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Lincoln's Shared Kitchen selected for DOC grant

By Jyll Phillips
Lincoln-Sentinel

Live Lincoln County recently announced a big win for Lincoln's Shared Kitchen (LSK), which was selected as one of only nine projects statewide to receive a Downtown Revive & Thrive Grant from the Kansas Department of Commerce.

Rural downtown corridors across Kansas face increasing numbers of vacant and underutilized properties, many of them historic buildings in need of rehabilitation. At the same time, demand is rising for flexible spaces that allow entrepreneurs to evaluate products, develop commercial concepts, and pilot new retail or

restaurant ventures.

In response, the Kansas Department of Commerce launched the Downtown Revive & Thrive: Rehabilitation for Innovation and Incubator Spaces program. Commerce seeks proposals to revitalize underutilized or historic buildings by transforming them into accessible, modern and sus-

tainable workspaces. There is a total of \$500,000 available in funding for Kansas communities with populations of 5,000 or less for projects that result in functional business incubator spaces or facilities designed for temporary retail or restaurant operations.

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Kerry Jackson selected for Good Neighbor Award



LCIC member Breanna Brown surprised Kerry Jackson when presenting him with the Good Neighbor Award.

Once each quarter of the year, the Lincoln Center Improvement Committee (LCIC) selects one resident who exemplifies the meaning of a good neighbor. A good neighbor is someone who is considerate, helpful and respectful toward those living nearby, fostering a sense of community and cooperation. Kerry Jackson is one of those neighbors.

During and after a devastating structural fire that took the lives of two women earlier this spring, Kerry helped neighbors stay safe and assess their needs and damages, even opening his home. It doesn't take a major event for Kerry to step up for his neighbors and community. He has made it a habit to check on his neighbors and pick up stray trash on his daily walks.

Good neighbors help create a safe, cooperative and welcoming community where trust and mutual respect thrive. Kerry Jackson has been named the 2026 2nd Quarter Good Neighbor of the Quarter.



City of Sylvan Grove awarded PRCF grant

The City of Sylvan Grove was awarded a PRCF grant, courtesy of The Dane G. Hansen Community Grant Fund for Post Rock.

The grant will be used to revitalize the Lincoln County Fairgrounds by restoring the aging fence around the baseball field and grandstands. Replacing worn and damaged panels and reinforcing the structure will enhance safety, reduce long-term maintenance and make the fairgrounds more visually appealing.

The upgrades will support favorite events such as the Lincoln County Fair, youth baseball and softball and livestock shows while highlighting the strong community pride that makes Sylvan Grove special.

The project brings together local volunteers including Sylvan Slugger families and 4-H members, highlighting the power of community collaboration.



The building at 109 W. Lincoln Avenue has been the home to a wide variety of offices and restaurants through the years. The building was purchased this year by Thatcher and Breanna Brown, introducing Lincoln to incubator businesses. (Courtesy photo from Lincoln Economic Development)



Work complete on Denmark Church

The Denmark Church has been undergoing a major project for several months, preceded by major fundraising on the part of the small congregation.

The work was completed by Post Rock Construction in Stockton and includes storm windows on each window to preserve and protect the stained glass.. (Photo by Kris Heinze)

Mother Nature unkind to 2026 wheat crop

By Jyll Phillips
Lincoln-Sentinel

The 2026 Kansas wheat harvest is nearing completion, and with no thanks to Mother Nature, the yields are highly variable. This crop, and its producers, have "weathered" dramatic temperature swings from early abnormally hot temperatures to late freezes, a drought and torrential rains with gale force winds tossed in for good measure. Total production state-wide is projected around 214-218

million bushels.

State-wide yields range from 7 - 15 Bu/acre in areas most affected by the weather, to 50-65 Bu/acre in better performing fields. Test weights have varied from 55 to 65 lbs./Bu, reflecting the impact of late-season moisture and drought stress. Protein levels range from 11-14%, depending on location and variety. The total harvested acres across the state are estimated at 5.8 million acres, down from 7 million planted and abandon-

ment rates between 5-20% due to poor yields and crop damage. The 2026 total production of 214 - 218 million Bu is a significant decline from the 2025 harvest that yielded a total of 346.8 million Bu, for a total reduction in product of 36%.

According to reports from the Kansas Wheat Commission, Lincoln County has fallen victim to Mother Nature's whims and is experiencing a heavily below average 2026 wheat harvest. Local fields sit in a transi-

tion zone that missed the early stabilizing rains enjoyed by eastern counties. For this reason, local yields are extremely variable, but the best still falls short of the county's historical averages. Most reports show fields averaging between 20 and 35 Bu/Acre with severely drought-stressed plots dropping all the way down into single digits or teens.

All is not lost, however. Despite the dry conditions resulting in shrinking plant height and volume, the grain

that made it to maturity shows resiliency. Local test weights are averaging 59 to 62 lbs./Bu with protein content at 11-13%.

