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Staying independent and local



Printed newspapers remain a symbol of community connection, storytelling and local history in an ever-changing media landscape. (Courtesy Photo)

By Jyll Phillips,
Lincoln-Sentinel

There has been considerable publicity – talk – of the demise of the newspaper industry. We have published more than one editorial addressing the subject. Some folks think newspapers will become or already are obsolete. Dinosaurs. Just more paper to throw out at the end of the day. They get all their news from social media or internet AI. That's all they need.

But for many others, the printed newspaper is much more than the words on the page. It's reminiscent of the days when reading the Sunday paper was a family event. When working the Sunday crossword was an all day affair. It reminds us of times before the digital age, when our newspapers were on our front porches or in the bushes, delivered by your neighbor's child at 5:30 a.m. everyday rain or shine. It reminds us of scouring the advertisements before we would leave the house to shop for groceries or clothing or anything at all.

It reminds us of the thrill of seeing our picture in the paper – or our friends' or our children's. We learned about who was getting married or engaged, who had babies, and who expired.

However, desperate times call for desperate measures, and local, privately-owned weekly newspapers have had to make some choices. The Sentinel has made several changes in recent years

to compensate for decreasing revenues. The Sentinel, when once consistently 12 pages every week is now about 6 pages a week, plus 2 extra if you have the digital subscription. We are certain our readers have noticed the lack of color on our front page.

Local papers who published three times a week are now down to one weekly publication. Whereas once it wasn't uncommon to have a full time salesperson on staff, we, in the industry, can no longer afford that luxury. Where some newspapers had a news staff of 2 or 3 reporters, now one person does it all.

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resources and talents are pooled, so while the paper stays alive and a certain amount of news will be reported for each merged paper, it is difficult to comprehend.

At the Sentinel, we want to keep our paper local. The Sentinel-Republican has been in existence in one form or another since 1874-1875. Through consolidation, change of names and ownership of older, early-day publications, The Sentinel-Republican can be traced back another 13 or 14 years to 1874-75.

The Sentinel-Republican dates its beginning on July 28, 1887, with the founding of the Sylvan Grove

the Lincoln Republican in November of 1925, and the newspaper has since continued under the name of the Lincoln Sentinel-Republican.

During its almost 140 years of providing news, the Sentinel-Republican has remained true to its vision of being an independent and reliable source for local news.

For the Sentinel-Republican to ensure our spot in Lincoln's future as an independent local newspaper, we need to enlist the help of our readers and our community. To be frank, we need advertisers and subscribers.

The Sentinel-Republican is offering a 20% discount on all print and digital subscriptions through April 2026. Instead of \$44, your digital subscription is just \$35. Print and digital in-state, originally \$66 is for a limited time \$52. Print and digital out-of-state, originally \$77 is now \$61.

We welcome your news items. We want your engagement announcements, your wedding announcements and your birth announcements. We want to know what is important to you. We welcome submissions of articles from our readers.

We are proud of our publication in view of the crisis within the newspaper industry. We want you to be proud of our publication as well because the truth is, we simply put it together – this is your news and we want to continue to be your newspaper.

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newspapers recently consolidated under High Plains News. Six separate newspapers will be in one publication including the Goodland Star News, Colby Free Press, St. Francis Herald, Norton Telegram, Oberlin Herald and the Rawlins County Square Deal. The Plainville Times and the Stockton Sentinel merged, serving Rooks County in one publication.

Mergers of this kind can help save money as

Sentinel's first edition published by Wallace Harry Pilcher. An Englishman, Pilcher was a Democrat. The newspaper was moved to Lincoln by Ira Troup some seven years later, and Sherrick and Abel became its publishers.

