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Approved Minutes from July City Council Meeting

July 31, 2023

The Cunningham City Council met in regular session on Monday, July 31, 2023 at City Hall, 119 N Main Street.

Present were: Mayor, Aaron Murphy and Council Members: Jason Ruckle, Craig Woodard, Tanner Newell, Bart Ricke; City Attorney, Greg Graffman; and City Clerk, Molly Morgan.

Guests: Harold Stark, CFD; Jackie Ruckle, Property Officer; Roberta Kobbe, Cunningham Courier; Travis Thimesch, Cunningham Recreation; and Leslie Schrag, Kingman County Economic Development.

Call to Order – Mayor Murphy called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Agenda – Motion by Ruckle, second by Woodard, to approve agenda as written. Motion carried, 4/0.

Minutes of June 26, 2023 special meeting – Motion by Newell, second by Ricke, to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2023 meeting as written. Motion carried, 4/0.

Minutes of July 11, 2023 special meeting – Motion by Ricke, second by Woodard, to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2023 meeting as written. Motion carried, 4/0.

Hearing for SU 23-002 – Special Use requested to establish RV/camper parking for workman to be on site for night and weekend security in the I-1 Industrial District at 415 W Santa Fe Street. Following Form ZA-8A, Checklist for Consideration of a Special Use Case, Mayor Murphy opened the hearing. Motion by Ruckle, second by Woodard, to override the Planning Commission's recommendation and disapprove Case No. SU 23-002 Motion carried, 4/0.

Public Comments – Travis Thimesch spoke on behalf of Cunningham Recreation. The Rec Board is considering moving the playground equipment to the east, so that it can be shaded by trees in that area. Travis also discussed the possibility of constructing a softball field in the area of the park where the playground equipment is currently placed.

Fire Department Report – *No fire calls since last meeting. *Chief Stark

reported the department had responded to a CO2 alarm. It was found that the detector was faulty. *Hilltop Manor held an appreciation fundraiser on July 22nd at the Community Center. They raised \$2543.00 in donations for the fire department.

Economic Development – Leslie Schrag gave the report. The Kingman County Improvement Program has been a success. Motion by Ruckle, second by Newell, to increase funding in the amount of \$243.75 for the Kingman County Improvement Program. Motion carried, 4/0.

Review of usage at Hands of Hope Food Bank – Motion by Newell, second by Ricke, to waive the minimum water and sewer fees for the Cunningham Community Hands of Hope food bank for six months due to inactivity. Motion carried, 4/0.

Mosquito Spraying – The City of Stafford is licensed to spray for mosquitos and has quoted \$500 per spray for Cunningham. This amount covers time, travel, and chemical. Price could decrease depending on chemical costs. Motion by Newell, second by Woodard, to have the City of Stafford, spray for

mosquitos. Motion carried, 4/0.

Community Center – The Board will continue to pay the custodian's wages until further notice. Motion by Ricke, second by Ruckle, to rescind employment offer to Lana Wolfgang. Motion carried, 4/0.

Planning & Zoning – Next meeting is scheduled for August 17th.

Maintenance – The Clerk gave the report. Heft and Sons submitted a bid for chip sealing Main Street to Mesa Sallee, Superintendent. Motion by Ruckle, second by Ricke, to accept the proposal of Heft and Sons to chip seal streets not to exceed \$30,000. Motion carried, 4/0.

Council would like Mesa to discuss Leiter Avenue with Heft and Sons.

Financial Report and Payment of Bills – Motion by Newell, second by Woodard, to approve the financial report and pay the bills. Motion carried, 4/0.

Adjournment – Motion by Ricke, second by Newell, to adjourn. Motion carried, 4/0. Mayor

Mayor Murphy adjourned the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

Minutes from Kingman County Commission

Chairman Henning called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. August 21, 2023, in the County Commissioners room at the Kingman County Courthouse. Present: Jerry Henning, Chairman; Patrick Elpers, Commissioner; Jack Thimesch, Commissioner; Carol Noblit, County Clerk

Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor
Visitors: Bob Morris, Kingman Leader-Courier; Larry Landwehr; Tad Hacker; Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director; Sarah Carroll, Invenergy and Tyler Mowbray, Invenergy.

Online Visitors: Tammy; Heather Kinsler; Caller 01-Caller 08; Chrissy Bartel L, Kelly and Zach Bieghler.

Staff: Sheriff Brent Wood; LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer; Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse; Susan Hubbell, Register of Deeds; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director and Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director.

Chairman Henning asked if there were any additions to the agenda.

Commissioners discussed having LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer added to the agenda.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Thimesch seconded

the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Henning asked if there was any public comment.

Tad Hacker discussed the upcoming Constitutional Day with the Commissioners and asked if they would like to read the same amendments as last year.

Mr. Hacker read the Kingman County Proclamation of Constitution Week 2023.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to hereby proclaim the week of September 17 through September 23, 2023, as Kingman County Constitution Week. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Larry Landwehr mentioned a bridge and asked if it was one of the bridges being repaired.

Commissioners let Mr. Landwehr know that it was to be repaired.

Sheriff Wood was in to discuss that he received six new to them desks for a good price and he let them know he now has six old metal desks that he wanted to know what he should do with them.

Commissioners would like to give the Departments and Employees first dibs to the old metal desks so an email will be sent out to departments.

Sheriff Wood submitted a quote

from Sunny Communications, Inc. for refurbished radios in the amount of \$29,633.64 for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the purchase of 16 Motorola APX4500 Mobile 700/800 radios from Sunny Communications, Inc. in the amount of \$29,633.64 to be paid out of the Diversion fund. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Sheriff Wood discussed the vehicles that had been damaged and purchasing a vehicle from County Capital Equipment fund.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the purchase in the amount of \$53,595.40. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Henning moved to open the Public Hearing for the CDBG/CVR at 9:00 a.m.

Chairman Henning asked for public comment.

Carol Noblit, County Clerk, asked where the funds would be administered through.

Ms. Schrag said that the funds would be handled through the County and SCKEDD would administer the grant.

Mr. Landwehr asked if the grant was to help prepare for future possibility of

COVID.

Ms. Schrag said it is to help businesses with technology upgrades that could be used in case of another closure or needing to work remotely.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the CDBG/CVR Grant. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Henning closed the public hearing for the CDBG/CVR Grant at 9:15 a.m.

Commissioners discussed Economic Development with Ms. Schrag.

The County Clerk submitted the minutes of the August 14, 2023, meeting for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the August 14, 2023, meeting minutes. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse was in with a department update for the Commissioners.

Ms. Schwartz discussed that immunization/vaccinations are up due to school beginning.

Ms. Schwartz let the Commissioners know that the generator repair was done on the 16th of August and is working great.

Ms. Schwartz submitted the School

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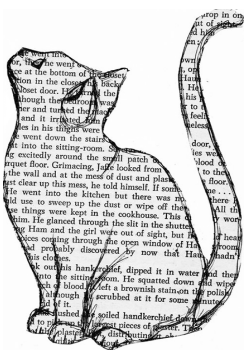
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Meanderings

September 1st is upon us! How did this happen? I seem to meander more and more through my days and suddenly the day is gone and I'm waking up another day older. It is unbelievable this passage of time. I'll be getting that first Social Security deposit in less than 6 weeks. It seemed like yesterday I was moaning because it would take forever because I was still 6 months from even being able to apply. And tomorrow I'll wake up and it will be Christmas!

Isn't that a mess up

there in Marion County? The folks at the Marion County Record are true journalists, and they were just doing their jobs. Reporting and investigating. Freedom of the press is a necessary aspect of this country's foundation.

If you haven't heard about it, you need to google "Marion County Record". Very interesting story and outcome.

I did read that they had more than 2,000 new subscribers after this incident made international news. (Internet bonus!) Kudos to them for sticking with their principles. It amazed me they were able to put out a paper even after their computers and phones were seized by law enforcement. True dedication.

Sometimes we just happen to be at the right place at the right time. Yesterday, I really needed to go Kingman to replenish the card supply at Cleo's. (My cards are

for sale there in case you missed the advertisement on the back page).

I thought I'd go over about noon, but then I started working on something here on the paper and decided I'd go after lunch. One o'clock and I thought, I'll go in a bit. FINALLY I got my lazy self up and headed over.

There by the Byron Walker Wildlife Preserve I was kind of watching the burning of three large piles of trees and brush. Suddenly the vehicles in front of me swerved into the left lane. I started paying attention to the drive rather than the fires. Ahead of us, a cat was trying to cross the road. When the cars approached it, it hunkered down as close to the ground as it could get. I couldn't slow down right away as there was a semi behind me, he must have seen the cat, because he pulled over into the left lane right behind me. I pulled into the median

and turned around. The cat finally found its nerve to scamper on over into the grass on the south side of the highway. I got out of the car and called to it. It started mewling and just laid down in the grass, very close to the edge of the road.

One pickup coming towards us started slowing down, I'm not sure if he saw the cat or me or both, but then he waved and drove on.

I ran across the two lanes of highway and picked up the kitty. She was panting heavily and was in a lot of distress. I waited for more traffic to go by then ran back to the car tossed her in the front seat and buckled up.

I checked her over. She was still very much a kitten. Her little face was scraped up and she had some little cuts on her legs. She crawled down onto the floor on the passenger side and cried and cried and panted and panted. Poor little

thing. About the time I got to Kingman, she had crawled up in my lap and I held on to her. She snuggled up under my chin and started purring. So sweet.

I took her right to Swaney Veterinary Clinic. We decided she'd probably fallen from or jumped from a moving vehicle. There aren't any homes in the area where I found her and she certainly did walk there. I left her in good hands there with the vet crew. Today I called to check on her. She was doing fine. She didn't appear to have major injuries... just the scrapes and the cuts. Bless her little heart.

I can't help but think that if I'd have gone to Kingman about noon, I'd have missed this episode. And the Lord only knows what would have happened to that kitty. If I'd have waited another 10 minutes, same thing. I MIGHT have seen her... or not. The grass along

there was tall enough to hide a little kitten laying down in it so a vehicle passing by wouldn't notice it.

Well, I saved the little kitty and she will go on and have a nice life with someone who won't allow her outside around vehicles.

Special sidenote to 'B': All your secrets are safe with me. I haven't even told myself or the paper about them. And no, I have no plans to sell my paper to those troublemakers in Marion County.

Always reading, and currently reading, "Being Mortal" by Atul Gawande, Roberta

"I believe cats to be spirits come to earth. A cat, I am sure, could walk on a cloud without coming through." — Jules Verne

Tallgrass and Tumbleweeds by Gaille Pike

Gaille Pike is on location in New York filming a documentary. Her regular columns will resume Sunday, September 14th. In the meantime, please enjoy this from the syndicated Tallgrass & Tumbleweeds archives.

(Previously Published Week of 8/26/20)

Dear Readers, Before I could read and long before I read Harper Lee's To Kill A Mockingbird, I heard the phrase "What in the

Sam Hill?" uttered by my maternal grandfather. Though I was not certain what those words meant, the phrase seemed to indicate my grandad was puzzled or startled. I got the sense from the way my grandmother and mother grimaced when he said it, this was a phrase I better NOT say.

I cannot pinpoint the exact moment cusswords entered my vocabulary but I think between the ages of five and seven years, I began picking up new words from neighbors, my brothers and classmates. The advice I received when and IF I asked for guidance was

varied and confusing, depending upon whom I asked. It was difficult to sort out which were curses from those that were "unladylike" or those I should not say from those I should NEVER repeat. Most perplexing of all was that I heard H-E-Double Hockey Sticks in church every Sunday and the preacher never got in trouble. But If I said THAT word, I got my mouth washed out with soap.

It would be years before I learned that Sam Hill was not a destination for unrepentant sinners, or that I was not the only one who thought it was.

I was surprised to learn he was a world traveler, successful businessman, surveyor and early advocate of paved roads. But it was Mr. Hill's colorful and prolific use of profanity which made him memorable and led to his subsequent immortalization. His name became synonymous with the Devil and the underworld. Though more common in Scout's and my Grandad's era, to this day "Sam Hill" is an arguably acceptable euphemism when uttered by the precociously innocent or aspiringly devout.

I'm no longer young but the whole "bad lan-

guage thing" remains a riddle. It still doesn't make sense to me that substitute expressions are "okay" simply because they are polite or non-offensive swearwords. I am not advocating for incivility or profanity. Nor am I condoning "taking the Lord's name in vain." I am questioning why exclaiming "Cheese and Crackers" or invoking Sam Hill gives the appearance one is not a heathen, or why a sugar-coated shout of "Fudge!" indicates one has good manners.

I blame sugar, by the way, for my salty tongue this week. I forgot my

manners when one of my best friends and her sister responded to a recent column by informing me they like sugar on their tomatoes. Though I am of the "eat and let eat however you like" persuasion, this news caught me off guard and I responded with an interjection that was not polite. Puzzlingly, no offense was taken and only merriment ensued. And I cannot help wondering if the real reason Sam Hill was memorable was that he was fun to be around.

Until next week—keep your eyes on the stars and your back to the wind.



