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## Minutes from the Kingman County Commission Meeting on December 27th

Chairman Foley called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. December 27th, 2022, in the County Commissioners room at the Kingman County Courthouse. Present were

Fred Foley, Chairman; Jerry Henning, Commissioner; Jack Thimesch, Commissioner; Carol Noblit, County Clerk; Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor

Visitors: Bob Morris, Leader-Courier; Larry Landwehr; Patrick Elpers; Staci Jackson, District Court Clerk; Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director;

Online Visitors: Joyce;

Staff: Ron Leroux, Noxious Weed Director; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director; Susan Hubbell, Register of Deeds and Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director.

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

Commissioner Thimesch would like to add an attorney-client privilege executive session.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the agenda with the addition of an executive session for attorney-client privilege. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Patrick Elpers asked about the Horizon East addition acres per lot because he was asked by some individuals

why are they 5 acre lots instead of 10 acre lots.

Commissioners let Mr. Elpers know that Mr. Lavarentz followed all the steps for the addition to be put in place.

Staci Jackson, District Court Clerk was in to ask for remaining funds to be placed into the Equipment Reserve Fund for a recording system in the small courtroom and a new copier because the current copier is old and needs replaced.

Ms. Jackson submitted a letter from Judge Mott that the defender fees would be going from \$3000.00 to 4500.00 per month.

Commissioners discussed the need for a new recording system in the small courtroom.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the purchase of a new recording system for the small courtroom. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director was in with an update.

Ms. Schrag let the Commissioners know that the County has received a Seed Grant to help with 12 projects throughout the county.

Ms. Schrag submitted the reports for Dilapidated structure program with remaining funds available of \$17,250.00 and the Façade Program with remaining funds available of \$3262.95.

Commissioners discussed the programs and let Ms. Schrag know that they are for the programs and still want to put up to \$50,000.00 for them.

Commissioners discussed that the Expo Center needs some help for improvements.

Ms. Schrag discussed grants available for the Expo Center.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve Option #2 which is \$26,000.00 to the Façade Program and \$24,000.00 to the Dilapidated Program. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Ron Leroux, Noxious Weed Director was in with the Chemical bid totals for the following received:

SIMS \$24,346.60

Nutrien \$10,635.25

Van Diest \$9,793.11

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the bids received from SIMS, Nutrien and Van Diest. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Leroux discussed sending a form out to the Townships for spraying.

Mr. Leroux let the Commissioners know that there is an upcoming annual Noxious Weed Conference coming up that he will attend.

Chairman Foley read correspondence from KAC (Kansas Association of Counties) that the dues for 2023 will be \$2,427.17.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve membership to KAC in the amount of \$2427.17 for 2023. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to withdraw membership to the League of Municipalities for 2023. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners signed abatements

and one addition.

Carol Noblit, County Clerk submitted the December 19th, 2022, Commission meeting minutes for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the December 19th, 2022, Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioner

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session at 10:15 a.m. with Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor to discuss pending administrative proceedings pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act for discussion of matters which would be deemed privileged under the attorney-client relationship, and they will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 10:25 a.m. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 10:25 a.m. with no decision made.

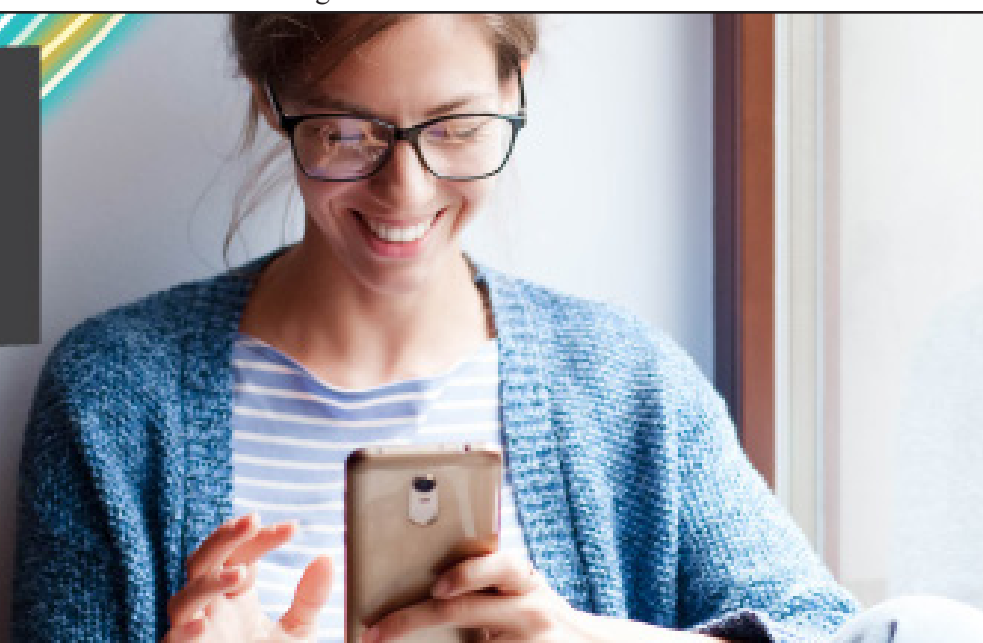
Susan Hubbell, Register of Deeds was in to discuss her budget and the expenses that are yet to be taken out. Ms. Hubbell let the Commissioners know that her budget may be over due to unforeseen expenses.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Henning moved to go into executive session at 10:42 a.m. with Susan Hubbell, Register of Deeds and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor to discuss an employee's evaluation pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act, and they

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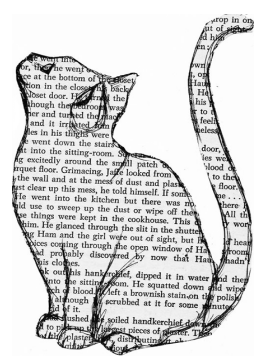
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Meanderings

The ONE good thing about not having internet service when I'm trying to create a newspaper? I can get started on this column.

It is Monday morning. My ol' internet went out about 9, maybe earlier. When I called and 'visited' with the Centurylink voice on the other end, I was told it should be repaired by 3:30 p.m. That's a lot of lost time.

There isn't much I can do for the paper without internet access. I CAN photoshop photos. Crop, lighten, take out shadows, that type of thing. But I already have to have the photos. I had Molly's photos from the basketball games last week on a little drive, so I have those all worked up. If anyone emailed photos, I can't access them. And almost all of the photos, except for Molly's, come via email. AND if the coaches have sent me their articles via email, I can't access them. I can't put in the photos until I get the articles.

I have added the advertisements I got last week. But if any came in this morning, I can't get to them.

I can't research anything. I can't look for clip art. I can't find good quotes. I can't get the weekly columns. I can't email anyone. I can't play solitaire. I mean I can't get email. I can't check the funeral homes for obituaries. I can't check Hamm Auction for updates. I can't shop. I mean I can't update our subscription list. I'm really in a world of newspaper hurt. Except I can get this column written.

Oh, and another thing I can do....I can go to Kingman this afternoon and research via Microfilm, the news for January 20, 1978.

Microfilm is not a very convenient way to research. I use my lap to hold the writing tablets I use. The screen isn't very bright. And bifocals... well. If you wear them you understand. I have to look down, then up, adjust my head a bit to focus, my neck does get sore and after about an hour, I'm ready to quit. And honestly, you can't get through much in an hour's time. I am not sure what the criteria is for getting newspapers loaded onto internet websites, but they need to step up the process. I can still only access

Cunningham Clipper up till 1924. I would be great if they could see to it that all of them got loaded up 1990, just to help me out.

I get annoyed when I get an email from newspapers.com. "We now have new U.K. Newspapers available." "Check out the new papers from North Carolina!" Who cares? I don't need to know about the papers in England or North Carolina. I need papers from Cunningham, Ks. Sheesh. Who's in charge there?

The internet has spoiled me. There isn't much you can't find on the internet. Except Cunningham Clippers after 1925, apparently.

Microfilm machines are old research technology and I am thankful Kingman Carnegie Library still has one, but I'm not sure what will happen when it quits working. YIKES! For us!

I've been reading the Rosato and Associates mystery series by Lisa Scottoline. I do enjoy those books. The characters are fun and a bit snarky, and the mysteries are good. They keep me turning the pages, anyway. I just started "Accused." I believe I only 4 or 5 more to go to finish out the series. (I can't check on that because guess where that information is? Yep, ye

olde internet.)

And, no, I am unsure what and where and with whom I will be moving on to after I finish this time in Philadelphia. I'll read some stand-alone novels, taking a break from the series, and think about where I want to move to. As cold as I've been, I'm thinking I need to find a series set in the South, or southern California or... somewhere warm. I'll have to look into my stash of books and figure out something. But no hurry, I still have a few weeks left in Philadelphia.

I've never been to Philadelphia. I have been to Gettysburg, PA, but not Philadelphia. I should probably put that on the list of things I want to do after I retire from the paper. But then there will be all those tourists. And crowds. And noises. And... maybe I won't go. I can learn quite a bit about it living in my books.

4:15 Off I went to the bank, the post office, the clinic, and on to Kingman. I went to Swaney Vet Clinic to drop off some supplies for the Humane Society (a big thank you to our EMTs), I stopped by Dollar General and picked up some chewy treats for the super chewer, Quin. I spent an hour or so at the library, I vis-

ited for a few minutes with a old friend, then I went to the chiropractor. I came home, I fixed me a bit to eat. It is now 4:15 and no internet.

I'm going to the library....

And I'm back. I checked out the last of the last Scottoline books that I hadn't yet read. After "Accused" I have yet to read "Betrayed", and "Corrupted" and "Damaged" and "Exposed" and "Feared". I guess "Feared" is the last book in the series. It was written in 2018... It looks like she's writing stand-alones now. If you are looking for these at the library... be patient, I'll have them back by the end of the month.

I also took some of my homemade cards over to show my mom. At 5:00 I returned. No internet. Called BrightSpeed/Centurylink /Embarque. "Technicians will fix it as soon as possible." No time given. GRRR.

Tuesday night 9:45. I finally went to bed about 7 last night and read for a couple of hours. I woke up this morning to working internet and an inbox that made me want to close it and not look at it again. But I plowed through the mess. I managed to get the paper together in record time (being as I couldn't work on it yesterday... I'm go-

ing to fuss about that for quite awhile.

I 'talked' to Wendy at SCTelcom via email today. Wendy is the one who sends us the advertisements. She told me my name wasn't yet on the list to get internet. I was sure I signed up back in November, but then again, I could have gotten distracted and forgot to finish the chore. I logged on and signed up. I hope I did it correctly. I do want some reliable internet.

Always reading and currently reading "Accused" by Lisa Scottoline Roberta

"How do you not like the Internet? That's like saying, 'I don't like things that are convenient. And easy. I don't like having access to all of mankind's recorded discoveries at my fingertips. I don't like light. And knowledge.'" - Rainbow Rowell, Fangirl

"Alice was back, the landlord was evicting her, and she was out of dog food. She hadn't felt so totally at a loss since the day her mother had passed. And her employees were staring at her, momentarily speechless."

- Lisa Scottoline, Dead Ringer

Tallgrass and Tumbleweeds by Gaille Pike

Dear Readers, Beneath a pale blue sky ringed with a thin outline of white clouds, Kansas "breezes" rippled across the top of the no longer frozen pond. Sun, wind and water combined to conjure diamonds dancing on the backs of wave's crests. Though a windowpane

protected me from the chill this sight belied, I was so bewitched that my forkful of leftover Ice Box Cake never reached my mouth. Instead it all slipped from my hand. My mind registered the resulting plonk-splat of utensil, pudding and graham crackers hitting the floor, but I remained

transfixed.

