

## Community Calendar

### Thursday, April 2

USD 298: 1:00 PM JH TRACK @ TESCOTT  
USD 299: FFA Vet Science/Ag Tech @ Beloit; 1pm JH Track @ Tescott

### Friday, April 3

Lincoln: Seirer's Basement Sale  
USD 298:  
NO SCHOOL - HOLIDAY  
USD 299: No school - holiday

### Saturday, April 4

Lincoln: Seirer's Basement Sale; Bingo @ Vesper Community Center  
USD 298: LINCOLN COUNTY REC - SOCCER 8 AM - 1 PM  
USD 299: Kays Easter Egg Hunt

### Sunday, April 5

USD 298: LINCOLN COUNTY REC - SOCCER 8 AM - 1 PM

### Monday, April 6

USD 298: 5 pm USD 298 BOARD MEETING  
USD 299: No school

### Tuesday, April 7

3:00 PM HS TRACK @ BELOIT; 6:30 PM K-5 LES SPRING CONCERT; 8am Math State Assessment - 10th Grade; 7:45am JH/HS girls Summer BB Meeting; 3:30pm BOOK FAIR EVENING  
USD 299: 3pm HS Track St. John's-Beloit Invt. @ Mankato; 3pm Softball @ Bennington

### Wednesday, April 8

USD 298: 8th GRADERS TO GURLEY SALT MARSH; 8th GRADERS TO GURLEY SALT MARSH  
USD 299: Gurley Salt Marsh (8th Grade); Kay Board mtg. during seminar; Speaker during Seminar (Electrical Apprenticeship); 6pm Booster Club Meeting 6pm High School Formal Etiquette Evening hosted by FFA; 7pm Post Rock Grant Writing ?

Commodity Distribution held the third Wednesday every other month at The Cube (147 N. 4th St., Lincoln.) January, March, May, June, Sept., Nov.

Lincoln County Historical Society meets third Wednesday of each month @ 5 p.m.; Lincoln County Historical Museum is open Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays. Call 202.744.9041.  
LCEDF meets the second Wednesday of each month in the Courthouse basement. Call 524-8954 for meeting time.  
The Lincoln County Commission meets each Monday, and the last working day of the month, at the courthouse.

# Morgan Cheney from Lincoln wins Bingo Jackpot in Vesper

There will be bingo, delicious food and wholesome family fun on Saturday April 4th at the Vesper Community Center, located at 1247 N 120th Rd, Lincoln KS 67455 1 mile south of Hwy 18 in Vesper. Doors to the facility and the concession stand open at 5:30pm and bingo begins at 7pm.

March's bingo had more than 25 winners. Morgan Cheney from Lincoln won the jackpot round. More info about bingo and volunteer opportunities can be found at <https://vespercc.org/bingo/>  
Volunteers will be selling burgers, hot dogs, loaded nachos, fresh baked cinnamon rolls and cheesecake, ice cream sundaes, pie and beverages inside the facility at the concession stand. Food is hot and ready and also available for takeout from 5:30pm to 8:30pm. All proceeds support the

community center.

The Vesper facility is available to rent for wedding receptions and other gatherings and includes the use of up 300+ chairs and 42 8' tables for indoor seating arrangements. For more information go to the [www.vespercc.org](http://www.vespercc.org) web site.

In addition to rental income and monies raised from Bingo and other sponsored events, the all volunteer run Vesper Community Center is supported by private donations and grants from Dane G Hansen, Post Rock Community Foundation, Lincoln County Wind Economic Benefit fund and local businesses, so be sure to thank Kansas Homes and Movers, Seirer's Clothing, Citizens State Bank & Trust, Meyer Tire and Lube, the Bank of Tescott, Lincoln Building Supply, S&S Auto service and towing and

181 Ag Supply, Bennington State Bank and Beloit GMC when you patronize these businesses.



Morgan Cheney, Lincoln, won the bingo jackpot.

# Post Rock District Extension to Host Coffee Conversation Series for area producers

Post Rock District Extension invites community members, farmers, and ranchers to attend its upcoming Coffee Conversation Series, three meetings focused on timely and relevant agricultural topics. Designed to be both informative and informal, each session will feature expert insight along with opportunities for attendees to ask questions and connect with others in the agricultural community.

The series will kick off on April 7th at the Bank of Tescott Meeting Room in Beloit, where Jennifer Ifft, K-State Extension Specialist in Agricultural Economics, will present on Livestock Risk Protection (LRP). Attendees will gain a better understanding of how LRP works and how it can be used as a tool to help manage price risk in today's markets.

The second session will take place on April 16th at the Osborne Library, featuring K-State Range Scientist Keith Harmoney. This discussion will focus on woody encroachment, including its impact on pasture health and productivity, and on practical management strategies producers can use to control unwanted species.

The series will conclude on April 21st at the Finch Theatre in Lincoln. Ashlee Westerhold, Director of the K-State Farm and Ranch Transition Office, will lead a conversation on farm and ranch transition planning.

This session will highlight key considerations for passing operations on to the next generation and provide guidance on how families can begin navigating the transition process.

All meetings will begin at 10:00 a.m. and will last approximately one hour, with time built in for questions and discussion. Attendees are welcome to join one or all three sessions.

There is no cost to attend; however, registration is encouraged to help plan coffee and seating.

For more information or to register, visit the Post Rock District Extension website or contact Blaire Todd, Livestock Production Agent, at 785-738-3597.

