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Minutes from Kingman County Commission

Chairman Henning called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. July 31st, 2023, in the County Commissioners room at the Kingman County Courthouse. Present: Patrick Elpers, Commissioner; Jack Thimesch, Commissioner; Carol Noblit, County Clerk; Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor

Visitors: Bob Morris, Kingman Leader-Courier; Larry Landwehr

Online Visitors: L Kelly; Caller 01
Staff: LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director; Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse and Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director.

Commissioner Thimesch asked if there were any additions to the agenda.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the agenda with the addition of an executive session. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioner Thimesch asked if there was any public comment.

Larry Landwehr thought the fair was good.

LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer was in to discuss the budget with the Commissioners. Ms. Stegman let the Commissioners know that the TIF value made a difference on the transfer amount but the levy will remain the same.

Commissioners discussed the ar-

ticle on the front page of the Kingman Leader-Courier.

Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director was in to let the Commissioners know that August 7th, 2023 will be the next department head meeting.

Mr. Goetz discussed that he had a work comp claim for a sheriff deputy from moving desks.

Mr. Goetz submitted the minutes from the planning/zoning commission meeting last week and that there is a protest period of 14 days and a resolution will need to be passed at the August 14th, 2023 Commission meeting.

Mr. Goetz discussed a complaint that he received about pig smell from a residence just outside the city limits of Norwich and talked with the landowners.

The County Clerk submitted the July 24th, 2023, Commission meeting minutes for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the July 24th, 2023, Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a majority vote of the County Commissioners.

Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse was in to discuss shredding services with shred-it.

Mr. Ritcha requested that Ms. Schwartz look into a yearly contract instead of a 5-year contract.

Ms. Schwartz submitted quotes for refrigerated storage and freezer storage.

The refrigerated storage quote was from VERICOR LLC in the amount of \$2489.12.

The freezer storage quote was from TEMPARMOUR in the amount of \$884.00.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the quotes from VERICOR LLC in the amount of \$2489.12. and TEMPARMOUR in the amount of \$884.00 with grant funds. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a majority vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners signed abatements.: Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director and Steve Bachenberg, County Engineer were in to update the County Commissioners on the bridge that was damaged last week.

Commissioners were okay with doing a repair design for the bridge.

Mr. Arensdorf let the Commissioners know that Pearson Construction who is the contractor for 607-361 Hot Mix Overlay will have a start date of August 28th, 2023.

Mr. Arensdorf let the Commissioners know that the Bridge Inspection Report is set for August 14th, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. with John Riggins from Kirkham Michael.

Mr. Bachenberg discussed the fall announcement for the match fund project program.

Mr. Bachenberg gave an update on the FLAP project and that meetings are being held weekly.

Commissioners opened the following bids for the St. Leo Road:
APAC \$ 1,740,962.57
Pearson Construction \$ 2,114,593.00

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the quote from APAC in the amount of \$1,740,962.57 with the 70/30 match grant received. Commissioner Thimesch seconded. The motion was approved with a majority vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners opened the following bids for fuel from the following:

Skyland Grain
Farmers Coop Elevator
Unleaded 1500 gal transport
Skyland Grain 3.39 per gallon
Farmers Coop Elevator 3.685 per gallon
Unleaded 1500 tank wagon
Skyland Grain 3.64 per gallon
Farmers Coop Elevator 3.78 per gallon
#1 diesel
Skyland Grain 4.04 per gallon
Farmers Coop Elevator 3.955 per gallon
#2 diesel
Skyland Grain 3.44 per gallon
Farmers Coop Elevator 3.355 per gallon

Mr. Arensdorf would like to take the bids and review them before a decision is made.

Commissioner Elpers asked a question about the mowing only being done 10 ft into the right-away.

Mr. Arensdorf let the Commissioners know that the 10ft mowing is done because of the terrain changes and 10ft is a uniform way to cover the county right of ways.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 11:33 a.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.



As a firefighter, we take some strange calls but this one came in on our Facebook messenger and was a first for even our veteran chief. A truck driver hauling 150 hogs from Iowa asked if we could help him cool off his haul. We were happy to oblige in the 102 degree heat today. He and the 150 pork bellies were grateful as well. Who knows, maybe the next package of bacon you enjoy will have been in this pod!

photo and comments from Cunningham Fire Department Facebook page

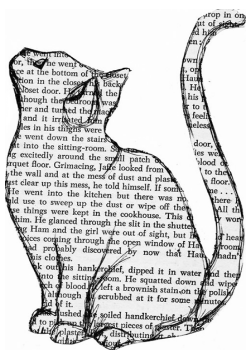


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Meanderings

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If you need to get your ads out regionally or state-wide, contact me and I'll get you in touch

with KPA. Many of the ads you see here in this paper are from them. They are an excellent advertising source.

The rain and cooler temperatures have the landscapes looking pretty green this August! Isn't it wonderful? I even turned off my A/C this weekend and opened up the house. Very nice, it was, but it makes me yearn for the cooler fall temps. Those cool nights with windows open and breeze blowing through the house, making me snuggle down in my bedcovers, with a dog and a kitty or two, warming me up.

I do love the fall. I have had two people this week tell me how much they enjoy reading about my little beasts. Let me tell you, if you had

to live all these personalities, you'd not want to hear about them. But when I have nothing else to meander about, their antics can help fill this spot. Like this week.

This evening I heard some odd little noise in the kitchen. I decided I'd better check to see what the commotion was about. Peter, my one-eyed monster ogre kitty, who is my most playful cat, was chasing fur clumps around on the floor. I suggested maybe he should get the vacuum and sweep them up. He looked at me with his one eye and said "MEORWRW!" I took that as a no.

Skippy Jones, my veteran kitty, is not coming in at night. I allow her outside later than the other cats, as I know she will stay on the deck or in

the flower bed and bask in the glory of being outside. However, there have been a couple of nights I totally forgot she was out there. And then there were a couple of nights when she hid from me, and I assumed she was inside. The only morning she was very upset was the night it rained. She wasn't wet, but she was pretty upset with all that thundering going on. Silly old girl.

I do believe that my Skippy would greatly benefit from those communication buttons I wrote about last week. Being part Siamese, she's pretty vocal, and I think she could learn to use those buttons with great accuracy. "Outside" "Now" "Hungry" "Other cats are stinky" "Quin is a pain" those kinds of things. I am pretty sure

that is what she says now in her own little kitty talk.

Quin has had a few very fun days with several visitors. We don't get many. I've told him it's because he doesn't know how to behave. He doesn't believe me because he knows he is funny and silly.

A couple of gentlemen from SCTelcom have been here, and Quin just loves to greet them, one even plays with him. Wyatt came to get my car (and return it) for a repair recently... on the same day that someone else dropped by. It was like four visitors in one day! Oh, what a glorious day it was for him! He does love people, but he just can't behave himself like a gentleman when he's around them. My sister, Jackie, was

home visiting a week or so ago, and he got so excited, he peed on her foot. I was very thankful she's had many, many pets and it didn't phase her one bit. I was embarrassed, but Quin and Jackie just laughed about it.

And now my Lucky Day has decided to loll about on my desk. He's a hefty guy and takes up quite a bit of room. He's purring very softly and winking at me. He's a happy and contented kitty.

My little beasts are my companions and my entertainment. My life would be very dull with out all their funny quirks and personalities.

Always reading, and currently reading, "Bone Gap" by Laura Ruby Roberta

Tallgrass and Tumbleweeds by Gaille Pike

Dear Readers, This Spring I decided not to plant a garden. As my schedule of commitments had predicted, I've been so busy the past few months that I haven't had much time to miss tending one. But the other morning I grew wistful because as I was catching up with a friend, he mentioned he's picking about 20 cherry tomatoes a day from his patio garden,

not to mention what he's harvesting of his other tomato varieties. No doubt there are folks who don't like this staple of our diet. But even tomato-naysayers are unlikely to argue there's anything more "Summer" than fresh off the vine, home grown tomatoes.

Tomatoes top the list of home garden vegetables because they are low-maintenance, high yield plants. Yes, I'm aware of the botanical fact that tomatoes are fruits. But I've never been offered one for dessert, nor have I have been

served one in a fruit salad. Tomatoes are just not "fruity." And when I am corrected, I don't argue. I smile and to think to myself that the pedantic individual is being rather silly, or practicing for their Jeopardy audition.

To my surprise I learned today that the whole fruit versus vegetable tomato dispute was argued in front of the Supreme Court of the United States. It is important to note that a businessman, not an indignant botanist spearheaded this legal action. John Nix & Company was the

largest produce seller in New York and the tomatoes he brought in routinely from Virginia, Florida and Bermuda were big sellers. Then President Chester Arthur signed the Tariff Act of 1893, taxing only imported vegetables and not fruits. So Nix sued The New York Port Authority to recover taxes he'd previously paid. And he took his case doggedly to the top, with lawyers waving dictionaries and questioning witnesses. The judges did not call Mr. Nix silly. They did rule unanimously against

him and I choose to read between the lines of their decision that they found his arguments ridiculous. Of course it scientifically is a fruit, they said. But in everyday use, it's a VEGETABLE.

