#### **News**

### OCCK/from page 3\_\_\_\_

services, assistive technology, children's services, transportation, specialized therapies, and home health care.

OCCK is committed to providing transportation services to the general public, seniors, and persons with disabilities, through a variety of programs, including a fixed route service in Salina, CityGo, a regional paratransit service that serves fourteen counties, non emergency medical transportation for people with Medicaid, as well as non emergency medical transportation for clients of Salina Regional Health Center, a regional fixed route service, 81 Connection, KANcycle - the regional bike sharing program, GoAbilene public transportation, KanConnect, a regional fixed route system, and the newest program, GoConcordia.

For more information about OCCK, Inc., visit www.occk.com. For more information about City-Go and OCCK Transportation, visit www.salinacitygo.com. Or, contact the OCCK Transportation Center at 785-826-1583.

## **Farmers & Ranchers** Livestock Commission Co.

Total for the Week - Cattle - 4.986 Bulls - \$163.00 - \$174.00 Cows - \$119.00 - \$130.00

Strs			Hfrs	
300-400	\$410.00-423.00		300-400	\$360.00-370.00
400-500	\$392.00-403.00		400-500	\$345.00-357.50
500-600	\$347.00-358.50		500-600	\$305.00-316.00
600-700	\$300.00-310.50		600-700	\$265.00-276.50
700-800	\$275.00-288.00		700-800	\$245.00-255.75
800-900	\$253.00-264.00		800-900	\$225.00-238.00
900-1000	\$235.00-247.00		900-1000	NO TEST

#### **Early Consignments for** Thursday, January 2nd 10 a.m start time

50 blk/red s&h, 700-800, home raise, Balancer sired, OCHV'd, 2 round vaccs; 30 s&h, 500-550; 66 blk s&h, 600-800, weaned, pre condition vaccs; 99 blk/red s&h, wean 45 days, 2 round vaccs, implanted, had lutalyse, Post Rock or Rippe sired; 11 strs, 650-900 weaned, fall vaccs; 90 s&h, 500-650, wean July, 2 round fall vaccs; 40 rwf/bwf strs, 550-750, wean 60+days, 3 round vaccs; 10 strs 600-650, off cow, vaccs; plus more by sale time.

#### Early Consignments Wean/Vacc Sale Tuesday January 7th 11 a.m start time

30 strs, 500; 24 blk s&h, 650-800, wean 90 days; 200 blk s&h, 500-650, home raise; 35 strs; 22 blk mostly hfrs, 600-700, home raise; 55 strs, 700, wean 45 days, home raise, vaccs, Top Dollar sired, Gardner genetics; 25 blk mostly strs, 450-600, wean 45-60 days; 14 blk s&h, 500-600, wean 45 days, vaccs, open; 17 s&h, 500-600, long wean, fall vaccs; 70 mostly blk s&h, 700-900, wean Oct. 6, vaccs, open; 100 mostly strs, 800-850, Cow Camp origin; 50 blk s&h, 550-650, off wheat, 2 round fall vaccs, sim/angus sired; 90 blk s&h, 500-650, wean 60+ days, 2 rnd vaccs; 48 blk s&h, 650, wean Nov.15, vaccs, open, Don Johnson sired; 50 blk s&h, 750-800, wean 60 days, vaccs; 35 charX s&h 600-850; 100 blk s&h, 600-850; 40 blk s&h, 600, home raise: 150 blk/bwf s&h, 650-800, home raise, Irvine sired: 100 s&h, 550-700, long wean, fall vaccs; 150 s&h, 650-700; 45 s&h, 500-650, home raise, wean 60 days, vaccs, open; 80 blk strs, 550-650, wean 45+ days, 2 rnd fall vaccs, sim angus sired; 100 blk s&h, 500-700, home raise, wean 90 days, off grass, vaccs; 116 blk strs, 600-800, off wheat; 100 blk s&h, 700-750, home raise, off wheat; 125 blk/bwf/Hereford strs, 600-750, home raise; 40 blk s&h, 600-700; 60 s&h, 650; 50 s&h, 450-600; 170 blk strs, 475-650, wean, 2 round vaccs, running out; 350 blk s&h, 700-900; 350 blk

### LINCOLN SENTINEL-REPUBLICAN

# **KDOT** unveils extensive updates to KanDrive

The Kansas Department of Transportation has added new features to the KanDrive road and weather information website and mobile app in an effort to improve safety and create an enhanced travel experience for drivers across the state.

