

Community Calendar

Thursday, June 25

Friday, June 26

Saturday, June 27

Sunday, June 28

Monday, June 29

Tuesday, June 30

Wednesday, July 1

USD 299: 3:45pm Storm BB Practice @ Sylvan Gym

Lincoln: 9:30 m Reading Makes Cents @ St. Patrick's Parish Hall; 10:15 am Summer Storytime @ Lincoln Carnegie Library

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.

Lincoln County firefighters receive over \$31,000 from Kansas Department of Insurance

Topeka, Kan. – Kansas Insurance Commissioner Vicki Schmidt, today, announced, that the Kansas Department of Insurance has made its annual distribution to local Firefighter Relief Associations (FRAs). Pursuant to the Kansas Firefighters Relief Act, \$31,913.66 has been distributed among five local FRAs throughout Lincoln County. “Firefighters put their lives on the line to keep us safe, and the Kansas Firefighters Relief Act acknowledges that by providing additional protections for firefighters and their loved ones,” said Commissioner Schmidt. “The Act not only gives first responders needed safety nets, but it also allows local communities to provide their citizens with improved firefighting equipment and resources.” The funds from the Kansas Firefighters Relief Act are generated by a two percent tax paid by insurance companies on fire and lightning insurance premiums written in Kansas. Associations primarily use their distributed funds for insurance premiums and safety enhancements. The relief funds may pay for the health, accident, disability, and life insurance premiums of local firefighters. Safety enhancements such as new firetrucks, fire station building improvements, and firefighting gear can be purchased via relief funds loaned to local governing entities. This year's statewide distributions totaled over \$20.7 million, distributed to 552 FRAs. The statewide distribution of the 2025 Kansas Firefighters Relief Act funds can be viewed at insurance.ks.gov/other-services/firefighters/fra-relief-distributions.php. Kansans can learn more about the Firefighter Relief Act by visiting insurance.ks.gov/consumers/firefighters.

Commerce Invites Jobseekers to Explore New Careers at Upcoming Job Fair

TOPEKA – Lieutenant Governor and Secretary of Commerce David Toland encourages jobseekers and employers searching for available talent to take part in this month's Virtual Statewide Job Fair, hosted by KANSASWORKS, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Thursday, June 25. “Summer is in full effect — and this season is all about new adventures and new experiences. If you're looking for a new career, now is the perfect time,” Lieutenant Governor and Secretary of Commerce David Toland said. “Whether you're exploring opportunities or looking for your first job, Kansas employers are looking for the next best candidate — and one of them could be you.” The Virtual Job Fair format allows anyone searching for a new job to fill out applications, chat live and interview virtually with participating employers. This month's Virtual Statewide Job Fair portal features helpful information such as a jobseeker training video, a list of participating employers and channels for attendees to register and log in. Jobseekers are encouraged to dress professionally, as they might be asked to engage in an interview. Candidates can participate through any digital device. Any individual with a disability may request accommodation by contacting their nearest workforce center at (877) 509-6757 prior to the event. Registration is required to participate in virtual job fairs, regardless of previous participation. To register, click <https://app.premier-virtual.com/events/e7d58bc0-cb1c-4d8a-a9ed-6a94a2388cbb/kansasworks-virtual-statewide-job-fair-june-25,-2026>.

OCCK, Inc. and KANSASWORKS to Host Salina Job Fair

SALINA, Kan. – OCCK, Inc., in partnership with KANSASWORKS, will host a job fair on Friday, June 26, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at OCCK, Inc., 1710 W. Schilling Road in Salina. Job seekers may apply for any of OCCK's current openings during the event. OCCK staff will be available to discuss open positions, answer questions and help attendees find opportunities that fit their experience, interests and employment goals. The KANSASWORKS Mobile Unit will also be on-site to assist attendees with applications and provide additional employment resources. Those unable to attend may view current openings and apply online at www.occk.com.