A Bigger Bucket List

Glenn Brunkow, Pottawatomie County farmer and rancher

I admit going to Africa was never on my "bucket list". Earlier this year I was offered the opportu-

nity to travel there with the Kansas Farm Bureau Casten Fellows. Was I apprehensive? Absolutely. Was I nervous? You bet. However, after a quick check with my family it was clear this was a chance of a lifetime and something I could not pass up. Boy, am I glad I took that leap of faith because my perspective of the world will never be the same.

I am not sure I ever completely wrapped my head around the fact I was halfway around the world from my home and my family. In some ways Uganda and Tanzania seemed so different but, in many ways, things seemed the same. On one hand I was in a land of banana trees and coffee plants; I saw giraffes casually walking through farm fields and monkeys dancing across the roof of my cabin. On the other hand, I talked to farmers with the same basic concerns I have—prices and weather. I met some of the most gracious, kind and caring people I have ever met. In many ways our worlds seemed very familiar.

I have been asked to describe the trip and of-

ten I feel my explanation is very inadequate. What I experienced was so big that words and pictures are lacking. I do know, without a doubt, that my understanding of the world has grown immensely. I only wish that all of you could have experienced the same things I did. If you ever get that opportunity, make sure you take it. Your world will be richer because of the challenge you accepted.

Here is the great thing, you will have that chance. Next year the Casten Fellows will be asking for applications. Do we know where they are going? No, but does it really matter? In my humble opinion, no. Like I said, Africa is somewhere I had not really

ever thought about going and now I am very thankful I had that chance. Take that challenge and stretch yourself. Will it always be comfortable? Again, the answer is no. There were times that the trip took me far out of my comfort zone and that is a good thing. Real growth cannot happen if we are comfortable.

It is tough to be gone for two weeks, I will not lie. I missed home, but the reward was more than worth it. I came away with both an appreciation of Africa and its people but also for what I have at home, my family and everything I have been blessed with in my life. If you at all think going abroad would be interesting or you are looking for a true growth expe-

rience, I highly recommend you apply for the Casten Fellows next year.

Not only will you benefit personally from the trip, but our organization will also reap the rewards of having members who better understand the world we live in. Maybe travel to Africa wasn't on my bucket list before, but I promise that list is much longer now.

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Community Bulletin Board

<p>Thursday, August 31 JH VB at HOME vs Fairfield and Stafford ***</p> <p>HS/JH Cross Country at Pretty Prairie ***</p> <p>JH FB at HOME vs Fairfield</p> <p>Friday, September 1 HS FB vs Ashland at HOME</p> <p>Monday, September 4 Labor Day Holiday</p> <p>Tuesday, September 5 HS VB at Pretty Prairie with Caldwell ***</p> <p>Lions Club Meets</p>	<p>Thursday, September 7 JH VB at Argonia with Attica ***</p> <p>JH FB at Argonia</p> <p>Friday, September 8 HS FB at Moscow</p> <p>Saturday, September 9 HS VB at Sytan United Tournament **</p> <p>HS and JH Cross Country at Skyline</p>
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2023 Range and Beef Tour Kansas Association of Conservation Districts
Wednesday, September 13, 2023
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Booster Club Fun!

Cunningham Booster Club had a busy first week of school. We served over 200 bowls of ice cream to help welcome everyone back at Open House on Tuesday the 22nd. Our big Kick Off event on Friday the 25th was a success despite the heat. Many families and district patrons came out to join Booster Club, eat, play, visit, swim, and Soak a Senior! Senior Wildcat football players Jack Ruckle and Luke McGuire, and senior Wildcat volleyball players Taylor Schultz, Maranda Lohrke, and Mattie Jump, all took a turn sitting on the dunk tank for fun entertainment for the crowd. Burgers were eaten, Bingo was played, and Beat Repair sponsored a free swim for everyone to wrap up the evening. The USD 332 Board of Education members were the cooks, and over 200 meals were served.

If you didn't have a chance to join Booster Club yet, you can do that at any time by sending a check to Booster Club at the school. Memberships are \$25 for individuals and \$40 for couples. Membership fees fund various projects throughout the year to support USD 332 students and staff. Check out our Facebook page to see what we've done in previous years!



Governor Celebrates Fully Funding Schools for the Fifth Year in a Row

OVERLAND PARK – To celebrate Kansas students going back to school, Governor Laura Kelly joined Blue Valley School District leaders, teachers, and students in Overland Park today, where she ceremonially signed House Substitute for Senate Bill 113. This legislation fully funds K-12 education for the fifth consecutive year after nearly a decade of schools being chronically underfunded under the previous administration.

“This year, we fully funded public schools for the fifth year in a row and made historic investments in our K-12 system,” Governor Laura Kelly said. “Now, for five years running, schools have been much better positioned to offer after-school activities, to provide critical intervention services to students who need additional support, and to pay teachers much closer to what they deserve. But our work isn't done. When the legislators return in 2024, we must work together to put Kansas on the path to fully fund special education.”

Governor Kelly's visit to Indian Valley Elementary began with a brief tour of the school led by 5th grade students.

“We know that our most important asset in Blue Valley is our amazing staff,” said Dr. Tonya Merrigan, Superintendent of Blue Valley Schools. “Fully funding schools allowed us to provide a significant raise for this group who works so hard for our students.”

In May, Governor Kelly also line-item vetoed aspects of SB 113 to protect funding for rural schools facing declining enrollment. While the bill includes a \$7.5 million increase in funding for special education, it does not include the \$72 million Governor Kelly called for throughout the legislative session. More information about the bill's historic investments can be found HERE.

“We appreciate Governor Kelly's strong commitment to public education and her efforts to fully fund public education as the Kansas Constitution requires,” said Patty Logan, chair of parent group Stand Up Blue Valley: Families for Our Schools. “We want to remind Blue Valley voters that the Kansas legislature's failure to fully fund excess special education costs causes Blue Valley Schools to redirect millions of dollars from critical general education needs to special education – negatively impacting ALL students in our district. We call on the legislature to do the right thing and vote to fully fund excess special education costs, especially legislators from Blue Valley who claim to support our schools.”

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1928

August 31— Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Brown and son, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wetherall and two daughters arrived home Sunday evening from their summer vacation trip to California, and various other places including Yellowstone National Park. They all report a glorious time. Mr. and Mrs. Brown and son left Monday for their home in Joplin, Mo.

The following teachers have been employed for the coming year at Cunningham Rural High School: Mr. Virgil Pugh, Principal and will teach Manual Training and Physics; Mr. Eldon A. N. Johnson will coach boys athletics and teach Social Sciences; Miss Artaruth Neill will teach Mathematics and Music; Miss Edith Muse will coach girls Athletics and teach Home Economics; and Miss Violet Smith will have the languages.

1933

August 25 – The Olcott Dance Hall has been closed. Sheriff Ed Cunningham yesterday ordered the weekly social event to be halted.

This action followed the first Saturday night in which Mack Tubbs, Turon farmer, was seriously beaten.

Tubbs was later run over by a motor car and fatally injured as he lay in the road near Turon.

Sheriff Cunningham said the Olcott dance had turned into too much of a brawl recently with too many persons drunk and too many fights taking place. – Hutchinson Herald

The Cunningham ball team journeyed to Nashville last Sunday where they won another game from the fast Nashville team by a score of 12 to 10 in an 11-inning game.

While the game was very fast and the score close all the way to the 11th inning, several little tilts with the ump's decisions made a number of arguments that were interesting for the spectators.

Batteries for the Cunningham nine were R. Zrubeck and Ray Shafer. Their work was effective throughout the game.

The new home of Dr. and Mrs. S. W. Nossaman in the south part of town is being built at a rapid rate. They expect to have it completed to move into by the middle of October

1938

August 26 – Sam McPeek, 71, a resident of Cunningham and vicinity since 1879, passed away at St. Francis Hospital in Wichita, about three o'clock Wednesday afternoon, following an operation performed last Saturday.

Notice – As a courtesy to Mrs. Sam McPeek, and as a respect to the memory of Mr. McPeek, who had been janitor of the Grade school building for a number of years, neighbors and friends are asked to come to the Grade school building, Friday afternoon and evening, Sept. 2, to assist in giving the building and yard a thorough cleaning. Mrs. McPeek will be given their usual paycheck.

A quickly prepared picnic supper will be enjoyed on the school ground and a ball game will be a feature of the evening. Work will begin at 1:30 o'clock.

Home Brew
By Aunt Toady

The difference between Rip Van Winkle and the merchant who doesn't advertise is that Rip did finally wake up.

We have never been able to understand why the fellow who can't carry a tune always wants to lead the singing.

No man can control the weather – and very few can predict it with any great degree of success.

Beware of the man who slaps you on the back. He probably wants you to cough up something.

1943

August 27– Sergeant and Mrs. Waldo Graves of Camp Edwards, Mass., arrived last week end for a furlough with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Shelman and with his parents at Cleveland.

W. G. Skelly, one of the nation's top-ranking oil men, and head of the oil company which bears his name, spoke to a crowd of 500 Tuesday evening

at Pratt when he addressed the Pratt Chamber of Commerce following a dinner served at the officers mess of the Pratt Army Air Base.

He spoke for an hour and three-quarters, punctuating his talk on oil problems with some sound philosophy upon liberty and government, post-war problems which will confront the nation and his ideas upon when the war will end.

On Wednesday Mr. Skelly drove through the company's oil fields in Pratt county and in the local field, visiting the Skelly plant and its facilities.

The picnic and dance at the Sacred Heart Catholic church, Tuesday evening, drew a large crowd from here and nearby communities.

1948

August 27 -Here an' There From Everywhere

Some people are like wheelbarrows – they never move unless you push them.

A hobby, as explained by one man, is something that a man goes goofy over to keep from going nuts.

The Atchison Globe has noticed this about a baseball fan: One day his "wonderful" team wins and the next day his "lousy" team loses.

1953

August 28 – About two hundred farmers of the Cunningham-Turon locality attended the field demonstration of the IHCo's fast-hitch for the Farmall "C" tractor at the Delbert Dupee farm, eight miles north of Cunningham, Tuesday afternoon. The demonstration was sponsored by the Fee Hardware of Cunningham, Mobley's of Turon, and the International Harvester Company.

Ivanhoe Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, will hold their annual picnic for all members and their families, on Friday evening, September 4, at the City Park. Everyone is requested to bring well-filled baskets, and come prepared to enjoy the evening. If inclement weather occurs, the picnic will be held in the Lodge Hall.

1958

August 28 – Faunnes Wilson, 75, of this city, a resident of Kingman County since he was a year old, passed away at the Nashville Hospital shortly before 8:00 o'clock this morning (Thursday), following a stroke suffered less than a hour before his death.

Mr. Wilson was injured in a car accident, Tuesday afternoon, and was taken to the hospital following the accident. He appeared to be recovering satisfactorily from injuries received in the collision, when he suffered the stroke.

104 students enrolled in Cunningham Rural High School during enrollment days last Friday and Saturday, according to Principal Will Seacat, and at least three more are expected to enroll before the start of school Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Schnittker of Nashville, announce the birth of a son, Monday, August 25, at the Pratt County Hospital.

He weighed eight pounds, 13 ounces, and has been named Brian Patrick.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Schnittker of Cunningham.

1963

August 29 – The 35th annual reunion of the DeWeese Family was held at the Lee DeWeese home in Cunningham, Sunday.

Tables were arranged in the shaded backyard where 109 enjoyed the basket dinner at noon.

At the afternoon business meeting, Barney DeWeese of Rago, and Mrs. John Ellis of Wichita, were elected president and secretary-treasurer of the reunion for the coming year which will again be held in Cunningham.

Those present were Mrs. Bea Elliott, and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Basler of Ulysses; Mr. and Mrs. G.W. Lehenbauer of Plainview, Tex.; Mr. and Mrs. Keith Stinchcomb and family of Lakin; Rodney, Karel, Terry, and George DeWeese of Meade; Mr. and Mrs. John Wolfe of Pueblo, Colo.; George Wolfe of Florence, Colo.; Carol Ehrich of Russell; Mr. and Mrs. Dale Cavitt, Marcia and Marc, of Lyons; Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Wolfe and Mimie Jean of Paragould, Ark.; Mr. and Mrs. Paul DeWeese and Paula of Manhattan; Mr. and Mrs. Gordon DeWeese, Max, Joe, and Brad, of Winfield; Warren DeWeese and Carl of Americus; Mr. and Mrs. Barney DeWeese and Jeannie of Rago; Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Liebl, Bob and Doug, of Nashville; Mr. and Mrs. John DeWeese of Kingman; Mr. and

Mrs. Orland DeWeese, Larry, Ron, and Carol, Sondia Ghere, and Mr. and Mrs. Max DeWeese and Steven, all of Medicine Lodge; Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Ash, Dr. and Mrs. Gary Ash, Trent, Debra, and Laurie, and Mr. and Mrs. William Ash and Lisa, all of Topeka; Kenneth Shelman, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Liebl and family, R. R. Wolfe, Verna Shaufler, Mrs. Ray Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Theis, Teresa and Tama, Mrs. Maude DeWeese, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Plagens, Marjorie DeWeese, Larry Conyers, Mr. and Mrs. John Ellis, John, Betty Jo, and Robert, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred DeWeese, Becky, Cathy, and Mike, all of Wichita; Mr. and Mrs. Keith Shelman, and Sue Crowl of Pratt; and Mr. and Mrs. Harold DeWeese, Duane, Dale, and Marilyn, Ruth and Jean Brady, Mr. and Mrs. George Lawson, Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Shelman and Randy, Jim Plummer, and Mr. and Mrs. Lee DeWeese, Susan, John, and LeeAnn, all of Cunningham.

