

#### Minutes from Kingman County Commission

Chairman Henning called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. August 28, 2023, in the County Commissioners room at the Kingman County Courthouse.

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; Roger Powell; Dianne Powell; Jim Sullivan; Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director; Bill Madzey; Linda Madzey; Melissa Thimesch, Extension Agent; Jon Wollen, City Commissioner and four other county taxpayers.

Online Visitors: Tammy; Heather Kinsler; Caller 01-Caller 06; Chrissy Bartel; L. Kelly; Adrian Harrel; Shanna Henry; Sarah Carroll, Invenergy; Luke Hagedorn, Invenergy; Tyler Mowbray.

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

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

Chairman Henning would like to add

EMS discussion.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers

moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Jon Wollen, City Commissioner was in to discuss the Economic Development Director position and the importance of it and what it is accomplishing.

Mr. Wollen discussed the dispatch and EMS with the Commissioners and that communication is important to have between the two entities.

Chairman Henning discussed his concerns about dispatch and the charges.

Commissioner Thimesch said he had some ideas that he will go over with the Board and asked Mr. Wollen if he could come back at 9:15 a.m.

Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/ Wastewater Director was in with the Outpost business owners (Roger and Dianne Powell).

Mr. & Mrs. Powell were in to discuss the covenance for that area and they presented a petition to the Commissioners.

The petition had over 400 signatures of people saying they are for the Outpost.

Mrs. Powell discussed local musicians perform at the Outpost and they set the hours from 8-10 p.m.

Mr. Goetz and the Commissioners discussed making sure that the music isn't too loud.

Mr. Powell let them know that he checks the decibels to make sure they are not too loud.

Chairman Henning recessed the County Commission meeting at 9:00

Chairman Henning called the Revenue Neutral Rate Hearing at 9:00 a m

Jim Sullivan discussed his taxes down south of Norwich and that he thought he was suppose to get a tax cut for building in Kingman County.

Commissioners discussed that the NRP (Neighborhood Revitalization Program) has to be done before the home is built.

Commissioners discussed the raise in valuations on property and the process.

Chairman Henning presented the Revenue Neutral Rate resolution to the

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve Resolution 2023-R14, A RESOLUTION OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS TO LEVY A PROPERTY TAX RATE EXCEEDING THE REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The Roll Call Vote was as follows:

Commissioner Thimesch YES

Commissioner Elpers YES

Chairman Henning YES

Total Votes: three for Yes and zero for No.

Revenue Neutral Rate hearing was closed at 9:43 a.m. by Chairman Henning.

9:43 a.m. Chairman Henning opened the County Budget Hearing.

LaDawn Stegman presented the 2024 Budget Final copy for approval.

Chairman Henning discussed the EMS contract.

Commissioner Thimesch presented taking over the police, EMS and Economic Development Director and use Wind farm monies to pay for it.

Commissioners discussed the presented proposal

City Commissioner Jon Wollen let the Commissioners know that was a bold idea.

Mr. Wollen left the meeting at 10:13 a.m.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the 2024 County Budget. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Henning moved to close the Budget Hearing at 10:21 a.m.

Chairman Henning reconvened the County Commission meeting at 10:21 a.m.

Sarah Carroll, Invenergy; Luke Hagedorn, Invenergy were online to discuss Flat Ridge IV & V agreements to be signed.

Commissioners discussed the agreements and asked if there was going to be a contribution.

Ms. Carroll let the Commissioners know that they have made donations to the community and have no plans of a contribution with these documents.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the Road Access & Repair Agreement for Flat Ridge 4 & 5. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the Commercial Wind Farm Decommissioning and Pilot Contribution agreement for Flat Ridge 4 & 5. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve Resolution 2023-R15, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ASSIGNMENT/TRANSFER OF THE FLAT RIDGE 4 AND FLAT RIDGE 5 WIND PROJECTS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED BY KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS TO PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF OKLAHOMA, AN OKLAHOMA CORPORATION. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The County Clerk submitted the August 21, 2023, Commission meeting minutes for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the August 21, 2023, Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session with Carol Noblit, County Clerk and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor at 11:35 a.m. to discuss an individual employee's request for leave pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act for discussion of non-elected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual to be discussed, and they will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 11:41 a.m.

Commissioners returned to open session at 11:41 a.m.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the leave of an employee. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 11:55 a.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

#### County Commission Attendance Notice

A majority of a quorum of the Board of County Commissioners of Kingman, County, Kansas may be in attendance at the Kingman City Commission Meeting on September 14, 2023 at 7:00 p.m The meeting will be held at the Kingman City Hall, 324 N Main, Kingman, KS 67068. No action will be taken on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners at this event.





Junior High Cheer Squad pictured cheering on those JH Wildcats in a recent game. Pictured (not in any order) are

Kourtni Fischer, Mackley Glenn, Maelyn Jump, Raven Koester, Carly McGuire, Vaughn Preisser, Keyonna Huffman, Lux Thimesch, Andi Young

(photo by Molly Morgan)

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#### Meanderings

I didn't save myself much meandering room this week. I started a column, but technology issues took the 'umpf' right out of my writing motivation... what little I had..

It is getting late and the paper is ready to email to the printer except for this column. (not unusual). It is also 10:40 on Tuesday evening and I need to have there by 11:00 or 11:30.

For those of you who aren't in the media game, a story a couple of weeks ago in the Hutch paper said that Gannett Publishing sold their printing operations to Cherry Media.

Not sure how that is going to effect (affect?) us. I've contacted three people. I've not heard back and probably won't until they want to let me know they are raising the prices

Last week the papers were printed until after 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

That makes it late when I get home and I have to scramble to get them folded and labeled. Very frustrating.

The young lady I talked to said she didn't think things would change much except they have more papers to print. We shall see what tomorrow brings.

mga

I spent a couple of hours in Kingman yesterday running errands in the rain. I parked in front of The Brick Road Coffee shop down on south Main, and walked across to the chiropractor.

Mary, the friendly receptionest commented on an injured bird outside the door.

I had just come through that door, and I certainly didn't see it.

But we peeked outside and there it was.... a rather large pigeon all hunkered down in a little fluffled out heap.

I probably didn't notice it because I was just minding my business, thinking about everything I needed to get done that day.

Long story short, Rudy and Mary got a box with a towel in it. I picked up the bird with almost no resistance.

It nestled down into the towel. I closed up the box and left it in my car, went back to get my adjustment.

Before heading into The Brick Road Coffee and Craft Shop, I checked on the bird, and wondered what I was going to do with it.

Longer story shorter-I visited with my niece and headed back out to the car

I needed gas.

I stopped at the convenience store, checked on the bird. Then came up with the idea to take it to Swaney Vet Clinic.

I didn't know if they could help us, but it was worth a try.

When I walked in, Sherry seemed a bit suspicious because I said, "I was downtown minding my own business."

But she laughed, "We still have the cat you brought us a couple of weeks ago! What do you have now?"

I explained. She said to bring the bird in.

They were happy to take it from me. And I left it there in good hands.

I hope it isn't too badly injured or sick. Poor thing,

Always reading, and currently reading, "The Twynning" by Terence Blacker, Roberta

"Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus" -Mo Willems

### Tallgrass and Tumbleweeds by Gaille Pike

Dear Readers,

It's good to be home! Unloading the car we'd been working out of for weeks was quite a chore, yet compared to unpacking my experiences and selecting which story to share today was way more daunting. I enjoy road-trips and even when I'm working, usually have fun wherever I go. I was looking forward to returning to Long

Island, NY but I knew getting around might not be a picnic.

I could run my finger down a straight 6 mile line between our filming location (Point A) and our hotel (Point B) but I knew that not going to be like running into Hays from Victoria. If you ask any Long Islander how far is Point A from Point B, they will answer you not in miles but in minutes (or hours.) That's because if this roughly 120 mile long strip of land were a state, it would rank Number One in population density.

To put this in a little perspective, Long Island's 1401 square miles roughly equals the area of Western KS's Lane and Scott Counties combined. The 2020 census puts Lane County's population per square mile at 2.2 and Scott County at 7.2. I can't explain what a point-2 human is. But if you live in or have driven in Western KS, you don't need your toes to do verify the government's head count. There are no such wide empty spaces on Long Island. Per square mile, 5,859.5 New Yorkers told

the 2020 census they call Long Island home. Get the picture? Of course you do. Getting anywhere takes time. I did not expect it to be easy. But armed with patience, a car full of cell phones and a production crew that had all grown up on Long Island, I DID expect our commute to be the least aggravating part of our work days.

By the time we wrapped up filming, we could all laugh about the fact that we never once took the same route twice. It's not because we can't follow direc-

tions or that my brain is wired to always turn left even when I'm told to turn right. Or that there were accidents or detours or lots of bad traffic. The only way to explain what happened on every trip between Points A and B is that every GPS application took us to the Twilight Zone of twisted paths. The neighborhoods we meandered through were real enough though with houses lit up in the wee hours of both morning and night. When I mentioned that living in such proximity to others was not my cup

of tea, one of my colleagues reminded me that to those who live here, "It's home." Keeping that in mind eased some of the tension caused by our "whimsical" navigation but I laughed with relief every time we got where we needed to be.

So it wasn't a cinch, nor was it a snap, but we got the job done. And there truly is no place like home.

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



# Adventures in Baseball

Jackie Mundt, Pratt County farmer and rancher

I am not a great lover of sports, but I have always enjoyed America's favorite pastime: baseball. My uncle regularly took us to watch the Brewers play at the old County Stadium in Milwaukee. Game days were long because we lived three hours from the stadium, but we never complained.

We were the first wave of die-hard Sausage Race speculators. We enjoyed pitching changes because there was always hope the relief pitcher would ride the Harley Davidson to the mound instead of walking. The rousing rendition of "Take Me Out to the Ballgame," followed by "Roll Out the Barrels" during the seventh-inning stretch were sacred. And if the Brewers hit a homerun, Bernie Brewer would slide into his giant frosted mug to celebrate. County Stadium's fan experience made me a life-long fan

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Since the pandemic, we hadn't been to a new baseball stadium, which has slowed our effort to visit all the MLB stadiums. I planted the seed earlier this summer that we should go east to see some parks. Planning a vacation that requires plane tickets is a bit like spinning a roulette wheel when you live on a farm.

It is hard for a farmer to commit with confidence but after some persuasion I got a tentative yes to make refundable plans for a whirlwind four-day weekend, to see three parks in three cities and prayed for rain.

