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Official Minutes from July BOE Meeting

The West Kingman County Board of Education meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. on Monday, July 11, 2022, by President Scott DeWeese.

President, Scott DeWeese; Vice-President, Brent Miller; Members, Travis Thimesch, Bjorn Halderson; Superintendent, Robert Reed; Principal, Cody Dunlap; Clerk, Stacy Webster and Guest; Roberta Kobe.

Motion made by Brent Miller, seconded by Bjorn Halderson, to approve the agenda as amended; adding g. Approve Coaching positions and h. Approve Sub pay. Yeas: DeWeese, Miller, Thimesch, Halderson. Nays: none. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion made by Brent Miller, seconded by Bjorn Halderson, to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2022 regular meeting. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion made by Brent Miller, seconded by Bjorn Halderson, to approve the minutes of the June 27, 2022 2021-2022 Amended Budget meeting. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion made by Travis Thimesch, seconded by Brent Miller, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$666,645.34 and the financial reports as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion made by Brent Miller, seconded by Travis Thimesch, to approve the following appointments as listed: Stacy Webster, Clerk; Kristen Young, Treasurer; Ninescah Valley Bank, Depository; Busby, Ford, Reimer, Auditor; General Council from KASB, Attorney; Cunningham Courier, Official Newspaper; Robert Reed, Freedom of Information Officer; Stacy Webster, custodian of district records; Robert Reed, Truancy Officer; Stacy Webster, KPERS Representative; Robert Reed, Local Homeless Liaison; Robert Reed/designee, hearing officer for suspension and expulsion; Aimee Ogg, Food Service Representative; Robert Reed, hearing officer for free and reduced meals; Robert Reed, Compliance Coordinator for Federal Anti-Discrimination Laws including Title VI, Title VII, Title IX,

and Section 504 (ADA). Motion carried 4-0.

Motion made by Bjorn Halderson, seconded by Brent Miller, to adopt the following Resolutions and procedures:

2023-001 to establish the USD #332 petty cash fund in the amount of \$500.00 and Cunningham Schools petty cash fund in the amount of \$500.00.

2023-002 to establish a school activity account.

2023-003 to establish Ninescah Valley Bank as the depository of USD #332's funds for the 2022-2023 school year.

2023-004 to authorize payment of warrants before board action.

2023-005 to maintain a direct deposit account.

2023-006 to waive the annual requirement of general accepted accounting principles and fixed asset accounting.

2023-007 to establish board meeting dates for 2022-2023.

2023-008 to rescind previous policies and adopt policies to govern the district during the 2022-2023 school year.

2023-009 to comply with immunization laws and regulations.

2023-010 to establish home rule.

2023-011 providing for an agreement for administrative services for the 403(b) retirement program.

2023-012 Employee Section 125 plan.

2023-13 providing for Hazard Mitigation.

Authorize the disposal of old records as per statute.

Approve participation in federal programs.

Adopt the 1,116 hour school year.

Authorize the liquidation of surplus property through consignment auctions.

Approve participation in the Federal Food Service Program.

Motion carried 4-0.

Motion made by Brent Miller, seconded by Bjorn Halderson, to approve the recommended KASB policy updates as presented at last board meeting. Motion carried 4-0

Motion made by Travis Thimesch,

seconded by Bjorn Halderson, to approve the 2022-2023 student handbook with the changes as suggested by Principal Dunlap. Motion carried 4-0

Superintendent Reed reviewed the Reinvestment proposals received and discussed the Cost estimates provided by McGown Gordon.

Superintendent Reed discussed school fees, Football field updates quotes, gym floor finishing, new vehicle status, legislative updates ESSER III funding and summer maintenance projects.

Principal Dunlap reported on the status of the Safe & Secure schools grant he applied for to install new cameras and the work study program for students.

Member Travis Thimesch presented a report from the Special Education coop for proposed assessment increases. Discussion followed.

Motion made by Bjorn Halderson, seconded by Brent Miller, to approve membership in KASB and KASB Legal Assistance. Motion carried 4-0

Motion made by Brent Miller, seconded by Travis Thimesch, to approve membership in ESSDACK. Motion carried 4-0

Motion made by Bjorn Halderson, seconded by Travis Thimesch, to go into executive session with Superintendent Reed and Principal Dunlap at 9:30 p.m. to discuss personnel performance and wages for the non- elected exception under KOMA and return to the board room at 10:00 p.m.. Motion carried 4-0

President DeWeese declared the meeting in open session at 10:00 p.m.

Motion made by Brent Miller, seconded by Travis Thimesch, to go into executive session with Superintendent Reed and Principal Dunlap at 10:00 p.m. to discuss personnel performance and wages for the non- elected exception under KOMA and return to the board room at 10:10 p.m.. Motion carried 4-0.

President DeWeese declared the meeting in open session at 10:10 p.m.

Motion made by Travis Thimesch, seconded by Bjorn Halderson, to approve a 2000.00 stipend for the grade

school teachers who are teaching the Summer Jump start program. Motion carried 4-0

Motion made by Brent Miller, seconded by Travis Thimesch, to approve a 2000.00 stipend for the high school teacher who taught the summer credit recovery program. Motion carried 4-0

Superintendent Reed reviewed the Needs Assessment Template that is part of the Budget tools. More discussion will be had at the next meeting. He also shared the Revenue Neutral rate we received from the county and that we will be notifying the county of our intent to exceed the revenue neutral rate.

Motion made by Brent Miller, seconded by Bjorn Halderson, to approve the 2022-2023 school fees. Motion carried 4-0

Motion made by Brent Miller, seconded by Travis Thimesch, to approve the 2022-2023 Supplemental Duties as presented. Motion carried 4-0

Motion made by Bjorn Halderson, seconded by Travis Thimesch, to approve Colin Little as Assistant Junior High Football Coach for the 2022-2023 School year. Motion carried 4-0

Motion made by Travis Thimesch, seconded by Brent Miller, to approve Kayla Staley as Head High School Girls Basketball Coach for the 2022-2023 School year. Motion carried 4-0

Motion made by Brent Miller, seconded by Bjorn Halderson, to approve increase in Substitute pay to: 120.00 per day, Certified, 110.00 per day, Emergency License, and 150.00 per day Long Term Sub. Motion carried 4-0

Motion made by Bjorn Halderson, seconded by Brent Miller, to adjourn the meeting at 10:16 p.m. Motion carried 4-0



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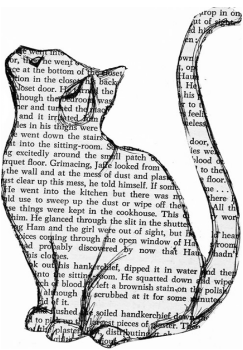
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Meanderings

Did anyone see the story about Gannett Publishing in the August 5th issue of the Hutchinson News? Gannett owns USA Today and local news operations in forty-five states. They don't own this newspaper, but they do the printing for us up in Hutchinson. (The Hutch News is owned by Gannett.)

Gannett reported a net loss of \$53.7 million in the second quarter of 2022. (Probably why my printing costs went up 12%).

The article said that last year at this time, they were reporting a net income of \$15.1 million.

"Gannett has dealt with an industry-wide decline in print business as reader preferences have shifted and has focused on growing its digital subscriber base and marketing solutions business, among other strategies."

Circulation revenue fell 11.7% in this second quarter while advertising

and marketing services fell 7%. Digital-only circulation was up 35.7% from the first quarter this year.

Sad news all the way around for the printed newspaper business.

In the course of a regular week, I meander through several newspapers. Mostly small-town newspapers (locally owned) I don't really read our print version, as I've put it together here on the computer. Although, a few folks have commented about something they read in the paper, and I didn't remember reading it, then I get the business about not reading what's in the paper. Often time I don't peruse the stories and articles I put in this paper, but I do give a quick scan. If I'm paying attention, I can remember them, if my mind is, well, meandering, I may or may not remember them.

