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Lincoln schools honored by Education Insider Magazine

USD 298 Lincoln schools has been selected as a Top Public School for 2026 by Education Insider Magazine based on their proprietary methodology. This profile has been developed by the Education-Insider research and editorial team based on insights from an interview with Nikki Flinn, Superintendent of Schools.

"This recognition reflects the dedication of our teachers and staff, the support of our families, and the commitment of our entire community to helping students succeed, "Flinn said. "We are proud of the opportunities we provide, the relationships we build, and the work we do every day to make a difference in the lives of our students."

The digital version of the magazine can be found at https://www.educationinsidermagazine.com/lincoln-unified-school-district-298-2026 where an article based on Flinn's interview can be found. She explained to the magazine that interpersonal relationships between the students, teachers and staff are not difficult to maintain in a small district. Instead, the challenge lies in providing the students with a wide range of education opportunities including academic, career and extracurricular, while maintaining the same sense of connection.

USD 298 Lincoln has built its approach around putting students first while creating the conditions for them to succeed academically and beyond high school by combining small class sizes and close teacher-student relationships with individualized academic support and career preparation.

"We have a smaller community with supportive parents and a community that stands behind our school district in making sure that all kids are supported and can be successful in anything they want to do," Flinn said.

Lincoln provides an early foundation through all-day preschool for three- and four-year olds, preparing them for kindergarten and beyond. That focus continues through individual academic plans and progress monitoring three times per year. Staff meet monthly to identify student needs, use data to guide decisions and determine where interventions or addition support are needed.

Lincoln invests in its highly qualified and experienced educators by investing in their continued development through tuition reimbursement and professional development opportunities. They also draw on a strong network of parents, businesses and community organizations. Private donations sustain a community-led education foundation, local banks remain major supporters of the

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Miller Makes History

Breaks State Receiving Record



XAVIER MILLER
(Photo by Becky Rathbun)

Lincoln senior Xavier Miller made history during the Leopards' victory over Ell-Saline, hauling in 15 receptions for 271 yards to become Kansas' all-time 8-Man career receiving yardage leader. Miller now has 3,480 career receiving yards, surpassing the previous record of 3,347 yards set by Brewster's Kyle O'Connor from 2002 to 2005, according to Kansas Pregame.

A Dose of Reality



The Bank of Tescott employees recently volunteered at Reality U in Minneapolis, helping students gain firsthand experience managing money and making real-world financial decisions. The event provided an opportunity for employees to share their knowledge while helping prepare students for a successful financial future. Pictured from left are Megan Berkley, Becky Rathbun, Cyleste Lamer and Jacob Callaway. *(Courtesy Photo)*

Quilt Guild holding raffle

The Lincoln Quilt Guild is holding another fundraising raffle, just in time for the holiday gift giving!

Two quilts created by Guild members are currently on display at the Bank of Tescott in Lincoln and will remain on display until November 1. On November 1 the quilts will be moved to Citizens State Bank & Trust Co. The winning tickets are drawn on Black Friday, November 27.

The Lincoln Quilt Guild members have created a number of patriotic themed quilts for Lincoln county's veterans. They also make quilts for SRS to be given to children who have been removed from their home. In many cases, this quilt is the child's only personal possession.

On November 11, Veteran's Day, the Guild will host another presentation of quilts to local veterans at the Lincoln High School Gym at 2:00 p.m.

Proposed USD 298 Bond preserves Lincoln Elementary's Legacy while modernizing facilities for the future

Part of an ongoing series detailing the $6.4 million bond issue, this release highlights how the project balances essential modernizations with the community's desire to preserve iconic facility heritage.

Unified School District 298 Lincoln is highlighting another central aspect of the upcoming $6.4 n million bond election on November 3: preserving the architectural heritage of Lincoln Elementary School while providing the necessary modern updates.

The proposed bond measure delivers critical infrastructure repairs – such as sewer line replacement, water mitigation, and HVAC upgrades – while giving the building a long-overdue aesthetic refresh. Maintaining modern, safe, and attractive learning spaces helps keep Lincoln students enrolled locally and positions the district as a welcoming choice for families in surrounding areas whose facilities may be declining.

Protecting a source of community pride: The Lincoln Elementary Gym

A standout feature of Lincoln Elementary is its historic gymnasium, which serves as a point of pride for generations of district patrons. The gym features unique architectural elements, including a large stage with an impressive proscenium spanning nearly the entire length of the gym, along with original wooden theater seating in the mezzanine elevated above traditional floor level bleachers.

During a district-wide community survey conducted in the spring of 2026, patrons overwhelmingly voiced two clear priorities: continued use of the Lincoln Elementary gym and keeping the overall financial scope of the bond proposal practical and affordable for local taxpayers.

District leaders listened closely to community feedback:

• Continued use of Lincoln Elementary and the Gym: In alignment with public input, use of Lincoln Elementary and its iconic gym will continue.

• Water Mitigation: The bond proposal addresses the natural underground spring and will mitigate standing water and eliminate high humidity and biological growth.

Balanced Scope of Work

By focusing on resources where they are needed most, USD 298 has crafted a responsible, targeted plan. An attached facility diagram illustrates the project layout, highlighting areas designated for heavy structural remodeling such as the sewer lines and relocated secure front entry, versus areas slated for lighter aesthetic refreshes, such as new ceilings, updated wall finishes and classroom door replacement.

"This proposal preserves the legacy and history of our elementary school while making the necessary investments to create a more modern, safe learning environment that

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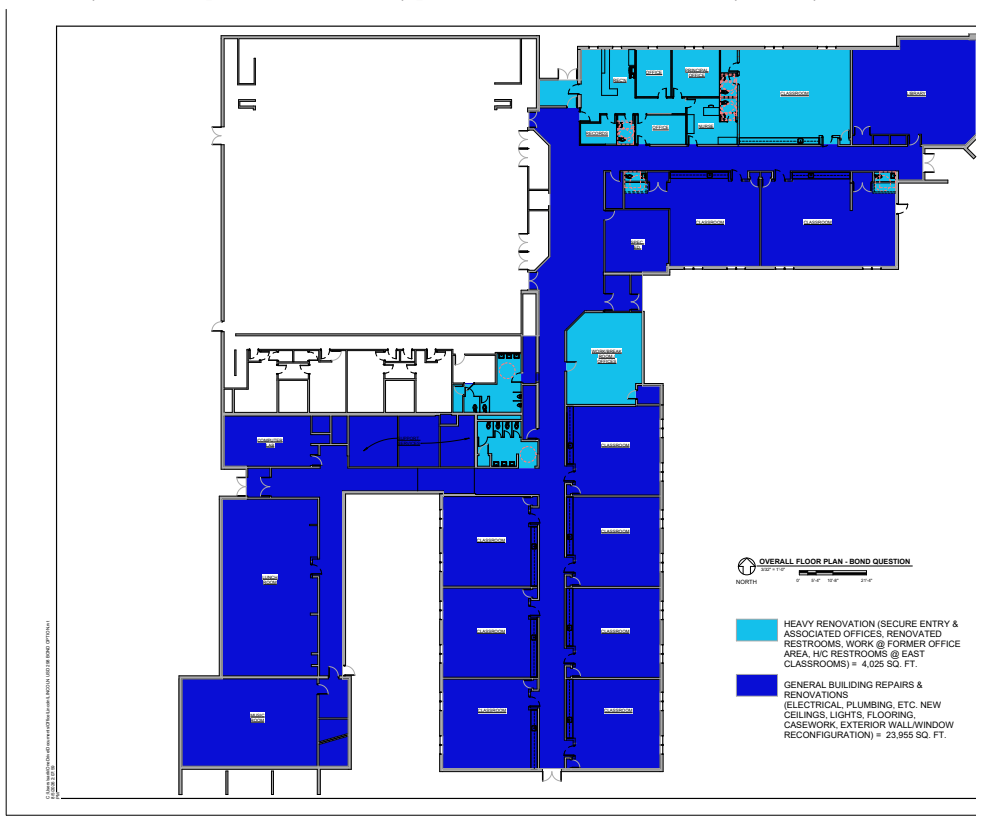

Lincoln High School to Host Blood Drive November 4

Lincoln High School will host an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Wednesday, November 4, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the school's storm shelter, located at 701 E. North Street in Lincoln. Donors are asked to enter through the north doors.