Our first stop was Philadelphia, home of the cheesesteak. On principle, I committed to only eating cheesesteaks while there and was not disappointed by a Segway tour of cheesesteak restaurants. In all, we tried five including the original Pat's and sampled the Philly Taco (full cheesesteak wrapped in a large slice of pizza) eating challenge. When we couldn't eat anymore, we made our way to Citizen's Bank Park to watch the defending World Series Champion Phillies take on the Cardinals. We always root for the home team (unless the Royals or Brewers are in town). We joined in the excitement every time the home team hit a home run to ring the giant LED Liberty Bell. Overall, this was the best stadium of our trip without a bad seat in the house and a great fan experience. I also got to try the "new this season" stadium offering, a cheesesteak egg roll.

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A few quick train rides took us to Citi Field in Queens, home of the Mets. Several years ago we watched the Royals at Yankee stadium and were disappointed in the lackluster fan experience, which landed the park at the bottom of my list. I was nervous the Mets would be the same, but I was wrong. Watching for

the homerun Big Apple and catching the view from Shea Bridge are a few of their fun customs. We ended up sitting amongst Angels fans having a blast cheering their team to victory. Citi Field had the best food of the parks we visited; I highly recommend the loaded fries.

The famous Fenway Park in Boston was our last stop. The park's unique design, featuring the giant "Green Monster" wall, is because the park couldn't expand the outfield because of buildings around the stadium. Nostalgia hit me hard when we entered the park as I am pretty sure it hasn't really been updated over the years; it took me back to the baseball games of my childhood. Our favorite

here were the fans; they had so much pride in their team and stadium.

Baseball games are great for family bonding and great memories; every park has its own culture, history and ambiance. We're halfway through the list and I can't wait to plan our next baseball adventure.

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#### Jimmy Buffett Was a Super-Spreader of Happiness

There's a reason the name "Jimmy Buffett"

elicits immediate joy in the hearts of millions: happiness contagion.

A study conducted by Harvard University and the University of California followed 5,000 people for 20 years to determine if happiness was contagious.

The study's finding: it most certainly is.

If you smile at a stranger as you hold a door open for him, you transfer a positive, happy energy that he can't help but enjoy.

Better yet, according to Psychology Today, the study finds that the happiness you just infused in a stranger is shared by him to approximately three others, who in turn share it with others and so on.

Jimmy Buffet, who died Sept. 1 at age 76, was a master of happiness contagion — filling me with joy since I first heard of him at a "Buffet Party" in a Penn State dorm room back in the 1980s.

Buffet said that his audience worked hard all week long and it was his job to give fans two full hours of joy and have fun doing it.

He knew exactly what he was doing as an entertainer.

"It's pure escapism is all it is," he told the Republic. "... I think it's really a part of the human condition that you've got to have some fun. You've got to get away from whatever you do to make a living or other parts of life that stress you out."

For someone who portrayed himself as laid back and easy going, he was actually a happy workaholic.

He didn't start playing guitar until his first year in college at Auburn, then promptly flunked out because he was having so much fun strumming and singing, reports the Atlanta Journal-Constitution.

He eventually graduated in 1969 with a history degree from the University of Southern Mississippi, then bounced around New Orleans and Nashville for a few years.

In 1970, while working as a reporter for Billboard, he got his first record deal — only selling 324 albums, according to the New York

Times.

By 1971 he made his way to Key West, Florida, fell promptly in love with the place, moved there and began writing his Caribbean-themed songs.

In 1973 his second record release was a success and the hits began coming — culminating in 1977 with the groundbreaking "Margaritaville," which is still one of the world's best-known songs.

But Buffett was just getting started.

A savvy businessman would soon emerge. He took ownership of the Margaritaville brand and built a billion-dollar empire that "includes over 30 hotels and resorts and 150 restaurants, bars, and cafes," reports Inc.

He also published a half dozen best-selling fiction, non-fiction and children's books.

Jimmy Buffett makes me feel like a slacker, but his story is a reminder that with a little talent, a little luck and a lot of hard work, amazing things can still be achieved in America.

Better yet, his story reminds us that any of us has the power to spread happiness — something he did on a magnificent scale.

In a modern world in which so many people choose to be smug, snarky, judgmental and divisive — thank you, social media — we can all do our small part to unleash a happiness contagion through our kindness, our smiles and our eagerness to hold the door open for strangers.

Or through one of my favorite methods: Singing "Margaritaville" on Karaoke Night.

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### **Community Bulletin Board**

Thursday, September 14 JH VB at HOME vs South Barber

HS Cross Country at St. John

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JH FB at HOME vs South Barber

HS FB at Chase

Sunday, September 17 3:00 p.m. National Honor Society Induction

Monday, September 18 HS JV FB at Central Christian

**Tuesday, September 19** School and sports picture day

HS VB vs. Attica and Skyline at HOME

Thursday, September 21 JH VB at Pretty Prairie with Burrton

HS/JH Cross Country at Larned

JH FB at Pretty Prairie (Burrton)

Friday, September 22 HS FB vs Tescott at HOME

HOMECOMING

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#### Zenda Public Library

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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.

#### Pratt Public Library

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Our WILDCAT Flags will be hung for several of the home football, volleyball, basketball and school events throughout the school year, weather permitting. The WILDCAT Flags, being hung down the streets in Cunningham, will show our schools/towns pride in our kids!

We are so grateful for what our sponsors have helped the Cunningham Booster Club accomplish throughout the years and excited for this new tradition of our WILDCAT Flags being hung proudly in our town!

If you would like to participate in this sponsorship, the Cunningham Booster Club is asking for a \$40 contribution for this school year. We would like to thank you for the consideration in sponsoring a WILDCAT Flag.

To sign up to be a WILDCAT Flag sponsor please send your check to: Cunningham USD 332, 104 4th Street, PO Box 67, Cunningham, KS 67035 or drop it off at the school office. Please put "WILDCAT FLAG SPONSORSHIP" on your check. Also, if you would like to do your sponsorship "In Memory of a Loved One" please indicate on your check. Checks can be made out to the "Cunningham Booster Club".

If you have questions regarding being a sponsor you can call Sarah Thimesch at 620-491-0696.

Many thanks in advance for your sponsorship! GO WILDCATS!!

#### **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.prairiebombers.org for more information. If you would like to visit the museum at another time call 672-8321,

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#### Governor Announces Nearly \$1.2M to Strengthen Supports for Kansans with Alzheimer's

TOPEKA - Governor Laura Kelly today announced that the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) will receive \$1,185,000 over five years to build public health infrastructure and increase capacity to treat Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. Kansas was one of 43 recipients of funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) through the Building Our Largest Dementia (BOLD) Infrastructure for Alzheimer's Act.

The funding will be used to reestablish an Alzheimer's disease coalition in Kansas, which will use the CDC's Healthy Brain Initiative State and Local Road Map for Public Health to revise and implement proven strategies in the Alzheimer's State Plan. It will also support KDHE and its partners to implement activities to support the revised state plan.

"My administration continues to be laser-focused on providing resources fundamental to the health of all Kansans, including those with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias," Governor Laura 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 part of a KDHE initiative that helps clinicians refer patients to community supports. The project will work with Kansans with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, caregivers, and health care providers.

"We are excited that the Kansas Department of Health and Environment has been awarded this grant to assist with the work that's already being done across our state to care for the 55,000 Kansans living with Alzheimer's disease or other dementias," Ken Jackson, Executive Director of the Alzheimer's Association – Heart of America Chapter, said. "We look forward to the advancement of new and cutting-edge approaches to address this public health crisis in order to provide support to the people caring for a loved one with this disease."

Alzheimer's disease is the 8th leading cause of death in Kansas. In 2019, about 335,000 Kansas adults 18 years and older reported the experience of worsening or more frequent confusion or memory loss. This is one of the earliest noticeable symptoms of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. People with Alzheimer's disease are more likely to have other chronic diseases like hypertension, depression, diabetes, and hearing loss. They are also more likely to experience depression, mental illness, and increased financial burden due to health care costs.

"As the number of Kansans living with Alzheimer's disease or related dementia continues to rise, it is important that we establish systems to support them and their caregivers through early detection and diagnosis," KDHE Secretary Janet Stanek said. "These funds will target all levels of prevention – primary, secondary, and tertiary - to ensure that Kansans and their caregivers maintain a healthy quality of life before and after diagnosis."

This project will strengthen and expand community partnerships, data availability for decision-making, and public knowledge about brain health and support services. The project will also reduce stigma and bias about cognitive decline. The project will emphasize coordination across community and clinical systems to strengthen Kansas's basic foundations of health and health equity.

# Kingman Historic Theatre

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#### 1928

Sept. 7 – Cunningham Rural High School opened Monday, Sept. 3, with an enrollment of 69 students.

The tenth annual Kingman County Fair will be held in Kingman on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, October 16th, 17th, 18th, and 19th. The fair will be held in the sales pavilion on South Main street.

Maud school started Monday morning. Mrs. Archie Panek is the teacher there again this year.

Dr. Donald E. Thompson spent the first part of the week at Pittsburg, Kansas, where he played his clarinet in the Wichita American Legion band. Doc plays a clarinet as well as they can be played and he is in great demand both at home entertainment and elsewhere.

The Cunningham Grade School opened Monday, Sept. 3, with an enrollment of 122. Everything points to a successful year.

#### 1933

Sept. 8, 1933 – Cunningham Grade School opened the 1933-34 school term with a total enrollment of 111 pupils.

Peaches, Blackberries, Apricots, or Prunes, No. 10 can, 39c

Potatoes, Idaho, real fancy, peck, 42c Folger's Coffee, drip or regular grind, lb. 31c Peanut Butter, 2 lbs., 25c Hudson Cream Flour, 48-lb. sack, \$1.75 Hauser's Cash Market

Bacon, lb. 12 ½ c
Oleo, 2 lbs., 25c
Brooms, ea., 29c
Soap, White Naphtha brand, 10 bars, 29c
A-C Coffee, ground, 21c
Heinz Chili Sauce, bottle, 25c
Heinz Tomato Catsup, bottle, 15c
Big Chief large tablets, 2 for 15c
Wetherall Brothers

#### 1938

Sept. 9, — Cunningham high school opened its doors Monday, Sept. 5, for the school year of 1938-39. The enrollment is the largest in the history of the school. At the close of school Monday, the enrollment stood as follows:

Freshmen, 22 Sophomores, 25 Juniors, 15 Seniors, 25, Total, 87

Myron Thomas, supervising architect on the Junior College building in Pratt, was hired by the local grade school board to inspect the grade school building.

In his letter to the board, Mr. Thomas stated: "Your present building has outlasted its usefulness for the average building life of such buildings.

"Frankly speaking, your present building is a very dangerous fire hazard and should be replace, but I cannot honestly condemn the frame structure of the building as it seems to be in good condition."