I regularly read the Kingman Leader-Courier, The Stafford Courier, The Gyp Hills Premier, The Sentinel Times, The Courtland Journal, The Caldwell Messenger, The Turon Record, The Hutchinson News, and occasionally, The Rural Messenger. (I think that is it). I pay for the Hutchinson News, the other papers are ones I get in a 'swap' with the

other papers or pick them up free. I send the other small town newspapers a free copy, they send me a free copy. I have learned a lot about small towns and small-town newspapering by combing through others.

The Kansas Press Association lists 221 newspapers in their directory. Kansas has 627 incorporated cities. That indicates that over 400 towns/cities in Kansas do not have their own newspaper. Some towns have consolidated their newspapers and share newspapering facilities and staff - such as The Cowley Courier Traveler, that was formed when the Winfield and Arkansas City newspapers merged.

I think it is a sad commentary on our society when two cities the size of Winfield and Arkansas City can't each support their own newspapers. They did once upon a newspaper time.

We are fortunate to have a newspaper in our community. We are DOUBLY fortunate to have TWO newspapers in our county.

Social media and the internet will be the only, but final, nail in the printed newspapers' coffin.

I had someone tell me that she gets 'more feedback' from advertising on Facebook than

in the newspaper. Hm. Well, here's what MOST people don't realize. For the most part, the same number of people see the newspaper as they see something on social media. The difference? The like and share buttons.

I can put an ad on-line and it could be seen by 600 people, get 200 'likes' and 20 'shares', but no one purchases my product. But later, trying to re-find something on social media is a headache.

I can put an ad in a newspaper and 600 people can look at it, comment on it, show someone else, cut it out, whatever. They may not buy the product, either, but it will be easier to find the ad in a newspaper later. If newspapers could have a 'like' and 'share' button, we would out-like and out-share anything on Facebook.

One might THINK we get more use from the free advertising on social media, but probably not any more than what you pay for in a newspaper.

And the most important part? It may cost you in subscriptions and advertising, BUT local newspapers spend local dollars. Local newspapers keep people connected to the community; especially those who don't spend any time on

social media or a computer. Local newspapers keep their subscribers, near and far, apprised of school events, legal notices, local government happenings, and so many other issues.

I try to put out a paper that contains something for everyone. I worry I put in too many photos. I worry I should have put in more photos. I worry I didn't have anything for the farmers to read and find interesting. I worry I don't promote reading enough. I worry I don't promote newspaper enough. I worry I forgot someone's announcement or a public notice (YIKES!) I worry all the time about this paper.

What can I do to make it better? What can I AFFORD to do to make it better?

The Cunningham Clipper was first published 4 years before Gannett Publishing company was formed. The Cunningham Clipper / The Cunningham Courier has been serving our community, surrounding communities, and scores of former residents who are scattered across the United States, for 120 years this October.

Gannett is a national newspaper and has taken steps to buy up newspapers across the country. And now they are report-

ing major financial losses. I hope they get turned around. I hope they don't decide that one of the services they are going to give up is their printing service. If they do, I don't see how we can continue to have a printed newspaper.

I have a backup plan to go on-line only. It isn't the best plan, but it is what will be available. And I think the day to do this is closer than I feared.

I will continue to 'newspaper' as best I can. I appreciate all the support my readers have shown since my announce a couple of weeks ago about the printing and postage costs. All those little donations are mounting up and will continue our paper. Thank you all.

My plan, if the newspaper gods are smiling on us, is to still be putting out a printed paper in five years.

Always reading, And currently reading, "The Fourth Deadly Sin"

By Lawrence Sanders Roberta

"The Press, Watson, is a most valuable institution, if you only know how to use it."

— Arthur Conan Doyle, The Adventure of the Six Napoleons / The Adventure of the Crooked Man

Tallgrass and Tumbleweeds by Gaille Pike

Dear Readers, This week a seven year old I know rode his bike without training wheels for the first time. Not only is he justifiably proud of conquering his fears, but he is also thrilled to ride independently up and down his street (while Mom and Dad pretend not to watch from the porch.) Undeterred by heat, this young man confirms

Albert Einstein's notion "To keep your balance, you must keep moving." I was nine when I first rode on two wheels. That was the summer my Great Uncle Henry died and an incident at his funeral became ensconced in Pike Family Lore. I'm not sure today if my memories of the event are truly recollections or simply a version of what happened that's been im-

printed in my consciousness by how many times my siblings and parents have told me this story. The only remembrance I'm confident is factual is that the pews and floor of the Healy United Methodist Church are made of hardwood.

I'm told I was still young and short enough to both wear the frilly dress and Mary Jane shoes Mom laid out and curl up on a pew with my head in her lap, falling soundly asleep during what was presumably a long hot funeral service. I recall fussing about ruffles. But like my brothers, found it ever prudent

to comply and wore what I was told. As for my ever being that small or allowed to sleep in Church, I'm skeptical. My parents and brothers insist it's all true. As for the ruckus I caused that afternoon, other mourners corroborate my family's account. It is disputed whether I squealed, yelled, or cried when I woke. But all agree I made a clatter loud enough to wake the dead when I fell off the pew and hit the floor with my shoes and my head.

I'm told I claimed that I was riding Karla Mary's bright blue bike and I jumped off it because I dreamed I'd lost control

and was headed for a crash (into a tree in our neighbor's yard.) Karla is two years older than me and, given how close our families were, I've no reason to doubt I learned to ride on her bike before I was given my own. And when gravel is the surface where you first master two wheels, loss of control is common. Whether you bloody your knees or not, the first time you crash teaches you to jump off. Our town only had three paved roads. So to enjoy my independence, besides learning to keep my balance, I had to master knowing when and how to hop off.

There's a famous photo of Einstein riding a bike through sand as an atomic bomb explodes behind him. He knew what he was talking about when he wrote the above line. But the quote became widely known because it was more than a theorem for biking. He was dispensing life advice to his son. I don't know if Einstein ever rode on gravel, but I like to think he'd agree that jumping off was just another way to keep moving.

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

A column by Dorothy Rosby

Hey, Greeting Card Company

Dear Greeting Card Person, I'm about to have a birthday. I won't say which one but I'll give you a hint: It isn't my tenth. And I'm writing to suggest some changes to your birthday card line. I

hope you can implement them before my big day on August 9. Before I get into that though, let me share a little background. I remember my fortieth birthday as clearly as if it were yesterday. It wasn't, and not by a long shot, but I still remember waking up feeling like I was twenty-one and end-

ing the day feeling like I was seventy-seven.

I knew it would be that way. That's why I liked thirty-nine so much. It was the oldest I could be and still not be forty. I might've been thirty-nine years and 374 and a half days old but I was still not forty. Still, thirty-nine wasn't perfect either, mainly because no one ever believed me when I said that's what I was. Then I turned forty and learned what real abuse is.

It actually started the night before my birthday when I told my then four-year-old son I would be forty years old the next day. He asked innocently, "Are you going to be as old as Grandma?" Grandma was eighty-four at the time.

The next day a now former friend asked which birthday I was celebrating. When I told her she said, "I thought you were getting up there."

Up there? Forty isn't old. It used to be. But it isn't anymore, though it

was without a doubt the oldest I'd been up to that point. It's also true that I thought it would take a lot longer to get there.

Then there were the cards. That's where you come in, Greeting Card Person. When I was young my birthday cards came with money and good wishes. Later they contained only wishes and not all of them good.

But starting on my fortieth birthday things really went downhill, and not just my cards. But let's stick with those. Ever since I turned forty my birthday cards have mainly contained insults and ridicule. You know, like "So many candles, so little breath." "You're not getting older. You're getting fatter." Very funny.

Even the well-wishes are thinly disguised insults. "Here's wishing you success in all you do. But you better get started. You're running out of time." Those kinds of wishes would make a fifth grader feel old.

This, Greeting Card Person, is why people

don't discuss their age. Best to keep it to ourselves. Otherwise, if we don't feel old before our birthday, we will after it's over.

As I face another birthday I'm appealing to your decency. Mature people deserve respect. So do I. And I know you can do better. Anyone can come up with insults—even me. And I'm not a professional greeting card person—or elected official or late-night talk show host. How about these:

Don't let anyone tell you you're old. Older people are wise and mature. And you're neither of those.

