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•**Saturday, March 1, 2025—Public Auction at 10:00 a.m.** located at the home at 500 Lewis, corner of Lewis & Bedford in Cuba, Kansas. Antiques, Household and Tools. (Golf Cart, Trailer and Mower, selling at 12:00 p.m.) **James & Alice Davidson Estate, Seller. Thummel Real Estate & Auction LLC 785-738-0067**

• **Wednesday, March 5, 2025 – Land Auction at 10:00 a.m.** located at the 4-H Building at the Fair Grounds in Belleville, Kansas. 525 Acres Republic & Cloud County Land. 6 Tracts of Land. **Haywire Farm Corp. & Dunin Farm Corp. & Arden Krohm Trust, Joe Reedy Trustee, Seller. Blecha Realty, David Blecha, 785-527-2626 or 785-527-0458 C, BlechaRealty.com / Roger Novak, 785-527-1302**

•**Monday, March 10, 2025 - Wednesday, March 12, 2025– Online Auction.** Bidding starts at 8:00 a.m. on Monday and ends at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday. 35.50 Acres, 100% Tillable ground located at Highway 81 and Fir Road in Republic County, Kansas. **Matt Dowell, 785-564-1256. MDowell@Farmer-sNational.com www.FNCRealEstate.com**

•**Saturday, March 15, 2025– Large Estate Auction at 10:00 a.m.** located at the National Guard Armory on South 81 Highway on the South side of Concordia, Kansas. Crock Bowls, Vintage Meat Grinder, Old Christmas Decoration, Dryden Pottery, Wood Boxes, Mannequins, Assortment of Glass, Roy Rogers Items, Large Trunk, Frank Martin Signed Baseball, Swedish Items, Art Supplies, Games, Howdy Doody Items, Seed Advertiser, WWII Ration Coins and much more. **Kearn Auction, 785-243-3773 or 785-614-2082. Go to kearnauction.com for a full listing and pictures. Web site www.kearnauction.com E-mail @ kearnauction@yahoo.com**

• **Saturday, March 22, 2025 – 39th Annual Optimist Club Auction** located at the Coud County Fairgrounds on Industrial Road- East Side of Concordia, Kansas. Farm & Construction Equipment, Trucks, Cars, Shop Tools, Household Goods and Estate Items. **For Questions Call: Gale Longenecker @ 785-243-5598, Mike Cleveland @ 785-826-7897, Gary Fraser @ 785-243-1134 or Charles Johnson @ 785-243-9863**

• **Sportsman Auction** – Kearn Auction House, in coordination with Derek Champlin of DC Firearms LLC, will be holding a consignment auction for firearms, ammunition, and archery. DC Firearms will be conducting background checks. To list an item, Contact Dannie Kearn Jr at (785) 614-4656 or Derek Champlin at (785) 243-0723. **Date of auction to be announced when auction is full.**

SUPPORT GROUPS

MONDAY
Bereavement Support Group, 6:00 p.m. Zion Lutheran Church parish hall (second Monday of the Month) 785-614-9351.

WEDNESDAY
TOPS (take off pounds sensibly) Weigh In from 7:45-8:30 a.m., Meeting 8:30 a.m. at North Central Medical Center, 155 College Drive, Concordia. Call 785-243-3730 for more info. Come join us!

THURSDAY
Celebrate Recovery Christ-centered Recovery Program at the Wesleyan Church Sanctuary, 16th and Cedar St. (18 years and older) 7:00-8:45 p.m.

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Do you know someone that has a problem with alcohol or drugs? For a listing of local AA, NA, OA, AL-ANON, or NAR-ANON meetings; go to ks-aa.org, na.org, al-anon.org, and nar-anon.org, or meetings at 317 W 5th St, Concordia at the Freedom Club (HA).

