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## Sentinel Debuts First Issue with New Digital Press

By Faith BroKar

The Edwards County Sentinel marked a significant step forward in its production this week as the newspaper was printed in house for the first time using a newly installed digital press.

The new equipment recently arrived and has now been fully set up, allowing this week's edition to become the first issue produced entirely in house. The transition comes after ongoing increases in printing costs, which have risen sharply in recent years and again saw a notable increase

this year.

By bringing production in house, the Sentinel is now able to maintain greater control over the printing process while also improving efficiency and long-term sustainability.

Readers will notice several changes in this week's edition. The newspaper is now printed on a different type of paper rather than traditional newsprint, offering a brighter appearance with clearer contrast between text and background. The overall size of the paper has also changed slightly

as part of the new format.

In addition to these changes, the new digital press provides the Sentinel with expanded capabilities, including the ability to take on additional print jobs for the community.

While the look of the newspaper may be different, the Sentinel remains committed to delivering the same local news coverage that readers rely on each week.

The arrival of the new press represents an investment in the future of the newspaper and its ability to continue serving Edwards County for years to come.



Jason, Faith and London BroKar pose with the new digital press

## THINGS TO REMEMBER

### April Book Club

The April Book Talk group will be reading, *The Borrowed Life of Frederick Fife* by Anna Johnston. Dawn Thorp will be leading the book discussion on April 30th at 1:00pm. Patrons who wish to check out a copy of the book can pick one up at the circulation desk.

### Editor's Note

If you have news that you would like to be featured in an issue of the Sentinel, please call the office at 620-659-2080 (leave a message) or reach me by email at edcsentinel@hotmail.com.

If you need to bring something to the office but I am not there, you may leave it in the dropbox outside the office door. The location of the office is at 221 E 6th St, Kinsley. Thank you!

### Word of God

He was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.

~ Isaiah 53:5

## Special Easter Services

**First Christian Church – 701 Niles in Kinsley**  
Wednesday, April 1 – Easter Party for all kids from 4 to 5 pm

Thursday, April 2 – Maundy Thursday Come/Go Prayer and Communion from 5 to 7pm

Friday, April 3 – Good Friday Service at 6 pm

Sunday, April 5 – Easter Sunday Breakfast from 8:30 to 9:15 am

Praise Service at 9:30 am

**United Methodist Churches – (406 Lewis Street, Lewis) (803 Marsh, Kinsley)**

Maundy Thursday, April 2 – Service held at Lewis UMC we will be hosting a casual symbolic meal tying the Jewish and Christian heritage together, from manna and quail in the wilderness to Holy Communion. Scripture will be shared and the fellowship will be amazing. Appropriate for all ages. We will begin at 6:30 pm.

**Sunday, April 5 – Sunrise Service**, at the hill at Joan Weaver's (1588 P Rd). If you wish to carpool from Lewis, meet at the Rock Building at 6:35 am. If you wish to carpool from Kinsley, meet at the Kinsley United Methodist Church at 6:40 am. Worship Service begins around 7:05 am. Donuts and juice following in downtown Lewis.

**Sunday, April 5 – Easter services:** Lewis UMC at 9 am followed by an Easter Egg Hunt.

Kinsley UMC at 10:45 am followed by an Easter Egg Hunt.

You are invited to come as you are to the Holy Week activities at the Kinsley and Lewis churches!

## Senior Parents: Graduation Information

By Faith BroKar

The special graduation issue will be published on May 7, 2026. Graduation forms have been distributed to senior students, and parents are encouraged to review the materials and meet the upcoming deadline.

Two forms were sent home with seniors. The first form is to be completed by the student and includes basic information for graduation coverage, along with a request for a senior photo to be published.

The second form is for parents who wish to participate in the "Diapers to Diplomas". This special ad highlights seniors with a baby photo and

a special message from you to your senior. The cost for a Diapers to Diplomas ad is \$30.

Payments should be made by check payable to *The Sentinel*. Forms, photos, and payment may be mailed to 221 E 6th Street, Kinsley, Kansas 67547, or dropped off at the office. If the office is closed, then you may leave it in the drop box by the door.

All forms, photos, and payments must be submitted no later than Friday, May 1.

Students are encouraged to return materials as soon as possible to ensure inclusion in this year's graduation section.

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