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Jack Meyers Field Dedicated



On Saturday, June 24th, the City of Cunningham named the ballfield, Jack Meyers Field, in honor of former Mayor Jack Meyers. The current Mayor of Cunningham, Aaron Murphy, presented the new sign that will hang on the announcer's stand. Most of Jack's family was able to attend the presentation. We are so grateful that our community was so loved by Jack.

--submitted by Molly Morgan

Spark in the Park!!! July 4th



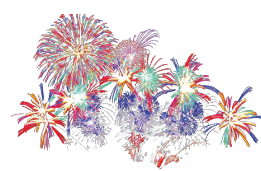
The Sixth Annual Spark in the Park is a youth sand volleyball tournament to be held on July 4, 2023, at the Cunningham Lions Park. Proceeds will benefit Cunningham Recreation. There will be two divisions: 8th grade and under (upcoming school year) or just finished high school (Class of 2023) and younger. Everyone on your team must be younger than the age limit. In the high school division, teams must have at least 2 girls. Entry fee is \$10 per player, which can be paid that morning. Teams will play with 5 players on the court at a time. Teams younger than junior high age will be allowed to play with 6 players if they want. To enter your team, contact Shawna at 620-332-3948. Championship teams will win those coveted t-shirts!



Fireworks Stand at the Football Field

The Class of 2025 and the volleyball team will have a fireworks stand at the football field press box.

June 28 - July from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
July 4th 9:00 to noon.



Baked Goods Bingo for Project Prom

Join in the fun on July 4th.

Bingo will be played at the Community Center beginning at 3:00 p.m.

Prizes are homemade baked goods.

See flyer on page 3 for more information.

Hamburger Feed is Still On for July 4

One and all are invited to the annual hamburger feed sponsored by the Lions' Club and the City of Cunningham. They will begin serving at 5:00 at the Community Center. This is a free event. Come and enjoy!

Approved Minutes from May City Council Meeting

The Cunningham City Council met in special session on Monday, May 22, 2023 at City Hall, 119 N Main Street.

Present were: Council Members: Jason Ruckle, Tanner Newell, and Tim Schultz; City Clerk, Molly Morgan; City Attorney, Greg Graffman; and City Superintendent, Mesa Sallee.

Guests: Jackie Ruckle, Property Officer; Harold Stark, Fire Chief; Roberta Kobbe, Cunningham Courier; Scot Loyd, Loyd Group; Troy Pelton, Tiger Chemical; and Monte Rose.

Call to Order – Council President Ruckle called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Agenda – Motion by Newell, second by Schultz, to approve agenda as written. Motion carried, 3/0.

Minutes of April 25, 2023 special meeting – Motion by Ruckle, second by Newell, to approve the minutes of the April 25 2023 meeting as written. Motion carried, 3/0.

Hearing for SU 23-001 – Council President Ruckle conducted the hearing for SU 23-001. The Checklist for

Consideration of Special Use case, Form ZA-8A, was followed and is attached to the minutes.

No Public Comments

Fire Department Report – Chief Stark reported that there were two false alarms. Four first aid kits have been ordered to go on the trucks. At the end of the month the Fire Department will be training on empty houses in town that are scheduled to be demolished.

Monte Rose presented information for a 2002 Luverne International Pumper Tanker that was for sale in Alabama.

HAT Proposal – Leslie Schrag was unable to attend Council meeting due to another meeting scheduled at the same time. Greg Graffman updated the Council on WSU's proposal to complete the Housing Assessment Tool for Kingman County. Earlier in the day, County Commissioners had discussed the proposal, but no decision was immediately made.

Loyd Group Audit Presentation – Scot Loyd of Loyd Group, LLC presented the completed audit report. He also discussed new practices that the Clerk is implementing to improve internal controls.

Motion by Ruckle, second by Schultz, to approve the audit as presented by Scot Loyd. Motion carried, 3/0.

Sale of Downtown Lots – Council President Ruckle informed the Council that there is a potential business that would like to build in the City's vacant lots on Main Street.

Community Center Improvements – City Clerk, Molly Morgan, gave the report on estimates to repair/refresh the outside of the Community Center. Consensus of the Council was to obtain more quotes for comparison.

Reserve-A-Dumpster Program – Property Officer, Jackie Ruckle, reported that Nisly Brother's Trash Service had started a new program where residents could reserve a dumpster for a specific week. More information was needed, and she will follow up with Merrill Yoder, Nisly Brother's Trash Service representative.

Eck Services HVAC Maintenance Agreement – After discussion, no motion was made to sign the agreement.

Request for Leak Forgiveness – The Clerk presented a report on water usage at 315 E First. A leak was identified and resident was able to fix it immediately. Motion by Newell, second by Ruckle,

to forgive \$38.50 of water charge for 315 E First Street. Motion carried, 3/0.

Property Officer's Report – The Clerk reported that City Hall had recently received two phone calls thanking the Property Officer for her work with cleaning up properties. Jackie reported that she had made contact with more residents that were willing to remove debris and junk.

Planning & Zoning Report – Motion by Schultz, second by Ruckle, to approve permit 2023-06 for a shed at 400 N Stadium Street. Motion carried, 3/0.

Motion by Ruckle, second by Newell, to approve permit 2023-07 for a partial fence to enclose backyard at 230 W Leiter Avenue. Motion carried, 3/0.

Motion by Newell, second by Schultz, to approve permit 2023-08 for a roof at 403 S Valley Street. Motion carried, 3/0.

Maintenance Report – City Superintendent, Mesa, gave the report. *Coordinating with Duke's Root Control to begin before Mayer Specialty Services does annual clean out. *Waiting on chip/seal bids for streets. *Several trees are dead in the park. Jackie will communicate with PRIDE on how to

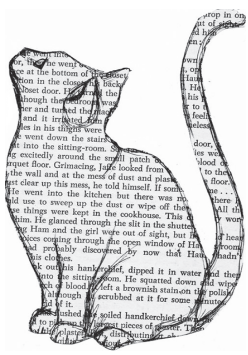
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Meanderings

I am starting this column on Monday morning because my mind is a blank. There doesn't appear to be much meandering, focus or even a step in any direction going on in my head. I cannot think of one single thing that I could write about.

I am getting ready to head to Kingman to gather some 'old news' for the weekly 'old news' column. Maybe along the way, I'll come up with an idea or ideas of which to meander about.

Well, that was a wash. I got to the Carnegie Library, and someone had the nerve to be sitting at my microfilm machine!

So I ran a few errands... Cleo's to drop off a new rack to display my cards. Then to the chiropractor. I was back at the library in about 30 minutes. That someone was STILL on the microfilm machine! I sat down and read a couple of newspapers, then I picked up a magazine... I can't remember the name of it. It seems it might have been three letters....

I browsed through that for 1/2 an hour and that someone was STILL on the machine.... What a conundrum. I decided to leave. It was 3:00 and I hadn't eaten lunch, so home I went. I will go back tomorrow and see if I can get on the machine.

In this magazine I picked up, I saw a recipe for avocado fries. I do love avocados. You sliced the avocados, dredged them through flour and egg and finely crumbled tortilla chips and then air fry them or bake them. They had special mayonnaise/sauce to

serve with it, but I wasn't too keen on that. I am going to make the avocado fries though. I have found some recipes online. I don't have an air fryer, but the recipes I found also had some that can be baked in an oven.

Tuesday: I was at the Kingman library about 10:30 this morning. No one at the machine. Whew! So I sat down, loaded my first film. I should tell you that I have been printing the articles of the old newspapers because it is 1. Faster. and 2. Easier on my neck and back.

It does cost more, but I decided my time, neck and back were worth the 3 or 4 dollars a week I spend to print.

Well... I found the first article I wanted to print. WAAAAH! The machine showed a printer error. P.E. (I was fairly certain that did not stand for Physical Education). I pressed the tray button, making sure it was printing from the right

tray. No. I checked the paper tray. Paper in tray. Hmmm.

I went and asked Gigi, the librarian in residence, and she said P1 is paper jam. She wasn't sure about PE. Together we returned to the uncooperative machines. Then she thought maybe PE stood for Paper Empty. (THAT is a ridiculous message). She pulls out the tray, removes the paper, gives me about half the sheets, puts the others back in the machine, closes it. And there was the magical number 1 that said it was okay to print. I pressed print. I got a printed piece of paper.

Gigi and I visited, catching up on this that and the other thing. I eventually returned to my job of printing the necessary pages. EXCEPT after that first print, the machine quit working. I turned it off. I opened little drawers, I turned it on. I pressed buttons. I went and got Gigi.

Back she came. We took this part out and that

part out and she finally found a paper jam. So off she went.

I printed one sheet... you guessed it.... It quit working. I pretty much tackled those machines the rest of the time. Turning them off, turning them on. Pushing buttons. What should have taken me 20 minutes took me an hour and half... on a TUESDAY, no less!

I was thinking about all that I needed to get done on the paper.... Emails that were probably coming in and needing answered... the pages I needed to get typed up of the old news page.... It was a frustrating morning. Had I had more time, I'd have printed off several weeks worth of articles, but, alas, the newspaper at home was screaming at me from afar.

I have noticed that there is no 'old news' for the last two weeks in July. NONE. Not one year's worth. This means that I will have to spend a lot of time at the Kingman

library loading reels of film, reading through many old newspapers on that film, and printing off many, many pages of articles to bring home and type into this computer. And cursing many, many times at the technology that doesn't seem to want to work properly when I need it the most.

Always reading, and currently reading, "One by One" by Ruth Ware, Roberta

"I suppose there are people who can pass up free guacamole, but they're either allergic to avocado or too joyless to live."

— Frank Bruni, Born Round: The Secret History of a Full-time Eater

"If all printers were determined not to print anything till they were sure it would offend nobody, there would be very little printed."

— Benjamin Franklin

Tallgrass and Tumbleweeds by Gaille Pike

Dear Readers,

I was eight or nine years old when I spent an eternity with my grandfather outside a women's fitting room while my grandmother endlessly tried on clothes. We were in Scott City but I do not remember the store. Or what I was wearing. Or what he was wearing. Or why we were there at all. I do remember that the bench we sat upon was

uncomfortable, that we were surrounded by racks of ladies big white underwear and bras. And that I thought it was funny that my grandfather held my grandmother's big black purse in his lap the entire time. But mostly, I remember fidgeting, being impatient and in general "a pill" because it was all taking SO LONG. I can't tell you how long he let me act out.

But this I remember as vividly as if it happened only a moment ago—when he'd had enough, he looked me in the eye and said, "You gotta be somewhere." He was

not stern. He was not harsh. But his tone of voice issued a command that I sit down. And settle down. And figure out how to behave. RIGHT NOW. And when I did, he put one arm around me and told me some funny story I no longer recall. And then another. And another. And when we were done laughing, I leaned against him and we waited the rest of the time in silence, together somewhere.

I had absolutely no idea at the time, or for many years after, that we were spending such an important afternoon

together. We never discussed it so I don't know if my Grandad Stewart had any awareness of its significance either. I also had no idea at that age, how much of life is spent WAITING. And not just because we love the people we're waiting on or because we want what we're waiting for. Or all the times we must wait for "legitimate reasons." Or waiting because things just plain get messed up.