As fond as I am of the classic home-grown tomato, I am unwilling to say they are the best food the vegetable group offers this time of year. Fresh corn and cucumbers are strong competitors. Both are botanically fruits, too. I've never been served either a la mode. I'd object, frankly, to ice cream with corn

on the cob or even cukes sorbet.

I would also object if anybody tried to dust fresh tomato slices with sugar rather than salt. But my Gardenless Gaille convictions do have limits. If calling them botanical fruits will encourage my neighbors to share their homegrown bounty with me, I'd eagerly swallow my pride. And all I'd taste would be those delicious Summer's tomatoes.

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

A COLUMN BY TOM PURCELL

A/C Hasn't Only Made Life Cooler

As a heat wave hits America from coast to coast, it's hot outside — but cool inside, thanks to the triumph of air conditioning.

For most of human history, there was little people could do to avoid heat.

During the day, it drove people outside of their homes to enjoy the shade of a tree or to take a refreshing dip in a lake or river.

At night, folks in cities slept outside on their porches, roofs and even fire escapes.

When I was a kid in the suburbs of Pittsburgh, few homes had air conditioning.

Our windows were always open with several fans bringing in the cool night air, as we drifted off to sleep comforted by their wobbling sound.

Air conditioning changed everything.

Homes used to have

big windows, high ceilings, cross ventilation and large hallways to dissipate heat. This is no longer necessary, and most homes are sealed shut all summer long.

Commercial buildings used to have windows that opened but that isn't necessary, either.

Today's glass-plated buildings are designed to keep the light and air out, so that we are oblivious to whatever season it may be.

AC dramatically changed our politics.

Before air conditioning, Washington D.C. was so hot, the halls of Congress were empty from mid-June to September.

Now they can spend lots more time working on — as former New York Times columnist Russell Baker put it — "... the promulgation of more laws, the depredations of lobbyists, the hatching of new schemes for federal expansion

and, of course, the cost of maintaining a government running at full blast."

Without A/C, heat was the great equalizer. The rich suffered just as much as the poor.

All of that changed a little over 100 years ago when Willis Haviland Carrier invented air conditioning.

Department stores and movie houses were among the first to install A/C. Regrettably, the federal government soon followed.

It wasn't until the 1920s that A/C began making its way into residential homes.

Today, 90% of American homes have air conditioning, which is why tens of millions of young and old folks have been able to safely migrate to steamy places like Florida and the baking deserts of the Southwest.

A/C can literally be a life saver.

Europe's unbearable 2003 heat wave killed more than 30,000 people. That's unconscionable at a time when a window A/C unit costs a hundred bucks at any big-box store.

The good news, according to Scientific American, is that by "2050, researchers expect the number of room air conditioners on Earth to quadruple to 4.5 billion, becoming at least as ubiquitous as cell phones are today."

Here's even better news: Technology innovation is making A/C units more efficient, less costly and less impactful on the environment.

Consider: A/C requires hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) to cool the air.

HFC refrigerants are very effective at cooling the air inside our homes, but they are potent greenhouse gases that, as they leak from aging units, are bad for the environment.

An intense competi-

tion is under way among A/C manufacturers to replace HFCs with eco-friendly refrigerants and advanced filtration systems.

To further aid this effort, a global coalition of partners has joined hands to launch the Global Cooling Prize, a first-of-its-kind challenge to spur innovation in the A/C industry.

Meanwhile, A/C continues to be one of the greatest inventions to better the lives of millions — maybe the coolest American invention ever.

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Purcell, creator of the infotainment site ThurbersTail.com, which features pet advice he's learning from his beloved Labrador, Thurber, is a Pittsburgh Tribune-Review humor columnist.

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Community Bulletin Board

Monday, August 14 first day of fall sports practice *** 7:00 p.m. BOE	Monday, August 28 6:30 City Council
Friday, August 18 New Teacher In-Service	Tuesday, August 29 HS VB at Otis Bison with Stafford
Monday August 21 Teacher Professional Day	Wednesday, August 30 Book Club "Being Mortal" by Atul Gawande
Tuesday, August 22 Teacher Professional Day ** 5:00 - 7:00 USD 332 Open House	Thursday, August 31 JH VB at HOME vs Fairfield and Stafford *** HS/JH Cross Country at Pretty Prairie *** JH FB at HOME vs Fairfield
Wednesday, August 23rd First Day of School.	

BOE Will Meet Monday

The board meeting will be at 104 W 4th St., Cunningham, KS 67035 on Monday, August 14, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

AGENDA

- Call to Order
- Approval of Agenda (AI)
- Guest Recognition
- Approval of the minutes of the July 10, 2023 meeting (AI)
- Approval of financial reports and payment of bills (AI)
- Reports
- Superintendent report – Dr. Arnberger
- Principal report- Cody Dunlap
- Special Ed report – Scott DeWeese
- Old Business
- Construction update
- Needs assessment
- Executive Session Personnel
- New Business (AI)
- Approve positions
- Resolution 2024-015 Adopt LOB percentage
- Adjournment

Dr. Gene Zaid to Speak in Pratt

Please join us on August 14 at the Pratt Municipal Building from 6:00-7:30 p.m. to hear Dr. Gene Zaid, holder of over 75 patents, Dr. Jack Mull, Dr. Jeffrey Gust and Mr. Dan Schweizer and the crew from Hyatt Life Sciences speak concerning plant based cures for cancer and other diseases. There will be a time of testimonies and questions and answers. Free to the public!



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Libraries

Cunningham Public Library
Mon., Wed., Fri.
2:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Tues., Thurs., Sat.
9:00 - 11:30 a.m.
Closed for Holidays
298-3163

Zenda Public Library
Monday
8:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.
Thursday:
4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Saturday:
8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
620-243-5791

Kingman Carnegie Library
Mon. & Tues. 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Wed. : 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Thurs. : 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Fri. : 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Sat. : 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
620-532-3061

Pratt Public Library
Mon. - Thurs.
10:00 - 7:00
Friday: 10:00 - 6:00
Saturday: 10:00 - 2:00
Closed on Sundays
(620) 672-3041

CONTEST

Dr. A needs YOUR help ...

VOTE in link above

He needs a name for his video updates! While he does have a few tools in the toolbox, creativity is not one of them. Come up with the new name for the weekly updates and win a free **Cozy's large pizza or one year subscription to the "Cunningham Courier"**.

Please reply to the link provided with your suggestion. The winner will be announced on his next video airing August 15!

JULY 22, 2023 THROUGH JANUARY 10, 2024

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Kingman Historic Theatre
Starting on Friday, June 30, 2023 through August,
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6:30 p.m.
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All Seats \$6.00 (cash or local check only)
Showtimes:
Friday & Saturday at 7:30
Sunday at 5:30
Thank YOU for supporting YOUR Kingman Historic Theatre.

August 11 - 13
Oppenheimer
Rated: R

Ever Consider a Volunteer Work Trip?

Lifting Others Up by Lending a Hand

A popular trend today is to go on a volunteer work trip. Within church circles, we call them short term mission trips. Whether it's religious based or simply humanitarian in nature, the experience of helping others in need by volunteering one's time, talent, and treasure is certainly a laudable aspiration.

Often, volunteer work trips are organized in the wake of a natural disaster – an earthquake, tornado, hurricane, flooding. Groups will assist communities in crisis by distributing water, food, blankets or clothing; or they'll help with the clean-up in the aftermath of the disaster.

Disaster relief trips like these could be local, in neighboring states or countries, even overseas. Usually, volunteer groups will coordinate with local churches or a team sponsored by the Red Cross or Salvation Army. For people to get involved, all it takes is a willingness to help and a flexible schedule because one never knows when a crisis might hit.

The mission trips I'm familiar with are usually planned months in advance and involve going to a poorer community—whether here in the US or abroad—to provide support to the local church's already existing ministry program.

A variety of work trips

to choose from...

Examples include hosting a Vacation Bible School for the children; medical, dental, or other healthcare services; theological or discipleship training; technological support; or assisting in the building or remodeling of housing, offices, and such. The sky's the limit, actually.

If you don't come from a religious background, it's easy to translate these kinds of work trips into humanitarian relief and assistance efforts. Teaching English to adults or children; hosting children's activities like story hour or daycare; cutting hair or providing manicures and pedicures; providing job skill training or upgrading computers; or again, assist in building or the remodeling of damaged buildings.

Get a group of friends and family members together and determine what type of work experience everyone has, and then build your volunteer work trip around those skills and interests. For ideas, contact a church or organization in an area that needs help.

What a volunteer work trip is not...

Something to keep in mind while planning a work trip is to remind ourselves that this is not a vacation. You likely won't be staying in any Four Star Hotel. It's also not a gawking trip. That is, the purpose of volunteering is not to shake our heads at the poor 'third world' conditions we encounter. Nor is this a time for virtue signaling.

In other words, we should not let the trip be an excuse to show others how good a person we are by bragging, "Hello everyone, we're volunteering!"

Bottom line, these trips are not about us. Instead, we should remind ourselves that we are assisting, not taking over. Usually there is a plan in place already; the host group probably knows best what needs to be done and they just need a bit of help. We're coming alongside, not leading, per se. Again, we want to work with others and serve not 'do it all' for them.

Some expectations while volunteering...

