

Bison Antiquus Horn unearthed by local boy

**By Alexa Romesburg,
For the Lincoln-Sentinel**
“What is this, Dad?” asked nine-year-old Xylan Rohrig as he picked up a fossilized horn from the gravel creek bed. They were spending a family day together at Beaver Creek as is their frequent practice, exploring, fishing, treasure hunting. The children, who range in age from ten to two years old,

each have claimed their own prized collection of antiques in the unique finds providentially discovered while exploring the outdoors, specifically along the banks of Beaver Creek. Sitting on the front stoop of this blended family home on Elm St, in Lincoln, Kansas, one can view the proud display of discarded things mixed with a wide array of disjointed re-

mains collectively acquired on past exploratory jaunts. It is an assortment of relics from a bygone era, consisting mainly of bottles and bones. Amongst the varied mementos are old glass medicine bottles, expensive European liquor bottles, various old soda bottles, and even an old glass electric conductor. But of course, their favorite things are the

bones. The children speak all at once, in hurried, excited tones, as children often do, eager to share their interesting discoveries. Of all their treasured finds, one clearly stands out. It is the fossilized horn of a Bison Antiquus.

Bison antiquus, or in clearer terms, the Ancient Bison, is the direct ances-

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Left to Right: Briar Mack, Dylan Rohrig, Xylan Rohrig and Scout Mack sit among the family’s finds along Beaver Creek. Xylan’s most recent discovery was deemed “very rare for that part of Kansas” by the Sternberg Museum, and “a really cool fossil” by Ramo Decker, former science teacher and proprietor of Decker Fossil and Science Museum in Sylvan Grove. (Photo by Alexa Romesburg)

2026 Kansas Wheat Harvest continues despite Mother Nature

Harvest equipment returns to the fields north of Lincoln as farmers take advantage of a break in the weather to bring in this year’s wheat crop. (Photo by Becky Rathbun)



**By Jyll Phillips
Lincoln-Sentinel**
It’s no surprise that the state’s wheat harvest has been delayed due to an unusual amount of rain. Nonetheless, as of mid-June, overall progress ranged from near completion in some areas to 28% complete in others, facing challenges from drought, rain and variable yields. Harvest began earlier than usual. Unseasonably warm temperatures in the spring set the stage for rapid crop development before the widespread rain and thun-

derstorms caused delays. According to kansas-wheat.com, harvest progress and yields vary significantly across the state. In Saline County, for example, farmers report yields ranging from 5 to 40 bushels per acre, with protein levels in the low 12% range. In Hamilton County, harvest is about 50% complete, with test weights slightly lower than last year but protein levels averaging just over 12%. Southern counties experienced early maturity due to dry, windy conditions but subsequent

rainfall slowed harvest and affected grain quality. The report says the early yield estimates indicate below-average production in many areas due to drought, freeze events and hail damage. Test weights range from 59 to 63 lb./bu., and protein levels range from 11-12.7% depending on location and the wheat variety. Some fields that received timely rain fared better, but overall, the estimated hard red winter wheat production for Kansas is projected at 240 million bushels, a 31% decline

from 2025. Farmers continue to monitor the weather closely, looking for dry, warm conditions to resume and complete harvest efficiently. Despite the challenges, harvest continues steadily and producers are hopeful that remaining wheat can be safely brought in with minimal further losses. The elevated temperatures and wind expected between now and July 3 might be just what our wheat farmers ordered!

Adopt-a-Teacher now in session

The Lincoln location of Citizens State Bank & Trust Co. is once again sponsoring their USD 298-Lincoln Adopt-a-Teacher program. Many people don’t realize that many teachers must purchase what they use in their classroom themselves. Many people also don’t realize how that adds up to a financial burden. The folks at Citizens State Bank & Trust Co. have found a way to help. It works just like the Angel Tree at Christmas time. Stop by the bank at 100 W. Lincoln Avenue or call 785-524-4840 and select a teacher from the tree to sponsor. Your generosity will help stock their classroom with the supplies they need for a successful school year! Sponsorships and gifts are accepted through July 31.

Central Ks Children’s Theatre Academy – a “star” is born!



Sloan McReynolds-Baetz

Many will remember when the Children’s Theatre Academy was in Lincoln. The final production always seemed the result of a miracle. Pam Harrell Curtis took any child within the age range and honed whatever talent they had, taught them how to learn their lines, led them through the music, put first rate costumes on them and sent them out on stage to perform two shows after only two weeks of rehearsals. No child was ever denied a part in one of her productions.

A native of Ellsworth, Curtis began her Children’s Theatre Academy in her hometown where she has conducted the theatre academy for 25 years. When she moved to Lincoln, she added a second Academy for local kiddos, providing an opportunity for more children to experience the joy of theatre. The Ellsworth program, being the original, continued, but the Lincoln program ended after Curtis moved to Manhattan so she wouldn’t have to be away from her family for so long. Sloan McReynolds-Baetz has been involved in the Children’s Theatre Academy since she was old enough. Curtis invited her to participate in the Ellsworth Academy for the last few years, which she has. This is the last year Sloan would have been able to participate as attendees “age-out” before high school. As her last performance, Sloan was cast in the “starring” role of Jasmine in Alladin, Jr. What a great way to end a “career!”



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City of Hunter receives PRCF grant

The City of Hunter recently received a grant from the Post Rock Community Foundation! The Post Rock Community Action Fund has provided a grant to allow Hunter to take a step forward by creating a welcoming, functional recreational space in the heart of the community. The project will transform an underused area near the tennis courts into a vibrant gathering place with a new lean-to-shelter, shaded seating improved drainage and accessible picnic tables. This investment will bring residents together, support community events and promote healthy outdoor activity for all ages.

Lincoln County Historical Society welcomes 2026 Sunflower Summer Program

The Sunflower Summer Program offers Kansas families reasons to get out and explore Kansas during the summer months. Running from Thursday, July 9 through Sunday, August 2, the program provides a plethora of ideas for cheap (free) summer get-me-out-of-the-house attractions. The Lincoln County Historical Society has been officially added to the list of attractions for 2026, officially (and literally) putting it on the map. Visit sunflowersummer.org and download the map of attractions to your Apple or Android phone so there is no misplacing it. A full list of attractions be available at a later date.

Italy tried to ban pasta!