Community members are encouraged to roll up their sleeves and help save lives by donating blood. Every donation can make a difference for patients in need of lifesaving blood products.

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Tescott Third Grade Readers share with Kindergarten



Mrs. Hofflinger's third grade students at Tescott Grade School recently practiced reading and sharing stories in their classroom before visiting kindergarten students to read to their younger peers. The third graders take every opportunity to share their love of reading while building leadership, confidence and presentation skills. *(Courtesy Photo)*

Morning or Night: When Is the Best Time to Shower?



Are you a morning shower person or do you prefer to wash away the day before bed? Both have their benefits! Morning showers can help wake you up, improve your mood and leave you feeling refreshed. They also wash away sweat and oils that accumulate overnight. For those who wake up with messy hair or sweat while sleeping, a morning shower might be the perfect start to the day.

Evening showers can help you relax, ease sore muscles and improve sleep. Taking a warm shower one to two hours before bedtime can help your body prepare for rest. Showering at night also removes dirt, sweat and allergens collected throughout the day, keeping your sheets cleaner. So, which is better? Experts say it comes down to personal preference and your daily routine!

Cash Grain

Corn	$4.06
Milo	$3.66
Soybeans	$11.83
Wheat	$5.98

Cash prices courtesy of Ag Mark

Community Calendar

Thursday, October 29
USD 299: Starbase; 9am Elementary School Halloween Parade; 1:30pm Creed Repertory Theatre, Elementary School; 6pm HS FB vs. Minneola @ Sylvan

Friday, October 30
USD 298: NO SCHOOL
Lincoln: 10:30 am Halloween Craft Day – Lincoln Carnegie Library
USD 299: FB Week #9 Bracket Games; No School - Teacher Comp. Day

Saturday, October 31
Lincoln: 5pm Lincoln Park Manor Trick or Treat; 5pm Business Boo Trick or Treat & Meal
Sylvan Grove: 5:30 pm Main Street Trick or Treat
USD 298: CROSS COUNTRY STATE - TBD
USD 299: CC State @ Wamego TBD

Sunday, November 1

Monday, November 2
Lincoln: 9 am Medicare Part D Open Enrollment SHICK Counselor @ Extension Office
USD 298: NPL CHOIR @ STOCKTON - CONCERT @ 6:00 PM
USD 299: 1pm HS NPL League Choir @ Stockton (Concert at 6:00 p.m.)

Tuesday, November 3
USD 298 & 299: 4:00 PM - HS SCHOLARS BOWL @ LINCOLN
Lincoln: 10:15 am Fall Storytime @ Lincoln Carnegie Library

Wednesday, November 4
USD 298: 1:00 - NPL MEETING
USD 299: Flu Shots from the Health Department-Start at GS in the morning HS after 11am; PTL AD Meeting @ Beloit; 6pm FCA Meeting

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, November 2
Cheesy Beef & Macaroni Casserole, Italian Veggies, Fruit Cocktail, Roll & Milk

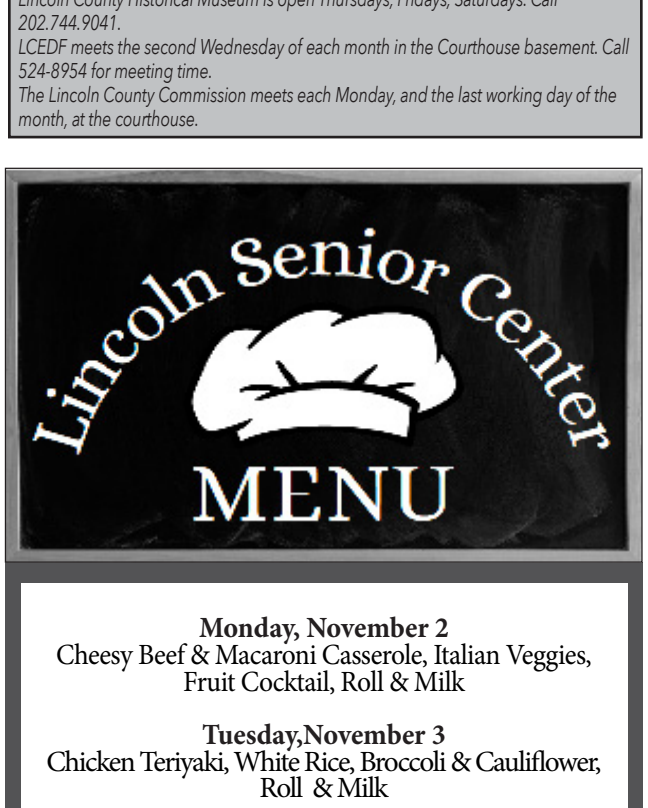
Tuesday,November 3
Chicken Teriyaki, White Rice, Broccoli & Cauliflower, Roll & Milk

Wednesday, November 4
Peppered Prok Loin, Red Potatoes, Spinach Salad, Warm Cinnamon Peaches, Roll & Milk

Thursday, November 5
Oven Baked Fish, Rosemary Potatoes, Corn, Fruit, Roll & Milk

Friday, November 6
Baked Ham, Sweet Potatoes, Steamed Cabbagew/ Parsley, Gingerbread & 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.



Honors Student Spotlight

Lincoln Junior/Senior High 1st Semester Honor Roll

A Honor Roll
2027: Benjamin Bell, Madden Esposito, Ember Larson, Ayden McBride, Alannah Pollu, Kadin Schneider
2028: Gabriel Esposito, Mallie Florence, Chloe Helus, Anna Koster
2029: Colton Baxter, Juliette Good, Agata Montero, Alison Rosebrook
2030: Dane Bates, Kaitlyn Heinze, Gavin Lopez, Sloan McReynolds-Baetz, Marissa Rosebrook, Ethan Wolting
2031: Olivia Borst, Leilani Holeman, Chloe Koster, Layne Nelson, Aiden Rathbun, Conor Schneider, Brianna Westerman
2032: Kali Gardner, Madelyn Oliver, Austin Rosebrook
2033: Joy Coover, Kelsey Good, Lucille Koster, Kason Serrien, Joselyn Wolting

A-B Honor Roll
2027: Clay Bates, Katelyn Davis, Mckayla Meier, Xavier Miller, Alayna Norman, Dylan Rosebrook, Evan Voeltz
2028: Izabell Dail,Tennyson Donley, Jaden Merrell, Kaylee Obermueller, Ian Ryan, Cole Schneider, Ivee Sheldon, Camden Weber
2029: Keynan Flinn, Liana Larson, Jayden Meyer, Jessica Meyer, Jahdiel Miller, Arabella Westerman, Hadley Wiebke
2030: Titus Bell, Hailey Buttenhoff, Kimber Gardner, Emily King, Coy Rathbun, Xander Rohrig, Reiko Rosado, Collin Rosebrook, Kaley Schneider
2031: Faith Bishop, Grace Bishop, Lyle Hair, Kyler Hillegeist, Aaliyah Stertz
2032: August Buttenhoff, Ariana Cheney, Kyndal Flinn, Caelyn Holeman, Sadie Hull, Amelia Norman, Kaydence Serrien
2033: Elizabeth Howard, Carissa Westerman, Owen White, Hayle Wiebke

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Congratulations



Tescott FFA Earns National Silver Recognition

The Tescott FFA Chapter earned Silver Division honors in the National Conduct of Chapter Meetings competition. The national recognition highlights the students' knowledge of parliamentary procedure, leadership and teamwork.