Since our goal is to assist others, we should adjust our expectations while on a volunteer work trip. First of all, don't expect it to be like home or like a vacation. The sleeping and bathroom arrangements will probably not be as comfortable as you're used to. You'll probably want to bring your own toiletries as one goal is to not use a lot of local resources on yourself.

Also, don't expect to communicate in English if you plan to go to another country. Yes, English is, by and large, a universal language, but typically not in poorer communities outside the US. If you go to Mexico or Central America, practice your Spanish! People appreciate it when we try to communicate in their own language.

What you can expect is a lot of hard work. In fact, you'll probably be exhausted by the end of

the trip. This is especially true if you go to a warmer climate as our bodies are not used to the heat. You can also expect to be frustrated at the progress and process of the activity you're engaging in. The lack of resources or miscommunication or varying expectations can all contribute to a bit of disappointment.

Some lasting benefits of volunteering...

Nevertheless, the overall experience will likely be worth it. The bonding, the new friendships, the 'divine appointments' and serendipitous experiences, the satisfaction of helping others and a job well done, the realization of how well we have it in the US and the resulting gratitude all factor in to create a wonderful set of memories.

Plus, you'll have opportunities to be generous and practice giving. Consider bringing extra materials (work gloves,



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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!

tools, etc.) that can be left behind and used by those who need them. You'll also have the opportunity to receive generosity. Whenever Julie and I have gone on work trips, we are amazed at the hospitality of our hosts. They give out of what little they have.

Now, a work trip doesn't have to be all work and no play. Sure, it's not a vacation but do take advantage of exploring the local markets and cultural centers. Buying locally made craft items to support the area economy is a good thing...even if you don't need another

small knickknack!

Finally, these work trips are an opportunity to share love...God's love, love for one another, love for our fellow brothers and sisters who are pretty much just like us except they might have a need that we can meet. And guess what? We likely have a need that they can meet...if we're open to receiving it. Being open to opportunities to serve and receive a blessing in return. That's capturing the spirit of a volunteer work trip, I think.

-by Lyn Perry-



Mexico 2010



Lyndon and fellow swimmers helping out in Lawndale, 1984ish.




Helping put on a new roof in PR after Hurricane Maria.



Catholic Churches

<p>Sacred Heart, Cunningham Sundays 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>St. Leo Saturdays 4:00 p.m.</p>	<p>St. John, Zenda Saturdays 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>St. Peter Willowdale Sundays 8:30 a.m.</p>
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Father Roger Lumbre
620-243-5451
620-246-5370







Lutheran Churches

<p>St. John, Nashville 620-246-5220 Sunday School & Bible Class 9:45 a.m. Worship Service 8:30 a.m.</p>	<p>Trinity, Medicine Lodge 620- 886-3397 Sunday School & Bible Class 9:15 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m.</p>
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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

<p>Penalosa Worship 9:15 a.m.</p>	<p>Cunningham Worship 10:45 a.m.</p>
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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
620-491-0600

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.

Where: 117 N Main (Old School Board Office)

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?

Please call 620-491-0292 and leave a message. Your call will be returned as soon as possible. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

YEARS AGO IN

The Cunningham Clipper

W. A. Bradley / William Bradley

1928

August 10 – As a “wedding present” from their children, Mr. and Mrs. Denison Sheldon, living on a farm north of Kingman, were given a check for \$2,625 to pay off the mortgage on the farm.

The occasion was the golden wedding anniversary of the elderly couple. All nine of their children were present, and their families.

Beside the check, the parents were given a trip to Denver, with all expenses paid. They left last week for this trip, which they will regard as a “honeymoon trip.” The first “honeymoon trip” was shortly after their marriage at Campbell Hill, Ill., fifty years ago this week, when they drove to Kansas in a covered wagon, and located on a claim six miles south of Cunningham, or on the place now owned by C. I. Renner.

Leo Zrubeck reports the loss of a fine horse early Monday morning by lightning. It picked the best horse out of four standing together.

1933

August 4 – Wetherall Bros. have installed a new frigidaire unit this week in their large meat box. The old unit had played out on them and a new one was necessary.

With hard luck stories about potatoes being the rule this year, Will Sellon out near Cairo proves the exception. He planted 38 rows of about 100 feet in length and so far has dug 28 of them. The yield from these 28 rows has netted Mr. Sellon more than \$200, in addition to those spuds he has not sold. The Sellon potato patch was irrigated this year. A centrifugal pump operated by a Fordson tractor is used and the four-inch stream of water thrown by the pump thoroughly soaks the soil. The patch was irrigated only three times during the growing season.

1938

August 5 – J. J. Amick, with his daughter, Mrs. Fern Taylor of Wichita, and granddaughters, Cozette Taylor and Betty Amick, arrived home Thursday noon from a two weeks trip through the Southern states, and report a very pleasant trip. They visited Missouri, Arkansas, Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, and Kentucky while away.

The Waterloo schoolhouse was struck by lightning about 5 o'clock Wednesday evening of last week and burned to the ground. Volunteer firemen were able to remove a part of the seats however before the blaze became too intense. Mrs. Witt, who was Miss Elsie Crow before her marriage last week, has taught the Waterloo school the past two years and was re-hired for the coming year.

It's better to have loved a short man than never to have loved a tall.

There was a time, believe it or not, when if some Cunningham girls had appeared on the streets with no more on than they wear now, their fathers would have been arrested for failure to provide.

1943

August 6 – The following Boy Scouts received their Tenderfoot badges Monday night of last week at the high school building: Deem Crow, Bob Huffman, Leonard Morrison, Bob Neagle, Kenneth Watkins, Junior Harris, Charles Adamson, and Eddie Steffen. The badges were presented by Prof. C. L. Zink, scoutmaster.

The boys have gathered almost a ton of old newspapers and magazines.

Brenton Dale Bortz, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bortz, suffered a serious accident Sunday morning when he ran into a pitchfork on his father's truck. He was taken to the Nashville hospital where he is recovering nicely.

Staff Sergeant Ralph D. Baber has arrived somewhere in England, according to word received last week by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Baber.

1948

August 6– Cunningham will play St. Leo on the local Sterneker diamond next Sunday in the final game of the Kingman County League schedule.

The locals defeated Waterloo, 13 to 1, last Sunday to assure themselves of no worse than a tie for first place in the league. Cunningham sports a record of 8

wins and 1 loss, while St. Leo is in second place in the league with a record of 7 wins and 2 defeats.

Don Huhman and Jerome Schnittker pitched the Waterloo game. Huhman gave up the one run, three hits, fanned four, and walked four in six innings. Schnittker allowed three hits, struck out two and walked one in finishing up the final three innings.

If you have scrap paper on hand, contact Bob Crow or Evan Thornhill for Cub Scout pick up.

1953

August 7– Mr. Bob Underwood, who has been Superintendent of the Skelly Oil Company's Gasoline Plant near Cunningham for the past five years, retired from active service with the company, August 1, and he and Mrs. Underwood will move from Skellyville to their new home in the north part of Cunningham as soon as the work on their house is completed.

Mr. Fred Fewin of Fairfax, Okla., has been transferred here to take over the duties of superintendent of the local plant.

“Fruit Basket Upset” was played in this community the first day of August, when the moving bug hit a number of our residents. Mr. and Mrs. Harol Baker and family moved to their farm home two miles north of town, while Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Kampling and two children moved to the farm home one mile south of town formerly occupied by the Baker family, and recently purchased by Mr. Walter Freund.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Lindemann and family moved into the house vacated by the Kampling family in the south part of town.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Miller have moved from a farm home near Penalosa to the former Perry Shafer farm home, now owned by Mr. Charles Ratcliff, and Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Baird and family have moved on to the Frank Sellon farm, five miles west of town.

1958

August 7– Margie Ann Albers and Bob Sterneker were wed in a double ring ceremony performed Monday morning, August 4, at 9:30 o'clock in St. Leo's Church. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Albers and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Sterneker, both of Cunningham.

Monsignor E. J. Albers of Kingman, uncle of the bride, officiated the ceremony. He was assisted by Rev. John Reinkemeyer of Cunningham and Rev. Albert Esswein of St. Leo.

The City Budget for 1959 appears on page 4 of this week's issue of the Clipper.

The budget calls for a tax levy of 19.90 mills, down from 19.94 mills last year. Indebtedness is down to \$27,000, according to City Clerk Elmer Steffen.

Miss Johnna Cooley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Loren Cooley of Cunningham, will graduate from the Grace Hospital School of Nursing in Hutchinson, Sunday evening, August 17.

Members of the Lions Club and summer baseball teams are busy sodding the football field at the new City Park.

They are using U-3 Bermuda purchased by the Lions Club from the Southwestern Nurseries at Kingman.

It is back-breaking work, so they will appreciate all the help they can get during this weekend.

1963

August 8 – Mr. and Mrs. Billy DeWeese of Coats, announce the birth of a son, Monday, Aug. 5, at the Pratt County Hospital.

He weighted seven pounds, six ounces. Mr. and Mrs. James Weir of Cunningham, are the maternal grandparents, and Mr. Oliver DeWeese of Cunningham, is the paternal grandfather.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Vermillion announce the birth of a son, Monday, Aug. 5, at the Pratt County Hospital.

He weighed six pounds, one ounce, and has been named Steven Wayne.