No matter why we're waiting, while we're doing it, it feels like it goes on forever. Which of course it doesn't. For all I

know, we only waited on my Grandma Stewart for a few minutes, not hours. Waiting in the drive-thru can feel like a week. If you hit every red light trying to get from one side of McPherson to the other, it feels like a month. And when one person in line ahead of you at the grocery store has an item that won't scan, the wait for a price check can feel like a year. And those are the moments my Grandad's life lesson is the only thing that keeps me from pitching a fit.

I believe we all strive to be patient, even when

our patience is tested. I'm unconvinced that waiting patiently makes the experience feel any shorter in duration. Or more pleasant. But experts suggest those who cannot suffer delays graciously, and those around them, require medical treatment for high blood pressure. If that true, though my Grandad's magic words may not hurry things along, at least they keep from becoming a patient.

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



Harvesting hay

Greg Doering, Kansas Farm Bureau

The transition from late spring to early summer was always my favorite growing up. The long, hot days meant different things over the course of my childhood, first afternoons at the pool, then evenings at ballfields and, eventually, days in a hayfield working with my grandparents.

Hay season had a certain rhythm on the ranch. We encountered different obstacles each year, and every day was different. But there were similarities, too. For all the differences, the routines stayed largely the same.

It started with swapping out the sections on the mower's sickle bar. Each of the serrated triangles was secured with two bolts. The 14-foot bar held 56 sections and changing them was the easiest part of the job. Sliding the bar back into place between guard sections required a lot of hammering along with a few choice words.

The mower was called a hydroswing because of the hydraulics used to "swing" it back and forth behind the tractor. After the cutting bar sliced off the prairie a few inches above the ground, a reel shuttled the grass to the center where it was promptly ejected from a chute through the back of the machine in a windrow.

Mowing hay with the contraption was fairly easy when everything

was in working order. Between the sickle sections, hydraulic pumps and other moving parts there were plenty of things that could go wrong. An O-ring on one of the pumps regularly wore out and had to be replaced. Going too fast over thick grass could clog the chute, requiring the operator to have to dig it out.

By far the most common issue was a broken section, which would leave a narrow strip of uncut grass. If the section was on either side of the windrow, it was easy to spot. If it was buried under the foot-thick mound of hay however, it could take several rounds to discover. Replacing a

broken section required cleaning the hay off the afflicted area while keeping an eye out for nearby critters. Then you'd remove two bolts on the guard plate followed by holding the section.

With ample sunshine and the right amount of wind, you could cut hay by mid-morning, and it would be cured enough to bale by late afternoon. Under usual conditions, we allowed at least 24 hours between cutting and baling, ensuring the hay was dry. The curing process was critical because too much moisture can cause the hay to catch fire days or weeks after it's baled and stored.

Timing was a key element to the entire opera-

tion. We wanted enough hay cut and curing to keep the baler rolling, but we also didn't want to have too much on the ground in case of rain. Not only would it delay the curing process, but a heavy rain would also require the extra step of raking the windrow to speed the drying process and preserve the quality of the hay.

Each morning started the same. We'd refuel the tractors and inspect the hydroswing and baler, being sure to locate even the hard to reach grease fittings while saying unkind words about engineers. Once the sun was high enough to burn off the morning dew, we'd start cutting and baling and work until evening.

The work was solitary. You could listen to the hum of machinery for hours without hearing

a word until it was time to eat. The only other time we'd stop during the day was sometime in the afternoon. My grandmother would put some ice and a few cans of pop in a cooler and meet us in the field.

The short break for a refreshing drink also offered the opportunity to compare notes about how everything was going, make plans for the next day or maybe continue a debate that arose during lunch. Some days we nursed those drinks, while other times we drank them quickly.

Of all the hayfield routines, this brief break was my favorite. I learned a lot working in those fields, but some of the best education happened in those small conversations when we paused from harvesting hay.

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Community Bulletin Board

<p>Thursday, June 29 10:00 a.m. CPL K-State STEM program *** 12:15 Water Workout 9ages 6 -17) ** 4 - 9 p.m. Fireworks stand</p>	<p>Sunday, July 2 4:00 -9:00 p.m. Fireworks Stand</p>
<p>Friday, June 30 8:00 p.m. Moonlight Swim *** 4 - 9 p.m. Fireworks stand</p>	<p>Monday, July 3 4:00 -9:00 p.m. Fireworks Stand</p>
<p>Saturday, July 1 4:00 -9:00 p.m. Fireworks Stand</p>	<p>Tuesday, July 4 Sand Volleyball at Lions Club Park *** 9:00 a.m. to noon Fireworks stand *** 3:00 p.m. Baked Goods Bingo at Community Center *** 5:00 p.m. Hamburger Feed at Community Center</p>

Leadership League of South Central Kansas

Now Accepting Applications for the New 2023-2024 Class

Leadership League of South Central Kansas (LLSCK) is excited to begin their fourth year as a regional leadership program available to community members from Barber, Kingman, Kiowa, Pratt, and Stafford County. This program originated in Pratt County in 1992 as Leadership 2000 and has graduated over 400 students.

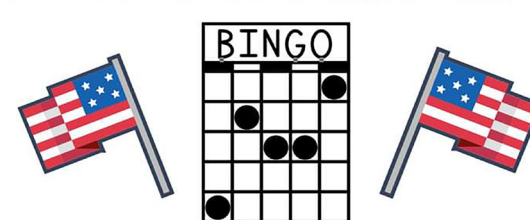
This program hosts classes on the second Tuesday of each month from October to May, with class members receiving the opportunity to expand their leadership knowledge, capabilities, and other tools to use in their professional and personal life. In addition to the local classes, LLSCK members will also attend a two-day conference at the Kansas Leadership Center in Wichita.

Tuition to join the 2023-24 class is \$350, which covers lunch for each class, registration for the conference, travel to community tours, and classroom supplies.

A complete overview of the program and class member expectations can be found at sccfks.org under the partnerships tab. For questions, contact South Central Community Foundation at (620) 672.7929.

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FOURTH OF JULY BINGO



COMMUNITY CENTER

GAMES START AT 3:00. WE'LL PLAY UNTIL THE HAMBURGER FEED STARTS OR UNTIL WE RUN OUT OF PRIZES!

SUGGESTED DONATION: \$1.00 PER CARD, PER GAME

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PRATT CITY WIDE

GARAGE SALE

Saturday - August 5

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

Click on the ad to go to Google sign up form

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

In observance of Independence Day, we will be closed Tuesday, July 4, 2023.

Public Notice

(Published once in The Cunningham Courier on June 29, 2023)

ORDINANCE NO. 681

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A SPECIAL USE TO ESTABLISH A RESTAURANT SERVING ALCOHOL (drinking establishment as provided for by Article 4, Section 105 – Central Business District, Subsection B) in the area described below, in the B-1 Central Business DISTRICT ON CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE CITY OF CUNNINGHAM, KANSAS, UNDER THE AUTHORITY

GRANTED BY THE ZONING REGULATIONS OF THE CITY.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF CUNNINGHAM, KANSAS:

SECTION 1. Having received a recommendation from the Cunningham City Planning Commission on Case No. SU-23-003, and proper notice having been given and hearing held as provided by law and under authority and subject to the provisions of the Zoning Regulations of the City as originally approved by Ordinance No. 601, a special use is hereby

approved to established a restaurant serving alcohol (drinking establishment as provided for by Article 4, Section 105 – Central Business District, Subsection B) in the area described below, in the B-1 Central Business District:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Lots 15 – 18 of Block 6 in the Original Town of Cunningham, Kingman County, Kansas, as shown by the recorded plat thereof.

GENERAL LOCATION: 120 West First Street in Cunningham, Kansas.

Such special use is subject to the following conditions:

Alcohol sales are allowed while the grill is open.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, approval, and publication once in the official city newspaper.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Governing Body of the City of Cunningham, Kansas, this 26th day of June, 2023.

City of Cunningham
/s/ Aaron Murphy,
Mayor

ATTEST:
/s/ Molly Morgan,
City Clerk

Libraries

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

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

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

Pratt Public Library
Mon. - Thurs.
10:00 - 7:00
Friday: 10:00 - 6:00
Saturday: 10:00 - 2:00
Closed on Sundays
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To reserve the Cunningham Community Center, contact Tayler Strickland, (620) 770-9516 or 620-298-2511



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

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Showtimes:
Friday & Saturday at 7:30
Sunday at 5:30

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June 30th - July 2
Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny
Rated: PG-13

YEARS AGO IN

The Cunningham Clipper

W. A. Bradley / William Bradley

1928

June 22, 1928 – One of the heaviest rain storms of the year struck this community last Saturday night about seven o'clock from the southwest. Rain simply fell in torrents and in a few moments water was running over side walks and everywhere.

Nearly 30 hail losses were reported through the Cunningham post office. Most all of these occurred on the Sun City road from the six-mile corner south of town on west to nearly Greensburg.

Quite a tornado passed through and north of Sawyer.

1933

June 23 – The Cunningham base ball boys motored to Stafford last Sunday and lost a very good ball game by the score of 4 to 1 in favor of Stafford.

Next Sunday a game will be played on the Zrubeck diamond with Nashville. All lovers of the National pastime are asked to come out and boost for the home team.

Harvest will be on in full blast by the middle of next week if the present weather continues.

The price is going up some, the local elevators paying 61 cents Thursday morning.

1938

June 24, 1938 – Cecil Sheldon, who lives on the Tom Martindale farm three miles east of Cunningham, is engaged in a manufacturing project which promises to some day develop into something quite big, and from which will no doubt reap considerable dividends. It is the manufacture of a gasoline pump for quick filling of tractors and combine engines.

His invention, upon which he has been working for some time, was recently described in Popular Mechanics. The pump allows the driver to remain on the tractor where he can see when the gasoline tank is full, does away with funnels and buckets and eliminates the danger of spilled gasoline on a hot exhaust pipe. In addition to this, the tank is filled quickly without the loss of much time.

Mr. Sheldon has spent much time in putting his invention on the market and demonstrating it before crowds interested in farm machinery. He spent a great deal of time last fall at various state fairs, spending a week at the Nebraska Fair at Lincoln, and every day at the Kansas Fair at Hutchinson.

His efforts have brought results for he is now employing four men in the manufacture of the pump and his sales are averaging about 50 per day. Sales have been made in almost every state in the union.

Mr. Sheldon is a native Kingman County boy, having been born and raised on a farm south of Cunningham, moving later with his parents near Kingman. He was a teacher in the schools in the Philippine Islands for a number of years, and in recent years has been farming in Western Kansas. He returned with his family to Cunningham last summer.

1943

June 25 – To Frank Thimesch of St. Leo, goes the honor of delivering the first load of wheat to the town elevators, bringing in his first load to the Wichita Terminal last Saturday afternoon. It tested 61.

Wheat averages are running good and the test, on the whole, is good, averages ranging all the way from 15 to 27 bushels and testing from 58 to 61.

In the Service

Technical Corporal (T-5) Johnny Cooley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alf Cooley, has been transferred from Kansas City, Mo., to Brooklyn, New York.

Raphael Eck, who has been stationed in Canada, is spending a 20-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Eck and family.