DENMARK DAMES BY JANET HUMBURG, SECRETARY

On October 6, 2026, the Dames met at Second Chance restaurant for lunch and homeade sweet rolls.

Members present were Pauline Sheldon, Georgie D'Orville, Yolanda Dow, Janet Humberg, Connie Crawford, and Elaine Parrish.

Roll call was your favorite scent or flavor that you associate with fall.

Pauline's favorite flavor is pecans.

Yolanda makes a scent from oranges, cloves, pumpkin spice, apples and cinnamon sticks. First she boils it on the stoveand then keeps it warm in a crockpot.

Connie likes cinnamon spiced pecans.

Janet likes the smell of walking through piles of autumn leaves. Elaine likes the cinnamon flavors of foods and beverages.

Georgie likes ceylon cinnamon because it lowers blood pressure.

Minutes were approved as read. There were no changes to the treasurer's report and no correspondence.Yolanda related a thanks from Shirley for contacting her.

New Business was the election of officers.

Georgie asked Elaine to take over the office of president and Georgie would be vice president.

Officers nominated: Elaine - president, Georgie - vice president, Janet - Secretery, and Connie - treasurer. Yolanda moved to close nominations, seconded by Pauline. Those nominated were approved.

Connie will have new books ready in November. Change of officer's will be effective January 1, 2027.

The next meeting is November 3, 2026, and will be hosted by Elsie Driscoll.

The Dames will meet at Second Chance restaurant for lunch.

PRAIRIE DOC BY KATIE PUDWILL, RDH, PH.D.

Why Do My Gums Bleed? More Than Just a Dental Problem

If you've ever noticed pink in the sink after brushing or flossing, you're not alone. Many people assume bleeding gums are normal or that they brushed too hard. In reality, healthy gums don't bleed. Bleeding is one of the earliest signs that your body is fighting an infection.

My favorite analogy to use when discussing tooth structure is a tree and its roots. In order for a tree to be strong, the roots need a solid foundation under the ground. The trunk has a thick layer of bark to protect it. The roots are softer and not meant to be exposed to the elements. Your teeth are the same way; enamel protects the crowns of your teeth and the roots are only covered in a thin layer of cementum. Many people will notice the difference once they have recession and their roots are exposed, because their teeth are more sensitive, especially to cold.

To protect the roots, your tooth sits in a socket of bone that is sealed with gum tissue. This seal and the pocket above the seal are what you brush and floss every day. Every tooth passes through the gums before attaching to the bone underneath. When bacteria collect along the gumline, your immune system responds by sending blood and inflammatory cells to the area. The redness, swelling and bleeding

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OBITUARIES



Rebecca Jean Engelsman
Dec. 30, 1963 - Oct. 15, 2026

Rebecca Jean Engelsman, 62, passed away Thursday, October 15, 2026 at her home in Lincoln, KS. She was born on December 30, 1963 in Hollywood, FL to Earl and Christine (Brooks) Barrow.

Rebecca is survived by her daughter Amber Biggs (Austin) of Lincoln; son Jason Engelsman of Lincoln; grandchildren, Lilly and Branden Sinclair and Raeleigh Biggs; sisters, Linda Delisle of Charlotte, NC and Elizabeth Darwin of Lincoln; and step-father Robert Svidal of Mt. Pleasant, IA. She was preceded in death by her mother and father and husband David.

Celebration of life: 5:00 – 7:00 p.m., Friday, October 23, 2026 at the Finch Theatre in Lincoln.

Memorial contributions can be made to the family in care of Hall Chapel, PO Box 37, Lincoln, KS 67455. Condolences can be left at hallchapel.com.

POST ROCK EXTENSION DISTRICT

Now is the Time to Plant Spring Flowering Bulbs

ByCassie Thiessen
K-State Research and Extension Post Rock Horticulture Agent

One of the many joys of gardening is watching our landscapes come to life again in the spring. Bulbs are often the first plants to make an appearance in the spring and add a beautiful pop of color to the landscape. Enjoying these spring beauties means a little extra work planting them in the fall, then practically forgetting about them until spring.

With the onset of cooler weather, it's the perfect time to plant spring flowering bulbs. For north central Kansas, late September through October is an ideal time in our climate hardiness zone. If you want to add a minimal care, showy plant, into your landscape follow these tips for mastering bulbs.

In the fall, bulbs show up everywhere. They can be found in garden stores, ordered from catalogs, or picked up in local supermarkets. When choosing bulbs, you want to examine each one for quality. It should be firm with a papery covering and free from mold. Look for bulbs that are large, the larger the bulb the bigger and more beautiful the bloom will be. You could choose a diverse number of varieties to bloom throughout the spring and summer or for a mass design that will pop, stick to one or two varieties. If deer or wildlife are a problem in your garden, you should choose bulbs such as allium, crocus, iris, and daffodil. Have fun when picking bulbs by choosing new cultivars or even trading with neighbors.

Fall is the best time to plant bulbs because they need to develop their roots and must meet a chilling requirement over the winter in order to bloom in the spring. Pick a site where the bulbs will receive full sun to partial shade. The soil needs to have good aeration and adequate drainage. A sandy loam is preferred but you can always amend your soil type by adding peat moss, compost, or aged bark. The depth of planting varies by the size and variety of bulb. A general rule is 2-3 times deep as the bulb is wide. For example, if you are planting a tulip or hyacinth bulb set them about 6 inches into the soil. Space the bulbs using the same general measurement. After placing the bulbs at the proper depth, replace half the soil and add water. This will settle the soil around the bulbs and provide good bulb to soil contact. Add the remaining soil and water again. Although there will be no top growth in the fall, the roots are developing, so soil needs to be kept moist but not wet. Always remember to place the bulb with the point up, so the roots are in the right position.

Bulbs are relatively low maintenance, you can practically plant them in the fall and forget about them until they pop up in the spring. Check once in a while to make sure the soil is moist but not soggy. Small bulbs will also benefit from adding a layer of mulch to prevent being heaved out of soil by alternate freezing and thawing. In the spring, after blooming, cut off flowers that have faded but don't cut the leaves until they have turned yellow and withered. This allows more energy to be transferred and stored in the bulb.

Bulbs are fun and easy to work with. They require minimal care once properly planted, they will reward you every spring with a wonderful show of color. K-State Extension has a variety of resources for all your gardening and landscaping needs. Stop by or give us a call with your questions.

Post Rock Extension District of K-State Extension serves Jewell, Lincoln, Mitchell, Osborne, and Smith counties. Cassie may be contacted at cthiessen@ksu.edu or by calling Beloit (785-738-3597).

COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

October 5, 2026

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met in the courthouse commission meeting room on Monday, October 5, 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 attended as recording secretary.

Others present for portions of the meeting: Adam Robertson, Brandon Sauers, Tyler Garner, Felicia Strahm, Tim Schroeder, Dale Rosebrook, and Scott Wright.

Correspondence: email from Todd Ellison requesting road improvement in Franklin Township.