Mother Nature's spell was only broken when I heard cats galloping down the hallway. As if they were responding to a tornado siren instead of dropped food, my favorite three Stooges tumbled over each other as they skidded into my room. It was my two legs and one arm against three cats. I was outnumbered. I wish I could say they were outmatched. The truth is that my cats lost interest as our wrestling wore on. But it took a

"minute" to clear both cats and crumbs away. And by the time I got back to my slice of cake, the water-gem show was gone because the sun had slid under a cloud. So I was able to clean my plate without further incident.

The internet claims Ice Box Cake was introduced in the United States between the 1920s and 1930s but I only became acquainted with this dessert a few days ago when a friend made the same version his

mother used to make in the 1960s. As my friend was making it, I thought, "what's the big deal?" And when he announced 48 hours later that it was ready to eat, I figured I'd eat a spoonful or two of the pudding-graham cracker concoction just to be polite. I could only blink in surprise when I was handed a FORK and served a SLICE OF CAKE. I was intrigued by the apparent no-bake refrigerator magic that resulted in this dense, cake—a treat so sweet

one can only eat a small slice at a time. Hence, the leftovers. The internet can explain why, over time and at a particular temperature, pudding and graham crackers meld into an entirely new substance. But I've discovered Ice Box Cake magic no human (or cat) can explain: it seems never ending AND it tastes better with each passing day.

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

A Column by Dorothy Rosby

And the Winners Are...

It was the best of lists. It was the worst of lists. Also the most, least, biggest, smallest, flattest and roundest of lists.

'Tis the season when experts on everything roll out their report cards of the past year. There are the usual suspects: Best

Books, Worst Books, Best Movies, Worst Movies, Most Popular Baby Names, Most Popular Pet Names. And there are the unusual ones, for example the 20 Most Popular Dog Names That Would Totally Work for Your Kid Too. I didn't make that up.

Nor did I make up the Most Notable

Cryptozoology Deaths, the Scariest Clowns or the Best Mannequin Pranks of the past year. Honest. And what a year it was for mannequin pranks.

There are the lists of best and worst products of the past year. For example, the Top 10 Cordless Pet Hair Vacuums, the Worst Technology and the Best Snow Shovels of the past year. We use our regular vacuum to suck up cat hair so I had no idea there were enough pet hair vacuums to make a list. And I know without looking at the list what the best snow shovel is. It's the one anyone besides me is willing to use in my driveway.

There are the lists we all wish we could be on: the World's Highest Paid Athletes/Celebrities/Models and the People Who Mattered in past year. It's worth noting they're not the same people.

There are lists of the 500 Richest People in the World and the Top

10 Smartest People in the World. I'm always happy to see there are more rich people than smart people on the list. It gives me hope for my financial future.

There's a list of the World's Most Beautiful People, which sounds like a good one to be on until you realize hardly anyone gets to be on it two years in a row. Either beauty truly is fleeting or being one of the world's most beautiful people really takes a lot out of you.

There are the lists you're relieved you're not on: Famous People Who Died, Biggest Celebrity Scandals (with photos) and Biggest Celebrity Breakups. That last one is full of surprises for me every year because I rarely know that the celebrities on the list had broken up. Sometimes I didn't even know they were ever together. Or who they are.

There's the list of the 10 Most Embarrassing Moments of past year (with video) which I'm

proud to say I haven't been on—yet. I hope they never expand the list to twenty.

There's the list of the Dumbest Criminals of the Year. The top honor often goes to someone who was caught after posting photos from the crime scene on Instagram. Maybe "top honor" is a poor choice of words.

While I find these compilations fascinating I do have some issues with them. For one thing, their authors take great pleasure in listing the mistakes of others. There are the Worst Political Mistakes, Biggest Movie Mistakes, Biggest Password Mistakes and the Worst Celebrity Fashion Faux Pas of the past year. But there is no list of the biggest mistakes of list creators. Maybe I'll put that one together myself next year.

Also I think before someone somewhere creates the list of the Top 100 People of the Year or the Most Annoying TV

Commercials there ought to be a vote. I wouldn't be much help with the Best Performing Stocks of the past year or the Top Ten Architectural Websites but I have some suggestions for the Dumbest People of the Year. Also the Dumbest Lists of the Year.

And why do we start seeing these efforts to sum up past year in early November? I sympathize with list makers wanting to take the holidays off but how can they compile an accurate list representing an entire year before the year is over? A lot can happen on New Year's Eve.

No, list creators should definitely wait until January if they want to be fair and honest and include any embarrassing moments I have in late December.

Excerpt from 'Tis the Season to Feel Inadequate, Holidays, Special Occasions and Other Times Our Celebrations Get Out of Hand now available on Amazon in both print and e-book versions.

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**Thursday, January 19th**  
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**Friday, January 20th**  
HS BB Boys 54  
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**Friday, January 13th**  
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**Monday, January 16th**  
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**Tuesday, January 17th**  
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**Monday, January 23**  
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**Governor Laura  
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Into Office for  
Second Term**

~~In Inaugural Address, Gov. Kelly Calls for Civility and Unity in Politics and Shares Vision for Next Four Years~~

TOPEKA – Today, Governor Laura Kelly and Lieutenant Governor David Toland were sworn into office in a ceremony outside the Kansas State Capitol. The Kelly Administration now begins its second term in

office.

Governor Kelly first became the 48th governor of Kansas on January 14, 2019, pledging to rebuild Kansas by reaching across the aisle. Since then, she has worked with a bipartisan group of legislators to fully fund schools, axe the sales tax on food, close the Bank of KDOT, and recruit the largest economic development project in state history.

Governor Kelly began her second term by celebrating the Kansas spirit of "neighbor-helping-neighbor" and calling on

the state's elected leaders to embody the same civility and unity.

"We're often told that there's 'a fork in the road' and you have to make a choice - you can either go right or you can go left. I believe that's a false choice. I believe the best choice is right down the middle of that road," Governor Laura Kelly said.

"Because the middle of the road is where left and right come together; where well-intentioned people who hold different positions find common ground. Nobody gets

everything they want, everyone gets something they want, and progress is made. That's how life works. It's how government should work too."

Governor Kelly also shared her vision for her second term.

"Our North Star is this: To make Kansas the best place in America to raise a family," Governor Kelly said. "Where you can see opportunity for yourself, for your children, and for your grandchildren."

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*Lucky Day says "Good Night" from his desk drawer*

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**1928**

Jan. 20-The Schad Café was moved to a new location Wednesday and Thursday. The new location is in the old Scott building, where the shoe shop was at one time.

The Schad Café is a popular eating place and no doubt can easily entice their customers to their new location. The café was formerly located in the Ratcliff Hotel building.

Turon is staging a building boom.

There is a new filling station, a new theatre, a new two story building, four new houses either projected or started in the town.

There are no empty houses and business is excellent, according to all reports from our sister city on the north.

Wetherall Brothers are getting ready to put in a new Frigidaire cooling system this week for their counter cooling case and their large ice box.

Wetherall's have been having their boxes cooled by the ice plant, as they were connected up with their amonia tanks.

The new cooling arrangement will be of the latest and most satisfactory design yet devised. They intend to have it installed in a few days.

**1933**

Jan. 20- Kingman County received last week an additional allotment of Federal Relief funds in the sum of \$3,192.00, which brings the total of this county up to \$10, 950.00. It is pointed out that nearly 400 men have registered in the county, and this fund will give them an average of a little over \$25 a piece. The Local Committee is certifying men with dependents for a maximum of \$35 of work and those without dependents for a maximum of \$20 of work. A little over one-third of all the men registered live in Kingman.

One of the largest crowds ever attending a Mother and Daughter Banquet in this city, assembled in the M.E. church Wednesday evening for their annual feast and social evening together. One-hundred and sixty-five mothers and daughters were in attendance.

The menu consisted of chicken souffle, escalloped potatoes, creamed peas, carrot salad, Parkerhouse rolls, pickles, jelly butter, ice cream, dark cake, and coffee.

The dinner was prepared by the Ladies Aid of the church and was served by the H. S. boys under the supervision of Coach Williams, with the husbands doing duty in the kitchen.

**1938**

Jan. 2 Cunningham trounced Nashville in a fast cage game last Tuesday evening. Huffman led the Reds with a total of 12 looped points.

No matter what you have to say in praise of the radio as compared with the newspaper, there are a lot of things you can't do. For instance, you can't put a radio in your pocket and read it at your leisure. You can't save a clipping from a radio broadcast. You can't stop listening to answer a knock at the front door without missing something. You can't get a line on market prices when you have but a few minutes to spare but the program that is being broadcast has another half-hour to run. You can't find out what your own neighbors are doing, for you can listen to the radio forever and you will never hear about the deaths and accidents, the marriages and the births, and the fires and the festivals of your community. You can't mark something of interest and send it to a distant relative by mail. And no housewife in the world can you a radio broadcast for nice, clean pantry covering. It's a wonderful thing this thing we know as radio. But it has not taken the place of the home-town newspaper. And it never will.

**1942**

Jan. 15-Private Henry Gibbens, who is in the Army foreign service, is believed by relatives here to be located in the Middle East, possibly in Palestine or Turkey. He was on ship 42 days on the trip across.

Max Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Smith, and a high school sophomore, suffered a tragic accident last Friday when he had two fingers cut off while operating

a saw in the manual training department of the school.

Charlie Cooley's free throw in the final two seconds of play enabled Cunningham to defeat the strong Sun City Hornets 31-30 at the Wildcatter gym last Friday night.

**1948**

Jan. 16, 1948 - Mrs. Bertha Rose, 63, one of the most respected and beloved women of the community, passed away last Saturday morning at Wesley Hospital in Wichita following a prolonged illness.

Showing Friday and Saturday at the Cunningham Theatre: Betty Hutton, John Lund, and Billy DeWolfe in "Perils of Pauline." Showing Sunday and Monday: Eddie Dean, Roscoe Ates and Shirley Patterson in "Stars over Texas."

**1953**

Jan. 16-For the second year, a new Chevrolet automobile is being used by students of Cunningham Rural High School who are enrolled in the Driver Training class. The Dafforn Motor Company has furnished the automobile for the local high school.

Members of the first semester class are Fred Adelhardt, Victor Becker, Billy Benson, Roger Buntmeyer, Brenton Bortz, Carolyn Ball, Johnna Cooley, Charles Ely, Elmer Freund, Lynda Finch, Carol Glenn, Marcus Huslig, Barbara Johnson, Ruth McClellan, Anita Murphey, Richard Phillips, Don Pelzl, Bobby Sterneker, Norma Rose, Donna Renner, Tommy Strickland, Bessie Simonson, Charles Thornhill, and Karen Whitmore.

Over 300 people visted the showroom of the Dafforn Motor Company to see the new 1953 Chevrolet.

Mrs. Caroline Spade, 78, a resident of the southwestern part of Kingman County for 47 years, died at her home near St. Leo Tuesday morning.

Wedding vows were exchanged, Sunday, December 21, at three o'clock in the Kingman Methodist Church for Miss Esther Sheldon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Sheldon of Cunningham, and Mr. Paul Evins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clem Evins of Syracuse.

**1958**

Jan. 16- Cunningham meets Lewis in a first round game of the Pretty Prairie Invitational Basketball Tournament at Pretty Prairie Thursday.

March of Dimes Dance and Bingo at St. Leo, Wednesday, January 22, 8:00 p.m. with all proceeds going to March of Dimes.