The new interactive navigation features were developed as part of the U.S. 83 Advanced Technology Project currently underway, and most will be available for use statewide. The U.S. 83 Corridor Project extends from the southern Finney County line to the northern Thomas County line.

KanDrive already provides real-time travel information including road conditions, closures, camera/video footage and construction and detour information. New features and upgrades that were designed to provide more information to motorists will:

- Display oversized truck locations (U.S. 83 Corridor only).
- Send alerts on high wind, low visibility and ice/ snow road conditions.
- Operate on Amazon Alexa home speaker and app.
- Integrate with Android Auto and Apple CarPlay. •
- Enhance detour information.

Improve sharing of information for work zones. More information about KanDrive's new features and the U.S. 83 Advanced Technology Project can be found at https://ike.ksdot.gov/us-83-connected-vehicle-project. KDOT encourages motorists to use KanDrive to plan trips in advance. Know before you go and visit Kan-Drive at KanDrive.gov or download the app in the App Store or Google Play.

### Water/from page 3\_\_\_\_

Groundwater levels in much of the state's portion of the Ogallala aquifer have been on the decline since water use started to rise in the mid-20th century. Dry years lead to increased water usage, primarily for irrigation, which in turn typically causes greater declines in water levels.

The KGS and DWR measure depth to water in roughly 1,400 wells in 48 counties, primarily in January to avoid as much as possible skewed data associated with short-term declines caused by widespread pumping during the growing season. This year, the KGS will measure 576 wells, and crews from the DWR's field offices in Garden City, Stafford and Stockton will measure 823.

Wells are accessed with landowners' permission, and many have been monitored for years, although new wells are added as older wells become inaccessible or to fill in spatial gaps in the monitoring network. The majority are within the boundaries of the state's five groundwater management districts (GMDs), which are organized and governed by area landowners and water users to address local water-resource issues.

Historical annual measurements for each well are available on the KGS website. Results of measurements made in January will be added in late February.

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### **Commission**/from page 3\_\_\_

commission, Register of Deeds Tami Kerth, HR Felicia Strahm, and commissioner elect Leon Hart, seconded by Debora Smith. Motion carried. Time in: 9:35 a.m. Time out 9:45 a.m.

The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 9:45 a.m. with no action taken.

Dennis Ray moved to recess into executive session for ten minutes for the purpose of discussing employee evaluations, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b) (1) to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel, to reconvene in the courthouse commission meeting room, with the commission, John Paul Ellis, and commissioner elect Leon Hart, seconded by Debora Smith. Motion carried. Time in: 9:47 a.m. Time out: 9:57 a.m.

The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 9:57 a.m. with no action taken.

Dennis Ray moved to recess into executive session for ten minutes for the purpose of discussing employee evaluations, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b) (1) to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel, to reconvene in the courthouse commission meeting room with the commission, County Treasurer Leann Johnson, Deputy County Treasurer Mary Ann Stertz, Human Resource Officer Felicia Strahm, and commissioner elect Leon Hart, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried. Time in: 10:01 a.m. Time out: 10:11 a.m.

The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 10:11 a.m. with no action taken.

Dennis Ray moved to recess into executive session for twenty minutes for the purpose of discussing employee evaluations, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b) (1) to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel, to reconvene in the courthouse commission meeting room with the commission, Sheriff Dustin Florence, Human Resource Officer Felicia Strahm, and commissioner elect Leon Hart, seconded by Ryley Hembry. Motion carried. Time in: 10:13 a.m. Time out: 10:33 a.m.

The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 10:33 a.m. with no action taken. Sheriff Florence discussed changes being made to reduce departmental costs.