# Cold Weather Rule and LIEAP application period end soon

TOPEKA – The Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC) wants to remind utility customers that there are two important dates coming up next week. First, the Cold Weather Rule ends on Tuesday, March 31. The Cold Weather Rule protects residential customers, served by KCC regulated utilities, from disconnection when temperatures are forecast to drop below 35 degrees.

When the Cold Weather Rule is in effect, regulated utilities are required to offer a 12-month payment plan upon request, even if a previous payment plan has been broken. When that protection ends on Tuesday, failure to make arrangements or failure to adhere to an already estab-

lished payment plan could result in disconnection. Reconnection after March 31 may require past due balances to be paid in full, depending on the utility's policy. That is why it is important to call now – while regulated utilities are still required to offer the Cold Weather Rule 12-month payment plan.

In addition, March 31 is the deadline to apply for the Low-Income Energy Assistance Program, known as LIEAP. Applications for the federally funded program must be received by the Kansas Department of Children and Families by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, March 31. Information about the program is available at <https://www.dcf.ks.gov/services/>

ees/Pages/EnergyAssistance.aspx.

The Commission urges all customers facing financial difficulties to act now to stay connected. To find out more about utility assistance programs in your area, please contact your utility or the KCC Consumer Protection Office at 800-662-0027 or 785-271-3140. Utility assistance program information is also posted on the KCC's website.

It is important to note that the Commission does not regulate co-ops or municipal utilities, although many of those utilities also offer a cold weather payment plan. For a complete list of utilities regulated by the KCC visit: <http://kcc.ks.gov/about-us/jurisdiction>.



### Monday, April 6

BBQ Baked Chikcen, Baked Beans, Marinated Slaw, Grapes, Rolls & Milk

### Tuesday, April 7

Breakfast Casserole, Sunshine Salad, Biscuit & Milk

### Wednesday, April 8

Meatloaf, Baby Bakers, Broccoli w/Cheese Sauce, Mixed Fruit Cup, Roll & Milk

### Thursday, April 9

Taco Salad, Spanish Rice, Refried Beans, Hot Spiced Apples, Tortilla Chps & Milk

### Friday, April 10

Baked Ham, Au Gratin Potatoes, Green Beans, Apricots, Roll & Milk

Menu is subject to change.

Call 785-524-4738 before 9:30 a.m. to reserve a lunch. The suggested donation for people over 60 or with current paperwork \$4.00. For people without paperwork or under 60, meals are \$7.00, mandatory.

# Kobach warns consumers to be wary of fake traffic violation scam

TOPEKA – (March 26, 2026) – Kansas Attorney General Kris Kobach today issued a consumer alert warning Kansans about a growing scam involving fraudulent "Notice of Hearing" notices for alleged traffic violations.

Scammers are sending fake notices via text message and email that mimic official court documents. These notices often include realistic details such as court headings, case numbers, statute citations, and a QR code or link directing recipients to pay a fictitious fine and associated costs.

"Courts do not serve legal documents on individuals via text or email," Kobach said. "Kansans should not respond to unsolicited messages or emails containing purported legal documents from courts requesting payments. Kansans should also avoid interacting with texts or emails that include

alleged notices or direct the consumer to scan any QR code within them. If you receive any of these notices, please report it to my office so we can investigate."

### How to Spot and Avoid the Scam

- Unsolicited delivery: Real court notices for traffic violations or hearings are never sent by text or email.
  - Pressure to pay: The notices urge quick payment via QR code or link to "resolve" the matter and avoid further penalties.
  - Professional appearance: They often feature official-looking formatting to appear legitimate.
- What to Do If You Receive One**
- Do not reply, call any provided number, scan the QR code, or click any links. Interacting with the message could introduce malware to your device.
  - Verify any claim independently: Contact the clerk of

the relevant court directly using a phone number from the court's official website (never one listed in the suspicious message).

- Think before you act: Pause and double-check before responding to any unexpected legal communication.

Kansans who receive these fraudulent notices are encouraged to report them to the Kansas Attorney General's Public Protection Division at [www.ag.ks.gov](http://www.ag.ks.gov) or by calling (785) 296-3751 or 1-800-432-2310.

### About the Kansas Attorney General's Office

The Kansas Attorney General's Office protects Kansas consumers through enforcement of the Kansas Consumer Protection Act, investigation of fraud and scams, and education to help residents avoid deceptive practices. For more information, visit [www.ag.ks.gov](http://www.ag.ks.gov).

# OCCK Transportation will have shortened hours on Good Friday

OCCK, Inc. Transportation will have shortened hours on Friday, April 3, 2026, in observation of Good Friday.

On April 3rd, CityGo buses will run from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. with no peak routes running.

Regional paratransit, GoAbilene, and GoConcordia vehicles will run a reduced number of trips.

81 Connection, KanConnect, and OCCK OnDemand will run nor-

mal schedules.

Transportation services will resume normal operating hours on Saturday, April 4th.

OCCK, Inc. provides services in north central Kansas to anyone with any type of long or short-term disability, starting as early as birth and following people through their whole lives. OCCK provides an array of supports for success at home and

in the community, including independent living skills and supports, employment and career training, Alzheimer's supports, autism 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

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**SEIRER'S CLOTHING**

**EASTER WEEKEND**

**BASEMENT SALE**

FRIDAY, APRIL 3<sup>RD</sup>

10AM-6PM

SATURDAY, APRIL 4<sup>TH</sup>

10AM-4PM

THIS IS OUR KIND OF EASTER EGG HUNTING!

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