1968

August 29– Rufus Leiter, 72, Executive Vice-President of the First National Bank of Cunningham, died Monday evening at the Pratt County Hospital in Pratt. Mr. Leiter came to Cunningham in 1926 to be cashier of the bank. He was a veteran of World War I, and a member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Cunningham Lions Club, and United Methodist Church at Cunningham. He served several terms on the Cunningham High School Board of Education and over 35 years as Cunningham City Treasurer.

Along with being a leader and very active in Cunningham civic affairs, Mr. Leiter was an enthusiastic and loyal Cunningham sports fan. In 1965 he was awarded a plaque from the Kansas Amateur Softball Association as Kansas' No. 1 ardent sports fan. Mr. Leiter estimated he saw 250 ball games that year.

YEARS AGO IN

The Cunningham Clipper

Publisher: Charles G. Barnes
Editor: Kathleen Pakkebiel
Reporter: Florine Kampling

1978

August 31– New Elementary teachers – Seven elementary teachers took time out from their meetings to pose for the Clipper. They are Brenda Mark, grades 4-5, coach, St. Leo; Dawn Averitt, kindergarten at Cunningham and Zenda; Ruth Barker, special reading teacher at Cunningham and St. Leo; Lenore Berg, special education, Cunningham; Donna Coykendall, grades 6-7, Zenda; and Mike Snow, grade 8, Zenda.

N-Z High School – New teachers at Nashville-Zenda High School are James Gray, business; De Gaye Latta, music; Lonnie Allen, languages; Alice Conner, home economics; and Casey Jones, social sciences.

Larry Ruckle, president of the council, was declared Mayor of Cunningham after the resignation of Walter Rosenbaum was read and accepted at the City Council Meeting on Monday night, August 28 in the City Building, according to the Council minutes.

Rose and Jim Norrish were granted permission to attend Fire School in Topeka by Council members.

The Lions Club has volunteered to remove the dead trees from the city park as a club project, the Council approved this gesture.

1983

September 1- USD 332 is happy to announce they will honor passes to athletic events (excluding tournaments) for residents 65 years of age or older. Anyone who does not have a pass from past years and wishes to obtain one, may contact either the Cunningham High School, the Nashville-Zenda High School or the central office in Cunningham.

The USD 332 superintendent's office released the following enrollment figures for the current school term.

Total Grade school students: 215. Total high school students: 89. Total district enrollment: 304.

The YWCA will hold their annual Salad Supper on Tuesday, Sept. 13 at the Community Center at 6:30 p.m. Members are reminded to bring their table service, a salad, and a friend to enjoy the evening. A conflict with dates caused the change from Monday.

Descendants of the Joseph and Anna Schnittker who came to this country from Germany about 1885 in to the St. Leo community in southwestern Kingman County in 1907 met for their 27th annual reunion at the Cunningham Community Center on Sunday, August 14th. Presiding over this year's activities were Allan Schnittker, President, of Cunningham, and Kay Schnittker, Secretary-Treasurer, of Winfield. There were approximately 110 people present for a covered dish picnic. For 1984, Brian Schnittker of Cunningham will be the President and David Blasi of Pratt will be the Secretary-Treasurer. The 1984 reunion will be held in Cunningham at the Community Center.

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Alan Albers at 620-298-2725 or
Mike McGovney at 620-770-9503
(Volunteers Needed
at the museum)

Faith

Oh, to have the faith of a mustard seed... or a morning glory! In May, my dear friend, Suzanne, gave me a tiny plastic pot of morning glories that

she had dug up from her home in Sterling. She told me to divide them and plant half on each side of my arbor and in no time they would fill my arbor with glorious blossoms! In my mind,

I thought she was overly optimistic, to say the least.

The pot overturned on my way home, then sat on my kitchen counter for about a week. At that point the plants were looking sad and neglected. Because I knew she would inquire about them, I reluctantly planted them one morning with a hearty dose of skepticism and a sprinkling of water.

Over the course of the summer I have watched those tiny little leaves become vines that eagerly climbed my arbor and made their way to the arch. Magically, one morning in July, I was greeted with breathtaking beauty! The arch was covered with majestic purple blossoms, and still is!

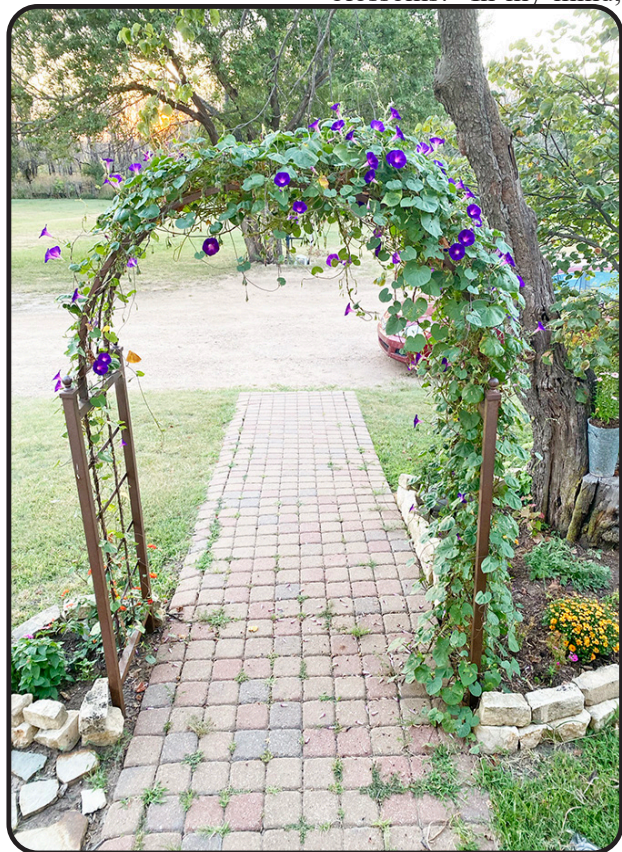
From the beginning,

Suzanne knew that her morning glory plants were capable of that magnificent feat; however, I was completely unsure. Dear friends, what are we capable of doing for God and humanity? What potential do we have that we are not carrying out? I would challenge all of us to step out in faith as we grow and bloom in God's Kingdom for His glory and the good of mankind!

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." (Hebrews 11:1)

Blessings,
Karen Cornelius Eck

P.S. Beauty is in the eye of the beholder. My beloved, farmer, son-in-law, Tyler, thinks that morning glories are noxious weeds!



The Cunningham United Methodist Church



invites you to a
Worship Service in
Lions Park
on September 3, 2023
at 10:45 a.m.

Cook out and free swim
(1:00 - 3:00) after the service.

Please join us.
All are welcome!!
Better bring a lawn chair!



Cheney Lake
Worship Service

Every Sunday at 9 a.m.
starting Sunday May 28th
through Labor Day Weekend

Church Pavilion, West Shore Area

No park fee required.

Always start off your day with God!

Consider this...

by Mike Johnson

In the Treetops

The tree had been waiting for me for more than six decades.

In Wyoming's semi-arid climate, fully grown trees are rare indeed. Because they break the relentless winds and provide shade and solitude, most real estate purchasers begin their search with trees high on the want list. Yet, because trees take so long to grow and need so much water

-- a valuable commodity in the American west -- a house with large trees generally means a very old property -- and a very old house. Since most home buyers are looking for newer homes, they're forced to settle for treeless properties.

We rented the 65-year-old farmhouse four months ago for its location -- and for its trees. The 50-foot cottonwoods have many similarities to the more familiar oak, including the knarled bark and seven-foot diameter trunks that sprout

into three or four main trunks about six feet off the ground, making them perfect climbing trees.

Surrounded by nine of these giants, our homestead exudes a quiet opulence to those who have the eyes to see. Nevertheless, I'd managed to avoid climbing them for 120 days.

Until Father's Day. It was the typical lazy Sunday morning, curled in the rocker reading the Sunday newspaper while nursing coffee and toast. Nowhere to go, nothing pressing to do, the rhythm

of my soul soon slowed to match the rhythm of the day. Seated by the front yard window, I could watch the robin working her nest, admire snow-capped Carter Mountain and follow the lines of tree-filtered sunlight as it danced across the lawn, reminding me it was time to mow.

Since I enjoy cutting grass -- and the smell and look of a freshly manicured lawn -- the chore was completed within the hour. As a boy, freshly cut lawns were always for baseball, bar-b-cueing and -- and tree climbing.

So before I gave it much thought, I discovered myself sitting six feet off the ground in the best reading spot I've found in 30 years -- one of those trees.

Funny how such a small change in altitude made life more pleasant. The breeze was cooler. The sun was shaded. The view was better. And because I was out of the normal line of vision, I was virtually invisible to passing neighbors. I calmly surveyed their hectic comings and goings while those rushing off were oblivious to the peaceful location I had found.

Higher consciousness is just like this. We retain all the knowledge we had from the lower level yet gain the inner peace that comes with the attainment of the higher mental altitude. Because of this peace, we can safely watch the craziness of others without being sucked into their dramas. Our altitude not only provides a clear view of approaching trouble -- but

the knowledge that nothing can harm us as long as we remain peacefully detached.

I spent a couple blissful hours up in that tree that day and the man that climbed down would never be quite the same. I knew I'd return often -- and change just as frequently. eal inner character stood naked for all to see.

Facing a situation where money had no value for the first time in their lives, some of the rich men panicked and took seats in lifeboats meant for women and children. Yet, other rich men calmly accepted their fate, dressed in their finest, and died quietly like gentlemen.

Facing a situation where hard labor had no value for the first time in their lives, some of the poor panicked and mobbed the lifeboats causing them to founder. Yet, other poor passengers calmly accepted their fate and spent their last moments comforting children.

Crisis has a wonderful way of revealing the true nature of a man. I can't help wondering how I would face a similar situation.

Would I frantically exhaust every available option right up to the instant of death or would I size up the situation as hopeless and face it on my own terms? If I did accept the situation as hopeless, how would I spend my last moments? Helping others? Centering myself? Reviewing my life? Writing a note to loved ones? Or would I panic, shout curses at God or

trample others in an effort to survive another moment?

What if I was given the choice to take a seat in a lifeboat? Would I take it, knowing my decision took the life of another to save my own? Or would I decline, and bravely look my maker square in the eye?

These are important questions because they reveal who we really are.

We spend so much time acting 'as if' we have character that far too few of us ever truly develop it. External politeness is not the same as internal grace. External honesty is not the same as inner integrity. External philanthropy is not the same as a generous heart. When it comes to character, only the actual traits themselves have value, not the outer disguises that mimic them. The passengers on the Titanic learned this in the most horrifying of lessons.

I think this is why I've watched the movie five times. It begs us to face these difficult questions now - without the threat of death forcing us to do so. From the comfort of warm, dry land, we have the chance to become the people we aspire to be right now - internally and eternally - in the form of character that can never be taken away.

Ironically, how successfully we face death will reveal how successfully we faced life. Crisis reveals character and character is the measure of the man. When your time comes, what will crisis reveal about you?



Catholic Churches

Sacred Heart, Cunningham
Sundays 10:00 a.m.

St. Leo
Saturdays 4:00 p.m.

St. John, Zenda
Saturdays 5:30 p.m.

St. Peter Willowdale
Sundays 8:30 a.m.

Father Roger Lumbre
620-243-5451
620-246-5370



Lutheran Churches

St. John, Nashville
620-246-5220
Sunday School & Bible Class
9:45 a.m.
Worship Service
8:30 a.m.

Trinity, Medicine Lodge
620- 886-3397
Sunday School & Bible Class
9:15 a.m.
Worship Service
10:30 a.m.

Our worship service is found on the YouTube channel at:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCrenCH12I9nmpcojCFyYLA>

Pastor Dennis Fangmeyer
Cell: 620-886-0911



Church of Christ

Penalosa
Sunday 11:00 a.m.



First Christian Church

Cunningham
Sunday School 9:30 am
Morning Worship 10:45
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00
Jr High Youth Group 4:00 pm Sunday
Sr High Youth Group 7:30 pm Sunday
Wednesday Prayer Service 7:00
Pastor Mike McGovney 620-298-3201



United Methodist Church

Penalosa
Worship 9:15 a.m.
Cunningham
Worship 10:45 a.m.
Pastor Mathew Ndambuki Musyoki
620-298-2090

Zenda
Worship 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School: Children 8:30 a.m. Adults 10:00 a.m.
Pastor J L Nichols

Cunningham Hands of Hope, Inc.