Welcome to middle age, that magical time in life when you see better in bright light but look better in dim.

Middle age is a great time to get tattoos; you have more room for them.

Don't let the fact that you were born in another century make you feel old. By the way, which century was that?

See? Easy. Also a lot more fun than it should be. But anyone can do that. You're experts. Why not put your skills to work creating cards that are respectful without being gooey? May I suggest something along these lines?

You deserve to be treated like a queen on your birthday. You relax while I clean your house and make dinner for you.

Happy birthday to one of the wisest people I know. You were right all along.

I'm so sorry for all the insulting birthday cards I've sent you over the years. They were the only ones on the rack.

The first two might be a stretch but the last one is almost true. So dear Greeting Card Person, I suggest you create a new line of birthday cards that honor the wisdom and knowledge those celebrating birthdays have gained. And if we haven't gained any, I don't think our special day is the best time to say so.

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Thursday, August 11th 7:00 p.m. water exercise class	Thursday, August 18th 7:00 p.m. Water exercise class
Monday, August 15th 12:00 p.m. water exercise class **** Fall Sports practices begins	Friday, August 19th New Teacher In-service Monday, August 22nd Teacher Professional Day
Tuesday, August 16th 7:00 p.m. water exercise class Wednesday, August 17th 12:00 p.m. water exercise class	Tuesday, August 23rd Teacher Professional Day *** 5:00 p.m. School Open House Wednesday, August 24th First Day of School

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135-Year Celebration Planned for Sept 3, 2022.

The city of Zenda will be celebrating the town's founding with a celebration on Sept 3, 2022. Events planned include the last Zenda/Nashville Alumni gathering. Breakfast will be served at 8:30, a meeting follows at 9:00.

Craft booths will open at 9:00 a.m. at the park. The city is asking folks to bring their best parade clothes and equipment and whatever parade items you have and start lining up at 10:30, with parade start at 11:00. Everyone and everything is welcome.

(Only rule Edwina has (and all parade veivers): Parade participants must wear at least some clothes!)

Contact Edwina Whitmer at 620-243-6811 for more information.

The afternoon brings cornhole and horseshoe, food trucks, beer garden, bingo and more. The evening festivities include a street dance from 8 to 11.

Information can also be found on Facebook: "Zenda 135th Celebration"



Cunningham Book Club met on July 27th, to discuss the book "A Pearl in the Storm: How I Found My Heart in the Middle of the Ocean" by Tori Murden McClure.

I can say it was one of the best book discussions we've ever had. There was a great deal to discuss about this woman who chose to row solo across the Atlantic Ocean in a rowboat not much bigger than a coffin.

We welcomed LaDawn Stegman to the group, and hope she was not scared off by our discussion and opinions. It was nice to have a new voice in our little clutch.

Next we meet August 31st to discuss Michael Dorris's book "Yellow Raft on Blue Water."

-Roberta-

Kingman Historic Theatre
Thursday, August 17th
FREE Faith-Based Movie
I Still Believe
Doors open at 5:45 p.m.,
Showtime is at 6:30 p.m.
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Kingman Historic Theatre
Thursday, August 11th
The Impossible
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An Original Melodrama
Written & Directed
By Felix Rainosek
Showtime is 7:00 p.m.
\$10.00 Admission
Tickets on sale at the Box Office

Fair Winner



Deanna Parker entered several items in the Pratt County Fair. She earned a third place ribbon for her zucchini bread, 1st for her cowboy cookies, and Grand Champion for pineapple pie.

It's Not Too Late to Become a Spotlight Sponsor

Please consider sponsoring the newspaper's school spotlight pages. The students, athletes and staff deserve this recognition.

The family cost will be the same as last year (\$25.00 per person/family). The sponsorship for business will be a bit different this year -- only one-sized ad will be available. I have mailed out the information to businesses. If you did not receive a form to fill out and return, please contact me, and I'll get you set up.

By supporting these special pages, you help the newspaper, and the newspaper, in turn supports and funds school events and sponsorships. (Keeping your newspaper dollars local.)

You can send a check for \$25.00 to The Cunningham Courier, 320 North Stadium Street, Cunningham, KS 67035.

If you wish to renew your subscriptions before the rates go up September 1st, please do so... and you can include your spotlight sponsorship in the same check.

Deadline for getting your check to me is September 1st. Plenty of time to change your mind several times over.

--Roberta

Kingman Historic Theatre
Sunday, August 14th
The Impossible
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An Original Melodrama
Written & Directed
By Felix Rainosek
Showtime is 2:00 p.m.
\$10.00 Admission
Tickets on sale at the Box Office

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Sunday at 5:30

August 9th - 11th
Where the Crawdads Sing
Rated: PG - 13

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YEARS AGO IN
The Cunningham Clipper
W. A. Bradley / William Bradley

1922

August 11 – New Editor Arrives in City
A fine young man, tipping the scales at 8 1/4 pounds arrived at our home at exactly 4:15 o'clock last Sunday morning.
Now we don't like to brag at all, but he is the finest boy we have ever seen, and with his help, should make The Clipper one of the greatest papers in Kansas. We have christened him with the name "William Eugene."
All concerned are getting along nicely, and perhaps the 'old man' will get down to business by next press day and give you a better sheet.

Skunks Worry Beekeepers
Odoriferous Little Animals Coax Honey Gatherers Out at Night and Eat Them

A report from Ohio received by the biological survey of the United States Department of Agriculture says that skunks are giving a great deal of trouble to beekeepers in that region. The skunks visit the hives at night and scratch on the outside till the bees come out. As soon as they appear the skunks eat them. The biological survey recommends that under such conditions the hives be fenced in with chicken wire at least three feet high.

First Dirt was Turned Last Friday. Have Made Some Changes In the Building

Work started in earnest on the Houston Lumber sheds last Friday morning. The forms for some of the sheds and office bulding have been run.

There is considerable change in the building of the sheds since the last notice in The Clipper. They have decided not to enclose all of the sheds under one roof, but will build three separate buildings. The front of the three buidling will be of brick and the sides of iron. This will not make the structure as attractive as was first planned, but will undoubtedly answer the purpose.

The Clipper will not keep the same location, but will be moved directly across the street from the office of the lumber yard. Our next issue will be from that location, and the moving take place Friday morning.

The building erected by the Houston Lumbe Compnay, while not as massive as first planned, will be a fine addition to the town and we are mighty glad to see it go up. The men have started to move the stock from the Ratcliff sheds and will have it completed this week.

Ray Amick purchaed the building the Clipper is located in and will move it to his farm to use as a garage and wash house.

1927

August 12 – The St. Leo All-Stars won their fourth straight game from Kingman last Saturday afternoon by a score of 5 to 3. Matt Zrubek held Kingman to four hits and struck out seven batters. It was the All-Stars' seventh straight victory and gives them a nine won and three lost record for the season.

The McDowell church, which was destroyed by a cyclone in May, is being rebuilt. A new school house for the district is also under contract.

The Western Light and Power Company, who have had a number of men at work here for several weeks re-building their distribution system, have finished their work here and have gone to Norwich for a similar undertaking.

1932

August 12 – Misses Pauline and Geraldine Albritten entertained a group of friends in their home, Wednesday evening. The evening was spent playing Rook, and prizes were won by Miss Gladys Judy of Pratt, Alva Poland, Everett Baber, Raymond Poore, and O.R. "Pat" Benningfield.

The "City Dads" of Cunningham are getting a couple of irons in the fire this week in regard to city improvement. A notice of a special election appears calling for a vote on the installation of a waterworks system. They are also meeting with gas company officials in regard to laying of a gas system.

1937

August 13 – Mrs. Maude DeWeese, of Nashville, announces the marriage of her daughter, Geneva, to Waldo Shelman, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Shelman of Cunningham, Sunday afternoon, August 8, at 8:00 o'clock at the home of Rev. T. M. McCoy of Wichita.

E. C. "Dutch" Hauser is branching out in his grocery store business, and is putting in a café in the building just to the west of the Skelly Service Station.

A farewell reception was held at the Methodist Church honoring Professor and Mrs. W. F. Teague, and Mr. and Mrs. Alva Poland, who are leaving our community.

