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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 10th, 2023, in the County Commissioners room at the Kingman County Courthouse. Present were: Jerry Henning, Chairman; Jack Thimesch, Commissioner; Stan Goetz, HR; Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor

Visitors: Bob Morris, Kingman Leader-Courier and Larry Landwehr
Staff: LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director; Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director; Mendy Frampton, Expo Center Director and Jason Steckman, Expo Center Employee.

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

No additions were made.

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

Commissioners.

Chairman Henning asked if there was any public comment.

Larry Landwehr gave his opinion on information provided to the public.

Chairman Henning noted to Bob Morris that he was disappointed with the incorrect information in the last newspaper that the mill levy was incorrect. This caused complaints from citizens to the Commissioners.

Mendy Frampton, Expo Center Director was in to introduce Jason Steckman the part-time new hire for the Expo Center.

Ms. Frampton provided updates to work being done at the Expo Center and provided bills of out side contractor work on skid steer and tractor.

Ms. Frampton and Mr. Steckman left the meeting at 8:57 a.m.

LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer was in to review 2024 budget numbers with the County Commissioners.

Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director was in with a quote on tree from Fairchild Tree Service to trim all trees and remove dead limbs.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the quote received

from Fairchild Tree Service to trim all trees and remove dead limbs. Chairman Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.

Minutes were submitted for the July 3rd, 2023, Commission meeting minutes for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the July 3rd, 2023, Commission meeting minutes. Chairman Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.

Ron Leroux, Noxious Weed Director was in to give the Commissioners a department update and an update on the spraying being done on county roads.

Commissioners signed one abatement and two escapes.

Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in with an update on the status of roads after some flooding.

Mr. Arensdorf had a KDOT agreement for RS363-RS2025 for signature and that the bid letting is set for July 31, 2023.

Mr. Arensdorf gave an update on Flat Ridge 4 & 5 and that the Westwood &

Kirkham Michael engineers will review transportation routes starting July 10.

Mr. Arensdorf submitted the department reports for June so that the Commissioners could review it.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session with Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor at 10:25 a.m. to discuss an individual employee's evaluation pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act, and they will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 10:35 a.m. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 10:35 a.m. with no decision made.

Mr. Arensdorf and Commissioners discussed roads.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 11:02 a.m. Chairman Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.

City Council Will Meet Monday, July 31

Monday, July 31, 2023

CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

Meeting will be held at City Hall, 119 N. Main St.

6:30 p.m. – Call to Order

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes of June 26, 2023 meeting

Approval of Minutes of July 11, 2023 special meeting

Resume Hearing for Consideration of SU 23-002

Public comments, concerns, & communications

Fire Department – Chief's Report

Leslie Schrag – Budget request, Kingman County Economic Development

Review Usage at Hands of Hope Food Bank

Mosquito Spraying

Community Center Reports

Property Officer

Planning & Zoning

Maintenance

Swimming Pool

Animal Control

Financial Report & Payment of Bills

Adjourn

Minutes from Kingman County Commission

Chairman Henning called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. July 17th, 2023, in the County Commissioners room at the Kingman County Courthouse. Present were 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; Heath Harrington; Camille Harrington; Cheryl Simon; Steve Simon; Gwen Kelly; Ed Miller; Drew Durst; Mike, Ryan, & Chris from Prairieland Partners and Ms. Hacker.

Online Visitors: Heather Kinsler; Caller 01; Chrissy Bartel; Caller 02; Mayor Harrel; Tammy and Sean Wallace.

Staff: LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director; Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director and Steve Bachenberg, County Engineer.

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

Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor would like to have an executive session with the Commissioners.

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

Chairman Henning asked if there was any public comment.

Ms. Hacker requested if they can have the Constitutional Day celebration again here on the Courthouse lawn on September 17, 2023.

Commissioners let Ms. Hacker know that they can have the Constitutional Day celebration.

Heath Harrington was in to discuss a noise nuisance.

Drew Durst, Prairieland Partners was in to discuss the current facility and the proposed location to move West of Kingman. Mr. Durst would like to apply for a grant and would need the County to help with the in-kind expense of matching funds.

Chairman Henning asked Mr. Durst if they were planning on paving NW 10th Street.

Mr. Durst let them know it would just be a good rock road.

Commissioner Thimesch asked if they are just asking for help with the grant.

Mr. Durst said that is correct.

Commissioner Thimesch discussed that it would bring in more jobs and tax dollars into the County.

Commissioners discussed a tax exemption for ten years with Mr. Durst.

Commissioners let Mr. Durst to get in contact with the Township to let them know.

Commissioners told Mr. Durst that they are behind them and are supportive of the new location.

Tom Frazier was in to discuss that he is working with Stan Goetz about the possibility of closing a road. The road isn't being used currently but it will not come before the zoning board for a couple of months.

LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer was in to review the 2024 budget with

the County Commissioners.

The County Commissioners would like to hold the Revenue Neutral Rate Hearing at the County Commissioners Room at 130 North Spruce St on August 28, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. with the Budget Hearing to be held after.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the 2024 Budget draft on July 17, 2023. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Scott Strong, Strong Insurance was in to request giving the County an insurance quote this year.

Commissioners would like Strong's to prepare a quote.

Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director was in to discuss the Belmont tire situation with the Commissioners.

Melissa Thimesch, Extension Agent was in to request the Commissioners attend July 27th, 2023, Cookie Judging for the fair at 9:00 a.m.

Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director and Steve Bachenberg, County Engineer were in to review Ninnescah township consultation request with the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers approved the Ninnescah Township consultation request. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf reviewed the Consulting services Agreement contract with Schwab Eaton for RS363-RS2025 Hot Mix Surface Overlay Program with the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch

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SPORTS PHYSICALS ARE INCLUDED IN YOUR CHILD'S YEARLY CHECK-UP?

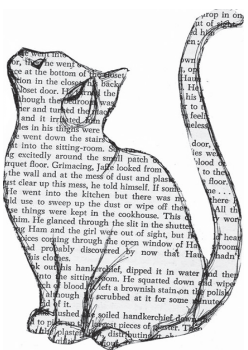
School is right around the corner and students will need their Sports Physical in order to practice/play sports.

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KINGMAN
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Cunningham Clinic
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Meanderings

Folks, I'm not even sure where to begin my meanderings this week... But let's start with Marilyn Mavity who passed away Sunday morning.

her sisters were teachers, if they were, it could have been one of them. But I can see still this person in my mind, and she sure looked like Marilyn. When I interviewed for the library job at Kingman back in late February 2005, I came to Cunningham to see my folks.

was my business landlady. I spent many hours across the street from my little newspaper office visiting with her. She always had time for people. Always. She had many memories and stories to tell and I learned a great deal about this town and the people who lived here and her family, as well.

birthday treats to school on Melva's birthdays. I can remember her helping with our Girl Scout Troop. I remember visiting her beauty shop with Melva. I remember much about Mary in my childhood. When I moved back here to live in 2005, Mary got me involved in the Pratt Community Concerts.

Skippy Jones, veteran kitty extraordinaire, is actually outside. I have no idea where the others are. Some of my cats spend an inordinate amount of time outside in the heat. They go outside in the morning and come in for a bite every now and again, but then want right back out.

those of you who can't get to town to see the progress on the new school buildings. It looks like it's coming along. The cinderblock section is, of course, the new lobby of the gymnasium, and the building to the right will be the new classrooms.

Tallgrass and Tumbleweeds by Gaille Pike

Dear Readers, It's been muggy out. And it's been hot. But our highs are mild compared to the sweltering records reported across the country.

were domed by a puffy cloud tailgate tent. Hence there was no threat of the sun's glare. I paused at the end of our driveway and leaned on my walking stick. The cause of my unease eluded me. I was not sweaty nor was I overheated though I expected to be both before I returned home.

was in sight. Nor could I spot a single errant critter. Purple and crimson Ironweed blooms towered above the emerald grasses while tiny yellow and white five starred blossoms polka-dotted borders on both sides of the road.

ural," I thought. "There's NO SOUNDS." It was so quiet that when I exhaled, the WHOOSHING air sounded as loud as an ocean wave. As I fully comprehended how silly-gooseed my alarm had been, I began giggling and before I knew it, I was head-thrown back, full body laughing at myself.

Because we live in such deafening times I doubt that those who claim to live "a quiet life" do. Even if one manages to avoid the chatter of other humans, our devices and appliances talk aplenty. They chime, beep and blare. They whirl, whistle and hum.

encounter the complete absence of sound we just imagine we can. Not only do I believe I HEARD nothing, I also think hearing silence allows me now to hear more... For example, at this moment I can hear my cats sleeping. I do not have look for them.

A COLUMN BY TOM PURCELL

Dodging Increasing Crime Rates

People are getting so used to increasing crime rates in cities across America, an etiquette is evolving between some muggers and their

victims. I learned about this while I walked with my friend and his wife from a Washington D.C. pub to their home six blocks from the Hill. "When you get mugged, there are certain rules you must follow," said my friend's wife, walking at a fast gait.

but they get surly when you are rude." "How can you be rude to a mugger?" "Ignoring the mugger is considered rude," said my friend. "This will give him license to strike you with a blunt object."

should do when we get mugged." "You should always make an offering of some kind," said my friend's wife. "The mugger must walk away with something of perceived value."

"Muggers never do that," said my friend's wife. "They are very busy here. They're eager to complete their transaction, so they can move on to their next mugging."

said my friend. "People get mugged right in front of our house pretty much on a daily basis!" As we approached their house, my friend's wife sprinted to the door. While she unlocked it, my friend scanned the bushes looking for suspicious movement.

Kingman Public Transportation advertisement with phone number (620) 532-5744 and service hours 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

The Cunningham Courier subscription information including address, contact details, and rates.


Advertisement for a mugger's perspective, featuring dialogue about mugging tactics and the mugger's frustration.

BUCKLE UP. advertisement featuring a seatbelt graphic and the slogan 'THIS BELT NEVER GOES OUT OF FASHION.'

Advertisement for the Kansas Protection Report Center, featuring a woman's face and the text 'Stop. Verify. Report.'

Advertisement for the Kansas Protection Report Center, featuring a woman's face and the text 'Financial scammers are everywhere.'

Community Bulletin Board

Monday, July 31 6:30 p.m. City Council Meeting	Monday, August 14 first day of fall sports practice ***
Tuesday, August 8 6:00 Parents meeting for Fall sports participation	7:00 p.m. BOE
Wednesday, August 9 School enrollment	Friday, August 18 New Teacher In-Service
	Monday August 21 Teacher Professional Day
	Wednesday, August 23rd First Day of School.