Who: A Not-for-Profit (501c3) organization providing assistance through donations and volunteers.

Who we serve: Residents within the USD #332 school district

What: Food

When: First and Third Tuesday 2:00-5:00 p.m.

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Why: To provide food assistance to those in need.

How: Attend weekly distribution. Adult of household must be present.

Do you need assistance outside distribution hours?

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2nd Graders Are Off and Learning!



Officers Purcell and Pierce from the Kingman County Sheriff's Office came by today to say hi. We enjoyed getting to visit with them.



Our class started the year with a fun activity. They used following directions, listening, and team work to make and undo a yarn spider web this morning!



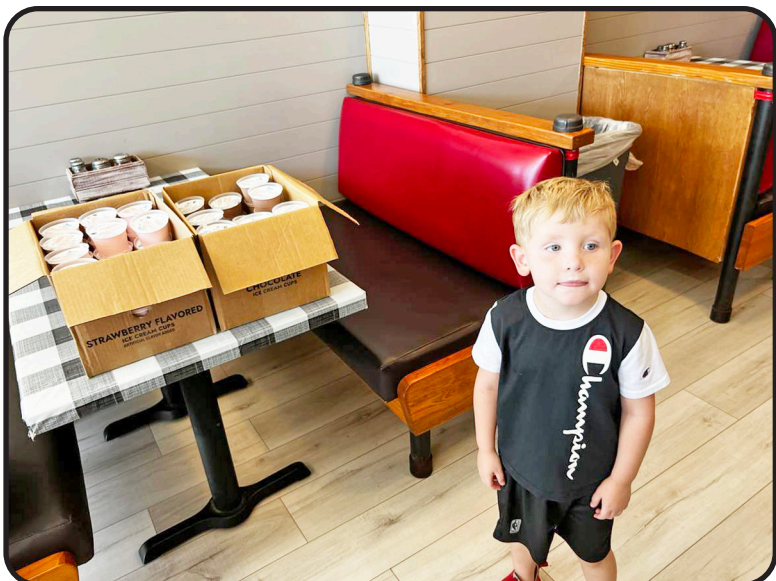
The 2nd grade is so blessed to have Luke McGuire as our student aide this year!! We are very fortunate to have him spend time each day with us.

A Sweet Ending to CPL Summer Reading Program

Thanks to all the kids, parents, and care-givers who turned out for the ice cream party at Cozy's Pizza. Thanks to library volunteers and board members who were there in support and to lend a hand and especially to Ang and Lauren of Cozy's Pizza for providing the delicious ice cream and for hosting on their official day off, (though we know they spent the early part of the morning unloading a delivery truck!) It was such a treat and so much fun.

We had such a good day.

photos and article by library staff and Joyce Depenbusch



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45th Annual Logan Labor Day Celebration

The 45th Annual Logan Labor Day Celebration at the Logan Golf Course located 1.25 miles east of Logan, Kansas on HWY 9, will be held on SUNDAY, September 3, 2023. The Hansen Museum with funds from the Dane G. Hansen Foundation sponsors this annual family-friendly event. There is no admission fee.

The day kicks off at 11:00 a.m. with a sand volleyball tournament and the Dane G. Bales Jr. Memorial Car Show. The car show has been a highlight of the Labor Day Celebration since 1998. This year's featured car is Gary McClanahan's 1947 Plymouth. Make sure to get there before 4:00 p.m. to check out everything from classic coupes and beefed-up muscle cars to antique pick-up trucks and flashy hot rods.

Get some exercise, see the sights, or win a prize at this year's festivities. Let the kids run loose and find entertainment that will burn off some energy by jumping in the bouncy house or impressing their friends with awesome tricks on

the bungee trampoline. Ready to see the sights from higher up? Check out the popular 25-foot rock climbing wall that will be open from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Feeling competitive enough to try for a prize? The Siruta Pedal Pullers State Sanctioned Kid's Tractor Pull begins at 2:00 p.m. and winners are eligible to compete in the State Pull at the Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson.

In-between activities, you'll find plenty of delicious options for both lunch and supper, (plus snacking in-between), at the Logan Chamber of Commerce Food Booth, The Corn Kettle, and Buck's Snow Shack.

Take a ride into Logan and visit the recently renovated Hansen Museum from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. On view in the Museum is the amazing work of artist Sean Kenney. Take a break from the outdoors and step inside the pages of a real-world super hero story at the Animal Super Powers exhibition. Featuring sculptures made with LEGO® bricks, you'll want to run, fly, swim, or leap car shows & volleyball tournaments to get inside to see Sean Kenney's Animal Super Powers.

The 45th Annual

Logan Labor Day Celebration's musical entertainment will start at 6:00 p.m. with Colorado Keys, a mobile dueling piano show out of Denver, CO. Pianists Jon and Amy Tuck will provide interactive, lively entertainment. Come ready to request songs! Once the party starts, they encourage crowd participation. Be ready for anything—a kick-line to Frank Sinatra, an audience singing battle to Sweet Caroline, or a dance-off to Justin Timberlake, anything can happen with Colorado Keys!

Last, but certainly not least, the grand finale by Rainbow Fireworks of Inman, Kansas, will light up the sky with a brilliant display of fireworks that can be seen for miles. All this and more happens at the 45th ANNUAL LOGAN LABOR DAY CELEBRATION, at the Logan Golf Course located 1.25 miles east of Logan, Kansas, on SUNDAY, September 3, 2023.

For more information, call the Hansen Museum at 785-689-4846 or visit us on the web at www.hansenmuseum.org. We are handicapped accessible and admission is always free thanks to the generous support of the Dane G. Hansen Foundation. For more information about this and other exhibits, contact Shari Buss at 785-689-4846.

USDA Updates Livestock Disaster Payment Rate to Assist Producers Hard-Hit by Heat and Humidity

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25, 2023 – The USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) announced today it is updating the Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) payment rate to support livestock producers in the Midwest who have lost cattle to the extreme heat and humidity experienced this summer. To help indemnify ranchers to reflect a trend towards higher cattle weights in feedlots, the 2023 LIP payment rate for beef calves over 800 pounds will increase from \$1244 per head to \$1618, an increase of \$374.

"The recent heat domes plaguing many parts of the country have proven to be unsurvivable for some animals and temperatures are not expected to let up any time soon. This is one of the latest, many examples of how a changing climate is creating immediate challenges for farmers and ranchers, and we're finding that our emergency relief programs need to adapt accordingly," said

FSA Administrator Zach Ducheneaux. "Given these circumstances and the trend towards higher weights in feedlots, it became clear that USDA's Livestock Indemnity Payment rates were not reflective of the true market value for cattle. This change will better indemnify the investments producers have in the livestock they raise, and we will continue to find flexibilities where possible to help our farmers and ranchers in the wake of climate-related impacts."

LIP provides benefits to livestock owners and some contract growers for livestock deaths exceeding normal mortality from eligible adverse weather events, certain predation losses and reduced sales prices due to injury from an eligible loss. Indemnity payments are made at a rate of 75% of the prior year's average fair market value of the livestock.

The updated LIP payment rate is effective immediately and will be applied retroactively starting Jan.1, 2023, for all eligible causes of loss including excessive heat, tornado, winter storms, and other qualifying adverse weather. Producers who have already received LIP payments for 2023 losses will receive an additional payment, if applicable, commensurate with this updated rate. For details on eligibility and payment rates, review the LIP fact sheet.

FSA recognizes that an annual update of LIP payment rates does not account for the volatile nature of livestock markets and is further

exploring flexibilities to establish more current payment rates.

More Information

On farmers.gov, the Disaster Assistance Discovery Tool, Disaster Assistance-at-a-Glance fact sheet, and Loan Assistance Tool can help producers and landowners determine program or loan options. For assistance with a crop insurance claim, producers and landowners should contact their crop insurance agent. For FSA and NRCS programs, they should contact their local USDA Service Center.

USDA touches the lives of all Americans each day in so many positive ways. In the Biden-Harris administration, USDA is transforming America's food system with a greater focus on more resilient local and regional food production, fairer markets for all producers, ensuring access to healthy and nutritious food in all communities, building new markets and streams of income for farmers and producers using climate smart food and forestry practices, making historic investments in infrastructure and clean energy capabilities in rural America, and committing to equity across the Department by removing systemic barriers and building a workforce more representative of America. To learn more, visit usda.gov.

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Comfortably Dumb

by Bruce Quast

"Heads! ...What are the odds of that?"

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"The USDA estimates that about 20% of food waste comes from confusion over the expiration date printed on items."

— Deborah Harold, *Depression Era Frugality: Tips, Tricks & Life Hacks from the Great Depression Era that We Can Use Today - How to Enjoy Life and Be Comfortable No Matter Your Income, Even in Poverty*

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5. Good times
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13. Before "saw" and "conquered"
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15. *Contagious skin bump
16. Centers of activity
17. One of a duo on "Sesame Street"
18. *Estrogen and testosterone
20. Tiny piece of anything
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22. Pocket watch chain
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DOWN

1. Like proud marines
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4. Between triad and pentad
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8. *Richard Simmons' workout
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14. Retire from military
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23. Way to curl hair
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25. Manila hemp
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27. Type of fishing net
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29. Easily irritated
32. Naive, alt. spelling
33. Excavated
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Public Notice

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KINGMAN COUNTY, STATE OF KANSAS CITY/SCHOOL GENERAL ELECTION NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to K.S.A. 25-2108a General Election of certain board members in Unified School District #331, Unified School District #332, Unified School District #268 At Large and city officials of Incorporated Cities, Kingman County, State of Kansas, will be conducted on the 7th day of November, 2023.

The names of the candidates and the positions for which each is a candidate are as follows:

Board Member
District #2 USD 331:

KRISTI BROWN, 4848 NW 20 Ave, Kingman, KS 67068
Board Member
District #3 USD 331:

ADRIAN L. KOSTNER, 225 E H Ave, Kingman, KS 67068

HAROLD FORCUM, 1998 NE 30th St, Kingman, KS 67068

ANGIE MALONEY, 2325 N Main St, Kingman, KS 67068
Board Member
District #4 USD 331:

ERRICA PARSONS, 1113 S High St., Kingman, KS 67068
Board Member
District #7 At-Large USD 331:

KARI GOLDSTON, 403 S Brown St., Kingman, KS 67068

MICHELE KYLE, 136 N Briarwood St., Kingman, KS 67068

LESLIE KREHBIEL, 2435 N Marquette, Kingman, KS 67068
Board Member
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BRENT MILLER, 17418 SW 30 St., Cunningham, KS 67035

JASON OSNER, 2503 NW 170th Ave, Cunningham, KS 67035

ABBY BOCK, 14862 SW 110 St., Nashville, KS 67112
Board Member
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STACY DEVORE, 2377 SE 170 Ave, Cheney, KS 67025

PATRICK LYNCH, 553 Bob White Ave, Cheney, KS 67025

TROY PRESLEY, 4150 S 375th St W, Cheney, KS 67025

TAYLOR WOO ROBERTSON, 642 E Allison, Cheney, KS 67025

AARON RUST, 1660 N Main St, Cheney, KS 67025

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CHERIELLE YOUNG, 4425 S 359th St W, Cheney, KS 67025
Kingman City Commissioners:

JAMES (CHRIS) INGERSOLL, 834 N Spruce St., Kingman, KS 67068

JIM LORD, 414 W H Ave, Kingman, KS 67068

MERLIN MCFARLAND, 1945 Jayhawk Dr, Kingman, KS 67068

JON WOLLEN, 1851 Double Tree Ln., PO BOX 501, Kingman KS 67068

DANNY MCDORMAN, 635 N Cedar St., PO Box 283, Kingman, KS 67068
Zenda City Mayor:

NO FILINGS
Zenda City Council:

NO FILINGS
Norwich City Mayor:

MITCHELL J. HEWITT, 318 Briarwood, PO Box 91, Norwich, KS 67118
Norwich City Council:

STEVE VAN GIESON, 239 S Morningside, Norwich, KS 67118

CHAD ALLENDER, 106 S Parkway St., Norwich, KS 67118

NATHAN ADAMS, 441 Morningside, Norwich, KS 67118

ELDON HEADRICK, 133 N Westview St., Norwich, KS 67118
Cunningham City Council:

JASON RUCKLE, PO Box 152, Cunningham, KS 67035

TANNER NEWELL, PO Box 124, Cunningham, KS 67035

TIM SCHULTZ, 211 West 4th St., Cunningham, KS 67035

Nashville City Mayor:

THOMAS D. VOYLES, 209 S Cowgill, PO Box 69, Nashville, KS 67112

Nashville City Council:

BARBARA KLAUSMEYER, 230 Rowlen, Nashville, KS 67112

SANDRA LAMPE, 206 S Gregory, PO Box 37, Nashville, KS 67112

TERRY MCKENNON, 106 S Cowgill, PO Box 4, Nashville, KS 67112
Penalosa City Mayor:

NO FILINGS
Penalosa City Council:

NO FILINGS
Spivey City Mayor:

NO FILINGS
Spivey City Council:

VOTING FOR THIS GENERAL ELECTION WILL BE AS FOLLOWS: Please check your polling location for this election.