When you think of Italian food, pasta is probably one of the first things that comes to mind. But in the 1920s and 1930s, Italian dictator Benito Mussolini actually campaigned against pasta, claiming it made people sluggish and unhealthy. The real reason? Pasta relied on imported wheat, and he wanted Italians to eat more homegrown rice instead. Many Italians pushed back, defending their beloved noodles, and by World War II, survival mattered far more than what was on the menu. Thankfully, pasta won the battle. Long live the pasta!

Cash Grain

Corn.....	\$3.63
Milo	\$3.28
Soybeans.....	\$10.35
Wheat.....	\$5.65

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Community Calendar

Thursday, July 2

Lincoln: 8 am Blood Drive @ Lincoln Jr.-Sr. High School

Friday, July 3

Lincoln: 7 pm 4th of July Celebration @ Lincoln Park Manor; 7 pm After Harvest Music Festival & Potluck Picnic @ Lincoln Golf Course

Saturday, July 4

Sunday, July 5

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

Monday, July 6

Tuesday, July 7

Lincoln: 10:15 am Summer Storytime @ Lincoln Carnegie Library
USD 299: 8am HS Girls Basketball Scrimmage

Wednesday, July 8

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 Senior Center

MENU

Monday, July 6

Spaghetti Meat Sauce, Tossed Salad, Cucumber & Onions, Ambrosia Salad, Bread & Milk

Tuesday, July 7

Fish Sticks, Potato Wedges, Carrots, Peach Crisp, Who,e Wheat Bread & Milk

Wednesday, July 8

Turkey Tetrazzini, Grean Beans, Stewed Tomatoes, Lime Sprinled Pears, Milk & Roll

Thursday, July 9

Pizza, Lettuce Salad, Tropical Fruit, Brownie & Milk

Friday, July 10

Polish Sausage w/Kraut & Bun, Potato Salad, Cucumber & Tomato Salad, Seasonal Fruit & 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.

Happy 90 Birthday Charlie Newell!

July 7th

Send a Wish 315 N 2nd Lincoln, KS 67455



Obermueller hits .500

Riley Obermueller, Lincoln, has an on-base percentage of .500 for the Smith County Blue Raiders Legion baseball team (Photo credit to Facebook's "Midwest View" by Christy Newman)

LINCOLN - PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE - CINDY ENTRIKEN

by Cindy Entriken
For this year's July 4th celebration, and in recognition of the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, here's some history about 4th of July celebrations accompanied by some antique post cards illustrating how Americans saw the 4th long ago.
A story in the July 5, 1777 issue of the Pennsylvania Evening Post described the first organized 4th of July celebration in the United States. That celebration included armed ships decorated with the colors of the United States and discharges of thirteen cannon from each ship in the river. Bells tolled in the city and the evening ended with a large fireworks display capped off by thirteen rockets.
Rockets, fire crackers, and sparklers are prominently displayed in six of my antique post cards published from 1908 - 1910. The three post cards displayed below are lightly embossed as well as colorful.

Of all my 4th of July post cards, the one below is my favorite because not only is it colorful but it is highly embossed. The embossing came through clearly when I scanned it into my computer but I don't know how well you'll be able to see the embossing in the paper.

July 4 is a Saturday this year. I don't know where my family will be but I know we'll be thinking about our country's heritage, celebrating everything that makes us free, and hoping that the freedoms we have now will continue for years to come.

spit devil firecracker prank - a series called Humorous Fourth of July Series No. 1" 1907 - 1910

Anyone who lives in Lincoln knows that the place to buy fireworks is the Scout Cabin in the Lincoln City Park. That beautiful building is a significant attraction in the park. I'd love to see it used more widely and on more occasions, especially since it was built to be used for both the Boy Scouts and the Girl Scouts.
Some post card publishers produced series of cards. I have one series of three cards, by J. J. Marks, published in 1910 which shows the ride of Paul Revere, the Massachusetts statehouse in Boston, and the Bunker Hill Monument. Of the three I like the ride of Paul Revere the best and it's also the most valuable. This card is also lightly embossed.

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A Critical Time for Public Health Advocacy

There is a common saying in public health: "Everything is public health." That is because public health touches nearly every aspect of our daily lives. It is the clean water we drink, the air we breathe, the safety of the food we eat and the environments where we live, work, learn and play. These conditions do not happen by accident; they are shaped by policies, systems and collective investments. Much like public education, public health reflects a shared commitment to creating the conditions where all people have the opportunity to thrive.
Public health is your local school nurse caring for children, your exten-

sion agent helping families and farmers, your WIC dietitian supporting healthy pregnancies and babies and your food inspector ensuring meals are safe to eat. Public health is as dynamic as the communities it serves. As communities change, public health must adapt to meet new challenges, respond to emerging threats and address evolving needs.
Yet we are facing a troubling reality. For the first time in generations, today's children are not on track to live as long as their parents. One reason for this is that public investment in health has not kept pace with the growing challenges facing our com-

munities. We have seen significant disinvestment in public health infrastructure, prevention programs and community-based services. These decisions have consequences. When we underinvest in public health, we increase the risk of chronic disease, infectious disease outbreaks, preventable deaths, higher health care costs and reduced quality of life.
In South Dakota, nonprofit organizations, faith communities, health systems and private businesses often step in to fill gaps and support community well-being. Their contributions are essential. However, preparing for large-scale challenges such as

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OBITUARY



Donald Ray Panzer
June 2, 1955 - June 24, 2026

Donald Ray Panzer passed away peacefully on June 24, 2026. He was born June 2, 1955 on a U.S. Naval Hospital Ship in San Diego, California to Don and Wilma Panzer. He grew up in Lincoln, Kansas with the nickname “Don Ray”. After graduating from Lincoln High School in 1974, he attended Hutchinson Junior College. He graduated from Kansas City Community College with a degree in Mortuary Science, and being in the first class to do so. On December 20, 1975, he married Carol Meili at St. John’s Lutheran Church in Lincoln, Kansas. The couple lived in Kansas City for six months when he was offered a job in Wakeeney, Kansas at the Hendrick’s Funeral Home and Coast to Coast Hardware Store. In March 1982, Don accepted a position at the Parsons Funeral Home