In his letter, Mr. Thomas cited lighting, windows, stairway treads, loose ceiling plaster, the gas heating system, open waste pits beneath the classrooms, and need for metal fire escapes from the upstairs classrooms as items to be addressed if the building were to stay in use.

#### 1943

Sept. 10 – Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn Geiser of Skellyville, will leave Sept. 15 for Tulsa, Okla., to await their passports and make other necessary arrangements for their departure to Negritos, Peru, South America where Mr. Geiser will be associated with the International Petroleum Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Geiser have been residents of this community for several years. Mr. Geiser was employed as a repairman at the Skelly Gasoline Plant.

Ensign Paul DeWeese, instrument instructor at the Corpus Christi, Texas, Naval Air Station, has written his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leo DeWeese, that he has been appointed Squadron Leader.



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Sergeant Winton Lash left Sunday evening from Dodge City for Camp Haan, Calif., where he will report for duty in the Army Air Corps after a furlough spent here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Lash and other relatives.

Staff Sergeant Richard Blasi, who has been home on a nine day furlough from Pyote, Texas, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Blasi, left Wednesday evening to report to the Army Air Base at Dalhart, Texas.

Watermelons, grown by John DeWeese, on the Frank DeWeese farm, have been on the local market here this week and are really something to talk about in the way of big melons. He brought in one weighing 65 pounds and another 62, and the smallest weigh 30 pounds and over.

#### 1948

Sept. 10– Mrs. Arlene Bradley will supervise music in county schools as she did last year. The schools included in the music program are Zenda high school, Zenda grade school, Rago, Raymond, Trenton, Coleman grade school, Meade Creek, McDowell, Butler grade school. Mrs. Bradley makes two visits a week to each school and is continuing her private vocal and piano class.

High School News

Anita Howell and Wava Oswalt, Co-Editors
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On September 6th school was again resumed at Cunningham high with 65 students enrolled.

We wish to welcome all of the green freshmen and

also Beverly Barr, Dan Kincheloe, Wilma Wyer, and James O'Rourke.

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The seniors have an enrollment of 20, the juniors 13, the sophomores 11, and the freshmen 21.

Mr. Elrod returns as our principal, Mr. Eisenbisc as coach, Miss Wear and Mr. LaFollette are with us again, also Mrs. Smith, who finished last year as commerce teacher. Mrs. Calvert, who comes from Anthony, is our new Home Economics and Girls Gym instructor. Mr. Smizer, formerly of Coldwater, is our music instructor. He will also direct the band.

Cunningham's baseball team will resume practice Monday evening at the Sterneker ball diamond.

#### 1953

Sept. 11 – Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Rose on the birth of a daughter, Monday, Sept. 7, at Memorial Hospital in Kingman. The baby weighed eight pounds, three ounces.

Cunningham Grade School opened the 1953-1954 term of school, Tuesday morning, with a total enrollment of one hundred and thirty-eight pupils. The third grade leads in total class enrollment with twenty-one.

A meeting will be held in the High School Auditorium next Wednesday evening at eight o'clock, for the purpose of constructing a co-op elevator in Cunningham.

#### 1958

Sept. 11 – Miss Johnna Lou Cooley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Loren Cooley, and Mr. Elmer Freund, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Freund, all of Cunningham, were united in marriage, Saturday, September 6, at St. Teresa's Church in Hutchinson.

Twenty-one boys have reported to Coach Gerald (Pete) Keenan for football practice. On the squad are Gary Raney, Bill Ridge, Dallas Thornhill, Don Mertens, Richard Kerschen, Bill Murphey, Tony Hartle, Marvin Ewing, Jerry Pelzl, Kenneth Winters, Larry Weir, Keith Welch, Keith Shelman, Jerry Huffman, Gary Phillips, Roger Sallee, Kenneth Welch, Kenneth Claphan, Gene Mertens, Bobby Meyers, and James Pennock.

Salvage operations have been in full swing at Skelly Oil Company's Gasoline Plant for the past month and a half.

#### 1963

Sept. 12 – In a business transaction last weekend, Mrs. Virginia Hamlett purchased Vera's Café from Mrs. Vera McClarnon.

Mrs. Hamlett will re-open the establishment, Saturday, Sept. 14, under the name, Virginia's Café. Free coffee and doughnuts will be served all day Saturday.

The café has been closed since the death of Al McClarnon last month.

Bob Wegerer assumed the management of the J. B. Houston and Son Lumber Co., Inc. here, September 6.

He succeeds Robert Kruse, who resigned to accept employment with the Meek Lumber Company in Joplin, Mo.

#### 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)

#### 1968

Sept. 12— Coach Jim Webster has a 22-man Cunningham High School football squad working hard for their season's opener with Nashville-Zenda High School at Zenda, Sept. 10. Mr. Webster is assisted by Larry Nolte. Members of the squad are Larry Lubbers, Marvin Oller, John McCune, Harold Bayer, Ed Panek, Ron Albers, Curtis Kitson, Tom Strohl, David Schnittker, Charles Huslig, Alan Rohr, Louis Park, Mark Dafforn, Ronnie Park, Mike Strohl, Bill Ogden, Gary Rohlman, Mike Schrant, Dean Simon, Steve Panek, Dale Sallee, and Danny Cunningham. Brad Mantooth and Larry Eskew are handling the managerial duties.

#### YEARS AGO IN

### The Cunningham Clipper

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

#### 1978

September 14 – EAT 'EM UP! EAT 'EM UP! C.H.S.

This was the theme Friday morning when the Cunnigham High School cheerleaders served the football players and coaches breakfast in the school cafeteria. The pre-game treat consisted of orange juice and a variety of rolls and breads.

We hope the food didn't hamper their performances. Maybe next time we should stick to Wheaties?

Thank you to all my good friends and loyal customers who have made my sixteen years of business very successful. Couldn't have made it without all of you. Virginia's Café Virginia, Bill & Bonnie.

The Girl's T-ball team, ages 6-9, had mainly a season of practicing on Saturday mornings beginning in late May and ending in early August. Girls' T-Ball, relatively new in this area, made games difficult to obtain.

The T-ballers were downed by one game with the Kingman Recreation League Girls T-Ball Champs, the Blue Jays, by a score of 29-25 in early June. Ending the season, the T-ballers played the Boys' Pee Wee team losing by score but winning in excitement and fun

Next year's team will be losing teammates Kathy Beat, Michelle Albers, Kerry House and Vickie Becker to age. Others playing were Donice Kitson, Jennifer Albers, Kristine House, Stephanie Horst, Karen Beat, Cindy Becker, Julie Kerschen, and Dana Rakestraw.

It is hoped that the T-ballers will be able to get into a league next year. This year's team was coached by Lois and Don Becker.

The Cunningham High School seniors had election of officers this past week. Elected president was Richard Cain; vice-president, Kevin Huffman; secretary, Ronda Simon; and treasurer, Joe Strohl. Melva Oller and Berry Bortz are the student council representatives and Roberta Thimesch is class reporter. Two new seniors are Paula Stoner and Tom Crawford.

#### 1983

September 15, 1983 – According to Jack Meyers, several articles have been donated to the Lions Club Auction to be held in the fall. Many more items are needed to make the effort worthwhile and defray the indebtedness on the Community Center.

Plumbing supplies, appliances, bicycles, a fireplace screen with glass doors and numerous other items are in storage ready to go.

Toys in good condition, baby furniture and other good usable furniture, gardening tools, as well as outdoor furniture could be used for this purpose.

All donations should be in good usable condition.
Call any Lions Club member for further information or to make a donation.

Mr. and Mrs. George Kampling entertained with a birthday party for Kyle Sunday when he was one year old. They enjoyed birthday cake, ice cream and a party. Other family members present were Wallace and Josephine Ford, Den. Janet and Lynn Ford all of Isabel. Donald and Peggy Ford, Kristy, Corey and Derek, Haven; Tom, Connie, Greg and Kim Ford, St. Leo and Jim and Alice Fischer, Kari DeAnn and Lisa of Pratt.

Sunday, Sept. 11, the class of 1973 had their 10 year reunion at St. Leo Hall. All those attending enjoyed an afternoon of visiting, reminiscing about school days, and looking through the 1973 class yearbook. Several classmates who were unable to attend sent letters and pictures to be shared and read by all.

Two special guests present were Eva Cundiff and Father Eugene Komer.

The Cunningham High School Kays Organization helped the school board purchase a Video Cassette Recorder by raising \$1,100 dollars through fund-raising projects. Some of the projects were Halloween insurance, concession stands at Volleyball Tournaments, and selling first aid kits and posters. The machine will be used to record school activities. It is kept in and checked out through the Cunningham High School Library.

### A Column by Mike Johnson

#### Hit By a Tornado

Focus has power. In 2012, a small tornado hit our hobby farm & ripped off the granary roof. The roof flew 30 feet high, smashing into a tree outside our bedroom window. A loose 2x4 punctured the house like a dart.

A harmless board, intensified by extreme focus, became a missile capable of blasting through

The same power exists inside our mind. What we focus upon expands. What we ignore shrinks. How we use this focus determines the quality of our life.

Our focus is a great slave but a horrible master. It works both ways. Focus on good and we feel great. Focus on bad and we feel miserable.

The quality of our life is too important to leave this focus on auto-pilot.

The good news is that with practice, we can harness our focus to achieve uncommon results.

All it takes is awareness. Vigilant, constant, awareness.

Want to know how you're doing?

Look at your life. Your aware and unaware focus created it all.

### "I am with you"

by bella hambrick

I know that we all have been struggling lately. You can not turn on the TV or even look at your phone with out seeing the state of the world today. As a Christian it actually hardens my heart to the world. Christ commands us to be an example on how to not live in the world but as my heart hardens; I slip slowly back into the world I was begging God to help me escape. I slip back in to the world because I get angry about the state of things and I sit back and do nothing. I slip back into the world because I let fear over take me and I begin to worry. However I know that walking in faith means giving up

in Christ. And what a blessing to strive for! To be affirmed enough in faith to be able to relax and trust God when all you want to do is worry. 'In peace I will lie down and sleep for you alone, O Lord, will keep me safe' (Psalms 4:8). I remind myself of this daily yet the thoughts inside my head continued to spin until the Holy Spirit said to me 'I am with you'. It was the faintest sound, but I know I heard it and in that moment I knew what it meant to relax, to be at peace. Once I realized the he truly was with me slowly my brain and body began to relax. I struggle with anxiety and depression but He is with me and I can relax knowing 'I will fear no evil.'

#### Hope

From Noah Webster's 1828 Dictionary...

Hope HOPE, noun [Latin

cupio.]