Administrator Adam Robertson reported that Tony Lamia of Slechta Enterprises indicated that if the county granted a $2 per household per month increase, it would be temporary until fuel prices decreased. The group discussed the contracts with the cities and determined that the agreements' language would not allow price fluctuations throughout the year. Robertson noted that he had met with a motor grader operator the previous week concerning a road complaint in Commissioner District 3. The letter of support for an applicant to the Kansas Housing Cooperative Loan Program was completed and sent. Robertson provided an update on the transportation bus. Robertson noted that LES students took a field trip to the EMS & Lincoln Rural Fire station and commended the departments for actively promoting themselves with several children-focused activities throughout the year. Robertson discussed a request from the City of Beverly to complete ditch cleanout, noting that the county denied it due to current workload and a lack of workforce. Robertson and Public Works Director Sauers will meet with city representatives and provide a list of potential contractors.

Public Works Director Brandon Sauers answered board questions about road complaints, projects in progress, and completed projects.

Human Resource Officer Felicia Strahm asked about the board's plans to close early on Christmas Eve. The board approved closing all offices at noon on Christmas Eve and giving all full-time staff 4 hours of paid holiday time and 2 hours to qualifying part-time staff. Strahm inquired about the waiting period for all third-party voluntary benefits. The board approved the same waiting period as the health insurance plan to reduce confusion.

Tim Schroeder met with the board about issues with the gravel removal/purchase agreement mailed to him and his desire to pile and haul material from the pit. After discussion, public works staff will make the requested changes to the agreement and contact Schroeder when it is completed.

Minutes Approved: Adjourn:

The chairman convened the public hearing concerning delinquent solid waste disposal fees to hear comments concerning the addition of special assessments for delinquent solid waste fees to several properties. Tyler Garner, Public Works Office Manager, provided a list of delinquent accounts. With no one appearing, the chairman adjourned the public hearing. Debora Smith moved to approve Resolution 2026-22 assessing delinquent solid waste fees for unpaid fees to the tax roll, seconded by Ken Meitler. Motion carried.

Dale Rosebrook asked the board specific questions about who to report culvert issues to, whether the board was aware of road work completed in Colorado Township, whether they reviewed any plans before the road work was completed, and whether a permit was filed with the state to change the water channel. Rosebrook provided pictures to the board of the road and culverts and reported damage to crops and land the water is now draining onto.

The board requested County Attorney Scott Wright to represent the county to deal with the bulk fuel issue. The board asked about the status of selling the county owned property in Section 36, Marion Township, and the progress on the tax sale. Wright noted that HB 2444 will affect the jail by increasing the number of people in custody.

Emergency Manager Jesse Knight presented a resolution for the board's approval. Debora Smith moved to approve Resolution 2026-23 declaring a State of Local Disaster Emergency for the storm that occurred on September 30, 2026, seconded by Leon Hart. Motion carried. Knight provided an update on the emergency operations plan submission. Knight presented a proposed Tornado Warning and Outdoor Warning Siren Activation directive for the board's approval, noting that the recent tornado caused confusion about who has authority and when to activate the tornado sirens. Debora Smith moved to approve the proposed Tornado Warning and Outdoor Warning Siren Activation directive, seconded by Ken Meitler. Motion carried.

Administrator Robertson will follow up with the Sheriff on the status of law enforcement center planning and the installation of devices that allow the building's heaters to function when temperatures are low. The board discussed the road complaints received. The board reviewed Slechta Enterprises' price increase request for disposal of household solid waste. Debora Smith moved to grant a $1 per month per household increase for residential trash pickup for the 2027 year, seconded by Leon Hart. Motion carried.

Debora Smith moved to approve the minutes for the September 28th and September 30th meetings, seconded by Ken Meitler. Motion carried.

The chairman adjourned the meeting at 1:18 p.m. The next meeting will be in the courthouse commission meeting room at 8:30 a.m. Monday, October 19, 2026.

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CHURCH DIRECTORY

BETHANY CHURCH
Eight miles north, six miles west and one mile north of Lincoln
Sunday School @ 9:45 am
Worship Service @ 11:00 am
Evening Service @ 7:00 pm

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH LC-MS
Pastor Christopher Craig
Sylvan Grove, Kansas
Sunday School following Worship
Sunday Worship @ 10:30 am

BEVERLY COMMUNITY CHURCH
www.beverlycommunitychurch.org
Pastor Toby Flaming
Sunday School @ 9:30 am
Morning Worship @ 10:45 am

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Sunday School @ 9:30 am
Worship Service @ 10:30 am
Men's Prayer Breakfast, 7am @ The Cube

CULVER METHODIST CHURCH
Pastor Demerle Eckart
401 Main Street, Culver, Ks
Sunday Worship @ 9:30 am
Saturday Coffee @ 8-10 am

DENMARK EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN COMMUNITY CHURCH, ELCA
Worship Service @ 10:30 am

FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor Jonathan Schale
Lincoln Park Manor @ 9:30 am
Bible Study @10:30 am
Worship Hour @ 11:00 am
Afternoon Worship @ 2:00 pm
Wed. Bible Study @ 7:00 pm

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Adult Sunday School @ 10:00 am
Morning Worship @11:00 pm

GRACE CHAPEL-HUNTER
Pastors Kaye & Jeff Metzler
Worship Service @ 9:00 am

LINCOLN COMMUNITY CHURCH
www.lincolncommunitychurch.org
Pastor Steven Rohn
Sunday School @ 9:30 am
Worship Service @ 10:30 am
Women of Grace.Wed. @ 5:30 pm
Sunday Evening Service @ 6:30
Adventure Club Wed. 6pm - 7pm
Ages 3-12

LINCOLN PARK MANOR CHAPEL
Morning Worship @ 9:30 am
Afternoon Worship @ 2:30 pm

LINCOLN UNITED METHODIST
Worship Service @ 10:30 am
Alternate Pastor & Lay Leaders provide Communion

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Sylvan Grove, Kansas
Sunday School @ 10:00 am
Church @ 11:00 am

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH
Pastor Don Haselhuhn
Lincoln, Kansas
Two and one-half miles south of Lincoln on Highway 14
Sunday/Bible School...9:30 am
Worship Service.....10:30 am

ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
Father Mark Wesely, Lincoln
Rectory phone: 785-524-4823
Email: stpat327@gmail.com
Sunday Mass @ 11:00 am
Sunday CCD Classes @ 9:45 am
Weekday Mass: Mondays - 3:30 pm

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH LCMS
Pastor Don Haselhuhn
Six and one-half miles south and 4 miles east of Lincoln
Worship Service @ 9:00 am

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA
Pastor Rod Thompson, Tescott
Worship Service @ 9:00 am

TESCOTT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Pastor Demerle Eckart
Sunday School @ 10:00 am
Worship @ 11:00 am

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, HUNTER
Pastor Matthew Schneider
Hunter, Kansas
Sunday School @ 9:00 am
Worship Service @10:00 am
Midweek/Confirmation
Wednesdays @ 4:30 to 5:45

Lincoln United Methodist Church



216 N. Fourth, Lincoln
Pastors:
Kaye and Jeff Metzler
Service Times:
Adult Sunday School:
10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship:
10:30 a.m.

Church schedules are made possible by the following sponsors:

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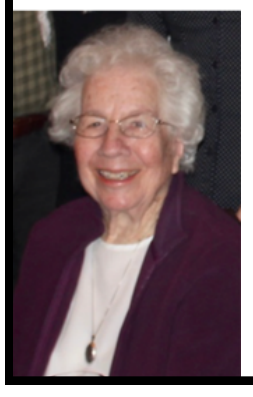
Card Shower for Doreen Nelson's 100th Birthday!

On November 15, 2026, Doreen Nelson, formerly of Lincoln County, will celebrate her 100th birthday. Born in the Prairie Grove neighborhood north of Lincoln in 1926, she married Lex Nelson, also from Prairie Grove, on November 14, 1948. The couple had two children: Bob Nelson of Greenbelt, Maryland, and Nancy Nelson Cohen of Persia, Iowa.

After Lex died in 1999, Doreen moved to Minden, Iowa, to be near Nancy and her family. She has enjoyed being a member of the community for 26 years.