Aviation Cadet Junior Neagle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Neagle, has been transferred from Iowa City, where he has been stationed for some time, to the Air Station at Glenview, Ill.

1948

June 25 – Services for Ensign Leroy Carter, U.S.N.R., son of Mrs. Mabel Carter of Bethel, Kansas, former Cunningham resident, were held at the Methodist Church in Cunningham, Monday afternoon, June 21, at 4:30 o'clock. Military rites at the graveside in Rural cemetery were by Kingman American Legion Post and the Kingman Veterans of Foreign Wars Post. He was killed when the Navy bomber he piloted collided with another near the island of Guam in the Pacific Ocean on January 7, 1946.

Showing at the Cunningham Theatre
Friday and Saturday – Paul Kelly, Ann Doran, and Kay Scott in "Fear in the Night" – a Mystery Full of Suspense

Sunday and Monday – Dick Haymes and Ann Revere in "Carnival in Costa Rica" – a Merry Mixup of Romance – Technicolor
First show starts at 7:45

International Harvester Freezer Demonstration, Monday, June 28, 2:30 p.m. at the I.O.O.F. Hall, Fee Hardware, adv.

1953

June 26 – The Gano Grain Corporation plans to enlarge their grain elevator in Cunningham by installing either four or six more twenty-thousand bushel steel bins at the present elevator site, according to word received this week by Mr. Dewey Cooley, manager.

The Gano Grain Corporation's elevator in Cunningham is one of the new modern grain elevators in the United States. It is constructed entirely of steel, with the bins shaped like large tanks in a cluster around the elevator machinery house and grain pit. Its present capacity is about ninety thousand bushels.

Television is just around the corner for residents of this community, and that corner will be turned next Wednesday when the new television station at Hutchinson goes on the air. The station, at the present time, is sending out a "test pattern" and community television set owners say they are picking up the pattern in excellent fashion. The station stated this week that they would also send out a "voice pattern" today (Friday), asking listeners to write the station and tell how they are receiving the transmitted signals.

Call letters of the Hutchinson television station are KTVH, and they will transmit their programs on Channel 12.

1958

June 26 – The Cunningham Lions Club is conducting their annual sale of Birthday Calendars in the community. Proceeds from the calendar sales will be used in developing the new City Park and ball field.

During the past week the Little Leaguers have played several games but only one was reported to the Clipper. The Cubs defeated the Kingman Dodgers by a 14-7 score here last Thursday evening. Mickey Miles was the winning pitcher. There was one home run in the game, hit by Wesley Hendricks in the fifth inning.

Over four inches of unwanted, unneeded, immaterial, unnecessary, unauthorized, unabashed, unaccommodating, unappetizing, unattractive, unavoidable, and uncomfortable rain has fallen in the Cunningham community during the past week, bring the wheat harvest to a complete stop.

Last of the big deluges occurred Tuesday night. It was accompanied by high winds which tore down quite a number of tree limbs all over town, and disrupted electric service.

1963

June 27 – Mr. and Mrs. Chet Davidson of Cunningham, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Loma Lynn, to Vernon Wegerer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Matt Wegerer of Cunningham.

A free aerial fireworks display will be held at the baseball field in Cunningham, Fourth of July evening (next Thursday). This annual event is sponsored by participating Cunningham business men and friends, who invite everyone to come and see the 40-minute display.

Come early and enjoy a baseball game between two Cunningham teams.

The comedy, "Pepe," is the free movie to be shown in the City Park tonight.

1968

June 27 – A bountiful wheat harvest in the Cunningham area was stopped by an inch of rain early Tuesday morning, but the finishing up of the harvest is expected to resume today (Thursday), barring any further moisture.

The yield, expected to easily top a 25-bushel average for Kingman County, caused a glut at the local elevators during the weekend, due to a shortage of train cars.

The only disappointment about the harvest is the price -- \$1.22 per bushel.

Two Cunningham men, Oliver DeWeese and Delmer Huffman, have filed for the office of Conty Commissioner, Third District, according to the office of County Clerk Sylvester Biggs.

Mr. Huffman and Mr. DeWeese are both

Republicans, and will oppose each other in the August Primary Election.

The commission post is currently held by Bill Milford of Kingman, a Democrat, who has filed for re-election.

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June 29 – Hilltop Happenings: Our new resident is Mrs. Nellie Jane Jones, formerly of Sylvania. Mrs. Jones' daughter works here as an activity aid. She is Dorothy Smith from Turon.

The barber was absent this week, but shaving went on as usual. We appreciate the volunteer help of Shari Smith. She plays pool and exercises with some of the residents.

On Friday Viva Reed from Medicine Lodge joined our group as a resident. Gladys Williams' visitors this week were Mrs. Ron Swertfeger, Sharon Millington and Jim Theis.

Junior high school students from 17 states registered Sunday, June 18 for a week of intensive music training in the junior high music division of the Midwestern Music and Art Camp at the University of Kansas.

Mike DeWeese, Rt. 2, Cunningham, is one of the many Kansans enrolled in the session. He is studying percussion and trap drums.

The leg belt broke at the Cunningham Co-op on Tuesday, June 27. Harvest grain storage wasn't held up, however, due to the already crowded elevators.

According to Burnard Simonson, Co-op manager, the belt broke Tuesday around 5:30 p.m. He said a board from a truck tailgate must have caught and broke the belt. Co-op worker Leonard Osner was inside the elevator when the belt broke. He heard a loud bang and saw sparks when the metal belt hit the concrete, he said. It didn't take him long to get out of the elevator, "This wheat is like a powder keg," he said.

There was no fire nor were there injuries.

1983

June 30-Notice: The Clipper needs your help. We are running very low on local stories, pictures, recipes, etc. Help make your paper a success. Call 298-4438 with any news, pictures, story ideas you would like to see in the paper. Thank you for your cooperation. The Clipper Staff.

Representatives of First National Bank attended a June 25 celebration in Wichita marking the centennial of the Chandler family's involvement in the banking business.

Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Meyers, Mr. and Mrs. George Lemon, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Albritten.

The agenda included an open house at The First National Bank in Wichita and a dinner with a multimedia presentation of the Chandler legacy in banking and the growth of modern banking practices. Later that evening the group attended a performance of "Babes in Arms" at the Wichita Music Theater.

The Cunningham City Council met Monday, June 27. Present were Mayor Ivan Cain; Marion Lackey, Jack Meyers, Mike Scripsick, Bob Thimesch, council members; Dee Mills, clerk; Ted Geisert, attorney; Larry Lubbers, fire chief; Max Craft, pool manager; Don Hellar, Mike Armour, Dave Amick, and Jeff Dafforn.

A building permit for C.E. Bidwell to build a garage was reviewed. Harold's Place was given permission to operate the vending machines in July.

Max Craft reported on the swimming pool, lessons, etc.

Sealed bids for a new fire station were opened. The low bidder for a 40 x 40 x 12 building was Richardson Construction of Hutchinson.

Happy the Clown was a distinguished visitor at the Bible School Extension Program on Friday morning, June 24, at the Cunningham United Methodist Church. Forty-seven children attended the two-hour program of music, games, Bible information contests, devotions, and refreshments.

The program began with group singing, conducted by Marilyn FitzSimmons, using songs previously learned in Bible School. Anna Dafforn gave the lesson on the universality of love of God.

Then Happy the Clown in the person of Karen Eck, led the children to the basement. Children read Bible verses. Then more clowns appeared. They were John Pinkerton, Cindy Pinkerton, and Ann Harbert of the Whispering Willow 4-H club, who presented skits.

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Consider this...

by Mike Johnson

The Universe Works

We'd bitten off more than we could chew. Our family wanted to explore Jackson, Wyoming so we'd cut through Yellowstone National Park on a beautiful November day to get there. Although we had the park all to ourselves, the entrances would be closing for the season at 9 p.m. that night. Since Jackson was only 180 miles from home, we figured we could easily make the trip and return that day. Wrong. The time gained by starting early was soon eaten away by many stops

along the way. It's impossible to drive through Yellowstone without stopping to look at buffalo, elk or Yellowstone Lake framed by spectacular mountain vistas. A cooler of picnic food gave yet another reason to pull over and enjoy the day. We hit Jackson about 2 p.m. and drove directly to the Snow King Ski Resort hoping the chairlifts would be running in the summer as they had when I last visited the town when I was 10 years old. No dice. But we did get some good photos of our family sitting on a silent chair lift to send my dad to compare to ones he'd taken of our family on that same ski lift in 1967. After a couple hours of exploring Jackson,

I finally did the math and realized we'd be spending a good part of our return drive in the dark - something I didn't relish because the car's headlights were out of alignment reducing their range. After a hurried stop viewing the 1,000 elk at the Jackson Elk Preserve, we departed for home. Within an hour we were driving in the moonless dark - and remembering that each "Yellowstone mile" was like two real miles due to the curvy roads, steep altitudes and reduced speed limits. Then we began worrying about another peril - wildlife in the road. Even at a 35 mph speed limit, the headlights were not giving me enough visibility to relax

while driving. The wife was assigned to watch her side of the road for deer while I favored the left side and the roadway ahead. The kids soon fell asleep in the back. By all appearances, circumstances seemed to have turned an enchanting day into an endangered one. But in reality, it was merely the universe doing its work looking out for our greater good. The illusion of adversity is easy to embrace. One moment life seems fine and the next circumstances change in such a sudden way you find everything you value at risk of loss. It's easy to blame the new circumstances as the cause of your problem - forgetting it was actually YOUR actions and decisions that made



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the uncomfortable situation come about. The universe is on our side - something I remembered on that long drive home. It had been subtly nudging me to an earlier departure all day. As I reflected, I realized we'd seen less wildlife than normal, creating fewer stops. The chair lift being closed saved us at least another hour. And the lower speed limits prevented us from hitting at least four deer on the way home. The universe didn't create that adversity - I had with my poor planning. Once again, the illusion of adversity was stripped away to reveal the truth. And I remembered that truth as I pulled the car safely into our driveway that night. The universe works.

The Heart of Lucinda Druell


By Kenn Allan

The village known as Potters Glen, Had one abiding jewel, A beauty rare, yet pure of heart, Her name—Lucinda Druell. Around her throat, three polished keys, Of copper, brass, and gold, Adorned a fragile silver chain— A treasure to behold! When asked to what those keys belonged, Her eyes would flash with fun, She'd lay the charms across her palm, Then clench them tight, as one. "The first belongs to Heaven's gate, Which waits beyond the skies. The second keeps my virtue safe, Should impure thoughts arise.