1942

August 14 – Lightning struck a large haystack on the Frank Miles land south of Skellyville during a thunderstorm last Thursday evening. The Dale Wise home was threatened by flying sparks during the fire. The Kingman Fire Department was called to the scene.

Guy V. Neagle Jr., eighteen-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy V. Neagle of Cunningham, has enlisted as a flying student in the United States Naval Reserve.

1947

August 15 – Theis Hurls Another One Hit Ball Game as Locals Down Spivey Sunday, 7-2

One of the scratchiest of scratch singles was the only hit given up by Joe Theis as Cunningham defeated Spivey 7 to 2 in a Kingman County League game Sunday afternoon on the Sterneker diamond.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Cooley of this city announce the engagement of their youngest daughter, Rita, to Joseph A. Theis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nick Theis, also of this city.

Miss Cooley has attended the Cunningham high school the past three years where she was prominent in vocal work, and is a popular member of the younger set.

Mr. Theis attended high school in Cunningham, prior to his two years service in the United States Navy, most of which was spent in the South Pacific. He is now employed by the Skelly Oil Company.

- Dole Pineapple, flat can, 15c
- Shurfine Marshmallows, cello bag, 25c
- Baker's Dot Sweet Chocolate, pkg., 20c
- Robb Ross Gelatin, pkg., 8c
- Folger's Coffee, 3 grinds, lb. 47c
- Magic Washing Powder, box, 28c
- Clorox, qt. Bottle, 15c
- Hauser's Market

1952

August 15 – Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hageman announce the birth of a baby girl, Saturday evening, August 9, at the Nashville Hospital. She weighed eight pounds, four ounces, and has been named Gail Lynn.

A large crowd attended the Community Picnic at Cooley's Grove, Tuesday evening.

The Picnic, under the auspices of the Community Men's Club, was well-handled and adjudged a success – the only complaints heard were from those people who ate too much. The Boy Scouts and Explorer Scout Troops had charge of the car-parking, and music was furnished by the Harmoniers.

A neutral wire, broken at one of the Western Light and Telephone Co., Inc. transformer settings, throwing high voltage through transmission lines, resulted in a burned-out electric floor fan and fluorescent lights at the Cozy Café, Wednesday night, and burned out light bulbs at both the HiWay Café and the Albert Ditto residence, throwing all those on the one transformer out of lights for a time, until Merle Trollope, local manager, repaired the break.

Off the Record – No matter how questionable the tax collectors may be, the taxes themselves are always on the up and up.

Cheer Up! There is nothing wrong with the nation that a miracle couldn't cure.

It is well to remember that self-respect cannot be sold at a profit.

1957

August 15 – A sprinkler irrigation system, donated by Walter Freund, has been installed at the new ball field in the City Park this past week, readying the site for the planting of a playing area.

After much discussion by Lions Club members, and information received from the Kansas State

College Extension Service, the decision to plant a cover crop of rye was reached this week.

Dresden Township Trustee Bob Underwood reports that work is underway repairing the county-line bridge northwest of town and the bridge north of the Harold Watkins farm. He expects both bridges to be ready for traffic by September 1. The bridges were washed out and badly damaged in the Ninnescah River flooding, June 26.

He also reports that the county plans to build a new bridge at the river crossing a mile and a half north of town. This bridge was repaired following the flood damage, but is still not in shape to handle the heavy oil field traffic to Skellyville.

1962

August 16 – Funeral services for E. C. Dafforn, 83, pioneer businessman, were held in the Methodist Church, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Dafforn was born in Fort Wayne, Ind., May 11, 1879, moving with his parents to Pretty Prairie in 1883. He was married to Peryl Hagler in Medicine Lodge, November 21, 1908, and they made their home in Rochester (now known as Zenda), where he owned and operated the telephone exchange. During this period of time, Mr. Dafforn taught school for four years, and started the first Ford car agency.

He, and his family, moved to Cunningham in 1934, where they operated Dafforn Motor Company until Mr. Dafforn retired in 1955.

He is survived by his wife; one son, Francis, of Cunningham; two brothers, Roy and Sidney, both of Mission; and three grandsons, Alan, Charles, and Mark Dafforn.

1967

August 17 – Work on the new grocery store portion of DeWeese Variety and Hardware is progressing nicely, according to Lee DeWeese. Most of the IGA grocery stock has been placed on the shelves and installation work continues in the meat market department.

A Little League baseball tournament will be held at Willowdale this week-end.

Eight teams will participate in the single elimination affair, with the first games played tonight (Thursday), and continue each night through Sunday. The teams are Nashville, Don Nett's of Kingman, Willowdale, Attica, Cunningham, Ferguson's of Kingman, St. Leo, and Kerschen's of Kingman.

The tournament is sponsored by the Willowdale Recreation Commission. Members of the Commission are Joe Bohrer, Levi Rohlmna, George Henning, Mervin Eck, and Martin Miller.

YEARS AGO IN
The Cunningham Clipper
Publisher: Charles G. Barnes
Editor: Joyce Hartmann
Reporter: Florine Kampling

1977

August 18-Mrs. Eva Cundiff has been appointed new city councilwoman to fill the vacancy created when Walter Rosenbaum became Mayor of Cunningham. She is a teacher in the local high school and a long time resident of Cunningham.

Mrs. Cundiff has three children; Gene, Mary Lynn, and Bill, who all reside in or near Kiowa or Hardtner, Kansas.

Master Sgt. and Mrs. Richard L. Krug and daughters are spending a month with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Krug, before going to Mildenhall Air Force Base near London, England for the next four years.

Thursday evening supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Simon and family were Sister Imelda Schmidt, Wichita; Mrs. Frances Schmidt, Sharon, sister and mother of Mrs. Simon; and Louise Armstrong, Connie and Natasha. After supper, the evening was spent visiting and viewing slides of Sister Imelda's missionary trip to Nigeria, Africa.

Hilltop Manor Happenings
Olin Northrup, reporter for Hilltop Manor is confined to Kingman Community Hospital and is improving at this time.

Hurry home, Olin, this is too much work for me! Seriously, GET WELL SOON!

Dr. T. L. Waylon of Nashville visited Hilltop Manor on Tuesday afternoon.

Our thanks to Everett Swanders for the cucumbers that he brought to us they are delicious.

Support during a child's mental health crisis is a phone call away.

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Consider this... Travel Companion

by Mike Johnson

“Hello,” she smiled bright-eyed from her seat in 45D. “We’re pretty far back aren’t we?” Her openness caught me off guard, but caught me none the less. Thirty something, with girl-next-door features and long hazel hair, I wasn’t disappointed that my airline ticket said 45C. Stowing briefcase and camera bag, I deliberated whether to answer by way

of smile or comment. “Are you from Ft. Myers or just vacationing,” I decided, not realizing the depth of the question. “Neither,” she said, drawing back ever so slightly, deciding just how much to reveal to this stranger. “I’m from California and visiting my mother in Punta Gorda.” “Not on vacation?” I queried. “Not really. My mom’s 81 and not well. I’ve been coming here every six weeks to check on her...it’s just become too much...this time I’ve come to take her home.”

And then looking dead in my eyes, “I’m scared.” I hesitated. Electricity filled the air. It’s not often such trust is handed over to a complete stranger. For all I knew, at that moment she could’ve been a sorceress come to test me. I handled her admission gently and revealed a similar fear in exchange. It was then that time accelerated. Like peeling the skin off an onion, each of us revealed more and more of ourselves to the other. She was a writer -- why me too! She had left a successful career to follow a dream -- so had I! Richard Bach a favorite

author? Her’s too! She shared a melody she’d written, I shared a column. She handed over a set of lyrics, I presented her with a newsletter. And then we found ourselves in the heart of the onion. What’s your life philosophy? Why are we here? What’s most important? What are your dreams? The two hour flight from Atlanta was compressed into what seemed like five minutes. How exciting to meet someone who has similar interests! Someone so open, so curious, traveling a parallel path and willing to expose their

fears and dreams and deepest self. What greater compliment can you receive from someone than to be given a look at their soul? This was one of those magical times where interest, surprise, amazement, goose bumps and tingles all converged. How nice to meet you and what a neat person you are and I wish you all the best and may your life become everything you want it to be -- I’m so glad I met you! And then lightning struck. How many similar connections are missed because we’re slow to

reveal ourselves to others first? How many other travelers had I sat next to, hiding behind the facade, missing similar opportunities? For once the baggage came too quickly, and then she was smiling a so long that said don’t forget. Another flash. What if this sorceress from 45D had appeared to teach that EVERYONE, EVERYWHERE, was goose bumps and tingles if only we had the courage to reveal ourselves first? At that moment, watching her slip away into the night, I chose to believe so.