in Ellsworth, and following in May, their son Sydney was born. During Don’s time at the Coast to Coast Hardware Store and working at Western Auto during high school, he was introduced to the hardware business. On February 1, 1988, Panzer’s True Value Hardware opened after an extensive remodel of the former O’Donnell Hardware Store. He found retail business was his passion. Don was a salesman and loved talking to customers about merchandise. Don and Carol worked together as a team, along with their dedicated employees, to provide the very best customer service. After selling True Value in 1996, the couple opened Ellsworth Antique Mall in the former Duckwall building. Don loved working with antique furniture. Many antique pieces were refinished and refurbished to be displayed and sold in the Antique Mall. The couple found they loved retail business, and in the following years, Don opened Aqua Shine Car Wash, Panzers Mini Storage, and Panzer Ornamental Concrete. He loved selling products, visiting with people, and always had a joke ready. Don’s latest business venture was Don’s Knotty Woods. He was a true wood craftsman and utilized all of the tools in his shop. He loved starting a new project for any customer. Every cut was precise, every joint was perfect, and there was no reason to hurry the project. The shop held the biggest supply of screws, wood, paint and sandpaper, and of course sawdust in every nook and cranny of the garage. Every morning Don had a white

note card and pen ready to go into his pocket listing what he would accomplish during the day. It was always all crossed off by evening. Don served on Ellsworth City Council for a total of 13 years. During his time on Council, he was part of numerous projects which include ADA Renovations of City Hall, Renovations of the Swimming Pool, New Golf Pro Shop, Fire Station Addition, New City shop building, Downtown Streetscape Project, Water Treatment Plant, Sewer Lagoons, and New Airport Hanger. He was also involved in various Water, Sewer, Airport, Park, and Street Improvements as well. Don is survived by his wife Carol of the home, son Sydney (Melissa) of Salina, grandson Avery, mother Wilma Panzer of Lincoln, sister Vickie Haun (Steve) of Wilson, sisters-in-law, Jayne Feldkamp of Lincoln and Lisa Kennedy (Darrell) of Liberal along with nieces, great nieces, nephews, cousins and dear friends who will cherish his memories, jokes, and laughter. He was preceded in death by his father Alfred Don Panzer and nephew Benjamin Feldkamp. Visitation: 3-8 p.m., Monday, June 29, 2026 at Parsons Funeral Home in Ellsworth. Family will be present to greet visitors 6-8 p.m. Funeral service: 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, June 30, 2026 at Parsons Funeral Home with burial following at Ellsworth Memorial Cemetery. Memorial contributions can be made to the Ellsworth Golf Course, c/o, Parsons Funeral Home, PO Box 45, Ellsworth, KS 67439. Condolences can be left at parsonsfh.com.



Aubrelle Hurlburt earns music scholarship

Sylvan-Lucas Unified Music Department is proud to congratulate Miss Aubrelle Hurlbut, a 2026 graduate of Sylvan-Lucas Unified High School, for receiving a music scholarship to Barton County Community College. With the renewable scholarship, Aubrelle was also selected into both the Concert Choir and the Hilltop Singers. Aubrelle went for a live audition to apply for this scholarship and for participation in these fine music ensembles. Aubrelle has been active in all music classes and activities at Sylvan-Lucas throughout her high school career. She is a voice student of Mrs. Janet Seehafer. Sylvan-Lucas Unified Music Department is proud to congratulate Miss Aubrelle Hurlbut, a 2026 graduate of Sylvan-Lucas Unified High School, for receiving a music scholarship to Barton County Community College. With the renewable scholarship, Aubrelle was also selected into both the Concert Choir and the Hilltop Singers. Aubrelle went for a live audition to apply for this scholarship and for participation in these fine music ensembles. Aubrelle has been active in all music classes and activities at Sylvan-Lucas throughout her high school career. She is a voice student of Mrs. Janet Seehafer.

COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

June 15, 2026
The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met in the courthouse commission meeting room on Monday, June 15, 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, Brandon Sauers, Jesse Knight, Lisa Feldkamp, Brett Wilkinson, Mona Buttenhoff, Darren Booth, Felicia Strahm, Diane Walters, Kelly Gourley, Brandon Cochran, and Colleen Tennent. Correspondence: mid-month accounts payable, 2026 Lincoln County preliminary valuation certification, and a brief from Emergency Manager Jesse Knight on storm, flood, and power outage incidents.

Debora Smith moved to approve midmonth accounts payable in the amount of \$45,776.63, seconded by Leon Hart. Motion carried. The board approved payment for OS 149 once reimbursement from the state on OS 107 is received. County Administrator Adam Robertson provided an update on the county’s response to road damage caused by the recent storm; Transportation Bus Director is working with the Council on Aging to change the bus voucher program; and provided details on an ADA-compliant website presentation attended by department heads. District Court Clerk Lisa Feldkamp presented the department’s 2027 budget request. Health Nurse/Administrator Mona Buttenhoff provided an update on department activities and requested that the department no longer be required to float holidays.

The board related that they made a motion at the June 8 meeting to no longer require the department to float holidays. Darren Booth of Theel Insurance and Financial Services presented the costs of insuring county employees through Freedom Claims Management, using census data provided by the county. Nursing Home Administrator Diane Walters provided an update on nursing home maintenance needs and repairs and discussed the food bank’s space needs. Walters shared upcoming resident and staff activities planned at the facility. Walters will contact Thyssenkrupp to confirm the quote is still valid and request the cost of a maintenance agreement. Economic Development Director Kelly Gourley provided information on the Applequist project for the former US Towers location, which was presented to the City Council, and on changes made to the plans after the presentation.

Ambulance Service Director Brandon Cochran reported that the department received a \$10,000 grant from the Post Rock Community Foundation and is awaiting a decision from the Dane Hansen Foundation for the autoloading system. Cochran presented the department’s 2027 budget request. Cochran requested that Mason Florence be employed as a full-time EMT. The board denied the request at this time and requested Cochran to renew KEMSA membership so that an advertisement could be placed on their website. Transportation Bus Director Colleen Tennent provided an update on department activities. Debora Smith moved to recess into executive session for ten minutes for the purpose of discussing Family Medical Leave

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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 Demele 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 Weekday 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 Demele 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	Lincoln United Methodist Church 216 N. Fourth, Lincoln Pastors: Kaye and Jeff Metzler Service Times: Adult Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship: 11:00 a.m.

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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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County Fair Season

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Montgomery County rancher

As we enter July, that can only mean one thing. Well, it actually could mean many things, but in this case, it means county fair season is about to begin. All across the land families are preparing for county fairs.

