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USD 332 Photo of  
CHS students and  
German visitors

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## Approved Minutes from BOE Revenue Neutral Rate Meeting

The West Kingman County Board of Education special meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. on Monday, September 12, 2022, by President Scott DeWeese.

President, Scott DeWeese; Vice-President, Brent Miller; Members, Brent Hansen, Travis Thimesch, Vicki Oldham, Bjorn Halderson, and Megan Green; Superintendent, Robert Reed; Principal, Cody Dunlap; Clerk, Stacy Webster; and Guests, Roberta Kobbe and Karla Westerman.

Motion made by Travis Thimesch, seconded by Vicki Oldham, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

President Scott DeWeese welcomed the guests.

Superintendent reviewed the proposed Budget mill rates compared to the Revenue Neutral rate presented by the county. He also reviewed mill rates required by state regulation.

Motion made by Brent Miller, seconded by Travis Thimesch, to approve resolution 2023-014 exceeding the revenue neutral rate. Roll call votes were as follows: Brent Miller-yes, Megan Green-yes, Brent Hansen-yes, Vicki Oldham-yes, Travis Thimesch- yes, Bjorn Halderson-yes, Scott DeWeese-yes. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Vicki Oldham, seconded by Brent Miller, to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

## Approved Minutes from BOE Budget Meeting

The West Kingman County Board of Education budget hearing was called to order at 6:50 p.m. on Monday September 12, 2022, by President Scott DeWeese.

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President, Brent Miller; Members, Brent Hansen, Vicki Oldham, Travis Thimesch, Bjorn Halderson, Megan Green; Superintendent, Robert Reed; Principal, Cody Dunlap; Clerk, Stacy Webster; and Guests, Roberta Kobbe, and Karla Westerman.

President Scott DeWeese welcomed the guests.

Motion made by Brent Hansen, seconded by Bjorn Halderson to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Discussion was held regarding the proposed 2022-2023 budget. The board heard comments and questions regarding the budget from guest Karla Westerman.

Motion made by Travis Thimesch, seconded by Vicki Oldham, to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

## Approved Minutes from September BOE Meeting

The West Kingman County Board of Education meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. on Monday, September 12, 2022, by President Scott DeWeese.

President, Scott DeWeese; Vice-President, Brent Miller; Members, Brent Hansen, Travis Thimesch, Vicki Oldham, Bjorn Halderson, and Megan Green; Superintendent, Robert Reed; Principal, Cody Dunlap; Clerk, Stacy Webster; and Guests, Roberta Kobbe, Karla Westerman, Alice Huelskamp, and Shawna Sternecker.

Motion made by Vicki Oldham, seconded by Megan Green, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

President Scott DeWeese welcomed the guests.

Motion made by Brent Miller, seconded by Bjorn Halderson, to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2022 regu-

lar meeting. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Travis Thimesch, seconded by Brent Miller, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$435,725.76 and the financial reports as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Superintendent Reed reported on a recent water leak in the grade school basement and that the 2 new vehicles have arrived. He also shared that a new water wheel has arrived, work on the football field sound system continues and our Mental Health Grant will continue. Lastly he shared the schedule for the German Exchange students coming in October and this year's enrollment numbers.

Randy Ford of BFR CPA, LLC arrived at the meeting at 7:19 p.m. He presented the June 30, 2022 Audit report with no violations or findings.

Randy Ford left the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Guest Karla Westerman left the meeting at 7:35 p.m. and returned at 7:44 p.m.

Principal Dunlap updated the board on student clubs and schedules including homecoming week, State Fair band day and a new FCA club. He talked to the board about Grade School field trip opportunities and a grant the grade school teachers are collaborating on for outdoor playground items. He also shared with the board updates to the website including a PowerSchool app tutorial video and student survey tab.

Member Brent Miller shared information gathered by Principal Dunlap regarding student interest in having baseball and softball sports opportunities.

Member Travis Thimesch reported that the last meeting focused on a budget review, negotiations and ongoing audits.

Motion made by Brent Hansen, seconded by Brent Miller, to go into executive session with Superintendent Reed and Principal Dunlap at 8:10 p.m. to discuss personnel performance matters under the KOMA non-elected personnel

exception and return to the board room at 8:20 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

President DeWeese declared the meeting in open session at 8:20 p.m.

Superintendent Reed reported that finalized drawings are being worked on to be given to McGowan Gordon in October so they can begin to get sub-contract bids.

Superintendent Reed reviewed the needs assessment tool with the board for final approval.

Superintendent Reed reviewed the ESSER III budget plan with the board asking for their input and suggestions.

Motion made by Travis Thimesch, seconded by Vicki Oldham, to adopt Resolution 2023-015 LOB Percentage. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Travis Thimesch, seconded by Brent Miller, to adopt the 2022-2023 budget. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Brent Miller, seconded by Megan Green to approve Randy Keene as Custodian for the 2022-2023 school year Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Brent Hansen, seconded by Brent Miller to approve Dale Thompson as Custodian for the 2022-2023 school year Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Vicki Oldham, seconded by Megan Green to approve Kelden Mills as Custodian for the 2022-2023 school year Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Bjorn Halderson, seconded by Brent Miller to approve Sheri Mills as Secretary for the 2022-2023 school Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Travis Thimesch, seconded by Brent Miller, to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.



## Memo to West Kingman County USD 332

In April of 2022, voters in the District approved by vote the issuance of not-to-exceed \$13,245,000 in tax-exempt general obligation bonds to finance capital improvements to district facilities.