A play, "No Greater Love," directed by Mrs. Ferd Burnett, will be presented January 27 at 7:30 o'clock in the high school auditorium. No admission charge will be made, but they will "pass the hat" with all proceeds going to the March of Dimes. Included in the cast are Betty Amick, Mrs. Merle Cales, Mrs. Dick Rathbun, Dan Cusenbary and Dan Bayer. Special numbers, featuring local talent, will precede and follow the play.

**1963**

Jan. 17- Undefeated Sylvia drew top seeding in the Ninnescah League Basketball Tournament, which opened at Fairfield High School Wednesday.

Cunninghamites are coming out of the "deep freeze" today, where we've been confined for the past week. The coldest temperature in many years was recorded at 14-16 degrees below zero last Saturday morning. The snow that fell Friday was just beginning to melt Wednesday.

Cleve Baber, 77, a resident of this community for more than half a century, passed away Wednesday morning at the Nashville Hospital, following a brief illness.

**1968**

Jan. 18- The Great Golden Plains League Basketball Tournament is being held at Cunningham, Jan 16, 18, 19 and 20. Teams participating are Sharon, Partridge, Sylvia, Nashville-Zenda, Alden, Norwich, Hardtner, and Cunningham. Norwich and Nashville-Zenda registered first-round victories in the opening night of play. Norwich defeated Alden, 47 to 46. Bob Adelhardt made 29 points to lead Nashville-Zenda past Sylvia, 62 to 53.

A group of interested persons met at the Ivan Cain home last Wednesday evening to discuss the organization of a youth center in Cunningham.

Dallas Thornhill of Hutchinson has purchased the K-T Service from Harold Stark and will assume operation in the near future.

The Cunningham Wildcats, led by the McCune brothers, Jim and John, scored their fifth victory in eight games here last Friday night, drubbing the Hardtner Tornadoes, 84 to 51.

YEARS AGO IN

*The Cunningham Clipper*

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**1978**

January 19- Snow blanketed Cunningham and surrounding areas with a heavy covering of about four inches Monday. On Wednesday, those white flakes began falling again.

Precipitation is needed, however, noisture actually received was about .33 inches from the first snowfall.

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Cain of Wichita announce the birth of a son on January 14. He weighed 8 lb. 14 oz. and has been named Brian Geoffrey. Brother's name at home is Noel. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cain, Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Arley Weekley of Wichita, and great-grandmother is Mrs. Frances Nossaman.

Weekend Ski Trip - The St. Leo Knights of Columbus sponsored a weekend ski trip to Red River, New Mexico last weekend. Young folks of the Cunningham and St. Leo communities filled the Continental Trailways bus driven by Leroy Ford. Organizing the trip and accompanying the group were Father Jim Spexarth, Gary Wegerer and John Adelhardt. Al reported a good time, although there was a delay home on the return trip due to bad weather beginning near Liberal.

Notice: The two cats pictured in last week's Clipper were recognized by Mrs. Richard Turner as Blackie and Butterball. Just wanted you to know that they were Cunningham Cats!

Zenda News

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Oak and sons moved to Kingman last week.

Donny Ziegler, Kingman, called on Mrs. Rose Cunningham Sunday.

Home in Cunningham for sale; two story, four bedroom, fully carpeted, partially remodeled. Located on large lot. Several out buildings including a covered patio. Call 298-4077.

**1983**

June 20-There's a new face around town and it's Del Wyman, Deputy Sheriff for Kingman County. Wyman is 28 and was married September 25 to his wife Chalene. They have recently purchased a home in Cunningham on North Main and hope to make it their permanent home.

Barberin' Fun Time for Sam

The barbershop on Main Street in Cunningham has been around for 'years and years' but Sam Theis didn't start cutting hair until 5 years ago.

Sam is also the Friday morning barber at Hilltop Manor, and when he isn't cutting hair, he can be found running Harold's Place on U.S. Highway 54.

1<sup>st</sup> grade

The 1<sup>st</sup> week of January went quickly for 1<sup>st</sup> graders. Monday the children were eager to share news about their vacation and Christmas gifts. Here are some of their favorite things: Trisha Flaugh received a new desk; July Lackey, a new pair of roller skates; Tami Ricke, a Lite Brite; Justin Scripsick, a remote control car; Misty Hiehler, a Barbie doll; Ryan Kerschen, an electronic battleship; Christina Norrish, a new doll, Baby Laurie; Aaron Murphy, a new 4x4 Rough Rider truck and trailer; Jarrod Depenbusch, a Hot Wheels City for his cars and trucks; and Jeremy Lynch, a new desk.

2<sup>nd</sup> grade

The first week in January, Kristie Kerschen made a Happy New Year poster for the bulletin board. This week Dawn Adelhardt made a poster with colorful pictures on a red background. In each corner of the bulletin boar she put pink and green snowflake designs.

3<sup>rd</sup> grade returned to class January 3 eager to talk abut their happy vacations. When asked to name their favorite gift, the following were given: Stephanie Petz, crayon barrettes; Brent Hansen, a bicycle; Patty Harbert, skirt and blouse; Aaron Weisender, a bicycle; Lance Tross, a microscope; Scott Glenn, a toy electric car; John Witt, Atari; Angela Lubbers, a pinball machine; Kent House, a toy electric car; Mrs. Almond, a watch.

Wildcats whip Attica

A 13-point first quarter lead helped the Wildcats to earn a 61-42 victory over the Attica Bulldogs.

Steve Vierthaler hit 11 shots from the field to lead the Wildcats with 23 points. Teammates Kevin House and Jim Holcomb scored 12 and 11 points, respectively. Cunningham owns a 6-2 mark now while Attica's record stands at 2-7.

**Museum Hours**

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Consider this...

by Mike Johnson

Dinner Party

Why do we attract some people and repel others?

The couple we'd invited over for dinner had attracted us. Months ago, we'd first seen the husband in action in our local community. Although we immediately were drawn to know him better, life's trivia had prevented us from acting on the impulse. He was articulate, knowledgeable, attentive to others and exuded a compelling inner calm. We hadn't yet met his wife but were certain if she had been selected by

him, she must be special as well.

We were right. Conversation started, as it always does - about each other's history. Where did you grow up? What schools did you attend? What brought you here?

Soon we were talking pets, hobbies and careers. The husband was a teacher, the wife in healthcare. We asked her to describe her typical day. It was filled with all types of duties - administration, employee supervision and consultation with patients. As she spoke, she shared that work had gotten increasingly difficult. Regulatory demands, short-staffing and ever-increasing demands

had turned a job that was once fun, into something miserable. In fact, she revealed she was considering looking for a new career.

So we asked her to list what she loved to do. Something in music, she grinned. Do you sing, my wife asked her. Her face lit up brighter than it had all night. "I used to," she murmured shyly. "Music was always important to my Dad..."

And then suddenly, she was sobbing into her dessert.

Such is the frustration of working for money rather than the aspirations in our hearts. Aren't we all really looking to get paid for being who we truly are? How few of us

have found that cosmic sweet-spot where our talents, desires and aspirations merge.

The solution is as simple as reversing our approach to employment. Rather than going after jobs that pay the amount of money we need, we can go after positions that allow us to become who we aspire to be. Following the elixir of our dreams somehow magically flattens all obstacles in our path, until the day arrives when we look around and realize we've evolved into the person we'd dreamed of becoming. Not only that, but the income level has managed to cooperate as well. When we do what we love FIRST, the mon-

ey DOES follow.

While the wife composed herself at the table, the rest of us discussed how to help her make the transition from where she was to where she wanted to be. The dynamics of her vulnerability and our eagerness to comfort her, resulted in a plethora of new ideas that were certain to speed her transition.

There are no coincidences. Her openness bonded us tighter and we were soon sharing our inner-most thoughts of how the universe operated. Her husband a science teacher, eagerly shared new models of creation we'd never before considered. What had begun by us helping

them, had now switched to them helping us. The evening flew, and soon we were hugging and gently closing the door behind a most wonderful event. Once again, the universe had calibrated destiny for the benefit of all concerned.

As my wife and I basked in the glow of the night, we talked of how fortunate we'd been to meet them. For months, we'd been wanting to meet like-minded people to better stimulate our own growth. And then it hit us. That attraction we'd felt months ago wasn't just random chance.

It was the answer to our request.

Always Have a Plan B

By Linda German

A case of Laryngitis can leave a person feeling helpless and temporarily abandoned by the organ with cords that resides down in our throats. Although I have not been a victim of that assault for a couple of decades, for a while it seemed that my 'voice box' was determined to betray me at frequent intervals. There was always a story, usually humorous.

While staying with my aunt for a few weeks, I woke up one morning with a sore throat. By afternoon, I was croaking like a bullfrog. Before leaving to pick up her kids from school she reminded me to gargle, stay warm, and rest. There

was just one other instruction to follow.

"I am expecting an important phone call about some house business. Get his number and say I will return the call shortly."

"Okay," I managed to squeak. Hoarseness was galloping in way too fast.

Confident that I could do that one little thing for her, when the phone rang, I grabbed the receiver and tried to say hello. Nothing came out!

The man who dialed kept asking, "Is someone there? Is someone there?"

No matter how many times or how loud he repeated the question, I could not say one word. It occurred to me that if we both knew Morse Code I could whack on the phone with a spoon and send a message. Crazy

what-if fantasies do no good in an emergency. Besides, I don't know a dit from a dat.

The next big Laryngitis episode happened a few years later while I was at work. There was no obvious infection or fever - just couldn't speak. My bright idea this time was to hang a sign around my neck that read, Out of Order - Can't Talk. That worked pretty well at the job, but the real fun was when I stopped for a few groceries.

The confused checker couldn't seem to grasp the problem. She gazed at my silly reminder note and asked in a serious voice, "What does that mean?"

It did no good to point to my over-strained throat and shrug.

"I know," she insisted, "but what does that mean?"

All I bought was chicken soup and cat food so a fast exit was easy.

The most adorable episode happened when my child was about four. While I could still whisper a little, I was able to tell him he could continue to build with his plastic blocks in the next room as I rested on the sofa and read.

"But, son," I reiterated as he listened intently to the plan, "if you hear me pound on your toy xylophone, please come to see what I want."

He assured me he understood to appear quickly if he heard the noise.

In a while, I picked up the colorful little instrument and went up and down the notes with the

attached mallet. On and on I banged but he did not respond. I hit all notes forward and backward, and then just on over and over. I was beginning to give myself a headache! No child answered.

Finally, clutching two small red blocks from his construction project, he sauntered into the living room. I motioned for him to get close so he could see me exaggerate the soundless words, "Where--were--you?"

With pure innocence, he replied, "Oh! I thought you were just trying to play a song."

Of course, a response that sweet and transparent received a hug.

The biggest revelation from the times my compromised voice challenged good communication is that too

many assumptions can be made we did not intend. Sometimes, even with clear enunciation, there's a disconnect for which Laryngitis is not the culprit.

We may think we hear. We may think we understand. Sadly, armed with incomplete information we often proceed with no caution and then verbal transmission can break down faster than a house built with toy blocks.

Whether or not the speaker is barely able to make more than a raspy murmur, the counterbalance to understanding rests with the hearer as well. (It probably has something to do with the adage about why we have two ears and one mouth.)

Jokes You Can Tell in Church

How do we know Peter was a successful fisherman? By his net income.

Who was the greatest comedian in the Bible? Samson — he brought the house down

What do donkeys send out near Christmas? Mule-tide greetings.