Kansas Tourism Announces 2026 Sunflower Summer Attraction Lineup

TOPEKA – Lieutenant Governor and Secretary of Commerce David Toland and Kansas Tourism today announced that more than 230 tourism attractions are participating in the 2026 Sunflower Summer program, giving Kansas families free access to must-see attractions throughout the state. Kansas residents with school-aged children from pre-K through 12th grade are eligible to participate. This year's lineup of attractions features activities in every region of Kansas, offering opportunities to explore the state's rich history, vibrant arts scene, unique natural landscapes and family-friendly destinations. “Sunflower Summer has been a great way for Kansas families to fall in love with our great state — and everything it has to offer,” Lieutenant Governor and Secretary of Commerce David Toland said. “Whether it's visiting a museum, exploring a historic site or spending the day at the zoo — these experiences help families connect to the state we all love and admire.” The 2026 Sunflower Summer program will run from July 9 through August 2. During this period, Kansas students and one accompanying adult will receive free one-time admissions to each participating attraction. Passes can be claimed through the Sunflower Summer app and redeemed at the attraction upon arrival. “We're thrilled to welcome Sunflower Summer back so that Kansas families can really experience their home state in an entirely new way,” Kansas Tourism Director Bridgette Jobe said. “From iconic attractions to our hidden gems, this year truly showcases the depth and diversity of experiences across the state.” For the complete list of participating attractions and full program details, visit Sunflower Summer webpage <https://sunflowersummer.org/>. Families are encouraged to share their journeys on social media using #ToTheStarsKS and #SunflowerSummer. For more Kansas travel ideas or to order a free Kansas travel guide, visit <https://www.travells.com/kansas-250/>.

KDHE Awards 15 Chronic Disease Risk Reduction Community Grantees

TOPEKA – The Kansas Department of Health and Environment's (KDHE) Community Health Promotion program is pleased to announce the recipients of this year's Chronic Disease Risk Reduction (CDRR) Community grant. The CDRR Community Grant Program provides funding, training and technical assistance to communities to address chronic disease risk reduction through evidence-based strategies that impact tobacco use, physical activity and nutrition. Strategies include reducing secondhand smoke exposure, preventing youth from using tobacco, promoting tobacco treatment and the Kansas Tobacco Quitline, increasing physical activity, and improving community nutrition. “These grants help communities implement proven strategies that make healthy choices easier for Kansans,” Mende Barnett, KDHE Section Director for Community Health Promotion, said. “We're excited to continue this work together to reduce chronic disease and create healthier environments where people live, work and play.” The 2027 CDRR Grantees and the counties they cover include:

- Cherokee County Health Department (Cherokee).
- Crawford County Health Department (Crawford).
- Edwards County Economic Development (Edwards and Hodgeman).
- United Way of the Flint Hills (Lyon).
- Finney County Community Health Coalition (Finney, Morton, Scott and Stanton).
- Harvey County Health Department (Harvey).
- Johnson County Department of Health and Environment (Johnson).
- Medical Society of Sedgwick County (Sedgwick).
- Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department (Douglas).
- Marion County Health Department (Marion).
- Mitchell County Regional Medical Foundation (Mitchell, Ellsworth, Jewell, Lincoln, Ottawa, Republic and Smith).
- Reno County Health Department (Reno).
- Rice County Health Department (Rice).
- Shawnee County Health Agency (Shawnee).
- Unified Government of Wyandotte (Wyandotte).

In total, the State Fiscal Year 2027 CDRR program covers: 15 grantees, 25 counties and 1,934,384 Kansans, which is 65 percent of the total Kansas population).

Lincoln Senior Center

MENU

Monday, June 29

Meatloaf, Potatoes/Gravy, Broccoli/Cheese, Seasonal Fruit, Roll/Milk

Tuesday, June 30

Chicken Fried Steak, Potatoes/Gravy, Corn, Fruit, Roll/Milk

Wednesday, July 1

Bajed Chicken, Creamy Noodles, Seasoned Spinach, Peas & Carrots, Seasonal Fruit, Wheat Roll & Milk

Thursday, July 2

happy 250th!!