So how does Lincoln County's harvest compare to our neighbors in Ellsworth and Mitchell counties? Mitchell County is the winner in that race.

Lincoln's average yield is 20-35 Bu/Acre, documenting spring drought and late freeze for a moderate to high crop abandonment rate.

Ellsworth County aver-

aged 20-30 Bu/Acre due to severe moisture deficit and wind stress with a high crop abandonment rate due to heavy insurance write-offs. The southern portion of Ellsworth County mirrors the worst parts of Lincoln County.

Mitchell County gets the blue this year averaging 35-50+ Bu/Acre. They were saved by late-May pocket showers with a low to moderate crop abandonment rate.

The origin of gender identity?



It seems so embedded in our culture, but it wasn't always so; in 1927, Time magazine printed a chart showing that four major department stores suggested dressing boys in pink, according to Smithsonian Magazine. In 1918, the trade publication Earnshaw's Infants' Department wrote, "The generally accepted rule is pink for the boys, and blue for the girls. Yes, you read that right. Pink was for boys and blue was for girls. The reason is that pink, being a more decided and stronger color, is more suitable for the boy, while blue, which is "more delicate and daintier, is prettier for the girl." Jo B. Paoletti, a historian at the University of Maryland and author of the book Pink and Blue: Telling the Girls from the Boys in America, told Smithsonian that the color designations were pretty much arbitrary until the 1940s, when manufacturers attempted to interpret the preferences of the American audience and could easily have gone the other way.

Cash Grain

Corn.....	\$3.84
Milo.....	\$3.49
Soybeans.....	\$10.65
Wheat.....	\$5.93

Cash prices courtesy of
Ag Mark

Community Calendar

Thursday, July 9

Lincoln: 4:0 pm Farmers and Makers Market @ The Cube

Friday, July 10

USD 298: SET UP FOR LINCOLN COUNTY 4H - 7/13 @ LJSHS

Saturday, July 11

Sunday, July 12

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

Monday, July 13

USD 298: 7:00 PM - BOARD MEETING @ BOE
USD 299: 7pm Board of Ed Mtg

Tuesday, July 14

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

Wednesday, July 15

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.

LCIC

Yard of the Month

The home of Judy Coats on S. Third Street is even cuter with her unique bottle sculpture, limited plantings and neatly trimmed yard. Sometimes less is more. Congratulations to Judy Coats for her Yard of the Month.

Lincoln American Legion receives state award

Lincoln's American Legion Post #165 received the Kenneth L. Young membership award for the highest state-wide increase in membership. The post, which was inactive for several years, achieved 135.48% membership by February 1. L-R: State Vice-commander George Pogge, Post 165 Commander Justin Copeland and State Commander George Honn.

2026 Smith County Blue Raiders Legion Post 220 Portrait

2026 Smith County Blue Raiders Legion Post 220 (L to R): Front - Coach Daniel Bennett, Owen Russell (Courtland), Isaac Stansbury (Smith Center), Reed Doane (Smith Center), Kharson Montgomery (Smith Center), Tate Foreman (Kensington), Coach Tim Wilson; Back - Coach Grady Brooks, Brady Wilson (Smith Center), Brant Wilson (Smith Center), Riley Obermueller (Lincoln), Evan Slavik (Kensington), Peter Newman (Courtland), Dominick Kattenberg (Smith Center), Coach Todd Slavik. Not pictured: Jarod Ford (Russell), Alec Allen (Smith Center). (Photo credit to Facebook's "Midwest View" by Christy Newman)

Adendum to ‘Bison Antiquus Horn unearthed by local boy’ published 7/1/2026

“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 remains 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 ancestor to what we now know as modern American bison (and the living American Buffalo). Bison antiquus had significantly larger dimensions than its descendent, standing up to 7.5 feet tall at the shoulder, measuring 15 feet in length, and weighing around

3,500 pounds. It was longer and wider, towering over the current species with a larger hump, longer legs, and elongated horns with a tip-to-tip span of about 3 feet. The fossilized Ice Age bison horn core found by Xylan Rohrig is attached to a partial skull fragment (frontal bone) measuring 9.5 inches in length and massive 13-inch circumference (implied by the 13-inch diameter at the base) matches the proportions of a Bison antiquus bull. Dr. Reese Barrick, Director of The Sternberg Museum of Natural History, in Hayes, Kansas, stated, “The interesting thing about this fossil is that it was quite a bit larger,” noting its size indicates that it is somewhere between 10,000 and 20,000 years old. Expounding he added “A lot of Ice Age fossils are found in riverbanks, or quarries, like gravel quarries. But we don't get complete skeletons because they are often broken up during transport. Upon inquiry about the location, the director replied, “They have been found there. But they're not common. They are very rare from that part of Kansas.” Further elucidating on the important research value such discoveries hold, Dr. Barrick emphasized, “They're key resources. They are the data that help us to understand what Kansas was like during the Ice Age. They are the inventory of all the animals and life that lived in Kansas during the Ice Age. The collections of all these fossils help us to understand the ecology and climate of Kansas during the Ice Age.” According to modern science, the (most recent) Ice Age, or in more geologically precise terms, the Pleistocene Epoch, is thought to have begun some 2.6 million

years ago and reached its peak chill between 26,000 and 20,000 years ago during the Last Glacial Maximum, a time period when vast ice sheets covered much of North America, Europe, and Asia. Technically speaking, and in climatological theory, Earth is still in an ice age today. However, we are said to be enjoying a warm interval called the Holocene. Scientists and geologists theorize the interglacial warm period we are in today is a result of the climate warming as the glaciers retreated officially 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