Doreen's family invites you to celebrate her 100th birthday by sending cards, letters, and other remembrances to:



Doreen Nelson
c/o Nancy Cohen
3707 315th Street
Persia, Iowa 51563

While Doreen will not be able to respond to every correspondence, she will greatly appreciate hearing from old friends and family on this specialoccasion.

Letters to the editor can be emailed to: lincolnksnews@gmail.com

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City of Lincoln Center, Kansas

FINANCIAL REPORT

For the Period from June 30, 2026 To September 30, 2026

Funds	Balance Forward	Receipts	Withdrawals	Balance
General Operating	$1,107,269.69	$166,390.90	$233,295.48	$1,040,365.11
Water Utility	$340,256.30	$82,281.75	$100,896.39	$321,641.66
Electric Utility	$3,133,444.49	$637,259.29	$460,341.28	$3,310,362.50
Sewer Utility	$654,033.43	$60,796.11	$26,419.82	$688,409.72
Special Liability	$68,644.41	$0.00	$6,675.00	$61,969.41
G.O. Bond & Interest	$50,620.70	$305.03	$4,384.00	$46,541.73
Library	$22,329.20	$7,362.99	$29,600.00	$92.19
Special Highway	$133,928.69	$8,057.69	$9,670.45	$132,315.93
Equipment Reserve Fund	$333,859.05	$2,052.14	$0.00	$335,911.19
Employee Benefits	$40,247.08	$3,370.55	$9,332.91	$34,284.72
Payroll Withholding	$5,462.84	$8,045.26	$5,305.67	$8,202.43
Sp. Park & Recreation	$28,101.27	$1,301.92	$0.00	$29,403.19
Solid Waste Service	$14,687.11	$30,058.20	$29,568.00	$15,177.31
Cemetery Trust	$71,904.54	$419.34	$0.00	$72,323.88
Recreation Fund	$178,761.00	$7,188.41	$7,632.49	$178,316.92
Water Reserve	$106,161.53	$0.00	$0.00	$106,161.53
Light Reserve	$800,000.00	$0.00	$0.00	$800,000.00
Sewer Reserve	$120,000.00	$0.00	$0.00	$120,000.00
Project Fund	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Covid-19 Fed Funds	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Base Grant Project	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
TOTALS	$7,209,711.33	$1,014,889.58	$923,121.49	$7,301,479.42

The Airport, Band, Cemetery, Defense, Swimming Pool Operation, and Tennis Court Maintenance Funds are carried as sub-accounts in the General Operating Fund.

Balance on Deposit:		
Citizens State Bank:	$3,849,502.02	
Bank of Tescott:	$3,467,199.97	
Petty Cash:	$500.00	
TOTAL	$7,317,201.99	
Outstanding Warrants:	$15,722.57	
Net Balance on Deposit:	$7,301,479.42	

CITY DEBT

General Obligation Bond, Series 2017	$274,000.00
Kansas Public Water Supply Loan Fund	$905,948.39
TOTAL	$1,179,948.39

INVESTMENTS OWNED BY CITY

Citizens State Bank - NOW	$47,108.12
Citizens State Bank - Savings & CD	$3,802,393.90
Bank of Tescott - NOW	$443,915.76
Bank of Tescott - Savings & CD	$3,023,284.21
(Included in Net Balance on Deposit) TOTAL	$7,316,701.99

I, Kimberly Meyer Do Hereby Certify that the Above Statement is Correct

Signed: Kimberly Meyer Title: Treasurer

Subscribed and Sworn Before Me this 13th day of October 2026

(SEAL) Heather N Hillegeist City Clerk

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Lincoln - Past, Present & Future by Cindy Entriken

Present

Before I write about the last area of enhancement for the Lincoln Grade School, I need to address a misconception that seems to be floating around in some circles in Lincoln.

A friend, someone who I believe is well-informed, said to me, "I would vote for the bond issue if I thought that the money was going to be used to improve the current grade school." When I pressed for more detail, my friend said, "They have talked about building a new school on the grounds of the high school." That statement no longer applies.

Past

Back in April, at the first public meeting where school officials identified the numerous problems with the grade school building, they introduced three possible options for voters to consider:

- Option 1. $6.4m bond issue to update the current building
- Option 2. $10.25m includes Option 1 plus additional enhancements to the building like removing walls to enlarge classrooms and moving the district office from E. Main to the Grade School.
- Option 3. $13.5M to build a new grade school addition onto the current high school.

The school district did a community-wide survey in June to see which option was most popular with voters and the response was Option 1.

Another vital piece of information from the survey was how much Lincoln residents love the grade school building because of its central location and because of the gym. It's no accident that the current building is on the site of the former grade school which was called Central School.

And the gym is a legendary place for those of us who remember rousing basketball games, Christmas programs, the crowning of the homecoming queen, and afternoon programs. In my day — God I sound old, don't I — on Friday afternoon of homecoming, the high school classes would march from the old high school to downtown, each class accompanied by its float. Following the parade was a program at the grade school where the homecoming queen was crowned and the best float was identified. I love those memories!

If you want to keep this building with all its wonderful memories, you need to take care of it by doing the repairs and updates that have been identified.

So, when you go to the polls on November 3, you are voting for Option 1— to update the current building. I hope you vote YES!

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When my daughter started grade school my biggest worry for her safety was crossing a busy street, South 9th in Salina. School shootings were not even on my radar — because they weren't "a thing." But sadly times have changed and school shootings are a concern for most parents.

I struggle to find the words to write about school safety, because when I hear those two words - "school safety" - my mind focuses on two other words "school shooting." While I didn't have to confront that horror for my daughter, it was a real possibility when my two grandsons were in school.

When he was in grade school, my youngest grandson, who was small for his age, was known by his teachers to be very fast. So, in more than one classroom, he was assigned to sit by the entry door. If the school's intruder alarm sounded, my grandson was supposed to quietly stand up, close, and lock the classroom door. As you can imagine I was appalled at such an idea. Thank God that plan was never tested.

Lincoln voters do not have the luxury of pretending that the world is as safe now as it was in the 1950s or 60s. To say "things like that don't happen in our town" is to ignore reality. Some news sites report that it's small towns and rural areas where school shootings are more likely to happen, and one reason is the availability of guns.

Sadly it's not just the crazed gunman that school officials need to worry about. Elementary school staff have had to contend with combative parents, parents or family members who have restraining orders against them to keep them away from children, or angry parents who want to yell at or even fight with teachers.

Hard to believe that here in Lincoln combative parents show up at the grade school demanding to take Johnny or Susie? Or to punch out a teacher who didn't give Johnny the grade the parent wanted? Don't kid yourself. District staff have dealt with all those problems and more.

The USD 298 bond proposal calls for remodeling of the main entrance on the north side of the building and relocating the administrative office to "create a single, secure controlled entry point for visitor screening before" someone is admitted to the building.

If you've ever been in the grade school, you know the administrative office is several yards from the main entrance. That means someone who is buzzed into the building could walk down the hallway of the elementary wing, enter any classroom in that wing, wander into the gym, or enter the teacher workroom unimpeded. Remodeling the main entrance will insure that school staff observe, learn the purpose of the visit, and know the destination of every person who enters the building.

Future

I've spent hours researching the bond issue which is being proposed by the USD 298 school board. And they've spent months researching the problems and identifying solutions which will alleviate the problems and be cost efficient.

I have not heard nor have I read even one reason why you should vote no on November 3rd. I have, however, read, heard, and seen numerous reasons why you should vote YES.

Please do the right thing for your children, your grandchildren, all the children in this community now and in the future.

Vote YES for the bond issue on November 3!

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will serve our students for decades to come," said Board President Jessica Kobbeman.

