

# SOCIETY

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## Kansas City Area Hosts Young Stockmen Industry Tours

### PRESS RELEASE

TOPEKA - The 2025 Kansas Livestock Association (KLA) Young Stockmen's Academy (YSA) met in the Kansas City area May 5-7 for their second seminar of the year. Class members from across the state spent three days learning more about the beef and dairy industries and connecting with consumers. Merck Animal Health, the exclusive YSA sponsor, hosted the class at their Lawrence and Lenexa facilities. Staff provided an overview of the animal health industry, discussed research on animal health products and gave a tour of one of their labs. The class also was able to see the company's virtual fencing

system and one of their animal health monitoring systems in action during a ranch visit. Bichelmeyer Meats, Dairy Farmers of America, Golden Belt Beef and National Beef Leathers welcomed the group for tours of their facilities and spoke on how their respective businesses operate to serve their customers and members. The class also spent time at two Hy-Vee grocery store locations preparing and serving Kansas City strip steak samples while engaging with consumers about beef. Kansas Beef Council Director of Nutrition Abby Heidari visited with YSA about connecting with consumers before the group

interacted with shoppers. Additionally, class members visited Whole Foods Market where they learned more about marketing protein to niche audiences. Members of the 2025 YSA class are Paige Adams, Hutchinson; Kyler Berning, Leoti; Walker Clawson, Meade; Jenna Fitzsimmons, Cunningham; Jenna Goetzmann, Manhattan; Hayden Guetterman, Bucyrus; Luke Higgason, Larned; Jenna Hlavaty, Cimarron; Hunter Hope, Jetmore; Jordan Koons, Buffalo, OK; Elizabeth Lutz, Nickerson; Camryn Ricker, Ford; Jamie Schaake, Garden City; Luke Schneider, Saint John; Madelyn Stackley, El Dorado;

Caleb Volkman, Hugoton; Daniel Walsh, Manhattan; Clayton Wharton, Syracuse; Cassandra Wolff, Caldwell; and Wyatt Woods, Cimarron. YSA will meet for their third gathering, a tour of central and western Kansas beef and dairy operations, in mid-September. KLA is a trade organization representing the business interests of members at both the state and federal levels. Voluntary dues dollars paid by producers are used for programs that benefit KLA members in the areas of legislative representation, regulatory assistance, legal troubleshooting, communications and the advancement of youth.



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## GOP: Colyer Speaks to Residents

Kingman County GOP hosted Governor Jeff Colyer to its meeting on May 15 at the Kingman Expo Center. Colyer just formally announced his candidacy for the office of Governor of Kansas earlier in the week. Residents got to hear Colyer's plan for the future of Kansas during the meeting.

CJ's Restaurant and Sports Bar would like to thank everyone for their patience and understanding for their kitchen being closed last weekend. They are pleased to announce the kitchen will be fully open this Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Don't forget Thursday is chicken fried steak with homemade mashed potatoes night!

## PUBLIC NOTICE

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### Scott's Advice For The Week:

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Kansas Livestock Association hosted the Young Stockmens Academy recently in Kansas City. Pictured are: front row, L to R, Kyler Berning, Leoti; Camryn Ricker, Ford; Jamie Schaake, Garden City; Jenna Goetzmann, Manhattan; Jenna Hlavaty, Cimarron; Jordan Koons, Buffalo, Okla.; Jenna Fitzsimmons, Cunningham; Cassandra Wolff, Caldwell; Paige Adams, Hutchinson; Elizabeth Lutz, Nickerson; Hayden Guetterman, Bucyrus; back row, L to R, Hunter Hope, Jetmore; Luke Schneider, Saint John; Clayton Wharton, Syracuse; Caleb Volkman, Hugoton; Luke Higgason, Larned; Daniel Walsh, Manhattan; Walker Clawson, Meade; Wyatt Woods, Cimarron; and Madelyn Stackley, El Dorado.

## Pearce Graduates From Lee University

### PRESS RELEASE

CLEVELAND, Tenn. – Robert Owen Pearce of Kingman graduated with a master's of business administration from Lee University during the 193rd commencement exercises on May 10. Pearce was among more than 485 students who received undergraduate and graduate diplomas. Pearce is the son of Amy and Justin Pearce of Kingman.