1. A desire of some good, accompanied with at least a slight expectation of obtaining it, or a belief that it is obtainable. hope differs from wish and desire in this, that it implies some expectation of obtaining the good desired, or the possibility of possessing it. hope therefore always gives pleasure or joy; whereas wish and desire may produce or be accompanied with pain and anxiety.

The hypocrite's hope shall perish. Job 8:13.

He wish'ed, but not with hope--

Sweet hope! kind cheat!

He that lives upon hope will die fasting.

2. Confidence in a future event; the highest degree of well founded expectation of good; as a hope founded on God's gracious promises;

a scriptural sense. A well founded scriptural hope is, in our religion, the source of ineffable happiness.

3. That which gives hope; he or that which furnishes ground of expectation, or promises desired good. The hope of Israel is the Messiah.

The Lord will be the hope of his people. Joel 3:16.

4. An opinion or belief not amounting to certainty, but grounded on substantial evidence. The christian indulges a hope that his sins are pardoned.

Hope, I believe, is one of the most profound and powerful words in any language. It is the driving force that helps us get out of bed in the morning. Without hope, people despair of life itself.

As I take my daily walk, God often uses His creation to teach me object lessons which I can apply to my life. Trudging along a sandy and not so well-traveled country road last week, my eyes were drawn to a rock that had been broken in two. I almost picked it up, but didn't. The very next day while traversing that same path, I saw that very same stone. I was excited that it was still there and this time picked



it up and brought it home.

What value could a rock have, one might ask. The broken sides were facing up as it lay on the road. In the midday sunlight it was a glittering, glistening and appealing shade of pink. When placed together in its original state, it was ordinary, plain, and even ugly one might surmise.

Isn't that the way our lives are? Sometimes it takes brokenness to make us better. As long as we have hope, our outlook can be transformed like the plain and homely rock into one of sparkling joy-attractive and aspiring for excellence.

In turn, the fresh ideas that God gives us will hopefully make someone else's life better, easier, and help us to infuse life itself in those around us.

May we all remain ever hopeful in childlike anticipation that our lives here on earth will be better, while yearning for our real home—Heaven!

"Now the God of Hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost." (Romans 15:13)

With Hope-filled Blessings to You All,

Karen Cornelius Eck

#### The Cobbler's Guest: A Story for Telling

By Karen Wilber

In a tiny corner of the smallest village in the kingdom, there lived a cobbler. Though his back was bent and his hands were gnarled, his twinkling eyes bespoke a merry heart. Each evening he took his daily earnings to the market and purchased a simple meal. On the way home he often invited a friend or two to join him for supper.

One evening the king's carriage was delayed returning home to the castle and he happened upon the cobbler's shop. As the carriage approached, the king heard laughter and music issuing through the open door and bid his driver stop so that he could listen awhile. Inside the cobbler's shop, the woodcutter was telling stories. The king crept out of his carriage to listen outside the window. As the king drew closer, the tailor took out his violin and began to play a joyful tune. The cobbler and the woodcutter joined in, their voices raised in a chorus of praise. The king wished he could join them, but he was late for a banquet in his honor.

The next evening the king disguised himself in a commoner's cloak and returned to the cobbler's shop. He peered through the window as the cobbler and his friends prayed over their evening meal. The king observed that there were four places set at the table, though there were only three men present. When the cobbler and his guests finished their meal, they sat before the fire as the woodcutter told stories and the tailor played his violin.

The next morning the king ordered his carriage to take him to the cobbler's shop. Upon entering, the king asked the cobbler, "You are poor, yet you live more richly than any king. How is this possible?"

The cobbler replied, "My supper is simple. My companions are humble. All except for one man. It is he who brings richness and joy to us every night."

The king was puzzled, "Who is this man? Tell me, so that I might invite him to my table. My supper is sumptuous, yet sticks in my throat like stale bread. My guests are wealthy, yet impoverished of spirit. Tell me, that I might meet this man. Is he the tailor? Is he the woodcutter?"

"Neither." the cobbler replied, "Each night, when we pray, we invite Jesus to join us. It is he who makes our fellowship complete. Though he hasn't yet come to sit in the place I've set for him, I know he's here all the same."

That evening, another place was set at the cobbler's table.

#### worry for trust and faith **Catholic Churches** Sacred Heart, Cunningham

St. Leo

Sundays 10:00 a.m.

Saturdays 4:00 p.m.

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

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

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

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#### Lutheran Churches

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

8:30 a.m.

Worship Service

**Trinity, Medicine Lodge** 620-886-3397

Sunday School & Bible Class 9:15 a.m.

Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

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

> Pastor Dennis Fangmeyer Cell: 620-886-0911 † † † † †



#### **Church of Christ** Penalosa

Sunday 11:00 a.m.

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#### First Christian Church

Cunningham

Sunday School 9:30 am Morning Worship 10:45 Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 Jr High Youth Group 4:00 pm Sunday Sr High Youth Group 7:30 pm Sunday Wednesday Prayer Service 7:00

Pastor Mike McGovney 620-298-3201





Penalosa

Worship 9:15 a.m.

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

Zenda

Worship 9:00 a.m.

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



# Cunningham Hands of Hope

Inc.

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

Who we serve: Residents within the USD #332 school dis-

What: Food

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

Where: 117 N Main (Old School Board Office)

Why: To provide food assistance to those in need. How: Attend weekly distribution. Adult of household must be

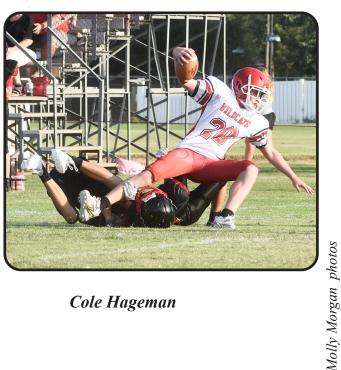
Do you need assistance outside distribution hours?

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

#### JH Wildcats Cruise Past A&A

On Thursday, September 7, 2023, the Cunningham JH football team traveled to Argonia to take on the Attica/Argonia (A&A) Titans football team in an HOPL contest and came away with a 38-12 win. The Wildcats would waste little time getting on the scoreboard when Cole Hageman would take the handoff and go 52 yards untouched, PAT failed and CJH led 6-0 with less than a minute off the clock. The second score for the Wildcats came on a busted play late in the first quarter when a Tyler Osner pass would be caught by Brody Bock and he would take it in from 6 yards out to give the Wildcats a 12-0 lead. A&A would catch the Wildcats out of position early in the second quarter and ran it in from 70 yards out to cut the Wildcat lead to 12-6. However, on the ensuing kickoff Hageman would take it 70 yards for another Cunningham score, an Osner pass to Liam McGuire would tack on the 2-point conversion giving the Wildcats a 20-6 lead. A few minutes later after a Titan punt, McGuire would extend the Wildcat lead to 26-6 on a 25 yard run and that would be the halftime score. Early in the third after a Titan turnover deep in their own territory, Osner would carry it in from two yards out to extend the Cunningham lead to 32-6. After another defensive stand, the Wildcats would take over on offense and McGuire would score his second touchdown of the night, this time on a 24 yard run (38-6.) The score would remain 38-6 until late in the fourth quarter when A&A would connect on a 12-yard pass play to make the final score 38-12. The win moved the JH Wildcats to 2-0 on the season.

by Coarch Bart Ricke



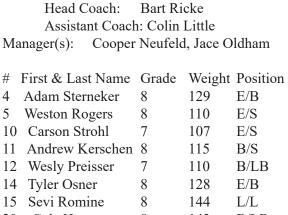
Cole Hageman







Tyler Osner



Cole Hageman B/LB 20 8 143 21 Liam McGuire 134 B/LB 24 John Paul Kerschen7 E/B/S 113 L/L 32 Gunner Glenn 145 33 Caden Johnson 172 L/L Colton Rohlman 7 132 E/B/LB 34 40 Jeremiah Slayden 7 134 L/L 42 Wyatt King 160 L/L 44 Kane Reid 138 L/L Cole Gridley 170 L/L

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Brody Bock

Hank Adams

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Wesly Preisser



Неас	d Coach: Kristen Yo	ung		
# Fir	rst & Last Name Gr	ade	Height	
1	Carly McGuire	6	5' 4"	JV/V
3	Vaughn Preisser	6	4' 11"	JV/V
4	Mackley Glenn	6	4' 3"	JV
5	Maelyn Jump	7	4' 9"	JV/V
8	Lux Thimesch	6	4' 3"	JV
10	Sage Thimesch	7	5' 3"	V
11	Katie Ogg	7	5' 3"	V
12	Morgan Oldham	8	5' 2"	V
14	Alyssa Osner	6	5' 6"	JV
15	Keyonna Huffman	7	5' 9"	V
16	HarLee Barber	7	5' 0"	JV
18	Piper Parkins	8	4' 9"	V
20	Andi Young	8	5' 7"	V
23	Jayden McCurry	7	5' 1"	JV
24	Kourtni Fischer	8	5' 7"	V

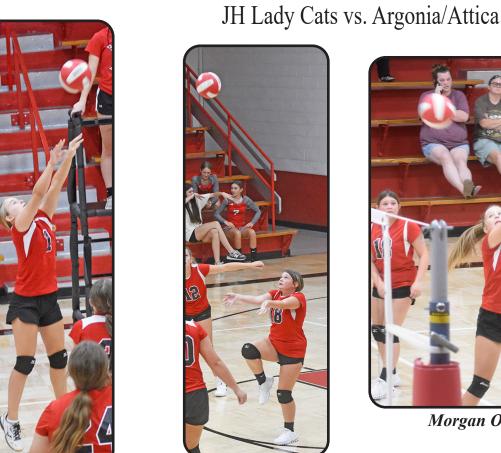
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JV



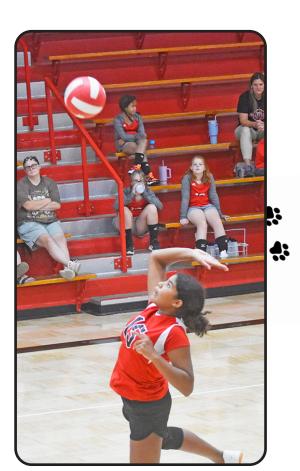
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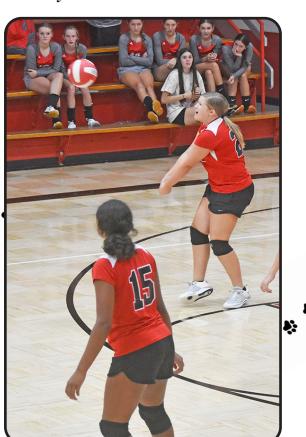
Piper Parkins



Morgan Oldham



Keyonna Huffman



Andi Young



Sage Thimesch



### Wildcats Open Season Against Top-Ranked Bluejays

offenses were not very

On September 1st the Wildcats opened the football season with the top ranked Ashland Blue Jays. It was a highly anticipated game under our own Friday Night Lights. Last year the Cats topped the Jays not once but twice; both were close games, and the second matchup resulted in the crowning of the Wildcats as the first ever KSHSAA 6-man State Champs. Losing some key pieces to last year's team, the Wildcats have a newish look. The Jays returned nearly everyone, and both teams believe they are worthy of being among the top in the state.