On the Ark, Noah probably got milk from the cows. What did he get from the ducks? Quackers.

Which Bible character had no parents? Joshua, son of Nun (Joshua 1:1).

What do they call pastors in Germany? German Shepherds

Did you hear about the 1-800 service they have for atheists now? You dial the number and it rings and rings but nobody answers

Why did Noah have to punish and discipline the chickens on the Ark? They were using fowl language.



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Saturdays - 5:30 p.m.

St. Peter Willowdale  
Sundays 10:00 a.m.

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



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Worship Service  
8:30 a.m.

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9:15 a.m.  
Worship Service  
10:30 a.m.

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Pastor Dennis Fangmeyer  
Cell: 620-886-0911



Church of Christ

Penalosa  
Sunday 11:00 a.m.



First Christian Church

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

Pastor Mike McGovney 620-298-3201



United Methodist Church

Penalosa  
Worship 9:15 a.m.

Cunningham  
Worship 10:45 a.m.

Pastor Mathew Ndambuki Musyoki  
620-298-2090

Zenda

Worship 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School: Children 8:30 a.m. Adults 10:00 a.m.

Pastor J L Nichols  
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Hands of Hope (contact any church)

Cunningham Alumni Scholarship Fund

(send checks to the West Kingman County Education Foundation)

Cunningham Community Center (leave donation at the bank)

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

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Cunningham Public Library (to donate, contact Kerri Steffen)

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CJS First Semester Honor Roll

Eighth Grade

Kollin Fischer  
Layne Green  
Jack Harden  
Nora Huff  
Stephen Kerschen  
Whitney Mead  
Kaylee Mertens  
Rylee Miller  
Macy Neufeld  
Cole Ruckle

Seventh Grade

Henry Adams  
Brody Bock  
Kourtni Fischer  
Gunner Glenn  
Cole Gridley  
Cole Hageman  
William Halderson  
Andrew Kerschen  
Caleb Lohrke  
Morgan Oldham

Tyler Osner  
Piper Parkins  
Weston Rogers  
Sevi Romine  
Adam Sterneker  
Myles Thimesch  
Andi Young



CJS First Semester Academic Honorable Mention

Eighth Grade

Breanna Adelhardt  
Janessa Schnittker

Seventh Grade

Makenzie Hartley  
Nathan Ndambuki



Jr. High Girls Sweep South Barber

On Thursday, January 5, 2023, the Cunningham JH Lady Wildcats got back into Heart of the Plains League play as they hosted the South Barber Tornadoes. In the A-team game the Lady Wildcats were able to overcome a poor shooting night from the free-throw line (4-14) and came away with a 31-24 win. The Tornadoes took an 8-7 lead after the first quarter, but the Lady Cats would hold a 13-9 half-time lead after outscoring South Barber 6-1 in the second. Cunningham would use a 12-5 third quarter to stretch their lead to eleven to start the final period (25-14.) However, the Tornadoes did not have any quit in

them as they would go on a 10 to 1 run to start the fourth quarter to cut the lead to 26-24 before the Lady Cats would score the game's final five points to bring the final to 31-24. The win moved the Lady Cats league record to 3-2 and their overall record to 5-3. Scoring for the Lady Cats: Macy Neufeld 2, Morgan Oldham 3, Rylee Miller 7, Nora Huff 11, Andi Young 2, Whitney Mead 6. After a close first quarter (6-4) in the two-quarter B-team game the Lady Wildcats b-teams would outscore the Tornadoes 9-0 in the second to win 15-4. Scoring for the B-team Lady Cats: Kaylee Mertens 1, Morgan Oldham 2, Katie Ogg 4, Keyonna Huffman 2, Andi Young 6.



Left to right:  
Rylee Miller  
Morgan Oldham  
Macy Neufeld

JCH Boys Have Rough Return

The Junior High Wildcats hosted South Barber to crank up the basketball season after a two-week holiday break. South Barber is one of the top teams this year and the Cats knew it would be a tough game. A slow start, foul trouble early, and poor shooting was certainly not a winning combination we'd hope for in the first half. However, going into halftime we were only down eight points. The Cats went on a tear in the 3rd scoring 19 points and more than doubling their 1st half total, but they couldn't hang onto the momentum into the fourth. Mentally the Wildcats were just not what they normally are. Too many Christmas cookies, maybe? Missing shots (15 for 52) is one thing but missing defensive assignments is quite another. The Cats will look to clear out the cobwebs for their next matchup vs Burrton.

Stephen pulled down 10 rebounds and Layne grabbed 8. There were not many steals to count up.  
Coach Lance McGuire



Above left: Adam Sterneker

Above: Brody Bock

Left: Layne Green

Wildcat Scorers

Stephen Kerschen 10  
Layne Green 9  
Brody Bock 8  
Kollin Fischer 4  
Liam McGuire 4  
Brody Bock 1



Scores	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	Final
Cunningham	6	2	19	8	35
S. Barber	9	7	7	15	38



Fun Ways to Foster a Love of Music at an Early Age

(StatePoint) It's never too early to encourage children to love to make and appreciate music. Here's how:

- Attend a Concert: Whether you're attending a symphony or a rock concert, there is no substitute for the excitement of a live musical

performance. Not only will kids enjoy watching the show, the experience may inspire them to learn to dance or play an instrument themselves. To get started, look for events geared towards kids and families, or those with relaxed vibes, to ensure little ones will get the most out of the experience.

- Play With Musical Toys: Toys are a fun and interactive way to en-

courage musical creativity and help kids find the beat. One of the coolest musical toys out there, a 2022 Toy of the Year finalist, is DJ Beat Boxer from VTech. Each interaction with this music-mixing pup -- from scratching DJ's head and booping her nose to pushing the buttons on her headphones -- adds layers to the music. Kids can start a rhythm and add in

backbeats, harmonies, record-scratching sounds, an air horn effect and more to complete any remix. They can even press DJ's ear to record a quick phrase to drop into their song. Her head will nod along to the music while her jowls flap to the beat.

- Get Immersed: Hit up the library and check out picture books that build music vocabulary or feature musical char-

acters. Look for movies and television shows with musical themes. There are many entertaining ways to immerse kids into the world of music.

- Create a Playlist: Give kids the tools they need to develop their own music tastes and interests. Many streaming services now offer special apps for kids that allow them to explore genres, musicians and songs all

on their own. This is a safe and easy way to ensure little ones have access to kid-friendly content, along with the freedom to create their own library and playlists. Of course, a good pair of headphones that are safe for young, sensitive ears is also essential!

From playlists to playtime, you can help foster a child's lifelong love and appreciation for music.



CHS First Semester Honor Roll



Seniors

DeWeese, Trey  
Ellis, Hannah  
Halderson, Lane  
Huelskamp, Alice  
Romine, Shanelle  
Strohl, Zachary  
Swope, Anthony

Juniors

Dittmer, Brianna  
Jump, Matilyn  
Lohrke, Maranda  
McGuire, Luke  
Morga, Kory  
Ruckle, Jack  
Schultz, Taylor

Sophomores

Adams, Ada  
Bock, Ava  
Hageman, Julia  
Harden, Emma  
McGuire, Ellie  
Paris, Elizabeth  
Reed, Dagim  
Sterneker, Nathan  
Wegerer, William

Freshmen

Hageman, Grace  
Halderson, Dylan  
Kinsler, Logan  
Kostner, Sean  
Ogg, Emily  
Rogers, Kendall  
Schultz, Andrew  
Thimesch, Skyler

CHS First Semester Academic Honorable Mention

Seniors

Daniels, Bethany  
Hageman, Leo  
Panek, Caleb

Sophomores

Albers, Lucas  
Betzen, Wylan  
Hageman, Lucas  
Hennessee, Kaitlyn  
Schnittker, Trenton

Juniors

Hansen, Joanna  
Jordan, Alexander  
Mertens, Dakota

Freshmen

Kinsler, Wendolyn  
Morgan, Kyra  
Swope, Blake  
Thimesch, Isabella



Wildcats Come Back to Defeat the Coyotes

The Cunningham Wildcats had a slow start defensively against the Kinsley Coyotes but came back in the second half to pull out the 66 to 51 victory on January 6, 2023.

The Wildcats underestimated the determination that the Coyotes had coming into this game due to their zero wins on the year letting the Coyotes score 15 points in the first quarter. The Cats were hanging in there by also scoring 15 points led by six points from Trey DeWeese. Luke McGuire came off of the bench to make a traditional three-point play and Will Wegerer, Lane Halderson, and Luke Albers each scored two points.

The second quarter saw the Coyotes take the lead by as many as seven points as DeWeese, Halderson, and Dagim

Reed accumulated three fouls each. Eight points by Albers along with a timely three-point basket by McGuire and two points by Wegerer put the Cats down three, 28-31 going into the half.

The Cats turned around their defensive whoas from the first half and held Kinsley to nine points while pouring in 25 points of their own led by 12 from Albers. Wegerer added six points and DeWeese and Halderson contributed five and two points, respectively. The score was Cunningham 53, Kinsley 40 after three quarters.

The Cunningham increased their lead by two in the fourth quarter, scoring 13 points to Kinsley's 11 to finish the game with a 66 to 51 score. Wegerer led with five points, Halderson added four points with Albers and DeWeese each scored two points.

Kinsley defeated the JV team by a score of 17 to 21 in two-quar-



Left: Luke Albers



Right: Will Wegerer



ters of play. Scoring for Cunningham included: Dylan Halderson - 2, Nate Sterneker - 4, and Kendall Rogers - 4, Skyler Thimesch - 4, Kory Morgan - 3.

By Coach Bob Stackhouse

Name	2pt. made	3pt. made	FTM/FTA	TP	Reb.	Asst.	Stl.	Chg.
McGuire	1	1	1/3	6	2	1	1	2
Halderson	5		0/1	10	4	0	1	
DeWeese	6		1/2	13	4	5	2	
Reed			0/1		3	3	3	
Albers	9	1	3/3	24	9	7	2	
Wegerer	5	1		13	4	2	3	

	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	Final
Cunningham	15	13	25	13	66
Kinsley	15	16	9	11	51



Lane Halderson



Luke McGuire



*“the offensive player should know how to put her full focus on the ball, not the player with the ball, to always be alert for interceptions, shift quickly to offense after an interception, and move the ball into her team’s scoring zone.”*

— Lydia Reeder, *Dust Bowl Girls: The Inspiring Story of the Team that Barnstormed Its Way to Basketball Glory*

Lady Wildcats



Above: Maranda Lohrke



Above right: Mattie Jump



Right: Hannah Ellis



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## Creating Memories and Leaders

Jackie Mundt, Pratt County farmer and rancher

Greetings from Puerto Rico! I am writing from San Juan where the American Farm Bureau Federation convention is taking place.

Even though this is my first trip to Puerto Rico, I am a pretty regular world traveler with a well-established comfort zone and love for the adventures of new places. This trip has been extra fun for me because I am sharing it with three girls from the local collegiate Farm Bureau chap-

ter at Pratt Community College.

National events like this are great for professional development. The weekend has been jam-packed with big-name keynote speakers, educational workshops, a trade-show full of potential employers and the chance to network with Kansas Farm Bureau leaders. Over the last few years, I am proud to have worked with our county Farm Bureau board to make trips like this happen for our student members. Providing travel opportunities is invaluable for the development of life and leadership skills.

An equally valuable part of these trips are all of the lessons in "adulting" that come from traveling, often for the first time, without family.

Even students who have previously travelled are often forced to pay attention to their surroundings, learn how to navigate airports and cities, and how to problem solve in an unfamiliar place.

