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### OBITUARIES

#### Adis Wacker Aug. 10, 1928 – June 10, 2025

Adis Wacker, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, teacher, pianist, gardener, and quilter, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, June 10, 2025 in Lincoln, KS, at the age of 96.

Born on August 10, 1928, in Newton, KS, to Lillian and William Feldkamp, Adis was raised in the close-knit community of Vesper, KS. She graduated from Vesper High School in 1946 and continued her education at Kansas Wesleyan College in Salina. Following her studies, she spent a year teaching at Golden Belt School near Vesper.

On April 23, 1947, Adis married Gene Wacker. The couple relocated to Gervais, OR, where she contributed her talents in the office of a local peach orchard. Upon returning to Kansas, she embraced family life and managed A & G Café, conveniently located next to the Texaco

station built by her father as part of the Denver–Chicago Truck Stop on Highway 18.

A devoted church member, Adis dedicated much of her life to Sunday school teaching—leading confirmation classes, organizing youth activities, and fundraising, volunteering and organizing Vacation Bible School in the summers. She shared her musical gifts by playing piano at Emmanuel Church, Vesper Presbyterian Church, and Lincoln Methodist Church. For many years, she also taught piano lessons and wrote a weekly news article for the Lincoln newspaper called the Bull-foot News.

Her nurturing spirit extended into her passions: quilting and gardening, where she lovingly crafted both warmth and beauty for others. Her love of gardening was passed down to many of her children and grandchildren.

Adis is survived by her sons, Clyde Wacker (Virginia) of Wichita, Alan

Wacker (Bette) of Newton, and David Wacker (Lynn) of Hunter; daughter Sherry Wacker Stinnett (Vance) of Lawrence; sister May Tenofsky (Art); brothers, Larry Feldkamp (Jeanette) and Carolee Feldkamp; along with many grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her sister Donna Tillet; brother Darrell Feldkamp; son Kenneth Wacker (2014); and husband Gene Wacker (2009).

Visitation will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Sunday, June 15, 2025 at Hall Chapel in Lincoln with family present to receive visitors.

Funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m., Monday, June 16, 2025 at Lincoln United Methodist Church with burial following at Emmanuel Cemetery south of Vesper.

Memorial contributions can be made to Emmanuel Cemetery, c/o, Hall Chapel, PO Box 37, Lincoln, KS 67455. Condolences can be left at hallchapel.com.

## North Central Regional Planning Commission Awarded EDA Funding

U.S. Senator Roger Marshall, M.D. (R-Kansas) today released the following statement on the \$210,000 Economic Development Administration technical assistance planning grant awarded to the North Central Regional Planning Commission (NCRPC) in Beloit.

“NCRP provides invaluable planning and technical assistance to its member communities,” said Sena-

tor Marshall. “For small, rural communities, planning assistance is essential to helping the communities position themselves for future funding opportunities and financially responsible infrastructure investments.”

North Central Regional Planning Commission serves 12 counties in North Central Kansas through centralized planning and technical as-

sistance. The organization works in partnership with multiple federal agencies including EDA, USDA and U.S. Department of Transportation to implement grants and technical assistance.

The award was part of \$21 million in partnership planning grants to entities to support local organizations with short and long-term planning efforts.

## KDA Announces Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure Program Grant Opportunity

The Kansas Department of Agriculture is now accepting applications for a second round of grants under the Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure program. Nearly \$6.46 million was awarded to the agency in 2023 through a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Agricultural Marketing Service for this program, and 49 grants were awarded in 2024 during the initial round.

A second round of Simplified Equipment-Only Grants is now available, and awards will range in value from a minimum award of \$10,000 and a maximum award of \$50,000 and do not require cost sharing or matching. The Simpli-

fied Equipment-Only Grant is a fixed price grant, meaning it will fund only equipment purchases and the amount awarded will be equal to the cost of the equipment up to \$50,000. The Simplified Equipment-Only Grant will operate on an accelerated timeline and all equipment purchases must be made by December 31, 2025.