Some kids are putting the finishing touches on arts and crafts, woodworking and robotics projects. Some are adding more feed to their animals' diets to achieve the minimum weight requirements, while others are reducing caloric intake so as not to get too big. Or, as was the case in our family, it's time to start thinking about what items to create for exhibition. Just as long as the paint, glue or finish was dry by the time it reached the fairgrounds, that was the ultimate goal.

I feel extremely fortunate to have had some outstanding mentors and 4-H club leaders during my teen years. I'm also very grateful to have been a member of a club with several fellow high schoolers. Competing for the county fair herdsmanship award meant a lot to us, and we tried to instill that responsibility in the younger members. Before long, a broom and/or a pitchfork was constantly in someone's hands, helping keep the aisles and the animals' stalls or pens spic and span.

Another favorite activity from back in the day was the ever-important model meeting contest. Our club members and leaders placed a major emphasis on this, and we made sure everyone participated to their best ability. Again, having many older members helped provide for practically perfect parliamentary procedure parts. Addressing the president, being recognized, then stating "I move" was stressed as the proper and only beginning phrase when making a motion. To this day, I cringe whenever I hear phrases like "I make a motion" or "I'd like to motion". I'm no parliamentary law expert by any means, but I do enjoy a respectable question of privilege now and then. And, there's nothing like a good old-fashioned "call for the question" to end debate and proceed to an immediate vote.

4-H and the extension service runs deep in my family as well as my wife's. Over time, relatives (or ourselves) have been or currently are: 4-H agents, Program Development Committee members, club leaders, project leaders, state winning judging team coaches and team members, county and district extension board members and officers, state project award winners, fair board members, county fair judges, state extension staff and a State Extension Advisory Council President.

Per the National 4-H Council, according to a long-term study by Tufts University, 4-H members are nearly four times more likely to contribute to their communities and twice as likely to be civically active, make healthier choices, and pursue STEM programs. In addition, they are 40 percent more likely to pursue a college degree and twice as likely to obtain vocational/technical training or serve in the military. Furthermore, 4-H members are 20 percent more likely to hold leadership roles in their schools or communities.

I highly encourage everyone to visit a fair near you this year. Youngsters and families alike have spent countless hours, sleepless nights, endured sibling feuds, shed a few tears, grumbled and complained, whined, moaned and baked countless cookies just to get a handful good enough for presentation. By the way, I've eaten a lot of red ribbon cookies in my day, but they were well worth the journey to see practice make perfect come fair time.

Take time to ask a 4-H member about their project, whether it be in a barn, the wash rack, a display case or on a table. It's great communication skills practice for the kids, and even better community in-

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THE ANGLE



Alexa Romesburg

I once heard a pastor say, "We are all educated well beyond the level of our obedience." In that particular context, his sermon was referring to biblical education and obedience to God. He expounded his point, explaining that most contemporary American Christians are at least moderately knowledgeable of the bible, the gospel, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, and all things church. His contention was that as believers, we really all know what we ought to be doing- or not doing. We simply don't do it (or not do it). When what we know doesn't seep all the way into the soil beds of our hearts, penetrating, binding, and metamorphosing the roots of what we do, we are left educated without a corresponding level of obedience.

That is the precise recipe for hypocrisy in the church. No wonder the world looks at us and rolls their eyes most of the time. They see right through us when we aren't even willing to look in the mirror. Many modern believers can quote scripture. Even babes in Christ, along with

a vast majority of regular attendees at Friday night football games can probably quote John 3:16. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but receive everlasting life." I mean there is always at least a modicum of education on biblical principles and faith permeating the culture in this country. Yet even self-professing Christians are living in ways that would likely be near unrecognizable to the original apostles and early church. Most Christians these days are "churchified" as opposed to sanctified.

Robert Frost said, "Education is the ability to listen to almost anything without losing your temper or your self-confidence." Now that's an interesting and unusual way to define education. If we were to judge ourselves rightly using his astute and unconventional definition, how are we doing, Church? I submit we are failing miserably. American Christians have become so caught up in "rights" we have gone off the rails. Although Christianity and liberty are inherently, inextricably intertwined and principled philosophies, we seem to have lost the plot a bit

while flaunting and asserting our 'unalienable rights.' Have we come so far away from biblical Christianity that we don't have a corporate, collective clue how to uniformly practice it anymore? Jesus turned the tables in the temple. Yes, it's true. But what he was angry about, and the only thing ever reported to have incensed him while inhabiting his humanity was the bastardization of the house of God, his Father. Is that what makes us angry? Or, are we angry because our pet rights & favorite freedoms are being challenged and threatened? Are we angry because our familiar way of life and comfortable liberty is being assailed? Or are we angry because God is being dishonored in his own house, the place we performatively attend and worship on weekends? Which one of these things makes us want to flip a table? I haven't seen any tables flipped or church merch tossed in temple lobbies lately. Have you? What I have seen is a lot of people angry about their rights not being respected. Not God. Their rights. Is that what asserting liberty in the life of a Christian is supposed to look like? Is that our education on display as perceived by an outside world through the contextualized lens proffered by American poet, Robert Frost? Can we, the

people, moreover we, the church- the body of Christ on earth-listen to almost anything from the left, the right, atheists, agnostics, that random corner of the internet, or that one political poster on Facebook, without losing our temper or self-confidence?

What really makes us angry, folks? I dare say that if it is not what is happening in the church then we are all really out of line for getting so bent out of shape about what is happening in the world. Jesus, said very clearly in John 12:47, "If any man hears My words and believes not, I judge him not; for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world." Jesus, the only righteous man ever born on earth, does not judge nonbelievers, for they are who he came to save. In 1 Corinthians 5:12 Paul writes, "What business is it of mine to judge those outside the church? Aren't you supposed to judge those inside the church?" Yes. Yes, we are. That is what Jesus was doing when he flipped tables in the temple. That is what we ought to be flipping tables over. Nothing else. But I digress. We are all educated well beyond the level of our obedience. So, let's all have a little more grace for this unbelieving world, and start flipping a few more merch tables in the temple. What say you?

Post Rock Extension District

Remember SAFETY during Wheat Harvest!!!

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

The 2026 wheat harvest will be starting up again soon after the much needed moisture around the Post Rock Extension District and NC Kansas. Reports have come in with that the wheat is "better than expected" with the yields and test weights and especially in summer fallow. However, with the recent moisture, generally

test weights will fall once the wheat has received moisture and waits to dry down to harvest.