The Vermillion's have two other sons, Greg and Curtis.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Earle David of Pratt, and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Vermillion of Cunningham.

The free outdoor movie to be shown in the City Park this evening is the Technicolor western, “Jubal.” It stars Glenn Ford and Ernest Borgnine.

These free outdoor movies are sponsored each week by participating Cunningham business firms, and are shown by Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Graber of Zenda.

1968

August 8, – A group of neighborhood farmers gathered at the Bill DeWeese farm, Saturday, July 28, to

help with his farm work, plowing and discing.

The “good neighbors” included Lawrence Zrubeck, Eddie Panek, Leroy Panek, Al Joe Sterneker, Clarence Fischer, John Adelhardt, and Victor Renner.

Mr. DeWeese suffered a broken leg in a softball game and the injured limb has been placed in a cast from foot to hip.

91 voters cast ballots in Dresden Township in Tuesday's Primary Election, and about half that number, 44, went to the polls in Rural Township.

In the only contest involving a county office, that of County Commissioner, Third District, two Cunningham men, Oliver DeWeese and Delmer Huffman, opposed each other on the Republican ticket. Mr. DeWeese won the nomination, 195 to 109.

John McCune suffered a broken nose and a bad cut over his right eye in a one-car accident about three miles northeast of town, Sunday evening.

The McCune car, a 1953 Ford, left the road, went through the ditch, and ended up in the field.

John was taken to Pratt County Hospital in Pratt for treatment.

A passenger, Harold (P.D.) Bayer, was unhurt.

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1978

August 10 – Mayor Walt Rosenbaum reported that in order for the city to have a sidewalk replaced, a petition must be signed by ten people in the area. If any council members wanted to carry petitions and get signature, it would be alright. Otherwise, he said, the matter should be dropped.

The library requested money to help finance a trip to Hutchinson for the summer reading program. Kerschen made a motion to contribute \$25. Rose seconded and the motion carried.

Rosenbaum appointed Clerk Dee Mills as police court clerk. Complaints would be filed with Mills, who will keep a docket and make necessary reports. Cundiff made the motion that the appointment be accepted and that the clerk be paid \$3 per case. The motion carried.

Ivan Cain and Richard were Saturday dinner guests for Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cain, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. John D. Williams spent several weeks at the Delmar Huffman home during the summer, then went on to their new home at Phoenix, Ariz.

Under the direction of Coach Nancy Schlesener, a college student from Hutchinson, there will be a water carnival at the city pool on Wednesday, August 16 starting at 6 p.m.

The carnival will give all kids from toddler-age to 17-year olds a chance to compete for ribbons in various events. For the youngest competitors, there will be a diving for nickels contest in the wading pool. For older kids, races in breast stroke, crawl and back stroke and a diving competition will test their water skills.

Julie and John McCune of Pratt are proud to announce the birth of their first child, Jamaica Josalind on August 6, 1978, at 12:25 p.m. She weighed 8 lbs. 14 oz.

Jamaica's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jack Watkins of Wichita and Mr. and Mrs. Merle McCune of Pratt.

Her great grandparents are Vera Watkins of Cunningham, Leonard McCune of Benton, and Mrs. William Hull of Wichita.

1983

August 11–I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, flowers, cards, and calls while I was a patient in the hospital. A special thank you to those men who helped plow my ground. Your deeds of kindness will never be forgotten. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and concern. May God bless each of you. Clarence Cunningham

Mrs. E.E. Witt accompanied her daughter, Carolyn Briscoe, Wichita, to Woodward, Okla., Saturday. The Visited Eleanor Eakin who is staying at the home of her daughter Helen Cummings.

St. Leo II took their own tournament last week after winning four rounds and the final game.. Kingman Blue Carpet, Isabel and St. Leo I finished second, third and fourth in that order.

Playing short stop on this team was Randy Hageman who led in home runs and garnered the Most Valuable Player award.

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How to Help Keep Your Child Safe and Healthy This School Year

(StatePoint) As students return to classrooms, doctors say that it's important to ensure that children are up-to-date with routine childhood vaccinations.

"The evidence around vaccinations is abundantly clear; they're safe, effective and will help protect you, your loved ones and your community from preventable diseases. If you have questions about vaccines, their safety, or effectiveness, please speak to your physician. We are here for you, eager to answer your questions, and ensure your family is protected,"



PHOTO CAPTION: American Medical Association President Jesse M. Ehrenfeld, M.D., and his son Ethan.

says Jesse M. Ehrenfeld, M.D., M.P.H., president of the American Medical Association (AMA).

In an effort to promote a safer, healthier school year for everyone, the AMA is sharing these vaccine facts and insights:

- Vaccines are safe,

effective and save lives. Routine childhood immunization is highly effective at preventing disease over a lifetime, reducing the incidence of all targeted diseases, including measles, mumps, rubella, polio and chickenpox. For the U.S. population in 2019,

vaccines prevented more than 24 million cases of disease.

- The benefits of vaccines can be quantified. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), vaccination of children born between 1994 and 2021 will prevent 472 million illnesses, almost 30 million hospitalizations and more than 1 million deaths, saving nearly \$2.2 trillion in total societal costs, including \$479 billion in direct costs.

- Vaccination rates have fallen. Even before the rise in vaccine misinformation and disinformation associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, vaccine hesitancy was increasing, elevating the risk of community outbreaks, which put under-and unvac-

inated children at risk for serious illnesses, like measles. According to a mid-January 2023 report from the CDC, vaccination coverage decreased in most states for all vaccines among kindergarteners for the 2021-22 school year when compared with the previous school year, which was already below pre-pandemic levels.

- Speak to your child's physician. With increased misinformation around vaccinations, it is critical that you seek out reliable, evidence-based sources for information. These sources may begin with websites like getvaccineanswers.org, but they should also include your child's physician.

Physicians can also answer questions on the new monoclonal an-

tibody therapy, nirsevimab, available for infants and children under the age of 19 months, for the prevention of RSV disease.

- Don't let cost be a barrier. Programs like Vaccines for Children (VFC) are federally funded to provide no-cost vaccinations to children whose families otherwise could not afford them. Parents can learn more by contacting their state or local health department.

"Make an annual well-child visit and immunizations a part of your household's back-to-school routine," says Dr. Ehrenfeld. "Doing so will protect you and your family from a number of preventable illnesses. It's something I do for my own children, and I urge you to do so, too."

Supporting Teachers: 4 Ways to Help Lighten the Burden for Educators

(Family Features) Teachers are more than leaders in their classrooms, they are leaders in the communities they

serve, committed to educating the leaders of tomorrow, and their value cannot be overstated. To provide an optimal learning environment that equips their students for success, teachers often go above and beyond, sometimes at great personal expense.

In fact, an analysis by My eLearning World estimates teachers will

spend an average of \$820.14 out of pocket on school supplies during the 2023-24 school year, the largest amount ever, which doesn't include all of the hours dedicated beyond the traditional school day.

To help alleviate some of the burden, consider these ways parents, guardians and community members can contribute and support the efforts of educators.

Volunteer in the Classroom

One of the easiest ways to learn what life is like in the classroom and truly understand the needs is to spend some time there helping out. Many school districts could use volunteers to assist with one-on-one tutoring, organizing library books, chaperoning field trips, speaking to classes about career paths and more. Start by checking with your

child's teacher or calling the front office to see what opportunities might be available.

Assist with Classroom Registries

Well-equipped classrooms are essential to student success, but teachers cannot do it alone. To help assist educators in reducing out-of-pocket expenses for classroom supplies, Walmart's Classroom Registry allows teachers to create personalized lists of items they need, making it easy for the community to contribute to and support their efforts. Tailored to educators with personalized creation flow and recommended classroom items unique to each grade level – including popular items such as stationery, classroom decorations, art supplies, classroom treats and rewards such as stickers and "edutainment" items – teachers can share their lists quickly and easily through direct links to their custom registries. Registries are also discoverable via the registry search using the teacher's last name and state.

Work with Your Student at Home

Not all learning takes place in the classroom. In fact, you can model the importance of your child's education at home and create good habits such as doing homework at a certain time each night, getting a good night's rest before school and using lessons learned in the classroom during family time. Contact your child's teacher to learn more about the lesson plan and what you can do at home to assist with your student's education.

Attend School Board Meetings to Voice Support

Because important decisions that impact teachers are often made by those not in the classroom every day, keeping tabs on the issues impacting teachers and local school districts can help you advocate for educators if the need arises. Start by attending a few school board meetings to learn how they operate and get a handle on issues directly impacting teachers. Then make your voice heard – or run for the school board – to support policies and actions that serve teachers' best interests.

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Comfortably Dumb

by Bruce Quast



"Be careful! He's brittle!"