AA MEETINGS (NS):
Sunday—Came to Believe 10 a.m. (O); Tuesday—Concordia Gateway Group 8 p.m. (C); Wednesday—Brown Baggers’ Meeting-Noon (O), New Beginnings for Women 5:30 p.m. (C); Thursday—Primary Purpose Group 7 p.m. (C); Friday—Brown Baggers’ Meeting-Noon, Concordia Gateway Group 8 p.m. (O) - Speaker last Friday of each month and Sobriety Birthday Night; Saturday—Primary Purpose Group 7 p.m. (C)

NA MEETINGS (NS):
Sunday—New Freedom 6 p.m. (O); Monday—New Freedom-Noon (O) and 6:30 p.m. (O); Tuesday—New Freedom-Noon (O); Wednesday—New Freedom 8 p.m. (O, BS); Thursday—New Freedom-Noon (O); Saturday—New Freedom 5 p.m. (O)

OA MEETINGS (NS):
Friday—5:15 p.m. (O)

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• **Sunday, March 16, 2025 – The Nazareth Motherhouse Annual Spaghetti Dinner.** The event begins with dinner at 11:00 am. Meal tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. There will also be a Bake Sale, In-Person Silent Auction and Raffle Drawing. Tickets can be purchased in advance from the Nazareth Motherhouse or by contacting Ambria in the Development Office at agilliland@csjkansas.org or 785-243-2113 ext. 1225.

COMMUNITY SUPPER

• **Wednesday, March 5, 2025– Cloud County Community Supper** from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. Free Hot Meal, All Are Welcome! Concordia National Guard Armory, 2115 Blosser Drive. Curbside Pick Up Only! For information, call (785) 614-0148.


• **Wednesday, March 12, 2025– Cloud County Community Supper** from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. Free Hot Meal, All Are Welcome! Concordia National Guard Armory, 2115 Blosser Drive. Curbside Pick Up Only! For information, call (785) 614-0148.



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March 2025



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2	3 Heartland Dermatology Mayra Brooks, FNP-Clyde 9:30-11:30 am	4 Dr. Witt–Ophthalmology Dr. T. Davis–Neurology S. Schroeder, NP–OB/GYN Dr. Garlow–Clyde 9:30-11:30 am	5 Dr. Bunker & Finazzo– Audiology Dr. Reed–Nephrology Dr. Speaks–Surgery	6 Dr. Rump–Orthopedics Dr. Poore–Clyde 9:30-11:30 am Layce Siemsen, PA– Jamestown 9:30-11:30 am	7	8
9	10 Heartland Dermatology Mayra Brooks, FNP-Clyde 9:30-11:30 am	11 Dr. Smith–Urology A. Leonard, NP–Urology Dr. Garlow–Clyde 9:30-11:30 am	12 Dr. Battin–Cardiology Dr. Klaassen–Surgery K. Ramey, PA–Cardiology Dr. Breault–Clyde 9:30-11:30 am	13 Dr. Prendergast–OB/GYN Dr. Poore–Clyde 9:30-11:30 am	14 B. De La Serna, NP– Pediatric Neurology	15
16	17 Heartland Dermatology Mayra Brooks, FNP-Clyde 9:30-11:30 am	18 Dr. Witt–Ophthalmology M. Crawford, PA–ENT Dr. Garlow–Clyde 9:30-11:30 am	19 Dr. Bunker & Finazzo– Audiology	20 Dr. Poore–Clyde 9:30-11:30 am	21	22
23	24 Heartland Dermatology Dr. Walia -Rheumatology Mayra Brooks, FNP-Clyde 9:30-11:30 am	25 Dr. Speaks–Surgery Dr. T. Davis–Neurology Dr. Walia -Rheumatology Dr. Garlow–Clyde 9:30-11:30 am	26 Dr. Klaassen–Surgery Dr. Breault–Clyde 9:30-11:30 am	27 Dr. Rump–Orthopedics Dr. Prendergast–OB/GYN Dr. Berquist–Pulmonology Dr. Poore–Clyde 9:30-11:30 am	28 K. Knox, NP– Endocrinology	29
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Tract 2: 80 Acres (M/L), has 77.40 acres cropland, & 2.60 acres roads. Location: 2 miles south on 220 Rd. to Xavier Rd. from **Wayne, Kansas.** Legal: (N ½ NW ¼) Sec. 27- 4- 2 of 6th P.M. in Rep. Co., Ks.