Lincoln Senior Center

MENU

Monday, July 13

Baked Ham, Au Gratin Potatoes, broccoli/Cauliflower, Seasonal Fruit, Dinner Roll & Milk

Tuesday, July 14

Chicken & Noodle Casserole, Tomato Slices, 3 Bean Salad, Seasoned Fruit, Bread & Milk

Wednesday, July 15

Meatloaf, Baby Baked Potato, Broccoli/Cheese Sauce, Mixed Fruit Cup, Dinner Roll & Milk

Thursday, July 16

Tuna Salad Sandwich, Bread, Pea Salad, Sliced Tomato, Seasonal Fruit, Cookie Bar & Milk

Friday, July 17

BBQ Chicken Quarters, Roasted Potatoes, Baked Squash, Apple Crisp, Dinner Roll & Milk

Menu is subject to change.

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

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

Thank you!

We would like to thank those who were at the landfill and helped Bill when he fell. To you, it may have been a small gesture, but it meant the world to us. Small town life where everyone takes care of their friends, neighbors, & even those they don't know is the best life. Bill & Joan Detmer

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The 90th Birthday of Norma Jean Gier

Our sweet mom will celebrate her 90th birthday on July 27, 2026. We would love to shower her with birthday cards filled with your love, memories, and best wishes.

If you'd like to help make her day extra special, please send a card to:

Norma Jean Gier
2064 N. 50th Rd.
Hunter, KS 67452

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OBITUARY



Dora L. Schoeder
Feb. 17, 1960 - June 28, 2026

Dora L. Schroeder, 66, passed away Sunday, June 28, 2026 in Salina, KS. She was born February 17, 1960 in Salina to Clifton and Shirley (Daily) Gruber. She was raised on the family farm north of Lincoln. Dora was a 1978 graduate of Lincoln High School in Lincoln, KS and a 1980 graduate of Cloud

County Community College in Concordia, KS where she set records playing basketball. Dora and Tim were high school sweethearts who built a beautiful life together. They were married at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Lincoln on October 23, 1982. Throughout her life, Dora enjoyed working on the family farm, horseback riding, dancing, visiting the mountains, watching birds out of her kitchen window, and cheering on her two sons. For more than 35 years, she and her family faithfully attended K-State football games each fall, where tailgating with friends became a cherished tradition. She was a teller at the Beverly bank for 30 years. She was a faithful member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, serving in the Altar Society and as a religious education chairperson. She also served as the Colorado Township treasurer in Beverly, Ks. Of all the titles and responsibilities she held throughout her life, her favorite was simply "Grandma." She treasured her time with Kodie, Josie, and Collyer and loved every opportunity to babysit,

spoil them, and watch them grow. Dora is survived by her husband Tim Schroeder of Beverly; sons, Ethan Schroeder of Beverly and Wyatt Schroeder (Brecka) of Brookville, KS; grandchildren, Kodie, Josie, and Collyer; brother John Gruber of Lincoln; and sisters, Shirley Rae Chapman (Randy) of Glasco and Emily Jo Olson-Gruber of Beloit. She was preceded in death by her parents and brother in law Gregg Olson. Visitation: 1-6 p.m., Friday, July 10, 2026 at Hall Chapel funeral home in Lincoln with family present to greet friends 5-6 p.m. and a rosary service beginning at 6:00 p.m. Funeral mass: 10:00 a.m., Saturday, July 11, 2026 at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Lincoln with inurnment following at Colorado Township Cemetery, Beverly. Memorial contributions can be made to St. Patrick Catholic Church or Colorado Township Cemetery Fund, c/o, Hall Chapel, PO Box 37, Lincoln, KS 67455. Condolences can be left at hallchapel.com.