Cheeseburger on Wheat Bun, Lettuce, Onion, Potato Salad, Watermelon & Milk

Friday, July 3

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Menu is subject to change.

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

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Insight - Kansas Farm Bureau - opinion
Cultural exchanges

Greg Doering
Kansas Farm Bureau

I can't help but think that all of the events planned for America's 250th birthday have been upstaged by World Cup visitors giving us fresh insight into how lucky we are to live in the United States.

Foreign visitors have reminded us that our everyday lives are extraordinary — from our giant gas stations to the overwhelming choices we have in grocery store aisles — compared with much of the world.

Usually, one has to leave the U.S. to experience such a revelation. Now, we can use the eyes and experiences of our visitors to rediscover how our ordinary is awe inspiring.

It's far too easy to become accustomed to our surroundings. I'm sure there are Italians who don't bother to look up if they're passing the Colosseum or Trevi Fountain. Or residents of Tokyo who don't see anything special about the endless stretch of skyscrapers that make up the skyline. And I'm sure even Egyptians don't so much as glance at the pyramids and contemplate the past 5,000 years of civilization.

One of the few benefits of social media is that we get to follow along as our visitors see with fresh eyes what we've previously considered mundane like free chips and salsa at a Mexican restaurant or gratis ice water basically anywhere. They've also experienced receiving severe weather alerts, have drunk Boston taverns dry and fallen in love with ranch dressing.

And, of course, it's good to finally have the rest of the world recognize that air conditioning is, in fact, a necessity and not a luxury for much of the continen-

tal U.S. Fortunately for our visitors, the World Cup will conclude well before August's sweltering temperatures.

If there is one lesson I hope both the hosts and guests take away from these encounters, aside from Europeans coming around to putting ice in drinks, it's that while borders do give shape to a country, the people are more alike than we appear.

Different cultures and their customs are shaped by geography, but at the end of the day, we all have much more in common than not. A good meal with friends both new and old is always welcome no matter where you're from.

As delightful as it is to have visitors genuinely enjoying our country, I know from past travels abroad the novelty of a new nation fades. Eventually the comforts of home will overcome all the new experiences here.

For me, after being out of the country for a few days, there's nothing like returning home and having a cheeseburger and fries as my first meal off the plane. I'm sure our guests will have similar experiences when they return home as well.

Until then, those of us in the U.S. can be thankful for a cultural exchange that hasn't required a passport, security lines or any travel anxiety. Rather, we've been given a golden opportunity to rediscover our own culture through the awe and astonishment of others. I can't think of a better way to celebrate America's 250th birthday.

"Insight" is a weekly column published by Kansas Farm Bureau, the state's largest farm organization whose mission is to strengthen agriculture and the lives of Kansans through advocacy, education and service.

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Dementia and Home Safety: Tips for
Caregivers

Caregivers of people with dementia are often tasked with keeping their loved ones safe at home. Unpaid family members or friends, referred to as care partners or caregivers, dedicate significant time and resources to assist the person with dementia as their needs intensify. Caregivers may find themselves providing increased assistance with everyday tasks like cooking and cleaning, and self-care tasks like dressing, bathing and toileting. This is often due to a decline in the person with dementia's awareness of time and place, ability to solve problems or assess situations, strength and mobility, and senses (vision, hearing or depth perception). These declines also put people living with Alzheimer's disease or other related dementias at increased risk of injury, especially as the disease progresses.

Caregivers can take steps to create a safe home environment that minimizes the risk of injury or harm while maximizing the person's independence for as long as possible. First, organize important information, including insurance information, names and contact information for healthcare providers, medications and allergies, emergency contact numbers, legal papers (living wills, advance directives and power of attorney), and contact information for friends and family members. Next, assess the home and outdoor spaces for potential barriers, such as uneven terrain or thresholds, poor lighting, chemicals or other potentially hazardous items. Once safety concerns are identified, caregivers can implement helpful strategies and adaptations to keep their loved ones safe, including:

- Checking the temperature of food, beverages and bathwater
- Removing throw rugs, cords or other items that could cause someone to fall
- Installing adaptive equipment in the bathroom, like grab bars or shower chairs
- Adding extra lighting or nightlights in entryways, stairwells, bathrooms and hallways
- Using a hidden breaker or gas valve, or removing knobs to limit use of the stove when unattended
- Storing hazardous items or tools in a secure location
- Locking up medications and supplements
- Some people living with dementia may exhibit wandering behaviors,

such as forgetting how to get to familiar places in the home or community, talking about past obligations like going to work, restlessness or pacing, or being nervous in crowded or new locations. Structured routines, exercise or movement, deadbolts or locks on upper doors and cabinets and increased supervision or support can decrease the risk of wandering.

While the journey with dementia brings many challenges, creating a safe home can help foster peace of mind for everyone involved. A sense of purpose and connection through participation in familiar routines, favorite activities and nurturing relationships with family and friends can promote safety, comfort and quality of life for people living with Alzheimer's disease or other related dementias.

If you or someone you love is impacted by Alzheimer's disease or other related dementias, resources are available through organizations such as the Alzheimer's Association and the Veterans Affairs, as well as state agencies such as the Department of Human Services. No one needs to face this journey alone. These organizations provide education, home safety checklists and recommendations, extra help in the home and support groups. Check with your state to see what resources may be available to you.

Ranelle Nissen, Ph.D., OTR/L, serves as an associate dean and associate professor in the School of Health Sciences at the University of South Dakota. Nissen is a licensed occupational therapist in South Dakota. She has helped families and individuals affected by dementia through both her professional work and her volunteer work with the South Dakota Alzheimer's Association.

Allison Naber, Ph.D., OTD, OTR/L, is the academic fieldwork coordinator and an associate professor in occupational therapy at the University of South Dakota. Naber is a licensed occupational therapist in Minnesota and South Dakota. She volunteers for the South Dakota Alzheimer's Association as a support group facilitator and community educator. 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).

Eisenhower and the National Highway Act
Celebrating America 250! Lunch & Learn Series

Abilene, Kan. - The Eisenhower Presidential Library will host a hybrid Lunch & Learn program, "Eisenhower and the National Highway Act," on Jun 25, 2026, at 12 p.m. CDT. This event, featuring guest speaker Dr. Michael Birkner, is part of the 2026 programming season celebrating America's 250th anniversary.

Dr. Michael Birkner, Professor of History at Gettysburg College, will explore the history of the 1956 Highway Act—consistently ranked by historians as one of the federal government's most significant accomplishments. The presentation will detail how Eisenhower conceived the project, its journey into law, and how it fundamentally changed life in America.

This program is a hybrid event. The in-person session will be held in the Library's indoor courtyard, while a live stream will be available on the Library's YouTube channel. Guests attending in person are encouraged to arrive by 11:45 a.m. to secure a seat and a light box-lunch, which will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis.

The 2026 programming season celebrates America's 250th anniversary and examines President Eisenhower's top accomplishments in the continual pursuit of a more perfect Union. These programs are made possible courtesy of The Eisenhower Foundation.

CENTER FOR RURAL AFFAIRS BY CARLIE
JONAS, PROJECT ASSOCIATE

5 lessons from rural grocery stores

Across the U.S., rural grocery store owners are doing far more than stocking shelves. Running a grocery in a small town is more complex, and more essential, than it often appears.

When a rural grocery store struggles, the impact affects the entire community. Here's five lessons we learned from working alongside grocery stores:

1. Ownership models matter: In locally owned stores, owners constantly weigh what their community needs against what the business can sustain. That stands in contrast to corporate ownership models, where decisions may be made far from the community. Ownership isn't just a business structure, it directly impacts responsiveness, risk tolerance, and long-term viability.
2. More than grocery stores: These stores are essential infrastructure. They are employers, gathering spaces, and access points for food.
3. Workforce is important: Hiring is difficult. Retention is harder. And flexibility is non-negotiable. Employees shift constantly between roles, running the register, stocking shelves, and managing deliveries. Even one staffing gap can disrupt the

entire operation.