VOTING PLACES
Kingman EXPO CENTER (South Room):

1st Ward of Kingman City
2nd Ward of Kingman City
3rd Ward of Kingman City
4th Ward of Kingman City

Kingman EXPO CENTER (North Room):

All of Hoosier Township

All of White Township in U.S.D. #331

All of Ninescah Township

All of Belmont Township

All of Richland Township
Cunningham Community Center:

All of Eureka Township and all of Penalosa City

All of Union Township
Cunningham City

All of Dresden Township

All of Rural Township
Murdock Methodist Church:

Galesburg Township in U.S.D. #331

All of Evan Township

All of Dale Township

All of Vinita Township
Zenda Community Center:

All of Chikaskia Township

All of Valley Township in U.S.D. #331

All of Rochester Township

All of Liberty Township
Nashville City

Zenda City
Spivey City

All of Kingman Township

All of Peters Township
Norwich Dotzour Center:

All of Allen Township

All of Eagle Township

All of Bennett Township
Norwich City

All of Canton Township in U.S.D. #331

Sumner County in U.S.D. #331
Sedgwick County in U.S.D. #331
Harper County in U.S.D. #331

Persons living in Pratt County in the 332 School District will vote in Pratt County.

Persons living in Reno County in the 331 School District will vote in Reno County.

Persons living in Kingman County in the 268 School District will vote at the Murdock Methodist Church, Murdock, KS.

Persons living in Kingman County in the 311 School District will vote in Pretty Prairie.

Persons living in Kingman County in the 361 School District will vote in Harper County.

The Officer conducting the School Board General Election and Cities General Election is the election officer of Kingman County, Kansas and the election headquarters for this election will be located at the County Clerk's Office, Kingman County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas.

Witness my hand and official seal this 10th day of August, 2023.

(SEAL)
Carol D Noblit
Kingman County Election Officer

AUCTION

Sat. September 9, 2023 – 9:30 AM

491 NW 70th Ave Kingman, KS

Go 7 miles W of Kingman on 54 Hwy and ½ mile N – From Cunningham: 10 Miles E on 54 Hwy and ½ mile N

Machinery: 2003 New Holland LS 180 Skid Steer: 1,270hrs, with attachments (6' buckets, 15" post hole digger, Fork lift prongs, Spear, and 10" Auger for post hole digger). **Commercial Trailer:** 3 Axle, 8x16 with 4' dove tail/ramps. **2004 J.D. Gator:** Gas, 4x6, 2,000hrs, hyd/ele bed. **2005 Land Pride Z 72 Riding Mower:** Kawasaki 25hp, 612hrs. **Swisher Whip mower:** Trim & Mow/whips. **Craftsman 3.1 Electric Edger.** **Fimco Sprayer:** 3/ boom & hand wand. **Stihl FSE 60 electric Weed Eater.** **DR Craftsman:** Pull behind, 5', Battery Powered. **Yamaha Generator:** MZ 360 Power mate Professional 8500/6750, nice condition.

Horse & Livestock: Big Round Bale feeders, Saddles, Bridles, Medic items, Halters, Raps, Leather, Saddle stand, 596 Leather Saddle, Lite weight Saddle, Bareback Saddle. **Rubbermaid Stock Tanks:** Commercial 3x70 gallon and 2x100 gallon. **Rubbermaid Tank Heaters:** Rubber Minerals Tubs, (4) Heated Water Tubs.

Tools: Ryobi Cordless Chain Saw, Buffer, Weed Eater, DeWalt Cordless Circular Saw, Drills & Bits, Wen Electric 14" Chain Saw, Shop Fan 26", Chicago Electric Wench 115vt., Central Machinery 8" Drill Press (New), Craftsman Cordless Drill, B & D cordless drill, Skill 7" Saw, Kawasaki Cordless drill, Sump Pump, Pneumatic Tools, Husky Ratchets, Milwaukee Tool Cady, Electric Weed Eaters and Blowers, garden tools, Saws, Concrete tools, Wheel barrow, yard cart, Scotts spreader, Garden hose, 2 wheel dolly, Tool Boxes, hand tools, Skil Saws-all, Blue Clean Pressure Washer, Chain, Golden Rod stretcher, Insulator, Post driver.

Household items: (2) Whirlpool Dryer (electric, front load on stand), (2) Front load stands, G.E. Washer (6 months old), Refrigerator (side by side), Kelvinator Upright Freezer, Chest freezer (storage). Queen Bed Set: BS+M, Dresser, Chest, and stand. Love Seat Hideabed. Dining Tables: 3x4 + 4x4, 6 chairs, 1 leaf. Book case, 4 Dining chairs, Dual Sew Model 3000, sewing machine in sewing cabinet (material and patterns).

Misc. Items: Gator Seat, Wire & fence supplies, Red Wagon, Dog House 30"x36", Several New Sheets of 4'x8' wafer boards, wood clamps, Dog Kennel, oil well puzzle, Bird House, Professional Eye Vac, Corner Cabinet, wood file cabinet, Electric Boxes & Plates, Wood Shelves, Buckets, (2) Apple Pickers, Snow sleds, Golf Clubs, Tarps, Toaster oven, corning/lids, bed spreads, fuel cans, Dry firewood/split.

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Public Notice

published in The Cunningham Courier on Thursday, August 31, 2023

NOTICE OF HEARING TO EXCEED REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE AND BUDGET HEARING

2024

The governing body of **CITY OF SPIVEY** will meet on September 12, 2023 at 5:45 PM at City Hall for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds, the amount of ad valorem tax and the Revenue Neutral Rate. Detailed budget information is available at City Hall and will be available at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget 2024 Expenditures and Amount of Current Year Estimate for 2023 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2024 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.

FUND	Prior Year Actual for 2022		Current Year Estimate for 2023		Proposed Budget for 2024		
	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2023 Ad Valorem Tax	Proposed Estimated Tax Rate*
General	86,823	26.920	130,500	26.962	220,529	11,751	25.499
Debt Service							
Library							
Special Highway	191		3,000		3,000		
Water Fund	15,188		24,000		24,000		
Sewer Fund	1,314		3,000		3,000		
Totals	103,516	26.920	160,500	26.962	250,529	11,751	25.499
					Revenue Neutral Rate**		
					25.114		

Less: Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net Expenditure	103,516	160,500	250,529			
Total Tax Levied	11,223	11,573	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX			
Assessed Valuation	416,896	429,231	460,829			
Outstanding Indebtedness,						
January 1,	2021	2022	2023			
G.O. Bonds	0	0	0			
Revenue Bonds	0	0	0			
Other	0	0	0			
Lease Purchase Principal	0	0	0			
Total	0	0	0			

*Tax rates are expressed in mills
** Revenue Neutral Rate as defined by KSA 79-2988

Shannon Thimesch
City Official Title: City Clerk

KANSAS STATE FAIR SEPT. 8-17 HUTCHINSON, KS

NEX-TECH GRANDSTAND ENTERTAINMENT

Sept. 8 NEEDTOBREATHE
Sept. 9 Carly Pearce with Megan Moroney and Lauren Watkins
Sept. 10 Rob Schneider with Byron Kennedy
Sept. 11 Demolition Derby
Sept. 12 Cooper Alan with Frank Ray
Sept. 13 Matthew West with Anne Wilson
Sept. 14 Hairball
Sept. 15 La Fiera de Ojinaga
Sept. 16 Ja Rule with Disco Lines
Sept. 17 All-Star Monster Truck Tour

Nex-Tech Grandstand is sponsored by Nex-Tech Wireless and Nex-Tech.

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PROSPER MONEY MARKET

4.30% APY*

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*Annual Percentage Yield (APY) effective as of 7/7/23, check kanza.bank for the most up-to-date rate. Prosper Money Market is an interest-bearing account paid on tiered balances. Must have minimum of \$25,000 to receive stated APY. Balances below \$25,000 earn a lesser APY. Must have a balance of \$1,000 to earn interest. Fees may reduce earnings. Maintain an average daily balance of \$2,500 to avoid \$25 service charge. \$3 charge for paper statements. We reserve the right to limit Prosper Money Market to one per tax ID. All terms and conditions of the Account Agreement, Funds Availability, and Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) Disclosures apply.

14 MONTH SPECIAL CD

5.25% APY*

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KANSAS STATE FAIR SEPT. 8-17 HUTCHINSON, KS

ADVANCE TICKET PRICES

THROUGH SEPT. 7

Adults (13+) \$7 (\$10 Value)
Children (6-12) \$4 (\$6 Value)
Seniors (60+) \$4 (\$6 Value)
Midway Wristband \$30 (\$35 starting Sept. 1)

Tickets are available online, at any Kansas Dillons store, or at the KSF Ticket Office. A Military Ticket is available at the Ticket Office or can be purchased at each gate when arriving at the Fair. Price is \$4 and is valid for each family member.

KansasStateFair.com

How We Serve People Who have Limited English Proficiency

We strive to deliver great customer service and helpful information to everyone. That includes improving access for underserved communities. We aim to reduce language barriers and increase access to Social Security programs, services, and benefits. If you're assisting a client with limited English proficiency (LEP), know that we have the resources available to help them in their preferred language.

What resources are available?

We encourage you to learn about the resources that are available to serve LEP communities. We provide benefit information online in Spanish – including Retirement, Disability, and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) at SeguroSocial.gov.

Our free interpreter services are available, by telephone and in person, in more than 200 languages, to your clients who prefer to conduct business in a language other than English. These services are accessible by calling our toll-free number at 1-800-772-1213 or by visiting a local office and asking for an interpreter in their preferred language.

If your clients need information about our programs, we offer publications in languages other than English. Please check out our non-English publications and other resources available in more than 12 languages at www.ssa.gov/multilanguage. These include:

- A sample Social Security Statement and 10 supplemental fact sheets.
- Social Security Number for Non-Citizens.
- Understanding the Benefits.

Our Language Access Plan showcases our commitment to increase access to benefits and services for people who prefer a language other than English. For more information, we encourage your clients to review the updated plan at www.ssa.gov/pubs/LAP2022-23.pdf.

Diversity is one of our nation's greatest strengths. We want to ensure an inclusive environment for everyone we serve.



Wheat Scoop: Control Volunteer Wheat to Stop the Streak of Yield-limiting Diseases

Volunteer wheat is certain to be a significant issue in the upcoming growing season, thanks to the late rains that delayed harvest progress and the high rate of abandoned fields. Hidden among the spotty stands of volunteer wheat is a safe harbor for wheat streak mosaic virus (WSMV) and other diseases to ride out the winter months. Growers

should actively manage their volunteer wheat early and often to head off this threat to next year's harvest.

"We remind Kansas wheat farmers to take necessary steps to control volunteer wheat," said Aaron Harries, vice president of research and operations. "WSMV isn't treatable, but it is preventable. By controlling volunteer wheat before planting begins and selecting varieties with built-in resistance, producers can help protect their future yields."

The best way to WSMV is to control volunteer wheat early and often, according to a K-State Agronomy eUpdate from August 17. Stands of volunteer wheat provide a "green bridge"

that allows the wheat curl mites that transmit WSMV to survive. This includes spots of volunteer wheat that emerge in double-cropped soybeans or cover crops as well as grassy weed species like barnyardgrass or foxtails that can serve as a disease reservoir.

After wheat harvest, Kansas producers often wait to apply herbicides with products like glyphosate or atrazine until sufficient volunteer wheat has emerged. However, another application or tillage is needed before planting to ensure the destruction of the "green bridge" created by volunteer wheat or other host plants. This is especially true during wet weather in the late summer months,

which facilitates multiple flushes of volunteer wheat and other grassy weeds. K-State encourages wheat producers to terminate volunteer wheat at least two weeks prior to planting to allow enough time to kill all the wheat curl mites present in a field.

Producers also have the option to select varieties developed with built-in genetic resistance to WSMV, in most cases thanks to a gene called WSM2. K-State cautioned producers that these varieties are not a sole-source solution as they do have limitations, including missing resistance to other diseases spread by wheat curl mites — like triticum mosaic or wheat mosaic virus. The genetic resis-

tance is also temperature sensitive, making the built-in shield less effective at hotter temperatures, especially if wheat is planted early for grazing or if high temperatures continue into October.

As an alternative, producers could also select varieties that have genetic resistance to the disease transmission agent — the wheat curl mite. The resistance to the vector means they are still susceptible to disease, but they help slow down the development of mite populations.

This genetic resistance is helpful, but their protection is more effective when used in combination with strategies to control volunteer wheat. By doing so this summer

and early fall, producers can help stop the spread of WSMV and other viruses and reduce a substantial limiting factor to next year's harvest.

"There are no chemical options such as insecticides or pesticides that are effective at controlling the wheat curl mite, so the best method to control your volunteer wheat," Harries said. "Be a good steward of your own fields and a good neighbor and help stop the streak of this yield-destroying disease."