Grants will be awarded to Kansas food and farm businesses and other eligible entities, including non-profit organizations, local government entities, Tribal governments, and institutions such as schools and hospitals. Organizations which received a grant in the first round of RFSI awards are not eligible in the

second round.

Applications are due to KDA no later than 5:00 p.m. CT on July 18, 2025. For more information, please download and carefully read the Request for Applications from the KDA website: agriculture.ks.gov/RFSI.

Applications will be evaluated through a competitive review process in cooperation with the USDA–AMS. Applications will be ranked based on their project’s need, proposed outcomes, and feasibility as well as the impact they will have on the local food supply chain and their communities.

The purpose of the RFSI program is to build resilience in the middle of the food supply chain by award-

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### COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

June 2, 2025

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met in the courthouse commission meeting room on Monday, June 2, 2025. Chairman Debora Smith called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with Vice-Chairman Leon Hart and Member Kenny Meitler present. County Clerk Dawn Harlow was in attendance as recording secretary.

Others present for portions of the meeting: Colleen Tennant, Nancy Walter, Jared Sulsar, Elizabeth Sheldon, Dustin Florence, Brandon Cochran, Dale Hlad, James Kelsh, and Jeff Reece.

Correspondence: A letter from the Sylvan Historical Society thanking the board for the WEB fund grant and a tax abatement.

Nancy Walter and Jared Sulsar presented the conservation district’s 2026 budget request. Walter discussed the increases approved in SB 36 that will match two dollars for every one dollar of county match.

Transportation Bus Director Colleen Tennant requested approval to create a Facebook page, adjust working hours to match the courthouse

hours, and set up an informational booth during the June 7 garage sale. The board approved the requests. Tennant presented the department’s 2026 budget request.

Health Nurse/Administrator Elizabeth Sheldon notified the board that the department was approved for the PMI grant, which will provide funding through December 31, 2024. Sheldon plans to apply for the Patterson Family grant for funding in 2026 and 2027. Sheldon discussed upcoming public service activities planned for the department.

Sheriff Dustin Florence presented the 2026 budget requests for the Sheriff’s Department, Communications, and Special Law Enforcement Fund. Florence discussed an application received for a part-time jailer position.

Ambulance Service Director Brandon Cochran presented the department’s 2026 budget request. The board approved seeking bids for a new ambulance, as there is currently a long production period, and once ordered, they take approximately two years to receive.

Public Works Direc-

tor Dale Hlad presented the 2026 budget request for the Highway Department, Refuse Department, and Noxious Weed Departments. Hlad provided pricing received for new motor graders versus rebuilt motor graders. Hlad reported on department activities and projects.

James Kelsh, ImagineIT, provided a cost estimate for a five-year managed IT and equipment contract covering the courthouse, ambulance service, highway department, noxious weed, and landfill/transfer station.

Jeff Reece, Lindburg Vogel Pierce Faris, Chartered,

introduced himself to the board and answered questions posed regarding the audit process.

Debora Smith moved to approve tax abatement 2025-26, seconded by Leon Hart. Motion carried.

Debora Smith moved to approve the minutes of the May 27, 2025, and May 30, 2025 meetings, seconded by Kenny Meitler. Motion carried.

The chairman adjourned the meeting at 12:28 p.m. The next meeting will be at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, June 9, 2025, in the courthouse commission meeting room.