"The third unlocks my virgin heart, For true love to possess." And if men asked which key was which, She'd tease, "You'll have to guess." My summers passed with soul possessed; Oh! love can be so cruel! I dared not whisper my desire, for sweet Lucinda Druell. One autumn's eve, a devil flew, To roost in Potters Glen, Enchanting women with his charms, And tempting hearts of men. His eyes beheld Lucinda's soul, So innocent within, And with his smooth beguiling words, Persuaded her to sin. No sooner was her fall complete, Lucinda screeched in pain,

She grabbed the keys around her neck, And tore them from the chain. "My copper key has turned to lead, My key of brass to rust, My golden key no longer shines!" She flung them to the dust. "I nevermore shall play the fool, Of those who would entice!" And then she tightly locked her heart, And sheathed her soul in ice. For me, that night, Lucinda died; She vanished with the breeze, To haunt the shadows of the night, And lurk among the trees. Her legend spread both near and far— The Vamp of Potters Wood, Who craved the lusts of righteous men, And sullied all she could. Despite all this, I sought a way, To save her from her plight, But whilst I walked by light of day, Lucinda prowled by night. With winter came the tawdry tales, Which like the snowfall spread— Lucinda dwelt on Widows Hill, Consorting with the dead. I wrapped myself in cloak and scarf, To brave the wicked snow, And pocketed three tiny keys, Abandoned long ago. The raging storm around me swirled, To freeze my noble cause, The trees above me scratched the sky, With gnarled and craggy claws. I soon ascended Widows Hill, But near its dark plateau, A specter loomed against the night, And threw me to the snow! Her raven hair was wildly tossed, Her eyes were icy flame, I smelled her putrid shroud of sin, And heard her hiss my name. "So you have come," Lucinda said, Her voice like crackling frost, "Remain with me forevermore, And dwell among the lost."

From where I sat in frozen fear, My thoughts in disarray, Three tiny keys slid from my coat; Lucinda looked away. Repentance glistened in her eyes, And shame eclipsed her pride; I understood and scooped the keys, All scattered at my side. "Hear me, O LORD," I prayed aloud, Above the howling gale, "Bring comfort to Lucinda's soul, And let your peace prevail. "Restore her key to Heaven's gate, May virtue once more thrive; And heal the blemish on her soul, Which keeps her guilt alive." I struggled on the frozen slope, To rise upon my feet; Lucinda cringed and backed away, In hesitant retreat. "Fear not, my love," I reassured, "Don't lose yourself to blame; The LORD forgives your wayward path, Come back, from whence you came!" I clenched the keys within my fist, Before she could depart, And lunged at her retreating form, And held them to her heart. A thankful moan escaped her lips, She gave my fist a squeeze, As melting ice poured from her chest, And cleansed those tiny keys. The copper, brass, and golden charms, Shone brighter than before, And in the glow of lessons learned, I loved Lucinda more. In early spring, we pledged our love, Until death do us part, And to this day I hold the key, To sweet Lucinda's heart.




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Day 3, Kansas Wheat Harvest Report

This is day 3 of the Kansas Wheat Harvest Reports, brought to you by the Kansas Wheat Commission, Kansas Association of Wheat Growers, Kansas Grain and Feed Association and the Kansas Cooperative Council.

Combines are kicking into gear across a wider swath of central and eastern Kansas. Officially,

the Kansas wheat harvest is now eight percent complete, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service crop progress report for the week ending June 18, 2023.

Winter wheat conditions were rated at 54 percent very poor to poor, 30 percent fair and 16 percent excellent. The conditions echo farmer sentiments about persistent drought conditions tempered by selective, better-than-expected fields as harvest progresses.

Harvest is further along in Sedgwick County at 20 to 25 percent complete as producers spot around for dry wheat

to cut for the territory covered by the Famers Coop Elevator Company. Shawn Talkington reported from Cheney that harvest started with below-average yields but above-expected quality with test weights of 62 to 64 pounds per bushel. Test weights have fallen to 58 to 61 pounds per bushel after the last rain. Farmers are now fighting weeds coming up through the canopy, including crabgrass, palmer amaranth and kochia.

"All in all, quality is

better than expected," Talkington said. "Just due to the year that we've had, it's just going to be kind of disappointing as far as yields go."

In Marion County, Kansas Wheat caught up with Paul Penner, who was harvesting a field of 15-bushel wheat on Tuesday. This is one of his poorer fields this year with others averaging up to the mid-40s.

Normally, he would expect this field to average 55 to 65 bushels per acre. The field received a

half to three-quarters of an inch of rain at planting, had a good stand in the fall and looked good all winter. But, then the rain ran out and Penner didn't receive any more moisture until late spring. Now, weeds can be seen between the thin rows, so Penner said he wanted to get the field cut before the weeds got any taller.

Penner expects harvest to wrap up in one week. Averaging out better fields with poorer ones, he expects overall yields to be about half his normal. AG Radical from AGSECO is proving to be a good variety that is holding up better to the drought and has fusarium resistance. Moisture is coming in at 12.8 percent, and a sample tested at 13.6 percent protein. Test weights are light, and the tested sample had many shriveled kernels.

Localized conditions continue to reflect better harvest results where scattered showers came. While the area has gotten quite a bit of rainfall since May, Marion County is still rated in D3 (extreme) drought with moisture at a deficit of three to five inches for the year.

Variability is also evi-

dent in Saline County, where Gareth Pettijohn also started harvesting on Monday and in his second field on Tuesday. Just east of Salina, he expects to cut most of the acres he planted with two fields insured out due to drought.

All of his wheat was planted following soybeans. With the drought, there has been no disease pressure, but bindweed came in with the late rains. Pettijohn based inputs on the results of Haney soil tests, resulting in only one round of fungicide application and putting down 30 pounds of nitrogen versus the normal 100 pounds.

Pettijohn is seeing distinct differences between good ground in the river bottom where the wheat is up to the belly button and rocky hilltops where it may reach the middle of the shin. Some of the poorer fields did not even put berries all the way up the head. His first two fields were making 36 bushels per acre to low-40s with 60-pound test weight and 11.5 percent protein.

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K-State Child Development Specialist: Help Young Children Develop Empathy

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Hearing the words "what a kind, compassionate child you've raised" is often one of the greatest compliments a parent can receive as they turn their young

person out into the world. The foundation for this empathy, says Kansas State University child development specialist Bradford Wiles, happens early in life.

"Children start to figure out that other people have different beliefs, thoughts and desires other than their own at about the age of three," Wiles said. "This is a crucial time to teach them to appreciate and enjoy other people's perspectives."

Before that, he said children can recognize differences in the way people dress or skin color, but they don't have any opinions — positive or negative — about that. "As children grow up,

they are exposed to our family, regional and local community cultures, and if your family culture is one of acceptance and embracing others, children will pick up on that," Wiles said.

Embracing others ties to the skill of empathy, Wiles said.

"Empathy is being able to appreciate and understand someone else's perspective; it's putting yourself in their place, which is different than sympathy where you feel bad for others," Wiles said. "Empathy is also different than tolerating something unpalatable."

He cited the example of how when sitting in a waiting room a person

might tolerate overhearing a cell phone conversation, but those who can empathize have an appreciation for what is being discussed in that conversation even if it is something that they personally don't have an experience with.

And children who learn empathy at a young age often grow into adults who can navigate social situations and perform well as members of a team, Wiles said.

"Research has shown that people who express empathy are able to better work with other people to solve problems in the workforce," he said.

So how is empathy

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Thanks to Emilie Steffen-Smith for the wonderful presentation of Story Time in Sculpture! The kids loved holding the animal sculptures and prints and learning about some of the art at the Vernon Filley Art Museum. A big thank you to the museum for bringing the program to us—we were so inspired that we created some sculptures of our own. It was a fun morning with art, books, and donuts!



courtesy of the Cunningham Library



STEM with K-State Research & Extension, Kingman County. The library was stirring with STEM Thursday morning. Janelle Belt showed us how to make 'moon sand' with a few simple household ingredients. Thanks Janelle! We had fun 'mixing it up' with friends. Next week – bouncy balls. Thanks, Ingrid, for sharing your photos!



courtesy of the Cunningham Library



“To Make the Best Better”

developed? “It starts with family modeling; if you have friends from diverse backgrounds, make sure your children interact with them and it isn’t just people of different cultures,” Wiles said. “In the U.S. there tends to be a

lack of empathy for people who are low income. For some, the perception is that poor people don’t work hard, and while that may be true for a small subset, the vast majority are working hard to maintain a level of poverty.” To help children cross those cultures Wiles encourages parents to demonstrate empathy by vol-

unteering in the community or in school where children can see them engaging with others and modeling that all people have worth, even if they are different. “Through volunteer work, parents can demonstrate to children that all people have value, and they are richer for those interactions,” Wiles said.

Another way to model empathy is to expose children to a wide range of books and have family discussions about the story, Wiles said. He explains that through books, children can be exposed to characters who are developmentally delayed or physically challenged, come from another culture or are from a differ-

ent social class, among other differences. “One of the best things about books is that the characters provide early opportunities for a parent to facilitate a discussion with the child by asking ‘What do you think that character is thinking about?’ and that forces the child to engage in the process of empathy,”

Wiles said. More information on child development is available online from K-State Research and Extension. Story by: Lisa Moser





Day 4, Kansas Wheat Harvest Report

This is day 4 of the Kansas Wheat Harvest Reports, brought to you by the Kansas Wheat Commission, Kansas Association of Wheat Growers, Kansas Grain and Feed Association and the Kansas Cooperative Council.

At any other time of the year, rain would be more than welcome. But for farmers with combines ready to roll, harvest delays due to rain add insult to injury for a crop stricken by drought. For some, however, rains arrived just in time to fill grain heads, resulting in better-than-expected final results.

Near Americus, America, harvest is in full swing for Jacqueline Leffler. Starting strong

at the beginning of the week, fields are averaging 50-70 bushels per acre - a welcome result given the dry year. Quality is excellent with high test weights at 61 to 62.5 pounds per bushel and protein at 13.1 percent. The outstanding variety for the year is the aptly named Polansky Rockstar. She expects to wrap up harvest with three or four more big days.

"I am pleasantly surprised with how this year's harvest is going," Leffler said.

Only four or five producers are cutting near Delphos in Ottawa County, according to Brett Courson, general manager of the Delphos Coop Association. Results thus far are coming in at 10 to 20 bushels per acre with fairly poor test weights, but protein is averaging 15 percent and no dockage.

The wheat is ripe, but the straw is still a little tough. Courson expects

producers who applied fungicide won't start harvesting for another eight to 10 days, but that wheat should be better and could average up closer to 40 bushels per acre.

The variability in the wheat crop reflects the timing of moisture this season. The wheat was stressed until heading out with moisture seven to eight inches short. Then the rain started to fall and helped fill kernels. Unfortunately, the area had a considerable amount of freeze damage, which was sporadic at first, but then yellow and white heads started to spread out across fields.

"There are fields that look pretty good, but you go out in them and there might only be seven to eight kernels in the head, but the next head has 30," Courson said.

Delphos Coop Association is hoping to bring in around 500,000 bushels, about half of their normal amount. The

majority of that wheat is destined for flour mills in the Kansas City area.

The Kansas Wheat team caught up with Tim Turek near South Haven in Sumner County on Tuesday evening before rains halted harvest progress on Wednesday morning. Having started harvest on June 15, Turek reported yields are about half of average, but a field of continuous wheat planted to AP18 AX from AgriPro yielded 50 bushels per acre. Test weights ahead of the rain were heavy at more than 60 pounds per bushel and protein was excellent at 12 to 16 percent.

The wheat had a good stand last fall but was still hampered by drought conditions. The crop needed a good rain at heading, but three weeks without appreciable moisture meant the stands lost tillers. Not all hope was lost, however, as rain did fall.

"Then the cool and damp weather came in

and allowed a lot of good grain fill for the heads we had," Turek said. "The grain fill is what has made our yields."