Learn more from K-State Agronomy on WSMV at eupdate.agronomy.ksu.edu or explore wheat variety options and other guidance on controlling volunteer wheat at kswheat.com/wheatrx.

Written by Julia Debes

We did some digging for small..... ...pieces of ruby, turquoise and quartz crystals! Kids: color stuff in!

Newspaper Fun!

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Animals Dig It!



Read the clues to fill in the puzzle with names of animals that dig:

I dig to bury bones. I have plenty of food, but I think it's still a way for dogs to keep other dogs from taking their food. Have **you** ever watched animals to see what they do? Have you noticed a squirrel digging to stash acorns? Or a bird pecking the ground, pulling out a worm and carrying it away to a nest to feed baby birds? **Animals dig to:**

- find food
- make a shelter
- hibernate or sleep during the cold months
- hide from other animals
- travel
- hide food to keep for later
- have their young

1. have long slinky bodies, dig burrows for homes
2. scaled reptiles, burrow underground for shelter, dig to hibernate
3. mammals, dig with feet, claws, go underground to get roots, plants
4. related to kangaroos, slightly larger than mice, dig for food
5. mammals, leathery armored shells, dig to uncover grubs
6. spineless animals, live underground, come out when it rains because it is hard to breathe
7. have shells with hinges, burrow into the sand to keep from being eaten
8. found in deserts in Africa, 20-30 live in large underground networks
9. mammals that tunnel, making bumps in the soil (hills named after them)
10. mammals with long snouts, dig up insects to eat, especially ants
11. dig holes for shelter (hole that soldiers dig for protection is named after this)
12. very large mammals, dig dens and drag in leaves and branches for bedding
13. toothy mammals, dig shelters, called lodges, that are partly underwater
14. like small squirrels, stripes on backs, burrow to hibernate and store nuts, seeds
15. insects, dig lots of connecting pathways underground to join nests into colony

Can we dig it now? Can we? Huh? Huh?

Stop badgering me.

armadillos meerkats

1 snakes 2 foxes 3 4

5 aardvarks 6 7 bilbies 8 9 10

11 12 13 14 15 beavers

gophers chipmunks ants weasels earthworms

bears clams moles

Meerkats stand watch. We bark a warning if we see danger and others run to hide in one of many holes we have dug.

Wanted: Thief

This water-loving robber steals other animals' tunnels and homes instead of digging his own.

His name is OSCAR the ___ T T ___

He may take your hard-earned clams!

Wanted: Bandit

Goes by the name: RICKY the ___ C C ___

May shelter under a porch or deck.

Follow the dots to see him.

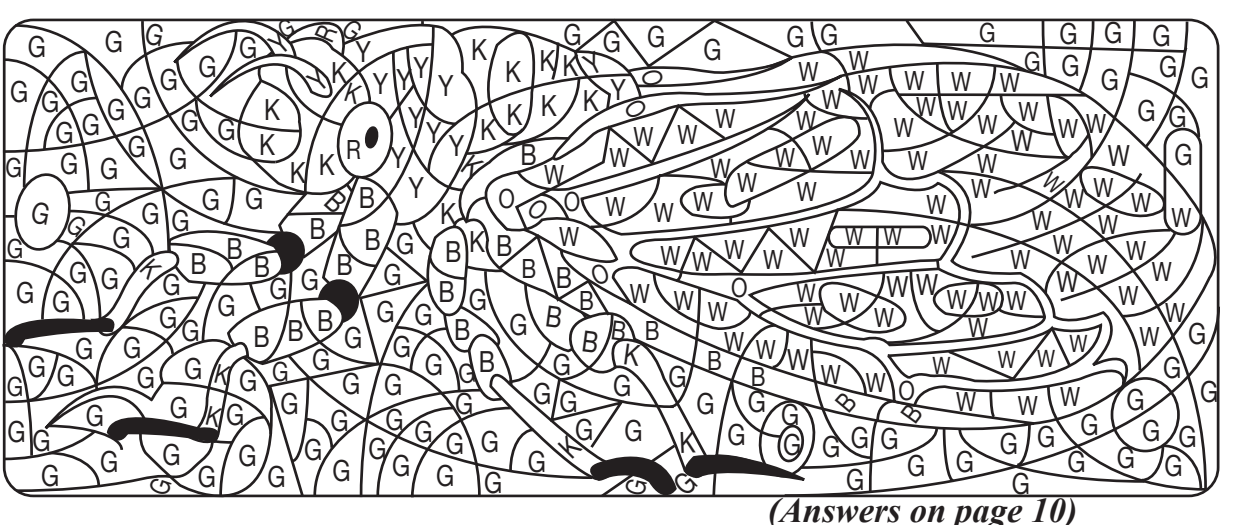
This masked scoundrel was last seen breaking into a local trash can. He digs singing by the light of the moon. He may feast upon your dog's food if it is left outside.

Song of the Cicadas

Cicadas are insects that dig under the ground to have their babies. But, unlike other animals, it can take 13-17 years for the babies to grow into adults. They stay buried underground that entire time! Some years the cicadas rise up from the dirt to "sing" or chirp very loudly! If you miss it, you will only have to wait about 17 more years!

Follow the color key to see a cicada:

- B = Brown
- G = Green
- K = Black
- O = Orange
- R = Red
- W = White
- Y = Gray



(Answers on page 10)

A Column by Tom Purcell

Dogs and Cats Also Facing Tough Times

There's a lot of sad news to go around, but this Vox story really breaks my heart: animal shelters are overflowing with abandoned dogs and cats again.

A few years ago, during COVID isolation, there was a surge of people rescuing pets from shelters to fill their homes with lovable furry creatures.

It was the heyday of abandoned animals find-

ing homes, with more animals leaving shelters than coming in.

As people went back to work, however, some people decided they didn't have the time or desire to care for a pet and sent it back to the shelter — something they should have thought through before they disrupted the pet's life.

But there is another force that is driving people to abandon their pets: it has got way too expensive to feed and care for them.

High inflation drove up the cost of pet food 20% year over year — for the simple reason that the ingredients to make pet food were also at record highs, as everything has

been the past three years. The inflation rate is down some in 2023, but the cost of services is not. That includes the cost of having a pet get regular checkups and care at the veterinarian, as well as the proper shots pets need annually.

CNN reports that a high percentage of the abandoned pets have serious medical issues, which can be very costly to treat.

My 2½ year old Labrador, Thurber, is healthy and fit as can be — but when he began having seizures, we discovered he suffers from epilepsy.

That required trips to more than one veterinarian, including a skilled

neurologist who specializes in pets, and also some costly lab work.

Fortunately, I have a pet-insurance policy that made the roughly \$800 vet bill bearable. Thurber got excellent care and the medication is working perfectly.

However, if I were struggling to feed my children and pay my mortgage and car payment, as many middle-class people are, would I have given my dog to a shelter to hopefully get it the care I could not afford?

The answer is no, never, for me — I'd take a second job or sell my truck first. I'm not kidding when I say if reincarnation was real, my

dream would be to come back as my own dog!

But I feel sorry for people who are really struggling to pay their bills right now and the painful decisions they are being forced to make.

I wonder: Are we heading back to the pre-WWII era, when the only people who could enjoy pets were the well-to-do?

Today's pet-abandonment trend illustrates well what happens in the daily lives of everyday Americans because of the reckless government policies and spending that the Wall Street Journal reports have made the cost of everything, including our ability to care for our pets, unbearable.

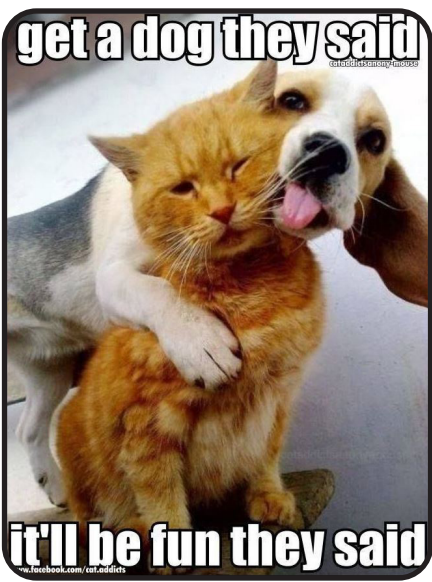
But if you have the

means and the commitment and love in your heart, remember that wonderful pets are waiting in shelters for you to bring them home — and if you cannot adopt, your donations are always welcome.

If you are in financial straits and your pet needs basic supplies or even costly medical care, the Humane Society and other organizations may be able to offer financial assistance to help you keep your beloved pet in your home.

Now, if you'll excuse me, my pup is dropping his ball at my feet. It's time to go outside for some exercise!

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Dogs are one of the most intelligent animals in the world

Dog Day at the Pool Will Benefit Kingman County Humane Society



Wednesday, September 6, 2023
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Bring your pup and let them enjoy a swim in the Cunningham Pool.

Dogs must have rabies certificate and they must come on a leash. The leach can be removed once the dog is in the pool.

Owners must also sign a liability waiver.

Register ahead of time at City Hall or at the event. A list of rules will be given at the time of registration.

Admission is a monetary donation or a wish list donation to Kingman County Humane Society. Call City Hall at 620-298-3077 for more information.

KCHS Donation Wish List

- The pets at Kingman County Humane Society are in need of the following items:
- 13-gal. kitchen trash bags
- dry cat and kitten food
- clumping cat litter
- canned dog food
- Purina Puppy Chow
- long-lasting chews
- stainless steel flat-sided water buckets
- paper towels

- bleach
- liquid laundry detergent
- poop bag rolls
- disposable gloves (large)
- The items can be brought to KCHS at 811 East C Avenue in Kingman
- Monetary donations can be sent to KCHS
- P.O. Box 103
- Kingman KS 67068

You or your business can sponsor a Humane Society pet for \$10.00 a week per pet. Fifty percent of the profits will be donated to the Humane Society.

Kingman County Humane Society Pets Ready for Adoption

Daisy Mae

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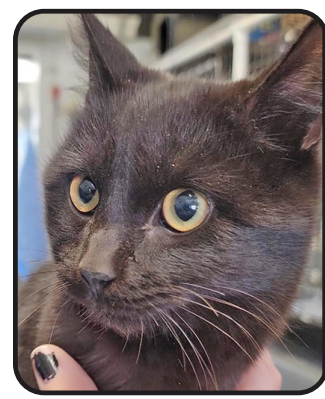


Female Shepherd / Retriever, Golden 70 pounds 5 years + NO FEE TO ADOPT Daisy Mae has been at the shelter since February 28, 2023 Houstrained People friendly Single Dog Home

Daisy is the sweetest, most loving dog. She is incredibly eager to please, smart, and loyal and does great with children. Her family adores her and Daisy is a "people person" but she has been aggressive towards their other dogs and because of that, it would be in Daisy's best interest to be in a home without other animals.

Nixon

Sponsored by Baker Accounting



Male Domestic Shorthair 5+ pounds 1 year + \$50.00 Nixon has been at the shelter since February 9, 2023 Trumann and Nixon are handsome, young (neutered) boys looking for a forever home!

Both love attention, treats and hearing how they are the best boys ever. We would love to adopt them together as a pair and keep this family together. #foreverhome sponsored by Trumann and Nixon.

Please consider volunteering or adopting or fostering or donating to your local Humane Society



Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, from 8:00 - 5:30 (except during lunch 12-1) on Wed., from 8:00 - 12:00 Call for Saturday hours. 1015 East U.S. 54, Kingman, KS

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Wanted: Thief
This water-loving robber steals other animals' tunnels and homes instead of digging his own.

His name is OSCAR the OTTER.

Aardvarks rule!

Goes by the name: RICKY the RACCOON.

Meerkats are cool!

The Song of the Cicadas

Minutes from Kingman County Commission

(con't from front page)

Health Services Contract with Cunningham to be signed.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the School Health Service Contract with Cunningham USD 332 2023-2024 School year. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Ms. Schwartz discussed applying for the Workforce Grant and that the grant is from December 2023-November 30,

2027. The grant would help her update the health department policy book and job descriptions.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the Workforce Development Grant 2023-2027. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Susan Hubbell, Register of Deeds was in with a department update.

Ms. Hubbell let the Commissioners know that the U.S. Department of State did their Annual inspection on passport policies and procedures and noted that there were zero infractions.

Ms. Hubbell discussed that her department server has been having some

issues, so she purchased an external hard drive to continue to do backups. She is looking at purchasing a new server.

Ms. Hubbell discussed investing technology funds and has been waiting seven months to get a decision to move money.

Ms. Hubbell discussed that she could make more money for the taxpayers by going outside of the County than keeping it in Kingman County.

Commissioners would like to keep the money in the County banks and not moving to a bank outside the county.

LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer was in to discuss the financial breakdowns for EMS with the Commissioners and Sheriff Wood.

Commissioners discussed the finances received and disbursed in past years for the EMS.

Commissioners discussed dispatch.

Stan Goetz, HR/ Planning/Zoning/ Wastewater Director; Sarah Carroll, Invenegy and Tyler Mowbray, Invenegy were in to discuss Flat Ridge 4 & 5 with the Commissioners.