Statepoint Crossword

Theme: International Greetings

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ACROSS

- Russian czar's edict or proclamation
- Common stomach disorder, acr.
- Thai currency
- Femme fatale
- Cow greeting?
- High-quality black tea
- Heretofore (2 words)
- Used for making holes
- Old and feeble
- *Precedes or follows alaikumin a greeting
- *Robin Williams' "Good Morning, ___"
- Family memb.
- Blood fluids
- R&R spot
- Standout
- All together (2 words)
- Crafts' companion
- Hyperbolic tangent
- River in Paris
- Traditions typically passed on by word of mouth
- Home of Darfur
- Opposite of base
- Carthage's ancient neighbor
- Have supper
- Condoleezza of politics
- Pleasantly warm
- Type of mine passage
- JFK's brother
- Famous Allen Ginsberg poem
- Band booking
- *Hello in Normandy region
- *Hello in Haifa

DOWN

- Stars and Stripes country
- *Unspoken greeting in France
- Ned Stark's youngest daughter
- Prevents one from seeing
- Have as logical consequence
- Mosque prayer leader
- *Japanese greeting move
- To crack, as in case
- Out of shape
- Kindred
- *Hello in Spain or in Mexico
- Overwhelm like bees
- Hymns of praise
- Borders on
- Choler
- Choler
- Choler-utilizing timepiece
- *Hi, in France
- Prefix with type
- Places in the heart
- Praise
- Kind of hug
- In accordance with law
- In the cooler
- Like surrendered land
- 1/60th of min, pl.
- *Shakeable appendage

42. Horse greeting?

- Don't try this here? (2 words)
- *Greetings to ___
- "Toddlers & ___," reality TV
- Amiss
- Sunlight's interference
- Hillary's hubby
- Do as directed
- Getting warm
- Cup of joe
- White ___ in retail
- "Metamorphoses" poet
- ___ Verde National Park
- Contend
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Kansas Profiles

Don & Sharon Meyer, Chuckwagon

The documentary movie is being filmed in a remote part of the western U.S. Who is feeding the hundreds of cast members and extras in this wilderness?

Would you believe, a Kansas couple with a specially built chuckwagon and grill?

Don and Sharon Meyer are the owners of this remarkable chuckwagon with its built-in gas grill. Don Meyer has always been a skilled handyman and mechanic. He was born in a house that his great-grandfather built in 1909. The house is in Carlton, Kansas, south of Abilene.

Meyer grew up helping his father on the farm and then worked in construction, building grain elevators. He now helps his son run the family feedyard.

"In the mid-1980s, my dad had a party out

at the farm," Meyer said. "People came with their own barbecue cookers, and I thought there ought to be a safer way to do that."

"I like to build stuff," he added.

He thought about how to design a portable cooking wagon of his own in the shape of an old-time western chuckwagon. The café in nearby Gypsum was closing, so Meyer bought the stove and saved the grill. He knew a guy who had an old wagon running gear and got some 120-year-old boards from what had been a horse barn near Pratt.

Meyer constructed a metal frame to hold the gas grill, then used the antique wood to build what looked like a chuckwagon, mounted on the old running gear. The result was a chuckwagon with a portable gas-powered grill inside.

"I tried to keep it looking authentic," Meyer said. The propane fuel



tank, for example, is inside what looks like an old wooden barrel.

He started taking it to events and cooking for various groups. "I enjoy cookin' and servin'," but the settin' up is really relaxing for me," he said.

One year, he was asked to do the annual burger fry for the county 4-H program. "We usually get about 50 people," he was told.

Two weeks before the event, he got another call: "There are 200 people coming....!"

Meyer went out and found another running

gear and built a larger wagon. Together, the wagons had enough capacity to prepare food for the entire group.

For a time, Meyer operated a weekend restaurant in Colorado. He also took his wagon out for special events. He met and married Sharon, and eventually, they moved back to his hometown of Carlton where they live today.

"I like to barbecue," Meyer said. "I started out doin' burgers, but now we've cooked everything. One time I served shrimp to the generals at

Fort Warren."

Don and Sharon have been part of some remarkable events. "We went on wagon trains in California and Wyoming," Meyer said. One trip was 22 days long. Their largest event was putting on a thousand-person pancake feed for a nursing home facility in Loveland, Colorado.

Another trip was a ten-day trek to the infamous Hole-in-the-Wall in the remote mountains of Wyoming where Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid used to hide out. The woman who arranged the trip wanted to celebrate with steaks and salad on the trip's last day, but in that region there were no stores and no refrigeration.

"We had to get a generator and a freezer to keep the supplies frozen until the last day of the trip," Meyer said.

Meyer continues to build things. "I've built a double-lined smoker and two corn roasters. We like to do it," he said.

Sharon enjoys teaching about chuckwagons and the old western life-

style. "We've met people from all over the world, and we've made wonderful friends," she said.

It's great to find this resource in a rural community such as Carlton, population 40 people. Now, that's rural.

For more information, contact the Meyers at 785-949-2230.

It's time to leave the movie location where Don was feeding hundreds of cast members from his specially equipped chuckwagon. We salute Don and Sharon Meyer for making a difference with their creative handiwork and appreciation of history.

Wagons Ho!

by Pat Melgares

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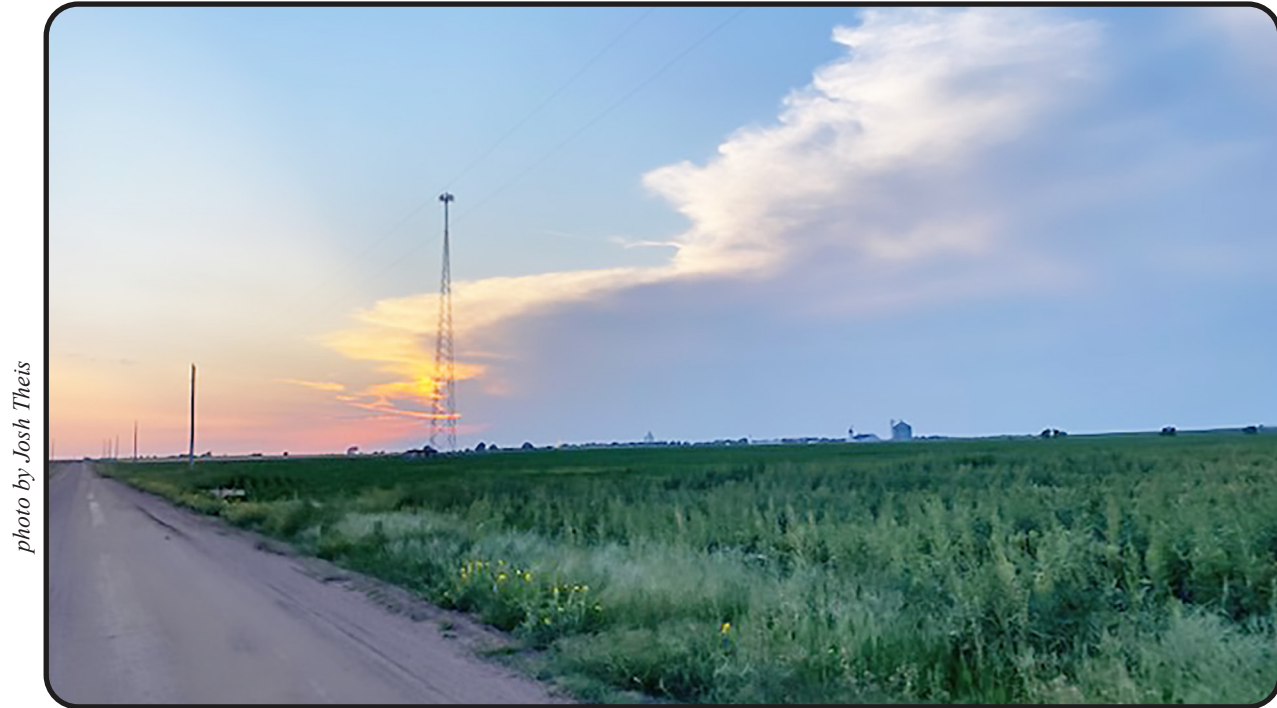
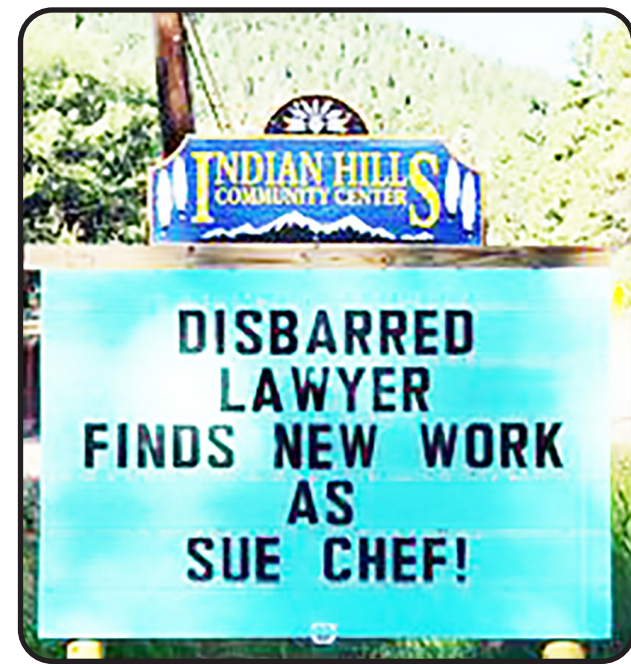


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"Another secret of the universe: Sometimes pain was like a storm that came out of nowhere. The clearest summer could end in a downpour. Could end in lightning and thunder."