Human Resource Officer Strahm presented the updated County Administrator job description. Dennis Ray moved to approve the job description for the County Administrator and the pay grade at Job Grade 40, seconded by Debora Smith. Motion carried. Strahm inquired if any handbook revisions need to be made in addition to the insertion of the new pay grade and step scale. The board requested that Strahm update the job descriptions for all employees at the Noxious Weed Department and Landfill/ Transfer Station. Strahm provided the 2025 meeting calendar for the board to review. It approved the closing of county departments at noon on December 24, 2025. All employees will receive four hours of holiday pay for that day.

Dennis Ray moved to approve the December 2, 2024 minutes as presented, seconded by Debora Smith. Motion carried.

The board met with department heads regarding the 2024 budget.

### Have A Merry Christmas

**Special Cow Sales** 

**Tuesday January 12, 2025 Tuesday February 18, 2025 Tuesday March 18, 2025 Tuesday April 15, 2025** Tuesday May 6, 2025

#### **Weaned Vaccinated Sales**

**Tuesday January 7, 2025 Tuesday January 14, 2025 Tuesday February 4, 2025** 

**Don Johnson Bull Sale** Monday March 3, 2025

#### **New Frontier Bull Sale** Saturday March 22, 2025

For a complete list of cattle for In Stock Today all sales check out our Heavy Duty Round Bale Feeders Heavy Duty Feed Bunks

website at: www.fandrlive.com Sales Manager, Mike Samples

Office: 785-825-0211 Cell: 785-826-7884 Salina, Kansas Listen to our markets on KSAL, Salina at 6:45 a.m. Mon. thru Fri. For more information or to consign cattle call sale barn or: **Fieldman Representatives:** Kenny Briscoe • Lincoln, KS • 785-658-7386 Lisa Long • Ellsworth, KS • 620-553-2351 Cody Schafer • 620-381-1050 Auctioneers:

Kyle Elwood, Brandon Hamel, and Garren Walrod

#### Legal Notice

(First Published in Lincoln Sentinel-Republican on Wednesday, December 18, 2024)

> IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF LINCOLN COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate

of

Case No. LC 2023-PR-000019

NORMA E. THOMPSON, Deceased. )

#### NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED: You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in this Court by Anita K. Simmons, duly appointed, qualified and acting Executor of the Estate of Norma E. Thompson, deceased, praying Petitioner's acts be approved; account be settled and allowed; the heirs be determined; the Will be construed and the Estate be as signed to the persons entitled thereto; the Court find the allowance requested for executor's fees and executor's attorney's fees and expenses are reasonable and should be allowed; the costs be determined and ordered paid; the administration of the Estate be closed; upon the filing of receipts the Petitioner be finally discharged as the Executor of the Estate of Norma E. Thompson, deceased, and the Petitioner be released from further liability.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 14th day of January, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. in the District Court, Lincoln County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

> ANITA K. SIMMONS EXECUTOR

Thompson, Arthur, Davidson & Katz 525 North Main Street, P.O. Box 111 Russell, Kansas 67665-0111 (785) 483-3195 Attorneys for Executor

The chairman adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m. The next meeting will be at 8:30 a.m. Monday, December 16, 2024, in the courthouse commission meeting room.

# **Q&A**/from page 5\_\_\_\_

tion process and removes some of the confusion that producers often face.

What resources are currently available on Farm-Raise for producers considering an FSA Farm Loan?

FarmRaise offers a series of videos that help users better understand FSA farm loans and their requirements. These videos provide detailed information on preparing essential documents, such as balance sheets, which are often required for farm loan applications. By breaking down these complex steps, we aim to make the loan application process clearer and more manageable for all producers.

What else should farmers and ranchers know about the FSA Educational Hub and FSA's partnership with FarmRaise?

They should know that the FSA Educational Hub is continuously evolving to include more tools and resources that simplify their engagement with FSA programs. The FSA and FarmRaise partnership is committed to making these programs more accessible, particularly for underserved farmers and ranchers, and ensuring that all producers feel empowered to apply. With that in mind, we want to hear from farmers, ranchers, and fellow FSA cooperators to understand how we can better serve production agriculture in communities across the country!

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