**Fall Sports Parent Meetings--
August 8th**

The fall sport athlete/parent meetings are scheduled for Tuesday, August 8th in the Cunningham High School cafeteria. The JH volleyball meeting begins at 6:00pm, JH football at 6:20pm, JH & HS cross country at 6:40pm, HS volleyball at 7:00pm and HS football at 7:20pm. All athletes and parents are encouraged to attend. Fall sport practices will begin on Monday, August 14, 2023. Athletes must have their physicals completed by the beginning of practice. Call the high school office if you have any questions.

Social Security Supports Teachers Online

Well-informed instructors can have a powerful and positive influence on their students. That's why we created an Educator Toolkit. It's a shareable online resource for teachers to engage students and educate them on Social Security. The toolkit includes:

- Lesson plans with objectives.
- Infographics and handouts for each lesson plan.
- Links to Social Security webpages.
- Talking points.
- Quiz questions and answers.

You can access the toolkit at www.ssa.gov/third-party/educators.html.

We value and welcome the efforts all teachers make to educate America's young people. We want to help spark discussion with students about Social Security. Please share our toolkit with the educators in your communities today!

August 1st is NEXT week!!!

I mentioned in the paper a week or so ago that I'd be running spotlight pages again this year. There seemed to be plenty of time. School just got out for the summer, right?

Apparently it's longer ago than I realized, as enrollment is only two weeks away.

A few folks have called me about the spotlight page and cost. The cost is the same this year as last. Family and individuals can pay \$25.00 to have their name/s on the list of sponsors for our school events and teams and athletics and staff and whatever else in our school is important to this community.

Let's set September first for a deadline, and I'll plan on running the first spotlight page in September. Just think...next week we'll be saying "Next month is September already!"

The Community Calendar is sponsored by



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620-298-2511

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B-29 Museum
is open on Sundays from 2:00 to 4:00 pm
Pratt Army Airfield – 82 Curran Road
Visit them on Facebook at www.prairie-bombers.org for more information. If you would like to visit the museum at another time call 672-8321, 672-2444 or 620-797-2919 to schedule an appointment!

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

PRATT CITY WIDE
GARAGE SALE
Saturday - August 5

*This community sale is being organized and advertised by volunteers in our community.

Click on the ad to go to Google sign up form

Deadline to register your sale is 7:00pm, July 31. You can change your registration only until that day- we will not remove you from marketing or the map after Monday July 31.



Cozy's Pizza
115 N. Main
Cunningham, KS 67035
620-298-7000
Mon., Tues.,
& Thurs. - 11:00 to 8:00
Friday and Saturday - 11:00 to 9:00
Closed Wednesday and Sunday



Thanks for recycling
The Courier on August 7th
Recycle - Reduce - Reuse - Repurpose

Kingman Historic Theatre
Starting on Friday, June 30,
2023 through August,
The Kingman Historic Theatre is offering **BOGO FREE** on ALL of our movie admission tickets. That's right, come to any movie and buy one admission ticket at \$6.00 and get the second admission ticket free!!!!
Thank YOU for supporting YOUR Kingman Historic Theatre!

Upcoming Auctions

Saturday, August 5th, 2023,
Farm & Household Auction
4654 SE Catalpa Rd. Sharon, KS –




Monday, August 21st, 2023 - 605+/- Acres of Barber Co Hunting/Ranch Land Auction - 1:30PM at the Hamm Auction Center, Pratt KS or Online

For more information and a complete list of auctions, see our website at www.hammauction.com
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620-672-6996



Comfortably Dumb by Bruce Quast




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"The guy on the end rings a bell."

Kingman Historic Theatre
July 27, 2023
Eddie Montgomery in Concert
\$40.00 all seats
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Kingman Historic Theatre
237 N. Main in Kingman
(620) 532-1253
<http://www.kingmantheatre.org/>
All Seats \$6.00
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Showtimes:
Friday & Saturday at 7:30
Sunday at 5:30

Thank YOU for supporting YOUR Kingman Historic Theatre.

July 30
Sound of Freedom
Rated: PG-13
No Movie Friday and Saturday

YEARS AGO IN

The Cunningham Clipper

W. A. Bradley / William Bradley

1928

July 27 – One of the big features of the Cattlemen’s Picnic at Kingman, August 1, 2, 3, this year will be the troop of U. S. Calvary – Co. A. of the 9th Battalion of Mounted Engineers – from Fort Riley. The cavalry outfit will make a six day march from Ft. Riley to Kingman, starting the week before the Cattlemen’s Picnic. They will encamp at six different Kansas towns along the way – and will spend the entire week in camp at Kingman. They will participate in all programs of the picnic.

The Cattlemen’s Picnic at Kingman, established in the nineties, and known as the “Daddy of All the Rodeos” promises to be even better this year than last. More than 30,000 people watched 150 of the world’s best cowboys and cowgirls perform in the Kingman arena last year.

The Picnic is held night and day. The arena is lighted every night with scores of flood lights and hundreds of drop lights. The admission is 75c and bleacher seats under canvas are 35c more.

1933

July 21 – Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Ball, who announce the birth of a son at their home Thursday morning at five-thirty o’clock.

The girls of Cunningham have organized a Girl Scout Troupe and are certainly having fun and plenty of it. They have given themselves the name “Crescent Moon.”

1938

July 22– The Pratt chapter of the National Aeronautical Association will sponsor an Air Show at the Pratt Municipal Airport, Sunday, July 24, starting at 1 p.m.

Among the features will be air races, spot landings, serpentine-cutting, bomb dropping, speed demonstrations, formation flying, demonstrations of new airplanes. One of the best aviators in the state will make a parachute jump. An added attraction will be the finish at 12 noon of an air race from Wichita to Pratt.

Lunch and cold drinks will be served on the grounds. Gate admission is 25c with children under 12 admitted free. There is plenty of free parking space.

Should the weather be unsuitable the meet will be held July 31.

Interest in the possible construction of Lake Ninnescah was revived two weeks ago when it became known that it was being considered as a CCC project. The county commissioners, the chamber of commerce, and the city officials of Kingman have requested that two proposed CCC camps be established at the lake site, with the understanding that the men would be used in the construction of the lake.

John Baber arrived home Tuesday morning from Lakin, where he had been assisting his brother, Everitt Baber, in harvest.

Lightning struck the L. A. Ratlief home southwest of Cunningham Wednesday afternoon of last week. The radio aerial was burned and some of the weatherboarding was knocked off the north side of the house, but the house did not catch fire.

1943

July 23 – The Bureau of Mines began the operation last week of a 75-passenger bus between Kingman and the Helium plant here, replacing a smaller bus that has been in use since the plant was started. The bus will take care of the greater number of men now employed at the plant. Several Kingman men and a large number of officials and workmen have found homes in Kingman during the construction of the plant.

The community was shocked Wednesday evening by the news of the sudden death of Frank Zrubek, 73, substantial farmer of this community, who passed away at seven o’clock that evening at his home southwest of town, following a heart attack. He had been a resident of this community for 38 years.

Neva Joyce and Norma Jean Rose are visiting a few days with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Yarberry.

Bob Crow, Jack Bradley, and Austin Luce went to Rago, Thursday afternoon, to be overnight guests of Bob’s sister, Mrs. Eula Witt and Mr. Witt. They went

on to Wichita Friday to take in the semi-pro baseball games at Lawrence stadium. The three boys leave Sunday night for Fort Leavenworth for induction into military service.

1948

July 23 – Miss Sophie Grier will present her pupils in a piano recital Thursday evening, July 29, at 8:30 p.m. in the Cairo Methodist church. The public is cordially invited.

Students performing: Romona Zrubek, Donald Dietz, Beverly Wells, Bonnie Jean Hazlett, Stephen Foncannon, Trevlyn Shumway, Norma Jean Rose, Carolyn Ball, Jerry Schafer, Sonia Foncannon, Lawrence Ball, Shirley Lou Shafer, Eva Murillo, Mary Frances Leiter, Jimmie Wells, Jane Gimble, Virginia Murillo, and Ronald Ball.

Cunningham defeated Kingman 8 to 0 in a league game played there last Sunday afternoon. It was the locals seventh straight league victory. Don Schnittker, on the mound for Cunningham, gave up just one hit, walked three and struck out four. Cunningham combed H. Graves and McCutchen, Kingman hurlers, for nine hits including doubles by Theis, Huhman, Baker, Don Schnittker, and Raymond Zrubek.

1953

July 24– Although the wheat harvest has been over for a month, you couldn’t tell it a week ago Wednesday in Penalosa. Mr. Milton Johnson, manager of the Penalosa Elevator, announced that he had storage space for twelve thousand bushels of wheat. Before he could get the words out of his mouth, Mr. Johnson had twelve thousand eight hundred bushels in front of the elevator. Some of the farmers parked their trucks in line the night before.

The Notty Pine Motel, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Al McClarnon of Cunningham opened for business this week. Mr. Steve England also opened his Ox Bow Motel in Cairo this week.

Unless conditions change in the next five months, Kingman County threatens to experience the driest year in its history.

According to the records, the year of 1932 was the driest year in the county’s history. That year the official rainfall was seventeen inches. This year to date, the total rainfall is just under seven and one-half inches. Normal rainfall in the county is about twenty-five inches.

1958

July 24 – The Cunningham Churchmen were eliminated from the Kansas State Semi-Pro Tournament at Wichita, Tuesday evening, following a 9 to 0 loss to the Garden Plains Indians.

This loss, coupled with a 12 to 0 defeat at the hands of the Great Bend Braves the previous evening, eliminated the local team under the double-elimination rule of the tournament.

The 24th annual St. Leo Picnic and Dance will be held in St. Leo Tuesday evening, July 29.

J. G. Gibbens was honored on his 89th birthday with a party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Patton and Gene, Sunday afternoon.

1963

July 25 – Sydney Boyd, Shirley Park, Ronald Murphey, Don Hellar, and Bob Witt attended the State 4-H Encampment at Rock Springs near Junction City July 14 to 17. Mrs. Bill Boyd and Mrs. Lloyd Murphey accompanied the group to the camp, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert McGovney announce the birth of a son, Wednesday, July 24, at the Pratt County Hospital.

He weighed six pounds, nine ounces, and has not been named as yet.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Oswalt of Penalosa, are the maternal grandparents, and Mr. and Mrs. John McGovney of Cunningham, the paternal grandparents.

1968

July 25 – A shock to the entire community was the death of Everett C. “Dutch” Hauser, 68, a resident of Cunningham since early childhood, and a grocery store owner here for over 43 years.