— Benjamin Alire Sáenz, Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe



Kingman County Sheriff's Report

Sunday, July 30

- Traffic Stop 2
- Warrant Service 600 Blk E B, Kingman
- Suspicious Vehicle SE 170 Ave & Hwy 2, Norwich
- Disabled Vehicle 13000 E Hwy 54, Cheney
- Transport Prisoner 120 N Spruce, Kingman
- Suspicious Person SW 170 Ave & SW 60 St, Cunningham
- Traffic Complaint 1700 E Hwy 54, Kingman
- Traffic Complaint NW 10 Ave & NW 20 St, Kingman

Monday, July 31

- Traffic Stop 3
- Non-Injury Accident SW 80 ST & SW 160 Ave, Nashville
- Animal Complaint NE 20 ST & N Hwy 14, Kingman
- Abandoned Vehicle NW 10 St & N Hwy 11, Kingman
- Suspicious Vehicle NE 10 St & NE 100 Ave, Murdock

Tuesday, August 1

- Traffic Stop 2
- 911 Accidental Dial 5000 SE 20 Ave, Kingman
- 911 Accidental Dial 400 Blk E Burns Ave, Norwich
- Burglary 1700 Blk E Hwy 54, Kingman
- Unlock Vehicle 400 Blk E Leiter Ave, Cunningham
- Interview 120 North Spruce, Kingman
- Disabled Vehicle NW 10 At & N Hwy 11, Kingman
- 911 Accidental Dial 9000 Blk SW 170 Ave, Nashville
- Animal Complaint 7000 Blk SW 170 Ave, Nashville

Wednesday, August 2

- Traffic Stop 1
- Lost Animal 4000 Blk NE 50 Ave, Kingman
- Animal Complaint NE 10 St & NE 100 Ave, Murdock

Thursday, August 3

- Traffic Stop 2
- Civil Paper Service 5
- Miscellaneous 120 N Spruce, Kingman
- 911 Accidental Dial 3000 Blk SW 150 St, Spivey
- Miscellaneous 400 E E Ave, Kingman
- Damage to Property 2000 Blk SE Murdock Ave, Murdock
- Disturbance 200 Blk E B Ave, Kingman
- Traffic Complaint 3000 Blk E Hwy 54, Kingman
- Fire Investigation 200 Blk S Elliott St, Cunningham
- Non-Injury Accident 17000 Blk NW 10 St, Cunningham

Friday, August 4

- Traffic Stop 7
- Civil Paper Process 4
- Miscellaneous 400 Blk E E Ave, Kingman
- Traffic Complaint 8000 Blk E Hwy 54, Murdock
- Traffic Complaint NW 20 Ave & W Hwy 54, Kingman
- Disturbance 16000 Blk NE 30 St, Cheney
- Non-Injury Accident 300 Blk S Somerset St, Norwich

Saturday, August 5

- Civil Paper Process 11
- Miscellaneous 2000 Blk N Main, Kingman
- Traffic Complaint 18000 Blk W Hwy 54, Cunningham
- Traffic Complaint E Hwy 42 & SE 40 Ave, Rago
- Traffic Complaint N Berry Ave & NE 50 St, Kingman
- Traffic Complaint 3500 Blk SW 90 Ave, Cunningham
- Trespassing 1100 Blk E Hwy 54, Kingman
- Suspicious Person 1800 E Hwy 54, Kingman
- Disabled Vehicle E Hwy 54 & NE 40 Ave, Kingman



Depictions of the Dog Days

Kim Baldwin, McPherson County farmer and rancher

The summer heat of 2023 continues to make itself known. While I hear the local weather personalities referring to this heat as part of the "Dog Days of Summer," I can't help but wonder when this extreme heat we've continually experienced in July and August will end.

My weather app has shown more images of

a blazing sun and cactus with the words "Very Hot" in its 10-day forecast for more days than I care to remember. While I appreciate the artistic representation of the obvious extreme heat so many of us are currently experiencing, I wonder if we could possibly get some additional images added that would capture the essence of our current weather status.

Perhaps an image of a dripping ice cream cone with the blazing sun overhead, an image of someone sticking their face into a freezer or an image of an individual sitting within the breeze of a fan blowing over a very large ice cube. These are

all new images I'd suggest to my weather app if they were crowdsourcing suggestions for updated "Very Hot" icons.

Upon further review, I think I'd also suggest that my weather app consider the individual user or the specific location of said user when creating the visual content associated with the 10-day forecast.

While I stumble upon cactus growing in central Kansas on occasion, I really feel the image my weather app could utilize should be more reflective of my surroundings while experiencing this oppressive heat.

For example, a cartoon image of two children cannonballing into

a stock tank with a blazing sun overhead would be quite representative for me.

Perhaps an illustrator could capture the image of our primarily outside farm dog, Rosie, sprawled out with her belly covering the cool tile floor in our bathroom, laying near a floor vent blasting cold air onto her.

Maybe someone could draw up an image of a cow standing in a farm pond wearing an umbrella hat. Of course, that image would suggest that there's enough water in our farm ponds in the first place - which would not be accurate based on our current status. Since dried-up ponds on our

farm is the current situation, maybe an image of a cow hiding in the shade of the trees, or a cow sipping from a large straw coming out of a stock tank would be more symbolic of our present condition.

I wonder if someone could create an artistic rendering of our dryland corn or dryland soybeans waving a white flag and saying, "We Give Up!"

Surely my weather app will update any day now with an image of a simple, pleasant sun partially behind a cloud. Perhaps an image of a cloud with raindrops will also soon appear. Surely the images on my weather app will change and

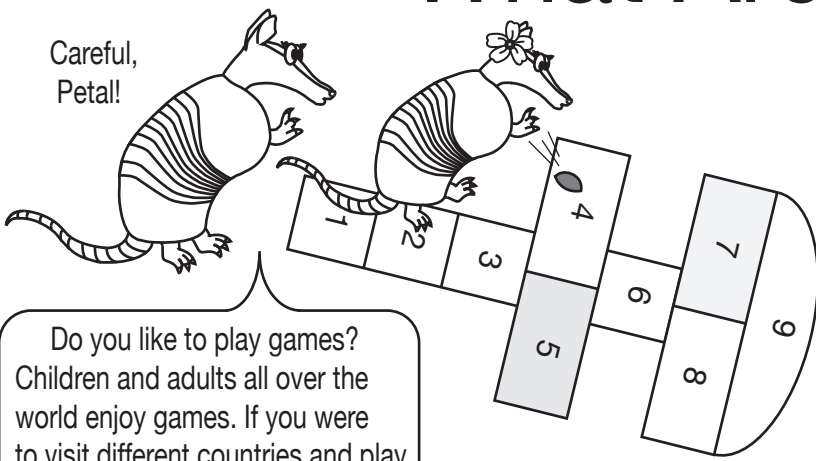
suggest that we are getting to the end of this heat. I'm not sure when the weather app image updates will happen, but I guarantee I'm checking for those changes on a daily basis with the hope that the end of the Dog Days of Summer are near.

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What Are You Playing?



Careful, Petal!

Do you like to play games? Children and adults all over the world enjoy games. If you were to visit different countries and play games with the people who live there you would find games similar to those you play at home with your family and friends. The name of the game might seem strange. The rules and materials used to play the game might vary from what you would use, but the idea of the game would basically be the same.

Some adults think kids don't know how to play many games anymore. Well, sharpen your pencil and get ready to find out what you really do know.

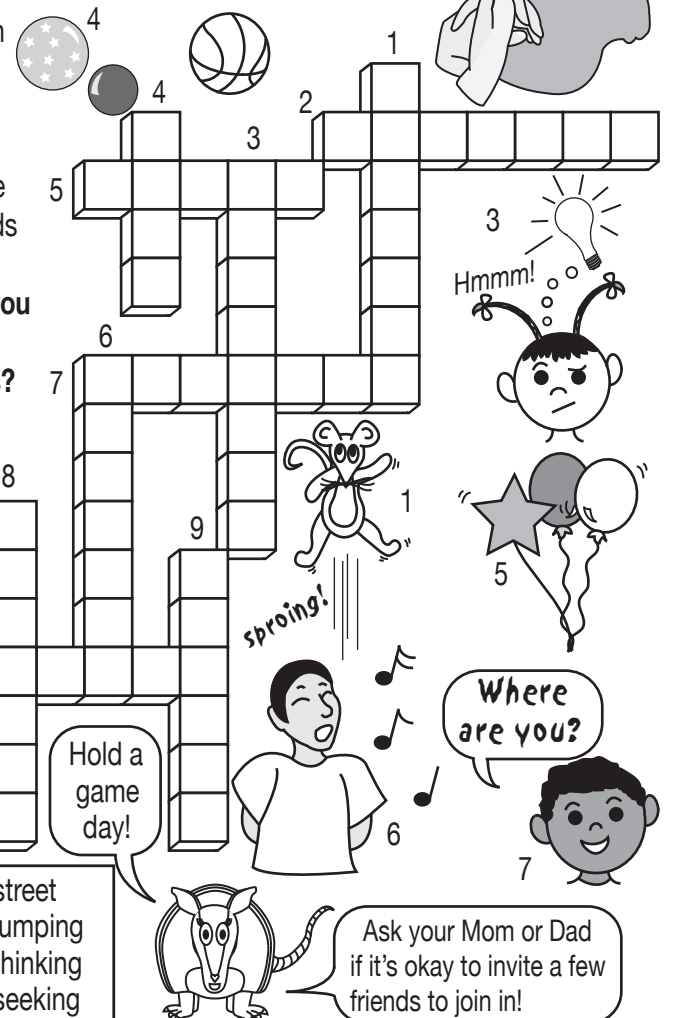
Match the games to skills used while playing them:

- 1. ball games
- 2. thinking games
- 3. jumping games
- 4. party games
- A. singing, acting
- B. hopping, skipping
- C. catching, throwing
- D. judging, remembering



We use lots of skills when we play. Running, tagging, hopping, skipping, thinking, balancing, and seeking are just a few things we do while playing. There are many kinds of games. They all demand different sets of skills. Can you study the picture clues to fill in some kinds of games?