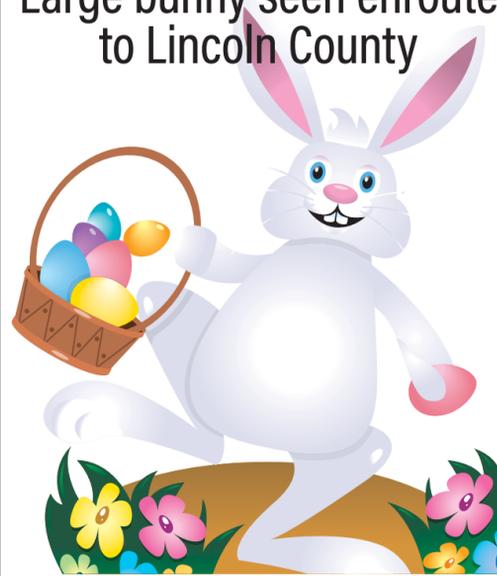
At Lincoln, the Sentinel changed hands many times between 1904 and 1911 when Winslow Cipra arrived in town and became its editor and publisher. It was Cipra who bought out his competi-

Tescott student State Spelling Champion



Tescott student Kellian Peterson won first place at the Sunflower State Spelling Bee on March 21 at Kansas Wesleyan University in Salina. His victory qualifies him to compete in the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C., May 26-28, 2026. Kellian is the son of James and Maggie Peterson, and grandson of Rita Peterson, Brad and Dawn Peterson, and Darlene Spence.

Large bunny seen enroute to Lincoln County



A man-sized white rabbit (Mr. E.B. Rabbit) wearing pastel clothing, a straw hat and carrying a basket of colored eggs was recently seen in Kansas and is suspected to be heading our way! Citizens are advised not to be alarmed if the bunny drops his eggs along his way. In fact, we invite you to pick up his droppings along the way – especially the brightly colored eggs!

The bunny rabbit is scheduled to visit the Easter Party in Beverly on March 28. You are invited to clean up (the fallen eggs) after E.B. at the Beverly Community Center on March 28 from 1-3 p.m.

Following a day of rest, E.B. will be at the Lucas Public Library, dropping eggs along the way. His loss is your gain on March 30 at 4 p.m.

A very busy day is in the books for Mr. E.B. Rabbit on April 4 with five appearances! Clean-up efforts (egg hunting) will commence at 10 a.m. at Barnard First Baptist Church! At 11 a.m. it's clean-up time in Hunter for more egg-huntery. At noon, head back south a bit to Lucas City Park where there are sure to be eggs galore following E.B.'s incessant hopping around. At 2 p.m., turn back east to Sylvan Grove's City Park to see what you can find. We think you'll find quite a lot. Continue east to Lincoln at 4 p.m. to clean sweep Lincoln's City Park.

If all that egg clean-up didn't wear you out, you'll find the bunny has been to Luray City Park as well and left bright colored eggs everywhere to be found April 5 at noon!

Thanks in advance to the area children for so diligently cleaning up after E.B. every year!

Let's raise some dough!

By Jyll Phillips,
Lincoln-Sentinel

The National Honor Society at LJSHS is selling Krispy Kreme donuts to raise money for their organization. Donuts available by the

dozen include the melt-in-your-mouth goodness of the original glazed variety for \$15. You can also choose one of the three specialty options that include chocolate iced, Kreme filled, or

raspberry filled. The specialty donuts are \$18/dozen.

There are also BOGO Fundraising cards available for \$25 each, fundraising certificates for \$15 each, or ground coffee for \$12 per bag.

Act soon to get your Krispy Kreme's! Orders are due by March 30 with delivery April 3.

Email orders to wolting.cody@usd298.com.

Flipping Huge Facts



Did you know the world's largest pancake was made in Rochdale, England in 1994? This massive breakfast creation measured about 49 feet wide, weighed an incredible 6,614 pounds, and was about 1 inch thick. It took a team effort to cook and flip, using a crane to help turn it over! While it might be hard to imagine putting syrup on something that big, it proves that when it comes to pancakes, sometimes bigger really is better.

Cash Grain

Corn.....	\$4.00
Milo.....	\$3.60
Soybeans.....	\$10.47
Wheat.....	\$5.42

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