Born in Harrison County, Mo., June 17, 1900, he was orphaned when only an infant. He was brought to this community and was placed in the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Simonson, who became his foster parents, and in whose home he grew to manhood, graduating from the Cunningham schools.

He was married to Bess Shafer, February 15, 1923, in Kingman.

“Dutch” began work in a grocery store at an early age as an ice boy, and continued working his way up until he started his own store in 1925, beginning on a small scale but expanding more and more through the years until his recently completed new store would to credit to a large city.

Museum Hours
Tuesdays, Thursdays,
and Saturdays
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
or contact
Angie Mertens at 620-532-4354 or
Alan Albers at 620-298-2725 or
Mike McGovney at 620-770-9503
(Volunteers Needed
at the museum)

The Cunningham 4-H Club members are getting ready for the Kingman County Fair to be held in Kingman next month.

The club has a membership of 35, with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pelzl as the community leaders. It offers many opportunities to the youth of the community, one of which is the 4-H Band. The band is under the direction of Mr. Charles Yingling, and they have taken part in several activities during the past year, including Christmas programs, the Lions Club athletic banquet, and the Bedford Taylor farewell dinner. They received a Kingman County 4-H Day top rating which entitled them to attend the Regional 4-H Day at Pratt this spring.

Members of the band are Monte Rose, David Steffen, Wesley Woodson, Tom Woodson, Bob McGovney, Bill McGovney, Kris Sheldon, and Marvin Oller.

YEARS AGO IN

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1978

July 27 – Mr. and Mrs. Jack Meyers and family spent from Thursday until Saturday afternoon in Kansas City attending the Royals baseball games.

Several friends helped Mary McClellan celebrate her birthday last week. Audrey Cain brought two cakes and some friends present were Lola Swanders, Mary Oller, Marie Hellar, Rachel Doherty, Amy McClellan, Frank and Audrey Cain, Finley and Mary McClellan and Florine Kampling.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wagner and family of Indianapolis, Ind.; Gina Morris of Tulsa, Okla.; and Mrs. Pauline Morris were Saturday supper guests of Harold Swingle at F & D Café in Spivey.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Lee Alden and Floyd Holcomb of Hutchinson were Saturday overnight guests of Mrs. Mildred Ford.

Hilltop Happenings: Harold Jones, Bill Neal, Frutoso Garcia and Bob Woodworth enjoyed playing dominoes almost every day.

Some of enjoyed kol robi from the garden Friday. Joe Trimm grew it, and it tastes a lot like turnips. Richard Pratt’s mom and dad, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Pratt of Hutchinson spent Thursday with Richard.

Roger Theis, son of Paul and Geneva Theis of Cunningham, has been accepted in to the School of Language and Linguistics at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. Roger, a 1978 graduate of Cunningham High School, intends to study and major in Spanish, a language he studied for all four years at Cunningham.

Roger considers it a great honor to be accepted into Georgetown, or in 1977, nearly 7000 candidates competed for only 1240 places in the Freshman class.

Negotiations, which were conducted by the Board of Education of U.S.D. No. 332 and the West Kingman County Teachers Association, from January 1978 to July 1978, have been concluded after many meetings, a declaration of impasse by the teachers’ association, a district court hearing, and the assistance of a federal mediator in the month of June to try and reach agreement. An agreement has been reached. The board ratified the agreement on July 3 and the W.K.C.T.A. ratified the agreement on July 12.

The base salary will be \$9,400, a raise of \$600, plus the creation of a sick leave bank. Contracts are being prepared and sent to all certified personnel.

1983

July 28 -Debra Hook of Turon and her puppet friend entertained children of the community at Bible School Extension Program on Friday morning. About 40 children attended the two-hour program of music, games, Bible information, contests, and refreshment. Music was led by Rogene Jarmer, accompanied by Ruby Cusenbary. Anna Dafforn conducted the inspirational period.

A large crowd enjoyed the St. Leo Celebration which was held to help raise money for the St. Leo school. Many activities and games were held during the day. A popular attraction was the bucking bull machine where both cowboys and non-cowboys tried their hand at staying on the bucking machine.

Kindergarten supply list: 1 box 16 crayons, 4 pencils – regular size, 1 Big Chief or Son of Big Chief Tablet, 1 Elmers School Glue -4 oz., q box Facial Tissue (200 count) Large Towel for resting. Baby picture (This will be returned) Cigar Box or Pencil Box, School bag for daily use (ESSENTIAL)

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Consider this...

by Mike Johnson

You Can't Take It With You

The call from the east coast arrived at 6 a.m.

An old boss of mine had passed away due to an aneurysm. Oddly, just three minutes before his passing, his wife was pronounced dead from a heart attack at his bedside.

I met Stan (not his real name) in 1981 when I was hired by a convenience store chain to oversee a group of six stores. Just 24, I may have been the youngest person to ever hold that position under Stan's regime. A twenty year veteran close to retirement, Stan distrusted young supervisors. Since I was hired by someone else and then transferred into Stan's area, I arrived with two strikes against me.

The convenience store industry is a funny business. You have to offer

3,000 items from every possible product category to attract customer traffic, yet more than half of what you sell consists of low-profit beer, soda and cigarette categories. Hence, each store barely makes money and there isn't enough income to have management supervision on all shifts.

Left unwatched, in those years before security cameras, many employees made the choice to steal by not ringing sales and then pocketing the customers' payments. Each month, each store would be audited and it wasn't unusual for shortages to average a thousand dollars or more per store. Sadly, employee theft was the largest problem.

Naïve to this weakness of human nature, I almost quit a hundred times after polygraph examinations identified one key employee after another as a thief. How do you build a cohesive team when each month

you have to strap your employees to a lie-detector to question their honesty?

As luck would have it, Stan was the best in the business at "shortage control." He had a no-nonsense reputation of quickly firing anyone he suspected of dishonesty - and those suspicions often included the store managers who operated each store. Replacing an employee was difficult enough, replacing a store manager was a major crisis. Wherever Stan went, fear followed.

So why did employees stay there? The company paid well, the bonus opportunities were lucrative and the company offered a tremendous profit sharing program. Each year, the company doubled or tripled employees' payroll contributions to the plan and paid an average interest of 14 percent on the entire fund. When the results were announced each year, Stan's huge profit sharing statement

was always used as example of what others could earn if they hung in there.

But Stan had a soft side too. Each month he'd ride stores with us supervisors to perform written inspections. One day, after yet another store manager let me down with a bad score, Stan walked over, put his arm around my shoulders, grinned and said, "Boss, wouldn't it be nice to have a job that paid 50 grand a year and was based entirely on your own efforts?" The old man DID have a heart.

Other times, while we made the 90 mile trip to our farthest store, Stan would muse about retirement and spending that profit sharing money. His hobby was buying used Cadillacs, restoring them and then reselling them for a profit. Come retirement, he might use that nest egg he'd been building for 25 years to do that full time.

Five years later, Stan



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had a heart attack and had to take permanent retirement disability. I was given his job. Now I REALLY understood why Stan had been Stan. Stan lived near one of our stores and we'd occasionally run into him there and teasingly ask if he'd tapped into that profit sharing account yet. He'd just chuckle, shake his head and change the subject.

I left the company in 1991 to follow a writing career but kept up with Stan through a close mutual friend. She was the one who called at 6 a.m. to report the news of his passing.

A day later she called

again to report the funeral plans - and a conversation she'd had with Stan's daughter. The daughter had come across Stan's profit sharing statement. The daughter asked my friend a haunting question. "He worked for 25 years to accumulate all this money. He's been retired for 12 years. Why didn't he and mom do all those things they were always talking about doing someday? They could have done anything. There is \$750,000 in that account."

My friend had no answer.

The Garish Orange Frame

by Debbie Roome

It was suitable punishment I suppose. Fifty hours of community service in payment for one act of vandalism. I'd thought it funny at the time - letting the air out of the wheelchair's tyres - but looking back, it was pretty dumb.

My heart plummeted when I heard where my sentence was to be served. The Haven. A

home for those with physical and intellectual disabilities. Around town, it was commonly called the 'funny farm'. It was the last place a cool teenager wanted to be. My friends cackled like a bunch of hyenas when they found out.

I noticed the picture frame the very first day the social worker marched me through the doors. It was hard to miss as it was almost as tall as I and so bright. The garish, orange plaster had to

be four inches wide and was pocked with bits of broken mirror and lime green beads. Some clown had daubed purple paint here and there and the whole effect was seriously ugly. It dominated a whole wall in the reception area.

I initially worked at the home for three hours each weekend and the frame was the first thing I saw each time I dragged my self through the doors. Ugly I thought. Ugly like the judge who

had sent me here. I wasn't a willing worker but the staff were glad of my assistance anyway and soon trained me in the basics of care-giving. It was an uncomfortable process; learning to change nappies on a teenager, spoon-feeding those who had limited movement. Wiping drool from a ten year old chin and reading Chicken Little to an eighteen year old.

My social life suffered and soon I was alone on the weekends. "Funny farmer." My friends would chant. "Shelley belongs on the funny farm." One day I realised they weren't the type of friends I wanted and turned my attention to completing my community service so I could move on with life.

I doubled my hours at The Haven and before I knew it, the kids started to worm their way into my heart. Henry was a giant eight year old with bug eyes and a terrible stutter. He spent his days crawling around the playroom and whenever he saw me arrive he would shout "Mmme first. Mmme

first. Shelly hhhhelp me fffirst." Then there was Martin. He would face the corner and rock on his knees, murmuring to himself. One day I went and rocked with him and later he calmly allowed me to feed him. Great progress according to the staff. My favorite, however, had to be Alyssa. She was sixteen and had been born with no legs, stumps for arms and was severely mentally impaired. Nevertheless, her eyes shone when she saw me and I would sit with her, rubbing cream into her withered stumps and singing softly so only she could hear. She reminded me of an angel with her short blonde curls and clear, babyish skin.

It was at the start of my ninth shift that I finally noticed the painting inside the garish orange frame. Of course, it had always been there but the frame had been my focal point, drawing my attention away from the true artwork. The delicate water-colour depicted a toddler in a wheelchair, sitting in a garden of beautiful roses and fountains.

She was golden haired and a soft pink blanket was wrapped around her torso. Where her hands should have been were shrunken stumps. A small sign rested on her lap and I moved closer to read the neat, fluid script.

At last you've noticed me, seen past the frame that holds me in...

Don't be put off by my body, my exterior

Look past that and see the real me

I feel pain as you do

I feel rejection as you do

I rejoice at the wind in my hair and love a beautiful garden as you do

Will you look past the frame and see who I really am?