Tract 3: 89 Acres (M/L), has 79.06 acres cropland, 8.84 acres waterways, & 1.10 acres roads. Farm is cash rented for 2025 & buyers receive cash rent. Location: 1½ miles east on 36 highway to Talmo Lane, 4 miles south, and 1 mile east on Shady Rd. from **Belleville, Kansas.** Legal: (W 89 A in SE ¼) Sec. 29- 3- 2 of 6th P.M. in Republic Co., Ks.

Tract 4: 80.01 Acres (M/L), has 80.01 acres cropland. Tract 4 is north across road from tract 5. Location: 4 miles south on 220 Rd. & 1 mile west on Zeal Rd. from **Wayne, Kansas.** Or corner north to Wagon Rd. & 1 mile north on N203 Rd. to Republic Rd. from **Hollis, Kansas.** Legal:(W 80.01A in SW ¼) Sec. 33- 4- 2 of 6th P.M. in Rep. Co., Ks.

Tract 5: 112.5 Acres (M/L), has 110.98 acres & 1.52 acres roads. Tract 5 is south across road from tract 4. Location: 4 miles south on 220 Rd. & 1 mile west on Zeal Rd. from **Wayne, Kansas.** Or corner north to Wagon Rd. & ¼ mile north on N203 Rd. from **Hollis, Kansas.** Legal: (W ½ NW ¼ & N 32 ½ A of W ½ SW ¼) Sec. 4- 5- 2 of 6th P.M. in Cloud Co., Ks.).

Tract 6: 4.33 Acres (M/L) has 3.48 acres cropland, & .85 acres roads. Location: Corner of Highway 148 & Third Street in **Wayne, Kansas.** Legal: (4.33A Beg. NW corner of Hwy 148 & Third St.) of Sec. 9- 4- 2 of 6th PM in Rep. Co., Ks.

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New herbicide information available in 2025 Chemical Weed Control guide

K-State weed specialist outlines products making first-time appearances

BY JACOB KLAUDT
K-State Research and Extension news service

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Kansas State University has just released the 2025 Chemical Weed Control for Field Crops, Pastures, Rangeland, and Noncropland guide, an annual publication that weed specialist Sarah Lancaster says “has a variety of information related to herbicides.”

While this year’s guide does not include many new active ingredients, readers can find information about latest products, such as IronGate, which is labeled for use in wheat.

“The active ingredients in Irongate are flucarbazone and pyroxulam,” Lancaster said. “I’ve looked at it for control of downy brome and it did a nice job; some of the key weeds that this product will control are weedy bromes, mustards and Italian ryegrass.”

Beyond IronGate, Surtain stands as one of the more novel herbicides found in the 2025 guide, according to Lancaster, noting that it has performed well in research trials against other products like Resicore and Acuron.

“It’s a BASF product that is a premix of pyroxa-sulfone (Zidua and Anthem) along with saflufenacil (Sharpen),” she said. “The thing that is different about Surtain is that the saflufenacil is encapsulated, and so, even though we typically think about Sharpen as having quite a bit of burndown activity, and with the encapsulation, it doesn’t.”

Additionally, producers growing glufosinate tolerant soybeans might consider using the newly added herbicide Zalo – an AMVAC product that is a premix of glufosinate and quazolifop.

“Quazolifop is the active ingredient in Assure,” Lancaster said. “This soybean product is used for grass control. The glufosinate helps control broadleaf weeds as well.”

Liberty Ultra also remains on the list of just-released herbicides Lancaster has been paying attention to. In this case, Liberty Ultra holds the title of the first herbicide label to be compliant with the Endangered Species Act requirements.

“It is a purified version of Liberty 280 SL,” she said. “Use patterns are going to be really similar to Liberty 280 but the rates are bumped down just a little bit to account for the higher concentration of the active form of the glufosinate molecule.”

Other present-day products listed in the 2025 Chemical Weed Control for Field Crops, Pastures, Rangeland, and Noncropland guide include:

Inversa, Corteva’s encapsulated acetochlor product. Acetochlor is a Group 15 herbicide that growers use both pre- and post-emergence.

Resicore REV. Lancaster said the key difference between Resicore REV and Resicore XL is that inert ingredients of Resicore REV has been modified to improve handling

The 2025 Chemical Weed Control for Field Crops, Pastures, Rangeland, and Noncropland guide is accessible online through the K-State Research and Extension bookstore. Hard copies are also available in local extension offices in Kansas.