Ms. Carroll let the Commissioners know that she has gotten approval to pay \$3200.00 per megawatt instead of \$3,000.00 and each windfarm will receive \$750,000.00. Also, Ms. Carroll let them know that there will be a one-time lump payment at year 11 at \$4379.18 per megawatt.

Mr. Goetz let the

Commissioners know that there is a department head meeting will be on August 28th, 2023.

Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in with a permit from:

Evergy-Pole replacement and upgrades along Sections 16,21,27,33 & 34, Township 29, Range 6W (Eagle Township).

Mr. Arensdorf submitted the July budget reports to review for his department.

Mr. Arensdorf submitted a request from Valley Township for consultation on a bridge.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the Valley Township request for consultation. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was ap-

proved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf submitted a handout on "Build Kansas Fund" for the Commissioners to review.

Mr. Arensdorf let the Commissioners know that the bridge North of Cunningham is scheduled to have a bid letting on September 18th, 2023. MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 12:03 p.m. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Pratt County Commission Minutes

The Pratt County commissioners met in regular session Monday, August 21, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. in the commissioner room, 1st floor of the courthouse. The following members were present: Thomas W. Jones III, Rick Shriver, Dwight Adams, Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor, Lori Voss, clerk, and Mark Graber, IT director.

Heather Morgan, economic development/ COVID consultant, attended a KDOT webinar on EV charging grants. She met with an EV charging company that might be interested in owning and operating the stations.

She is working with Brittney Novotny, director, Vernon Filley art museum on applying for grants from the state.

The governor has released an additional million dollars for cost share through conservation districts. Interested parties would need to contact their local conservation districts.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the minutes from August 14, 2023. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Catherine Rohrer, SCKCCA director, presented the AR Roofing contract for commissioner signatures. She presented her roll over accounts for approval and signature.

Commissioner Shriver questioned if they

were still having advisory board meetings. Catherine stated she had a hard time scheduling the members. She is planning on having one in September and will contact him.

Jason Winkel, landfill/ recycling supervisor, presented his Pratt County solid waste management plan. He gave a report on landfill intakes. He had a tract repaired on one of the machines. He gave a report on the recycling center. One employee quit and another with health issues. His budget was discussed.

Jon Roach, noxious weed, reported repairs were found for the truck. He presented bids for trucks. Davis Moore, \$62,678.00, 2022 RAM 3500 dual diesel, Davis Moore, Chevrolet 2024 3500 \$51,770.00, and Pratt City Ford, 2023 F-350 diesel for \$62,965. Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the purchase of a 2024 Chevrolet 3500 from Davis Moore for \$51,770.00. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-0.

Jon stated he would need to purchase a flat bed and a bumper from Sunflower Trailer Sales in St. John. It will also need a new spray system. He will get a bid for the flat bed and the bumper now that they approved the make of the truck.

Cameron Quick, lieutenant, sheriff department, presented a 2024 step-pay program to get in line with the City of Pratt Police Department. Their 2024 budget was discussed.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve moving Peyton Koehler from full time to part time at \$15.00 per hour. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to hire Emily Cannon, detention officer for \$16.26 per hour. Chairman Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to hire Christian Anderson for detention officer at \$16.26 per hour. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Doug Freund, road supervisor, stated the road shop has been painted and it looks great. He would like to have the small building also painted. He presented a quote from Paint Pro-Plus for \$9,800.00. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to approve the bid from Paint Pro-Plus to paint the small building west of the road shop for \$9,800.00.

Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. He contacted AR Roofing and Mainstream LLC for roof quotes, he has not heard back from either.

They are behind on mowing so offering employees overtime to those that want to mow. He stated he is still needing to hire employees.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to approve the yearly contract with Computer Information Concepts for the software program/support in the amount of \$36,570.00. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Mark graber reported the SCTelcom lines have been run in the courthouse and will be switched over from AT&T to SCTelcom in around a week.

Chairman Jones made a motion to take a five-minute break at

3:25 p.m. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Chairman Jones made a motion to return from break at 3:30 p.m. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Scot Loyd, Loyd Group, LLC, was on Zoom to discuss the 2024 budget. He will attend the budget hearing September 11, 2023 at 9:00 am, in the commission room at the Pratt County courthouse.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to adjourn into executive session for ten minutes at 3:42 p.m. to discuss attorney/client matter concerning budgets. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Chairman Jones made a motion to return from executive session at 3:51 p.m. with no action taken. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to approve the payment vouchers for August 21, 2023. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to adjourn at 4:01 p.m. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

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IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: SALLY A. DAVIS, Deceased. CASE NO. 2022 PR 46 (Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Connie Hageman, Laura Cress and Melinda G. Miller, duly appointed, qualified and acting Co-Administrators of the Estate of Sally A. Davis, deceased, praying Petitioners acts be approved; account be settled and allowed; the heirs be determined; the Estate be

assigned to the persons entitled thereto pursuant to the laws of intestate succession; fees and expenses be allowed; costs be determined and ordered paid; the administration of the Estate be closed; the Co-Administrators be discharged and Petitioners be released from further liability.

You are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before August 29, 2023, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., in the District Court, Kingman County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

Connie Hageman, Laura Cress, Melinda G. Miller, Co-Petitioners Matthew W. Ricke Ricke & Ritche Law Office 349 N. Main, PO Box 113 Kingman, KS 67068 Attorney for Petitioners

Public Notice

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of WENDELL DEE MOORE, Deceased. CaseNo. KM-2023-PR-000036 (Filed Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Opal Ruth Moore, Executrix of the Estate of Wendell Dee Moore, deceased, requesting that: foreign Will of Wendell Dee Moore, deceased, dated May 18, 2015, be admitted to probate and record in this Court; no administration of the Estate is necessary; the Will be construed, and the following Kansas mineral interest in the real estate owned by the decedent, situated in Kingman County, Kansas:

The West Half of the Southeast Quarter (W/2 SE/4) and the Southwest Quarter (SW/4) of Section 29, Township 29 South, Range 9 West of the 6th P.M., Kingman County, Kansas be assigned in accordance with the terms of the Will.

You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before the 22nd day of September, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. in the District Court, in Kingman, Kingman County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

OPAL RUTH MOORE, Petitioner Brian M. Jacques, #19338 Sloan, Eisenbarth, Glassman McEntire And Jarboe, L.L.C. 534 South Kansas Ave., Ste. 1000 Topeka, Kansas 66603 (785)357-6311 Attorneys for Petitioner

Public Notice

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IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: HAROLD G. FIESER, Deceased.

Case No. 2022 PR 3

(Petition Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on August 11, 2023, a Petition was filed in this Court by Francine L. Fieser and M. Eileen Hawkins, duly appointed, qualified and acting Co-Executor's of the Estate of Harold G. Fieser, deceased, praying Petitioner's acts be approved; account be settled and allowed; the heirs be determined; the Will be construed and the Estate be assigned to the persons entitled thereto; the Court find the allowances requested for attorneys' fees and expenses are reasonable and should be allowed; the costs be determined and ordered paid; the administration of the Estate be closed; upon the filing of receipts the Petitioner's be finally discharged as the Co-Executor's of the Estate of Harold G. Fieser, deceased, and the Petitioners be released from further liability.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before September 5, 2023, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. in the District Court, Kingman, Kingman County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

Francine L. Fieser and M. Eileen Hawkins, Co-Executors

Matthew W. Ricke, #20995 ATTORNEY AT LAW, LLC 349 NORTH MAIN, P. O. Box 113 Kingman, KS 67068 (620) 532-3103 Attorney for Petitioner

Kingman County Sheriff's Report

- Sunday, August 13**
 - Traffic Stop 2
 - Civil Paper Service 7
 - Warrant Arrest 400 Blk E D Ave, Kingman
 - Medical 120 North Spruce, Kingman
 - Alarm 9000 Blk SW 10 Ave, Kingman
 - Non-Injury Accident 400 Blk S High St, Kingman
 - Suspicious Person 300 E D Ave, Kingman
 - Warrant Arrest 300 Blk W C Ave, Kingman
 - Medical 400 Nlk N Broadway St, Kingman
 - Suspicious Person 400 Blk E Leiter Ave, Cunningham
- Monday, August 14**
 - Suspicious Person 15000 Blk W Hwy 54, Cunningham
 - Follow Up 120 North Spruce, Kingman
 - Traffic Complaint NE 100 Ave & E Hwy 54, Kingman
 - Animal Complaint SE 20 St & SE 140 Ave, Cheney
- Tuesday, August 15**
 - Animal Complaint SW 50 St & SW 60 Ave, Kingman
 - Transport Prisoner 120 North Spruce, Kingman
 - Identy Theft 120 North Spruce, Kingman
 - Traffic Complaint NW 50 St & NW 10 Ave, Kingman
 - Agency Assist 4000 Blk SE 150 Ave, Cheney
 - Miscellaneous 200 Blk E H, Kingman
- Wednesday, August 16**
 - Traffic Stop 1
 - Civil Paper Service 1
 - 911 Accidental Dial 100 S Elliott St, Cunningham
 - Non-Injury Accident SW 50 Ave & SW 30 St, Kingman
 - Towed Vehicle NW 50 Ave & NW 10 St, Kingman
 - Misellaneous 400 Blk E Washington Ave, Kingman
 - Transport Prisoner to Court 130 N Spruce, Kingman
 - Fire / Grass 14000 Blk W Hwy 54, Cunningham
 - Animal Complaint 15000 Blk SE 40 St, Cheney
 - Fire / Vehicle 16000 Blk E Hwy 54, Cheney
 - Traffic Complaint N Hwy 11 & NW 50 St, Kingman
 - Follow Up 120 N Spruce, Kingman
 - Traffic Complaint E Hwy 54 & NW 100 Ave, Kingman
- Thursday, August 17**
 - Warrant Service N Pine & E D Ave, Kingman
 - Injury Accident SE 150 Ave & E Hwy 54, Cheney
 - Harassment 200 Blk S Elliott, Cunningham
 - 911 Accidental Dial 100 Blk S Elliott, Cunningham
- Friday, August 18**
 - Traffic Stop 2
 - Civil Paper Process 5
 - Domestic 4000 Blk NE Sunset Ln, Cheney
 - Disabled Vehicle 200 Blk E Don Lock Dr, Kingman
 - Animal Complaint 2000 Blk NW 50 Ave, Kingman
 - Traffic Complaint 10000 W Hwy 54, Cunningham
 - Miscellaneous 120 North Spruce, Kingman
 - Non-Injury Accident NE 50 St & NE 140 Ave, Cheney
 - Non-Injury Accident 14000 W Hwy 54, Cunningham
 - Traffic Complaint NW 50 St & SW 170 Ave, Cunningham
 - Abandoned Vehicle 4000 W Hwy 54, Kingman
 - Non-Injury Accident SW 130 St & SW 160 Ave, Nashville
- Saturday, August 19**
 - Traffic Stop 2
 - Animal Complaint SE 120 St & S Hwy 14, Kingman
 - Disturbance 200 Blk E B, Kingman
 - Suspicious Vehicle NE 40 St & NE 150 Ave, Cheney
 - Suspicious Vehicle / DUI 11000 Blk NE 20 St, Kingman
 - Disabled Vehicle SE 60 St & SE 120 Ave, Murdock
- Sunday, August 20**
 - Traffic Stop 2
 - Suspicious Person 4000 Blk N Berry Ave, Kingman
 - Traffic Complaint 18000 W Hwy 54, Cunningham
 - 911 Accidental Dial 300 Blk S Elliott St, Cunningham
 - Follow Up 200 Blk S Elliott St, Cunningham
 - Animal Complaint 1000 W Hwy 54, Kingman
 - Non-Injury Accident SW 110 St & SW 90 Ave, Zenda
 - Suspicious Person 16000 Blk E Hwy 54, Cheney
- Monday, August 21**
 - Traffic Complaint 400 E D ave, Kingman
 - Found Property SE 20 St & SE 170 Ave, Cheney
 - Miscellaneous 120 N Spruce, Kingman
 - Non-Injury Accident NW 120 Ave & W Hwy 54, Cunningham
 - Disabled Vehicle 4000 Blk W Hwy 54, Kingman
 - Miscellaneous 120 N Spruce, Kingman
 - Miscellaneous 120 N Spruce, Kingman
 - Abandoned Vehicle E Hwy 54 & N Hwy 14, Kingman
 - Follow Up 120 N Spruce, Kingman
 - Missing Person 13000 Blk SE 140 Ave, Norwich
 - Agency Assist 300 Blk E D Ave, Kingman
 - 911 Accidental Dial 13000 Blk NE 10 St, Cheney
- Tuesday, August 22**
 - Non-Injury Accident N Main St & E D Ave, Kingman
 - Alarm 9000 Blk NE 20 St, Murdock
 - Disabled Vehicle 1300 Blk W D Ave, Kingman
 - Check Welfare 600 Blk W C Ave, Kingman
- Wednesday, August 23**
 - Traffic Stop 1
 - Civil Paper Service 13
 - Traffic Complaint 200 Blk S Elliott, Cunningham
 - Traffic Complaint 14000 Blk E Hwy 54, Cheney
 - Check Welfare E Hwy 54 & N Hwy 14, Murdock
 - Transport Prisoner 120 N Spruce, Kingman
 - Trespassing SW 30 Ave & SW 30 St, Kingman
 - Follow Up 22000 Blk NW 60 Ave, Kingman
 - Check Welfare 11000 Blk SE 50 Ave, Rago
- Thursday, August 24**
 - Traffic Stop 1
 - Civil Paper Service 5
 - Non-Injury Accident 12000 Blk S Hwy 14, Rago
 - Disabled Vehicle 3000 Blk SE 120 St, Rago
 - Animal Complaint NE 40 St & NE 160 Ave, Cheney
 - 911 Accidental Dial 200 Blk E 4th St, Cunningham
 - Agency Assist 400 Blk N Broadway St, Kingman
 - Transport Prisoner to Court 130 N Spruce, Kingman
 - Agency Assist 300 Blk E D Ave, Kingman
 - Transport Civilian 120 N Spruce, Kingman
- Friday, August 25**

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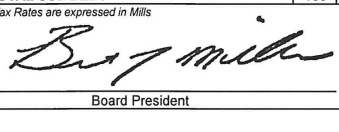
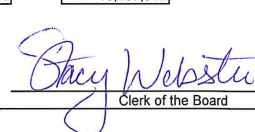
Notice of Hearing 2023-2024 Budget

The governing body of Unified School District 332 will meet on the 13th day of September 2023 at 6:50 PM at 104 W 4th Street, Cunningham, KS 67035 for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of tax to be levied. Detailed budget information, including budget profile, building needs assessment and Board state assessments review is available at the District Office on the district website and will be available at this hearing.