I stood there for at least ten minutes, tears running down my cheeks. Eventually the receptionist came and pressed a tissue into my hand.

I nodded to the child. "Alyssa?" I questioned.

She nodded. "Her father painted that and presented it to the home when she moved in." She smiled gently. "It always has an impact when people truly see it."



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Governor Announces Nearly \$5M to Support Kansans with Diabetes

TOPEKA – Governor Laura Kelly today announced that the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) will receive nearly \$5

million from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to better identify and support individuals with the greatest risk of diabetes and to reduce the overall burden.

“My administration continues to be laser-focused on providing resources that are fundamental to the health of all Kansans, including those with diabetes,” Governor

Kelly said. “This funding is a step in the right direction as we work to expand quality, affordable health coverage to more Kansas families.”

These efforts are all part of KDHE’s community-clinical linkages project. The project will work with Kansans who are disproportionately impacted by diabetes.

“It is critical that we make resources and help available to stop the impacts of diabetes in our state,” Joan Duwve, MD, MPH, KDHE State Health Officer said. “This

funding will be instrumental in allowing us to work with our partners to improve access to quality care and resources Kansans need to live longer, healthier lives.”

In Kansas, an estimated 1 in 10 (11.1%) adults have been diagnosed with diabetes, and an estimated \$2.4 billion in direct medical expenses and indirect costs (loss of productivity due to diabetes) each year. People with diabetes are also more likely to have other chronic diseases like heart disease, kid-

ney disease and nerve damage. They are also more likely to experience social impacts of depression, mental illness, and increased financial burden on health care cost.

“This diabetes funding is an investment in Kansans and a lifeline for individuals with type 2 diabetes,” Lainey Faulkner, KDHE Community-Clinical Linkages, section director, said. “The funds will provide support for diabetes management and will help to increase prevention

and risk mitigation of vulnerable individuals in Kansas.”

This project includes promoting and supporting health behaviors for people with diabetes and those at risk for type 2 diabetes, partnering with communities to increase and sustain local diabetes prevention and diabetes management programs, and engaging employers and insurers to improve coverage for prevention and management classes.

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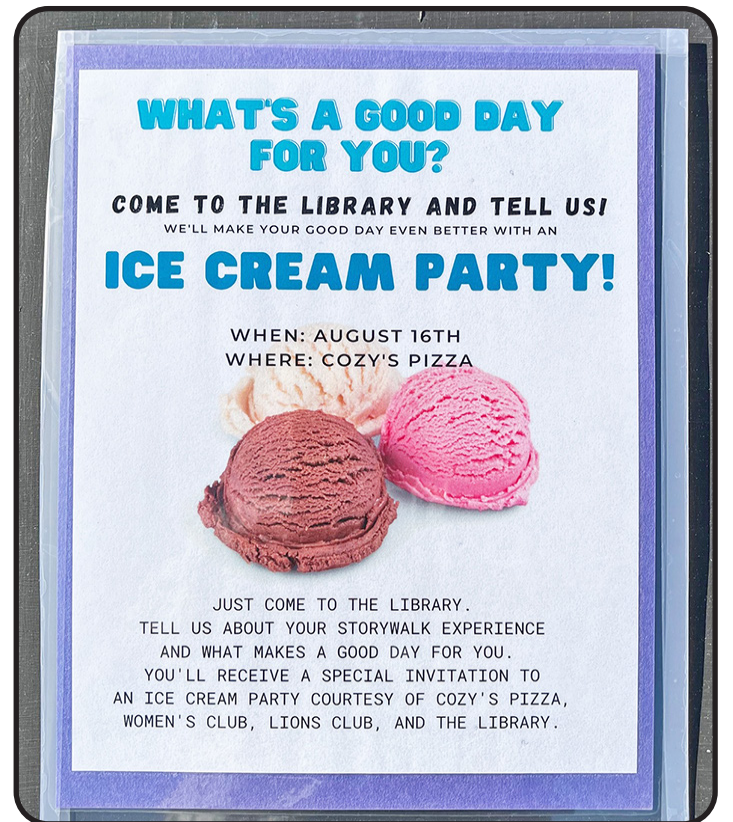
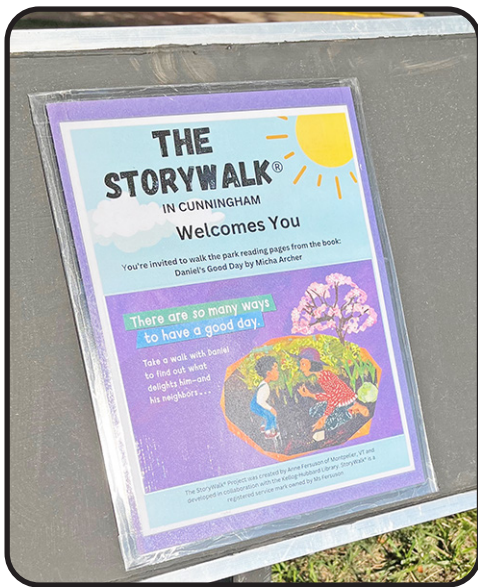
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Can You Believe It???. MORE Summer Fun at the Library!

We had such a great time with Janelle Belt last Thursday for our last STEM program of the summer. We made rockets out of empty, plastic bottles. Our rocket fuel was a mixture of vinegar and baking soda. Janelle showed us a simple trick to slow the chemical reaction, giving us time to move away before the bottle rockets launched. After each group had three successful launches, we went back inside to learn how to make the DASH Robots move, speak, and launch a ping-pong ball. Great fun! The kids learned so quickly how to use the control pad to manipulate the the robots--Pebbles & Bam Bam. Thank you K-State Research & Extension, Kingman County, Melissa Thimesch, and Janelle Belt for serving children through our county libraries. What a great idea!



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Minutes from the Pratt County Commission

The Pratt County commissioners met in regular session Monday, July 17, 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.

Jacob Crow with Kirkham Michael, opened bids for the Pratt County, Pratt CO NE 30th Street, crack seal project to be completed by May 3, 2024. Two bids were received. Circle C Paving in the amount of \$34,424.25 and Pavement Pros with a total bid of \$49,484.81. Jacob recommended Circle C Paving, they are the low bidder and they have extensive experience in this type of project. Commissioner

Shriver made a motion to accept the bid from Circle C Paving in the amount of \$34,424.25. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Heather Morgan, economic development/COVID consultant, reported on a new grant opportunity from the Kansas Department of Agriculture accepting comment for how to distribute \$6.2 million for expansion of meat processing or specialty crops. She mentioned that due to the extreme drought the U.S. Department of Agriculture last week announced Pratt and Barber County producers who have had loss due to water issues (well needing to be deepened, new piping needed, etc.) That there is a potential 75%/25% cost share available and she is happy to pass along information to any producer needing to make water upgrades due to the drought. She also mentioned that the small business development center in Wichita serves the Pratt community and

has classes to improve businesses marketing, distribution of their products through a supplier network, and retired successful business people available to mentor new businesses.

The Pratt Area Economic Development Authority (PAEDC) met last week and has established a new mailing address at the chamber, is getting their official filings in order with the Kansas Secretary of State, approved payment to EBH for their exterior sign and building improvements, and approved an economic development incentive for Morgan Diesel.

Vikki Mader, Horizons Mental Health, gave a report on their financials through June 30, 2023. They have added staff and services. They have received state funding to do 24/7 treatment. They received a \$75,000 grant from United Health Care for teen mental health services. They have signed agreements with the schools to offer mental health counseling.

Jacob Crow, presented the notice of award with Circle C Paving, the commissioners signed the notice.

Catherine Rohrer, SCKCCA, reported they will be installing the new AC at the end of the week. She gave a quarterly report on cases in her office and the results of the services performed. She presented the form to close out fy23, Chairman Jones signed.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the minutes from July 10, 2023. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

The 2024 budget for district court was approved and signed.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to approve the intent to exceed the revenue neutral rate with a proposed mill levy of 58.399. The hearing is September 11, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in the commissioner room. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Chairman Jones commented Gary Barker was

questioning about the survey on the land at the public safety building. They approved Gary to go ahead and spray for weeds.

Chairman Jones also stated he had done the walk thru with USD 382 and they questioned who was going to pay for the mowing. It was stated it was in the contract they were responsible for the lawn care.

Commissioner Shriver stated the zoning committee was meeting tonight for an informational draft on the solar energy zoning regulations.

Commissioner Shriver stated he had received an email from an individual questioning if the commissioners had any say in the date the advance voting starts and ballot boxes.

Clerk Voss stated that is all set by the Secretary of State's office.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to recess into executive session for fifteen minutes at 3:05 p.m. to discuss an attorney/client matter concerning tax exemption.

Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Adams made a motion to return from executive session at 3:12 p.m. with no action taken.

Commissioner Shriver seconded. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to approve the tax exemption application for the old PRRC building. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to appoint Marjorie Buck to the southwest Kansas Area Agency on Aging. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the payment vouchers for July 17, 2023.

Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to adjourn at 3:21 p.m. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

KANSAS WHEAT Day 10, Kansas Wheat Harvest Report

This is day 10 of the Kansas Wheat Harvest Reports, brought to you by the Kansas Wheat Commission, Kansas Association of Wheat Growers, Kansas Grain and Feed Association and the Kansas Cooperative Council.

Based on July 1 conditions, Kansas' winter wheat production is forecast at 208 million bushels, down 15 percent from last year, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Average yield

is forecast at 32 bushels per acre, down 5 bushels from 2022. Area to be harvested for grain is estimated at 6.5 million acres, down 2 percent from a year ago.

This week wheat coming in looks to be all over the board, according to Jim Bob Lewton, senior Vice President of Grain Operations with the Konza Coop in Pratt.

Harvest in and surrounding Pratt began June 20, about seven to ten days later than when they usually start. Yields have been averaging about 25 bushels per acre, but some fields have been better than others. Proteins have been high, reaching up into 12-13 percent. These recent rains have been causing test weights to dip,

remaining in the 58-60 pounds per bushel region. Moisture has been varying with these recent rains, although the grain has remained dry enough for harvesting. Now all that is left is to wait for conditions to dry enough for farmers to get combines in the field.

Lewton predicts harvest will be complete next week. They anticipate that they will only receive 30-40 percent of their usual amount of wheat.

Chris Tanner from Norton reports his harvest began on July 4 and will last about another week, barring rain delays. He said harvest is far later than normal and he is fighting weed pressure.

"I'm amazed at the

resiliency of wheat, given what it looked like through the winter," he said, noting that the Westbred variety Grainfield has been doing well for him.