During wheat harvest season, countless hours will be spent in combines, tractors, trucks and other equipment by farmers and workers who will be transporting large equipment on our roads and highways. Some workers may be young, new or inexperienced, so it's always a good idea to remember safety precautions and reinforce the importance of safety on the farm.

Agriculture ranks among the nation's most hazardous industry! Farmers are at very high risk for fatal and nonfatal injuries, and farming is one of the few industries in which family members, who often share the work and live on the premises, are also at risk for fatal and nonfatal injuries.

Harvest season can be a very stressful time for farm families, so it is important to remember these simple guidelines to keep everyone safe.

-Make sure that anyone operating the combine and other harvest machinery, has been trained to use it and is aware of potential hazards.
-Before approaching machinery for maintenance or inspection, make sure it is shut down with the engine off, the key removed, and all moving parts stopped completely.
-Keep bystanders away from harvesting equipment and never allow extra riders. One seat means one rider.
-Remember for everyone to share the road! When it is necessary to move heavy, slow-moving equipment on public roads, try to pick a time with light traffic flow to minimize contact

with traffic.
-Make sure all the appropriate safety lights work properly and safety reflectors are visible to other motorists.
-Always use a Slow Moving Vehicle (SMV) emblem on vehicles that travel less than 25 miles per hour.
-Be sure and take breaks often to prevent fatigue and stress which can prevent accidents.
The temperatures have been extremely high so it is very important to drink plenty of water to prevent dehydration.

Remember, it only takes seconds for a farm accident to happen! We wish you a safe and great harvest!

Post Rock Extension District of K-State Extension serves Jewell, Lincoln, Mitchell, Osborne, and Smith counties. Sandra may be contacted by calling Beloit (785-738-3597).

Entries Now Open for KDA Photo Contest

MANHATTAN, Kansas — The beauty of Kansas agriculture can't be captured by a camera, but we encourage you to try in the annual Kansas Department of Agriculture Photo Contest. KDA is now accepting photo entries, and will continue accepting entries through August 16.

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to the bitter cold of winter. As always, there is a separate Youth division, for young photographers age 18 and under. And a video category will welcome drone footage, harvest videos, or other short clips of under 30 seconds that showcase Kansas agriculture. Prizes will be awarded to the top two winners in each of the six categories.

KDA serves to advocate for agriculture, the state's largest industry and economic driver. Photos which best capture the categories will be used throughout the year as we tell the story of Kansas agriculture. After submission, KDA is granted permission to use any photograph for publications, social media, websites, displays, etc. without payment

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Photo entries should be sent in .jpg format to KDA.PhotoContest@ks.gov. Videos should be sent in .mp4 or .mov format. Entries must include a title and brief description, where and when the photo/video was taken, the photographer's full name and age, entry category, hometown, and email address.

Guidelines for the KDA Photo Contest, including deadlines, categories and prizes, can be found at agriculture.ks.gov/PhotoContest. Voting to select finalists will begin on KDA's social media sites in mid-August. For more information, contact Heather Lansdowne, KDA director of communications, at Heather.Lansdowne@ks.gov or 785-564-6706.



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- The Garage – Life, Liberty & the Pursuit of Happiness
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Moments That Made US is a special exhibition during the America 250 commemoration that explores how generations of Americans have given meaning to the ideals set out in the Declaration of Independence.

The exhibition looks back across centuries and highlights both challenging and celebratory times from the colonial era to more recent generations. The exhibition explores five themes drawn directly from the Declaration of Independence: Created Equal; Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness; Free and Independent States; Consent of the Governed; and We Mutually Pledge. The featured moments from American history inspire curiosity about the events that shaped the nation. They remind us that our story was never inevitable, we shaped it at every turn.

The exhibition was developed through a multi-state collaboration to ensure that Americans throughout the nation would have the opportunity to meaningfully engage in the nation's 250th anniversary. It adapts the acclaimed Moments That Made US exhibition created by History Colorado and currently on view at the History Colorado Center in Denver.

The print-on-demand version of Moments That Made US was developed in collaboration with Arizona America 250, History Colorado, Oklahoma Historical Society and Washington State Historical Society. Additional distribution support was provided by California Association of Museums, Kansas Museums Association, New Mexico Department of Cultural Affairs, America 250 Oregon, America's 250th South Dakota, Humanities Texas, and Utah Division of Arts and Museums.

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.

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employees, pursuant to K.S.A. 75- 4319(2)(b)(1) to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel, to reconvene in the courthouse commission meeting room with the board, Adam Robertson, and Felicia Strahm, seconded by Ken Meitler. Motion carried. Time in: 11:34 a.m. Time out: 11:44 a.m.

The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 11:44 a.m. with no action taken.

Human Resource Officer Felicia Strahm requested approval to employ Michael Cavanaugh as a seasonal mower to mow the county-owned property. Debora Smith moved to make a conditional offer of employment to Michael Cavanaugh as a seasonal mower, Grade 14 Step 9, \$16.45 per hour, effective upon completion of preemployment testing, seconded by Leon Hart. Motion carried. Strahm requested approval to employ Declan Ryan as a seasonal mower to mow for the Highway Department. Debora Smith moved to make a conditional offer of employment to Declan Ryan, Grade 14 Step 9, \$16.45 per hour, as a seasonal mower, effective upon completion of preemployment testing, seconded by Ken Meitler. Motion carried. The board approved radio advertising for the full-time EMT position. Strahm provided an update on the custodian contract. Debora Smith moved to allow Adam Robertson to sign the contract with the cleaning service, seconded by Leon Hart. Motion carried.

Debora Smith moved to approve the minutes of the June 8th and June 10th meetings, seconded by Leon Hart. Motion carried.

The board discussed 2027 budgets received to date.

The chairman adjourned the meeting at 1:28 p.m. The next meeting will be in the courthouse commission meeting room at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, June 22, 2026.

Insight/

volvement for you. Today's youth are tomorrow's leaders, and we should all do our part to see that they have the best opportunities for growth, learning and all levels of success and achievement. There's absolutely nothing wrong with helping to "make the best better."

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marking the start of the current epoch approximately 11,700 years ago. Which brings us back to the extraordinary fossil found on the gravel bank of Beaver Creek this summer.