Now, though, the recent rain is preventing harvest from kicking into full swing. The moisture also means weeds are coming in, and producers are trying to get fields cut before they take over. Turek expects harvest to last another two weeks.

He is a certified seed grower, but what isn't saved for next fall's planting will be delivered to Scoular in Wellington. There, preferred varieties will be sent on to Grain Craft flour mill.

Turek's family has been farming in the area since his great-great-grandfather moved from Nebraska to Oklahoma during the historic land run. His great-grandfather moved into southern Kansas in the 1920s and bought five quarters of ground. That land is still being farmed, along with other acres in the area,

by Turek, his daughter Paige, his father and his brother.

"We all work together," he said. "Jill, my wife, keeps us fed."

More rain is expected Thursday night into Friday morning, likely to slow harvest progress. Stay tuned for the next harvest report on Monday, June 26, as the Kansas Wheat crew catches up with more elevators and growers across the state.

The 2023 Harvest Report is brought to you by the Kansas Wheat Commission, Kansas Association of Wheat Growers, Kansas Grain and Feed Association and the Kansas Cooperative Council. To follow along with harvest updates on Twitter, use #wheat-harvest23. Tag us at @kansawheat on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter to share your harvest story and photos.

Written by Julia Debes for Kansas Wheat



Touring the Capital

Glenn Brunkow, Pottawatomie County farmer and rancher

Recently I had the opportunity to go to Washington, D.C. for the American Farm Bureau Advocacy Fly-In. It was a great event, and it was my first time in D.C. in a couple of years. I admit I really like going to our nation's capital. Aside from a lot of great sites to see and food to eat, I enjoy watching our government in action. I know

you could make a lot of jokes here, but I truly am fascinated by the everyday happenings in D.C.

If you have never been there, you really should go. I believe every U.S. citizen should make the trip at least once in their lifetime. If for no other reason than to see the monuments, museums and other sites. I also think it is good for everyone to visit their elected officials in their offices. I really think after one visit your opinions and ideas about what goes on will change.

The great thing about being a Kansas Farm Bureau member is all of us have the opportunity

to visit Washington D.C. on a KFB sponsored trip. In the odd years there is a chance to visit in small groups like the fly-in or the USDA trip in August. In the even years we take a larger group trip and next year is no exception. I know February is a long way away, but if you have livestock getting away in February is no easy task. That is why I am putting it on your radar now.

The 2024 trip will give you a taste of what goes on in D.C. and how the Farm Bureau works for farmers and ranchers. Participants will be able to hear briefings from AFBF, KFB and others about current issues and

topics, usually there is a visit to an embassy and of course go on Hill visits to speak with our senators and representatives. You will also be able to sign up for optional tours and have some time to go sightseeing.

I really think the Hill visits are the most important part of the trip. First, it allows you to see where your representative or senators work, meet their staff and hear directly from them. It also demonstrates just how powerful the American Farm Bureau and Kansas Farm Bureau are.

Each office will eagerly greet us when we make our visit, and they will

sit down and talk about issues. Each one of the elected officials and their staff genuinely listen and welcome our opinions. I am always heartened by the fact that the voice of the voters is valued so much by our elected officials. They see lobbyists all the time and when a taxpaying citizen comes in, they are far more receptive and interested in what we have to say.

Still don't believe me? Well, then I guess you need to make your plans to attend in February and see it with your own two eyes. Just contact your county coordinator and tell them you are interested in making the trip.

Please, keep in mind that participation is limited so the earlier you contact them the better. I know making the trip is not easy, but I also promise it is worth it.

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News from Kansas Farm Bureau

Governor Announces Kansas Receiving Nearly \$452M for High-Speed

Internet Infrastructure TOPEKA – Governor Laura Kelly announced today that Kansas will receive \$451.7 million in funding to support broadband infrastructure construction to connect all Kansans, ensuring access to high-speed internet across the state.

"My administration is committed to ensuring every Kansan, regard-

less of their zip code, has access to fast and reliable internet connectivity, bringing additional economic growth, educational opportunities, and telehealth services," Governor Laura Kelly said. "This funding advances our progress toward being a top 10 state for broadband access by 2030."

This investment is made possible through the Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment (BEAD) Program as part of the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. The BEAD Program, which is led by the National

Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) office at the U.S. Department of Commerce, will provide a total of \$42.45 billion to State Broadband Offices to expand broadband to unserved areas across the country.

"Kansas' current broadband system does not operate at the needed level for folks across our state to efficiently access crucial resources such as employment opportunities, virtual learning, and health care," Representative Sharice Davids (KS-03) said. "This new federal invest-

ment is a huge step forward in closing the digital gap and keeping our communities connected. I am proud to have voted for the bipartisan infrastructure law that continues to make a positive impact on the lives of Kansas families."

"Connectivity is essential in today's digital world, and this major investment in Kansas is a testament to our commitment to bring high-speed broadband to all parts of the state," Lieutenant Governor and Secretary of Commerce David Toland said. "With this funding, we will make significant strides in

connecting underserved areas and empowering businesses, students, and residents with the technology they need to prosper."

In anticipation of this funding, the Kansas Office of Broadband Development is completing work on strategic plans for broadband access and digital equity. Data is still being collected to better understand broadband needs, in order to deploy this funding efficiently.

The Kansas Office of Broadband Development is encouraging Kansans to complete a speed test and participate in the

process. To participate, residents should visit the official website, broadbandks.com, where they can complete a quick and simple online speed test. This test, which only takes a few minutes, will provide valuable data on internet connectivity throughout the state.

"This historic investment gives Kansas the greatest opportunity to date to end the digital divide," said Kansas Broadband Director, Jade Piros de Carvalho. "We are excited to continue doing the work to ensure every Kansan can fully engage in the economy."



Photo by Joyce Deppenbusch

"I did not design this game; I did not name the stakes. I just happen to like apples; and I am not afraid of snakes."

— ani difranco

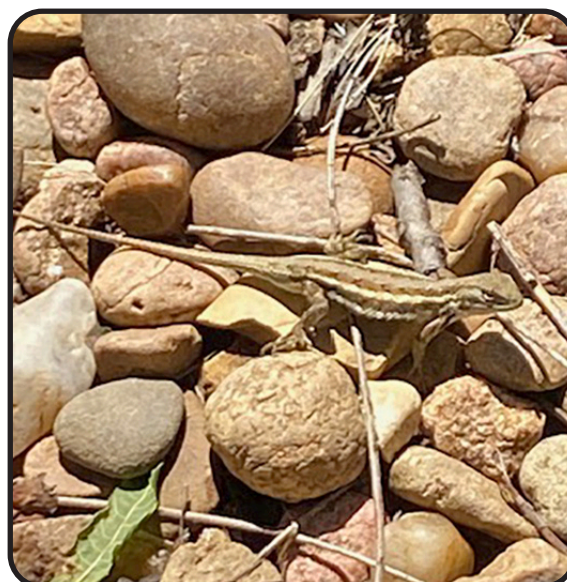


photo by Josh Theis

"Being turned into a lizard can really mess up your day."

— Rick Riordan, The Red Pyramid



Photo by Joyce Deppenbusch

"A turtle is like a lizard in a bicycle helmet, and I think that's romantic. That reminds me, I should write a love song called, 'Dinner for two—plus one.'"

— Jarod Kintz, This Book is Not for Sale

Kingman County Sheriff's Report

Sunday, June 18

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 Traffic Stop 2
 Traffic Complaint 4000 Blk NE 50 St, Kingman
 Follow Up 4000 Blk SW 20 Ave, Kingman
 Disturbance 400 Blk E Leiter, Cunningham
 Non-Injury Accident SW 10 Ave & SW 20 St, Kingman
 Trespassing 600 Blk E C Ave, Kingman
 Disturbance 15000 Blk NE 50 St, Cheney
 Traffic Complaint SW 170 Ave & W Hwy 54, Cunningham
 Suspicious Person 4000 Blk NE Sunset Ln, Cheney
 Animal Complaint 14000 Blk SW 20 St, Cunningham
 911 Accidental Dial 1400 Blk E 8th Ave, Kingman

Monday, June 19

Traffic Stop 1
 Civil Paper Service E Hwy 54 & N 14 Hwy, Kingman
 Disabled Vehicle 6000 Blk E Hwy 54, Kingman
 Disabled Vehicle 200 Blk NE 130 Ave, Cheney
 Mental 15000 Blk NE 50 St, Cheney
 Domestic 100 Blk W 2nd Ave, Norwich
 Damage to Property 1500 Blk NW 30 Ave, Kingman
 Domestic 15000 Blk NE 50 St, Cheney
 911 Accidental Dial 15000 Blk NE 50 St, Cheney

Tuesday, June 20

Animal Complaint SE 110 At & SE 40 Ave, Rago
 Traffic Complaint 12000 W Hwy 54, Cunningham
 Non-Injury Accident 16000 E Hwy 54, Cheney

Non-Injury Accident 2000 E Hwy 54, Kingman
 911 Accidental Dial 100 Blk N Somerset, Norwich
Wednesday, June 21
 Civil Paper Process 6
 Fire NW 5 St & NW 160 Ave, Cunningham
 Abandoned Vehicle 9000 W Hwy 54, Cunningham
 Theft 1500 Blk NW 30 Ave, Kingman
 Court Security 130 N Spruce, Kingman
 Animal Complaint 3000 W Hwy 54, Kingman
 Miscellaneous 120 N Spruce, Kingman
 Suspicious Persons 2000 Blk SE Murdock Ave, Murdock

Thursday, June 22

Civil Paper Process
 Traffic Complaint
 Miscellaneous
 Suspicious Activity
 Animal Complaint

Friday, June 23

Non-Injury Accident
 Non-Injury Accident
 911 Accidental Dial

Saturday, June 24

Traffic Stop
 Theft
 Disturbance
 Suspicious Person
 Suspicious Person
 Disturbance

7
 E Hwy 42 & SE 40 Ave, Rago
 15000 NW 150 Ave, Cunningham
 200 Blk S Elliott, Cunningham
 E Hwy 42 & SE 30 Ave, Rago

14000 E Hwy 54, Cheney
 17000 S Hwy 14, Rago
 16000 Blk NE 50 St, Cheney

11
 4000 Blk SE 150 Ave, Cheney
 120 North Spruce, Kingman
 1700 Blk NE 70 Ave, Kingman
 300 Blk S Morningside St, Norwich
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Parades, picnics, swimming...

...hot dogs, music and fireworks!



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* Celebrating the *Fourth of July! * * *

My family and I are lucky that we can simply fly to the seashore. We plan to play all day on the beach and the rocks of the jetty.



At the Beach!

How are Americans celebrating the Fourth of July? What are you doing?

GAMES U P M V T *
 O D A A L R I D E S
 C F S N O U N F S A
 H T E P H J W N G D
 E F L A G S O H F O T *
 E A C H D B M F E G D I
 R T N J S F V W C O N C E R T A
 S D U K O P J H N B S J A Q U H T G L H O P
 K J S K R O W E R I F B O N F I R E S J H O
 G N I M M I W S D F E I C I N C I P J A S T

Can you find and circle all the words that describe the fun at the beach?

swimming flags cheers picnic
 pinwheels concert bonfires games
 Uncle Sam hot dogs fireworks rides

Can you fill in the crossword puzzle with the first word of each clue below to find out some ways in which we are celebrating?