For full project overviews, tax impact illustrations and detailed bond materials, visit the official district information webpage at www.usd298.com/page/bond-info or contact the USD 298 District Office.

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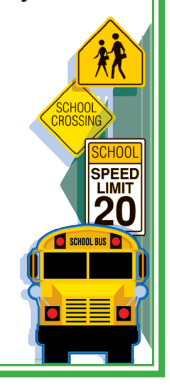

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The blood drive provides an opportunity for students and community members to come together and make a positive impact through the gift of life.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 5004

A PROPOSITION to amend section 1 of article 5 of the constitution of the state of Kansas to require individuals to be citizens of the United States, at least 18 years of age and a resident of the voting area in which such person seeks to vote in order to vote in this state.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Kansas, two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the House of Representatives and two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the Senate 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: Section 1 of article 5 of the constitution of the state of Kansas is hereby amended to read as follows:

"§ 1. Qualifications of electors. ~~Every~~(a) *No person shall be deemed a qualified elector unless such person:*

(1) *Is* a citizen of the United States ~~who~~;

(2) has attained the age of eighteen years; and ~~who~~

(3) *except as provided in subsection (b) or (c),* resides in the voting area in which ~~he or she~~ *such person* seeks to vote ~~shall be deemed a qualified elector~~.

(b) Laws of this state relating to voting for presidential electors and candidates for the office of president and vice-president of the United States shall comply with the laws of the United States relating thereto. A citizen of the United States, who is otherwise qualified to vote in Kansas for presidential electors and candidates for the offices of president and vice-president of the United States may vote for such officers either in person or by absentee ballot notwithstanding the fact that such person may have become a nonresident of this state if ~~his or her~~ *such person's* removal from this state occurs during a period in accordance with federal law next preceding such election.

(c) A person who is otherwise a qualified elector may vote in the voting area of ~~his or her~~ *such person's* former residence either in person or by absentee ballot notwithstanding the fact that such person may have become a nonresident of such voting area during a period prescribed by law next preceding the election at which ~~he or she~~ *such person* seeks to vote, if ~~his~~ *such person's* new residence is in another voting area in the state of Kansas."

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

"Explanatory statement. This amendment would clarify that only a person who is a citizen of the United States is eligible to vote in this state.

"A vote for this proposition would clarify that only a person who is a citizen of the United States is eligible to vote in this state.

"A vote against this proposition would make no change to the constitution of the state of Kansas, and the language concerning voter qualifications would remain the same."

Sec. 3. This resolution, if approved by two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the House of Representatives and two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the Senate, 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 the general election in November in the year 2026, unless a special election is called at a sooner date by concurrent resolution of the legislature, in which case the proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors of the state at the special election.

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500-600	$465.00-474.00
600-700	$412.00-422.00
700-800	$358.00-369.50
800-900	$340.00-351.00
900-1000	$329.00-338.00

Hfrs	
300-400	$505.00-515.00
400-500	$466.00-475.00
500-600	$387.00-397.00
600-700	$355.00-366.00
700-800	$335.00-344.00
800-900	$314.00-323.00
900-1000	$300.00-309.00

Early consignments for Thursday, October 29th.

21 blk s&h, 700, home raise, off cow, 1 round spring vacc, open; 86 strs, 650-800, home raise, wean 60 days, vacc; 25 hfrs, 550-700, home raise, wean 60 days, vacc; 15 blk s&h, 500-700, 2 round vacc, open; 88 s&h, home raise, off cow, spring vacc, no creep; 80 blk/red s&h, 500-600, home raise, off cow, fall vacc; open; plus more by sale time.

Early consignments for Special Calf Sale Tuesday, November 3rd. (11am)

80 mix s&h, 450-600; 60 charX s&h, 600-650, 2 round vacc, Fink sired; 85 blk & char/ang s&h, 400-600, fall vacc, no implants, Fink genetics; 50 mostly blk s&h, 500-700, off cow, 2 round vacc, open; 15 s&h, 750-800, wean 60+ days; 100 char s&h, 500-600; 50 s&h, 500-700, off cow, fall vacc; 60 char/angusX s&h, 600-700, 1 round fall vacc; plus more by sale time.

Early consignments for Special Cow Sale Tuesday, November 17th. (11am)

Get your cows/heifer/bulls/pairs consigned. Expecting 850+/- cows/pairs & 300+/- heifers. Already consigned: 100 blk/bwf/red angus cows, 3-5 years, bred blk; 200 blk/bwf/red angus cows, 3-5 years, blks bred blk/char/hereford bulls, reds/bwf bred blk; 57 blk 3-5 years, bred blk/sim angus; 70 blk/red cows, solid-older spring bred, bred blk & red; 45 blk bred hfrs, bred lbw Gerlach bulls, calve January 15 for 60 days; 150 blk/bwf bred hfrs, AI bred to New Design, clean up Grund angus bulls, AI bred for Feb.1 calves, off 2 ranches in Nebraska; plus many more by sale time.

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Papas arrugadas, alongside mojo verde, is a unique dish that originated with sailors in the Canary Islands. These salty potatoes pair well with the bright, slightly acidic sauce to create an excellent appetizer.

I would say that most of the savory dishes I share with you are in the snack, side dish or main dish categories.

This week's is firmly in the realm of appetizers.

Papas arrugadas, or wrinkled potatoes, is a recipe that originated in the Canary Islands, when sailors would boil potatoes in seawater.

Traditionally, they are served with a red sauce, but the one I'm sharing with you has a green sauce instead. It comes from Chef Michael Voltaggio, who explained the history of the dish in a great video I watched.

The amount of salt on these potatoes is...well...intense. It's a lot. I would say they are absolutely delicious for about four or five potatoes, and then the saltiness really hits, and it's tough to want to eat any more of them—hence the appetizer category.

I certainly wouldn't recommend these to anyone with a heart condition, but especially paired with the brightness of the sauce, they are worth a try otherwise.

You can find the original recipe on the Food Network site at https://www.foodnetwork.com/recipes/papas-arrugadas-with-mojo-verde-24877362. I added extra garlic in my version.

Papas Arrugadas and Mojo Verde

Potatoes Ingredients

- 1 pound small, Yukon gold potatoes (think ping-pong ball size)
- 4 cups water
- 4 tablespoons salt

Mojo Verde Ingredients

- 1 bunch fresh Italian parsley leaves (about 2 cups)
- 1 bunch fresh cilantro leaves (about 2 cups)
- 1 bunch green onions, sliced (about 1 cup)
- 6 to 8 cloves garlic
- 1 cup olive oil
- 1/3 cup red wine vinegar

Potatoes Directions

Add the potatoes to a large pot. The more they can move around while the cook, the better. Add the water and salt (if you need more water or less, the ratio should be one tablespoon salt to each cup of water). You want the water to just cover the potatoes.

Place the pot on the stove on high heat, and just let the potatoes come to a boil, and keep boiling until the water is boiled out.

Swirl the potatoes in the pan to get a good crust of salt on them, and remove them to your serving dish.

Mojo Verde Directions

Add the parsley, cilantro, green onions, garlic and olive oil to a blender and blend until the mixture is smooth. Once it is all incorporated, blend in the red wine vinegar, and pour the sauce into your serving bowl.

Serve the potatoes alongside the mojo verde as a dipping sauce. Refrigerate any leftovers.

We really liked these, and the sauce is worth making, even if you don't do the potatoes. It is delicious.

Actually, because it's just the two of us and we obviously had a ton of leftover salted potatoes, Joey had the brilliant idea of mashing them, adding some sauteed onion and garlic confit and mixing the leftover sauce into them to create a great mashed potato that we ate alongside some steaks.