This year's harvest is much better than last year for Tanner, who said this is going to be a "highly average year" for the acres he is able to harvest. Even so, about 30 percent of his wheat was zeroed out due to the drought.

Tanner reports that his test weights have been averaging 61 to 62 pounds per bushel, except for the wheat that was hailed on, which was only in the low 50s. Yields are ranging from 15 to 70 bushels per acre, with an overall farm average anticipated to be

25. Protein is about 13 percent.

It was truly a family wheat harvest with four generations in the field. He was fortunate this year that his son, daughter, son-in-law and 6-month-old granddaughter were able to join him, his brother and his father for this year's harvest.

Evan Lesser, who farms near Palco in Graham County, reports that harvest began on June 26 and he has about 2 days left.

Test weights are ranging from 60 to 64 pounds per bushel and protein measured 15 percent. May rains came a little too late to positively affect yield, but they did help with improving grain fill and test

weights. Yields are ranging from 22 to 50 bushels per acre, depending on which fields caught the rain.

Lesser says yields were much better last year, with his 2022 farm average better than even his highest yields this year. Overall, this has been a disappointing year for his wheat, one of the worst since he started farming in 2010. He does, however, have high hopes for corn and grain sorghum.

He reported that Kansas Wheat Alliance's KS Territory has been an excellent variety for him this year.

Written by Jenna Fiscus with Kansas Wheat

KANSAS WHEAT Wheat Scoop: National Legislation Seeks to Keep the Food in U.S. Food Aid Programs

Neighbors helping neighbors is a Kansas way of life - and it applies not only to combining a wheat field down the road for folks down on their luck, but also to those in need around the world. It was a Kansas farmer who first proposed the idea of sharing grain with countries in dire need nearly 70 years ago. Today, another Kansan - U.S. Representative Tracey Mann - is helping carry that torch by leading legislative efforts to keep the food in now well-established U.S. food aid programs.

"Kansas wheat producers are proud to continue a tradition of championing food aid programs that provide high-quality wheat to those in need,"

said Kansas Wheat CEO Justin Gilpin. "These programs have saved lives and built goodwill all in one simple gesture, and we are proud to support the push to keep the food in food aid."

Peter O'Brien, a young farmer and rancher from Cheyenne County, first suggested donating grain to countries in need during a county meeting in September 1953. Those comments sparked a grassroots movement, leading to the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act in 1954, sponsored by U.S. Senator Any Schoeppel and signed into law by President Dwight D. Eisenhower - both Kansans.

The pillar of today's modern food aid programs was a common goal: provide people in developing countries with a secure food source, and they will do more than survive. As their economies recover and thrive, they become new potential buyers of U.S. exports.

"America's international food aid programs have enjoyed bipartisan support for more

than 65 years because they are simple, effective, and they feed millions of vulnerable people around the world each year," Mann said in a release. "Through these programs, America fortifies our allies, counters the influence of foreign adversaries, creates new markets and trading partners, and stops wars before they start.

For decades, the implementation of food aid programs stayed true to this purpose, purchasing and donating U.S.-grown commodities, like wheat, to countries in need. Wheat has been a staple in the fight against global hunger, accounting for roughly 20 percent of the calories consumed globally. In recent years, however, the programs have shifted to transferring cash and purchasing commodities from foreign competitors with U.S. dollars.

"This shift has diminished transparency and accountability, reduced the procurement and shipment of American-grown food for hungry people, and jeopardized more than six decades of bipartisan support for

our international food aid programs," Mann said.

To correct the course of U.S. food aid programs, Mann, who represents the Big First Congressional District, jointly introduced the "American Farmers Feed the World Act of 2023" with U.S. Representatives John Garamendi (CA-08), Rick Crawford (AR-01), and Jimmy Panetta (CA-19) on June 22.

The legislation seeks to ensure U.S.-grown commodities remain the cornerstone of international food aid by ending the Food for Peace program's utilization of cash transfers overseas - along with restoring transparency, accountability and efficiency to the program.

"The American Farmers Feed the World Act of 2023 supports more Kansas wheat going to more people around the world who are in need," said Brian Linin, U.S. Wheat Associates Board of Directors member, Food Aid Working Group member, and farmer in Goodland. "This legislation is an opportunity to make sure taxpayer dollars are spent in a manner that truly makes

an impact on global hunger. Commodities produced by U.S. farmers should always be the first choice when it comes to international food aid programs."

From casual conversations in St. Francis to press conferences outside the U.S. Congress, the principle of neighbors helping neighbors, particularly by providing secure access to food, remains an ideal Kansans will continue to champion.

"This bill puts a stake in the ground," Mann

said. "It's a noble thing to feed hungry people, and we should use American commodities as we do it."

Learn more about wheat as a source of food security and assistance at <https://www.uswheat.org/policy/food-security-and-assistance/>. Learn more about the American Farmers Feed the World Act of 2023 at <https://www.uswheat.org/american-farmers-feed-the-world-act-of-2023/>.

Written by Julia Debes for Kansas Wheat

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Kids in the Country

Greg Doering, Kansas Farm Bureau

Tent camping in July in Kansas usually isn't on my list of ways to spend a weekend. Yet I recently found myself slowly sinking into an air mattress with a clear view of the stars through a thin mesh canopy, which served as my only protection from the elements. Somehow this ill-advised excursion actually worked out with an overnight low in the

mid-60s. Officially the event was a family reunion of sorts with a couple cousins and a brother at the family ranch. Kids ranging from high school to elementary school were included, of course. Camping simply offered proximity but the real reason we gathered at the ranch was for the amenities like fishing, four-wheeling, swimming, splashing through creeks, catching crawdads and plinking targets.

If you're seeing a bunch of middle-aged men attempting to relive their childhoods while introducing their city-

slicker kids to a distorted view of what country living is like, you've pretty much got the picture. Everyone ended with the same number of fingers and toes they started with. The kids had a fantastic time, as did the old folks who always seemed a step or two behind for some reason.

Outside of sleeping in a tent, we weren't exactly roughing it. My brother obtained a large, enclosed trailer to make transporting all the four-wheelers, kayaks and other fun things easier. It also meant we had plenty of room for provisions, no matter how practical

they were.

Our campsite was on a small patch of lawn, and we arranged our tents in an arc around a small circle of rocks that marked the makeshift cook station and firepit. About 20 yards away was a large barn with electricity and a refrigerator. We still spent a small fortune on ice, which we lugged around in an assortment of coolers.

Amongst all the activity there was a noticeable absence of cell phones among both parents and kids. Other than grabbing the occasional picture or checking the time, everyone found plenty of other

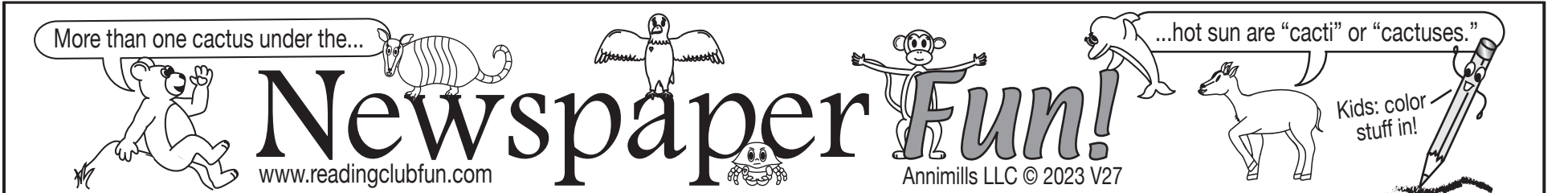
distractions to hold their attention.

When the sun went down, everyone pulled their chairs closer to the fire and the focus of conversation ranged from the old folks rehashing the past to the kids wanting to know more about their grandparents, great grandparents and the ranch in general as coyotes howled in the distance. Everyone stayed up just late enough for the moon to set and clouds to break so we could see a star-filled sky with traces of the Milky Way visible in the background.

For a little over 24 hours nothing existed

outside of our little group. There were no important calls or emails to respond to. No ball games to attend or other responsibilities to worry about. All of us were, briefly, just kids in the country, until we had to load the trailer and head back to reality. But that has its advantages as well. Like a regular mattress, air conditioning and indoor plumbing.

"Insight" is a weekly column published by Kansas Farm Bureau, the state's largest farm organization whose mission is to strengthen agriculture and the lives of Kansans through advocacy, education and service.



Summer is here and that means plenty of sunshine and heat! It has been **hot** and we all want to be **cool**. We want to look cool, do cool things and keep cool while doing them. Have you heard the expression "as cool as a cucumber?" I'm so cool that I get to be the guest host on the page this week while all of the regular animals are chillin' out on vacation. Now *that's* cool!

It's important to keep **your** cool and **yourself** cool during sizzling, hot weather. Fill in the crossword puzzle with things that you can use to keep yourself "as cool as a cucumber."

1. use it to protect your skin from burning
2. your body gives off drops of this to balance its temperature
3. holds liquid for biking and hiking
4. brand name for flavored frozen water on a stick
5. protect your eyes from the harmful rays of the sun
6. swim or float in this to keep cool
7. a gentle wind
8. moves air around
9. when the sun's rays are blocked, we are resting in this
10. cover for the head (bigger is better)
11. large one for the beach can protect your whole family
12. machine controlling temperature and amount of water in the air
13. H₂O - drink plenty of this
14. sweet dessert; frozen cream and eggs

It's Hot! Stay Cool!

1 sunglasses
2 ice cream
3 umbrella
4 hat
5 air conditioner
6 sports bottle
7 sunscreen
8 fan
9 breeze
10 Popsicle®
11 pool
12 water
13 sweat
14 shade

We cacti are keeping cool by wearing our cowboy hats. Can you find and circle 12 words that start with the letter "c"?

I hope the cat doesn't see me!

Check the correct box:
To be as "cool as a cucumber" means to be:
1. calm and relaxed
or
2. rushing and excited

I love the cool greens, blues and purples of the grapes.

Phew! Chitter finished his chores and is sweating. He's ready to sit in the shade with a good book and lemonade. Help him find his cool drink.

Fun, Cool Puzzles

Find nine words that rhyme with "cool" and circle them:

vacation	bicycle	rule
lemonade	picnic	dolphin
stool	swings	school
race	zoo	fool
drool	pool	camping
picnic	park	fort
baseball	you'll	
lake	seesaw	

This is somehow making me feel a bit less crabby!

(Hint: 2 of the words have the same sound, but are not spelled like "cool".)

"Cool" Things to Do, Use or See!

