

## Journalist, artist

Kathy Robb, a "junk journaling" artist from Hays, will be the Red Barn Study Museum's resident artist through Saturday. Robb combines dye inks, acrylics, pastes, papers, stencils, and fibers, to make journals. Visitors can look through her past journals and current work about her life and views. The Red Barn is at 212 S. Main.

# May a bit below average in temperature and rain

#### **By Scott Bontz**

News-Record May was slightly cooler than average but the whole of spring was warmer than average across the area, the National Weather Service office in Wichita said.

The average temperature in Salina during May was 64.4 degrees, 0.7 below normal. The average for March through May was 58.3, 3.3 degrees above normal.

Most places in the southern twothirds of the state saw rain lessen their drought conditions.

A station three miles east of Lindsborg recorded 4.2 inches of rain in May. The average is 4.58. The site has collected about 7.5 inches since Jan. 1. This is halfway between the norm of 12 inches and the record low accumulation of 4

inches, in 1907. The record high is just over 20 inches, in 1995.

The Salina airport had 4.07 inches in May, 0.97 below normal. Newton had 6.29 inches, 1.4 above normal. Spring precipitation was 8.3 inches in Salina, 1.28 below normal, and 9.31 in Newton, 0.88 below normal. Year-to-date in Salina was 9.4 inches, 1.76 below normal, and in Newton 10.78, 1.46 below normal.

By the end of May, the drought condition in northern McPherson County was abnormally dry. A month earlier it was on the verge of moderate drought, which is where the southwestern part of the county remains. Southeastern Saline County is now considered out of drought conditions.

But stream flow in southern McPherson County was a little above normal, and in the northern half it was normal.

The weather service said there were equal chances for near normal, above normal, and below normal temperatures across Kansas this month. Probabilities favor a slight chance for above rain across most of the state. There was a "slight to moderate signal" for above average temperatures through August and a similar outlook for below average rain.

The U.S. Department Agriculture reported on May 25 that 20 percent of Kansas wheat was in very poor to poor condition and 48 percent was good to excellent. Corn was 6 percent very poor to poor and 51 percent good to excellent. Pasture and range was 17 percent very poor to poor and 51 percent good to excellent.

## Kansans without health insurance higher than U.S.

As of 2023, the most recent data available, both Kansas and the United States had historically low rates of people without insurance, 8.3 and 7.9 percent, respectively, since the Affordable Care Act

took effect in 2010. But Kansas has not expanded its Medicaid coverage like most other states, and it has made an 11-state shift from having a lower rate of uninsured than the nation to a

higher rate.

To see the Kansas Health Institute's annual report about health insurance in the state, go to www.khi.org and then to Policy & Research.

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