So, what does nine-year-old Xylan, the outdoor explorer, think about this historically relevant scientific discovery? Well, he took the news of his paleontological find straight to his local librarians to share his excitement with them. Serendipitously, the Lincoln Carnegie Library is currently hosting their “Dino Summer Reading Program” exuberantly encouraging every young reader to “Unearth a Story” and, it would seem, Xylan Rohrig has done just that. Children’s Librarian, Paige McBride exclaimed, “It’s so awesome! I just love that he was able to find that and that it lined up with our Dino Summer and he was able to show it. I think it’s really cool that he found it this summer during our Dino Summer Reading Program because part of our reading program is about reading books. But another part of our reading program at the library is about encouraging kids to explore and be curious about the world around them, which is why we have people like the Sternberg Museum and the Decker Museum come and talk to our children.”

Xylan’s parents, Dylan and Kendra couldn’t agree more. Dylan said, “I think it’s amazing to hold something so old with so much history to it.”

As a natural skeptic, Dylan wasn’t immediately convinced that it was in fact a legitimate fossil, but after conducting a Google image search and texting a few friends, he was encouraged to reach out to Dr. Barrick. Upon receiving official confirmation that it was, indeed, a Bison Antiquus fossil, Xylan “had ear to ear smiles.” Dylan recalled the moment he picked it up, “He was excited. He knew it was old. He was full of smiles.” Reflecting on the way it makes him feel as a parent to see his son make a discovery like this, Dylan expressed, “I hope it gives him motivation to keep exploring and find new things and make discoveries. It’s exciting! There are dinosaur fossils” Mom, Kendra agrees, “I think this is the fruit of his labor. I think it will continue to feed that want to look and search and find more.”

Xylan’s friends and siblings agree. Stepbrother, Scout Mack, who was present at Beaver Creek the day the fossil was discovered, noted, “It inspires other people.” Classmate, Braxton Zsuzsics, who may just be the living embodiment, representative of that sentiment, enthusiastically shared proof, “It makes me want to do the things he’s doing! I’m very outdoorsy. I go for walks and go to the lake.” Friend, Skyelyn Hillegeist spoke for many of us when saying, “I think that’s pretty impressive. He found a big fossil! I can’t believe he found that in Lincoln!”

Responding to inquiry about the location of Xylan’s find, the director of the Sternberg replied, “They have been found there. But they’re not common. They are very rare from that part of Kansas.” Ramo Decker, proprietor of Decker Fossil and Science Museum in Sylvan Grove, was excited. “It’s great to see kids outside finding stuff. There’s a lot of cool stuff out there if kids get outside and look.” And of the Bison antiquus horn core discovered in Lincoln County, Mr. Decker, also a former Science teacher, appreciatively stated, “That’s a really cool fossil.” Executive Director of The Lincoln County Historical Society and Museum, Dana Walters echoed his excitement saying, “It seems like a very important discovery. I am excited to see what will be learned from it and if it will be a part of an exhibit for others to see a piece of Lincoln’s history.”

But more than anyone, Xylan is excited. At the heart of this story and all the excitement is a little boy who found a fossil while exploring Beaver Creek on a family outing with his dad. When asked what his favorite memory from that day is, his extemporaneous answer had nothing to do with the fossil. His favorite memory was climbing the top of a big hill, by the roots, looking for bones, with his stepbrother, Scout. In the words of, Dr. Barrick, “That is pretty cool!”

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Lincoln Housing Authority

Correction

In the June 24 issue of the Sentinel the article about the Lincoln Housing Authority was missing a portion of the text, leading to inaccuracies and misconceptions. Because we feel this is an important message, the full article, including the part originally omitted, is being reprinted here.

Comfortable, affordable living starts here

On the mind of most Americans today is the cost of living. Extreme inflation that began with COVID and continues has pinched the budgets of working Americans with an uptick in groceries, gasoline and goods in general. The housing market has exploded since 2019, with the median home value in Kansas jumping roughly \$100,000 and the state’s home price index by over 60%. But it’s not just home sales. Single family home rent has surged by roughly 40% since 2019 while multi-family units have seen increases of around 25%. It’s no wonder a talking point on the national front is affordable housing.

Lincoln is lucky to have a local Housing Authority that offers affordable, clean, updated housing options for those over 55 years of age and families.

There are five separate apartment complexes under the housing authority’s management, even though many Lincoln residents refer to them as one – the “low income” apartments. While the apartment rent under the housing authority is income based, they are not what most would think of as low income apartments. The maintenance is timely and efficient, and the apartment homes are clean. Some have washer and dryer hookups. Some have updated interiors. The complexes include Commodore Apartments across the street from the library on S. Third Street; Northridge, located on Third and North; Valley Inn on Fifth Street and Sunset Drive further north on Fifth Street near Lincoln Park Manor. The fifth unit, Post Rock Apartments at Court and Fourth Street are managed differently.

Because these apartments are government subsidized, there are more rules, regulations and reports required than privately owned rental units. If qualified, tenants may only rent a unit with as many bedrooms as there are occupants. In other words, a couple can rent a two bedroom apartment, but a single person is restricted to one bedroom. Between these four complexes, the housing authority has four one-bedroom apartments, 12 two-bedroom apartments and four three-bedroom apartments. Another common misconception is that these apartments are all Section 8. They are not under Section 8, but under HUCD. Section 8 provides rent vouchers. HUD does not.

Post Rock Apartments, referred to locally as “The High Rise,” is a multi-level apartment building for adults over 55. Built in 1981, the building boasts spacious one-bedroom 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 as these are independent apartment homes. 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



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)

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, Maintenance Technician and Josh Lyne, Maintenance Assistant, take care of all housing authority properties. The public housing apartments are well maintained, both the building and the lawn. At the Post Rock Apartments they will even change light bulbs if asked, 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 sell 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. Moving into a much smaller rental property can be daunting. Because Post Rock Apartments are for older adults, people tend to think of them as the last hurrah before needing full-time nursing care. That thought tends to carry over into the public housing apartments as well. Contrary to the common misconceptions, Joe and Deb Ortiz, both retired educators, chose Sunset Drive as their retirement home, and have been pleasantly surprised with their ease of transition.

“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 LHS 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.



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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natural disasters, emerging infectious diseases and public health emergencies requires coordinated local, state and federal systems. The COVID-19 pandemic reminded us that diseases do not recognize city, county, state or national borders. Maintaining strong public health infrastructure requires ongoing investment so communities can respond quickly and effectively when threats emerge.