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| <b>BARNARD UNITED METHODIST</b><br>Pastors Kaye & Jeff Metzler<br>Adult Sunday School @ 10:00 am<br>Morning Worship @ 11:00 am  | <b>LINCOLN PARK MANOR CHAPEL</b><br>Morning Worship @ 9:30 am<br>Afternoon Worship @ 2:30 pm   |
| <b>BETHANY CHURCH</b><br>Eight miles north, six miles west and one mile north of Lincoln<br>Sunday School @ 9:45 am<br>Worship Service @ 11:00 am<br>Evening Service @ 7:00 pm  | <b>LINCOLN UNITED METHODIST</b><br>Pastors Kaye & Jeff Metzler<br>Worship Service @ 10:30 am   |
| <b>BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH LC-MS</b><br>Pastor Christopher Craig<br>Sylvan Grove, Kansas<br>Sunday School following Worship<br>Sunday Worship @ 10:30 am  | <b>PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH</b><br>Sylvan Grove, Kansas<br>Sunday School @ 10:00 am<br>Church @ 11:00 am  |
| <b>BEVERLY COMMUNITY CHURCH</b><br>www.beverlycommunitychurch.org<br>Pastor Toby Flaming<br>Sunday School @ 9:30 am<br>Morning Worship @ 10:45 am   | <b>ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH</b><br>Pastor Don Haselhuhn<br>Lincoln, Kansas<br>Two and one-half miles south of Lincoln on Highway 14<br>Sunday/Bible School...9:30 am<br>Worship Service.....10:30 am                         |
| <b>BEVERLY UNITED METHODIST</b><br>Pastors Kaye & Jeff Metzler<br>Church Service @ 9:00 am  | <b>ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH</b><br>Father Mark Wesely, Lincoln<br>Rectory phone: 785-524-4823<br>Email: stpat327@gmail.com<br>Sunday Mass @ 11:00 am<br>Sunday CCD Classes @ 9:45 am<br>Weekday Mass: Mondays - 3:30 pm |
| <b>CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH</b><br>Pastor, Chris Hall<br>Sunday School @ 9:30 am<br>Worship Service @ 10:30 am<br>Nursery available during service<br>Light Keepers Wed. @6:30 grades 6-12  | <b>ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH LCMS</b><br>Pastor Don Haselhuhn<br>Six and one-half miles south and 4 miles east of Lincoln<br>Worship Service @ 9:00 am  |
| <b>CULVER METHODIST CHURCH</b><br>Pastor Demele Eckart<br>401 Main Street, Culver, Ks<br>Sunday Worship @ 9:30 am<br>Saturday Coffee @ 8-10 am  | <b>ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH. ELCA</b><br>Pastor Rod Thompson, Tescott<br>Worship Service @ 9:00 am   |
| <b>DENMARK EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN COMMUNITY CHURCH. ELCA</b><br>Worship Service @ 10:30 am  | <b>TESCOTT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b><br>Pastor Demele Eckart<br>Sunday School @ 10:00 am<br>Worship @ 11:00 am   |
| <b>FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH</b><br>Pastor Jonathan Schale<br>Lincoln Park Manor @ 9:30 am<br>Bible Study @ 10:30 am<br>Worship Hour @ 11:00 am<br>Afternoon Worship @ 2:00 pm<br>Wed. Bible Study @ 7:00 pm   | <b>TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH. HUNTER</b><br>Pastor Matthew Schneider<br>Hunter, Kansas<br>Sunday School @ 9:00 am<br>Worship Service @ 10:00 am<br>Midweek/Confirmation Wednesdays @ 4:30 to 5:45                              |
| <b>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH</b><br>Pastor Carolyn Allen, Barnard<br>Morning Worship @ 11:00 pm  | <div><div><b>St. Paul Lutheran Church LCMS</b></div><div></div><div>Pastor Don Haselhuhn<br/>Six and one-half miles south and four miles east of Lincoln<br/>Service Times:<br/>Worship Service: 9:00 a.m.</div></div>       |
| <b>GRACE CHAPEL-HUNTER</b><br>Pastors Kaye & Jeff Metzler<br>Worship Service @ 9:00 am  |  |
| <b>LINCOLN COMMUNITY CHURCH</b><br>www.lincolncommunitychurch.org<br>Pastor Steven Rohn<br>Sunday School @ 9:30 am<br>Worship Service @ 10:30 am<br>Ladies Prayer Group.Wed. @ 5 pm<br>To rent the cube call Michael Pickering 785-488-7049.<br>Sunday Evening Service @ 6:30<br>Adventure Club Wed. 6pm - 7pm<br>Ages 3-12 |  |

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