but the passing of time and its course of seasons remains intact, exactly the same, forever. There is no stopping the clock. We can argue and fight with each other,

whether in our own households, neighborhoods, or even, as the Brits say, across the pond. But the time we are wasting to do that just keeps ticking by us. Don't get me wrong, there are definitely a few things on earth worth fighting for. Family, freedom, faith. The three Fs. But as humans, we have found much more to fight about than those primal virtues. So how many seasons will turn, turn, turn while we are all still at war with one another? There will never be peace on this earth. It is true. For those who read and believe the bible know that Jesus spoke only the truth when he predicted "wars and rumors of wars." Furthermore, we know too, that it is certainly so in our time. For we are surely living in what could not be rightly characterized as anything other than "the last days." While this is very scary stuff, to be sure, we are also able to rest assured that even these last days are merely another season under heaven. This too shall pass. Just like time always does. If, as a human race, we have learned nothing else from those who have gone before us, by which we can all agree, surely, we can, at the very least, agree with the irrefutable truth that all those who have gone before us are gone now. They passed, along with the inevitable passage of time. The turn of seasons here on

earth means ever revolving tenancy. Lands and times change hands. What are we then, those who belong to this time, as partakers and proprietors of the current season doing during our residency? What time is it? What season are we in? As a world? As a nation? As a local community? As individual families? As individual people? Those can be different answers for different people and even multiple answers for one person since they are wholly dependent on highly subjective and personalized context. But what is the answer for you? For all of us? You have already been born, so without any undue sense of morbidity intended, your time to die is still to come. With that sober perspective in mind, have you planted and plucked? Are you healing, after a death? Are you breaking down, still waiting to build back up? Are you weeping currently? If so, fret not, you will laugh again. A time to laugh will find you at the end of a weeping season. If you are mourning, your soul shall dance yet again! Have you cast away all your stones and resources, or are you gathering them together right now? Are you being embraced? Or are you refraining, while clinging tightly to a hope of being embraced once more? Are you seeking? Or are you lost? Have you been ripped into shreds? Or is your heart mending? Is your home a quiet place? Are you, yourself, the one holding your

tongue and keeping silent? Or is there a need for you and the world around you to stand up and speak out? Are you in love, either with a person or an idea? Do you conversely hate all and anything that threatens whom or what you love? Is it time to engage in a private war? Or is it a needed, precious respite of peace? Whatever season we may all find ourselves in, it will inevitably change. The clock ticks. The invisible metric keeping time and pace for this current installation of reality in our world is nothing if not consistent. Just know, this too shall pass. Hence, if there is anything you desire to do or say, don't put it off. As much as it is in our control, may we do as the Roman poet, Horace once exhorted his contemporaries to do, (back in 23 B.C.) and "Carpe Diem!" In other words, "Seize the day!" At the end of our lives, all that is left unsaid, undone will lie in shallow graves of regret dug by time up. As seasons turn, turn, turn, and time itself slowly, carefully reveals its deliberate purpose for every season under heaven, may we all be prescient concerning an adage born on wings of flying time because as the saying goes, time flies. Oh my, how it does. So, in the famous words of a Nike slogan coined in 1988- Just Do It. There is no time like the present. Even when the present is hard or times are scary, hold on, for this too shall pass. And so, it shall.

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Don't Rub Your Eyes!

Keratoconus is one of the most important eye diseases for parents, teachers, coaches, and adults to understand because, if caught early, we now have the ability to help save vision and reduce the chance of future corneal transplantation. One of the most over-