The Bluejays received the opening kickoff and went nowhere. They had to punt, but the Cats did not do much better as both teams were figuring out the opposing squad. The Jays got on the board first with a touchdown and points after. Cats down 0-8. On the next possession the Cats had a possible big play when Dagim got behind the defense on a long pass. However, the Bluejay defender alertly interfered with the pass so the Cats only got 15 yards out of the play, stalling the drive and giving Ashland another chance. Both defenses settled in and the

productive for a few possessions. The Cats were the first team to move the ball in the second quarter. A seven play drive found the Cats knocking on the door. The drive was highlighted by a Luke to Luke connection for 13 yards and a 46 yard play from Luke to Dagim. Two big negative plays derailed the Cats chances to score. The Cats' drive seemed to wake up the Jays offense. They marched down the field and threatened to score but they were thwarted by the Cats defense. Trent ripped the ball out of the running back's hands inside the 10 yard line. The Cats did not do much with the ball, and the Jays scored again. Cats down 0-16. With very little time before half the Cats completed 3 passes in a row. Luke McGuire to Luke Albers for 24. Followed by Luke to Stephen and finally Luke to Luke again for a 30 yard TD. No extra point meant the Cats went into half down 6-16.

After half the Jays scored without much opposition to put the Cats down 6-24, the largest deficit in quite a while for the Cats. They responded in short order as Trent Schnittker caught a Luke pass for 22 yards

and Stephen caught a 24 yarder to pull the Cats back in the game. Dagim nailed the extra point to narrow the lead 14-24. The Cat defense did not hold up and the Jays scored again 14-32. Early in the fourth quarter the Cats struck again. Stephen caught an ad libbed pass play from Luke for 27 yards and Skyler got loose for a 10 yard touchdown reception from Luke. Dagim hit the extra points kick. Cats down 22-32. Ashland did not score again but neither did the Wildcats. The Cat defense showed up with a great defensive stand to keep the Jays out of the endzone, but Ashland was able to keep the ball and run the clock limiting the home team's offensive time on the field. It was a good game and a learning one for the Cats. There were plenty of chances for a few of the younger players to show what they can do. Chemistry on offense, penalties, and tackling are on the Wildcats' tofix list for the upcoming games.

by Coach Lance **McGuire** 



#### Wildcats Beat Moscow 53 - 0 at Halftime

Natoma was on the schedule for September 8, but bowed out early due to low numbers and a new high school co-op with Plainville. Been there, done that. We wished them the best and found an open game with Moscow. There is a little history with the Wildcats from three hours west. Just a few years ago the Moscow Wildcats beat the Cunningham Wildcats to open the season and make a run on a state title. The next year their win was repeated in the playoffs, and Moscow ended the season as runner up in the Wild West Bowl. Things turned around as they often do, and Cunningham clawed Moscow in their most recent cat fight two

years ago. This year Moscow was a bit of a mystery. They are young and have juggled eligibility and injuries already. The Cunningham Cats coming off a rare loss in week one and traveling 3 hours with a young team had a few question marks as well. The home team found out that the Cats were not concerned with the week one loss. Everyone chipped in to jump on the Moscow Cats and never look back.

Opening kickoff was at 6:00. Game over at 6:47.

Receiving the opening kickoff, Luke McGuire was untouched for the 50-yard return TD. Freshman Layne Green kicked a solid PAT. Cats up 8-0. After a deep kick Moscow was pinned back in their own territory. On first down Luke Albers ripped the ball away from the running back and recovered the ball. Jack Ruckle scored a 10-yard run on the second play of the drive. Layne hit another extra point kick. Cats up 16-0. Cunningham's defense had Moscow punting after three downs; Luke M ran it back 33 yards. In just two plays, the Cats struck again with a 25yard pass from Luke to Dylan. Layne was good for another 2 point kick. Cats up 24-0 while fans were still parking around the track. Moscow got nowhere on their next possession. On the punt they mistakenly kicked to the Cats again. The Wildcat's return team cleaned up all opposition, paving the field for another 70-yard return and touchdown. Dagim was good for the 2 point kick. 32-0 for the Cats. The next time on 4th

down Moscow tried to

go for it instead of kicking the ball. The result was Dagim picking off the fourth down pass and running it back 49 yards for a TD. Layne kicked the extra point which brought the lead to 40-0 at the end of the first quarter.

Cunningham mixed the Varsity and JV early, but it was obvious the home team was not going to move the ball much. The Cats played full JV in the second quarter. They marched right down the field and scored with all the confidence and aggression of a more experienced team. Kollin Fischer had a 16-yard run and later scored on an 8-yard run. He then tacked on the 1-point conversion. 47-0 for the Cats. Moscow had trouble moving the ball on the Cats as well. Layne pounced on a loose ball to set up a short field, then Skyler scored on a 19-yard run for a quick strike. No extra point conversion, but the Cats held a 53-0 lead. The Cats held Moscow and ran out the clock at halftime for

by Coach Lance McGuire

a 53-0 win on the road.



#### XC Runs 5K at Skyline

Cunningham XC had 3 runners place! Freshman Jack Harden medaled in his first varsity 5k race at Skyline placing 16th with a time of 20:37. Eighth grader Will Halderson medaled with an 8th place finish in the 2 Mile (14:42) and sophomore Sean Kostner medaled with a 9th place finish in the JV 5k (25:50). Ada Adams just missed medaling with a 21st place finish in the varsity girls 5k. Myles Thimesch ran a great race finishing 15th in the 2 Mile and Ethan Kostner finished 35th in the mile. Way to go Wildcats!!

by Ingrid Ricke

Wheat Scoop:

Can you Scout

the Wheat at the



Jack Harden

dough bread, holiday bread and whole wheat quick bread. Check out all the entries in this division in the Domestic Arts

Wheaties have col-Kansas State Fair? lected the annual Kansas From bread-making Wheat recipe book at the demonstrations to vir-Kansas State Fair for detual combine rides to cades. This year's bookwheat foods competilet features Piantek's tions, wheat is one of winning recipe and the the core ingredients of other finalists from the Kansas State Fair tradi-2023 National Festival tions. Whether coming of Breads. While the for carnival rides, conbooklet will not be availcerts or contests, scout able at the fair, collecout everywhere wheat tors and anyone interis featured at the fair, ested in checking new, which runs this year from innovative recipes devel-September 8 to 17. oped by the nation's best In addition to the amateur bakers can reformal demonstraquest a copy at kswheat. tions, the Kansas Wheat com/2023recipebook or Commission is also spon-

soring the open-class division - It's All About Bread. The category in-

cludes entries of sourbuilding.

REGISTER ONLINE AT check out the recipes online at nationalfestivalofbreads.com/recipes.

Find Farm Fun for

KINGMANHC.COM OR PICK-UP FORMS AT THE HOSPITAL Kansas Kids in Agriland For more than 30 years, Kansas agricultural organizations have shared interactive, handson activities with the younger state fair attendees in Agriland in the Pride of Kansas building. The educational exhibit will be open for the length of the state fair. Stop by to take a ride in a virtual combine (our favorite), sift different

types of grain between your fingers or milk a

mechanical cow. "Kansas Wheat is proud to help sponsor and work this handson educational exhibit," Falk said. "Stop by the Pride of Kansas building to check out this farmto-fork education for fair-goers."

Teachers who visit Agriland can sign up for free lesson plans provided

NDATION by the Kansas Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom. These lesson plans connect classrooms to Kansas agriculture by learning more about food, fiber and fuel, why agriculture is so important to Kansas and the opportunities for careers in agriculture. Can't make it to the state fair or Agriland? Check out KFAC's virtual version at https://www.ksag-

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classroom.org/resource/ agriland/.

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Check out other Wheatie-favorite exhibits around the fair, including the market wheat show, 4-H Wheat Variety Plot Display Awards, Kansas wheat photography contest and wheat weavings. Make your plans to visit the Kansas State Fair at kansasstatefair.com.

Written by Julia Debes for Kansas Wheat



Old and New Double Trouble in the Crick Family



Eilene and Jack hold newborn great-grandchildren (#9 and #10). Connor Gage and Luke Kent were born August 8 to Colton and Amy (Crick) Grillot. Grandparents are Donna (Beat) and Mark Crick. (photo submitted by Donna and Mark Crick)



# Upcoming Auctions

**Consignment Auction** Saturday September 16, 2023 - 9:30AM, Hamm Auction Center, Pratt, KS

For more information and a complete list of auctions, see our website at

www.hammauction.com 107 NE State Road 61, Pratt, Kansas, 67124 **620**-

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"I wanted to walk straight on through the red grass and over the edge of the world, which could not be very far away. The light and air abot me told me that the world ended here: only the ground and sun and sky were left, and if one went a little farther there would only be sun and sky, and one would float off into them, like the tawny hawks which sailed over our heads making slow shadows on the grass."

— Willa Cather, My Ántonia

#### Just to Fill This Little Space

Two freighters, one carrying red paint and the other carrying purple paint, collided yesterday. It is believed both crews are marooned.

A ship carrying a shipment of yo-yos across the ocean sprang a leak and sank 50 times.

Legislation for the preservation of water fowl was not discussed in Congress today because everyone tried to duck the issue.