Make it a Safe Summer: Be Aware of Fire and Burn Hazards

TOPEKA – Barbequing on the grill, making s'mores over a firepit and sitting around a campfire are all great ways to spend quality time outdoors in the summertime. But it's important to remember any fire can cause serious injuries to children. In fact, summer is the season when there is an increase in emergency room visits due to fire and burn injuries. Safe Kids Kansas and the Kansas State Fire Marshal (KSFM) remind families to take simple steps to make sure your summer is a safe one. Data from 2020-2024 shows that as summer approaches, there is an increase in the number of unintentional fire and burn emergency department visits in Kansas. The percentage of emergency department visits nearly doubled during this period compared to winter months. The highest number of emergency department visits occurred in July. "Summertime is full of family traditions that may include fire, such as grilling outdoors or telling spooky stories while roasting hotdogs over a campfire," Cherie Sage, Safe Kids Kansas, said. "Be fire smart when you head outdoors. Never leave a fire unattended and be prepared to take extra safety precautions when you may be far from a water source." Follow these fire safety tips:

- Actively supervise children around all fires and fireworks. Your safest option is to attend a public fireworks show and leave it to the professionals.
- Teach kids how to stop, drop and roll if their clothing catches fire.
- Create a three-foot child and pet-free safety zone around any fire pit, chiminea or grill.
- Only use grills outdoors. Position your grill at least 10 feet away from your home and away from any overhanging eaves, branches or deck railings.
- Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup to prevent flare-ups.
- Dispose of coals after they cool off in a metal can.
- Keep plenty of water nearby and have a shovel for throwing sand or dirt on the fire if it gets out of control.
- Build campfires at least 25 feet away from anything that can burn.
- Never leave grills, fire pits, patio torches or campfires unattended. Ensure fires are fully extinguished before you leave the area.
- Pay attention to burn advisories in your area and avoid starting fires during windy or

dry conditions.

- When extinguishing the fire, drown it with water. If you do not have water, use dirt as an alternative. Continue adding and stirring until all material is cooled. However, do not bury coals, as they can smolder and re-ignite.

"Fireworks are a fun way to celebrate the Fourth of July, but they can turn dangerous in seconds. Take your time, follow the instructions, soak used fireworks in water overnight, and make safety part of your celebration," Kansas Fire Marshal Mark Engholm said. "A few simple precautions can help make sure everyone goes home with great memories." Safe Kids Kansas and KSFM urge parents to follow these safety tips to reduce the risk of fire injuries. Ensure you install and regularly test smoke and carbon monoxide alarms in your home. Plan and practice your home fire escape plan frequently – children are more likely to do what they've practiced during an emergency. For more information about fire safety, visit safekidskansas.org and www.firemarshal.ks.gov. Or find us on Facebook @safekidskansas @firemarshal.ks.gov and Instagram @safekidskansas @ks-firemarshal2024.

COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

June 22, 2026
The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met in the courthouse commission meeting room on Monday, June 22, 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, Clayton Lyne, Brandon Sauers, Dustin Florence, Felicia Strahm, Rhonda Fernandez, Jesse Knight, Colleen Tennent, Kelly Gourley, and Brandon Cochran. Correspondence: Hospital Board of Trustees monthly meeting packet and landfill contract documents from Kirkham Michael. Clayton Lyne reported road and drainage concerns and expressed frustration that the Highway Department seems unresponsive to complaints. Debora Smith moved to sign the contract documents for the Cell 3 excavation at the landfill, seconded by Leon Hart. Motion carried. Administrator Adam

Robertson reviewed activities from the previous week, including interactions with department heads, and presented the commission and administrator 2027 budget requests. Sheriff Dustin Florence presented the 2027 budget requests for Law Enforcement, Communications, and Special Equipment Fund. Register of Deeds Tami Kerth provided information about a program she can add to her recording software that will allow individuals to sign up for notifications whenever a property recording involving their name is recorded. Public Works Director Brandon Sauers presented the 2027 budget requests for the Highway Department, Refuse, and Noxious Weed funds. Rhonda Fernandez of Professional Insurance Consultants, Inc., presented a consulting agreement to the board for consideration and provided information on

the services offered under the agreement. As part of the consulting agreement, Fernandez will price and present renewal options for the county employee health insurance plan. Emergency Manager Jesse Knight presented the 2027 budget request for the Emergency Management and Flood Plain Management departments. Knight provided an update on flood damage and noted that he will meet with the State to review damage assessments for federal funding assistance. Economic Development Director Kelly Gourley provided copies of the Live Lincoln County magazine. Gourley related that the Economic Development Foundation had changed its bylaws as previously discussed. Gourley provided the Foundations' recommendation to appoint a new member to their Board of Trustees. Debora Smith moved to approve the appointment of Nikki Flinn as the At-Large District School Representative to the Economic Development Foundation, seconded by Leon Hart. Motion carried. Gourley presented the foundation's 2027 budget re-

quest. Transportation Bus Director Colleen Tennent discussed issues with the Council on Aging voucher program. Tennant discussed staffing. Human Resource Officer Felicia Strahm reported that Richard Vaupel will retire on July 1 and that a retirement reception will be held on June 25 from 3-5 p.m. at the Highway Department shop. Strahm requested approval to employ Robert Minor. Debora Smith moved to employ Robert Minor as a full-time equipment operator, Grade 14 Step 12, \$17.12 per hour, effective June 23, 2026, seconded by Ken Meitler. Motion carried. Strahm provided countywide 2027 salary estimates for one- and two-step salary increases. Strahm updated the board on open positions, noting that both the cleaning service and part-time mower started last week. Ambulance Service Director Brandon Cochran reported that the service was awarded a \$40,000 grant from the Dane Hansen Foundation for his proposed project to install an autoloading system in the ambulances, and plans to request funding from the