Outdoor Games



Word Bank

- party
- running
- holiday
- finger
- singing
- ball
- street
- jumping
- thinking
- seeking

Party Games!

Musical Chairs, Charades, Treasure Hunt, and Drop the Clothespin are popular party games. Do you know this one?

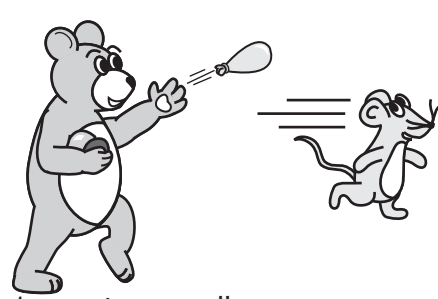


Can you fill in the blanks with the missing vowels to spell the name of the game?

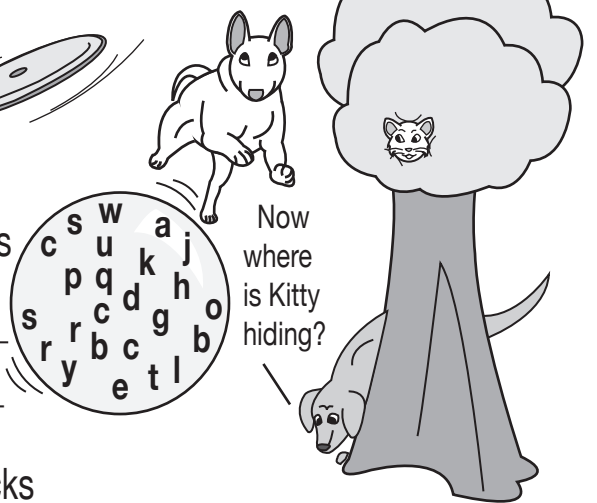
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Backyard Games!

We enjoy running around and playing games in our backyard all summer long with our friends. Can you use the letters below to fill in the blanks and spell our favorite games?



- 1. _ ater _ alloon _ ag
- 2. was _ er to _ s
- 3. ho _ sesh _ es
- 4. _ ro _ uet
- 5. bo _ ce _ all
- 6. b _ an ba _ toss
- 7. _ umbo chec _ ers
- 8. s _ rink _ er fun
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- 11. playho _ se fun
- 12. san _ and t _ ucks

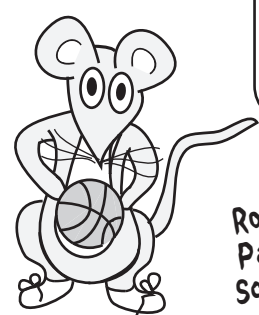


Now where is Kitty hiding?

Who Goes First?

Who is the leader? What team will I be on? Who goes first? It's important to answer these questions fairly before starting to play some games. Try one of these methods:

- toss a coin
- play evens or odds with your fingers
- draw straws or sticks
- use counting rhymes
- hand - over - hand (usually begun by tossing a bat)
- oldest or youngest
- smallest street address number

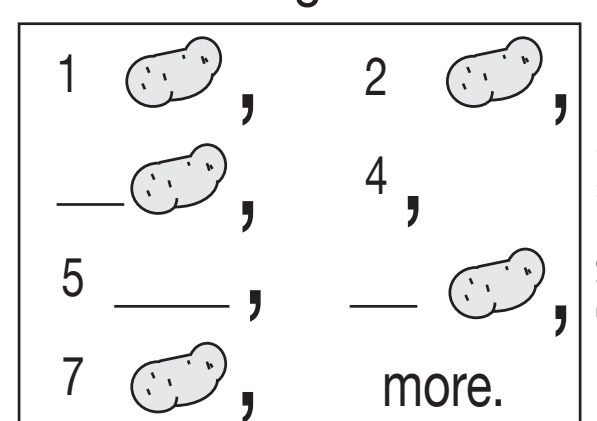


Rock-Paper-Scissors!

When we are trying to decide who goes first when we are shooting baskets, each player takes a turn to throw the ball from the same spot on the court. If a player misses, then he or she is out. The last player to miss the shot is the one who gets to go first for the game.

Can you finish this favorite counting rhyme?

Counting Fun



(Answers on page 9)

Kansas Education Enrichment Program Provides Back-to-School Assistance for Families in All 105 Kansas Counties

~Students Can Receive \$1,000 for Educational Goods and Services~

TOPEKA—As Kansas students prepare to head back to school this month, Governor Laura Kelly announced that families in all 105 counties across Kansas have applied for the Kansas Education Enrichment Program (KEEP). She is encouraging more qualifying parents and guardians to take advantage of the one-time award of \$1,000 per child to cover educational goods and services, including school supplies, tutoring, music lessons, and academic camps.

“The KEEP program is providing Kansas families the support they need to encourage their child’s learning over the summer and long after, whether that’s through new books, tutoring, or school supplies,” Governor Laura Kelly said. “I encourage all who qualify to join the other families who have applied and to take advantage of this resource.”

In June, Governor Kelly expanded eligibility for KEEP to students

with household incomes of less than 300% of federal poverty guidelines. The Kansas Office of Recovery partners with Merit to implement KEEP.

“As students head back to school, Merit is pleased to help facilitate the diverse and enriching educational experiences Kansas children will receive through KEEP,” said Tomer Kagan, CEO, Merit. “Merit’s online education marketplace connects parents and guardians with educational goods and services provided by approved service providers.”

Parents can spend their student’s program funds on a variety of academic enrichment opportunities such as:

- The purchase of curriculum and educational materials, including school supplies and certain allowed technological devices
- Camps with academic-related curriculum such as music, arts, science, technology, agriculture, mathematics, and engineering
- Tutoring
- Language classes
- Musical instruments and lessons

The funds are not eligible for private school tuition.

Students in a current foster care placement are also eligible regardless of household income. More information on how families can apply for and receive funds is available on the KEEP program website: www.keep.ks.gov.

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.

KCHS Donation Wish List

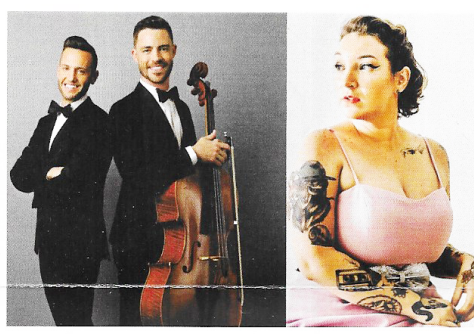
The pets at Kingman County Humane Society are in need of the following items:

- 13-gal. kitchen trash bags
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- Purina Puppy Chow
- long-lasting chews
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- 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
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Kingman KS 67068

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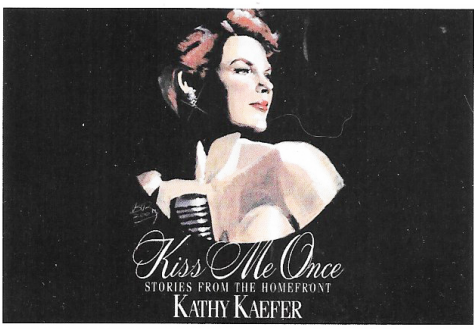


Brandon & James with Special Guest Effie Passero

September 23, 2023

American Idol & America’s Got Talent...Branden, James & Effie.

Award-winning talent of vocalist Branden James, a finalist on season 8 of America’s Got Talent & powerhouse cellist James Clark team up with singer/songwriter Effie Passero of Postmodern Jukebox and American Idol fame for this tour. This trio will bring to life some of Broadway’s favorites, desirable classics, and modern pops and will engage the audience through their soothing sound combination of vocals, piano and cello.

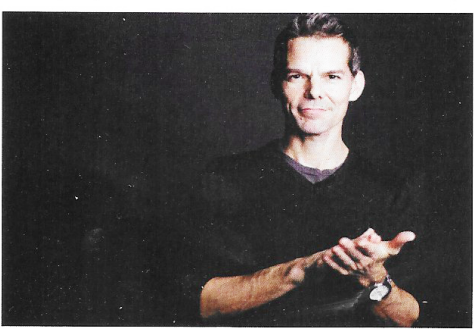


Kiss Me Once: Stories from the Homefront – Kathy Kaefter

February 5, 2024

Stories from veterans about wartime experiences...music of wartime that inspired them to greatness.

