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head football coach at LJSHS, as the 2025 Third Quarter Good Neighbor. Hamel was selected for his work with his off-season football team through conditioning and teaching the value of community involvement and teamwork. As the year continued, this award was a hint at what was to become as Coach Hamel brought the Lincoln Leopards through the most successful season in the school's history. On Veterans Day, November 11, the Lincoln County Quilt Guild presented 21 Quilts of Valor to area veterans. The quilts

are all handmade by local quilters. The Gild collectively presented quilts on three previous occasions symbolizing the warm hearts of those whose freedom they defended. Jason and April Coover of Lincoln County were named Farm Bureau Farm Family of the Year for their service and leadership in agriculture, Farm Bureau and their communities. The Coover family raises dryland wheat, milo, corn and soybeans in addition to alfalfa and other forage for their cow-calf operation. Besides these news items, several grants were

made available to the area, LCIC and the Chamber embarked on a joint effort to provide new lighting for our downtown area, new businesses opened and others closed. Beverly and Tescott were flooded by days of unusually heavy rainfall. The Grinch stole the show at the lighted Christmas parade and Seirers Clothing added what has become an extremely popular coffee bar. Through good times and not so good times, the people of this community continue to support one another and choose positive vibes.

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eral food safety precaution. According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the public health risk for HPAI is low. As part of existing avian influenza response plans, federal and state partners are working jointly on additional surveillance and

testing in areas around the affected flocks. The United States has the strongest avian influenza surveillance program in the world, and USDA is working with its partners to actively look for the disease in commercial poultry operations and live bird markets and in migratory wild

bird populations. For more information about HPAI, including current status of the confirmed cases as well as more information about biosecurity for your flock, go to KDA's avian influenza webpage at agriculture.ks.gov/AvianInfluenza or call KDA at 833-765-2006.



Sealed Bids

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The City of Lincoln Center is accepting sealed bids for lease of the following agricultural real estate located in Lincoln County, Kansas for the farm year beginning March 1, 2026:

(“Tract 1”): That part of the NE/4 lying E of Hwy 18, Sheppard Addition, 6-12-7 (6.85 acres m/l);

(“Tract 3”): A tract in the NE/4 of the SE/4 Beginning 740 (S) W of NE Corner of SE/4 TH W 440 (S 165(S)) to N RR R/W SELY 645 (S) ALG R/W NWLY 460 (S) place of beginning and abandoned railroad right-of-way, Section 1, Township 12, Range 8 (3.01 acres m/l);

(“Tract 4”): The remaining acres currently planted to brome grass at the Industrial Park site East of the City of Lincoln Center (excluding developed areas) consisting of 4.05 acres, more or less (W 320(S) of E 630(S) SW/4 SE/4);

(“Tract 6”): A tract in Section One (1), Township Twelve (12) South, Range Eight (8) West of the 6th P.M., including vacant lots, streets, and alleys in Valley Park Addition to the City of Lincoln Center in Lincoln County, Kansas (a tract in the E/2 NW/4 Beginning SW Corner SE/4 NW/4 N 2640 E 330 S 660 E 440 S 1980 W 770 to place of beginning less road right-of-way, 38.02 acres m/l);

(“Tract 7”): Those portions of the West Half of the Northwest Quarter (W/2 NW/4) of Section Thirty-six (36), Township Eleven (11) South, Range Eight (8) West of the 6th P.M. in Lincoln County, Kansas, which adjoin but are separate from the Lincoln City Airport runways, buildings, hanger, and other non-farm ground areas which farm ground portions to which this lease applies being 23.49 acres, more or less; and

(“Tract 8”): The West Half of the Southwest Quarter (S/2 SW/4) of Section Twenty-five (25), Township Eleven (11) South, Range Eight (8) West of the 6th P.M. in Lincoln County, Kansas, less that portion of said tract for construction of new airport runway, said tract consisting of approximately 60.5 acres, more or less;