The post office announced it would begin shipping large fruit by boat. It is the first water-mailin'

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• The new temporary lobby hours will be:

Monday-Friday 8am-6pm

Saturday 8am-12pm

#### **Public Notice**

First published in The Cunningham Courier on Thursday, August 31, 2023 (3t)

KINGMAN COUNTY, STATE OF KANSAS

CITY/SCHOOL GENERAL **ELECTION NOTICE** 

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

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

> Board Member District #2 USD 331:

KRISTI BROWN, 4848 NW 20 Ave, Kingman, KS 67068 Board Member

District #3 USD 331:

ADRIAN L. KOSTNER, 225 E H Ave, Kingman, KS 67068 HAROLD FORCUM, 1998 NE 30<sup>th</sup> St, Kingman, KS 67068

ANGIE MALONEY, 2325 N Main St, Kingman, KS 67068 Board Member

District #4 USD 331:

ERRICA PARSONS, 1113 S High St., Kingman, KS 67068 Board Member

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

District #7 At-Large USD 331:

MICHELE KYLE, 136 N Briarwood St., Kingman, KS 67068 ESLIE KREHBIEL, 2435 N

Marquette, Kingman, KS 67068

Board Member District 332-At-Large Positions:

JUSTIN DEAN MACK, 221 N Henderson, Cunningham, KS 67035

TRAVIS THIMESCH, 7710 SW 100 Ave, Spivey, KS 67142 BRENT MILLER, 17418 SW 30 St., Cunningham, KS 67035 JASON OSNER, 2503 NW 170th Ave, Cunningham, KS 67035 ABBY BOCK, 14862 SW 110 St., Nashville, KS 67112

Board Member USD 268 At Large Position: STACY DEVORE, 2377 SE 170

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

TROY PRESLEY, 4150 S 375th St

W, Cheney, KS 67025 TAYLOR WOO ROBERTSON,

642 E Allison, Cheney, KS 67025 AARON RUST. 1660 N Main St. Cheney, KS 67025

MIKE SATTERLEE. 528 E 6th Ave. Cheney, KS 67025

MATT VOTH, 16411 NE 30th St, Cheney, KS 67025

CHERIELLE YOUNG, 4425 S 359h St W, Cheney, KS 67025

Kingman City Commissioners: JAMES (CHRIS) INGERSOLL. 834 N Spruce St., Kingman, KS

JIM LORD, 414 W H Ave,

Kingman, KS 67068 MERLIN MCFARLAND, 1945 Jayhawk Dr, Kingman, KS 67068 JON WOLLEN, 1851 Double

Tree Ln., PO BOX 501, Kingman KS 67068 DANNY MCDORMAN, 635 N

Cedar St., PO Box 283, Kingman, KS 67068

Zenda City Mayor:

NO FILINGS

Zenda City Council: NO FILINGS

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

Norwich City Council:

STEVE VAN GIESON, 239 S Morningside, Norwich, KS 67118 CHAD ALLENDER, 106 S Parkway St., Norwich, KS 67118 NATHAN ADAMS, 441

Morningside, Norwich, KS 67118 ELDON HEADRICK, 133 N Westview St., Norwich, KS 67118

Cunningham City Council: JASON RUCKLE, PO Box 152,

Cunningham, KS 67035 TANNER NEWELL, PO Box 124, Cunningham, KS 67035 TIM SCHULTZ, 211 West 4th St.,

Cunningham, KS 67035

#### Nashville City Mayor:

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

DONNA CLOUGH, 430 S Main, Nashville, KS 67112

#### Nashville City Council:

BARBARA L. KLAUSMEYER, 230 Rowlen, Nashville, KS 67112

SANDRA LAMPE, 206 S Gregory PO Box 37, Nashville, KS 67112 TERRY MCKENNON, 106 S Cowgill, PO Box 4, Nashville,

Penalosa City Mayor: NO FILINGS

Penalosa City Council:

KS 67112

NO FILINGS

Spivey City Mayor: **NO FILINGS** 

Spivey City Council:

**NO FILINGS** 

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

#### **VOTING PLACES**

Kingman EXPO CENTER (South Room): 1st Ward of Kingman City 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward of Kingman City 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward of Kingman City 4th Ward of Kingman City

> Kingman EXPO CENTER (North Room):

All of Hoosier Township All of White Township in U.S.D.

All of Ninnescah Township

All of Belmont Township All of Richland Township

Cunningham Community Center: All of Eureka Township and all of

Penalosa City All of Union Township **Cunningham City** 

All of Dresden Township All of Rural Township

Murdock Methodist Church: Galesburg Township in U.S.D

All of Evan Township All of Dale Township All of Vinita Township

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

Zenda Community Center:

All of Rochester Township

All of Liberty Township Nashville City

Zenda City Spivey City

All of Kingman Township All of Peters Township

Norwich Dotzour Center: All of Allen Township All of Eagle Township

All of Bennett Township Norwich City

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

Sedgwick County in U.S.D. #331 Harper County in U.S.D. #331 Persons living in Pratt County in

the 332 School District will vote in Pratt County.

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

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

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

in the 361 School District will vote in Harper County.

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

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

(SEAL)

Carol D Noblit

Kingman County Election Officer

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# **Surrounding Communities**

#### Thursday, September 14, 2023 page 9

### Kingman County Sheriff's Report

Sunday, September 3 911 Accidental Dial **Animal Complaint** Theft

911 Accidental Dial Follow Up **Smoke Investigation** Found Property Disturbance

#### Monday, Septembe 4

Traffic Complaint Medical Agency Assist Disabled Vehicle Non-Injury Accident

#### Tuesday, September 5

Civil Paper Service Non-Injury Accident Alarm Theft Miscellaneous Agency Assist **Animal Complaint** Theft Suspicious Person Follow Up Harassment

W Hwy 54 & SW 90 Ave, Kingman SW 30 St & SW 60 Ave, Kingman 15000 Blk NE 50 St, Cheney 14000 Blk SE 60 St, Norwich 4000 Blk NE 160 Ave, Cheney E Bluff St & NE 150 Ave, Cheney 15000 Blk NE 50 St, Cheney 500 Blk W D Ave, Kingman

5000 Blk NE 35 St, Kingman 12000 Blk SE 40 Ave, Rago 200 Blk N Vail St, Spivey SW 30 St & S Hwy 14, Kingman SE 80 St & S Hwy 14, Kingman

SE 80 ST & S Hwy 14, Kingman 200 Blk W E Ave, Kingman SE 100 ST & SE 40 Ave, Kingman 1600 Blk SE 150 Ave, Cheney 16000 Blk W Hwy 42, Nashville 400 Blk N Douglas St, Kingman 200 Blk E Grover Ave, Spivey 1000 Blk W Hwy 54, Kingman 1500 Blk N Chariton, Kingman 8000 Blk SE 60 St, Murdock

Disabled Vehicle Traffic Arrest - DUI

#### Wednesday, September 6

Traffic Stop Civil Paper Service Traffic Complaint Miscellaneous Disturbance

#### Thursday, September 7

Civil Paper Service Miscellaneous

#### **Animal Complaint** Friday, September 8

Traffic Stop Traffic Complaint **Animal Complaint** Traffic Arrest - Drugs 911 Accidental Dial Disabled Vehicle Traffic Complaint Vehicle Fire

#### Saturday, September 2

Civil Paper Service Traffic Complaint Traffic Complaint Disabled Vehicle Miscellaneous 911 Accidental Dial Medical

3200 Blk E Hwy 54, Kingman 500 Blk N Main St, Kingman

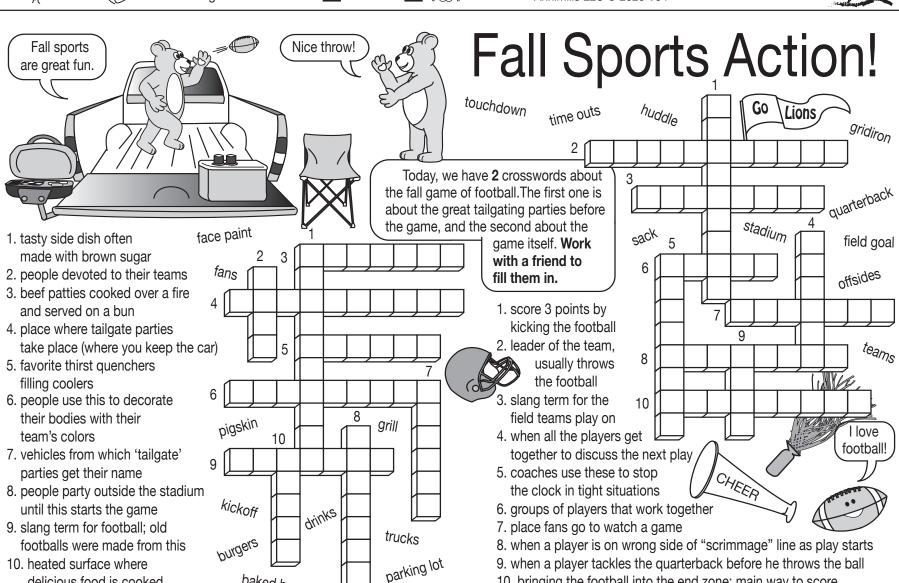
N Spruce St & E D Ave, Kingman 120 North Spruce, Kingman 400 Blk E B Ave, Kingman

200 Blk N Main St, Kingman NW 110 Ave & NW 10 St, Cunningham

W Hwy 54 & NW 10 Ave, Kingman NE 1110 Ave & E Hwy 54, Kingman NE 10 St & E Hwy 54, Kingman 12000 Blk SE 110 Ave, Norwich 7000 E Hwy 54, Kingman 7000 Blk W Hwy 54, Kingman 500 Blk NE 120 Ave, Murdock

NE 40 Ave & E Hwy 54, Kingman N Main St & E Kansas Ave, Kingman E Sherman & N Main St, Kingman 3000 Blk NW 50 St, Kingman 2100 Blk NE Waterloo Ave, Murdock 15000 Blk NE 10 ST, Cheney







10. heated surface where

delicious food is cooked

### Keeping Fit in the Fall

baked beans

With **so many choices** of sports and physical activities offered at schools, churches and town rec departments you're sure to find fun ways to exercise this fall! What programs and teams are offered in your area?

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**CROSS COUNTRY** FALL BALL BASEBALL FALL BALL SOFTBALL CHEERLEADING FLAG FOOTBALL

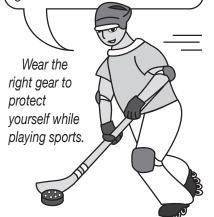
**BASKETBALL FOOTBALL** SOCCER **VOLLEYBALL BOWLING** 

9. when a player tackles the quarterback before he throws the ball

10. bringing the football into the end zone; main way to score

FIELD HOCKEY **GYMNASTICS** HIKING **BICYCLING GOLF** 

I like to see the people in the stadium eating hotdogs, waving, cheering and having fun at a great fall event!

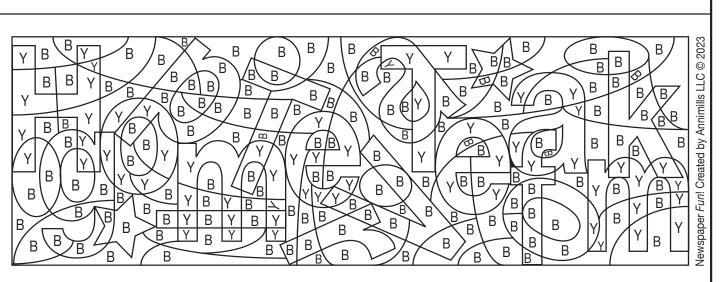


# The Favorite Team!

All fans have a favorite team that they like to watch all season.