4. Price and distribution are challenges: Distribution shapes what rural grocery stores can offer and at what cost. Constraints can include delivery schedules, minimum order requirements, rising costs, and limited supplier options.
5. Trust is important: Community members have to weigh the reality of their own decisions. Price, convenience, and household budgets matter, but so does supporting local business owners.

Often the stores that make it have a deep connection to their communities, shown in the way customers greet owners, in the conversations at checkout, and in the sense of familiarity with the communities they serve.

Established in 1973, the Center for Rural Affairs is a private, nonprofit organization working to strengthen small businesses, family farms and ranches, and rural communities through action oriented programs addressing social, economic, and environmental issues.

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Commission/

Meitler. Motion carried.
The board discussed the quotes received for repairs to the nursing home elevator.
Debora Smith moved to approve the minutes for the June 1st and June 4th meetings, seconded by Leon Hart. Motion carried.
The chairman adjourned the meeting at 1:41 p.m. The next meeting will be in the courthouse commission meeting room at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, June 15, 2026.

June 10, 2026
The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met in special session in the courthouse commission meeting room on Wednesday, June 10, 2026. Chairman Debora Smith called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. with Vice-Chairman Ken Meitler and Member Leon Hart present. County Clerk Dawn Harlow was in attendance as recording secretary.
Purpose: to extend the State of Emergency.
Others present for portions of the meeting: Adam Robertson, Jesse Knight, and Mona Buttenhoff (via telephone).
Emergency Manager Jesse Knight and County Administrator Adam Robertson provided an update on the county's response to the flooding in Barnard, shelters being offered to county residents affected by the flooding and power outages, and the anticipated restoration of power throughout the county.
Debora Smith moved to approve Resolution 2026-17, approving the Extension of the Local Disaster Emergency Declaration, seconded by Leon Hart. Motion carried.
The chairman adjourned the meeting at 4:44 p.m. The next meeting will be in the courthouse commission meeting room at 8:30 a.m. Monday, June 15, 2026.

Kansas Wetlands Education Center to offer Nature Crafts summer programs

By FHSU University Communications
HAYS, Kan. – KWEC is offering four Drop-in Nature Craft workshops this summer, each Monday in July. These come-and-go style activities will be held from 1-4 p.m. No registration is required for these free programs. A short science lesson that fits the theme of the craft will help kids gain appreciation for the natural world.

- Monday, July 6 – Craft a whimsical bird ornament using decoupage techniques to showcase delicate patterns and natural elegance.
- Monday, July 13 – Create a unique hammered flower card that transforms petals and leaves into soft, natural watercolor-like impressions.
- Monday, July 20 – Make a stylish snake-skin coaster that captures the intricate texture and pattern of reptile scales.
- Monday, July 27 – Design reusable beeswax wraps that offer an eco-friendly, nature-inspired alternative to plastic food storage.
- In addition to these hands-on crafts, the education center is offering the 2026 KWEC Summer Explorer Guide. With activities like Mate Match, Dung Detective, Trail Tracker, and more, this guide will keep kids exploring Cheyenne Bottoms and the Kansas Wetlands Education Center all summer long. Stop into the center and grab a copy. Complete the guide and turn in the ticket by August 14 to receive a sticker sheet and be entered into a drawing for various prizes.

Kansas Wetlands Education Center, affiliated with FHSU's Werth College of Science, Technology and Mathematics, is located 10 miles northeast of Great Bend at the Cheyenne Bottoms Wildlife Area. More information can be found at 877-243-9268 or visit wetlandscenter.fhsu.edu.