(“Tract 9”): A tract of land located in the East Half of the Southeast Quarter (E ½ SE ¼) of Section Thirty-Six (36), Township Eleven (11) South, Range Eight (8) West of the 6th P.M., Lincoln County, Kansas, and described by metes and bounds as follows: Beginning 879 feet North of the Southeast corner of Block One (1), in Banner Addition to the City of Lincoln Center, Kansas; thence West 335 feet; thence North 540 feet; thence West 405 feet; thence North 470 feet; thence West 420 feet; thence North 435 feet; thence East 1145 feet; thence South 1445 feet to the place of beginning. All of Block B and the North Fifteen Feet (N15’) of Lots Four and five (4 & 5) of Block C, Banner Addition to the City of Lincoln Center, Lincoln County, Kansas, excepting land heretofore condemned and described as follows: Beginning at the Northeast corner of said Block B; thence West 23.6 feet; thence in a Southerly direction to a point 15 feet South and 21.1 feet West of the Northeast corner of said Lot; thence East 21.1 feet to the East line of said Block; thence North along said line to the place of beginning, ALSO EXCEPTING a tract of land lying in part of the Southeast Quarter of Section 36, Township 11 South, Range 8 West, described as follows: Beginning at a point on the East line 305 feet South of the Northeast corner of said Quarter Section; thence West 62 feet; thence in a Southerly direction 1455.2 feet to a point 53.6 feet West of the East line of said Section; Thence East 53.6 feet to the East line of said Section; Thence North along said Section line to the place of beginning, exclusive of the existing highway; and construction of a ditch described as follows: Beginning at a point on the West right-of-way line of the proposed highway 1113.2 feet North of the South line of said Section 36, as measured along the center line of the proposed highway; thence North along said right-of-way line 40 feet; thence West at right angles 60 feet; thence South at right angles 40 feet; thence East at right angles 60 feet to the place of beginning; AND EXCEPTING a tract of land in the East Half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 36, Township 11 South, Range 8 West of the 6th Principal Meridian, and described as follows:

Commencing at the Northeast Corner of the Southeast Quarter of Section 36, T11S, R8W; Thence Westerly along the North line of said Southeast Quarter, a distance of 1222.60 feet to the center line of the Right-of-Way of Euclid Street extended; Thence Southerly along the Center line of right-of-way of Euclid Street a distance of 305.00 feet; Thence Easterly parallel to the North line of said Southeast Quarter a distance of 35.00 feet to the point of beginning; Thence Southerly along the East right-of-way line of Euclid Street a distance of 413.97 feet to the North right-of-way of Park Street; Thence Easterly along the North right-of-way line of Park Street a distance of 210.00 feet; Thence Northerly parallel to Euclid Street a distance of 413.97 feet; Thence Westerly parallel to the North line of said Southeast Quarter a distance of 210.00 feet to the point of beginning; AND ALSO EXCEPTING a tract of land in the East Half of the Southeast Quarter (E/2 SE/4) of Section Thirty-Six (36), Township Eleven (11) South, Range Eight (8) West of the Sixth Principal Meridian, Lincoln County, Kansas, described as follows:

Beginning at a point on State Highway K-14 West Right of Way line 305 feet South and 62 feet West of the Northeast corner of the Southeast Quarter of Section 36, Township 11 South, Range 8 West, Thence Southerly along the West Right of Way Line of State Highway K-14 a distance of 170 feet; Thence Westerly parallel to the North line of said Southeast Quarter a distance of 200 feet; Thence Northerly Parallel to the West Right of Way line of State Highway K-14 a distance of 170 feet; Thence Easterly parallel to the North line of said Southeast Quarter a distance of 200 feet to the point of beginning, with said tract consisting of approximately 21.89 acres, more or less.

All bids are due no later than 5 p.m. on February 6, 2026, delivered to City Hall, attn: Heather Hillegist, City Clerk, 153 W. Lincoln Avenue, Lincoln, KS 67455. Proposals submitted to the governing body should provide as many details as possible, such as the tracts interested in leasing, proposed rental rate, and proposed term.