B = BlueY = Yellow



#### The Fun of Pooches and Pool Parties



Bella seems to have enjoyed the time the most! She is available for adoption at KCHS.



Buddy McClendon and his family also had a fine time at the pool.



Boris Henning is with his companion in the kiddie pool.



Latte and her handler. She is available for adoption at KCHS.

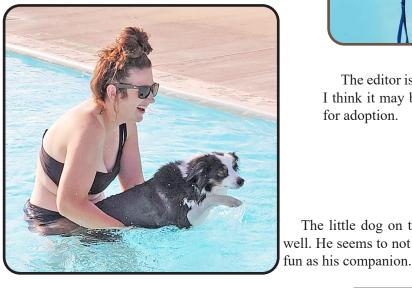


The editor is unsure of this little pup's name. I think it may be Huck. If it is, he is available for adoption.



Josie Ricke and her lady companion.

photos courtesy of Molly Morgan and KCHS



The little dog on the left is unidentified as well. He seems to not be having quite as much



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

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

### **Kingman County Humane Society Pets Ready for Adoption**

### Remi

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Female Black Mouth Cur Retriever, Yellow Labrador 62 pounds 4 years + FABO program: NO FEE TO **ADOPT** Remi has been at the shelter since March 27, 2023

I'm a little pudgy, a little ordinary looking but I've got a big heart and would love to share some of it with you. We can just hang out together, maybe play a little ball, watch some football, just be pals. I like spending time outside so maybe we could go on some walks? I like people but I haven't spent much time around other dogs or cats. Every one needs a friend. I would love to be yours if you would be mine.

### **Precious**

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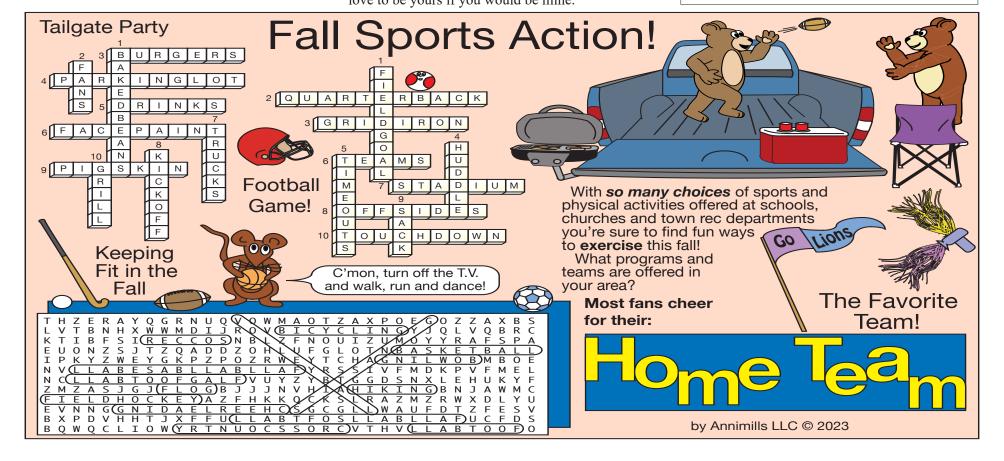


Female Domestic Shorthair 7 pounds 2 years +

\$40.00 Precious has been at the shelter since March 13,

She is one of a bonded pair (Angel of last week).

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



Governor Announces Kansas Awarded \$40M to Build Community Multi-Purpose Facilities, **Expand Access** to Child Care

TOPEKA - Governor Laura Kelly and the Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund announced today that Kansas has been awarded \$40 million from the U.S. Department of Treasury for a new program, the Capital Projects Fund Accelerator (CPF Accelerator). The program will provide local communities with funding to build or renovate multi-purpose facilities that create new licensed child care slots and provide Kansans access to high-speed internet for digital work, health, and education supports.

"The Capital Projects Fund Accelerator Grant program is another example of how my administration is finding new ways to expand access to affordable, quality child care and other essential

community services," Governor Laura Kelly said. "This grant opportunity will enable more communities to work with local businesses to meet a pressing need for Kansas families."

In June 2023, the Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund's Child Care Capacity Accelerator awarded more than \$43 million to 52 organizations and partnerships across Kansas. The new CPF Accelerator grant opportunity builds on that momentum by providing prospective grantees a new funding source for the construction, renovation, or rehabilitation of community facilities and other capital improvement for communitydriven projects and programs. This funding is the latest effort to support the state's rapidly growing work in early childhood and boost communities in scaling up their facilities to serve families and children.

"The Capital Projects Fund Accelerator is another exciting chance to invest in the infrastructure needed to increase access to affordable, high-quality child-

care as well as a full range of programs and services to help families meet basic needs," said Melissa Rooker, Executive Director of the Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund. "The Kansas Children's Cabinet is proud to continue our work to champion community-driven solutions to the multifaceted challenges facing families with young children today."

The RFP is available here, with two submission deadline options. The first-round application deadline is Oct. 2, 2023, and the secondround deadline is Dec. 18, 2023. The Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund encourages applicants to decide which deadline is appropriate for their project as there is no advantage or consequence in applying by either deadline. Applications will be submitted online via the Kansas CommonApp

Kansas was previously awarded \$83.5 million from the Capital Projects Fund to build reliable broadband infrastructure and extend high-speed internet to more than 24,500 homes, businesses, schools, health care facilities, and other public institutions in underserved counties across the state. A portion of Kansas' \$40 million award for the CPF Accelerator will be used to assist in the administration of the program. Combined with the Child Care Capacity Accelerator Grant programs, these two funding opportunities will infuse more than \$83 million into Kansas' early childhood care and education



#### Governor Announces Funding to Grow Small Business **Exports**

TOPEKA-GovernorLaura Kelly today announced that the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) awarded \$200,000 to the Kansas Department of Commerce to expand the state's robust export sector, which hit an all-time high of \$13.97 billion in

2022. The agency's International Division oversees the administration of the State Trade Expansion Program (STEP) award, enabling eligible businesses to leverage these funds for conducting focused activities that promote export growth. The STEP program plays a crucial role in equipping Kansas' small businesses with the necessary resources and knowledge to excel in export-related endeavors, assisting existing exporters and companies venturing into international markets for the first time.

"Consumers around the world continue to find that made-in-Kansas products simply are the best," Governor Laura Kelly said. "This support from SBA will help our outstanding small businesses continue to grow, something my administration has prioritized since taking office."

The SBA began administering STEP in 2011 as part of federal legislation encouraging trade. Through STEP, states competitively apply for and receive financial awards to assist small businesses with export development. The award will allow Kansas to assist small businesses with foreign trade missions and foreign market sales trips, obtaining services provided by the U.S. Department of Commerce, accessing expertise in designing international marketing campaigns and export trade show exhibits, participating in training workshops, and more.

"Investing resources to help broaden the Kansas exporter base is good for these small businesses - and the entire state economy," Lieutenant Governor and Secretary of Commerce David Toland said. "As the global marketplace continues to present new opportunities for Kansas companies, our International Division will provide whatever support we can to help our exporters take advantage."

Since the program's inception in 2012, more than 220 Kansas small businesses have participated and achieved more than \$44 million in actual export sales.

"Many Kansas small businesses have insufficient resources to venture into new markets or have uncertainty about how to begin exporting their products," Randi Tveitaraas Jack, Deputy Director of the International Division, said. "The STEP funding allows us to tackle those challenges and help them succeed."

To learn more about the STEP program, visit the Kansas Department of Commerce website or the SBA website.

#### Social Security Launches New Audio Series, SSA Talks and News Hub

Did you know we have a new audio series, SSA Talks?

You can learn more about our top priorities by listening at www.ssa. gov/news/audio-series.

In our first episode, Acting Commissioner Kilolo Kijakazi and Janet Walker, Associate Commissioner for Operational HR Services, discuss how our current hiring initiative is central to improving customer service.

The 17-minute episode includes a fact sheet and transcript. The fact sheet also provides more information about working at Social Security.

Please visit our SSA Talks page at www.ssa. gov/news/audio-series. html to listen and subscribe to receive alerts about future episodes!

Our n e w **Communications Corner** at www.ssa.gov/news provides a central hub for the public, the press, researchers, and other stakeholders looking for information about Social Security and our programs. Visit the **Communications Corner** to access our blog, newsletter, bulletins, the new audio series, and more!

#### Did You Know That...

69.8 million people received benefits from programs administered by the Social Security Administration (SSA) in 2020.

5.8 million people were newly awarded

Social Security benefits in 2020.

55% of adult Social Security beneficiaries in 2020 were women.

55.0 was the average age of disabled-worker beneficiaries in 2020.

86% of Supplemental Security Income (SSI) recipients received payments because of disability or blindness in 2020.



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**ACROSS** 

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9. Be sore

13. Ottoman title

14. Ornamental pond-dweller

15. Florida Key, e.g.

16. Mr. T and friends

17. Knot-tying vow (2 words)

18. Milan's La

19. \*Walrus' cousin (2 words)

21. \*Crustacean "on the barbie"

23. Finish line

24. Creole vegetable 25. He had

28. Gives a helping hand

30. Tranquil

35. Frosts, as in cake

37. Bear, in Latin

39. All the words in a language

40. "By \_\_\_\_, I think she's got it!"

41. Silver to Lone Ranger 43. Chows down

44. Mark Twain to Samuel Langhorne Clemens

46. Toupee spot

47. Pestilence pest

48. Singer Eilish

50. Rub the wrong way 52. Yoda: "Do or do not. There is

no 53. \*A type of whale or the color of many dolphins

55. Overnight lodging

57. \*Inspiration for a certain pineapple dweller

60. \*Inspiration for Marvel's Doc

64. South American juice flavor

65. Bearded antelope

67. All thumbs

68. Pineda of Journey

69. Stomach pain-causing acronym

70. Hundred, in Italian

71. Hammer part

72. Not stood

73. Bar, legally

#### **DOWN**

1. R&R destinations

2. Angie Thomas' "The U Give"

3. Seaward

4. \*Cetology object of study 5. Thin layer

6. \*Like green sea turtle and loggerhead sea turtle

7. Grass "carpet" 8. Newsstand, e.g.

9. Fungal spore sacs

10. \*Edible bivalve 11. S.O.S.

12. Pilot's estimate, acr.

15. Netanyahu's country

20. Abomination

22. 9 to 5, e.g.