Pass It On... Born to Make a Difference

Kids who are changing their world.

Kids these days. Seems they spend most of their time with their noses pointed at their phones or their eyeballs frantically moving to the flashes of video games. It’s easy to be a bit pessimistic about the future. But if you look closely, there are young minds solving major world

problems. Jahkil Jackson distributes “Blessing Bags” for the homeless in Chicago: toiletries, snacks, socks and other essentials. Jahkil started his work at 9 years old. In Bali, preteen sisters Melati and Isabel Wijsen began a campaign to clean up the beaches and rid their country of plastic pollution in 2008. Bali is now plastic-free. But they are not done. They are now focused on the rest of Indonesia. And speaking of cleanups, Ryan Hickman

was 7 years old when he started Ryan’s Recycling. He collects over 200,000 bottles and cans a year from 50 customers. In Sierra Leone, Kelvin Doe started bringing electricity and a community radio station to rural villages by making batteries and a transmitter out of recycled materials. He was 13 years old. Most importantly, Kelvin showed other children that they can make a difference. (Today, Kelvin is a songwriter and engineer, still working to inspire young people)

Teenager Boyan Slat has raised over \$13 million for his project Ocean Cleanup that uses the ocean’s natural currents to collect plastic pollution. At age 15, Ann Makosinski invented a flashlight that uses body heat for power to keep batteries out of landfills. Kids around the world are raising millions of dollars for cancer research, literacy and environmental causes simply by running lemonade stands, sewing headbands and selling bracelets.

So the next time you get a little worried about what today’s kids are up to, rest assured they are using whatever resources they have to make life better for their generation, and beyond.

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Christian Humor



Benefits
Working for God does not pay much, but His retirement plan is out of this world.

Coffee, Anyone?
How do we know that men, not women, made the coffee in Biblical times?
ANS: It clearly states that He-brews.

Short in Stature
Who is the shortest man in the Bible?
ANS: Knee High Myah.
Or maybe it was Bildad the Shoe-height.

Parents
Which Bible character had no parents?
ANS: Joshua. He was the son of Nun.
Germany
In Germany, what do they call their pastors?
ANS: German Shepherds.

always overflowing.
Who was the greatest female financier in the Bible?
ANS: Pharaoh’s daughter. She went down to the Nile and drew out a little prophet.

Hymn
What is the Traditional Thanksgiving Hymn?
ANS: Low in the Gravy (Lay Jesus My Savior).

Financiers
Who was the greatest male financier in the Bible?
ANS: Noah. He was floating his stock while everyone else was in liquidation

Lawbreaker
Which man in the Bible was the most flagrant lawbreaker?
ANS: Moses. He broke all ten commandments at once.

Boaz
What kind of man was Boaz before he married Ruth?
ANS: Ruthless.

Riches
Which area of Palestine was the wealthiest?
ANS: Next to the Jordan. The banks were

Play Cards
Why couldn’t they play cards on the Ark?
ANS: Because Noah was standing on the deck.



Catholic Churches

Sacred Heart, Cunningham
Saturdays 5:30 p.m.

St. John, Zenda
Sundays 8:30 a.m.

St. Leo
Sundays 10:00 a.m. St. Leo

St. Peter Willowdale
Saturdays 4:00 a.m.

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



Lutheran Churches

St. John, Nashville
620-246-5220

Trinity, Medicine Lodge
620- 886-3397

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

Sunday School & Bible Class
9:45 a.m.

Worship Service
10:30 a.m.

Worship Service
8:30 a.m.

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

Pastor Dennis Fangmeyer
Cell: 620-886-0911



Church of Christ

Penalosa
Sunday 11:00 a.m.



First Christian Church

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



United Methodist Church

Penalosa
Worship 9:15 a.m.

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

Zenda
Worship 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School: Children 8:30 a.m. Adults 10:00 a.m.
Pastor J L Nichols
620-491-0680

Fundraisers & Charitable

Opportunities in our Community

4C Day Care Shop smile.amazon.com or contact Kathy Albers 620-298-2725 or 620-388-0774 or leave a donation with the Methodist Church.

West Kingman County Education Foundation

Use your Dillon's Card! Shop smile.amazon.com
(to donte contact Janet DeWeese 620-298-2717)

Hands of Hope (contact any church)

Cunningham Alumni Scholarship Fund

(send checks to the West Kingman County Education Foundation)

Cunningham Community Center (leave donation at the bank)

Lions' Club (Money is being raised to dig a well in the village of Kakindu, Kenya)

Cunningham Museum (to donate contact Alan Albers)

Cunningham Public Library (to donate, contact Kerri Steffen)

Cunningham Hands of Hope, Inc.

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

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

What: Food

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

Where: 117 N Main (Old School Board Office)

Why: To provide food assistance to those in need.

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

Do you need assistance outside distribution hours?

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

Students Compete in Summer Triathlon

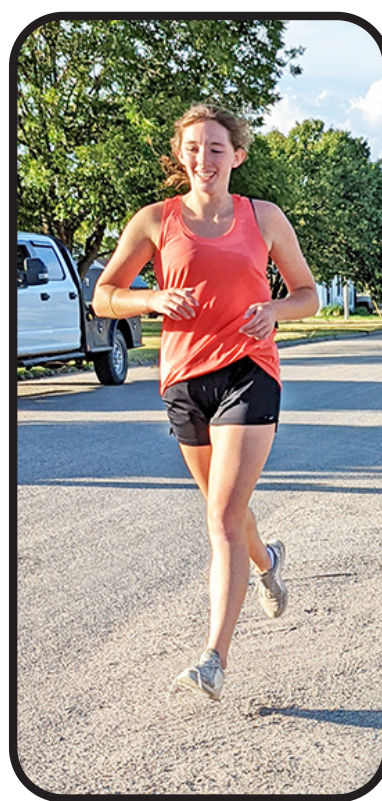


photos by Barb Schultz

A weights program for junior high and high school athletes was held here in Cunningham this summer. The athletes were in training with coaches Eric Kerschen, Nicole Kerschen and Kayla Fiegal. The culminating activity was a triathlon, which was held in the early morning on August 3rd. The events included: swimming 6 laps in the pool, riding 5 miles on bikes, and running 1 mile. Several students showed up to compete in this year's triathlon, but I don't have a list of all the names, nor can I identify them in this photo. However, I would like to point out the Lone Lady Wildcat was Maranda Lohrke. Maranda was the ONLY female athlete to take on the quest.



Will Wegerer and Trey DeWeese



Maranda Lohrke



Dylan Halderson and Luke McGuire

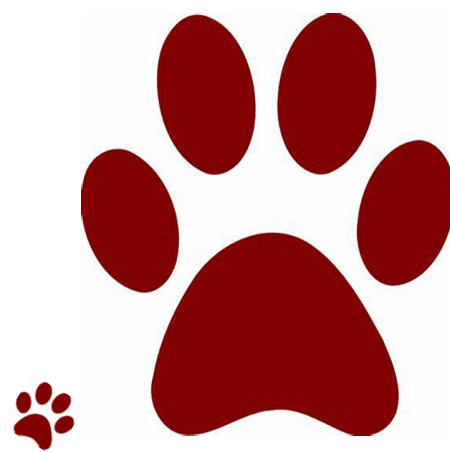


Stephen Kerschen and Kendall Rogers



Maranda Lohrke

photos by Molly Morgan



Wheat Scoop: Young Millers Team from the Middle East/North Africa Explores Kansas Wheat Industry

Members of the next generation of flour millers and commodity buyers from operations in Morocco, Algeria, Egypt and Oman discussed the science behind the hard red winter (HRW) wheat crop as part of a 12-day tour to Idaho, Kansas and North Dakota.