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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 Demerle Eckart 401 Main Street, Culver, Ks Sunday Worship @ 9:30 am Saturday Coffee @ 8-10 am	ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH Father Mark Wesely, Lincoln Rectory phone: 785-524-4823 Email: stpat327@gmail.com Sunday Mass @ 11:00 am Sunday CCD Classes @ 9:45 am 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 Demerle Eckart Sunday School @ 10:00 am Worship @ 11:00 am
GRACE CHAPEL-HUNTER Pastors Kaye & Jeff Metzler Worship Service @ 9:00 am	TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, HUNTER Pastor Matthew Schneider Hunter, Kansas Sunday School @ 9:00 am Worship Service @ 10:00 am Midweek/Confirmation Wednesdays @ 4:30 to 5:45
LINCOLN COMMUNITY CHURCH www.lincolncommunitychurch.org Pastor Steven Rohn Sunday School @ 9:30 am Worship Service @ 10:30 am Women of Grace Wed. @ 5:30 pm To rent the cube call Michael Pickering 785-524-4744. Sunday Evening Service @ 6:30 Adventure Club Wed. 6pm - 7pm Ages 3-12	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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Legal Notice

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NOTICE OF PLACES AND DATES OF REGISTRATION

In compliance with the provisions of K.S.A. 25-2310, notice is hereby given that the books for registration of voters of Lincoln County, Kansas, for the Primary Election on August 4, 2026, will be open at the following places during regular business hours: the Lincoln County Clerk's Office, and any City Clerk Office. Persons who apply for services at voter registration agencies may register at the following places during regular business hours: the Division of Motor Vehicles Office and Lincoln County Health Department.
At 4:30 p.m. on the 14th day of July 2026, the registration books will close and remain closed until the 5th day of August 2026.
A citizen of the United States who is 18 years of age or older, or will have attained the age of 18 years on or before the election, must register before he or she can vote. Registration closes twenty-one (21) days prior to every election.
When a voter has been registered according to law, the voter shall remain registered until the voter changes name by marriage, divorce or other legal proceeding or changes residence. If any of the preceding has occurred, you must re-register.
Application forms shall be provided by the County Election Officer or the Secretary of State upon request. The application shall be signed by the applicant under penalty of perjury.
Witness My Hand and the seal of my office on this 30th day of June 2026.

/s/ Dawn M. Harlow
Dawn M. Harlow
Lincoln County Clerk/Election Officer

Lincoln County Fair Entertainment

The Bethlehem Lutheran Church is sponsoring a free concert on July 15th at the Lincoln County Fair in Sylvan Grove. The concert will start at 6:00pm in the Grand Stand. It is free admission. The Harmony Hill Farmstead and Band will perform that evening. Harmony Hill is a regenerative farm located in Fredonia KS, owned and operated by Matt Kleopfer and family. The Kleopfers also make up the Harmony Hill Bluegrass & Gospel Band. Their mission is to improve health and soil, while bringing glory to God through their farm and music. You can check out their group on Facebook. Bethlehem Lutheran Church will also be serving peach cobbler and ice cream Wednesday through Friday at the fair.

New law aims to improve safety in active construction, school zones

Construction season is in full swing, and there are some new changes that the Kansas Department of Transportation wants drivers to be aware of on Kansas roads this summer.

Senate Bill 366, which Governor Laura Kelly signed into law this spring, will go into effect on July 1. This law prohibits handheld mobile device use in active construction and school zones.

“Active” means in school zones when a reduced speed limit is enforced, and in construction zones while workers are present and signs are posted at the beginning of the road construction zone alerting drivers to such workers. Devices are still allowed to be used in hands-free mode. Removing the distraction of handheld devices in school and construction zones is an effort to improve safety in locations where vehicles and pedestrians or construction workers are brought into close contact with one another.

Law enforcement officers shall issue warning citations to anyone violating this law beginning July 1 and continuing until June 30, 2027, after which time traffic citations will be issued with a fine of \$60. Senate Bill 366

also allows construction and maintenance vehicles to display green lights in addition to the currently allowed amber and white lights. It also allows blue lights on stationary trailers in construction zones during the hours between sunset and sunrise and when workers are present in the highway work construction zone.

Insight - Kansas Farm Bureau Home for the Fourth

Jackie Mundt
Pratt County rancher

The silver lining of this year's quick wheat harvest was that it allowed Marc and I to get away from the farm for a few days over the Fourth of July.

As America celebrated its 250th birthday, many people traveled to quintessential patriotic destinations like Boston, Philadelphia and Washington, D.C. Having celebrated Independence Day in Washington several times — including attending the White House celebration while interning for President George W. Bush — I understand the appeal of marking the holiday at our nation's capital.

But this year, there was only one place I wanted to be: the place that first made the Fourth of July my favorite holiday.