Find and circle these 20 things that are a lot of fun in hot weather:

I like boating and fishing.	computer	movie sprinkler
I like swimming... away that is!	reading	batting cages
	badminton	frisbee golf
	squirt guns	picnicking
	tree house	go-carts
	garden	soccer
	auto show	arcade games
		drive-in
		miniature golf

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(Answers on page 10)

Hilltop Happenings

A THANK YOU FROM KENYA!

We have a dedicated group of residents that gather regularly and make ADORABLE dresses from pillow cases to send to third world countries. This is a labor of love with a purpose – in many under developed/poverty-stricken countries, children are targets for human traffickers. It has been stated that children who look as though they would be missed or call attention to the actions of traffickers, are less likely to be taken. You may remember the fashion show held at Hilltop, which was featured in our paper, and included children and grandchildren of employees and residents as models. We are proud that this project, started by Betty Halderman, along with Judy Link, Don Watkins, and our Activity Director, Clarissa, plays a part in saving lives and making our world a better place! Betty received word and a photo this week from Kenya, expressing their gratitude.

(PS: If you have pillow cases, ribbon or thread to donate, we'd put it to good use!)

HOW TO CHOOSE?

One of the questions that came up when work-



ing on our resident spotlight feature was, how do we choose? Alphabetically? By age? How? We think the

fairest (not to mention EASIEST) way to choose who will be in our spotlight is by going "old school" ... throwing the names in a hat and drawing one out!

THERAPY COMES IN MANY FORMS

When we think of therapy, often our minds go to exercises, stretches, that sort of thing. However, therapy of the four-legged variety is good medicine as well. Pets become family members and when one comes to a facility, it does not mean saying goodbye to these beloved fur babies. Residents who can care for their pets are encouraged to have them, just as they did in their own home setting. If unable to care for their pet, family members are encouraged to bring the pets in for frequent visits. Cuddle therapy is important. Rosie – our facility ambassador – spends time cuddling with several residents and displays her fashion sense daily. Chester, a sweet feline friend, hangs out with his "momma" and get lots of head scratching from staff as well. Other furry friends from time to time have included: Archie, Lady, Sebastian, Luna, Piper, Winston, Susie, the late Jenny (may she rest in peace) and many others over the years.

Until next week – God Bless!

Thurber's Tail.com by Tom Purcell

Bringing a puppy home for the first time is not for the faint of heart.

I quickly learned I was not even close to being prepared for the massive disruption my life was about to experience — a disruption that was caused by one of the most basic needs that every creature has.

Puppies "Go" All Day Long

When I say puppies "go" all day long, I'm not just referring to their incredible energy and playfulness.

I am referring to my

Lab puppy, Thurber's, never-ending capacity to dampen my rug at any moment without warning, dozens of times that first day.

Thurber and I weren't back inside our cozy home more than a few minutes before he crouched down and released a stream of #1 that was larger than most of the tributaries that feed Pittsburgh's mighty Monongahela River.

I didn't want to shout and scare him. I read that yelling would only startle him, affect his happy and

positive spirit and make him mistrust me. It would make him associate the natural need to go #1 with negative emotions.

After doing some research, I followed some tried-and-true potty-training basics.

First, I established a consistent routine for feeding, bathroom breaks and playtime.

Second, I began taking him outside before he had to go. We went out immediately after he'd wake up in the morning or after naps, during and after playing, and after he ate or drank.

At a minimum I took him outside to the area I wanted him to go at least once every hour. I'd give him ample time to do his business and if he didn't go, I'd bring him inside

and, 60 minutes later, rinse and repeat.

Potty Bells to the Rescue

Though these positive techniques helped reduce wet spots on my rug those first few days, they didn't stop them entirely.

While searching for a better solution, I learned about the "hanging bell approach" at the American Kennel Club.

You simply hang a bell next to the door that leads outside. The bell should hang low enough for your puppy to hit it with his nose or paw.

Every time you take him outside to go #1, you bump his nose or paw on the bell.

And every time you catch him in the act of going #1 on your rug, you pick him up, bump his

nose or paw on the bell, then usher him outside to the patch of grass where you want him to go.

Again, when he does go, praise him lavishly, then give him a treat!

The Approach Worked — Sort of!

Much to my shock and amazement, it only took a few days for Thurber to learn to hit the bell with his nose every time he needed to go #1 or #2.

He'd only experience one or two accidents over the next several months.

However, within a few weeks, Thurber was hitting the potty bells 30 to 40 times a day — at the expense of my work, sleep and general wellbeing.

Why did he hit the bells so much?

Because he rightly

concluded that every time he hit the bell, I'd open the door and grant him access to his favorite place: the outside world, which he still loves to sniff and explore.

It was then that I learned another important lesson: If you aren't training your dog, your dog is training you — and I'm not learning as fast as he would like me to!

Visit Tom and Thurber's dog-blog (www.ThurbersTail.com) for entertaining stories and videos that feature the budding social-media star, Thurber the Talking Lab!

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Kingman County Humane Society Pets Ready for Adoption

Blaze

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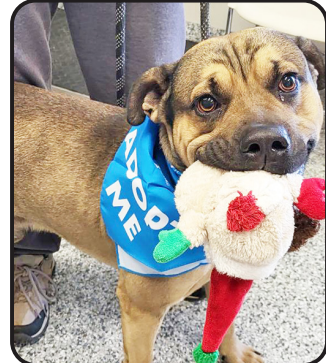


Male Domestic Shorthair
14 pounds
4 years +
\$25.00
Blaze has been at the shelter since July 15, 2023
Blaze is a lap sitter. Very loving but

usually spoiled.

Tony

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Male Pug / Shepherd
57 pounds 3 years
\$180.00

Tony has been at the shelter since January 3, 2023

Holey Moley! I had no idea how much I still have to learn. See, I've mostly been just an outdoor dog. I never had the

chance to go to school like some of the other dogs but I'm excited about some of the new things I'm learning now.

First, there's something called "leash walking". I had no idea! Its kinda tricky but I'm trying to get the hang of it.

And then I found out that jumping up is not an appropriate way to greet a human. You guys are so much taller than me so I was just trying to get a better look at your face but I'm going to try to stop doing that. And how about this thing called "housetraining"? A guys gotta do what a guys gotta do, right?? Wrong! Give me a while on this one. I keep forgetting and its really confusing, especially when you're in a shelter with other dogs and frankly, they are not doing any better than me.....I'm just saying!

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

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

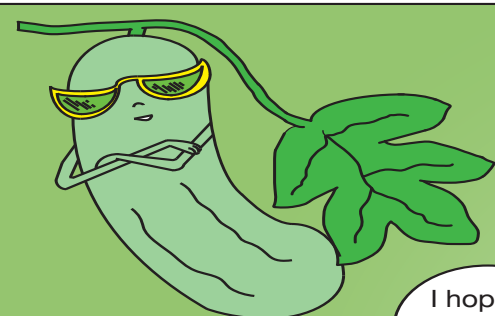
The pets at Kingman County Humane Society are in need of the following items:
13-gal. kitchen trash bags
dry cat and kitten food
clumping cat litter
canned dog food
Purina Puppy Chow
long-lasting chews
stainless steel flat-sided water buckets

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



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

It's Hot! Stay Cool!



It's very cool to keep your cool and yourself "as cool as a cucumber" during sizzling, hot weather.

Words that rhyme with cool:
fool, stool, pool, drool, tool, school, spool, you'll, rule.

I hope the cat doesn't see me!



1 SUNGLASSES
2 POOL
3 SHADE
4 ICECREAM
5 UNCLE
6 POOL
7 B
8 F
9 SHADE
10 HAT
11 UMBRELLA
12 ICECREAM
13 W
14 ICECREAM

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Fun, Cool Puzzles

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ANLPUFCVVPPIHGRFEDCB A T K U G D I O
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Minutes from Kingman County Commission

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moved to approve the consulting services agreement with Schwab Eaton for RS363-RS2025 Hot Mix Surface Overlay Program with a net fee of \$9,800.00 and the upper limit of compensation for the services detailed is \$80,500.00. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf submitted a contract for consulting services for project RS 607 and RS 361 asphalt overlay.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the consulting service agreement with Schwab Eaton for RS 607 and RS 361 asphalt overlay with a net fee of \$10,300.00 and the upper limit of compensation for the services detailed is \$86,500.00. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf submitted the agreement between the Secretary of Transportation and Kingman County for project no. 48 C-5230-01 to be approved.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the agreement between Secretary of Transportation and Kingman County Project No. 48 C-5230-01. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf let the Commissioners know that the parking west of the Law Enforcement Center will have to remain as parallel parking as semis can't make the corner if it was angled

parking.

Mr. Arensdorf presented yearly solid waste hauling permits from T & W Meats Co.; Stutzman Refuse Disposal, Inc; Nisly Brothers, Inc; Waste Connections Inc. and TW Rolloffs.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the solid waste agreement with T & W Meats Co.

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

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Mr. Bachenberg gave an update on the FLAP project and that things are not moving. Commissioners would like for Mr. Bachenberg to apply for the next project with a 50% match.

Ted Lukens; Steve Simon; Cheryl Simon; Gwen Kelly; Ed Miller were in to discuss an

opened road that has been locked by a landowner and landowners cannot get to their property.

Ted Lukens was in to discuss the gate on a township road that is an open road.

Mr. Lukens talked about road and asked if it could be maintained.

Ms. Kelly asked if the gate could just be taken out.

Commissioners discussed the road but could not give advice on what they should do.

If the township road has never been closed and is an open road it should be maintained.

Ms. Kelly, Mr. Lukens, Mr. Simon, Ms. Simon, Mr. Miller left the meeting at 11:43 a.m.

Chairman Henning gave the Commissioners an update on the HVAC for the Health Department/Extension office and a phone call that he had received.

Chairman Henning discussed the history of the correspondence between the City and County for Dispatch and EMS services.

Commissioners went over a letter received from the City of Kingman on Friday, July 14, 2023 in regards to Dispatch and EMS wanting a response by July 19, 2023.

Carol Noblit, County Clerk submitted a quote from Postalocity for the mailing of the RNR notices to taxpayers.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the quote from Postalocity in the amount of \$7270.01 for RNR mailing. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 12:40 p.m. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

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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 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.

NOTICE

Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. §1692c(b), no information concerning the collection of this debt may be given without the prior consent of the consumer given directly to the debt collector or the express permission of a court of competent jurisdiction. The debt collector is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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Social Security Celebrates the Americans With Disabilities Act

This year, we celebrate 33 years of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and its importance to many beneficiaries. We're committed to the principles and spirit of the ADA, and the way it improves the lives of millions. Matt's story is an example of how the ADA and our Ticket to Work (Ticket) Program can help beneficiaries achieve their career goals.