The team, organized by U.S. Wheat Associates (USW), was comprised of future industry decision-makers. Some attendees were students and had part-time jobs in

their family's flour mills to prepare them to take over from their parents. USW used this opportunity to introduce information about the U.S. grain marketing system at an early stage in the careers of these young professionals and build strong relationships to lay the foundation for future opportunities like potential combination cargos.

"These young generation millers represent their family businesses and are exposed to the U.S. grain marketing system at a very early age," said Tarik Gahi, milling and baking technologist in the USW office in Casablanca, Morocco, who accompanied the team. "Visits to different states on this trip were an opportunity to introduce different classes of U.S. wheat and learn about efforts implemented by organizations and facilities to produce the best

quality wheat."

Overall, the Middle East/North African region imports primarily HRW wheat in addition to soft white (SW) and soft red winter (SRW) wheat. However, the region is composed of more than 30 countries, meaning there is a wide variation in the sophistication of local flour milling operations and wheat importation.

Egypt is the world's largest wheat importer due to high per capita consumption, driven by government flour and bread subsidies. While the country imports from multiple origins, the largest market share is traditionally given to Black Sea suppliers.

In the (MAGHREB countries (Algeria, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco and Tunisia), imports depend heavily on domestic wheat production as well as crop quality from

geographically closer suppliers. As a result, U.S. wheat exports to these countries fluctuate greatly from year to year, although these countries are consistent buyers of U.S. durum.

Taking advantage of market opportunities in the Middle East/North African region requires a long-term commitment to building relationships within the industries of individual markets, like the up-and-coming leaders of the young millers team. As part of this work, USW organizes in-person tours to the United States to provide firsthand insights into the current year's wheat harvest. Kansas Wheat staff regularly participates in these programs to provide personalized information to each market and receive feedback directly from customers.

From July 17 to July 20, the team spent time

in Kansas learning about HRW production, visiting research facilities and meeting with leading wheat researchers. At the USDA Center for Grain and Animal Health Research, the team discussed how USDA scientists in the Hard Winter Wheat Genetics Unit focus on different diseases that affect the wheat plant, including leaf rust, stem rust or Fusarium Head Blight. They also discussed how both basic and applied research help ensure a high-quality U.S. grain supply by evaluating the end-use of breeding lines through biochemical and physical characterization.

The team toured the Grain Science Complex on the north campus of Kansas State University, including the Kansas Wheat Innovation Center, IGP Institute and Hal Ross Flour Mill. Participants received an overview of

how U.S. wheat classes are graded, including a hands-on grading practicum. The team also visited Research Productions Company in Salina, which provides innovative ideas, services and products for the milling and baking industries.

The team left with a greater understanding of the science behind HRW development in Kansas and the commitment of U.S. wheat producers to continue to grow the world's most reliable supply of high-quality wheat. Both lessons will stick with these young leaders throughout their burgeoning careers and contribute to future sales of U.S. wheat.

Learn more about how USW works with wheat buyers around the world or track commercial sales at <https://www.uswheat.org/>.

Written by Julia Debes for Kansas Wheat

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photo by Courier reader

"Wherever you are, at any moment, try and find something beautiful. A face, a line out of a poem, the clouds out of a window, some graffiti, a wind farm. Beauty cleans the mind."

— Matt Haig, *Reasons to Stay Alive*



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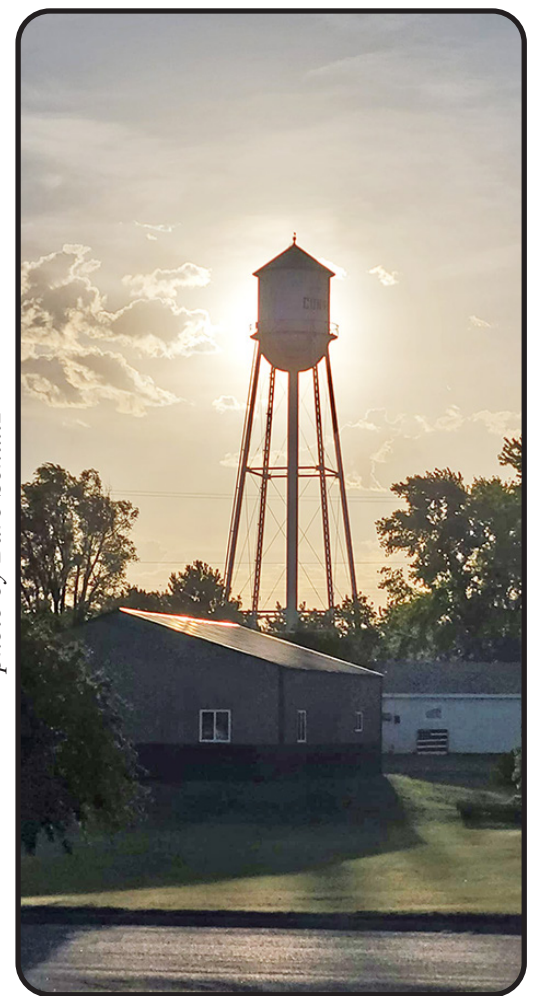


photo by Barb Schultz

"Ô, Sunlight! The most precious gold to be found on Earth."

— Roman Payne



photo by Josh Theis

"You never can tell with bees."

— A.A. Milne, *Winnie-the-Pooh*



photo by Joyce Deppenbusch

"Soldier gave her a week or two to get over the golden haired Prince with the character of a horned toad and the soul of a slug"

— Kim Hunter, *Wizard's Funeral*



Governor Cuts Ribbon on North America's Largest Wheat Protein Plant

~Phillipsburg Facility Is a \$250M Investment that Will Create 60+ Jobs~

PHILLIPSBURG – Governor Laura Kelly today joined Amber Wave, a leader in sustainable agriculture, food ingredients, and low-carbon

fuels, to cut the ribbon on a state-of-the-art wheat protein ingredients facility in Phillipsburg that will be the largest wheat protein producer in North America within two years. The company is investing more than \$250 million into the facility and is creating more than 60 new jobs as it ramps up to full capacity.

The ribbon-cutting comes during the Governor's Prosperity on the Plains tour promoting economic development in Kansas.

"Kansas is known for its high-quality wheat, and this cutting-edge facility will strengthen the competitive edge we have in the market," Governor Laura Kelly said. "Now, Kansas wheat farming families will have a massive direct buyer close to home and major food, baking, and pet food companies are able to have their wheat needs met here in Phillipsburg. This investment shows why our constant efforts to bring businesses to Kansas matter: Every local business owner and community member benefits."

The plant's location puts it in the heart of the country with rail access to both coasts and core Midwest customers for the diverse variety of products being made in Phillipsburg. All the wheat Amber Wave needs is grown within 100 miles of the plant.

"This is a big win not just for Phillipsburg and western Kansas but the entire state," Lieutenant Governor and Secretary of Commerce David Toland said. "Amber

Wave's facility underscores Governor Kelly's continued commitment to increasing prosperity in all areas of the Kansas."

In addition to building a wheat mill and vital wheat gluten plant, the company retrofitted the existing Prairie Horizon Agri-Energy corn-based ethanol plant to produce ethanol from wheat starch. The plant will use the latest technology in wheat milling and protein extraction while creating a significantly lower carbon footprint than traditional corn ethanol plants to produce biofuels.

"Recognizing the rising demand for high-protein ingredients and innovative feed products, coupled with renewable fuels that reduce our carbon footprint, this investment fits with what we have successfully done many times in Summit's history," said Bruce Rastetter, CEO of Summit Agricultural Group, Amber Wave's parent organization. "We evaluated several sites in various wheat-growing areas and Prairie Horizon is ideally located. The wheat protein we will produce is a healthy ingredient used widely within baked goods, pet food and growing aquaculture feed markets."

"Today, wheat protein demand in the U.S. is heavily reliant on imports," Rastetter said, "and with consumers demanding more transparency about the origins of the food they eat, we see a real opportunity."