24. Bone burial spot

25. Muslim woman's headscarf

26. Cause for food recall 27. a.k.a. Lucifer

29. Between stop and roll

31. \*Coral polyps' structure

32. Raise one's rank 33. Potassium nitrate

34. Student's request for ChatGPT?

36. \*#19 Across' earless cousin

source: SSA.gov



38. Hostile to 42. Opposite of ecbatic 45. Smoke, sometimes 49. Energy unit 51. Attract

56. Religiously unaffiliated, pl. 57. Confident answer

54. Front of cuirass

58. Glazier's unit

59. Baker's baker 60. Give a boot

61. Closely confined

62. Plotting 63. "! In the Name of Love"

64. Year off in school

66. Giannis' league

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# Minutes from Pratt County Commission

The Pratt County Commissioners met in regular session Tuesday, September 5, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. in the commissioner room, 1st floor of the courthouse. The following members were present: Thomas W. Jones III, Rick Shriver, Dwight Adams, Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor, Lori Voss, clerk, and Mark Graber, IT director.

Heather Morgan, economic development/covid consultant, reported she is still working with the City of Iuka concerning ARPA filing. She has forwarded to Dr. Marshall's office for assistance. Charles Wray was awarded a USDA rural grant for \$15,000, to install solar. She is working with Brian Atteberry, EMS to purchase a piece of equipment through ARPA. Kansas Firefighters Association was awarded a grant, they will divide between rural fire departments that apply and qualify. She has been working with private sectors to own/manage the EV chargers. Now KDOT will not work with private sectors because grants aren't usually given to private companies.

The letter the Commissioners signed in support for water rights along with 38 other entities went to the governor and legislation.

Billy Hampton, fire/rescue chief, reported on calls made by fire/rescue. He stated he will probably go over budget for

2023. He gave a report on repairs that need to be done on different units. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to recess into executive session for fifteen minutes at 2:19 p.m. to discuss non-elected personnel concerning personnel.

Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to return from executive session at 2:30 pm with no action taken. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Darcie Vander Vyver, health, discussed the trailer that was totaled by insurance, there is the option to buy it back. She prefers to buy it back and keep the trailer. She reported she is looking for a vehicle to tow the trailer. She will get between \$4000-\$4800 trade-in for the van. Commissioner Adams made a motion to give Darcie authority to spend \$25,000 on a vehicle including the van trade in. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

She discussed the updated covid-19 vaccines. Also, discussed the RSV vaccines.

Jon Roach, noxious weed director, presented a quote from Sunflower Trailer Inc. for the newly purchased truck. The total for flat bed, mud flaps, trailer light plug, reverse camera, grill guard, nerf bars and installation for \$4520.00. Commissioner Adams made a motion to purchase equipment for flat bed truck at \$4520.00 from Sunflower Trailer Sales, Inc. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. They have the new truck at the shop. He will try to sell the bed off of the new truck.

Brian Atteberry, EMS director, reported Osage Industries had contacted him concerning a Ford transit van that could be built to our specs for around \$135,000, and ready the end of 2024. It would mainly be used for out of town transports. The commissioners gave their approval to check with Heather Morgan about ARPA being used for payment.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to recess into executive session for fifteen minutes at 2:53 p.m. to discuss non-elected personnel concerning out of county support. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to return from executive session at 3:03 p.m. with no action taken. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the minutes from August 28, 2023. Chairman Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the emergency vehicle authorization forms for the City of Pratt Fire Department for Gabriel Nall and Andrew VanSlyke. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to raise road employees, Brandon Slyter, .50, Mark Barber, Cliff Hanson, Ben Henning, Joshua Theis, Keven Thomas, William Washington and James Woods, .60, Kevyn Shank, .71, Kyle Bailey, Dean Roach and Ricky Wittig 1.02. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Shriver

Made a motion to raise road employees Ethan Ailstock and Carl Swisher 1.54, Zachary Wright, 2.00 and Ryan Torline, 2.50. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Shriver stated that when people email the three commissioners on one email, they cannot comment without violating the open meeting act. They can make an appointment with the county clerk to visit with all three commissioners in an open meeting or email each commissioner separately.

Commissioner Adams stated he would like an agenda for the joint meeting with the City of Pratt scheduled September 25, 2023. Clerk Voss will contact them again for the agenda.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the vouchers for September 5, 2023. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Mark Graber stated he had all the Zoom equipment for the public safety building. He also stated the AT&T phone lines would be ported September 15, 2023 to SC Telcom. Commissioner Adams made a motion to adjourn at 3:22 p.m. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

#### Comfortably Dumb By Bruce Quast



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#### **Public Notice**

First published in The Cunningham Courier on Thursday, August 31, 2023 (3t)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of WENDELL DEE MOORE,

Deceased.

CaseNo.KM-2023-PR-000036 (Filed Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KAN-SAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

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

The West Half of the Southeast Quarter (W/2 SE/4) and the Southwest Quarter (SW/4) of Section 29, Town-

ship 29 South, Range 9 West of the 6th P.M., Kingman County, Kansas be assigned in accordance with the terms of the Will.

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

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

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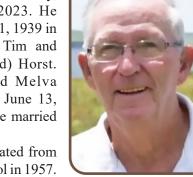
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### **Darryl Horst**

Darryl K. Horst, 84, passed away on Saturday, September 9, 2023. He was born May 31, 1939 in Madison, KS to Tim and Grace (Kennard) Horst. Darryl married Melva (Freund) Horst June 13, 1969. They were married for 33 years.



Darryl graduated from Pratt High School in 1957. He served in the National

Guard for 2 years then later worked for the KS Dept of Transportation as an Engineering Tech. for 30+ years. He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, the Elks, BPOE-Pratt, American Legion, Seidel Golf, NRA and A.B.C.. He enjoyed Bowling, golfing, watching Chiefs football and spending time with his family.

He is survived by sister, Alma Walker of Preston, KS; daughters, Cynthia Walton of Wichita, KS, Stephanie (Doug) Stecklein of Hays, KS, and Rebecca (Brian) Christensen of Clearwater, KS; sons, Brian Horst of Wichita, KS and Jeffrey (Jami) Horst of Hamilton, KS; 14 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

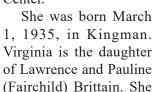
Darryl is preceded in death by his wife; parents; sister, Darlene Rapp; and daughter, Kathleen Horst.

Visitation will be on Sunday, September 17, 2023 from 1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. with family receiving friends from 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt. Funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m., Monday, September 18, 2023 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Cunningham, with Father Roger Lumbre presiding. Burial will follow at Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery, Cunningham.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society in care of Larrison Mortuary.

### Virginia Heldenbrand

Virginia Heldenbrand, 88, died September 10, 2023, at Wheatlands Healthcare





was a lifetime resident of Kingman. Virginia was a homemaker and also worked at several stores downtown Kingman, including Kingman Drug. She was a member of the Kingman Christian Church and was a former Girl Scout leader.

On February 8, 1952, she married Merle Heldenbrand; he died November 1, 2020. Survivors include: sons, Steve (Sandy) Heldenbrand and Dave (Vicki) Brittain; daughters, Cris (John) Bromley and Sherry Stine; brother, Don (Joyce) Brittain; 5 grandchildren; numerous Great-Grandchildren and 1 Great-Great Grandchild.

Funeral Services will be 11:00 a.m, Monday, September 18, 2023, at the Kingman Christian Church. Friends may call from 1-5 p.m Friday, September 15, 2023, at the Livingston Funeral Home. Private graveside service will be held at a later date.

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### Marjorie Barker

Marjorie Ann Barker, 91, passed away Saturday, September 9, 2023 at Parkwood Village. She was born on August 5, 1932 in Pratt to Cleal and Neva (Cooley) Sanders. Marjorie married Claude Carter Barker on November 11, 1951 at Pratt Christian Church. He preceded her in death on October 18, 2019.



Marjorie graduated from Pratt High School in 1950. She attended business classes at Pratt Junior College and Nurses training in Wichita. She worked as a bookkeeper for Cairo Co-op, Pratt Equity, Pratt Chrysler, Carter Barker Equipment and Phyls Dress Shop. She was a member of First United Methodist Church, 50/50 Sunday School Class, United Methodist Women, Naomi Guild, Saratoga Club, EHU and Cairo Mothers Club. She was also the cooking leader of Glendale Reapers 4-H Club. She volunteered at Pratt Historical Museum, PRMC Auxiliary and First UMC Funeral Dinner Committee. She was a K-State season ticket holder for 45 years. She attended many high school and junior college games with Carter. She loved completing jigsaw puzzles, cooking, sewing, her Collie Sheltie dogs and shopping especially for Christmas.

She is survived by her children, Gary Dean (Ruth Ann) Barker and Deb (Kent) Goven all of Pratt; grandsons, Matthew (Amy) Barker of Thompson's Station, Tennessee, Bryce (Shannon) Barker of Arkansas City and Weston (Cassie) Goven of Pratt; and great-grandchildren, Katherine and Ryan Barker, Benjamin and Zachary Barker and Hadley and Hollis Goyen.

Marjorie is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Carter Barker; sister, Mary Jewell Peterson; and brother, Bob Sanders.

Viewing will be Thursday, September 14, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt. Funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m., Friday, September 15, 2023 at First United Methodist Church, Pratt with John Hamm presiding. Burial will follow at Greenlawn Cemetery, Pratt.

Memorials may be made to Lemon Park Lights or Pratt County Historical Society in care of Larrison Mortuary.

### Carolyn Armstrong

Pratt, KS - Carolyn Fern Armstrong, 88, passed away Friday, September 8, 2023 with family at her side. She was born on March 6, 1935 in Isabel to Leo and Fern (Rolf) House. Carolyn married Robert James (Jim) Armstrong November 5, 1955. They were married for 49 years.



Carolyn graduated from Isabel School in 1953. She worked for Pratt County Abstract, Register of Deeds, and Strong's Insurance. She was a key component of the family farming operation, a member of Sawyer Christian Church, and formerly a member of EHU. She enjoyed playing cards and Mexican Train, loved cats and collecting cat figurines, reading and being outside in the yard.

She is survived by son, Bret (Sherry) Armstrong of Isabel, KS; daughter, Staci (Cord) Jacobs of Bennington, KS; grandchildren, Jennifer (Ryan), Chris (Sarah), Andrea and Jesse (Barbie); sisters-inlaw, Rosalie Armstrong, Louise Armstrong, Patricia Armstrong and Dovie Martin; nephew, Tyson House; brother-in-law, Lee Hamm; 10 great-grandchildren; 6 great-great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Carolyn is preceded in death by her husband; parents; and brother, Edgar House.

Visitation will be Thursday, September 14th from 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. with family receiving friends from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt. Funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m., Friday, September 15, 2023 at Isabel Church of Christ, Isabel with John Hamm presiding. Burial will follow at Isabel Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Isabel Church of Christ or City of Isabel for the playground equipment in care of Larrison Mortuary. Online condolences may be made at www.larrisonmortuary.com.



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