And for those very rare people who actually need a little more sodium in their diets, I can't recommend these enough. For the rest of us, though, a few bites are just enough.

Spice Up Your Life is a weekly recipe column by Lindsey Young, who describes herself as an enthusiastic amateur cook and can be reached through her website at spiceupkitchen.net.

Insight - Kansas Farm Bureau

Charting the future

Jackie Mundt
Pratt County farmer and rancher

October is the start of my busy travel season, and I kicked things off with a trip to the Adriatic Sea with my gal pals. Luckily all my friends are farm people so we always work in a little agritourism and visited Ston, a small village on Croatia's Pelješac Peninsula.

Ston is a place where you can feel history because it still exists. Stone walls and fortifications were built centuries ago to protect the town and its valuable saltworks. Today, salt is still harvested from the seawater using traditional methods, carrying on a practice that helped shape the region's economy and history.

Salt was once known as "white gold" because of its value. A reminder that food production has always been about more than what we put on our plates and is tied to livelihoods, communities and traditions passed from one generation to the next.

Anna and Mario, a father-daughter team, took us on a tour of the nearby Mali Ston Bay where they are one of a few dozen families that have cultivated oysters and mussels for around 500 years. We learned about the processes they use to grow the shellfish over a three-year period and why the bay is perfect to produce a high-quality product.

We were all surprised to learn that Ana and her family live far away from the bay. She is the only one of her siblings who works with her dad in the business, and they regularly commute more than an hour to the family's operation. Agritourism is something they started since 2020. Her dad wasn't sold on the idea initially, but it has since become an important part of the operation.

Preserving a tradition doesn't always mean doing things exactly as they've always been done. A long history and a strong family legacy are meaningful, but they don't guarantee that the next generation will choose to continue them. Sometimes, keeping a business viable means finding new ways to share what you do, reach customers and create opportunities for the next generation.

After Croatia, I made a quick turnaround to Indianapolis for National FFA Convention. One of my favorite things about attending this event is seeing students get excited about agriculture. I credit FFA with many things including helping cement agriculture as my career. Even though I grew up on a farm, it wasn't something I seriously considered until FFA. The experiences I gained through that organization helped me see the possibilities agriculture offered and the role I could craft for my future.

Whether a family has farmed for five generations or 500 years won't ensure that farm's future. We have to help young people understand why agriculture matters and show them the opportunities available to them by supporting programs like FFA, encouraging students to explore agricultural careers and being open to new ideas.

That means recognizing the next generation may approach things differently than the generation before it. They may find new markets, embrace new technology or discover opportunities we haven't considered.

If we want agriculture to remain viable for generations to come, we must do more than ask young people to continue what we've always done. We must help them see a future in agriculture — and be willing to let them shape what that future looks like.

Tradition gives us something worth preserving. But change may be what makes that preservation possible.

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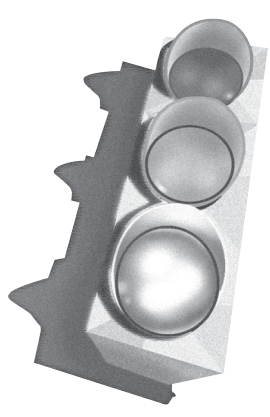

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you see are signs that your body is trying to eliminate the bacteria.

Unlike a cut on your skin that heals within days, bleeding gums often represent a chronic infection that can persist for months or even years if left untreated. Many people ignore it because it doesn't hurt. But painless doesn't mean harmless.

The mouth is one of the few places in the body where inflammation can be seen with your own eyes. When your gums bleed, tiny blood vessels beneath the surface are exposed. This creates an opportunity for bacteria and inflammatory molecules to enter the bloodstream, where they can interact with the rest of the body. What happens in your mouth doesn't stay in your mouth.

Researchers have found strong links between periodontal disease and several chronic health conditions, including cardiovascular disease, diabetes, rheumatoid arthritis and pregnancy complications. While gum disease is not necessarily the cause of these conditions, chronic inflammation appears to be an important connection. Scientists continue to study exactly how oral bacteria and the body's immune response influence overall health. What we do know already though is that a healthy mouth supports a healthier body. Chronic inflammation can cause some long-term major problems.

The good news is that bleeding gums are often reversible when caught early. Daily brushing, cleaning between your teeth and regular dental visits can eliminate the bacteria causing the inflammation before permanent damage occurs. If your gums bleed every time you brush or floss, don't stop cleaning them. Bleeding is your body's way of asking for attention. Professional cleaning or periodontal therapy is likely the answer, and the only way to remove the source of infection.

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school by providing work-study opportunities and contributing time, while the parent-led PTCO provides additional resources through school activities, teacher grants and school supplies.

Technology is also used to support learning, and USD 298 students enjoy one-to-one computer access throughout the district. Teachers determine when and how much technology is used in their classrooms, balancing digital learning with individual support and relationships central to the student experience.

Preparing students for what comes next

Lincoln athletics is more than sports. It includes e-sports, FFA, StuCo and NHS, as well as fine arts, wood shop, metal shop and a student-run screen-printing business. Many of the students can learn through workplace placements or dual-credit opportunities, some earning certifications that put them a step ahead academically or prepare them to enter the workforce after graduation.

Elementary character education further gives students a foundation in character building with daily activities designed to reinforce those values and help students understand right from wrong.

Some of these points made in the article point to what USD 298 has found to be best practices. The academic and extracurricular activities provide a variety of areas in which a student might excel or learn new skills.

Lincoln schools teach much more than the three R's, offering ways each student can succeed in learning with a balance of academics, extracurriculars, and work and career-path skills. USD 298 Lincoln prepares its students for life after high school, making it a Top Public School.

LEGAL NOTICE

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Lincoln County, Kansas is planning to replace the OS 65 bridge located on E Kiowa Road between the Russell County line and N 20th Road, west of Sylvan Grove, Kansas. This bridge has been determined eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. The bridge was originally constructed around 1935. The single span pony truss (thru truss) bridge is approx. 60 feet long and 23 feet wide.

Lincoln County is seeking proposals for adaptive reuse of the bridge at a new location, to anyone willing to move, re-erect, maintain, and assume financial and legal responsibility for the bridge. Lincoln County will not provide any funding for the adaptive reuse. All funds shall come from the party submitting the proposal. All proposals must be received at the Lincoln County Highway Department, Attn: Public Works Director, 203 E Spring, Lincoln, KS 67455 no later than 5:00 p.m. on the closing date of Thursday, December 1st , 2026. Proposals may be hand delivered or mailed; however, proposals received after December 1st , 2026 will be rejected, even if postmarked on or before October 30, 2026. Lincoln County reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and either re-let or cancel the procurement without liability to potential recipients. Proposals shall detail the relocation plan, including the time period for moving the bridge which shall not exceed 75 calendar days from the date the selected proposal is awarded by the Board of County Commissioners. The proposed location and use of the bridge may be subject to approval by the KS State Historic Preservation Office.

For additional information, please contact Brandon Sauers, Public Works Director at 785-524-4656 or brandons@lincolncoks.gov.



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PUBLIC NOTICE

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PRELIMINARY RESOLUTION
AND NOTICE OF
PROPOSED VACATION

On this 19th day of October 2026, at a duly constituted and regular meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners, of Lincoln County, Kansas, all members of said board being present, the matter of a proposed vacation of certain roads located in several Townships comes on for hearing before said board.