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Kansas 4-H Club Days help youth build communication skills

Annual event also boosts college, career readiness

K-STATE RESEARCH AND EXTENSION NEWS SERVICE
MANHATTAN, Kan. — Admit it: the thought of speaking in front of an audience makes your palms sweaty, maybe even your knees buckle.

Beth Hinshaw, a Kansas 4-H youth development specialist, knows that the nerves do not necessarily go away as we get older, but speaking in public does get easier.

“Honestly, it is all about learning how to organize information and deliver it,” she said. “Young people may have a lot of it written out the first time they give a presentation, but as they grow in that skill, they will get to where they are using an outline.”

Beginning in February and throughout March, youth are honing their public speaking skills across the state during Kansas 4-H Days. Hinshaw said the annual events challenge youth to talk about or demonstrate a 4-H project they are working on in front of a judge, who then provides feedback.

“In 4-H, we think of these skills as necessary for college and career,” Hinshaw said. “Youth learn to organize thoughts in a logical manner; find information and research a subject; express ideas clearly and convincingly; prepare visuals to support the presentation; and accept feedback.”

Local extension units host Kansas 4-H Days for youth ages 7 to 18. “If you have friends or family who are doing presentations, there’s a good possibility that there is a video somewhere that they could share with you,” Hinshaw said.

Most talks are given individually, though a few are demonstrations by teams of youth. Some youth also give illustrated talks, while others give talks that persuade, inform, entertain or inspire, according to Hinshaw.

“A lot of people will tell us they would not have had the communication skills and abilities (later in life) that they have if not for their 4-H background,” Hinshaw said.

“Ultimately, the goal in any presentation experience is for members to complete the presentation with a good feeling about themselves and what they have accomplished and learned.”

Communication is one of more than 40 project areas offered by the Kansas 4-H program. More information about the state’s largest youth organization also is available at its website.

Extension Extra

MARISSA HURST, 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AGENT
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The Importance of Career and Educational Exploration and Real-World Preparedness

In today’s society, there is a push for youth to be prepared for the real world by developing life skills and exploring career and educational opportunities at younger and younger ages.

Youth are encouraged to start exploring careers that they may have an interest in at earlier stages of their lives. They are exposed to different careers in many unique ways to help them realize the avenues that they can go down. With new technology and our ever-changing world, there are more and more new opportunities emerging. Allowing youth to learn more about career opportunities at younger ages allows them to find their niche, prepare them for the future, and find opportunities that they might not have known about.

Along with career exploration, there is a large push for youth to further their education beyond a high school degree. While the status quo used to be attending a 4-year university, that is not necessarily the case nowadays. Several careers only require an education from a technical school or a community college. Some youth may choose to go straight into the workforce, and we value that as well! Whether youth decide to go to a 4-year university, a community college, or a technical college, education is seen as a valuable asset in the real-world and we want to encourage youth to further their education in the way that best suits them. We want our youth to be successful members of our communities, no matter the educational or career path that they choose.

Whichever path these youth choose to go down; they will all have new responsibilities that they need to be prepared for. Whether that is taking care of their car, learning to shop on a budget, or even knowing how to wash their clothes, these are all skills that they will need to master, and things that aren’t always seen as the most important skills to teach.

Youth involved in River Valley 4-H will have the opportunity to participate in an event known as NCK Lead that covers the topics of career exploration, further education, and life skills. Targeted to youth in middle school and high school, 4-H members will have the opportunity to visit a community college within the River Valley District and have hands-on learning experiences geared toward careers they may have an interest in from the instructors of Cloud County Community College. Youth will be immersed in learning in the technical portion of the school that includes simulations and hands-on experiences in several different career areas. They will also learn some of the real-world skills that they will need to thrive in the “real world.”

NCK Lead will take place on March 29, 2025. For more information about how to register, contact your local River Valley District Extension Office. Belleville at 785-527-5084, Clay Center at 785-632-5335, Concordia at 785-243-5335, and Washington at 785-325-2121.

It’s February: Are you thinking about tomatoes -- yet?