Public Notice

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Kingman County

NOTICE OF HEARING TO EXCEED REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE AND BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of **Kingman County** will meet on August 22, 2022 at 9:00 AM at Kingman County Commissioner's Room for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of ad valorem tax and Revenue Neutral Rate. Detailed budget information is available at Kingman County Clerk's Office and will be available at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget 2023 Expenditures and Amount of 2022 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2023 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.

FUND	Prior Year Actual for 2021		Current Year Estimate for 2022		Proposed Budget Year for 2023		
	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2022 Ad Valorem Tax	Proposed Estimated Tax Rate*
General	4,550,813	26.483	5,648,458	25.846	6,033,127	3,218,646	27.188
Debt Service	310,560	3.034	390,561	2.681	1,064,160	277,447	2.344
Road & Bridge	1,807,527	13.980	1,985,250	13.558	1,978,750	1,287,116	10.872
Special Bridge	382,548	3.669	274,000	0.515	274,000	239,359	2.022
Public Health	276,811	1.091	320,883	0.658	345,120	140,806	1.189
Activity Center for Maintenance	119,927	0.807	124,000	0.503	131,000	69,341	0.586
Extension Council	333						
County Appraiser	178,581	1.730	190,066	1.398	197,725	166,540	1.407
Noxious Weed	90,758	0.302	160,530	0.514	158,775	45,775	0.387
Council on Aging	282						
Mental Health	111						
Intellectual Disability	109						
Ambulance	263,000	2.539	309,000	2.785	365,635	343,393	2.901
Employee Benefits	2,115,914	17.066	2,427,000	19.798	2,549,300	1,965,523	16.603
Special Parks and Recreation					2,998		
Special Alcohol and Drug Program					62,505		
Emergency Telephone Services (911)	62,438		86,000		123,615		
Non-Budgeted Funds-A	460,939						
Non-Budgeted Funds-B	3,346,137						
Non-Budgeted Funds-C	3,240,701						
Non-Budgeted Funds-D	38,523						
Totals	17,246,012	70.701	11,915,748	68.256	13,276,710	7,753,946	65.499
					Revenue Neutral Rate **		67.510
Less: Transfers	2,426,080		1,546,125		1,691,625		
Net Expenditure	14,819,932		10,369,623		11,585,085		
Total Tax Levied	7,110,045		7,225,013		xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx		
Assessed Valuation	101,373,358		108,675,132		118,384,176		
Outstanding Indebtedness, January 1,							
G.O. Bonds	3,635,000		3,420,000		3,420,000		
Revenue Bonds	0		0		0		
Other	0		0		0		
Lease Pur. Princ.	111,117		111,880		39,388		
Total	3,746,117		3,531,880		3,459,388		

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

Carol Noblit
County Clerk

Minutes from Kingman County Commission for August 1st, 2022

Chairman Foley called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on August 1st, 2022 in the County Commissioners room at the Kingman County Courthouse. Present were: Fred Foley, Chairman; Jerry Henning, Commissioner; Jack Thimesch, Commissioner; Stan Goetz, HR; Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor
Visitors: Bob Morris,

Kingman Leader-Courier; Larry Landwehr
Staff: Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director and Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director.

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

No additions were requested.
MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the agenda with no additions. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Foley asked

if there was any public comment.

Commissioner Thimesch and Larry Landwehr both commented that the Fair was overall good. Commissioner Thimesch thought the visiting politicians were treated with respect and good information was provided from them and to them.

Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer was in to let the Commissioners know that the drivers' license office will be open 4 days a week (Tuesday-Friday) starting the week of August 7, 2022.

Ms. Luntsford hoped to have a 'ribbon cutting' ceremony from the

Chamber of Commerce to help "kick off".

Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director reviewed the BC/BS kick off meeting coming up August 10th, 2022 and the County Communication tower placement.

Mr. Goetz discussed that the Wind Farm Company Invenergy is coming to visit August 3rd, 2022 to start discussions about Flat Ridge IV.

Mr. Goetz presented two building permits.
EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session at 9:05 a.m. with Stan Goetz, HR; Richard Schott,

Emergency Manager and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor to discuss an individual employee evaluation pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings, and they will return to open session in the board meeting room at 9:20 a.m. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners. Commissioners returned to open session at 9:20 a.m.

Commissioners discussed the fair facilities and possible improvements in the future.

Commissioners re-

viewed the minutes of July 25th, 2022 for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the July 25th, 2022 Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 9:50 a.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Kansas Reports Tax Revenue Above Expectations for 24th Consecutive Month

Noah Taborda/Kansas Reflector

Kansas brought in \$127.6 million more in tax receipts than expected in July, for an estimated total of about \$586 million collected.

Gov. Laura Kelly touted the 24th consecutive month during which Kansas topped expectations as an example

of the state's economic successes.

The revenue report indicated higher-than-expected corporate tax receipts, reflecting optimism that corporate profits will remain stable, Kelly said. Corporate income tax collections were \$36.6 million, or 66.4%, over the estimate.

Tax collections for individual income tax were \$300.5 million, 15.6% more than expected, and retail sales tax receipts were \$174.2 million. Compensating use tax collections were \$53 million.

A Sticker of Satisfaction

Glenn Brunkow, Pottawatomie County farmer and rancher

I am writing this on the day of the primary elections, complete with my "I Voted" sticker on the left pocket of my shirt. I am proud to say that I exercised my right to vote, and, in my mind, I made all the right choices. To my knowledge I have participated in every election since I turned 18, and I intend to exercise it every opportunity I get for the rest of my life.

I don't know if you have noticed but we are at a serious crossroads in the history of our great nation. That crossroads makes exercising the right to vote even more critical now than ever. That is especially true for those of us in agriculture. We are an ever-shrinking

number, and we must take every chance we can get to make our voices heard and that is especially true when it comes to the polls.

That is also why it is so critical for each of us as Farm Bureau members to get involved with Voters Organized To Elect Farm Bureau Friends, or VOTE FBF. First, let me encourage you to support it monetarily. The dollars are used to support candidates friendly to agriculture are only generated through donations from members. It doesn't have to be much if each of us donate every year.

More importantly get involved in the county process to decide which candidates to support. Like everything else in Farm Bureau, the decision of which candidates to support starts at the county level. Increasingly we are seeing candidates

recognize this and start to attend county board meetings and this gives us an opportunity to have discussions with them about our views. Those recommendations along with voting records are heavily considered by the Vote FBF board when deciding which candidates to endorse.

I would also hope that when you do go to the polls you will look at the list of candidates endorsed by VOTE FBF and consider supporting them. They are the candidates who have the best interest of agriculture in mind and most closely align with our policy. In the end you will make up your own mind and vote for the candidates that best represent you, but the list of endorsed candidates is a good place to start.

The most important thing is to get out and vote in November. It is

the best way for us to make our voices heard. It was ingrained in me early on that if you did not participate and vote, you really had no right to complain. I know I still get a feeling of pride every time I go to the polls and cast my vote. Regardless of how I feel about the slate of candidates or the issues I am voting on, I do get a great deal of satisfaction participating in the process. It isn't perfect, but it is the best in the world. So go cast your vote and wear that sticker with pride, you earned it.

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

"The income tax has made more liars out of the American people than golf has."
— Will Rogers

Minutes from the Pratt County Commission Meeting on August 1st, 2022 were not posted by press time this week.

Public Notice

(First Published in Cunningham Courier, August 11, 2022)

TO THE STATE OF KANSAS AND ALL WHO MAY BE CONCERNED:

Notice is hereby given that the City of Cunningham, Kansas, was presented with a Petition praying for vacation of the following street in the City of Cunningham, Kansas pursuant to K.S.A. 12-504 et seq.: That portion of Estella Avenue east of Wilmot Street, which is adjacent to the following properties in the Elliott's Addition and Elliott's Second Addition to the

City of Cunningham, Kansas:

1. Lot 6 of Block Six (6), Elliott's Addition to the City of Cunningham, Kansas; and

2. Lot 1 of Block Three (3), Elliott's Second Addition to the Cunningham, Kansas.

that the petition will be presented to the the Cunningham City Council on September 12, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. Any person interested in the proposed vacation may appear and be heard under the petition.