Kathy Kaefter’s award-winning show Kiss Me Once: Stories from the Homefront immortalizes the brave men and women of ‘The Greatest Generation’ in a celebration of the songs that inspired them to greatness. Kathy draws a deeply personal narrative from her on interviews with veterans about their wartime experiences and her own grandmothers about their lives as young women on the homefront. Their stories come alive through Kathy’s insightful storytelling and some of the greatest songs ever written.



7000 Miles to Broadway – JR Spencer

May 4, 2024

Tony Award nominee, J.R. Spencer, Original Jersey Boys star (Bobby)

J. Robert Spencer takes you on a musical journey across genres and decades with his show “7000 Miles to Broadway.” You’ll be transported back in time on a road trip in the family wood-paneled yellow station wagon where J. Robert grew up singing classic country, rock and Broadway hits along to the car radio and 8-tracks. This is the music that helped pave his way to starring in “Jersey Boys,” and “Next to Normal.” From Willie Nelson’s country twang to the smooth crooning sounds of Frank Sinatra and the pop favorites of Frankie Valli, “7000 Miles to Broadway” is chock full of radio and Broadway hits!

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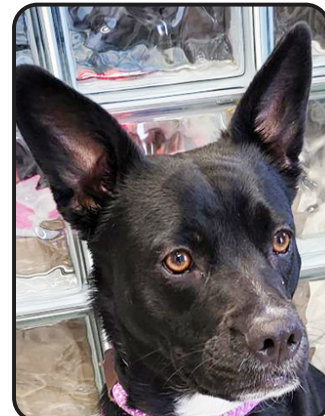
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4. party games

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C. catching, throwing
D. judging, remembering

Hold a game day!
Ask your Mom or Dad if it's okay to invite a few friends to join in!

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Governor Invites Public Input on Broadband Infrastructure Plan

TOPEKA – Governor Laura Kelly announced today that the Broadband Equity Access and Deployment (BEAD) Initial Proposal Volume 1 is available for public viewing and comment. The BEAD 5-Year Action Plan, along with Volume 1 and Volume 2, will identify served, unserved, and underserved locations across the state and map out a plan to expand access to high-speed internet.

The BEAD program, established by the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021, has allocated more than \$451 million to Kansas for the development of broadband networks.

“Universal internet access is essential, and BEAD is a catalyst to a more connected and prosperous Kansas,” Governor Laura Kelly said. “From remote work to telehealth and other critical services, my administration is committed to ensuring every Kansan has the opportunity to thrive in the digital economy.”

Residents, community organizations, businesses, and local authorities from across the state are encouraged to participate in the public comment period for Volume 1 of the Initial Proposal. The document adheres to National Telecommunications Information and Administration (NTIA) guidelines and includes a description of each requirement and attachments.

Volume 1 includes:

Existing broadband efforts

Identification of unserved and underserved Kansans

List of community anchor institutions

“It’s essential to have opportunities for meaningful public comment and connection with the Office of Broadband Development if we are to achieve the goal of universal service,” Lieutenant Governor and Secretary of Commerce David Toland said. “Kansas is on the path to a more digitally accessible future, and participation in the public comment period will play a crucial role in shaping the success of the BEAD program.”

These strategic planning documents aim to bring robust broadband connectivity to every corner of Kansas, bolstering economic growth, edu-

cation, health care, and public safety.

“This historic investment will make bold strides toward closing the digital divide and empowering Kansas communities,” said Jade Piro de Carvalho, Director of the Kansas Office of Broadband Development. “Input from Kansans is needed to ensure everyone will have the opportunity to enjoy enhanced broadband access, creating greater opportunities for all residents.”

Public comments on Volume 1 can be submitted online here until August 30:

<https://kansasdeptof-commercebroadband.submittable.com/submit/268780/bead-initial-plan-volume-1-public-comment-form>

Learn more about the Broadband Equity Access and Deployment Plan here.

The Pratt County Commission minutes were not available at press time. I will include them in next week's paper.

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How American Farmers Promote Economic and National Security

(StatePoint) After steadily declining for over a decade, global hunger has reached an all-time high. Continued supply chain disruptions from the COVID-19 pandemic, Russia’s invasion of Ukraine, escalating inflation and a rapidly changing climate, have exacerbated challenges around the world, particularly in developing countries, and today, as many as 828 million people still go hungry.

Experts point out that hunger is not just a product of such crises, it can perpetuate more hunger and regional instability, especially in areas already experiencing violent conflict.

“Heightened levels of food insecurity make it much more difficult for communities to build lasting peace, which in turn, leads to greater food insecurity,” says Dan Glickman, former U.S. Secretary of Agriculture. “By working with our partners around the world, America and American farmers can help save lives at this critical moment.”

These issues were front-and-center at the recent U.S. Global Leadership Coalition’s (USGLC) 2023 Heartland Summit, which took place in two Heartland cities: Detroit, Michigan and Sioux City, Iowa. The annual summit brings together leaders from across the Heartland for critical conversations on how global investments in agriculture and U.S. international affairs programs help to create jobs, feed the hungry and reduce poverty around the world. According to event leaders, these are this year’s biggest lessons and takeaways:

- What happens around the world directly impacts local Heartland communities’ success

and prosperity. It’s why hundreds of farmers are speaking out on why investments in diplomacy, development and global food security help keep America safe, strengthen the U.S. economy and strengthen families and communities across the Heartland.

- American agricultural exports of U.S. farm and food products to the world posted its best export year ever in 2022, totaling \$196 billion and topping the previous record set in 2021 by 11% -- clearly demonstrating the indispensable nature of American farmers to America’s economy.

- With food insecurity severely impacted by global crises, the work of farmers and the American agriculture community to help feed the world is essential. It’s why

USGLC’s network—Farmers for Prosperity—aims to shine a spotlight on the crucial role farmers play in solving critical global issues and how U.S. global leadership is essential to protect the security, health and economic interests of American families.

- Farmers around the world grow the food that sustains families and creates stability in communities and countries. Amid growing threats on the global stage from wars, drought and climate change, farmers are part of the solution.

- American farmers have unique views on what it takes for the United States and world to prosper, making it important for them to raise their voices in an effort to help shape U.S. foreign policy.

• U.S. leadership in the world is vital in advancing national economic and security interests. When it comes to issues like trade, America can only stand up to countries like China and Russia when it’s on the global playing field.

- The State Department and USAID are vital links in helping open new markets for American agricultural products, which is not just good for American farmers, but promotes stability and security globally. At the same time, the long-term goal of empowering farmers and communities around the world to feed themselves builds a safer, more prosperous world.

To watch the 2023 Heartland Summit, visit heartland.usglc.org.

“Fighting global hunger by strengthening our nation’s leadership around the world, enabling our nation’s farmers to compete, and building new stable markets for our agricultural exports is a moral imperative and a matter of U.S. economic and national security,” says Glickman.

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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 & Ritcha Law Office
349 N. Main, PO Box 113
Kingman, KS 67068
Attorney for Petitioners

Public Notice

First published in The Cunningham Courier on Thursday, July 27, 2023 (3t)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, Kansas CIVIL DEPARTMENT

Finance of America Reverse LLC

Plaintiff,

vs.

The Heirs-at-law of Shirley J. Winter, Deceased; Michael Winter; Mark Winter; Rick Winter; Dennis Winter; American Western Bonding Company, Inc.; Safe Step Tubs of Minnesota, Inc.; United States of America, Commissioner of Housing and Urban Development; Service Finance Company, LLC; John Doe (Tenant/Occupant); Mary Doe (Tenant/Occupant), Defendants.

Case No. KM-2023-CV-000023

Court Number:

Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 60

Notice Of Suit

THE STATE OF KANSAS, to the above-named defendants and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors and assigns of any deceased defendants; the unknown spouses of any de-

fendants; the unknown officers, successors, trustees, creditors and assigns of any defendants that are existing, dissolved or dormant corporations; the unknown executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors, successors and assigns of any defendants that are or were partners or in partnership; the unknown guardians, conservators and trustees of any defendants that are minors or are under any legal disability; and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors and assigns of any person alleged to be deceased, and all other persons who are or may be concerned.

You are notified that a Petition has been filed in the District Court of Kingman County, Kansas, praying to foreclose a real estate mortgage on the following described real estate:

Lot Eight (8) in Walker Addition, Kingman County, Kansas, as shown by the recorded plat thereof, commonly known as 2439 N Main St, Kingman, KS 67068 (the "Property")

and all those defendants who

have not otherwise been served are required to plead to the Petition on or before the 6th day of September, 2023, in the District Court of Kingman County, Kansas. If you fail to plead, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

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Lester graduated from Oelwein High School in Iowa. He worked as a cook and dishwasher. He was a former member of Our Savior Lutheran Church until it closed and then became a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church. He enjoyed spending time outside and with their animals.

He is survived by his mother, Sandra of Wichita and sister, Shelley Beach of Cunningham.

Lester is preceded in death by his father, Lester David Voshell, Sr.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service was held Friday, August 4, 2023 at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Natrona with Pastor Michael Schotte presiding. Inurnment will be at a later date at St. Paul Lutheran Church Cemetery, Natrona.

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We, her family, would like to thank everyone for the part you played in her long and fun-filled life; and thank you all for the expressions of sympathy and condolences at our most difficult time.

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