K-State horticulture expert gets you ready for planting this year’s crop

K-STATE RESEARCH AND EXTENSION NEWS SERVICE
MANHATTAN, Kan – It’s still nearly three months before Kansas gardeners begin to put tomato plants into the ground, yet Kansas State University horticulture expert Cynthia Domenghini says it’s not too early for gardeners to set themselves up for a bountiful season.

“Most of the varieties available to home gardeners are indeterminate,” Domenghini said.

Indeterminate plants are traditional tomatoes that continue growing throughout the season with vines that can reach over five feet long. They are capable of continuing fruit production all season, unless disease or frost interfere.

Determinate tomatoes are more compact, typically less than three feet tall. Their fruiting period is shorter as well, but can still result in a plentiful harvest.

“If there is space, you may want to grow a combination of both,” Domenghini said. “The determinates can provide a large harvest for canning, and the indeterminates spread out the harvest of fresh tomatoes for eating.”

Domenghini said gardeners will benefit from choosing tomato varieties with strong disease resistance characteristics.

In Kansas, tomatoes are generally planted in early-to mid-May, or when daytime temperatures are above 70 degrees Fahrenheit and the frost-free date has passed. In some areas, such as the northwest part of the state, conditions might not be right for planting tomatoes until the middle of May or a bit later, according to Domenghini.

Even though indeterminate varieties produce fruit throughout the season, “our hot Kansas summers often cause a dry spell in production,” Domenghini said.

Tomatoes are less likely to set fruit when night temperatures remain above 75 F and day temperatures are above 95 F. Hot, dry winds make the situation worse, Domenghini said.

Domenghini and her colleagues in K-State’s Department of Horticulture and Natural Resources produce a weekly Horticulture Newsletter with tips for maintaining home landscapes and gardens.

Interested persons can subscribe to the newsletter, as well as send their garden and yard-related questions to hortsupport@ksu.edu, or contact your local K-State Research and Extension office.

Popular Walk Kansas program nears 25th year

Registration opens March 4; program is open to those beyond Kansas

BY PAT MELGARES

K-State Research and Extension news service
MANHATTAN, Kan. – In the midst of thousands of Kansans rallying around a challenge to walk or roll a distance equivalent to the length of the state, Sharyl Jackson believes one goal should always be kept in mind.

“It’s important to have fun,” said Jackson, a family and consumer sciences specialist in K-State Research and Extension’s northeast region.

Jackson is also coordinator of the popular Walk Kansas program, which turns 25 this year. ‘Fun,’ she says, has been a cornerstone of the health and fitness program since its beginning more than a quarter-century ago.

“The best physical activity is one you will actually do. There are so many spillover effects from physical activity that include being more productive at work, being more satisfied in your life, improving your mood and improving your outlook on life,” Jackson said.

Walk Kansas is a team-based challenge that encourages people to walk, jog, run, roll, bike, swim or do whatever they enjoy doing to live more healthfully. The program routinely draws more than 5,000 participants.

Online registration for the 2025 Walk Kansas program opens on March 4. Each team must assign a captain, in addition to a team name. The cost per team member is \$10, which must be paid at the time the captain registers the team.

Each team of friends, family members or others is made of six members who set a goal to engage in moderate exercise for a minimum 150 minutes per week, for eight weeks. Each team members’ exercise minutes translate to miles and the team’s total over eight weeks is roughly equivalent to 423 miles, or the distance across Kansas – east to west.

If team members decide they want to do more, they can sign up for various challenges outlined on the Walk Kansas website.

If you don’t have a team, or just prefer to take on the challenge yourself, there is a solo participant option. You do not need to live in Kansas to be on a team or to do the solo challenge.

“The minimum guideline for health is 150 minutes per week at moderate intensity (set by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention), or you can go at a more vigorous pace and get the same benefit with less time,” Jackson said. “It’s up to each team and team member as to how they want to structure their exercise, and we’ll explore a lot of the benefits, how-to’s and more in our weekly newsletter and webinars.”

Walk Kansas began on a local level more than 25 years ago, then grew to a statewide program in 2001, according to Jackson. It remains an eight-week program, which she notes, “is long enough to help people get into a routine.”

“There is varying research about how long it takes to form a habit, but eight weeks is a pretty solid time-frame,” she said. “It’s long enough to have developed a routine and it’s something that if you stop, you feel like you’re missing something.”