The Amount of 2023 Tax to be Levied and Expenditures (published below) establish the maximum limits of the 2023-2024 Budget. The Est. Tax Rate (column 7), shown for comparative purposes, is subject to slight change depending on final assessed valuation.

Code 99 Line	2021-2022 Actual		2022-2023 Actual		2023-2024 Proposed Budget		
	Actual Expenditures (1)	Actual Tax Rate* (2)	Actual Expenditures (3)	Actual Tax Rate* (4)	Budgeted Expenditures (5)	Amount of 2023 Tax to be Levied (6)	Est. Tax Rate* (7)
OPERATING							
General	06	2,028,984	20,000	2,315,903	20,000	2,509,910	1,530,346
Supplemental General (LOB)	08	589,560	8.485	726,664	8.940	802,541	787,117
SPECIAL REVENUE							
Federal Funds	07	155,239		159,563		195,680	
Adult Education	10	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0.000
Preschool-Aged At-Risk	11	9,412		19,500		30,528	
Adult Supplemental Education	12	0		0		0	
At Risk (K-12)	13	130,000		158,000		219,371	
Bilingual Education	14	0		0		0	
Virtual Education	15	0		0		0	
Capital Outlay	16	399,349	7.736	454,246	7.781	1,179,664	618,612
Driver Training	18	1,791		7,484		11,000	
Declining Enrollment	19	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0.000
Extraordinary School Program	22	0		0		0	
Food Service	24	130,210		161,276		218,046	
Professional Development	26	6,844		3,900		15,000	
Parent Education Program	28	0		0		0	
Summer School	29	0		0		0	
Special Education	30	389,396		438,184		525,000	
Cost of Living	33	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0.000
Career and Postsecondary Education	34	53,500		60,305		65,000	
Gifts and Grants	35	69,661		108,391		74,611	
Special Liability Expense Fund	42	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0.000
School Retirement	44	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0.000
Extraordinary Growth Facilities	45	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0.000
Special Reserve Fund	47	0		0		0	
KPER'S Special Retirement Contribution	51	215,705		225,643		248,207	
Contingency Reserve	53	0		0		0	
Textbook & Student Material Revolving	55	20,239		1,193		0	
Activity Fund	56	72,853		32,097		0	
DEBT SERVICE							
Bond and Interest #1	62	0	0.000	322,817	11.999	787,400	876,421
Bond and Interest #2	63	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0.000
No-Fund Warrant	66	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0.000
Special Assessment	67	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0.000
Temporary Note	68	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0.000
COOPERATIVES							
Special Education	78	0		0		0	
TOTAL USD EXPENDITURES	100	4,272,743	36.221	5,195,166	48.720	6,881,938	3,812,496
Less: Transfers	105	610,799		732,595		788,526	
NET USD EXPENDITURES	110	3,661,944		4,462,571		6,093,412	
TOTAL USD TAXES LEVIED	115	2,552,741		3,874,237		3,812,496	
OTHER							
Historical Museum	80	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0.000
Public Library Board	82	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0.000
Public Library Board Employee Benefits	83	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0.000
Recreation Commission	84	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0.000
Rec Comm Emp Benefits & Spec Liab	86	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0.000
TOTAL OTHER	120	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0.000
TOTAL TAXES LEVIED	125	\$2,552,741		\$3,874,237		\$3,812,496	
Assessed Valuation - General Fund	128	\$70,213,550		\$77,891,457		\$76,517,301	
Assessed Valuation - All Other Funds	130	\$71,689,198		\$80,551,173		\$79,674,252	
Assessed Valuation - Capital Outlay	129	\$69,827,766		\$78,205,104		\$77,326,478	
Outstanding Indebtedness, July 1							
General Obligation Bonds	135	0		13,095,000		13,095,000	
Capital Outlay Bonds	140	0		0		0	
Temporary Note	145	0		0		0	
No-Fund Warrant	150	0		0		0	
Lease Purchase Principal	153	35,544		24,154		12,312	
TOTAL USD DEBT	155	35,544		13,119,154		13,107,312	


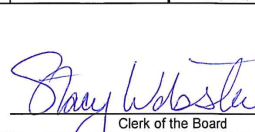
*Tax Rates are expressed in Mills

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Exceeding the Revenue Neutral Tax Rate for the 2023-2024 School Year

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	2022-2023			2023-2024	
	Actual Tax Levied	Actual Tax Rate	Neutral Tax Rate	Estimated Tax Levied	Est. Tax Rate
General	\$1,611,023	20.000	20.384	\$1,530,346	20.000
Capital Outlay	\$627,575	7.781	7.921	\$618,612	8.000
Bond and Interest #2	\$0	0.000		\$0	0.000
ALL OTHER FUNDS					
Supplemental General (LOB)	\$721,055	8.940		\$787,117	9.879
Adult Education	\$0	0.000		\$0	0.000
Cost of Living	\$0	0.000		\$0	0.000
Special Liability Expense Fund	\$0	0.000		\$0	0.000
Extraordinary Growth Facilities	\$0	0.000		\$0	0.000
Bond and Interest #1	\$967,778	11.999		\$876,421	11.000
No-Fund Warrant	\$0	0.000		\$0	0.000
Special Assessment	\$0	0.000		\$0	0.000
Temporary Note	\$0	0.000		\$0	0.000
Historical Museum	\$0	0.000		\$0	0.000
Public Library Board	\$0	0.000		\$0	0.000
Public Library Board Employee Benefits	\$0	0.000		\$0	0.000
Sub Total - All Other Funds	\$1,688,833	20.939	20.044	\$1,663,538	20.879

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- Warrant Service 120 N Spruce, Kingman
- Suspicious Person 13000 Blk SE Sruce St, Rago
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- Animal Complaint 500 Blk S Raff St, Kingman
- Non-Injury Accident 4000 Blk NE 160 Ave, Cheney
- Disabled Vehicle 7000 Blk E Hwy 54, Kingman
- Traffic Complaint 11000 Blk E Hwy 54, Cheney
- Disabled Vehcile 6000 Blk W Hwy 54, Kingman
- Traffic Complaint 2000 Blk E Hwy 42, Rago

Saturday, August 26

- Traffic Stop 1
- Animal Complaint SE 20 St & SE 90 Ave, Murdock
- Traffic Complaint MM 186, Kingman
- Traffic Complaint 3700 Blk NW 20 Ave, Kingman

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Ruth Ann Simon

Ruth Ann Simon, 81, died Aug. 25, 2023, at the Attica Longterm Care Center Facility.

She was born Dec. 5, 1941, at Zenda, Kansas the youngest daughter of triplets of Richard and Frances Ricke Schmidt. A resident of Medicine Lodge, of the Nashville and St. Leo communities, she was a retired Dietary Supervisor at the Medicine Lodge Hospital and the Cunningham Hilltop Manor; and was also the custodian at the Medicine Lodge High School.

Ruth Ann was a member of the Holy Rosary Catholic Church, Medicine Lodge.

On July 19, 1960, she married Edwin H. Simon at Sharon, Kansas; he died May 6, 2018. Survivors include sons Roger, Kevin and his wife Lana, Michael, and Thomas and his wife Michelle; daughters Ronda O'Mara and her husband Mike and Pam Livengood and her husband Brad; brother Richard Schmidt (the oldest triplet); sisters Virginia Martin, Sr. Imelda Schmidt, Joyce Stockert and Rosalie Spade (the middle triplet); and six grandchildren. She was also preceded in death by brothers Raymond and Edwin; Marieda Voegeli.

Parish rosary will be 10:00 a.m., Friday, Sept. 1, 2023 at the Holy Rosary Catholic Church, Medicine Lodge followed by the Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30 a.m. The family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Thursday at the Livingston Funeral Home, Kingman. Graveside services will be 1:30 p.m., Friday at the St. Leo Catholic Church.

Memorials may be made with Dominican Sisters of Great Bend, the Holy Rosary Catholic Church or the Pratt Area Humane Society, all in care of Livingston Funeral Home, Kingman.



William "Pepper" Wesley

William "Pepper" Luther Wesley, 85, passed away on Wednesday, August 23, 2023. He was born on May 9, 1938 in Plainview, Texas to William Lee and Mae (Scroggins) Wesley. William married Wanda Faye (VanDoern) on June 6th, 1959. They were married for 39 years.

William had many jobs. He was a member of the Cushman Club. He was a jack of all trades and loved woodworking and riding his Cushman.

He is survived by daughters, Pam (Steven) Slief of Pratt, KS and Brenda Davidson of Sun City, KS; son, David (Jan) Wesley of Derby, KS; sister, Patsy (Jim) McDaniel; brother, Davey Wesley; nine grandchildren, Michael (Katie) Slief, Shane (Marissa) Slief, Marshall (Brittany) Slief, RaeAnn (Johnnie) Brock, Travis (Kaylynn) Davidson, Lou (Ryan) Drews, Levi (Megan) Wesley, Katie Wesley, Mallory (Andrew) Minor and 27 great-grandchildren.

William is preceded in death by his wife, Wanda Faye; father, William Lee Wesley; mother, Mae Pearl Wesley; step mother, Helen Wesley; brothers, George Freeman, Robert Wesley, James "Tom" Wesley and Wiley Wesley; sisters, Alta Gene Orebaugh, Margaret Pierce and Ada "Dee Dee" West Galbavy.

Cremation has taken place. A graveside service was held Saturday, August 26, 2023 at Sunset Cemetery, Cullison, KS.

Memorials may be made to Donor's Choice in care of Larrison Mortuary. Online condolences may be made at www.larrisonmortuary.com.

Betty Jo Buckwalter

Betty Jo Buckwalter, 94, passed away Friday, August 25, 2023 at Hutchinson Regional Medical Center. She was born on September 3, 1928 in Turon to Orval Foster and Hazel Rachel (Levens) Nelson. Betty married Allan "Buck" Harry Buckwalter on September 23, 1950 in Hutchinson. He preceded her in death on March 10, 2002.

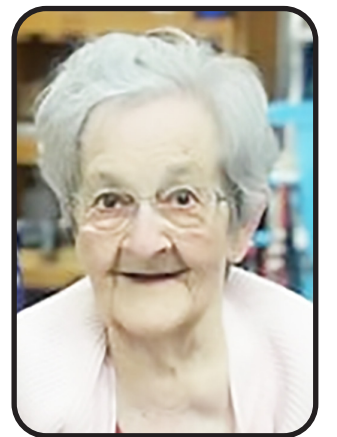
Betty graduated from Preston High School. She worked for grocery stores and cafes in Turon and was a homemaker. She was a member of Penalosa Church of Christ. She enjoyed family dinners, playing dominos, bird watching and watching Wheel of Fortune.

She is survived by her sons, Gary (Marti) Buckwalter of Bastrop, Texas, David (Kelly) Buckwalter of Hutchinson and Nelson (Lou Ann) Buckwalter of Sylvia; daughters, Sondra (Randy) Redinger and Carla Buckwalter both of Hutchinson; 13 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

Betty is preceded in death by her husband; parents; an infant son; brother, Bill Nelson; and sisters, Barbara Meireis and Wanda Gross.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held at 10:00 a.m., Friday, September 1, 2023 at Turon Community Church with Michael Murphy presiding. Inurnment will follow at Turon Cemetery, Turon.

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