There have been many exciting firsts among the students this trip: first flights over the ocean, first time seeing the ocean and a whole lot of new fun experiences like tasting local cuisine, night kayaking complete with glow-in-the-dark face paint, an excursion to a natural waterfall in the rainforest, and a trip to Disney World on way back.

Seeing travel through their youthful eyes has reminded me of the wonder, joy and laughter that come from new adventures. These experiences

are instilling in our students a desire to step outside their comfort zones and take risks, to learn about places and cultures different from their own.

It is rewarding to see the students getting excited about all the ways they can get involved in our organization in the future, demonstrate a high level of professionalism and service through their volunteer roles at the event, and have meaningful interactions with people who have lots of great life experience to share.

As an advisor, I am thrilled when people on the trip complement our collegiate students for showing interest, dress sharpening, acting respectfully, and being helpful. Those affirmations are showing the students how to build solid reputations

and be a stand out which will serve them well in their professional lives.

The lessons of this trip are like pebbles causing ripples in the water. The students will share their memories with family, peers and groups like our county Farm Bureau board, but the impact will be bigger than that. The growth will continue and influence their perspectives for years to come.

My excitement for the doors being opened to my students is a bit nostalgic as travel has served as a big part of my own story. I was once young and inexperienced too until organizations in my community and industry made investments in me that changed my life and made me into the person I am today.

Travel is powerful

at any age but it can be direction altering for our young people to help learn who they are and who they want to become. I urge to you to look for ways to encourage and support young people in your family or community to travel. Your support might be the key that opens the door for a great future leader.

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## Kansas Profile: Now That's Rural Bret Fitzpatrick, AgrAbility

September 18, 2004. Bret Fitzpatrick was driving to a farm sale when his truck tire blew out on a two-lane bridge. He lost control of his truck, went into the ditch, hit a power pole, rolled three times, and ended up in the water.

When Fitzpatrick came to, he was in the water and could no longer move his legs. That was the beginning of a long, tough journey for this young man who has found ways to adjust to his challenging life in rural Kansas.

Fitzpatrick grew up near Sterling where his family had a diversified crop and livestock operation. He majored in animal sciences and business at K-State. One summer, he got an internship with a meat processing company in Hutchinson and found he enjoyed

meat science and food science work.

After graduation, he was hired as a food scientist in the research and development department. That company is now part of Tyson Foods.

Fitzpatrick met and married his wife who is from Buhler. He worked for Tyson and helped his dad on the farm.

Then the accident occurred. The truck cab was crushed directly behind where Fitzpatrick had been sitting and there were power lines down in the ditch. When he regained consciousness, he was outside the truck and spitting out water.

"I could have been crushed, I could have drowned, I could have been electrocuted, but none of that happened," he said. A transformer had blown so the electric lines were not live.

Fitzpatrick was flown to Wichita for surgery followed by extensive rehab in Nebraska. He is considered a T-11 paraplegic with a pinched spinal cord.

"I've tried not to let it limit me more than necessary," he said. He returned to work and even works on the farm with his wife and daughter.

In 2009, he was transferred to Tyson corporate headquarters in Arkansas. In 2016, he and his family moved back to the family farm in Kansas where his dad lives. Fitzpatrick continues to work remotely for Tyson and takes care of the cattle. The family maintains a Charolais cowherd and sells purebred bulls.

One day Fitzpatrick was reading a farm magazine and he came across an article about the Kansas AgrAbility project at K-State. "Oh man, I need that," he said. AgrAbility is a program to assist farmers who are injured or disabled but want to continue in production agriculture.

Fitzpatrick contacted the AgrAbility specialists. They got him in touch with various resources such as the Kansas vocational rehabilitation program, Farm

Rescue, and Rise Again.

AgrAbility's motto is 'Cultivating Accessible Agriculture.' AgrAbility does not provide direct financial assistance, but can help people find assistive devices to help with farm work, for example.

"I have an electric four-wheel drive wheelchair and a side-by-side and skid steer that I use a lot," Fitzpatrick said. He has installed remote controlled gates, seat lifts for his trucks, and other assistive technology.

"It's a whole world of difference," he said. Remarkably, he continues to travel, hunt and work cattle. "I can run cattle through the chute by myself," Fitzpatrick said. He actively hunts turkey, pheasant and deer.

There have been plenty of frustrations. Insurance, for example, would only pay for a manual wheelchair, which is impractical on the farm. Out-of-pocket costs for adaptive devices are very expensive.

"I try to find as many

ways as I can to do things independently," Fitzpatrick said. He's a remarkable person, living near the rural community of Sterling, population 2,248 people. Now, that's rural. "Working with AgrAbility has been a very, very positive thing," he said.

"Bret is a great example of how a positive attitude and creativity can make a real difference," said Tawnie Larson, AgrAbility consultant. "The AgrAbility team that assisted Bret worked hard

to find him resources and make sure they worked for him. AgrAbility is here to keep people just like Bret working and enjoying their rural lifestyle through production agriculture."

For more information, see [www.agrability.ksu.edu](http://www.agrability.ksu.edu).

We commend Bret Fitzpatrick for meeting these challenges and for sharing his inspirational story with others. Maybe this story can help someone else along the way.



## K-State, Kansas Department of Ag to Offer Farmers' Market and Direct-to-Consumer Virtual Workshop Series

From the Kansas Department of Agriculture

MANHATTAN, Kan. –The Kansas Department of Agriculture and K-State Research and Extension will offer virtual workshops Feb. 6-19 to assist farmers' market vendors and managers, and those wanting to sell food products directly to consumers.

The workshop series includes five online Lunch and Learn sessions.

"Over the past two years, we've seen an increase in people's enthusiasm for locally sourced food, and these workshops will address common questions and concerns for farmers and small businesses who are embracing these op-

portunities to reach local consumers," said Londa Nwadike, a food safety specialist with K-State Research and Extension and the University of Missouri.

"It's also important for farmers to understand certain legal, safety and financial parameters before choosing to sell directly to the consumer or at the farmers' market."

In 2022, more than 95 farmers' markets were registered with KDA's Central Registration of Farmers' Markets.

The dates and topics for each Lunch and Learn online session are as follows:

Monday, Feb. 6, noon to 1 p.m. – Accepting EBT/SNAP and Double Up Food Bucks.

Tuesday, Feb. 7, noon to 1 p.m. – Meat and poultry regulations: Kansas Value Added Meats Lab.

Wednesday, Feb. 8, noon to 1 p.m. – Kansas sales tax information.

Thursday, Feb. 9, noon to 1 p.m. – Food safety regulations; Kansas Value Added Foods Lab.

Friday, Feb. 10, noon

to 1 p.m. – Kansas Senior Farmers Market Nutrition program.

KDA's weights and measures program will offer free scale certification with a paid registration to an online workshop.

Registration for the February workshops is now open. The cost is \$5 per partici-

pant. Register at [www.fromthelandofkansas.com/FMWorkshop](http://www.fromthelandofkansas.com/FMWorkshop).

For more information, contact Sammy Gleason, marketing manager for KDA's From the Land of Kansas program, at 785-564-6759, or by email, [fromthelandofkansas@ks.gov](mailto:fromthelandofkansas@ks.gov).

The workshops are funded by the Kansas

Center for Sustainable Agriculture and Alternative Crops, and the Kansas Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education program, in addition to sponsorship by K-State Research and Extension and KDA.



# REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT

## KINGMAN COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



**Kingman County Economic Development**  
**324 North Main St, PO Box 168**  
**Kingman, Kansas 67068**  
**Phone: 620-553-4029**  
**[economicdevelopment@cityofkingman.com](mailto:economicdevelopment@cityofkingman.com)**

Scan the QR Code for details or contact our office.  
**Submissions due January 31, 2021 at 5:00pm.**



**Governor Signs Executive Order to Improve Early Childhood Development**

~Establishes Task Force to Develop a Plan for a New Early Childhood-Focused State Agency~

TOPEKA – Governor Laura Kelly today signed the first executive order of her second term, Executive Order 23-01, to establish the Early Childhood Transition Task Force. The Task Force is charged with reviewing Kansas’ early childhood programs and developing a roadmap for the creation of a new state, cabinet-level agency focused solely on supporting the success of our

youngest Kansans.

“Yesterday, I laid out a vision for my next four years, to make Kansas the best place in America to raise a family. Today we are taking a significant step forward in pursuit of that goal,” Governor Kelly said. “Giving Kansas kids the strongest start to life is the best possible investment we can make. This task force will determine how to make that investment most effectively.”

The task force will analyze the current early childhood system and how it is financed – focusing on gaps, inefficiencies, and redundancies. It will also conduct a series of stakeholder engagement opportunities and draft a transition

plan for the new agency.

The task force will build on the Kelly Administration’s first term efforts around early childhood, which include investing more than \$270 million to support child care providers and increasing access to reliable, affordable child care.

The task force will include representatives from state government, the private sector, philanthropic organizations, early childhood service providers, and advocacy organizations. Governor Kelly will also invite members of the Kansas Senate and the Kansas House of Representatives to be members of the task force.

The complete text of

Executive Order #23-01 can be found here.

What they’re saying: “Early childhood care and education is the cornerstone for a child’s well-being,” Secretary of the Department for Children and Families Laura Howard said. “I am excited to embark on this journey of collaboration, under the steady leadership of Governor Kelly, as we work to move early childhood policy forward to address the needs of Kansas families.”

“I applaud the Governor for having the vision to create this task force,” Secretary of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment Janet Stanek said. “I look forward to collaborating with policy experts and

others to align on early childhood policy development within a future agency that will bring greater efficiencies and eliminate structural barriers for families, communities, and businesses.”

“The work of this new task force represents a commitment to the transformational change needed to create an early childhood care and education system that works for all Kansas families,” Melissa Rooker, executive director of the Kansas Children’s Cabinet and Trust Fund, said. “The pandemic revealed the challenges in our current system, and we are excited to go to work developing an action plan to address barriers, gaps, and op-

portunities to serve our youngest Kansans more effectively.”

“Governor Kelly is a champion for Kansas children who understands that high-quality early learning opportunities and family support programs are among the best investments we can make as a state,” John Wilson, President of Kansas Action for Children, said. “The best policies and proposals are those that have been shaped by diverse stakeholders, which is why I am excited for the work of this task force. It will build upon the strong, collaborative work that’s been happening across state agencies to improve the health and well-being of children and families.”

Bears enjoy long winter naps! Stay inside when it's bitterly cold. Kids: color stuff in!

# Newspaper Fun!

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**Where Do Animals Go in Winter?**

Winter can be a hard time for animals. The temperature drops, ponds freeze and snow covers the ground. There is very little food to be found. What do they do?

Read about what each animal does in winter, then fill in the crossword with each animal's name:



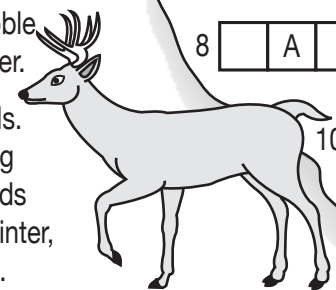
2. I have an underground home. I store seeds and nuts for snacks, but sleep during the coldest days.

3. I eat and eat in the fall. My new layer of fat takes care of me while I sleep the winter away in a hollow tree or in a cave.



4. We buzz and work hard while the flowers are in bloom to make and store food. We nibble and nap during the winter.

5. We gather in herds in the woods. We stay busy in the winter, eating bark and twigs. Males in our herds lose their antlers at the end of winter, but grow new ones in the spring.