The online reporting system will again help participants track their fruit, vegetable and water consumption, in addition to daily exercise minutes. Jackson said the program will also highlight prevention and maintenance of diabetes and other chronic conditions, and there will be information on walking, biking and driving safety, in partnership with the Kansas Traffic Safety Resource Office.

“Walk Kansas aims to help you make improvements in your lifestyle habits, and to surround yourself with supportive people,” Jackson said. “It really helps to empower you to make good decisions about your health in terms of healthcare and monitoring and just staying on top of your health.”

More information about Walk Kansas also is available at local extension offices in Kansas.

Cattle Chat: Special needs for old cows

K-State beef cattle experts say cows’ metabolisms change as they age

BY LISA MOSER

K-State Research and Extension
MANHATTAN, Kan. — While a young person who turns 10 is considered an adolescent, cows at that age are considered old, according to the experts at the Kansas State University’s Beef Cattle Institute.

Speaking on a recent Cattle Chat podcast, K-State veterinarian Brian Lubbers and beef cattle nutritionist Phillip Lancaster offered management tips for caring for older cows and factors that should be considered in making a culling decision.

“At some point, a cow’s reproductive ability will wane and at 10 years of age I’m going to be really critical if she does not have a calf every year and get bred on time,” Lubbers said. “Just because she is 10 years old or older, it doesn’t mean she can’t be a productive cow.”

A cow’s metabolism changes as they age, Lancaster said.

“Cows that are 10 years or older have trouble keeping their body condition and their milking ability tends to drop off, so they typically will wear a smaller calf than they have in the past,” Lancaster said.

He added that older cows often require more supplementation.

“Giving them extra feed to maintain body condition isn’t a big expense, but if you are feeding them more to help with their lactation now you are feeding the cow to feed the calf and that isn’t efficient. In that case, you’d be better off just letting her produce a calf with a lower weaning weight and then feed the calf more once it is weaned,” Lancaster said.

As cows age, it is important to check their mouths, Lubbers said.

“It is important to check their teeth as they age because an older cow with no teeth is going to require a lot more care to keep her body condition,” Lubbers said.

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CHAMBER CORNER

By Annie Bergmann, Chamber Director

Please join us on March 4, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. for our weekly Chamber Coffee.

If you are interested in becoming a Chamber Member or being a Chamber Coffee Sponsor, please contact Annie Bergmann at 785-243-4290 or email info@concordiakansaschamber.com

Join us for coffee and donuts. Donuts provided by Me and Ma’s Bakery. Keep up to date on all the events and activities happening in Concordia and the surrounding area.

Concordia Wesleyan Church is the sponsor for the March 4th Chamber Coffee regarding some exciting announcements about The Community Easter Egg Event, which will be held on Saturday, April 12th. The hunt begins promptly at 1:00 p.m. on the east side of the Concordia City Park. This event is for infants through 6th graders, and over 20,000 eggs will be placed in the following age appropriate hunt areas: (Infant to 2 years), (3 to 5 years), (Kindergarten to 2nd grade), and (3rd to 6th grade).

Families are invited to stay for all the activities and concessions that are FREE for the entire family until 3:00 p.m. This includes a 45’ Obstacle Course, Train Combo Bouncer, Large Castle Moonwalk, and an inflatable Skee Ball Game, Toy Pig Races, Petting Zoo, Costume Photo Booth, Popcorn, Lemonade, Games, Prizes and more.

For over 20 years The Community Easter Egg Hunt has been sponsored by your friends at the Concordia Wesleyan Church and has grown into more of an event, instead of just a hunt. As it continues to grow in popularity in the community, the Wesleyan Church will now be joined by CrossPoint, Fellowship Christian, OLPH Catholic, and Victory Faith churches. The support of businesses in our community is also a crucial piece in its success, and we thank them for their support. Come to Chamber Coffee and hear some other exciting news.

Check out the concordiakansaschamber.com website for information on all our businesses. Please continue to check out Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. If you do not have social media, continue to listen to KNCK 1390 for all updates with the Chamber.

March 15, 2025 -National Quilting Day- 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. at the Concordia Lutheran Church

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