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OBITUARIES



Lyla Lee Bergmen Buehre
Apr. 7, 1933 – Aug. 14, 2025

Lyla Lee Bergmen Buehre passed away at Presbyterian Manor on August 15, 2025 at the age of 92. She was born April 7, 1933, in her maternal grandmother's home in Tescott, Kansas to Delbert D. (Buck) Bergmen and Flora Aileen Nelson Bergmen. Growing up, Lyla trav-

eled with her parents and went to many schools in her early years but attended all four years of high school in Tescott, graduating as Valedictorian in May of 1951. Lyla went on to attend Brown Mackie College in Salina, Kansas and was employed at Salina Tractor Company when she met Leonard L. Buehre. They married in April of 1956 and raised three children in Salina. Lyla enjoyed working for Research Products Company for 24 years but traveling was the real joy for her. She loved following family activities all around the country, wherever they happened. She and Len were also fortunate to travel to many countries abroad during their 69 years of marriage. Lyla was active at Sunrise Presbyterian Church, where she was an Elder and enjoyed the Church family and gatherings. She was an avid reader attending book clubs and even worked at the Salina Library in retirement. Her family loved her devotion to photographing every occasion, event and trip. Lyla was preceded in death by both

parents in 1962 and her beloved 8-year-old grandson Beau Leonard Buehre. Family remaining to celebrate Lyla's life include her husband, Leonard; son, Barri (Melissa) Buehre in New Braunfels, TX; daughter, Gina Buehre (Lynn) Elder in Salina; and daughter, Heidi Buehre (Rob) Linsky in Chicago, IL. Her five grandchildren are Nick (Janet) Buehre, Cierra Elder (Kellen) Johnson, Jake (Megan) Elder, Hannah Linsky and Sam Linsky along with four great-grandchildren, Aislynn and Brennan Buehre and Ellie and Parker Johnson. Cremation has been chosen and a private burial will be held at Rose-lawn Cemetery. A small memorial service was held at Presbyterian Manor's chapel. A Celebration of Life will be held to commemorate the wonderful life and legacy of Lyla. Condolences can be sent to Len Buehre at Presbyterian Manor, 2601 E Crawford St, #409, Salina, KS 67401. Online condolences at www.ryan-mortuary.com.



Emil J. Choitz, Jr
Nov. 1, 1937 – Aug. 13, 2025

Emil J. Choitz, Jr., 87, passed away Wednesday, August 13, 2025 surrounded by family at his home in Ellsworth, KS. He was born November 1, 1937 in Ellsworth County to

Emil and Dorothea Choitz. He married Arlene Meier Choitz in Ellsworth on August 20, 1965. Emil was a farmer before joining his family at Choitz Brothers as a mechanic where he worked for over 30 years before retiring. He was lifetime member of St. Paul Lutheran Church of rural Ellsworth and a member of the Kansas National Guard. Emil is survived by his wife Arlene of Ellsworth; daughters, Cindy Bruning (Keith) of Ellsworth and Karen Paull (Sam) of Kanopolis, KS; grandchildren, Stacy Anderson (Eric) of Ellsworth, Brett Bruning (Kathryn) of Wamego, KS, Tricia Mitchell (Daniel) of McPherson, KS, Darci Paull of Manhattan, KS, Andrew Paull (Lacy) of Arlington, CO, and Gabriel Paull (Olivia) of Lenexa, KS; great grandchildren, Tyler Lamb (Brook), Alyssa Wood (Greyson), Tori Lamb, Brendan and Makenna Anderson, Finnley and Si-

enna Bruning, Waylon and Dakota Mitchell, Lowell and Cortland Paull, and Nora Paull; one great-great grandchild Myles; and one brother Ralph Choitz (Evelyn) of Ellsworth. Emil was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Edward, Lawrence, Norman, Gilbert, George, Harry, Frank, and Carl; and sisters, Mabel Anschutz and Ruth Williams. Visitation: 1-8 p.m., Friday, August 29, 2025 at Parsons Funeral Home of Ellsworth with family present 6-8 p.m. Funeral service: 10:00 a.m., Saturday, August 30, 2025 at St. Paul Lutheran Church with burial following in the church cemetery. Memorial contributions can be made to the St. Paul Endowment Fund or the St. Paul Building Fund, c/o, Parsons Funeral Home, PO Box 45, Ellsworth, KS 67439. Condolences can be left at parsonsfh.com.

COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

August 4, 2025
The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met in the courthouse commission meeting room on Monday, August 4, 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: Adam Robertson, Elizabeth Sheldon, Carol Torkelson, Dustin Florence, Brad Homman, Lucas Sanders, and Felicia Strahm. Correspondence: Lincoln Senior Center budget request; a flyer from Midwest Assistance Program; a flyer from Road Groom Manufacturing; a letter from Central Kansas Mental Health Center; and a contract from Computer Information Systems. Debora Smith moved to approve the Annual Peopleware Agreement between Lincoln County and CIC in the amount of \$2,500, seconded by Leon Hart. Motion carried. Administrator's Report: Regulator Time Company plans to come on Thursday and requested approval to issue a check to them. The board approved if the owner will not wait until the mid-month accounts payable run. Robertson discussed a potential solution to the law enforcement heating issue when temperatures are extremely low; he will be meeting with a landowner concerning a potential land development;

and inquired about the WEB fund and the goal for the fund. Health Nurse/Administrator Elizabeth Sheldon presented the physician medical consultant agreement for the board's approval. Debora Smith moved to approve the contract with Thomas Marcellino for professional consulting services for the Health Department, seconded by Kenny Meitler. Motion carried. Sheldon discussed services that will be affected by the board's decision to cut a position. Sheldon requested that the board consider requiring the courthouse janitor to clean the health department due to the decreased staff. Debora Smith moved to open the hearing for public comments for the CDBG-CVR grant to hear public comments, seconded by Kenny Meitler. Motion carried. The chairman convened the scheduled final performance public hearing at 9:30 a.m. to review activities related to the grant. The hearing was closed at 9:35 a.m. with no comments received. Carol Torkelson, NCRPC, reviewed the grant funding available, the amount spent, and the projects funded. Debora Smith moved to approve the closeout documents, to include the Grantee's Release Form, Quarterly Progress Report, and Certificate of Completion for the CDBG-CVR grant, seconded by Kenny Meitler. Motion carried. Sheriff Dustin Florence, Undersheriff Lucas Sanders, and Brad Homman with the Goldberg Group

Architects discussed moving forward with plans for a new law enforcement center and jail. Homman provided background information on projects the firm is currently working on. Homman related that the next step would be to sign an agreement that would compile a feasibility study and would include several needs assessments as well as a concept. Debora Smith moved to contract with the Goldberg Group to develop a concept for the jail in the amount of \$12,000 to be paid from the LACTF funds, seconded by Leon Hart. Motion carried. Human Resources Officer Felicia Strahm requested an executive session to discuss FMLA. Debora Smith moved to recess into executive session for ten minutes for the purpose of discussing FMLA in public works, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b)(1) to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel, to reconvene in the courthouse commission meeting room with the board, Felicia Strahm, and Adam Robertson, seconded by Leon Hart. Motion carried. Time in: 10:21 a.m. Time out: 10:31 a.m. The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 10:31 a.m. with no action taken. Debora Smith moved to recess into executive session for fifteen minutes for the purpose of discussing Health Department staff, pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(2)(b)(1) to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel, to reconvene in the court-

house commission meeting room with the board, Adam Robertson, and Felicia Strahm, seconded by Kenny Meitler. Motion carried. Time in: 10:33 a.m. Time out: 10:48 a.m. The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 10:48 a.m. with no action taken. Strahm provided an update on applicants for the janitor/maintenance position. County Clerk Harlow explained the LEPP grant program and the state requirements that differ from the grant for state FY 2025, with the primary changes being household income limit requirements and the minimum funding required of \$6,000 per system replaced if estimates exceed \$8,000. Applicants can continue to receive dual funding from this grant as well as the Conservation District. Clerk Harlow requested that the board increase the maximum funding requirement for the new grant to \$8,000 to fulfill the state's requirement of a minimum per-system rate for those who only qualify for 75% of the maximum amount. Debora Smith moved to approve setting the maximum funding for qualified applicants at \$8,000 for the wastewater grant for the 2026 FY LEPP Grant program to meet the minimum of \$6,000 per system state requirement, seconded by Leon Hart. Motion carried. Debora Smith moved to continue to allow the County Clerk to sign grant agreements as

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

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Pastors Kaye and Jeff Metzler
Service Times:
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Morning Worship: 11:00 a.m.

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