Public health works best when science and community experience inform one another. The most effective solutions are rarely simple, and they are seldom captured in a single headline or sound bite. They emerge when community members, health professionals, policymakers, businesses and local leaders work together to understand problems and develop practical, evidence-based solutions.

The South Dakota Public Health Association (SDPHA) serves as a trusted source of public health information, and our role goes beyond sharing data and research. We want to help elevate the stories, challenges and successes happening in communities across South Dakota.

Is your community struggling to access healthy food? Are you concerned about air quality, housing, transportation or other factors affecting health? Have local residents come together to solve a problem in an innovative way? Policy makers and community leaders want to hear those stories.

Public health is strongest when it reflects the experiences of the people it serves. Now is the time to share your stories of challenges and successes in your communities. SDPHA can help amplify community voices, share promising solutions and connect local experiences to state and local decision-makers.

Together, we can build healthier, stronger and more resilient communities. We invite you to share your challenges, successes and ideas so that we can learn from one another and create solutions that work for all South Dakotans.

Jennifer Folliard, MPH, RDN, is the founder and principal consultant at Health + Nutrition First and lead of the rapid response team for South Dakota Public Health Association. She is a registered dietitian with expertise in public health systems and policies. Jenn received her Bachelor of Science in human nutrition and food/nutrition in business from Purdue University and her Master of Public Health, focused on public health policy and systems of care, from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. In her previous position as the maternal child health director for the South Dakota Department of Health, Jenn worked with multi-sector partners to develop and advance priorities that would improve the health of South Dakota families. Before moving to South Dakota, she worked in Washington, D.C., for 10 years, conducting state and federal policy research and

advocating for these policies to build effective public health systems.

DenYelle Baete Kenyon, Ph.D., holds several positions, including legislative chair of the South Dakota Public Health Association; University of South Dakota associate dean of Community Health & Engagement and Master of Public Health Program director; and professor of pediatrics at the Sanford School of Medicine. She received her B.S. in family social science from the University of Minnesota and went on to receive a Ph.D. in family studies and human development from the University of Arizona. DenYelle worked at Sanford Research for 11 years as a public health researcher, focusing on teen pregnancy/STI prevention, undergraduate research training and helping lead the Collaborative Research Center for American Indian Health. At USD for the past seven years, DenYelle leads community health and engagement efforts for the medical school and the Master of Public Health program, where she is fortunate to work with teams on increasing underrepresented students in health care careers and training future medical and public health practitioners on achieving health equity. 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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NOTICE OF PRIMARY ELECTION
State of Kansas County of Lincoln

I, the undersigned County Election Officer of the above named county, have received a certified list of candidates for the various nominations to be made by each of the political parties of this state, and in accordance with the provisions of the law, I hereby publish as much as is applicable to the county, and I have added thereto the names and addresses of the candidates for nomination by several political parties as the same appear in my office.

The following named candidates for nomination by the several political parties and their post office addresses appear under their respective parties.

REPUBLICAN PARTY, NATIONAL, STATE, AND DISTRICT BALLOT

UNITED STATES SENATE
Vote for One
Roger Marshall
Pond Naramore, Box 364, Lawrence, KS 66044

UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE 1st DISTRICT
Vote for One
Tracey Mann, PO Box 1084, Salina, KS 67402
Craig Musser, 570 SE 50th Rd, Ellinwood, KS 67526

GOVERNOR-LT. GOVERNOR
Vote for One Pair
Ty Masterson/Jeffrey Klemp, PO Box 424, Andover, KS 67002
Charlotte O’Hara/Michelle Dornbrosky, 15712 Windsor St, Overland Park, KS 66224
Nick Reinecker/Katy Reinecker, 504 S Maple, Inman, KS 67546
Stacy L Rogers/Michael W Smith
Philip Sarniecki/Joy Eakins, PO Box 12081, Overland Park, KS 66282
Vicki Schmidt/Joe Newland, PO Box 3801, Topeka, KS 66604
Scott Schwab/Ken Rahjes, PO Box 2818, Olathe, KS 66063

SECRETARY OF STATE
Vote for One
Pat Proctor, PO Box 3421, Ft Leavenworth, KS 66027

ATTORNEY GENERAL
Vote for One
Kris Kobach, PO Box 155, Lecompton, KS 66050

STATE TREASURER
Vote for One
Steven Johnson, 10197 S Hopkins Road, Assaria, KS 67416

COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE
Vote for One
Daniel Hawkins, 9406 W. Harvest Ln., Wichita, KS 67212

STATE REPRESENTATIVE 109th DISTRICT
Vote for One
Troy L. Waymaster, PO Box 124, Bunker Hill, KS 67626

MEMBER, STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION 5th DISTRICT
Vote for One
Kelly Ancar, 2004 Hall St, Hays, KS 67601
Jean Clifford, 102 Drury Lane, Garden City, KS 67846

COUNTY BALLOT
COUNTY COMMISSIONER 1st DISTRICT
Vote for One
Debora Smith, 203 W Bowland, Lincoln, KS 67455
Taylor Cheney, 210 N 1st St, Lincoln, KS 67455

COUNTY COMMISSIONER 3rd DISTRICT (unexpired term)
Vote for One
Kenneth Meitler, 308 N Main St, Sylvan Grove, KS 67481
Carla Glessner, 1225A N 120th Rd, Lincoln, KS 67455
Grant Gutierrez, 308 N Ohio Ave, Sylvan Grove, KS 67481

TOWNSHIP OFFICES
TOWNSHIP CLERK BEAVER TOWNSHIP
Vote for One
Sylvia Goss, 2022 E Quartz Dr, Lincoln, KS 67455

TOWNSHIP CLERK COLORADO TOWNSHIP
Vote for One
Rhonda Bell, 105 N Colorado Ave, Beverly, KS 67423

TOWNSHIP CLERK MADISON TOWNSHIP
Vote for One
Janel Thompson, 97 Madison Ave, Westfall, KS 67455

Alisa Suelter, 2790 E Deer Dr, Beverly, KS 67423

ALL OTHER TOWNSHIPS
TOWNSHIP CLERK
Vote for One

PARTY OFFICES
BEAVER TOWNSHIP
Precinct Committeeman
Vote for One
James Gabelmann, 2022 E Quartz Dr, Lincoln, KS 67455

Precinct Committeewoman
Vote for One
Sylvia Goss, 2022 E Quartz Dr, Lincoln, KS 67455