- _____ to speeches of freedom
- _____ to cool off
- _____ red, white and blue bunting from buildings
- _____ the Declaration of Independence
- _____ a pie eating contest
- _____ decorated bicycles
- _____ places, battlefields and buildings where people fought for liberty
- _____ in the parade
- _____ fireworks light up the sky
- _____ patriotic songs
- _____ our country's flag
- _____ with our family and friends (and a few ants)

At Home! and at the Fireworks!

1 marching
 2 swimming
 3 listening
 4 riding
 5 visiting
 6 hanging
 7 singing
 8 entering
 9 reading
 10 watching
 11 picnicking
 12 raising

Can you find and circle at least 8 words that end with the letter "y"?

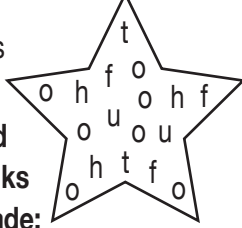


At the Parade!

Bicycles are in! Old railroad tracks are being paved to make wonderful bike and walking trails. Riding bikes is cool. Here are some ideas for decorating bikes for the Fourth of July holiday:

- streamers
- battery-powered string of LED lights
- flags and stars
- cards clipped to spokes
- bells and horns

Use letters in the word "Fourth" to fill in the blanks to see what is at the parade:



- Uncle Sam walking on s _ _ ilts
- cl _ _ wns spilling out of a car
- colorful _ _ loats rolling by
- bands marc _ _ ing
- a beauty q _ _ een waving
- soldiers and p _ _ lice marching
- j _ _ gglers wobbling on unicycles
- vendors selling novelty _ _ oys
- c _ _ stumed characters high fiving
- shadows dancing under giant ball _ _ ns
- brig _ _ t streamers flowing from bicycles
- colorguard throwing _ _ lags high into the air
- smell of h _ _ t d _ _ gs cooking on a grill
- clanging bells of the red _ _ iretrucks
- c _ _ eerleaders leaping and spinning

Uh-oh!

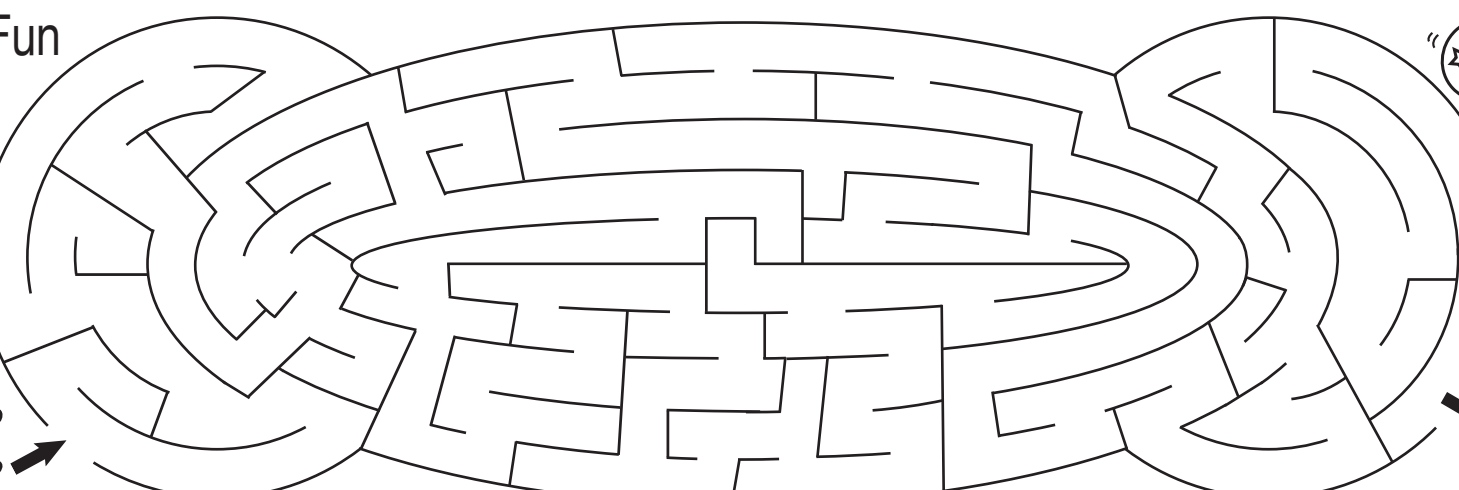
Forest has to find his school's drums for the parade. They own two drums that are exactly alike. Can you study the drums and find two exactly the same?

1 2 3
 4 5 6
 7 8 9

Color the drums.

Floating Fun

Help the mice get to the Fourth of July balloons!



(Answers on page 10)

Hilltop Happenings

We finished up our celebration of CNA Week with "Neon Day", "Camo Day", and "Farmer Day". Appreciation gift bags were then given to the CNAs. We are all very lucky to have such a supportive Administrator!

Monday's agenda was full with our morning Coffee Chat, followed by games of parachute ball, (I loved that game as a kid and it turns out - I still do!) while the afternoon brought the weekly Jokers and Marbles - which I hesitate to call a "game" as it is a bit more serious than that - and finally, we wrapped up the afternoon with root beer floats in honor of Father's Day.

Tuesday morning's Coffee Chat had several discussions - including some residents who voiced concerns for the safety of the lost submarine and crew, who at that time had not yet been found - May they Rest in Peace and may God comfort their loved ones.

Then it was outside with Clarissa for some fresh air and to check the progress on the flowers planted last week. The weather has been a bit unpredictable but the plants looked good and no one got wet so we will call it a win!

Wednesday morning's movie ("Mama Mia!") and popcorn was really popular and considering I may be the only person at Hilltop (and possibly in Kingman County) who

has not seen this movie, I will be watching it this weekend. P.S. It's free on Prime. Since Wednesday was National Music Day, thus the musical at movie time, we finished our afternoon with a special musical guest, Robert, a chaplain with River Cross Hospice, who sang and played his guitar for us.

Thursday's coffee chat included some trivia, which is pretty popular, followed by an exercise class. Thursday afternoon's "Domino Bunch" had a great turn out with some new participants and an arts and crafts class was held for residents who are not domino fans.

Bible Study with Betty was Friday morning and another great visit from the popular duo, "Jazzercise with Two Fun Guys" made everyone's day! Manicures and BINGO finished up our week.

Our residents have made some suggestions for activities here at Hilltop and there are some really good ideas - one of which was to revive the "Hilltop Happenings" column and I will try to do it justice. Other changes are coming and we will be hosting a few events and the public is always welcome to attend, so stay tuned for all the new happenings at Hilltop!

Until next week - God Bless!

Kingman County Free Developmental Screening

Ages Birth - 5 years*

KINGMAN

Where: Kingman Methodist Church
133 E D Ave
Kingman, KS

When: July 14th
9:00 am - 3:00 pm



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Horizon's Mental Health Center
Kingman County Health Department
USD 331 Kingman - Norwich & USD 332 Cunningham

- Do you have concerns about your child's development?
- Are you interested in preschool in the fall?

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Kingman County Humane Society Pets Ready for Adoption

Henry

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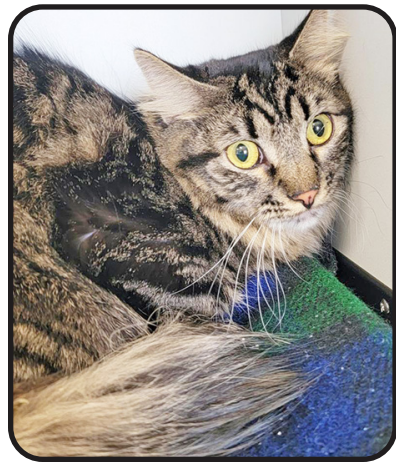


Male Shepherd / Mixed Breed (Medium)
43 pounds
3 years
\$180.00
Henry has been at the shelter since August 29, 2022. That is over 300 days without his own family.

Adult-Only Home Preferred
Henry has lived the street life and is now ready to settle down with his forever family! He has been let down before so it will take him a little bit to trust again, but he loves to give hugs and kisses. He only wants what every dog wants, a warm bed, lots of love and treats and a full belly. Give this little guy a chance and he will steal your heart and possibly your bed!

Tigger

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Male Domestic Shorthair
1 year +
\$40.00
Tigger was brought to the shelter on June 13, 2023

He is a bonded cat; his friend being Luka who was in the paper last week (but misnamed) It would be great if they could be adopted together.



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

"Personally, I have always felt that the best doctor in the world is the Veterinarian. He can't ask his patients what is the matter...he's just got to know."
— Will Rogers

* Celebrating the Fourth of July!

My family and I are lucky that we can simply fly to the seashore. We plan to play all day on the beach and the rocks of the jetty.

At the Beach!

How are Americans celebrating the Fourth of July? What are you doing?

At the Parade!

At Home! and At the Fireworks!

Forest found his school's drums for the parade. Did you find the two drums that are exactly the same?

1. s t i lts
2. cl o wns
3. f loats
4. marc h ing
5. q u een
6. p o lice
7. j u gglers
8. t oys
9. c o stumed
10. ball o o ns
11. brig h t
12. f lags
13. h o t d o gs
14. f iretrucks
15. c h eerleaders

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Approved Minutes from May City Council Meeting

(con't from front page)

move forward. Mesa will mark dead trees that are to be removed. *Skyland Grain requested assistance with installing a culvert on East Santa Fe where trucks enter at the gas pumps. Consensus of Council to have Mesa do

the digging for the culvert. *The trash can on the sidewalk at the museum is falling apart and needs replaced. Jackie will bring trash can that was removed from Dafforn Park to replace the can by the museum.

Executive Session – Motion by Ruckle, second by Newell, for the Council to meet in executive session with the City Clerk to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel in order to protect the

privacy interests of the person(s) to be discussed, the justification being the non-elected personnel matter exception [K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1)(c)], with the Council meeting to resume in open session in three (3) minutes. Motion carried, 3/0.

The above met in executive session from 9:13 p.m. to 9:16 p.m., at which time the meeting resumed in open session and Council President Ruckle stated that no action had been taken dur-

ing the executive session.

Motion by Ruckle, second by Newell, to hire lifeguards, Andrew Schultz, Sydney Albers, and Kyra Morgan. Motion carried, 2/0. (Schultz abstained)

Motion by Ruckle, second by Newell, to approve the pool wages as presented (attached to minutes.) Motion carried, 3/0.

Motion by Ruckle, second by Newell, to approve a .50/hr raise for the pool assistant man-

ager, Megan Hansen. Motion carried, 3/0.

Motion by Ruckle, second by Newell, to approve Molly Morgan's pool salary (attached to minutes.) Motion carried, 3/0.

Motion by Schultz, second by Ruckle, to hire Hunter Sterba. Motion carried, 3/0.

Swimming Pool Report – Opening day undetermined due to weather.

Financial Report and Payment of Bills

– Motion by Ruckle, second by Schultz, to approve the financial report and pay the bills. Motion carried, 3/0.

Adjournment – Motion by Newell, second by Schultz, to adjourn. Motion carried, 3/0.