## Jump Graduates From Southwestern

### PRESS RELEASE

Micah Dean Jump graduated from Southwestern College in Winfield during its commencement exercises on May 4. Jump was a member of the SC golf team and graduated with a bachelor of science in physical performance and sports studies. Jump is the son of Jason and Stephanie Jump of Kingman.

## The "Pin" Cushion

By Stephanie Jump

With all the kiddos home, mom had to get in gear this week and start cooking and planning meals again. A few times eating out with the whole family gets pricey so we did a family grocery trip the other day so that we are prepared to eat at home more. This week we are utilizing a big package of chicken breasts that has already been divided up into three different meals. I have some in a brine for chicken sandwiches, which is a family favorite. Another batch is frozen for a cajun pasta later this weekend and then my favorite way, another batch is in the crockpot for easy chick-

en tacos. This is seriously the best and easiest way to make up a batch of chicken tacos. I dump a container of green verde sauce (any kind you like) with a few cups of water and cook. The chicken has an amazing flavor and can be diced up for quesadillas or shredded for enchiladas or tacos. It is a really versatile meal that people can make into multiple dishes to suit their own tastes. It can also be eaten as they come and go from work or summer activities which makes it even better. Another favorite this time of year is grilling. One of our favorite grilled meals is ma-

inating chicken in a sweet Hawaiian sauce and grilling with red peppers and pineapple. I like to skewer chunks of all of them together on a kabob and grill. Then serve over some white rice.

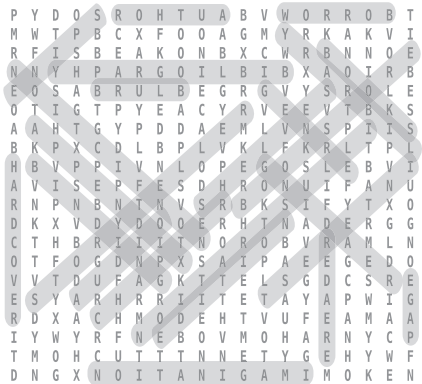
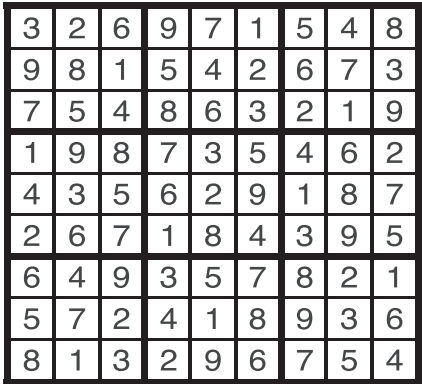
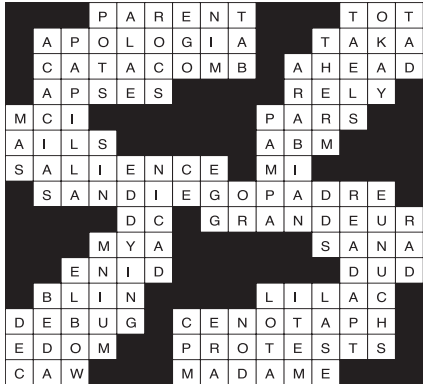
Hope everyone has a wonderful Memorial Day weekend and I encourage everyone to attend a local service to remember the reason we are blessed with the freedoms we have.

## Friendship Meals

Call (620) 532-5562 for reservations

**Monday, May 26:** Closed for Memorial Day.  
**Tuesday, May 27:** Hot turkey casserole, beets, easy fruit cobbler and milk.  
**Wednesday, May 28:** Ham and cheese sandwich with lettuce, tomato, mayo and mustard, macaroni salad, three bean salad, banana and milk.  
**Thursday, May 29:** Spanish rice with hamburger, corn, pineapple, wheat roll with butter and milk.  
**Friday, May 30:** Easy lasagna, garden salad, spiced peaches, garlic bread stick and milk.  
Menus are subject to change based on availability.

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