As a job seeker who is deaf and needs accommodations, Matt was reluctant to tell prospective employers about his disability. He worried that employers would not hire him if they knew about his disability.

That's when Matt connected with our Ticket Program. This program supports career development for people ages 18 to 64 who receive Social Security disability benefits and want to work. Through this free and voluntary program, approved service providers offer supports and services as participants move toward financial independence through work.

Matt learned how his employment might affect his benefits. He also learned that our Medicare-related work incentive allows him to pursue a career without worrying about health care coverage.

If Matt's disability interfered with work, he could return to receiving benefits without having to file a new application through the expedited re-

instatement process.

Matt now works full-time as a human resource analyst. Thanks to the ADA, he received accommodations for the interview process and on the job. He also found that the Ticket Program helped him find a path to a better future. You can learn more about the Ticket Program at www.choosework.ssa.gov.

Our online booklet, Your Ticket to Work: What You Need to Know to Keep it Working for You found at www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10062.pdf, provides detailed information about the program.

You can learn more about Matt's story at www.choosework.ssa.gov/library/matt-success-story.

One year, I decided to buy my mother-in-law a cemetery plot as a Christmas gift... The next year, I didn't buy her a gift. When she asked me why, I replied, "Well, you still haven't used the gift I bought you last year!" And that's how the fight started.

Kingman County Sheriff's Report

Sunday, July 16

Traffic Stop	2
Miscellaneous	120 N Spruce, Kingman
Recovered Property	120 N Spruce, Kingman
Follow Up	600 Blk E 2nd Ave, Norwich
Abandoned Vehicle	SE 150 Ave & SE 60 St, Norwich
Damage to Property	NW 30 Ave & NW 10 St, Kingman
Theft	SW 150 St & SW 150 Ave, Nashville
Disabled Vehicle	13000 E Hwy 2, Norwich
Follow Up	16000 Blk W K42 Hwy, Nashville
Domestic	4000 Blk SE 150 Ave, Cheney
Disturbance	750 W D Ave, Kingman

Monday, July 17

Traffic Stop	2
Medical	200 Blk N Sunflower Dr, Kingman
Medical	120 N Spruce, Kingman
Animal Complaint	SW 70 St & SW 60 Ave, Spivey
Return Property	120 North Spruce, Kingman
Follow Up	120 North Spruce, Kingman
Medical	120 North Spruce, Kingman
Traffic Complaint	E Hwy 54 & NE 60 Ave, Kingman
Suspicious Vehicle	NE 100 Ave & N Hwy 14, Murdock

Tuesday, July 18

Damage to Property	2000 Blk SE 10 St, Kingman
Check Welfare	300 Blk N Vail, Spivey
Traffic Complaint	N Hwy 14 & NE 20 St, Kingman
Burglary	13000 SE Main Ave, Rago
Miscellaneous	120 N Spruce, Kingman
Check Welfare	13000 W Hwy 54, Cunningham
Traffic Complaint	8000 E Hwy 42, Rago
Animal Complaint	2000 W Hwy 54, Kingman

Wednesday, July 19

Traffic Stop	1
Civil Paper Process	1
Disabled Vehicle	4000 E Hwy 54, Kingman
Transport Prisoner	120 N Spruce, Kingman
Warrant Arrest	130 N Spruce, Kingman
Trespassing / Arrest	200 Blk S Main St, Nashville
Harassment	14000 Blk SW 130 Ave, Zenda
Miscellaneous	16000 Blk W Hwy 42, Nashville
Warrant Arrest	SW 90 Ave & W Hwy 54, Kingman

Thursday, July 20

Traffic Stop	1
Civil Paper Process	3
Non-Injury Accident	SE 60 St & SE 90 Ave, Murdock
Trespassing	200 S Main St, Nashville
Trespassing	13000 Blk SW 80th Ave, Zenda
Transport Prisoner to Court	130 N Spruce, Kingman
Domestic	400 Blk S Main St, Norwich
Disturbance	200 Blk S Spruce St, Penalosa
Check Welfare	1300 Blk W D Ave, Kingman
Disturbance	2000 Blk SE Viney Ave, Murdock
911 Accidental Dial	12000 SE 20 St, Murdock

Friday, July 21

Traffic Stop	17
Civil Paper Service	1
Abandoned Vehicle	8000 Blk E Hwy 54, Murdock
Abandoned Vehicle	3000 Blk E Hay 54, Kingman
Trespass	200 Blk S Main St, Nashville
Follow Up	16000 W Hwy 42, Nashville
Check Welfare	11000 Blk SW 70 St, Cunningham
Traffic Complaint	SE 50 St & S Hwy 14, Kingman
Theft	400 S Main St, Norwich
Check Welfare	800 Blk NE 20 Ave, Kingman
Miscellaneous	200 S Elliott St, Cunningham
Abandoned Vehicle	7000 Blk W Hwy 54, Kingman
Disabled Vehicle	6000 Blk E Hwy 54, Kingman
Found Property	13000 Blk E Hwy 54, Cheney
Disabled Vehicle	NE 100 Ave & E Hwy 54, Cheney
911 Accidental Dial	300 Blk W C Ave, Kingman

Saturday, July 8

Traffic Stop	4
Civil Paper Process	5
Miscellaneous	200 Blk S Main St, Nashville
Follow Up	400 Blk S Main St, Norwich
Suspicious Person	SE10 Ave & SE 150 St, Kingman
Smoke Investigation	400 W 1st St, Cunningham
Driving Complaint	E Hwy 54 & NE 150 Ave, Cheney

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of
LERADO CEMETERY
RENO COUNTY

will meet on August 15, 2023 at 8:00 PM at Penolosa Community Center 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 is available at Penolosa Community Center and will be available at this hearing.

SUPPORTING COUNTIES
RENO COUNTY (home county) KINGMAN COUNTY

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 2022		Current Year Estimate for 2023		Proposed Budget Year 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	20,897	2.681	44,359	2.634	48,183	18,856	2.582
Equipment							
Totals	20,897	2.681	44,359	2.634	48,183	18,856	2.582
Revenue Neutral Rate**							
Less: Transfers	0		0		0		
Net Expenditures	20,897		44,359		48,183		
Total Tax Levied	18,858		18,856		XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX		
Assessed Valuation:	7,007,018		7,157,789		7,301,827		

Outstanding Indebtedness, Jan 1, 2021, 2022, 2023

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**Revenue Neutral Rate as defined by KSA 79-2988

Zella Jacobs, Treasurer
Zella Jacobs

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of
CITY OF PENALOSA

will meet on August 7, 2023 at 7:00 PM at Penolosa Community Bldg. for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of ad valorem tax. Detailed budget information is available at Penolosa Community Bldg. 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	Estimate Tax Rate*
General	9,120	13.601	11,410	13.532	12,437	3,294	12.696
Special Highway	1,000		2,848		2,808		
Totals	10,120	13.601	14,258	13.532	15,245	3,294	12.696
Revenue Neutral Rate**							
Less: Transfers	0		0		0		
Net Expenditure	10,120		14,258		15,245		
Total Tax Levied	3,294		3,294		XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX		
Assessed Valuation	242,195		243,409		259,415		

Outstanding Indebtedness, Jan 1, 2021, 2022, 2023

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Ben Oak
City Official Title: Councilman
Ben Oak

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of
DRESDEN-RURAL CEMETERY
KINGMAN COUNTY

will meet on August 15, 2023 at 8:00 PM at Rural Township Building 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 is available at Rural Township Building and will be available at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget 2024 Expenditures and Amount of 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 2022		Current Year Estimate for 2023		Proposed Budget Year 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	18,053	1.484	43,309	1.287	63,305	32,042	1.333
Equipment							
Totals	18,053	1.484	43,309	1.287	63,305	32,042	1.333
Revenue Neutral Rate**							
Less: Transfers	0		0		0		
Net Expenditures	18,053		43,309		63,305		
Total Tax Levied	32,011		32,026		XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX		
Assessed Valuation	21,570,446		27,998,989		24,033,692		

Outstanding Indebtedness, Jan 1, 2021, 2022, 2023

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Bernie Albers
CEN TREASURER
Bernie Albers

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of
DRESDEN TOWNSHIP
KINGMAN COUNTY

will meet on August 12, 2023 at 7:00 PM at Dresden Township Hall for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of ad valorem tax. Detailed budget information is available at Dresden Township Hall and will be available at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget 2024 Expenditures and Amount of 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 2022		Current Year Estimate 2023		Proposed Budget 2024		
	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2023 Ad Valorem Tax	Proposed Estimated Tax Rate*
General	8,315	0.683	16,751	0.576	17,259	12,166	0.694
Road	111,003	8.097	167,351	6.728	167,351	110,934	6.949
Special Machinery							
Totals	119,318	8.780	184,102	7.304	184,610	123,101	7.643
Funds Supported by Township Only - Revenue Neutral Rate**							
Less: Transfers	28,736		0		0		
Net Expenditure	90,582		184,102		184,610		
Total Tax Levied	122,920		122,920		XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX		
Total Assessed Valuation	16,722,010		19,615,460		17,526,861		
Township Assessed Valuation Only					15,964,986		

Outstanding Indebtedness, Jan 1, 2021, 2022, 2023

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John Hoffman
Township Treasurer
John Hoffman

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of
CITY OF NASHVILLE

will meet on August 14, 2023 at 7:30 PM at Nashville Community Center for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of ad valorem tax. Detailed budget information is available at Nashville Community Center 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	Estimate Tax Rate*
General	37,274	34.819	31,747	28.145	31,748	16,538	36.138
Special Highway			2,762		3,163		
Sewer	10,071		18,000		18,000		
Fire	10,662		38,139		34,005		
Totals	58,007	34.819	82,648	28.145	86,916	16,538	36.138
Revenue Neutral Rate**							
Less: Transfers	4,500		4,500		4,500		
Net Expenditure	53,507		78,148		82,416		
Total Tax Levied	16,539		16,539		XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX		
Assessed Valuation	474,980		587,638		457,647		

Outstanding Indebtedness, Jan 1, 2021, 2022, 2023

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**Revenue Neutral Rate as defined by 2021 Kansas Senate Bill 13