Council President Ruckle adjourned the meeting at 9:36 p.m.



Minutes from Kingman County Commission

Chairman Henning called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. June 19th, 2023, in the County Commissioners room at the Kingman County Courthouse. Present: Jerry Henning, Chairman; Patrick Elpers, Commissioner; Jack Thimesch, Commissioner; Carol Noblit, County Clerk

Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor

Visitors: Bob Morris, Kingman Leader-Courier; Larry Landwehr; Danny McDorman; Clint Turner; Mike Floyd; Keith Baringer; Jason Belt; Anita Drake, Council on Aging Director; Clint Turner, Fair Board & Livestock Committee and Steve Drosslemeyer, Kingman Fire Chief.

Online Visitors: Heather Kinsler; Caller 01; Ty; Chrissy Bartel.

Staff: Sheriff Brent Wood; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director; Amber Hartley, County Appraiser; Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director and LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer.

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

Chairman Henning would like to add an executive session with the County Counselor.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the agenda with the ad-

dition of an executive session. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Henning asked if there was any public comment.

Danny McDorman discussed that he got the financials from the Expo Center and the Expo is losing money every year.

Mr. McDorman asked why they are not doing anything about this.

Commissioners discussed that the building was built in the 70's and has never made money but it is economic development.

Commissioners discussed that they have heard a lot of complaining but no solutions have been given.

Mr. McDorman asked why the Committee wasn't included in the discussion for rate increases.

Larry Landwehr said that a whole lot of bitching going on.

Anita Drake, Council on Aging Director was in with an update on what the Council on Aging provides for the County elderly.

Ms. Drake submitted 2024 Budget request for Council on Aging.

Clint Turner was in to discuss that he was told that if the Fair Board would help take the stalls down then they may get the budget increase from 11500.00 to 15000.00-18000.00. If they don't want to help with taking the stalls down then they

may not get the increase of their budget request.

Commissioners would like everyone to work together.

MOTION:

Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the advertisement of stall removal. 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

Steve Drosslemeyer, Kingman Fire Chief and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor at 9:26 a.m. to discuss an individual employee's evaluation pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act, and they will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 9:36 a.m. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 9:36 a.m. with no decision made.

Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director was in to let the Commissioners know that Sarah Carroll, Inevergy has scheduled a time on the June 26th, 2023 Commission meeting.

Chairman Henning let the board know that she talked with Sarah Carroll and would like to have time in the afternoon of

June 26th 2023.

Mr. Goetz let the Commissioners know that Nextera has requested a temporary wind measuring that he has approved. Also, they will have a mobile unit also.

Mr. Goetz submitted the following building permits:

Phil Moorhouse Jr. for a house in Section 25, Township 28, Range 5.

Circle P Land & Livestock for a shed in Section 29, Township 30, Range 7.

Amber Hartley, County Appraiser was in to discuss that the 2023 AG Survey mailer is needed this year by state statute. Ms. Hartley submitted quotes from Postalcity and Master's Touch.

Ms. Hartley discussed that the quote from Master's Touch was priced per piece and not an all inclusive bid.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the quote from Postalcity in the amount of \$1838.25 for the 2023 AG Survey mailers. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Carol Noblit, County Clerk submitted the June 12th, 2023, County Commission meeting minutes for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the June 12th, 2023, Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was

approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer was in to review the May financials with the County Commissioners.

Ms. Stegman reviewed the 2024 budget information with the Commissioners.

Commissioners would like Ms. Stegman to make some changes to the spreadsheets and come back next week.

Commissioners signed Road & Bridge Vouchers in the amount of \$25,887.00.

Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in with the following permits:

Kingman Wind Energy II LLC-Road Modifications for T-78 Restoration Project-Action Plan.

Kingman Wind Energy II LLC-Road Modifications for T-37 Restoration Project-Action Plan.

Mr. Arensdorf gave an update on the FLAP Project and that they are planning a start date the week of July 5th, 2023.

Mr. Arensdorf gave an update on the guardrail repair.

Mr. Arensdorf submitted information from John Riggins for the SW 70 St repair and asked the Commissioners if they want to start the bid process.

Commissioners let Mr. Arensdorf know that it would be okay to move forward with the bid process.

Sheriff Brent Wood

was in with a department update and submitted the department report for May 2023 to the County Commissioners.

Sheriff Wood let the Commissioners know that he is looking at quotes for shower shut offs for the jail.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch

moved to go into executive session with Sheriff Brent Wood, Stan Goetz, HR and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor at 12:16 p.m. to discuss an individual employee's evaluation pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act, and will return to open session in the board meeting room at 12:34 p.m. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 12:34 p.m. with no decision made.

Chairman discussed KCAMP information received and that they are raising the insurance by 25% and deductibles are increasing.

Commissioners would like to contact local Insurance carriers and see if they would like to bid the County Insurance. MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 12:45 p.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Minutes from the Pratt County Commission Meeting

The Pratt County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, June 19, 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 that the Pratt Area Economic Development met last week. The façade grant for Sawyer Co-

op was approved. The Sawyer Co-op needs to present pictures and then it will be awarded. All financial records for Pratt Economic Development will be moved to the Pratt Area Chamber office. They are looking for a third-party accountant to work with them.

Pratt Economic Development has some grant funding but there are requirements to qualify. Pratt County and Seward County met to work with the business community and school districts to explore the studies of our 8th grade students. Heather will be attending the governor's office Zoom meeting. She reported Pratt County has a 2.2% unemployment rate.

Commissioner Adams

made a motion to approve the minutes from June 12, 2023. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Clerk Voss presented an invoice from Langford Farms, LLC in the amount of \$2301.42. She questioned which account it needs to be paid out of. Commissioner Adams said it could be paid out of capital improvement, ARPA or the public safety building. Commissioner Shriver stated it could be paid out of the commissioner budget.

Commissioner Shriver presented a bid for splitting the land into three tracts from Kirkham Michael for an additional \$1600. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to approve the revised contract with Kirkham

Michael to replat the tracts around the public safety building for a total amount of \$4000.00, to be paid out of capital improvement. It was decided to proceed with having the property on north Highway 61 appraised and sold in the future.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to recess into executive session for ten minutes at 2:15 p.m. to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to return from executive session at 2:22 p.m. with no action taken. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Tyson stated he would be executing the resolu-

tion for leasing the PRRC building to USD 382 when he receives the lease from USD 382.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the payment vouchers for June 19, 2023. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Tara Pagenkopf, RSVP director, presented checks for signatures.

Commissioner Adams met a group of ladies at the Sawyer store that watch the meetings every week.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to recess the meeting until June 22, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. for the budget meeting with Scot Loyd, the Loyd group. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

The recessed meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. June 22, 2023 with the following members present: Thomas W. Jones III, Rick N. Shriver, Dwight Adams, Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor, Lori Voss, county clerk, Mark Graber, IT and Scot Loyd, accountant with the Loyd group.

Scot Loyd, accountant went over the 2024 budget sheets with the commissioners. The next budget meeting will be held July 13, 2023.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to adjourn at 10:39 p.m. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.



Kansas Farm Bureau and Kansas 4-H are sponsoring a photography contest for 4-H members to showcase agriculture

and youth photography skills throughout Kansas. We're looking for great, high-resolution photos (at least 300 DPI)

taken by 4-H members featuring summer images of livestock, crops, natural resources, people in agriculture (can also feature images from livestock shows at their county fair) in 2023.

Winners will appear in an upcoming issue of Kansas Farm Bureau's printed magazine, Kansas Living, and/or online at www.kansaslivingmagazine.com.

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

TERRY PADFIELD, WILLIAM R. MILLER, VALERIE A. NICHOLS AND LINDA HENNING, Plaintiffs vs.

DIXIE CORNELIUS, LAVAUGHN CORNELIUS, deceased, INVOLVES VIRGINIA PADFIELD, deceased, ROLAND CORNELIUS, REAL ESTATE deceased, ELSIE CORNELIUS, deceased, ROY EDUARD CORNELIUS, LUDWIG H. CORNELIUS, and

the UNKNOWN HEIRS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, TRUSTEES, CREDITORS and ASSIGNS OF ANY DECEASED DEFENDANT; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSES OF ANY DEFENDANTS; THE UNKNOWN OFFICERS, SUCCESSORS, TRUSTEES, CREDITORS, AND ASSIGNS OF ANY DEFENDANTS WHICH ARE EXISTING, DISSOLVED, OR DORMANT CORPORATIONS; THE UNKNOWN GUARDIANS, CONSERVATORS AND TRUSTEES OF ANY DEFENDANTS WHO ARE MINORS OR ARE UNDER ANY LEGAL DISABILITY, Defendants

Case No. 2023 CV 16 NOTICE OF SUIT (K.S.A. 60-307)

The State of Kansas to the above named Defendants,

And all other persons who are or may be concerned:

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in the District Court of Kingman County, Kansas, by Terry Padfield, William R. Miller, Valerie A. Nichols and Linda Henning, Plaintiffs, praying for an order quieting the title to the following described real estate:

The Northwest Quarter (NW/4) of Section Twenty-nine (29), Township Thirty (30), Range Nine (9) West of the 6th P.M., Kingman County, Kansas.

The petition further seeks an order holding the Plaintiffs to be the owner of fee simple title to the above described real estate and minerals under said real estate, free of all right, title, and interest of the above named Defendants, and all other persons who are or may be concerned, and that they and each of them be forever barred and foreclosed of and from all right, title, interest, lien, estate, or equity of redemption in or to the above described real estate, or any part thereof.

You are hereby required to plead to said petition on or before the 27th day of July, 2023, in said court at Kingman County District Court, Kingman, Kansas. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said petition.

Terry Padfield, Linda Henning, William R. Miller and Valerie A. Nichols, Plaintiffs
Matthew W. Ricke, #20995
349 N. Main, PO Box 113
Kingman, KS 67068
(620) 532-3103

Public Notice

(Published once in The Cunningham Courier on June 29, 2023)

ORDINANCE NO. 680

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING REGULATIONS OF THE CITY OF CUNNINGHAM, KANSAS, AS ORIGINALLY ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 771 AS A MODEL CODE, WHICH ADDS AMENDMENTS TO FENCING.

THAT WHEREAS on May 20, 2009, the City of Cunningham, Kansas enacted Ordinance No. 771, which Ordinance was duly published, and which provided for the adoption of and incorporation therein of certain Zoning Regulations as a Model Code for said City, official copies of same being on file with the City Clerk; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of the City of Cunningham, Kansas has prior hereto and after giving due notice held a public legislative hearing on June 22, 2023 and made certain recommendations for amendments as contained herein; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the City of Cunningham, Kansas desires to approve such amendments to the Zoning Regulations in accordance therein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF CUNNINGHAM, KANSAS:

Section 1. Amendments.