The Board, after due consideration, and after viewing certain roads, described as follows:

Salt Creek Township and Logan Township:

A forty-foot (40') road right-of-way beginning at the Northwest corner of Section 3, Township 11 South, Range 6 West of the 6th Principal Meridian, Lincoln County, Kansas thence East to the Southeast corner of Section 34, Township 10 South, Range 6 West of the 6th Principal Meridian in Lincoln County, Kansas, commonly known as the 2800 mile of East Sage Drive.
This does not include the following 2 tracts, due to the correction line:
Tract 1: An Eighty-foot (80') road right-of-way beginning at the Southwest corner of Section 34, Township 10 South, Range 6 West of the 6th Principal Meridan in Lincoln County, Kansas thence East to the Northwest corner of Section 3, Township 11 South, Range 6 West of the 6th Principal Meridian and;
Tract 2: A Forty-foot (40') road right-of-way beginning at the Southeast corner of Section 34, Township 10 South, Range 6 West of the 6th Principal Meridian in Lincoln County, Kansas, thence East to the Northeast corner of Section 3, Township 11 South, Range 6 West of the 6th Principal Meridian in Lincoln County, Kansas.

NOW THEREFORE, before entering a final order of vacation, the County Clerk is directed to cause a notice of said proposed vacations to be published as provided by K.S.A. 68-102 et seq., and that the board will make its final determination of such proposed vacations at a hearing during it regular meeting at the courthouse on Monday, November 2, 2026. The hearing will be held at 10:30 a.m.

All parties interested in said proceedings are advised to appear at said meeting at which time they will be heard.

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Anniversary Announcements

Free with one photo for 50 years and over for Lincoln County residents or couples with children in Lincoln County. Free announcements, with no photo, are available 25, 30, 40 and 45 years. Announcements can include couple's name, residence, date and place of marriage, occupations, children/grandchildren, and reception information (if applicable), Additional photos can be submitted for $25.



Wedding Announcements

Free for Lincoln County residents or couples with parents in Lincoln County with the following information: name of bride and groom, residence, parents and residence, bridal party, where and when the wedding took place, honeymoon location and where the couple resides after wedding. Free announcements must be submitted to our office before their one year anniversary. A photo may be added for $25.

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Free for residents of Lincoln County or couples with parents in Lincoln County with the following information: name of prospective bride and groom with residence, their parents and residence, when/where the wedding is planned, couples' schooling and occupations. Free announcement must be submitted to our office before their wedding. A photo may be added for $25.

Birth Announcements

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Letters to the Editor

The Lincoln Sentinel-Republican, Lincoln County is open to views from residents within the county.

Letters to the Editor must include complete name, signature, address and phone number. Name and town will only be published in the newspaper. Free letters are limited to approximately 250 words. If a letter is more than 250 words, it is subject to editing and the full versions will be posted online. They may also be published in the paper at the editor's discretion. If the word county exceeds 250 words, the letter can be published as a paid advertisement (subject to editorial approval). Political letters are also considered paid advertisements.

Calendar Entries

Any event from Lincoln County which is free or by free will donation may be listed in the Times calendar. Those events are also listed in the Essential Calendar on the website, Deadline is 5 pm Friday.

Club Notes

Clubs and organizations are welcome to submit items. We publish these for free if the clubs regularly meet within Lincoln County.

Business Briefs

If a business is located within Lincoln County, or owned by a resident of Lincoln County submissions such as new hires, awards, etc. may be submitted for consideration. Note, this does not include sales, services or other items considered advertising.

Sports Items

We are happy to publish sports items from around the county. Don't forget your college student-athletics! Open to all Lincoln County residents -- including proud grandpa and grandmas!

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K-18 Corridor Remains Undefeated as Three Area Teams Claim District Titles

It was another perfect Friday night along the K-18 corridor as the Lincoln Leopards, Sylvan-Lucas Mustangs and Tescott Trojans continued their undefeated seasons, with all three teams claiming district championships.

The Lincoln Leopards kept their winning streak alive with a 60-30 victory over Ell-Saline on Friday night. The Leopards continued their impressive offensive production while holding off the Cardinals to secure the district title. Lincoln will now turn its attention to postseason play as the Leopards prepare to host the Rawlins County Buffaloes on Thursday.

The Sylvan-Lucas Mustangs made a statement of their own Friday night, shutting out Victoria 48-0 to remain unbeaten and capture their district championship. The Mustangs have been a dominant force throughout the season, combining a powerful offense with a stingy defense. Sylvan-Lucas will host Mineola on Thursday, October 29, at 6 p.m. in Sylvan Grove.

The Tescott Trojans also continued their perfect season, rolling past Logan 63-14 to claim their district championship. The Trojans have put together an impressive season, consistently putting points on the scoreboard while keeping opponents in check. Tescott will have a bye this week as the team prepares for the next round of postseason action.

With all three schools located near Kansas Highway 18, the stretch of highway has become a corridor of football success this fall. Three teams, three undefeated records and three district championships have given area football fans plenty to celebrate.

As postseason play begins, the Leopards, Mustangs and Trojans will look to keep their perfect seasons intact and continue their pursuit of state championships.



The Lincoln Leopards celebrate their District Championship following a 60-30 victory over Ell-Saline Friday night. The win kept the Leopards' perfect season intact, improving their record to 8-0 as they head into postseason play. (*Photo by Becky Rathbun)*



The Sylvan-Lucas Mustangs celebrate their District Championship following a dominating 48-0 victory over Victoria Friday night. The win kept the Mustangs' undefeated season alive, improving their record to 8-0 as they prepare for postseason play. (*Photo Courtesy of USD 299)*



The Tescott Trojans celebrate their District Championship following an impressive 63-14 victory over Logan Friday night. The win kept the Trojans' perfect season intact, improving their record to 8-0 as they head into postseason play. (*Photo by Kriston Phelps)*

Lincoln Girls, Sylvan-Lucas Runner Qualify for State Cross Country

The Lincoln High School girls cross country team and a Sylvan-Lucas runner are headed to the Class 1A State Cross Country Championships in Wamego after strong performances at Regionals on Saturday.

The Lincoln Lady Leopards earned Regional Runner-Up honors with a second-place team finish, securing a trip to State for the entire squad. Lincoln was led by two individual state qualifiers, Kaley Schneider, who placed fifth with a time of 21:26.00, and Olivia Dail, who finished eighth in 21:45.65.

Representing Lincoln at State will be Jessica Meyer, Emily King, Olivia Dail, Ember Larson, Kaley Schneider and Emily Rodriguez.

Sylvan-Lucas will also have representation at the State meet, as Codie Huehl punched her ticket to Wamego with an 11th-place finish and a time of 22:27.75.

The qualifiers will compete at the State Cross Country Championships next weekend in Wamego.



The Lincoln High School girls cross country team proudly displays its Regional Runner-Up plaque after earning a second-place team finish and securing a trip to the Class 1A State Cross Country Championships in Wamego. Pictured from left are Jessica Meyer, Emily King, Olivia Dail, Coach Drew Falcon, Ember Larson, Kaley Schneider and Emily Rodriguez. *(Photo Courtesy of USD 298)*



OLIVIA DAIL
(Photo Courtesy of USD 298)

Area Volleyball Teams Wrap Up Their Seasons

The 2026 volleyball season came to a close for Lincoln, Sylvan-Lucas and Tescott as all three teams competed in postseason action last week.

The Lincoln Lady Leopards earned Regional Runner-Up honors after defeating Hill City to advance to Sub-State competition on Saturday. Lincoln's season came to an end with a loss to St. John's.

Sylvan-Lucas also advanced to Sub-State after defeating Rawlins County in Regional action on Tuesday. The Lady Mustangs returned to the court Saturday, where they fell to Quinter, ending their postseason run.

The Tescott Lady Trojans concluded their season following losses to Pike Valley and Hanover in postseason competition.

All three area teams wrapped up their 2026 campaigns, bringing another season of high school volleyball to a close.



CODIE HUEHL
(Photo Courtesy of Codie Huehl)



KALEY SCHNEIDER
(Photo Courtesy of USD 298)