In

What do they do?

Out

When you are done, a word will show below the arrow that means the deep winter sleep of some animals (and, I think, of some people, too!).

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I'm staying snug as a bug in my burrow. I go out more in the daylight hours, when it is warmer, to look for food.



6. I live in the land and carry my home on my back. I squeeze myself into cracks in rocks or into the earth. I pull into my shell, seal the opening and go to sleep all winter.

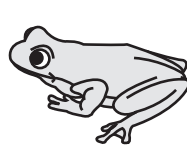


7. I use sticks, branches and mud to build my home. The entrance is in the water, so I can go for a swim even if the pond is covered with ice.

8. I put on my white coat when winter comes. It is hard to see me hopping in the snow as I look for weeds, buds or bark to eat.



9. A lot of us fly south. Some of us will stay if we can find enough food to eat all winter.



10. I go to the bottom of the pond. I dig deeply into the mud and do not come out until the spring.

11. I will use an old animal hole, stone wall, fallen tree or rocky cave to crawl into for my long, deep, winter sleep.



**Winter Food Storage** In winter, the entrance to a beaver's den is in the water under the ice. A beaver builds a storage place for food (bark, stems) at the bottom of the path. Can you help this beaver get to his food?

Getting hungry!

**Footprints in the Snow!**

Some animals are very active during the cold winter months. What three animals visited this place, leaving these footprints for us to see?

1 hind fore 2 hind fore Hint: fore = front hind = back

3 fore hind

1.                        

2.                                    

3.                        



???

To sleep deeply, or not to sleep deeply: that is the question!

**Do Bears Truly Hibernate?**

Pop Quiz!

Scientists and others have been discussing for years whether bears are “true hibernators.” If an animal hibernates during the winter months it means it goes into a deep sleep all winter long. A bear sleeps most of the time during the winter, but may wake up for short periods of time. A sleeping bear’s heartrate drops, but its body temperature stays within about 12° F of its normal temperature.

Pop Quiz!

Read each statement. Circle “T” if it is true. Circle “F” if it is false.

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|---|---|---|
| 1. Bears eat berries, nuts, fish and honey.                     | T | F |
| 2. Bears eat a lot in the fall and gain weight.                 | T | F |
| 3. Most bears hibernate from June to October.                   | T | F |
| 4. In the winter, bears sleep in empty bird nests or mailboxes. | T | F |
| 5. Their thick fur and stored fat helps to keep them warm.      | T | F |



(Answers on page 10)



## Kansas Farm Bureau Members Receive National Honors at AFBF Convention

MANHATTAN – Kansas Farm Bureau (KFB) received on Sunday the Pinnacle Award, the highest honor a state Farm Bureau can be awarded for program and membership achievement at the American Farm Bureau Federation's (AFBF) 104th convention in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

KFB also won the New Horizon Award, which celebrates the most innovative new state Farm Bureau programs

for the Casten Fellows program honoring the life of Jill Casten-Downing and her love Kansas, agriculture, leadership development and international travel.

"I couldn't be more proud of the work Kansas Farm Bureau does on behalf of our members to protect and enhance agriculture," Joe Newland, KFB president, says. "The Pinnacle and New Horizon awards showcase the dedication of our organization's leadership, membership and our implementation of forward-thinking ideas."

Kansas won Awards of Excellence in all four program areas: Advocacy, Coalitions & Partnerships, Engagement & Outreach and Leadership &

Business Development.

In addition, Newland was elected to serve on the AFBF board of directors representing the Midwest region and Marieta Hauser, Grant County, was reelected to the AFBF Women's Leadership Committee.

### Farm Dog of the Year

Jackson County Farm Bureau members Denny and Donna Ashcraft were awarded the 2023 Farm Bureau Farm Dog of the Year award. Their farm dog, Tough, is a 14-year-old Border Collie and has helped the Ashcrafts on their livestock operation since she was 2.

"We're very excited to partner with Purina for the fifth annual Farm Dog of the Year contest, providing the public a

look into daily life on the farm," said AFBF President Zippy Duvall. "Farmers and ranchers love what they do, but it can be stressful, even on the best days. Because farm dogs often play a dual role as both working dogs and companions to farm families, they can help ease the burden."

Purina donated prizes for the contest again this year. This included \$5,000 in prize money, a trophy plate, a year's supply of Pro-Plan dog food and other Purina products for Tough.

For more about Tough and the Ashcrafts, watch this video (<https://kfb.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=45bba928f411d21617c5eadbe&id=830f09b30e&e=8eb970ecd6>).

### Ag Innovation

The Farm Bureau Ag Innovation Challenge, now in its ninth year, provides opportunities for Farm Bureau members to showcase business innovations being developed for agriculture. Austin Hausmann, a Farm Bureau member in Kansas, won this year's challenge with his company, NORDEF (<https://kfb.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=45bba928f411d21617c5eadbe&id=e5d4948e76&e=8eb970ecd6>).

The company received \$50,000 in prize money to continue developing technology capable of producing diesel exhaust fluid at the point of use. DEF is injected into the exhaust stream of diesel vehicles to break down emissions

to meet Environmental Protection Agency standards.

### Distinguished Service

Kansas native Dale Moore was honored with AFBF's highest individual honor, the Distinguished Service Award. Moore is a former AFBF executive vice president, spending his career serving as a champion for agriculture in the public and private sectors where he helped shape seven farm bills.

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## Breeding Dogs for Domestic Purposes

The biggest problem that one faces in big cities is maintaining the security of home. Burglary and theft are relevant these days and it's absolutely necessary to make some safety arrangements for their home against such cases. Hence having a puppy at home serves the dual purpose of securing the home against the thieves and having a pet for their home.

There are several agencies in the world which rear and supply dogs for the needy people. Even though there are several breeds of dogs

which are being reared by the people, bulldogs are favorite for most of the people for their several special qualities which are lacking in other animals. The bulldogs are considered as the most obedient of the dogs and the cutest ones. Hence there are several dog breeding companies which breed these dogs especially for the needy people and supply to them.

Rearing a dog is not an easy task. Dogs are also like human beings and they too have a lot of sentiments. They are quite different from other animals and have a lot of attachment to their owners. Several qualities that

one can see in a dog are lacking in other animals. Every dog is different from other dog, like the individual differences which exist between different human beings. Different dogs may adjust to different conditions in different ways. Hence understanding the psychology of the dog is also important in dog breeding. The companies have experts who have understood the dog psychology very well and they rear every dog according to its requirement.

Dog is perhaps one of the pets having the most complex behavior. They are famous for their loyalty towards their owner. Even though it is so, not

every dog can adjust to every kind of environment perfectly. Hence there are agencies which breed the dogs and study their behavior and help the people to get the perfect dog for their home.

The health of the dog is also very important while breeding the dog. There are several diseases to which the dogs become prone to. Rabies is the most important disease to which the dogs are prone to. Hence vaccinating them is also very important. They are also easily prone to several other types of diseases like some allergies and skin diseases. The dog breeders take care of every such disease and vac-

inate them properly time to time. They also take care of the dogs when they become sick. The health of dogs, in fact that of any pet animal, is very fragile compared to the health of any wild animal. Hence proper care must be taken of their health, otherwise they will die of even an ordinary, harmless disorder like slight fever etc. the agencies know it very well and they take care of such problems.

Thus in order to have a pet dog for

home, all that one needs to do is to make a call to the agency and specify their needs and their dreams about the pet dog. The agencies study the behavior of different dogs present in their collection and select the best one according to the needs of the customer.



## Kingman County Humane Society Pets Ready for Adoption

### Magnum

Sponsored by The Cunningham Courier



Male Terrier, American Staffordshire  
59 pounds  
4 years, 7 months  
\$180 adoption fee  
Intake date: December 6, 2022

Don't overlook Magnum just because he's a Pitbull breed. He is a beautiful boy, very social and friendly with people and well mannered. He's still very trusting and affectionate and seems to listen well. He knows sit and shake and "no" - that's a good start!

He is a beautiful boy, very social and friendly with people and well mannered. He's still very trusting and affectionate and seems to listen well. He knows sit and shake and "no" - that's a good start!

You or your business can sponsor a Humane Society pet for \$10.00 a week per pet. Fifty percent of the profits will be donated to the Humane Society.

### Binks

Sponsored by The Cunningham Courier



Male Domestic Medium Hair  
4 pounds  
4 months old  
Adoption fee: \$75.00  
Intake date: October 17, 2022

Please consider volunteering or adopting or fostering or donating!

### KCHS Donation Wish List



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

stainless steel flat-sided water buckets  
paper towels  
bleach  
liquid laundry detergent  
poop bag rolls  
disposable gloves (large)  
The items can be brought to KCHS at 811 East C Avenue in Kingman  
Monetary donations can be sent to KCHS  
P.O. Box 103  
Kingman KS 67068



Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, from 8:00 - 5:30  
(except during lunch 12-1)  
on Wed., from 8:00 - 12:00  
Call for Saturday hours.  
1015 East U.S. 54, Kingman, KS

## Where Do Animals Go in Winter?

**Do Bears Hibernate?**

- True—Bears eat berries, nuts, fish and honey.
- True—Bears eat a lot in the fall and gain weight.
- False—Most bears have a "winter sleep" or a special kind of hibernation from October to April or May.
- False—In the winter, bears sleep in dens and caves.
- True—Their thick fur and stored fat help to keep them warm.

**Pop Quiz!**

Which way is south?

What word shows below the arrow that means the deep winter sleep that some animals take?

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7	B	E	A	V	E	R			
8	R	A	B	B	I	T			
9	B	I	R	D	S				
10	F	R	O	G					
11	S	N	A	K	E				

I'm staying snug as a bug in my burrow. I go out more in the daylight hours, when it is warmer, to look for food.

Some animals are very active during the cold winter months. Which animals visited, leaving their footprints for us to see?

- b e a v e r
- s q u i r r e l
- r a b b i t

**Footprints in the Snow!**

Way To Go To Warm Areas South →



Minutes from the Kingman County Commission Meeting on December 27th

(con't from front page)

will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 10:52 a.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County

Commissioners. Commissioner returned to regular session at 10:52 a.m. with no decision made.

Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in with a request from Ninnescah Township for a consultation of a road intersection at SW 50th Street & SW 30th Avenue.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the consultation of a road in Ninnescah Township. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was

approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf let the Commissioners know that the FLAP project letting was moved from last week to this week.

Commissioners discussed the windfarm information received from Tanner Yost, Kirkham Michael for reconstruction and that they need to be informed by the Company of heavy loads on County Roads and the routes they are going to take.

MOTION: Commissioner

Henning moved to re-appoint Greg Reno to the Public Building Commission which will expire December 31, 2023. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Susan Hubbell, Register of Deeds was in to request an executive session for non-elected personnel matters.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session at 11:36

a.m. with Susan Hubbell, Register of Deeds and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor to discuss an employee's evaluation pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act for discussion of non-elected personnel matters of nonelected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed, and they will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 11:51a.m. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was

approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 11:51 a.m. with no decision made.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 11:58 a.m. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Minutes from the Kingman County Commission Meeting on January 3rd

Chairman Foley called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. January 3, 2023, in the County Commissioners room at the Kingman County Courthouse. Present were Fred Foley, Chairman; Jerry Henning, Commissioner; Jack Thimesch, Commissioner; Carol Noblit, County Clerk; Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor

Visitors: Bob Morris, Leader-Courier; Larry Landwehr; Patrick Elpers; Mike Wood; Becky Luntsford

Online Visitors: Joyce; Staff: Jamie Smith, County Treasurer; Trina Wilkerson, Tag Office; Taylor MacArthur, Tag Office; Brent Wood, Sheriff and Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director.