My hometown of Pittsville, Wis., has a population of roughly 800 people, yet several thousand visitors arrive each year for the parade, fireworks and community festivities. Though I've now lived away from Pittsville longer than I ever lived there, it will always feel like home. Nowhere is that more evident than on the Fourth of July.

A few things were different this year. Road construction altered parts of the celebration, and for the first time I can remember, the fireworks weren't held on July 4. Instead, they followed the Heart & Sole race on July 3 because of a

scheduling conflict.

The Heart & Sole race has been part of my family's Fourth of July almost from the beginning. My parents started volunteering during the race's second year as members of the Jaycees. When the Fire Department later took over organizing the event, they simply traded one volunteer shirt for another.

This year marked the race's 40th anniversary and they brought back the original T-shirt design from the inaugural race. One of my uncles, who is in his 70s is one of the handful of runners who has completed all 40 races, and he still has all 40 T-shirts to prove it.

That's small-town America. Organizations change. Volunteers get older. The names on the shirts are updated but people keep showing up.

The parade has changed for me, too. As a teenager, I liked to see how many times I could make it through the hour-long parade before it ended. My personal best was four or five times in one day.

Now, I spend the parade wandering instead. I walk from one group of relatives and friends to another, catching up with people I may not have seen in years.

Walking those familiar streets reminds me how much Pittsville's Fourth of July has shaped who I am. It has taught me that communities don't happen by accident. They exist because people organize

the race, serve the burgers, direct traffic, clean up afterward and come back the next year to do it all again.

Those lessons started with my parents. There were no lectures about volunteering or civic responsibility. They simply volunteered. Year after year, they showed me that if you care about your community, you pitch in.

That's why the Fourth of July has always been my favorite holiday. Yes, I love fireworks, parades and seeing old friends. But what I'm really celebrating are the small-town traditions that taught me patriotism isn't just about loving your country. It's about loving your community enough to help make it better.

Though the celebration in Pittsville's has come to an end, its lessons are just like celebratory T-shirts. The dates on the shirts change, the lessons don't. Each Fourth of July reinforces the values of service, community and patriotism that my parents quietly modeled for me. I've carried those lessons with me everywhere I've lived. Just like a well-loved shirt, they are worn with pride, reminders of where I come from and the events that made me.

“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.

Salina Rescue Mission Needs List

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WEB fund for the remaining amount needed to complete the project.

County Clerk Dawn Harlow presented the 2027 budget request for the County Clerk and Election funds.

Debora Smith moved to approve the minutes of the June 15th meeting, seconded by Ken Meitler. Motion carried.

The chairman adjourned the meeting at 1:54 p.m. The next meeting will be in the courthouse commission meeting at 8:30 a.m. Monday, June 29, 2026.

President Trump Takes Action to Lower Fertilizer Costs and Support American Farmers

(Washington, D.C., June 29, 2026) – Today, President Donald J. Trump signed a proclamation temporarily suspending countervailing duties (CVDs) on certain phosphate fertilizer imports, providing immediate relief to American farmers while advancing the Administration's broader strategy to strengthen America's fertilizer supply chain.

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This highly competitive program supports business incubators, pop-up retail and restaurants and other innovative projects that strengthen downtowns and create vibrant communities across Kansas.

For LSK, the grant will help with continued renovations of the building by upgrading the HVAC and electrical systems, making them more energy-efficient, code-compliant and ready to support local entrepreneurs and food-based businesses.

Congratulations to LSK – a new business supporting new businesses.



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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF GRAHAM COUNTY, KANSAS

THOMAS ENERGY, INC,)
Plaintiff)
vs.) Case No. GH-2026-CV-000014)

SAM RUDD, L.W. BLACKWILL, BAKER PETROLEUM, INC.,)
BENCHMARK OIL & GAS CORPORATION, GERALD)
SHADWICK, JAMES E. CANNON, C. DAVID CULVER,)
THOMAS B. HOWARD, JR., JOSEPH E. WAGNER, JOHN W.)
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DONALD WILLIAMS, JOHN R. BUNTEN, JOAN)
STANSBURY, MONTE SHADWICK)
and all the unknown heirs, executors,)
administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors and)
assigns of such of the Defendants that may be deceased; the)
unknown spouse of the Defendants; the unknown executors,)
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or in anywise under legal disability; and trustees, members,)
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as are existing, dissolved, or dormant corporations or associations)
Defendants.)

NOTICE OF SUIT

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS AND ALL OTHER PERSONS WHO ARE OR MAY BE CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in the District Court of Graham County, Kansas, praying to quiet title and in the alternative partition working interests in an oil and gas lease located in Graham County, Kansas, in so far as it encompasses the following:

North Half of the Southwest Quarter (N/2 SW/4) of Section Twenty-Five (25), Township Eight (8) South, Range Twenty-Five (25) West, Graham County, Kansas

and you are hereby required to plead to said Petition on or before the 12th day of August, 2026 in said Court at Hill City, Graham County, Kansas. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said Petition.