Section 2-102 for Definition:

FENCE: A freestanding structure of customary materials such as metal, masonry, glass, plastic or wood or any combination thereof, resting on or partially buried in the ground and rising above ground level, and used for confinement, screening or partition purposes, but which does not pose a threat to public safety or health and is designed and constructed in such a manner as to produce an aesthetically pleasing appearance. The minimum standard for metal fencing is chain link fencing. Fences constructed of metal roofing materials, forklift pallets, portions of vehicles or appliances, welded wire, garden fencing, chicken wire, hog panels, mesh fencing, T-posts and the like are not permitted. Except in the front yard(s), each full side of a constructed fence must consist of only one approved fencing material and should not alternate between fencing materials (such as having chain link and a solid privacy fence along the same side). All fences and fencing materials must be approved prior to construction. [See

Section 3103F 25 for fences as Permitted Obstructions, and note at Section 6-100B for required Zoning Permit(s)]

Section 3103F

F. Permitted Obstructions in Required Yards. The following shall not be considered to be obstructions when located in a required yard: (See Section 9101A3 for principal or accessory buildings or structures or uses locating on or projecting over public easements; Section 2-102 for definition of FENCE and note at Section 6-100B for required Zoning Permit(s):

Section 3-103F3

3. Fences in a front yard: On lots with single or two-family dwellings and all types of manufactured and mobile homes, fences not exceeding four feet in height are permitted which are constructed with at least 75% open space. (See Section 2-102 for definition of VISION TRIANGLE for 33-inch height.) In other circumstances, decorative walls as perimeter boundaries and entryways to subdivisions as open and closed fences are permitted which do not exceed six feet in height.

Section 6-100B

*Zoning permits are required only for accessory structures

which exceed 100 square feet of ground area unless a permanent foundation is required by any applicable building code. Permits, however, are required for all fences and for satellite dish antennas which exceed one meter (39.37 inches) in diameter. (For other accessory zoning permits, see Section 6-101 for temporary uses; Section 6-102 for home occupations; Section 5-100 for parking spaces and loading areas; and Article 7 for signs.)

Section 2. Any provisions of this Ordinance which shall be declared to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid shall not affect the validity and authority of the other sections of this Ordinance.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall take effect from and after its publication once in the official City newspaper and be added to the Appendix of the Zoning Regulations.

PASSED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE City of Cunningham, Kansas on June 26, 2023

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR on June 26, 2023.

/s/ Aaron Murphy, Mayor

ATTEST:
/s/ Molly Morgan, City Clerk

Public Notice

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS CIVIL DEPARTMENT

Members Mortgage Services, LLC Plaintiff,

vs.

Benjamin Babcock-Sanner; Betty N. Babcock-Sanner; Citizens Bank of Kansas; John Doe (Tenant/Occupant); Mary Doe (Tenant/Occupant)

Defendants.

Case No. KM-2022-CV-000034

Court Number:

Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 60

Notice Of Sale

Under and by virtue of an Order of Sale issued to me by the Clerk of the District Court of Kingman County, Kansas, the undersigned Sheriff of Kingman County, Kansas, will offer for sale at public auction and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand, at the Front Door of the Courthouse at Kingman Kingman County, Kansas, on July 20, 2023, at 10:00 AM, the following real estate:

Parcel 1: Lots One (1), Two (2), Three (3), Four (4), Five (5), Six (6), Seven (7) and the South 48 feet of Lots Thirteen (13) and Fourteen (14)

of Sebring & Easley's Sub-division of the East half (E/2) of Block Eight (8), Jones' Addition to the Town of Kingman, Kingman County, Kansas, commencing at a point 150 feet East of the Southwest corner of Block Eight (8), Jones' Addition to the Town of Kingman, Kingman County, Kansas; thence North, parallel to the West line of said Block Eight (8), a distance of 208 feet; thence East at right angles, a distance of 60 feet to the West line of said Sebring & Easley's Sub-division of the East half (E/2) of Block Eight (8), Jones' Addition of the Town of Kingman; thence South a distance of 208 feet; thence West at right angles a distance of 60 feet to the place of beginning.

Parcel 2: All that part of the Northwest Quarter (NW/4 SW/4) of Section Thirty-two (32), Township Twenty-seven (27) South, Range Seven (7) West of the 6th P.M., Kingman County, Kansas, more

particularly described as follows, to-wit; commencing at the Southeast corner of Lot Eight (8) of Sebring & Easley's Sub-division of the East half (E/2) of Block Eight (8) in Jones' Addition to the Town of Kingman, Kingman County, Kansas, thence North on the extended East line of Lot Eight (8) aforesaid a distance of 224.55 feet more or less to the North line of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NW/4 SW/4) of Section Thirty-two (32), Township Twenty-seven (27) South, Range Seven (7) West; thence West on the North line of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NW/4 SW/4) of Section Thirty-two (32), Township Twenty-seven (27) South, Range Seven (7) West, a distance of 150 feet; thence South at right angles a distance of 224.55 feet to the Southwest corner of Lot Twelve (12) of Sebring & Easley's Sub-division of the East Half (E/2) of Block Eight (8), in Jones' Addition to

the Town of Kingman, Kingman County, Kansas; thence East on the South line of Lots Eight (8), Nine (9), Ten (10), Eleven (11) and Twelve (12) of said Sebring & Easley's Sub-division to the place of beginning.

Parcel 3: The West 48 feet of Block Nine (9), Jones' Addition to the Town of Kingman, Kingman County, Kansas, commonly known as 225 W Copeland Ave, Kingman, KS 67068 (the "Property")

to satisfy the judgment in the above-entitled case. The sale is to be made without appraisal and subject to the redemption period as provided by law, and further subject to the approval of the Court. For more information, visit www.Southlaw.com
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Public Notice

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:

DALE KIRK LIEURANCE, Deceased.

Case No. 2022 PR 44 (Petition Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on June 27, 2023, a Petition was filed in this Court by Kyle D. Lieurance, duly appointed, qualified and acting Executor of the Estate of Dale Kirk Lieurance, deceased, praying Petitioner's acts be approved; account be settled and allowed; the heirs be determined; the Will be construed and the Estate be assigned to the persons entitled thereto; the Court

find the allowances requested for attorneys' fees and expenses are reasonable and should be allowed; the costs be determined and ordered paid; the administration of the Estate be closed; upon the filing of receipts the Petitioner be finally discharged as the Executor of the Estate of Dale Kirk Lieurance, deceased, and the Petitioner be released from further liability.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before July 18, 2023, at 9:00 o'clock a.m. in the District Court, Kingman, Kingman County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

Kyle D. Lieurance, Executor
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Hazel Burnett

Hazel Ann Boner Burnett, 76, died June 24, 2023, at Prairie Sunset Home, Pretty Prairie.

She was born January 6, 1947, at Wichita the daughter of Elmer A. Boner and Jennie May See. A Kingman resident since 1982, she worked at the Ranch House and retired as a press operator at Don Dye's.

Hazel was of the Christian faith.

Survivors include sons Greg and his wife Nancy, and Justin; grandchildren Dillon (Kaitlynn Stamm), Kayla (David Baker), Morgan (Zachary Dipman), Justin, Jr.; great-grandchildren Allison Burnett, Maisyn Baker, Brinlee Baker, Saylor Baker, Madeliene Dipman, Weston Dipman and Jaxon Burnett; brothers and sisters Myke, Lavena, Charlotte, Janice, Zelma, Paul, Jerome, Tammy and Marty. She was preceded in death by her parents; brother Jay; and sister Betty.

Memorial services were Tuesday at the Livingston Funeral Home, Kingman.

The family suggests memorials to the Prairie Sunset Home in care of the funeral home.



Health Clinics

Kingman County Health Department will be doing its monthly outreach clinics in July on the following dates:

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Martina Young

Martina C. Young, 79, died June 25, 2023, at Wichita.

She was born March 22, 1944, in Kingman County, Kansas the daughter of William and Margaret Gehlen Bayer. A long-time resident of Kingman County, having also lived in Liberal, Kansas, she was a former CNA, nursing home dietician and home care giver.

Martina was a member of St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church.

On Dec. 31, 1966, she married Dennis Young at Cunningham; he died April 11, 2014. Survivors include three sons, David and Stacey, James and Anna, Bryan and Starla; brothers Leonard and Herman; sisters Genevieve Klein and Joan Payne; grandchildren Michael, Evan, Eli and Maya; and great-grandchild Jacob. She was also preceded in death by brothers Walter, Daniel, Ralph, Herman, Marion and Harold; and two sisters Sr. Camillus and Sr. Corona.

Parish rosary will be 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, July 5, 2023 at St. Leo Catholic Church followed by the Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 a.m. Burial will be in the St. Leo Church Cemetery.

Memorials may be made with the St. Leo Catholic Church in care of Livingston Funeral Home.



10 Ways to Protect Your Personal Information

Identity theft affects millions of people each year and can cause serious harm. Protect yourself by securing your personal information, understanding the threat of identity theft, and exercising caution.

Here are 10 things you can start doing now to protect yourself and your loved ones from identity theft:

1. Protect your Social Security number by keeping your Social Security card in a safe place at home. Don't carry it with you or provide your number unnecessarily.

2. Be careful when you speak with unknown callers. Scammers may

mislead you by using legitimate phone numbers or the real names of officials. If they threaten you or make you feel uneasy, hang up.

3. Create strong, unique passwords so others can't easily access your accounts. Use different passwords for different accounts so if a hacker compromises one account, they can't access other accounts.

4. Never give your personal or financial information in response to an unsolicited call or message, and never post it on social media.

5. Shred paper documents that contain personal information, like your name, birth date, and Social Security number.

6. Protect your mobile device from unauthorized access by securing it with a PIN, adding

a fingerprinting feature, or using facial recognition. You can also add a password and adjust the time before your screen automatically locks.

7. Regularly check your financial accounts for suspicious transactions.

8. Avoid internet threats by installing and maintaining strong anti-virus software on all your devices—including your mobile device and personal computer. Use a virtual private network (VPN) to stay safe on public Wi-Fi. Do not perform certain activities that involve sensitive data, like online shopping and banking, on public Wi-Fi networks.

9. Protect yourself on social media by customizing your security settings and deleting accounts you no longer use. Also, double-check sus-

picious messages from your contacts, as hackers may create fake accounts of people you know.

10. Never click on any link sent via unsolicited email or text message—type in the web address yourself. Only provide information on secure websites.

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Please share this information with your family and friends.

Morene Larrison

Morene Kay Larrison, 85, passed away Wednesday, June 21, 2023 at Haviland Care Center. She was born on August 4, 1937 in Pratt to Morris Wilbur and Nellie Irene (Swonger) Larrison.

Morene graduated from Pratt High School in 1955. She went on to obtain her Degree in Nursing in 1958 from St. Francis School of Nursing, Wichita and her Master's of Education in 1981 from Drury College in Springfield, Missouri. She worked at Federal Medical Center in Springfield, Missouri. She worked in physicians offices as well.

She is survived by her daughter, Shari Marie Johnson of Hollister, Missouri; sister, Reta Bell of Sawyer; five grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

Morene is preceded in death by her parents; son, Stephen "Scott" Newby; and brother, Jerry Larrison.

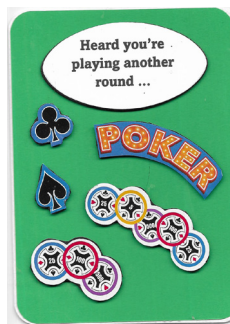
A graveside service was held Monday, June 26, 2023 at Ellenwood Cemetery, Sawyer, with John Hamm presiding.

Memorials may be made to Ellenwood Cemetery in care of Larrison Mortuary.



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