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

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County

Commissioners.

Jamie Smith, County Treasurer was in to introduce her two new employees (Trina Wilkerson and Taylor MacArthur) to the County Commissioners.

Commissioners discussed the vacancy to the Public Building Commission board due to Richard Schott leaving.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to appoint Larry Landwehr to the vacancy on the Public Building Commission with the position expiring January 1, 2027. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The County Clerk submitted the minutes of the December 27th, 2022, Commission meeting for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the December 27th, 2022, Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners signed abatements:

The County Clerk submitted a quote for 80 cases of 8 1/2 X 11 copy paper from Office Plus in the amount of \$3,432.00 for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner

Henning moved to approve the quote from Office Plus in the amount of \$3,432.00. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The County Clerk swore in Brent Wood as Kingman County Sheriff to fill the vacancy by Sheriff Randy Hill's retirement.

Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in to update the Commissioners on the FLAP project.

Commissioners discussed with Mr. Arensdorf and Mr. Ritcha about sending information

out to get letters of support ahead of the April deadline.

MOTION: Chairman Foley would like to appoint Jerry Henning as the 2023 Kingman County Commission Chairman. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 9:46 a.m. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Minutes from the Pratt County Commission January 3rd

The Pratt County commissioners met in regular session Tuesday, January 3, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. in the commissioner room, 1st floor of the courthouse. The following members were present: Thomas W. Jones III on zoom, Rick Shriver, Dwight Adams, Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor, Lori Voss, county clerk, and Mark Graber, it director.

Chairman Adams stated Commissioner Jones is attending the meeting via Zoom.

Heather Morgan, economic development/COVID consultant, answered questions about the safety and security ARPA funds, she presented the program standards, goals/target outcomes, program parameters and

application process. She discussed grant match requirements. She explained PELL grants for revitalization for storefronts, vacant dilapidated building. It can be combined retail on main floor apartments on second floor. There can be one application per county. She will be happy to assist anyone interested. Western Kansas Economic Developers Alliance is finalizing legislative items, including daycare and housing concerns. She went over the reef grants, improvements to their farm or rural ag businesses, energy upgrade such as solar, wind more energy efficient. Tim questioned Heather about the grants covering generators, if it is attached to the communications tower it might. She will check when more details come out and will report back.

DJ McMurry, appraiser, requested a ten-minute executive session to discuss personnel.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to recess into executive session for ten minutes at 2:09 p.m. to discuss personnel concerning new hire. Chairman Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Chairman Adams made a motion to return from executive session at 2:19 pm with no action taken. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to approve the hiring of Mckenzi Hoover for the appraiser's office at \$15.00 per hour. Chairman Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

BJ Hayes, emergency manager, presented an updated LEPC emergency membership listing. Also, a copy of the bylaws that need to be signed by chairman Adams. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to adopt the bylaws from the emergency planning commission. Chairman

Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

A copy of the severe weather Plan and storm spotter operating guide was presented. He reported Taylor Printing has more options for the PSB sign. \$3,400 sign with flat, vinyl lettering being placed on the brick. \$11,500 letters are 10" tall and acrylic. Chairman Adams questioned if there was going to be a sign on the highway 54 signifying emergency services available.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to approve the signage from Taylor Printing for the PSB for \$3,400 to be paid out of the capital improvement fund. Commissioner Shriver commented Kelvyn Clay had stated KDHE has been inspecting in the area. He has called Integreen to install the needed repairs.

Chairman Adams requested a five-minute break at 2:36 p.m. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-0. Chairman Adams made a motion to return from break at 2:39 p.m. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to approve the minutes from December 27, 2022. Chairman Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to approve a \$500 payment to PHS After Prom Bash. Chairman Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Mary Ann McGuire and Samantha Dutton, raised concerns about EMS using lights and sirens down their dirt road. Brian Atteberry, EMS director stated when you run the siren and lights, they are required to run both. They asked if they have to be run if it is not a critical call. They will be calving soon and are requesting no lights and sirens on their mile road right before highway 61. Tyson stated their situation is no different than any other road or situation. Brian stated he will try not to turn them on if it is not critical or if there is no cross traffic. But if it's a critical call they will be running lights and sirens. Samantha stated the road graders are digging trenches in front of driveways and by the ditches. They advised her to speak to Doug at the road department.

Brian Atteberry, EMS director presented 2022 EMS calls and runs. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to recess into executive session for fifteen minutes at 2:57 p.m. to discuss non-elected personnel concerning rescue personnel. Chairman Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to return from executive session at 3:12 p.m. with no action taken. Chairman Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.


Commissioner Shriver made a motion to recess into executive session for fifteen minutes at 3:15 p.m. for attorney/client matter concerning multiple legal issues. Chairman Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to return from executive session with no action taken. Chairman Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Chairman Adams made a motion to approve the payment vouchers for december 29, 2022. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Chairman Adams made a motion to adjourn at 3:30 p.m. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned 3:30 pm.

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The Shameful Return of Earmarks

Earmarks are back and they're costing American taxpayers a bundle.

In case you've forgotten, earmarks, says FactCheck.org, "are government funds that are allocated by a legislator for a particular pet project, often without proper review."

Often attached to the 12 large appropriation bills that Congress by law is supposed to pass each year to fund the federal government for the next year, earmarks tend to be concealed.

That way, members of Congress from both parties can slip in funding for pricy or dubious projects in their districts or states that benefit themselves politically and, for the most part, nobody notices.

*"Earmarks do not add to spending the budget anymore than choosing to purchase a box of pasta instead of a pound of bananas (i.e., earmarking funds for pasta) adds to one's bill at the supermarket."*

— Sean Kelly

K-State Research and Extension Seeks Input from Kansas Citizens

Just-released survey will help uncover residents' information needs K-State Research and Extension news service MANHATTAN, Kan. — Officials with a state-wide network that has provided unbiased, research-based information on issues important to Kansans for 108 years are reaching out to learn more about how the organization can best serve residents of the state.

K-State Research and Extension has released a public survey to ask current and prospective users about their information needs. Gregg Hadley, director of extension, said the brief survey will inform the organization's efforts to provide education and information in every Kansas county.

"The services we provide are designed to improve Kansans' lives and communities through education and engagement," Hadley said. "The

People and the media especially don't notice earmarks when Congress fails to establish a proper budget for each of the 12 separate appropriation bills — something it has managed to do only three times in the last 47 years, most recently in 1997.

What Congress usually does is wait until the last minute and then lazily bundle the 12 funding bills into a single massive "omnibus" spending bill, such as the stinker that was just passed to fund the government in fiscal 2023.

That \$1.7 trillion monstrosity is 4,155 pages long and filled with 7,200 earmark projects costing \$15 billion that, like the rest of the budget, nobody had time to review and question before hastily voting "aye!"

The spending on earmarks was less than 1% of the cost of the overall omnibus bill.

But the danger is that the earmarks can be used to persuade — bribe? — legislators to support massive bills that do spend ridiculous amounts of money and keep our

results of this survey will help our dedicated extension specialists, agents and researchers provide information and assistance that best meet the needs of our K-State Research and Extension users."

K-State Research and Extension has offices in every Kansas county, including extension agents and others who provide information and programs specific to local needs.

Any Kansas resident over age 18 is eligible to take the survey in English (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ST2ZLM5>) or Spanish (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SRH9W59>). New Boston Creative Group LLC of Manhattan is conducting the survey.

Questions regarding the survey can be directed to Jerry Grasso, director of communications solutions for K-State Research and Extension, at 785-532-5806 or [jergrasso@ksu.edu](mailto:jergrasso@ksu.edu).

\$31 trillion in government debt ballooning.

An omnibus bill also allows a lame-duck Congress to "pass" legislation it wanted to pass in 2022 but couldn't — legislation that should be debated and voted upon in the light of day, but was not and never will be.

According to the Wall Street Journal, the omnibus bill included sizable changes to retirement savings rules, cosmetics regulation, Electoral Count Act reform, health-care and goodness only knows what else.

To be sure, earmarks — euphemistically referred to by our government as "Community

Project Funding" — can fund useful or worthwhile projects, such as improvement to medical care, education and other important services.

But they are just as likely to fund things they have no business funding.

According to Reason magazine, the omnibus bill President Biden just signed earmarks \$750,000 for fire alarm modernization at the Metropolitan Opera, funds the creation of a Ukrainian Independence Park, whatever that is, and will spend more than \$3.6 million to build a Michelle Obama Trail.

Actually, I favor borrowing money to build

such a trail, as it well may be our only opportunity to tell our legislators to take a hike!

You'd think Republicans — the party that pretends to be for fiscal responsibility and against wasteful spending — would understand the dangers of earmark bribery. You'd think they would vote to ban them.

In fact, Republicans did just that in 2011. But House Republicans voted to reverse their ban in March of 2021.

And this past November, House Republicans voted by a 158-52 margin against a bill that would have banned earmarks again in

the new 118th Congress, in which they will hold the majority.

I suppose the best we can hope for, then, is that House Republicans will be only slightly less reckless with earmark bribery than the 117th Congress, which was the most recklessly spending Congress in U.S. history.

But considering that Republicans were rewarded with almost half of the earmark largesse packed into the latest omnibus bill, I have my doubts.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS CIVIL DEPARTMENT

Ditech Financial LLC

Plaintiff,

vs.

Jason Eric Hurt; Shawna Lou Hurt; Linda Hurt n/k/a Linda Zrubek, a/k/a Linda Mare Moore

Defendants.

Case No. 2019-CV-000003

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 January 26, 2023, at 10:00 AM, the following real estate:

**TRACT I - A TRACT OF LAND IN THE SOUTH HALF (S/2) OF SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 30 SOUTH, RANGE 7 WEST OF THE 6TH P.M., KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 30 SOUTH, RANGE 7 WEST OF THE 6TH PM; THENCE NORTH ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SOUTHEAST QUARTER 1353.06 FEET, THENCE WITH A DEFLECTION ANGLE 89 DEGREES 28 MINUTES 35 SECONDS LEFT-WEST 2245.92 FEET; THENCE WITH A DEFLECTION ANGLE 2 DEGREES 49 MINUTES 44 SECONDS RIGHT-WESTERLY 330.67 FEET; THENCE WITH A DEFLECTION ANGLE 86 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 47 SECONDS RIGHT-NORTH 222.90 FEET FOR THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE WITH A DEFLECTION ANGLE 89 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 44 SECONDS LEFT-WEST 361.71 FEET; THENCE WITH A DEFLECTION ANGLE 90 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 16 SECONDS**

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Kingman County Sheriff's Report

Sunday, January 1st

Traffic Stop 2  
Traffic Complaint 220 West Grover Ave, Spivey

Monday, January 2nd

Traffic Complaint SE 60 St & SE 150 Ave, Norwich  
Animal Complaint 8000 W Hwy 54, Cunningham  
Agency Assist NE 40 Ave & NE 35 St, Kingman

Tuesday, January 3rd

Traffic Complaint 17000 W Hwy 54, Cunningham  
Suspicious Vehicle SE 180 St & S Hwy 14, Harper

Wednesday, January 4th

Animal Complaint 15371 NE 50 St, Cheney  
Suspicious Vehicle 906 NE 130 Ave, Cheney  
Misc Call 445 E Leiter Ave, Cunningham  
911 Accidental Dial 230 E First Ave, Norwich