looked contributors to this disease is something many people do every single day without thinking about it: rubbing their eyes. People often do not realize how much repetitive eye rubbing can damage the eye. When we rub our eyes, we are pushing on the eyeball and especially on the cornea, the clear front window of the eye that provides most of the eye's focusing power. Over time, repeated pressure can weaken this delicate structure. For many people, rubbing begins innocently because their eyes itch from allergies, dryness, or irritation. Unfortunately, rubbing can become habitual. Patients often push harder and harder over time to achieve the same temporary feeling of relief, without realizing they may be harming their vision. In some individuals, especially those genetically predisposed, repeated rubbing or pressure can contribute to the development or progression of keratoconus. Keratoconus occurs when the cornea becomes weakened and begins to thin and bulge outward into a cone-like shape. When this happens, light no longer focuses properly, leading to blurred vision, increasing astigmatism, glare, halos, ghosting, and progressive visual distortion. If left untreated, severe cases can eventually require corneal transplantation. Eye rubbing is not the only source of pressure. We also see damage from what some doctors call "pillow diving," where patients press their eye into a pillow while sleeping, particularly stomach sleepers or side

sleepers. Sometimes we see one eye with very little astigmatism and the other eye with a large amount, and the patient will tell us that the worse eye is the one they constantly rub or sleep on against the pillow. Many patients later say, "I wish someone had warned me earlier." Children are especially important to watch because keratoconus often begins during the teenage years and can progress rapidly in younger patients. Parents may notice frequent eye rubbing, squinting, changing glasses prescriptions, headaches, or declining school performance related to vision. Kids with allergies are particularly at risk because itchy eyes drive the urge to rub. Treating allergies and dry eye disease early can help reduce this cycle. That is why comprehensive eye examinations are so important. Modern corneal imaging called corneal topography allows eye doctors to map the shape of the cornea and detect early keratoconus, sometimes even before vision becomes severely affected. Detecting the disease early can be life changing. One of the greatest advances in eye care has been corneal crosslinking. In this treatment, riboflavin (vitamin B2) eye drops and ultraviolet light are used to strengthen and stabilize the cornea. Crosslinking does not simply treat symptoms, it addresses the underlying weakness of the cornea itself. When performed early, especially in children and young adults, it can dramatically reduce progression and lessen the likeli-

hood of needing a corneal transplant later in life. It is very important to stop rubbing your eyes, treat the underlying causes of itching, and make sure children and adults at risk are screened for keratoconus. Early detection and modern treatments like crosslinking are helping preserve vision for an entire generation of patients. A Gregory, South Dakota native, Vance Thompson, MD has been Refractive, Corneal, and Cataract surgery in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, the state he grew up in, since 1991. He is an internationally recognized specialist in refractive corneal laser, phakic IOL, and lens replacement surgery. He is the Founder of Vance Thompson Vision Sioux Falls, SD which has grown to serve the mid and mountain west with nine locations. Dr. Thompson also serves as a Professor of Ophthalmology at the Sanford USD School of Medicine. As a leading international researcher, he has played a key role in the development of the most advanced technologies and techniques for both laser and implant vision correction. He has served as the medical monitor or principal investigator in over 130 FDA monitored research trials studying laser and implant surgery. 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).

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Declaration effective June 4, 2026, seconded by Ken Meitler. Motion carried.

The chairman adjourned the meeting at 5:02 p.m. The next meeting will be in the courthouse commission meeting room at 8:30 a.m. Monday, June 8, 2026.

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RESOLUTION NO. 26-01

A RESOLUTION FIXING A TIME AND PLACE FOR A HEARING BEFORE THE GOVERNING BODY TO DETERMINE WHETHER A STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 319 E YAUGER STREET, LINCOLN, KANSAS, IS DANGEROUS, UNSAFE, AND UNFIT FOR HUMAN HABITATION, AND DETERMINE WHETHER THE STRUCTURE SHOULD BE CONDEMNED AND ORDERED REPAIRED, OR DEMOLISHED.