Thomas Energy, Inc.
Plaintiff

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Attorneys for Plaintiff



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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.

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Heather N. Hillegeist
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SCR 1611 Constitutional Amendment

A PROPOSITION to amend sections 5, 8 and 15 of article 3 of the constitution of the state of Kansas; relating to the supreme court; providing for direct election of justices; abolishing the supreme court nominating commission; permitting justices to make contributions to and hold office in a political party or organization and take part in political campaigns.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Kansas, two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the Senate and two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the House of Representatives concurring therein:

Section 1. The following proposition to amend the constitution of the state of Kansas shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the state for their approval or rejection: Sections 5, 8 and 15 of article 3 of the constitution of the state of Kansas are hereby amended to read as follows:

“§ 5. Selection of justices of the supreme court. The citizens of Kansas who are qualified electors shall elect the justices of the supreme court. The rules applicable for such elections and the designation of position numbers shall be provided by law. Justice positions 1, 2 and 3 shall be elected at the general election in November of 2028, justice positions 4 and 5 in November of 2030 and justice positions 6 and 7 in November of 2032, and every six years thereafter, respectively. Any vacancy occurring on the supreme court for an unexpired term shall be filled by election as provided by law.

(a) Any vacancy occurring in the office of any justice of the supreme court and any position to be open thereon as a result of enlargement of the court, or the retirement or failure of an incumbent to file his declaration of candidacy to succeed himself as hereinafter required, or failure of a justice to be elected to succeed himself, shall be filled by appointment by the governor of one of three persons possessing the qualifications of office who shall be nominated and whose names shall be submitted to the governor by the supreme court nominating commission established as hereinafter provided: (b) In event of the failure of the governor to make the appointment within sixty days from the time the names of the nominees are submitted to him, the chief justice of the supreme court shall make the appointment from such nominees: (c) Each justice of the supreme court appointed pursuant to provisions of subsection (a) of this section shall hold office for an initial term ending on the second Monday in January following the first general election that occurs after the expiration of twelve months in office. Not less than sixty days prior to the holding of the general election next preceding the expiration of his term of office, any justice of the supreme court may file in the office of the secretary of state a declaration of candidacy for election to succeed himself. If a declaration is not so filed, the position held by such justice shall be open from the expiration of his term of office. If such declaration is filed, his name shall be submitted at the next general election to the electors of the state on a separate judicial ballot, without party designation, reading substantially as follows: —“Shall

(Here insert name of justice.)

(Here insert the title of the court.)

—be retained in office?”

—If a majority of those voting on the question vote against retaining him in office, the position or office which he holds shall be open upon the expiration of his term of office; otherwise he shall, unless removed for cause, remain in office for the regular term of six years from the second Monday in January following such election. At the expiration of each term he shall, unless by law he is compelled to retire, be eligible for retention in office by election in the manner prescribed in this section: (d) A nonpartisan nominating commission whose duty it shall be to nominate and submit to the governor the names of persons for appointment to fill vacancies in the office of any justice of the supreme court is hereby established, and shall be known as the “supreme court nominating commission.” Said commission shall be organized as hereinafter provided: (e) The supreme court nominating commission shall be composed as follows: One member, who shall be chairman, chosen from among their number by the members of the bar who are residents of and licensed in Kansas; one member from each congressional district chosen from among their number by the resident members of the bar in each such district; and one member, who is not a lawyer, from each congressional district, appointed by the governor from among the residents of each such district: (f) The terms of office, the procedure for selection and certification of the members of the commission and provision for their compensation or expenses shall be as provided by the legislature. (g) No member of the supreme court nominating commission shall, while he is a member, hold any other public office by appointment or any official position in a political party or for six months thereafter be eligible for nomination for the office of justice of the supreme court. The commission may act only by the concurrence of a majority of its members.”

“§ 8. Prohibition of political activity by justices and certain judges. No justice of the supreme court who is appointed or retained under the procedure of section 5 of this article, nor any judge of the district court holding office under a nonpartisan method authorized in subsection (a) of section 6 of this article shall directly or indirectly make any contribution to or hold any office in a political party or organization or take part in any political campaign, except when such judge is a candidate for election to a position on an appellate court.”

“§ 15. Removal of justices and judges. Justices of the supreme court may be removed from office by impeachment and conviction as prescribed in article 2 of this constitution. In addition to removal by impeachment and conviction, justices may be retired after appropriate hearing, upon certification to the governor, by the supreme court nominating commission that such justice is so incapacitated as to be unable to perform adequately his duties. Other judges shall be subject to retirement for incapacity, and to discipline, suspension and removal for cause by the supreme court after appropriate hearing.”

Sec. 2. The following statement shall be printed on the ballot with the amendment as a whole:

"Explanatory statement. This amendment gives the voters the right to elect the justices of the Kansas supreme court. The justices shall serve terms of six years, with the elections of justice positions 1, 2 and 3 to occur in 2028, positions 4 and 5 to occur in 2030 and positions 6 and 7 to occur in 2032, and every six years thereafter. The rules applicable for such elections and the designation of position numbers shall be provided by law. Any vacancy on the court for an unexpired term shall be filled at an election as provided by law.