Thursday, January 5th

Traffic Stop 1  
Traffic Complaint SE 70 St & SE 150 Ave, Norwich  
Traffic Complaint 14000 W Hwy 54, Cunningham

Traffic Complaint  
Traffic Complaint  
Trespassing

Friday, January 6th

Traffic Complaint 14000 E Hwy 54, Cunningham  
Traffic Complaint 1330 W D Ave, Kingman  
Traffic Complaint MM 149 W Hwy 54, Cunningham  
Traffic / Disabled Vehicle 10000 W Hwy 54, Cunningham  
Suspicious Vehicle E Hwy 42 & SE 110 Ave, Norwich  
Suspicious Vehicle 445 E Leiter Ave, Cunningham  
Trespassing 4270 NE 20 St, Kingman


Saturday, December 10th

Traffic Stop 1  
Traffic Complaint SE 70 St & SE 150 Ave, Norwich  
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Suspicious Activity 1836 N Marquette, Kingman  
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NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
Freda M Fisher, et al.,  
Defendants.  
Case No. 22CV27  
Division  
K.S.A. 60  
Mortgage Foreclosure  
(Title to Real Estate Involved)  
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE  
Under and by virtue of an Order of Sale issued by the Clerk of the District Court in and for the said County of Kingman, State of Kansas, in a certain cause in said Court Numbered **22CV27**, wherein the parties above named were respectively plaintiff and defendant, and to me, the undersigned Sheriff of said County, directed, I will offer for sale at public auction and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand at **10:00 am, on 1/26/23, at the front door of Kingman County Courthouse**, the following described real estate located in the County of Kingman, State of Kansas,

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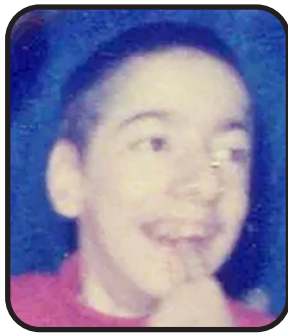
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## Sean Taber

Sean Patrick Taber of Pratt, KS, flew home to Jesus on January 6, 2023 at PRMC. Sean was born on February 14, 1970 in San Diego, CA to Michael G. Taber.



He is preceded in death by his loving grandparents, Lee and Gale Taber.

He is survived by his father Michael and wife Diane Taber of Eureka, KS, his aunt, Marsha Taber of Pratt, KS; sister, Andrea (Phillip) Hogue; and niece Makenzie Hogue of Dodge City, KS.

At the age of two Sean came to live with his grandparents Lee and Gale Taber and his aunt Marsha. We committed ourselves to making his life the very best it could be. Lee devoted herself to him, saving his life so many times, and he became our reason for driving on. Sean never went to school or ran any races, but he taught those with receptive hearts the really important things in life. Patience, strength, faith, purpose beyond our own desires. Our home was the enchanted cottage where Seanny's laugh thrilled our hearts, his accomplishments became legendary. God charged him with measuring the humanity of everyone he came in contact with, an awesome responsibility. It was wonderful to see those with the greatness of spirit treat Seanny with kindness and love. Thank you to our home health nurses. Thank you so much to the nurses, aides and all the staff at PRMC who made his last days as gentle as possible and tried to make such a horrible time for us more bearable. Thank you Dr. Clarkson for your kindness and honesty. And thank you Dr. Fowler for your years of dedication to Sean and our family. So fly away home to Jesus, my little guy. We'll see you again at the Trump and the Shout, and won't it be grand.

Graveside service was held at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at Greenlawn Cemetery, Pratt.

Memorials may be made to Pratt Area Humane Society or the Hope Center in care of Larrison Mortuary,

## Bob Murphy

Isabel - Robert "Bob" L. Murphy, 78, passed away Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at Pratt Regional Medical Center. He was born on November 29, 1944 in Richards, Missouri to Clarence Melvin and Aliene Marie (Oyler) Murphy. Robert married Nancy Carole (Gibson) Murphy on June 20, 1967 in Medicine Lodge. They were married for 55 years.

Bob graduated from Isabel High School in 1964. He worked as a welder for Kingman Manufacturing for 35 years. During his time at Kingman Manufacturing he also worked part time on the farm and upon retirement worked full time as a farmer. He enjoyed deer hunting and farming.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy; children, Robyn Murphy of Topeka, Kelley Murphy and Justin Murphy both of Isabel; and brother, Bennie (Eileene) Murphy of Isabel.

Bob is preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Eugene Murphy, Leon Murphy, Kenny Murphy and Bill Murphy; and sisters, Charlene Gowens and Dixie Hamilton.

Per Bob's wishes, cremation has taken place and there will be no services scheduled.

Memorials may be made to Pratt County EMS in care of Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt.

## Kansas Profile: Now That's Rural Curtis and Lori Swenson, C&L Crafts

The design cut into the wood is beautiful, detailed, intricate – and handmade. It was not produced with a laser cutter or computer-aided design, but rather, entirely by hand by a remarkably skilled craftsman in rural Kansas.

Curtis and Lori Swenson are founders and owners of C&L Crafts in Miltonvale. They grew up in the Randolph area, met in school and were married. They would ultimately have four children.

Those children, now grown, have also chosen to live in rural Kansas. They now live in Miltonvale, population 440; Mayetta, population 348; Olsburg, population 218; and Idana, population 54 people. Now, that's rural.

Curtis took a job in Nebraska where he suffered a terrible accident in which his back was broken in two places. He would have 22 back surgeries, the first of which was 8 1/2 hours long. He made a full recovery, but it was a long recuperation.

"I was going stir crazy," Curtis said. He looked for something he could do with his hands.

"I had watched a guy at Silver Dollar City cut

designs into wood and thought that looked interesting." He bought a scroll saw on sale and found he really enjoyed cutting intricate designs.

"It was therapy," said Lori, who helped out by doing the finish work.

The Swensons moved to the Miltonvale area in 1996. "When people there saw what I was doing, they told me we should sell those things at craft shows," Curtis said. So, the couple started going to shows and continued to make these products on the side while he worked for the school district, from which he is now retired.

Today, C&L Crafts has sold wood products all over the nation and beyond. These are not your typical trinkets. Every one of these is hand-crafted by Curtis and Lori themselves.

They order Baltic Birch type A plywood from a Kansas City company. This wood is especially made for cabinet liners and has no knots or spaces. Curtis orders 1/8, 1/4, and 1/2 inch thickness. He can also make designs in oak, walnut, cedar, and even hedge.

The Swensons have attended as many as 40 craft shows in a single year. For a decade, they had a booth at craft shows in Branson during the spring and fall. "They would put me in the number one and number two booths, and I would demonstrate the wood-cutting all day long," Curtis said. "I enjoyed that."



These designs are remarkably detailed and intricate. "A lot of people believe this is done by a laser, but a laser burns the edges of the wood," Curtis said. His items are entirely hand-cut using a narrow-bladed scroll saw.

Curtis does the cutting and Lori does the finish work: "She has the lighter touch," Curtis said. Lori does the sanding, staining, and varnishing, plus the final assembly or attaching a hanger. She also categorizes and stores the items. "We're a team," Curtis said.

"We do lots of custom work," Curtis said. Lori adds: "If you're looking for something in particular, just ask."

"We will donate items for schools or groups to sell as fundraisers," Lori said. Curtis has donated military designs to veterans and given crosses to the elderly ladies at nursing homes. "If you can do something with it that cheers somebody up,

that's all that matters," Curtis said. "We like to see people happy."

That personal touch is why he prefers craft shows to selling over the Internet. "I like to visit with people," Curtis said.

The Swensons use more than 6,500 patterns for signs, toys, wildlife designs, and Christmas ornaments. "We do 20,000-plus ornaments in a year, easy," Curtis said. C&L Craft items have gone from coast to coast, to Alaska, Hawaii, and as far away as Africa and Australia.

For more information, contact Curtis and Lori at 785-427-6353.

The design in the wood is intricate and beautiful – and entirely created by hand. We commend Curtis and Lori Swenson of C&L Crafts for making a difference with creative craftsmanship. They are truly accomplished artisans, hands-down.



## Wheat Scoop Will your recipe rise to the top? National Festival of Breads opens entries for the 2023 virtual contest

Whether it is a go-to recipe, a revamped family favorite or a combination of unique-to-you flavors, put your creativity to the test in the quest to become the Best of Breads Champion in the 2023 National Festival of Breads. Enter your favorite yeast bread or roll recipe now through February 13, 2023, for the chance to win prizes and share your tips and tricks with other amateur bakers across the country.

"The National Festival of Breads builds upon a rich tradition of grassroots support and is the nation's only amateur yeast bread baking competition," said Cindy Falk, co-chairperson of the event and nutrition educator for Kansas Wheat. "Our virtual contest offers expanded opportunities for competitors and for those at home to join us in celebrating the creativity of America's home bakers."

The eighth National Festival of Breads is sponsored by King Arthur Baking Company® and Kansas Wheat. Entries for the virtual contest are open now through February 13, 2023. Each eligible entry will be reviewed by a qualified panel of food experts and selected recipes will be test baked in the Kansas Wheat Test Kitchen, Manhattan, Kansas.

This year's contest includes four categories:

**Quick and Easy.** Create a yeast bread or roll recipe using time-saving steps, techniques and ingredients for a busy lifestyle in four hours or less, including baking time. Any dough must be fully baked. A bread machine may be used.

**Wholesome and Healthy.** Revamp an old family recipe, heirloom recipe or a tried-and-true favorite using healthier ingredients. Explain why it is

healthy.

**Go Nuts.** Create a yeast bread or roll recipe incorporating nuts in the dough or filling.

**Say Cheese.** Submit your original yeast bread or roll recipe using your favorite cheese(s).

The overall Best of Breads champion will be announced virtually on June 1, 2023. Each category winner will receive a baking bundle prize package and the overall champion will receive \$1,000. A People's Choice winner will also be selected from the category winners by online voters and will receive an additional prize package.

That's the nuts and bolts, but what makes a winning recipe? Here are a few tips from Falk to help you earn a spot in the nation's premier bread baking contest.

1. Recipes must be an original yeast bread or roll recipe. The possibilities are endless — try adding new flavor combinations (especially nuts and cheese this year!), change the appearance, explore your heritage or dig into those treasured old cookbooks to update a family favorite with modern or healthier options.

2. While the contest does award artistic flair, make sure your recipe follows the official rules to rise to the top. For example, the contest requires using at least 75% wheat flour, and the remaining amount may be

other flour, which offers many options to mix up your recipe. Each recipe should also make one or more loaves of bread or at least one dozen rolls.

3. Accuracy is important, so proofread your recipe for every detail. Make sure you have provided the list of ingredients in the order that they will be used and have given accurate and concise step-by-step directions. Double-check measurements — including that they follow U.S. measurement standards (cup, tablespoon, teaspoon, etc.) — and do not forget the temperature of liquids like water or milk.

4. When you have tested and re-tested your recipe in your kitchen, show off that beautiful loaf or roll. A photograph is required with your entry; luckily taking a photo with your cell phone is a snap. Cut at least one slice or roll to show the inside and outside of your entry — this is also required.

Looking for more tips for a successful recipe submission? Check out <https://festivalofbreads.com/tips/>. Find more information on the 2023 National Festival of Breads, check out previous winners, and submit your original recipe and photo at [festivalofbreads.com](https://festivalofbreads.com).

*Written by Julia Debes for Kansas Wheat*



### A Note of Thanks

*Thank you to the Confirmation Class and teacher for the Christmas gift and singing of Christmas carols at my door. It meant a lot to me!*

*-Shirley Raney-*

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