WHEREAS, Chapter 4, Article 6 of the Code of the City of Lincoln Center, Kansas ("Code") authorizes the governing body (the "Governing Body") of the City of Lincoln Center, Kansas (the "City"), upon receiving a report from the code enforcement officer charging that any structure is danger, unsafe, or unfit for human habitation, to fix a date, time, and place at which the owner, owner's agent, any lienholder of records, and any occupant of the structure, may appear and show cause why the structure should not be condemned and ordered repaired, or demolished; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body, upon receiving a report from the code enforcement officer regarding the condition of 319 E. Yauger Street, Lincoln, Kansas, has determined it is necessary and advisable to set a time a place for hearing to determine whether the structure is dangerous, unsafe, and unfit, at which time and place the owner, owner's agent, any lienholder of records, and any occupant of the structure, may appear and show cause why the structure should not be found dangerous, unsafe, and unfit and thereby condemned and ordered repaired, or demolished;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF LINCOLN CENTER, KANSAS:

SECTION 1. **Petition.** The Governing Body hereby finds and determines that the report dated May 20, 2026 filed by the code enforcement officer as it relates to the structure situated at 319 E. Yauger Street, Lincoln, Kansas meets the requirements of Section 4-603 and 4-604 of the Code.

SECTION 2. **Public Hearing.** It is hereby authorized, ordered and directed that the Governing Body shall hold a public hearing, in accordance with the provisions of the Section 4-605 of the Code, at which time the owner, owner's agent, any lienholder of records, and any occupant of the structure, may appear and show cause why the structure should not be found dangerous, unsafe, and unfit and thereby condemned and ordered repaired, or demolished, and such other matters related thereto, with such public hearing to be held on August 10, 2026 at 6:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, in the City Council meeting room located at City Hall, at 153 W. Lincoln Avenue, Lincoln, Kansas, under the authority of the Code.

SECTION 3. **Notice of Hearing.** The City Clerk is hereby authorized, ordered, and directed to give notice of said public hearing by publication of this Resolution in the official City newspaper. Such publication shall be at least once each week for two consecutive weeks. At least 30 days shall elapse between the last publication and the date set for the hearing. The City Clerk is hereby further ordered and directed to mail a copy of this Resolution, via certified mail, the owner, owner's agent,

any lienholder of records, and any occupant of the structure within three days after this Resolution is first published.

SECTION 4. **Effective Date.** This Resolution shall take effect and be in full force immediately after its adoption by the Governing Body of the City.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Governing Body of the City of Lincoln Center, Kansas, this 8th day of June, 2026.

APPROVED:

By: /s/ Travis Schwerdtfager
Mayor

Attest: (seal)

By: /s/ Heather N. Hillegeist
City Clerk

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Resolution No. 26-01 of the City of Lincoln Center, Kansas, adopted by the Governing Body on June 8, 2026, as the same appears of record in my office.

DATED: June 8, 2026.

Heather N. Hillegeist
City Clerk



Local Standouts Close Out High School Careers at Kansas 8-Man All-Star Game

Several area athletes and a local coach had one final opportunity to represent their schools on the football field Saturday during the Kansas 8-Man All-Star Game in Beloit.

Lincoln seniors Easton Good, Kolton Meyer and Brody Shearer were selected to compete for the Division I East Blue Team, while Lincoln head coach Colby Hamel was chosen to serve as the East head coach. Sylvan-Lucas standouts Vance Dohl and Carter Johnson also earned spots on the East Blue roster, giving local fans plenty to cheer for during the annual all-star showcase.

Although the East Blue Team fell to the Division I West Team by a score of 52-0, the game was about more than the final result. The event brought together some of the top senior football players from across Kansas to celebrate their accomplishments and the impact they made on their schools and communities.

For Lincoln's Easton Good, the experience was a fitting way to close one chapter and begin another.

"It was special getting to put the pads on one more time and compete alongside some great players," Good said. "I've been playing football for a long time, so it was different knowing it was my last game. I'm thankful for my teammates, coaches and everyone who supported me along the way. Now I'm ready for the next play in life; college."

The all-star game marked the end of outstanding high school football careers for several local athletes who helped create lasting memories for their schools and communities.



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