Donna Clough
City Official Title: Mayor
Donna Clough

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of
KINGMAN TOWNSHIP
KINGMAN COUNTY

will meet on August 16, 2023 at Kingman Township Hall for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of ad valorem tax. Detailed budget information is available at Kingman Township Hall and will be available at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget 2024 Expenditures and Amount of 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 2022		Current Year Estimate 2023		Proposed Budget 2024		
	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2023 Ad Valorem Tax	Proposed Estimated Tax Rate*
General	5,741	2.448	7,324	2.461	7,324	6,551	2.813
Road	54,896	22.458	77,225	25.445	78,163	67,697	29.085
Special Machinery							
Totals	60,637	24.906	84,549	27.906	85,487	74,248	31.900
Revenue Neutral Rate**							
Less: Transfers	8,700		0		0		
Net Expenditure	51,937		84,549		85,487		
Total Tax Levied	65,908		74,244		XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX		
Assessed Valuation:	2,646,229		2,660,520		2,327,526		

Outstanding Indebtedness, Jan 1, 2021, 2022, 2023

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**Revenue Neutral Rate as defined by KSA 79-2988

Abby Beck
Township Treasurer
Abby Beck

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of
RURAL TOWNSHIP
KINGMAN COUNTY

will meet on August 15, 2023 at 8:00 PM at Rural Township Bldg. for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of ad valorem tax. Detailed budget information is available at Rural Township Bldg. and will be available at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget 2024 Expenditures and Amount of 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 2022		Current Year Estimate 2023		Proposed Budget 2024		
	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2023 Ad Valorem Tax	Proposed Estimated Tax Rate*
General	41,357	6.424	44,362	5.998	45,963	40,403	6.209
Road	208,426	18.032	94,128	16.640	94,128	83,702	18.137
Special Machinery	35,016						
Totals	284,799	14.456	138,490	12.638	140,091	124,105	24.346
Funds Supported by Township Only - Revenue Neutral Rate**							
Less: Transfers	10,000		0		0		
Net Expenditure	274,799		138,490		140,091		
Total Tax Levied	124,053		124,060		XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX		
Total Assessed Valuation	7,881,916		8,383,529		5,207,031		
Township Assessed Valuation Only					4,614,910		

Outstanding Indebtedness, Jan 1, 2021, 2022, 2023

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Gary Steneker
Township Justice
Gary Steneker

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Marilyn Mavity

Marilyn Ruth FitzSimmons-Mavity of Cunningham, Kansas, left us for her rocking chair in heaven during the early morning hours of Sunday, July 23, 2023. Marilyn was born on October 20, 1944, to Harold and Vivian (Brady) DeWeese in Kingman, Kansas. She was raised on her parent's farm southeast of Cunningham along with her 4 siblings, Dwane (Sue) DeWeese of Pratt, Dale (Janet) DeWeese of Cunningham, Jeanie (Eddie) Tharp of Pratt, and Ruth (Roy) Gamboa also of Pratt.



Marilyn was a 1962 graduate of Cunningham High School and received her master's in early childhood education from Emporia State University. During her school years, Marilyn fell in love with her first husband, Lynn D. FitzSimmons. Following the wedding, Lynn and Marilyn lived in Pratt for a short time before moving to the FitzSimmons Homestead in eastern Pratt County where they farmed. From Lynn and Marilyn's marriage came their three children, Dennis (Kristi) FitzSimmons - Pratt, KS; Leann (Robert) Barnes - Pratt, KS; and Barbara (Scott) Glenn of Arcadia, OK. In 1999, Marilyn married her second husband Jay F. Mavity and gained a second son, Mark (Maria) Mavity of Cunningham, KS. In the last decade, Marilyn and Jay adopted a 3rd son, Daniel Shea of Cunningham, KS.

Marilyn was a lifelong Cunningham resident and played many roles throughout her life. From the loving mother and grandmother her family will remember her as, to a prominent businesswoman. Marilyn taught kindergarten in Pratt briefly then ran a preschool out of her home on the farm during the 70's and 80's. She continued to hold every single one of her preschoolers dear to her heart. Marilyn was extremely active in the church her whole life, from teaching Sunday school, spearheading Vacation Bible School for decades, and leading adult Bible studies in her later years. Marilyn and her husband, Jay, founded 4-C Childcare in Cunningham and the Cunningham Hands of Hope food bank ministry. Marilyn and Jay also played an extremely important role in starting the now defunct Civil Air Patrol Squadron at Cunningham High School.

Besides her family, Marilyn's pride and joy was the FitzSimmons Insurance Agency she founded in 1987, on the back porch of the farmhouse. Thirty-five years later, she still ruled it with an iron fist from her recliner, even after passing it on to the next generation. Over the years, Marilyn greatly enjoyed talking with all her customers, adjusters, company reps, and underwriters, with many becoming life-long friends. She took great pleasure in protecting the livelihood of farmers across the state.

Marilyn was preceded in death by her parents; husbands, Lynn and Jay; her brother, Dale; brother-in-law, Eddie Tharp; and beloved furry companions, Albert and Eddie.

Survivors include her children and spouses, Dennis, Kristi, Leann, Robert, Barbara, Scott, Mark, Maria, and Dan; and grandchildren, Brandon, Spencer, and Jayden McNerny, Shelby FitzSimmons-Dirks, Kari FitzSimmons, Micheal and Tyler Glenn, and Jon and Jack Shaffer. Marilyn also had two very special great grandchildren, Presley and Stetson Dirks, along with numerous nieces and nephews. Marilyn and her family would also like to mention her special "Crop Insurance Kids" Alan, Kendall, and Gerald whom she worked with for many years.

Visitation will be Friday, July 28, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. with family present from 5:00 - 7:00 PM at Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt. Services will be at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, July 29, 2023 at the Cunningham Christian Church, with Pastor Mike McGovney presiding. Burial and graveside services will follow at Maud Cemetery in rural Cunningham. Memorials may be made to the 4-C Child Care Center or West Kingman County Education Foundation Alumni Scholarship, in care of Larrison Mortuary.

Online condolences may be left at www.larrison-mortuary.com.

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Giles Thissen

Giles J. Thissen, 85, entered eternity with Jesus Christ and was reunited with his beloved Pat on July 24, 2023.

Giles was born July 17, 1938, to John R. & Margaret (Gerber) Thissen in Kingman, KS. He was raised on the family farm with siblings James, Mary Ann, and Paul. Giles graduated from Kingman High School and then attended Pratt Community College. He thoroughly enjoyed planning, organizing, and attending KHS Reunions for the Class of 1956.

On June 6, 1959, he was united in Holy Matrimony to Patricia McHenry at Saint Louis Catholic Church in Waterloo, Kansas. She preceded him in death on May 22, 2023, and he spent the past nine weeks looking forward to the day he would see her again. They were married 64 years and shared a passion for their faith and family. As a lifelong parishioner of St. Patrick Catholic Church, Giles was involved as an extraordinary Eucharistic Minister, lector, choir member, First Friday devotee, Adoration Chapel devotee, 4th Degree Knights of Columbus member, served on the Financial Council, volunteered for many jobs around the parish, and was a constant witness of the faith he lived every day of his life. He was a kind and gentle man, and an exemplary role model for his children.

In addition to the family farm, Giles always had employment in Kingman. Through the years, he worked for Don Dye Co., Safeway Food Stores, Dixon's LLC, and Neville Welding Inc. He was a member of the National Guard from 1956 through 1968. In his later years, he served on the Kingman Council for Aging.

Left to cherish Giles' memory are daughter Joyce Lies (Brian) and their children, Bradley, Jennifer Goering (Brad), and Jerrod; son John (Kelli) and their children, Chelsi Myer (Mitch) and Camron (Karenah); and son Joseph (Ji) and their children, Raleigh and Camellia; 10 great-grandchildren; sister-in-law Judy Thissen, many nieces, nephews, and cousins. Giles was preceded in death by his wife, parents, siblings, sister-in-law Harlean Thissen, brother-in-law Jerry Utter, and infant great-grandchildren Lydia Myer and Ryker Goering.

Attending auctions, working in his woodshop, and fishing were favorite past-times of Giles, as well as traveling to share in his grandchildren's activities. He was also an avid photographer in his younger years.

Parish and Knights of Columbus Rosary will be held at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Kingman on Sunday, July 30, at 5:30 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will also be held at St. Patrick Church beginning at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, July 31. Friends may call 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Sunday, July 30, 2023 at Livingston Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Giles' memory to St. Patrick Catholic Grade School or The W Place at Meadowlark care facility in Kingman, both in care of Livingston Funeral Home, 1830 N. Main, Kingman.



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Norwich- Thursday, August 3rd from 1:30pm-4:00pm

Friendship meals free blood pressure checks at the senior center- Wednesday, August 9th from 11:00am-12:00pm.

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!

Ways I Exercise My Brain

by Lyn Perry

Julie already posted about brain health. I want to take a slightly different approach today by highlighting a few ways I (Lyndon) exercise my brain. Basically, I'll talk about a few hobbies that are not only fun but are also beneficial for my neural pathways.

Like many people, I enjoy puzzles - not the jigsaw kind, although those are an entertaining holiday activity for me. I like word puzzles. USA Today has a bunch of them online. But my favorite - and yes, I've jumped on the bandwagon - is Wordle.

Oh, and no lie, I guessed the right word in one try a few weeks back. Here's the untampered proof! (My general strategy, by the way, is to use the same 3 or 4 words to start the puzzle off every day, lol.)

Also, did you know there is an Antiwordle game? The goal is to see how many tries you can take without guessing the word! Give it a shot. Harder than it seems. A fun alternative to the word games is Worldle - where you guess the country. Again, harder than it looks.

I was also into Sudoku awhile back, but filled in all the books I'd bought and can't get into doing it online for whatever reason. I need to buy another few puzzle books as I seem to yearn for a physical paperback at times. Call me old fashioned.

What are some of your favorite games - either online or in a puzzle book? Comment below. Any other ways you keep your brain active? There are unlimited possibilities, probably. But let me share just one more.

As you know, Julie and I are semi-retired. Which mostly means we work part time online on our own schedule. I write, but I also teach conversational English via an online platform to students from around the world. It's a great time of social interaction. I learn a lot about culture, food, travel, etc. Being fairly outgoing, I just enjoy talking with people in general.

One of the first questions I ask those who I meet online is why they are learning English. Some need to brush up on their skills for work, some need it for school. But the vast majority are learning English for their own personal benefit. It's good for their brain, many tell me. I bet it is!

Learning a new language exercises the brain. That's one reason we moved to Puerto Rico, so that we might be a bit more intentional in our Spanish language acquisition. It's slow going for me, so I need to step up my commitment to learn Spanish. Not only will it benefit me here in PR, but it's good for my brain health long term.

Happy Birthday, Jesse McGinnis!

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