COLORADO TOWNSHIP
Precinct Committeeman
Vote for One

Precinct Committeewoman
Vote for One
Charmaine Chase, 711 N 280th Rd, Beverly, KS 67423

ELKHORN TOWNSHIP
Precinct Committeeman
Vote for One

Precinct Committeewoman
Vote for One
Erin Suelter, 769 N 240th Rd, Lincoln, KS 67455

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP
Precinct Committeeman
Vote for One

Precinct Committeewoman
Vote for One
Sheri Suelter, 2331 E Elk Dr, Lincoln, KS 67455

INDIANA TOWNSHIP
Precinct Committeeman
Vote for One
Michael Johnson, 1717 E Kiowa Dr, Lincoln, KS 67455

Precinct Committeewoman
Vote for One
Karen Johnson, 1717 E Kiowa Dr, Lincoln, KS 67455

MADISON TOWNSHIP
Precinct Committeeman
Vote for One
Travis Suelter, 2790 E Deer Dr, Beverly, KS 67423

Precinct Committeewoman
Vote for One
Alisa Suelter, 2790 E Deer Dr, Beverly, KS 67423

MARION TOWNSHIP
Precinct Committeeman
Vote for One
David Gerstmann, 1701 N 165th Rd, Lincoln, KS 67455

Precinct Committeewoman
Vote for One
Mona Gerstmann, 1701 N 165th Rd, Lincoln, KS 67455

ORANGE TOWNSHIP
Precinct Committeeman
Vote for One

Precinct Committeewoman
Vote for One
Teri Jo Hiitter, 792 N 120th Rd, Lincoln, KS 67455

ALL OTHER PRECINCTS
Precinct Committeeman
Vote for One

Precinct Committeewoman
Vote for One

DEMOCRATIC PARTY, NATIONAL, STATE, AND DISTRICT BALLOT
UNITED STATES SENATE
Vote for One
Damon Anderson, PO Box 860010, Shawnee, KS 66226

Christy Davis, 715 1st St, Cottonwood Falls, KS 66845
Adam Hamilton, PO Box 6, Stilwell, KS 66085
Jason Hart, 302 N Pershing, Wichita, KS 67208
Kevin Latz, 6341 Belinder Ave, Mission Hills, KS 66208
Erik Murray, PO Box 3032, Kansas City, KS 66103
Sandy Spidel Neumann, PO Box 2159, Mission, KS 66201
Anne Parelkar, PO Box 25174, Overland Park, KS 66225
Patrick C Schmidt, PO Box 750783, Topeka, KS 66675
Michael “Mike” Soetaert, 815 N Woodlawn Ave, Apt 127, Wellington, KS 67152-2837
Noah Taylor, 7130 W Maple St, Suite 230, Box 329, Wichita, KS 67209

UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE 1st DISTRICT
Vote for One
Colin McRoberts, #326 645 Vermont St, Lawrence, KS 66044
Lauren Reinhold, 4000 W 6th Street, Ste B #241, Lawrence, KS 66049

GOVERNOR-LT. GOVERNOR
Vote for One Pair
Ethan Corson/Renee Duxler, PO Box 4513, Overland Park, KS 66204
Cindy Holscher/KC Ohaebosim, PO Box 2903, Olathe, KS 66063
Curt Skoog/Jennifer Bacani McKenney, PO Box 7053, Overland Park, KS 66207

SECRETARY OF STATE
Vote for One
Jennifer Day, PO Box 104, Mission, KS 66202-9810
Samuel Lane, 6302 Hallet St, Shawnee, KS 66216

ATTORNEY GENERAL
Vote for One
Chris Mann

STATE TREASURER
Vote for One
Juan C. Luengo, 14904 S Summit St, Olathe, KS 66062

COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE
Vote for One
Dinah Sykes

STATE REPRESENTATIVE 109th DISTRICT
Vote for One

MEMBER, STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION 5th DISTRICT
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Lorie Wood, Dresden, KS 67635

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ALL TOWNSHIPS
TOWNSHIP CLERK
Vote for One

PARTY OFFICES
LOGAN TOWNSHIP
Precinct Committeeman
Vote for One
Truette McQueen, 1740 N 280th Rd, Barnard, KS 67418

Precinct Committeewoman
Vote for One
Rebecca Byarlay-McQueen, 1740 N 280th Rd, Barnard, KS 67418

ALL OTHER PRECINCTS
Precinct Committeeman
Vote for One

Precinct Committeewoman
Vote for One

Witness my hand and seal this 22nd day of June, 2026.
/s/ Dawn M. Harlow
Lincoln County Clerk/Election Officer

Legal Notice

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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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND OF ISSUANCE OF TAXABLE INDUSTRIAL REVENUE BONDS

Public notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Lincoln Center, Kansas (the “Issuer”), will conduct a public hearing on July 13, 2026 at 6:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as may be heard, at City Hall, 153 West Lincoln Ave., Lincoln Center, Kansas 67455 in regard to the issuance by the Issuer of its Taxable Industrial Revenue Bonds (Applequist Mfg. Project), in the principal amount of not to exceed \$10,000,000 (the “Bonds”) and in regard to an exemption from ad valorem taxation of property constructed or purchased with the proceeds of such Bonds. The Bonds are proposed to be issued by the Issuer under authority of K.S.A. 121740 et seq., as amended, to pay the costs of the acquisition, renovation, construction and equipping of a manufacturing facility located at 702 E. North Street in Lincoln Center. The Issuer further intends to lease such facility to Applequist Mfg., Inc., a Kansas corporation (the “Tenant”). The governing body of the Issuer will not pass an ordinance authorizing the issuance of such revenue bonds until the public hearing has been concluded.

Notice is further given, in accordance with K.S.A. 121744e, that the Issuer intends to issue the Bonds and lease the facility to the Tenant as set out above.

A copy of this Notice, together with a copy of the inducement resolution of the Issuer to be considered for adoption on July 13, 2026, indicating the intent of the governing body of the Issuer to issue such Bonds and a report analyzing the costs and benefits of such property tax exemption are on file in the office of the Clerk, or will be as soon as completed, and available for public inspection during normal business hours.

All persons having an interest in this matter will be given an opportunity to be heard at the time and place above specified.

Dated: July 1, 2026

CITY OF LINCOLN CENTER, KANSAS
Heather N. Hillegeist, Clerk

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