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Kingman County Sheriff's Report

Sunday, July 31st

- Traffic Stop 5
- Traffic Complaint NE 50 Street & NE 150 Ave, Cheney
- Traffic Complaint 13000E Hwy 2, Norwich
- Animal 6500 W Hwy 54, Kingman
- Animal SW 90 Ave & SW 50 St, Kingman
- Animal SW 90 Ave & SW 20 St, Kingman
- Animal 12139 S Hwy 14, Rago
- Animal West Hwy 42 & SW 20 Ave, Spivey
- Suspicious Vehicle 2053 NE 70 Ave, Kingman
- Vehicle - Abandoned N Hwy 14 & E Hwy 54, Kingman, Ks

Monday, August 1st

- Traffic Stop 12
- Animal SW 20 St & SW 90 Ave, Kingman
- Harrassment 15541 NE 50 St, Cheney
- Assist Other Agency 120 North Spruce, Kingman
- Assist Other Agency 120 North Spruce, Kingman

Tuesday, August 2nd

- Traffic Complaint MM 193 E Hwy 54, Cheney
- Disabled Vehicle 222 N Main St, Kingman
- Abandoned Vehicle E Hwy 54 & NE 120 Ave, Murdock
- Disturbance 121 S Main St, Kingman
- 911 Accidental Dial E Hwy 54 & NE 120 Ave, Murdock
- 911 Accidental Dial 2468 SE 50 St, Kingman

Wednesday, August 3rd

- Traffic Stop 3
- Traffic Complaint 7000 SW 60 Ave, Kingman
- Traffic Complaint 15000 East Hwy 54, Cheney
- Traffic Complaint 1762 SW 120 Ave, Cunningham
- Traffic Complaint E Hwy54 & NE 120 Ave, Murdock
- Vehicle - Disabled 15000 E Hwy 54, Cheney

Thursday, August 4th

- Traffic Stop 1
- Traffic Complaint SE 150 St & S Hwy 13, Rago
- Traffic Complaint 12700 S Hwy 14, Rago
- Vehicle - Disabled 11000 E Hwy 54, Cheney
- Assist Other Agency 445 E Leiter Ave, Cunningham
- 911 Accidental Dial 439 N Lincoln St, Kingman

Friday, August 5th

- Traffic Stop 5
- Traffic Complaint SE 150 St & S Hwy 14, Rago
- Traffic Complaint 12700 S Hwy 14, Rago
- Traffic Complaint SE 20 St & SE 130 Ave, Murdock
- Traffic Complaint SW 50 St & SW 170 Ave, Cunningham
- Traffic Complaint SE 20 St & SE 130 Ave, Murdock
- Traffic Complaint 8000 W Hwy 42, Zenda
- Vehicle - Disabled 11000 E Hwy 54, Cheney
- Suspicious Vehicle 211 N Lincoln St, Cunningham

Saturday, August 6th

- Traffic Stop 3
- Traffic Complaint 12000 S Hwy 14, Rago
- Vehicle - Disabled 18000 W Hwy 54, Cunningham
- 911 Accidental Dial 4861 NW 20 Ave, Kingman

It's Back to School Reading at the Cunningham Public Library



photos by Joyce Depenbusch

New book displays at the public library highlight books about school. I recognize many titles in the display, and would recommend them to young and old.



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PRATT PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

Hours: Mon-Thur 10 am-7 pm, Fri 10:00 am-6:00 pm, Sat 10:00 am-2:00 pm. Closed: Every Sun

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Jerry Vanlandingham

Jerry Edward Vanlandingham passed away peacefully surrounded by family at his home in Zenda on August 6, 2022. Born in Kingman, Kansas on October 2, 1939 to Palmer "Dick" Vanlandingham and Sylvia Ione Torrance Vanlandingham.



In 1947 Dick and Ione moved their growing family from a farm North of Spivey to the "Home Place" South of Spivey. Jerry attended Grade School in Spivey, High School in Attica and 2 years at Friends University in Wichita.

In 1960 Jerry married Ruth Ann Graber from Zenda and together they raised their 3 children, Moira, Roger and Lisa on the home place. Jerry enjoyed being a farmer and rancher and loved the yearly cattle round-ups and continued to rope as late as May this year. Together Jerry and Ruth Ann instilled their work ethic and their love for the ranch life in their children.

In 1987 Jerry and Ruth moved from the ranch to Zenda to help Ruth Ann's aging parents operate the Zenda Telephone Company. Jerry took over the phone sales, repairs and was instrumental in assisting with the expanding the growing cell phone business. Jerry also assisted Ruth and her folks open the Lumberyard Restaurant and Supper Club in 1993.

Jerry loved to operate all types of dirt earth moving equipment and maintained the Chikaskia Township roads for over 38 years. There wasn't a piece of equipment that he couldn't run or repair.

Jerry's non-stop energy and commitment to the community lead him to being the Mayor of Zenda for 30 years and Zenda Fire Chief for 37 years.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth Ann Vanlandingham, Daughters Moira (Mike) Brenneman and Lisa (Ralph) Lilja and Son, Roger (Mary) Vanlandingham. Grandchildren: Lauren Greenberg, Sarah Vanlandingham and Carl and Margaret (Maggie) Lilja. Preceding him in death were his parents Dick and Ione and brothers Don, Bruce and Joe.

A Graveside service is scheduled for 10:00 AM on Saturday, August 13, at Nichols Cemetery. Friends may call from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Livingston Funeral Home, Kingman.

Memorials may be made to The Zenda Rural Fire Department, Zenda Community Senior Center and Kingman Community Hospital, all in care of Livingston Funeral Home.



Thank You

As another year of the All-American Family Fest has come to a close, we are reminded out how important it is for our community to have activities and events to draw people together. Each year, we are grateful to the many, MANY people it takes to organize this event – manpower and donations. The Chamber Board of Directors would like to graciously thank the following for their time, effort, and support to make this possible:

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- And lastly, to everyone in the community who purchased from our Fireworks T-Shirt Fundraiser! We strive to make this event better and better each year. We can never thank you enough for your support to make this possible.*
- Regards,*
Kingman Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors

Governor Laura Kelly Announces Creation of Wildfire Task Force

TOPEKA—Governor Laura Kelly today announced the creation of the Governor's Wildfire Task Force, a group of leaders from across the state, to create recommendations for how Kansas communities can better prevent, respond to, and recover from wildfires. The Task Force met for the first time today over Zoom.

"Far too many times in recent years, we've seen the devastating toll wildfires take on our communities," said Governor Kelly. "We're doing everything we can to better respond to these disasters, and I am confident the Wildfire Task Force will improve how we support our communities before, during, and after wildfires. I look forward to receiving its recommendations."

Several parts of Kansas have experienced large-scale wildfires in the last 10 years, causing catastrophic financial losses and threatening the safety of residents, fire fighters, and first responders. The Governor's Wildfire Task Force will take a comprehensive look at mitigating wildfire threats, review the role that local governments and state officials play in responding to such emergencies, and address how these entities can provide more support to communities impacted by devastating wildfires.

The Task Force will be led by Kansas Secretary of Agriculture Mike Beam and appointments include representatives from local, state and federal agencies and organizations which have played an active role in responding to wildfires across the state, along with several state legislators.

"Kansas has been fortunate to have these agencies and organizations leading the response to wildfires, and they have been dedicated to improving that response," said Secretary Beam. "The Task Force will provide an opportunity for them to expand that collaboration including with those who personally experienced the devastation of recent wildfires."

Critical issues that will be assessed and addressed by the Task Force include the circumstances that can lead to wildfires and cause them to expand, specific regions or locations within Kansas that are most vulnerable to catastrophic wildfires, and ways that officials can better respond to wildfires in the future.

Prior to the completion of the Task Force's report outlining recommendations, the public will have the opportunity to provide input on how public officials and the private sector can work together to better prepare for future wildfire threats, develop emergency response plans, and recover from wildfire disasters.

Members of the Governor's Wildfire Task Force include:

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