"A vote for this proposition would give Kansas citizens the right to elect Kansas supreme court justices as provided by law. Justices will hold office for terms of six years. The Kansas supreme court nominating commission, whose membership consists of a majority of lawyers, would be abolished.

"A vote against this proposition would continue the current system in which the Kansas supreme court nominating commission, whose membership consists of a majority of lawyers, provides the governor a list of three individuals to choose from for vacancies on the Kansas supreme court. Justices hold office for a term of six years and retain their offices if they win a retention election in which they do not face an opponent.

Sec. 3. This resolution, if approved by two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the Senate and two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the House of Representatives, shall be entered on the journals, together with the yeas and nays. The secretary of state shall cause this resolution to be published as provided by law and shall cause the proposed amendment to be submitted to the electors of the state at a special election, which is hereby called on August 4, 2026, pursuant to section 1 of article 14 of the constitution of the state of Kansas, to be held in conjunction with the primary election held on such date.

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“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. Step-brother, 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,

Legal Notice

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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.

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Debora Smith, 203 W Bowland, Lincoln, KS 67455
Taylor Cheney, 210 N 1st St, Lincoln, KS 67455

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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

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

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Janel Thompson, 97 Madison Ave, Westfall, KS 67455

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ALL OTHER TOWNSHIPS TOWNSHIP CLERK

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UNITED STATES SENATE

Vote for One
Damon Anderson, PO Box 860010, Shawnee, KS 66226

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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Precinct Committeewoman

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Witness my hand and seal this 22nd day of June, 2026.

/s/ Dawn M. Harlow

Lincoln County Clerk/Election Officer

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THURSDAY, JULY 16TH

FAIRGROUNDS, SYLVAN GROVE

7:00 a.m.4-H Building Open for 4-H/FFA Exhibit Drop-Off

4-H/FFA Consultation Judging Schedules: In the 4-H Building on Thursday morning, a sign-up sheet will be available for each 4-H/FFA project area. This is an approximate order that will guide consultation judging.

8:30 a.m. 4-H Visual Arts Judging

8:30 a.m. 4-H/FFA Horticulture, Agronomy, Entomology, Forestry, Geology Judging

8:30 a.m.Open Class Fine Arts Judging

9:00 a.m. 4-H/FFA Woodworking, Electric, Space Tech (STEM) Judging

9:30 a.m.4-H and Open Pet Show, American Legion Pavilion

10:00 a.m.Open Class Horticulture Judging

10:00 a.m. Open Class Foods and Preservation Judging

10:00 a.m. 4-H/FFA and Open Class Poultry & Rabbit/Guinea Pig Judging

11:00 a.m. Open Class Arts and Crafts Judging

11:00 a.m.Open Class Photography Judging

1:00 p.m. 4-H Posters, Notebooks, Booths, Banners Judging

4:30 p.m. 4-H/FFA Cow-Calf Pair Judging

5:00 p.m.4-H/FFA, Open Beef Show and Dairy Cattle Show

(Show Order: Showmanship, 2nd Year Bucket Calf, Breeding, Market; 4-H/FFA before Open)

8:00 p.m. (15 minutes after Beef Show) 4-H/FFA, Open Swine Show

(Show Order: Showmanship, Breeding, Market; 4-H/FFA before Open)

9:00 p.m..... Tie Out Livestock

FRIDAY, JULY 17TH

FAIRGROUNDS, SYLVAN GROVE

8:00 am Sheep Show

(Show Order: Showmanship, Breeding, Market; 4-H/FFA before Open)

15 minutes after sheep show Goat Show

(Show Order: Showmanship, Breeding, Market, Dairy; 4-H/FFA before Open)

15 minutes after goat show Bucket Calf Show

(Show Order: Showmanship, 1st Year Bucket Calves, 4-H before Open)

30 minutes after bucket calf show Livestock Judging Contest

12:30 p.m. 4-H/FFA Project Sale SIGN-UP DEADLINE – 4-H Building

9:00 p.m. Tie Out Livestock

SATURDAY, JULY 18TH

FAIRGROUNDS, SYLVAN GROVE

9:00 a.m. Round Robin – Livestock Show Ring

9:00 a.m. Archery Shoot – Baseball Field

1:00 p.m. 4-H/FFA Project Sale – Livestock Show Ring

2:30 to 4:00 p.m. ALL Exhibits and Animals Released

(ALL animal and non-animal exhibits must be out by 4:00 p.m.)

SUNDAY, JULY 19TH

FAIRGROUNDS, SYLVAN GROVE

8:30 am. Fairgrounds Clean Up

(4-H/FFA families expected to assist. Tasks assigned to clubs. Bring clean up tools/supplies.)



LINCOLN COUNTY FAIR

JULY 13-18, 2026

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P.O. Box 85

Sylvan Grove, KS 67481

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