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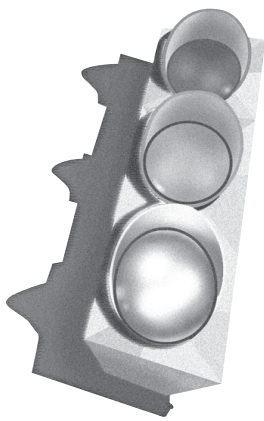
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apartments, each with ample storage and full kitchens. Inexpensive on-site laundry is available for the tenants. All utilities are included in the rent. As far as security goes, Post Rock Apartments has it covered. Security cameras help keep the residents and their vehicles safe. Each tenant is given a personal security device in case of an accident or sudden illness. There is no on-site medical care. The building is equipped with elevators for ease in moving between floors. A big community room provides space for get-togethers with family or friends. Tenants sign a 12-month lease, and once expired the rent is month-to-month with a 30-day notice before vacating. This is 100% maintenance-free living within walking distance of the historic downtown district, public library, grocery store, post office senior center and banks. Post Rock Apartments offer easy retirement living. One resident has lived there for 18 years!

Most people assume maintenance in income-based properties is poor, but the housing authority's maintenance team is timely, efficient and skilled. The maintenance team of Dale Romesburg and Josh Lyne take care of all housing authority properties. They will gladly change light bulbs, batteries in smoke detectors, or anything the tenants may not be able to do for themselves, as well as making sure everything works as it should. In fact, Post Rock Apartments recently underwent a maintenance inspection – a HUD requirement. Out of 100 points possible during the inspection, Romesburg's team scored 96%. It doesn't get much better than that.

As we age and begin to think about retirement, many choose to see their properties in favor of less maintenance and less space to clean. They downsize, selling possessions not needed in this phase of life. Even when mentally ready and prepared to sell their home, they may have trepidation about moving into an apartment. Especially an apartment with such negative misconceptions. Joe and Deb Ortiz, both retired educators, did just that. After selling their long-time home they moved into Northridge apartments at Third and North and were pleasantly surprised with their transition to apartment living.

"I love our apartment," Joe said. "I thought I'd miss our big house, but I wish we'd moved here ten years earlier!"

Deb echoed that opinion. "The apartments are well-built and maintained," she said. We like having no stairs, no lawn maintenance, no responsibilities for snow removal, etc. The LHA staff are great to work with and if maintenance is needed, it is taken care of promptly and efficiently. In addition, we have some good neighbors and have made some new friends!"

Darcy Couse is the Executive Director of Lincoln Housing Authority. Traci Bates is the rental agent. They share an office on the second floor next to the elevators. As mentioned earlier, Dale Romesburg and Josh Lyne are the maintenance team at all apartments and complexes. The LHA is governed by a board of directors appointed by the Lincoln City Council. The current board includes Nikki Flinn, board president; Deb Ortiz, board vice president; Scott Crenshaw; Becky Rathbun and Marci Metz.

Contact Darcy Couse at director@LHAKS.com, Traci Bates at assistant@LHAKS.com or phone during business hours, Monday through Thursday 9-3 and Friday 9-12 at 785-524-4887. They are also available by FAX at 785-524-3429. The board meets on the second Friday of each month at 10 a.m. These meetings are open to the public under the Kansas Open Meetings Act.

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Graduation from the two-year program represents more than 60 hours of classroom instruction and 50 hours of independent study and banking research projects. The rigorous curriculum is designed to help bankers develop the operational and managerial skills needed to better serve their institutions, customers, and communities.

"Michelle's dedication to learning and professional growth is something we truly value," said Mitch Obermueller, EVP at The Bank of Tescott. "We encourage our employees to keep building their knowledge and skills so they can provide the best possible service to our customers."

The Schools of Banking, located in Lincoln, Nebraska, is a jointly owned subsidiary of the Kansas and Nebraska Bankers Associations and has been developing banking professionals for more than 60 years.

Michelle's accomplishment reflects The Bank of Tescott's ongoing commitment to employee development, community banking excellence, and serving customers with knowledgeable, local expertise.



Natural light, comfortable furnishings and an open living space help make Post Rock Apartments feel like home. Residents enjoy spacious one-bedroom apartments with full kitchens, ample storage and maintenance-free living, all within walking distance of many of Lincoln's downtown amenities. (Photo by Becky Rathbun)



A kitchen inside one of the currently vacant apartments at Post Rock Apartments. The Lincoln Housing Authority-owned facility provides affordable housing for adults age 55 and older and includes all utilities in the monthly rent. (Photo by Becky Rathbun)

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fireworks are sponsored by Mark and Ginny Luce and Citizens State Bank & Trust, Co.