Commission/

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portation bus department leave time, pursuant to K.S.A.75-4319(2)(b)(1) to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel to reconvene in the commission meeting room, with the board, Adam Robertson, and Felicia Strahm present, seconded by Leon Hart. Motion carried. Time in: 11:49 a.m. Time out: 11:59 a.m. The chairman reconvened the meeting to regular session at 11:59 a.m. Debora Smith moved to approve granting the requesting employee a temporary leave of absence beginning on the 10th of December until December 18th, seconded by Leon Hart. Motion carried. The board approved offering additional hours to part-time employees interested in providing janitorial services at the courthouse, provided they remain under the 1,000-hour limit. Clerk Harlow provided a list of ambulance service runs filed with the State Setoff program. The board approved the write-off of all accounts that were submitted to the setoff program prior to 2020. Clerk Harlow related that Delisa's Medical billing shows 74 ambulance runs that qualify for submission to collection, and that they have extended their willingness to submit the claims to the Setoff Program. Of the 74 runs, several are patients from out of state or deceased. The board approved Delisa's Medical billing to assist with the backlog

by submitting claims for all in state residents, excluding individuals who were deceased prior to 2025. Clerk's Office staff will handle all future submissions. Administrator Robertson reported that he met with the hospital administrator, and they are willing to work with the county to ensure services continue to the public until a Health Nurse/Administrator is hired. Robertson will contact them after meeting with Dr. Marcellino to discuss it further. Robertson reported that, after meeting with Dustin Avey at Piper Sandler & Co., concerning a sales tax initiative to build a new law enforcement center and jail, the County will need to ask the state legislature for approval to increase the sales tax rate because the county already has a one percent general sales tax. Once that is approved, then the county could place a sales tax question on the ballot. Robertson and Clerk Harlow will meet with the Piper Sandler representatives and the bonding attorney used for the hospital bonds to discuss the project and requirements moving forward. Debora Smith moved to approve the minutes of the December 8 meeting, seconded by Kenny Meitler. Motion carried. The chairman adjourned the meeting at 2:08 p.m. The next meeting will be in the courthouse commission meeting room at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, December 22, 2025.

Insight - Kansas Farm Bureau - opinion

Starting an election year

Glenn Brunkow
Pottawatomie County farmer and rancher

This week marks the end of 2025 and the beginning of 2026. There is no denying that 2025 has been a year we will never forget. Some of us would like to forget 2025 and others have had a good year. Yes, I am talking about the difference between those of us who raise crops and those of us who have cattle. It has been a year of extremes. However, whether you liked it or hated it, 2025 is in the rearview mirror and 2026 is dead ahead. What will 2026 bring us? Who knows? It is an election year. These elections have a lot riding on the line, and your involvement is critical for agriculture. If you are a member of Voters Organized to Elect Farm Bureau Friends (VOTE FBF), thank you and now is the time to start researching the candidates in your area so you can have an informed opinion about which candidate could help agriculture the most. If you have not yet contributed to VOTE FBF, I would encourage you to do so right now and you can make your voice heard when the County Evaluation Committee or CEC meets and chooses candidates to support. Every member's opinion is important when the VOTE FBF board makes its selections both for the primary and for the general election. We know that increasingly farmers and ranchers are becoming a smaller and smaller portion of the population, so it is important that we band together to have a louder voice. Agriculture is the largest industry in Kansas, and it is critical that we elect officials who understand agriculture and the importance of what we do. We need officials who are at least receptive to

hear the message Kansas Farm Bureau brings to the Capitol, both in Topeka and Washington D.C. That all starts with you being involved with the individuals we send to represent us. We must get to know them before they are elected, and it is just as important that they know who the members of Kansas Farm Bureau are too. VOTE FBF has a tremendous history of backing winners in the election. That is because the recommendations come from our county Farm Bureaus, not the top down. Each county has the opportunity to submit their recommendations, and they carry a great deal of weight when VOTE FBF makes endorsements. Now, over the coming months, take the time to meet the candidates and understand where they stand, especially on issues affecting farming and ranching. Make sure your CEC knows how you feel and then watch for the VOTE FBF endorsed candidates both before the primary election and again before the general election. I am proud to be part of an organization that puts so much emphasis on decisions at the grassroots level. That is why candidates prize the endorsement of VOTE FBF so much, it truly is from the electors themselves. Again, I urge you to contribute, do your homework and take part in the CEC process and help determine who we send to Topeka and D.C. As we turn the calendar and start an election year, our work is as important now as it has ever been. *"Insight" is a weekly column published by Kansas Farm Bureau, the state's largest farm organization whose mission is to strengthen agriculture and the lives of Kansans through advocacy, education and service.*

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