Provided on the menu for the eventing are hotdogs and hamburgers, water and soda, and a beer garden. Not provided are a potluck dish or dessert, lawn chairs, blankets, and other personal needs.

Tickets are available at Lincoln Art Center. Adults are \$15 in advance or \$20 on the day of the event. Children 12 & under are \$5. Call the art center at 785-524-3241 to reserve your tickets!



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Celebrating Dunbar's Legacy

Dunbar School opened in 1922 after the Salina Board of Education created a separate school for Black children in kindergarten through eighth grade. Before then, Salina schools had been integrated. Students graced its halls until 1955, when the school closed. The Dunbar Reunion Committee worked with the Museum to develop a pop-up panel exhibit about the school, its faculty and its alumni. Celebrating Dunbar's Legacy will remain on exhibit through June in the Museum lobby.

The Smoky Hill Museum is a nationally accredited history museum in the heart of downtown Salina, Kansas. This FREE museum is open Tuesdays-Fridays 11-5, Saturdays 10-5. Also, be sure to stop by the Museum Store for a wide variety of regional and Kansas products, local artwork and gifts for all ages.

Kanopolis Drive-In Receives \$65,000 Grant to Preserve Historic Outdoor Theatre

TOPEKA – Lieutenant Governor and Secretary of Commerce David Toland today announced that the Kansas Department of Commerce has awarded a \$65,000 grant to the historic Kanopolis Drive-In Theatre to support the purchase of a new state-of-the-art digital projection system. This funding will ensure that the beloved outdoor theater continues to operate for years to come.

"There's always value in preserving our historic infrastructure, but especially when it serves as an economic engine for a community," Lieutenant Governor and Secretary of Commerce David Toland said. "The Kanopolis Drive-In is a beloved, one-of-a-kind destination, and this investment will help to create more lasting memories for Kansas families while fueling economic growth."

The Kanopolis Drive-In Theatre, which opened in 1952, is a single-screen drive-in located on the northwest side of the city. The theater features a massive, 60-foot outdoor screen and accommodates up to 160 vehicles, offering a classic 1950s era movie experience.

But last fall, new owners Jessica Eagle Moyer and Tyson Moyer learned that the digital projector was beyond repair — with replacement costs exceeding \$100,000.

Over the past five months, community fundraising efforts combined with the grant funding provided by the Department of Commerce have made it possible to purchase a new cutting-edge 4K laser projector. Additionally, the Moyers upgraded the movie screen and projection room in preparation for opening night of the 2026 season on April 3 when The Super Mario Galaxy Movie was screened.

"The awarding of this grant by the Department of Commerce, for such an iconic landmark, is a win both for Kanopolis and all of Kansas," Representative Troy L. Waymaster said. "The Kanopolis Drive-In Theatre has a storied history, with 69 years of operation. With this grant, and local fundraising support, the resulting upgrades to the theater will ensure that it continues to deliver a unique and enjoyable experience to Kansans of all ages for years to come."

According to industry estimates, only approximately 275 drive-in theaters remain in operation across the United States, making the preservation of Kansas venues such as Kanopolis Drive-In incredibly significant.

The community drive-in offers first-run movies, expanded concessions and immersive FM radio audio broadcast directly to vehicles. The venue prides itself on maintaining a clean, safe and family-friendly environment for all to enjoy and create lasting memories under the Kansas stars.

Join in on the fun at the Kanopolis Drive-in for Movie Night, sponsored by Kansas Commerce on Thursday, July 9. The evening will be a "To The Stars" theme — and to correspond with the theme, they will be showing Superman (1978). Doors will open at 7 p.m., with the movie beginning at 8:45 p.m.

For additional showtimes, rules and additional information, visit the Kanopolis Drive-In Theatre online at <https://www.kanopolisdrivein.com/>.

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