As financial advisor, we assisted the District in development of a Preliminary Official Statement, solicitation of a credit rating from S & P Global and advertised the sale of the bonds to potential bidders for the 25-year bonds.

Public Finance is very complex. Basically, we marketed a 25-year loan but each yearly maturity of bonds will have its own interest rate. The blending of all of those rates and subsequent

length of each maturity results in a True Interest Cost for the entire issue. The bonds are purchased usually by a broker-dealer or broker-dealer banks that then remarket the bonds maturity by maturity to long term investors such as banks, Trust Departments at institutions, Insurance Companies, Bond Funds and Individual investors seeking tax-exempt income. These bidders have relationships with investors and know what their potential buyers of the bonds want to transact a purchase.

In recent years, with low interest rates, many investors desire a higher coupon for long term cash flow and will pay a premium for such. The underwriter of our bond issue bid coupon rates of 5% on the earliest \$2,960,000 of bonds and 4% on the longest \$10,135,000 of

bonds. The blended average interest rate of this financing is 4.086%. In addition to the interest cost, the bidder also bid a premium of \$350,768.55—monies in addition to the base principal to reduce their bid to be competitive. As we were able to fund the project cost, the financing costs of issuance, and have capitalized interest to control the first budget with the bid, we were able to reduce the size of the bond issue from the original amount of \$13,245,000 to \$13,095,000—a reduction of \$150,000. This principal size reduction is used to offset the higher coupons in the early years.

When you factor in the interest required for the bonds at the average interest rate of 4.086% but then reduce that amount by the \$350,768.55 premium

from the bid, the True Interest Cost for the financing is a result of 4.015%.

As mentioned, this is all very complex. The blended average interest rate with about 23% of the bonds at 5% and 77% at 4% and more importantly that the 5% bonds are paid off sooner, results in the average rate of 4.086%. Calculating the interest at this rate and then reducing that interest cost by the paid premium results in a net financing cost of 4.015% for the 25-year amortization.

We hope this helps to understand a complex subject.

Steve Shogren and Bret Shogren  
The Wichita Public Finance office  
of Stifel

## National Healthcare Quality Week 2022

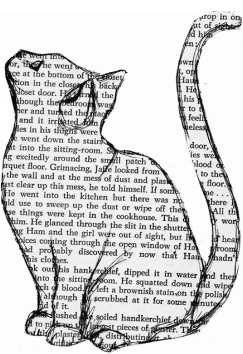
**QUALITY:** the standard of something as measured against other things of a similar kind; the degree of excellence of something.

**Our Director of Quality is Danielle Cox. She collaborates with all departments on quality updates and improvements. She receives information from employees and patients that demonstrates what is being done, indicates places that require work, and also identifies areas of excellence! Understanding this information enables us to collectively uphold our mission, Exceptional Care. Every Time.**



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Danielle Cox, RD, LD  
Director of Quality &  
Nutrition Services



Meanderings

I've been bothered these last couple of weeks. Situations that have caused me bother. Not troubles. Not worries, just bothers. Troubles and worries keep me up at night. Bothers don't.

Now, granted, all these bothers are of my own doing; and anyone who has read this paper for anything length of time, know that I do admit my mistakes. It makes the world a whole lot better for me and everyone else involved. But doesn't it seem that one little mistake can create domino little mistakes? And before long you sort of feel like you are in the muck and may not get out, or if you do, it will take some time to get it all straightened out... or maybe it will never be all right again. Now all these mistakes may be related, maybe not. Mine are and aren't.

In beginning this column this week, I had a decision to make, should I write a bit about my little dog, Quin. (He's so darn cute!) or do I explain my

mistakes and bothers and continue to bother myself, and others by wallowing in the muck until I am face down and unable to get up? Hm.....let me think .....Muck it is.

Last week's paper was sent off Tuesday evening. I'd taken some allergy medication late in the evening, thinking I'd give it a little time to work before going to bed—I sleep really well after taking said medication. I sent the paper off to the printing room up in Hutchinson. The subject line read "Cunningham Courier pages 1 – 14." But my inattention didn't pick up that I had only attached 12 pages and printing instructions for 12 pages (color/no color). I have no idea what I was thinking.... I got home from the paper pick up Wednesday late afternoon and found that Oh! NO! I only had 12 pages. The last two weren't there! I checked my email and that's when I found my mistake.

Now, it's not easy to get in touch with the folks up there in the prepress room in Hutchinson, and when one is in a panic, it is even more difficult. There is no longer a phone number I can call to get in touch with the prepress room. I had to send an email, and hope someone was watching the inbox. "Help! There are pages missing from my paper! Please call!"

It wasn't long before Emilio called. He started trying to explain. I just stopped him. "This is totally my fault! Totally! But can you help me fix it?"

He explained that they couldn't run the papers again until early the next morning. Okay. It is what it is. He said someone would call when they were ready. So I resent the pages, all fourteen of them, and Emilio verified he received them. With printing instructions for 14. Thursday morning I got a call they would be ready in about an hour, and I headed up to Hutchinson. I got five miles out of town and realized I left my wallet at home. I admit, I cursed a bit, and turned around and came back home and gave myself a little pat on the back for realizing the wallet was at home when I was only 5 miles from home instead of 15.

I did finally get the papers home, but not before lunch. That is why your papers were late last week. I won't let it happen again... until the next time.

A few weeks ago, I made an error in the 'school board take-aways'. One of the reasons they are takeaways and not factual facts, is because I can full credit for mistakes. This is what I wrote: "Karla pointed out that the taxpayers could use a 2-mil reduc-

tion because the mills for the school project have gone up. She said a reduced 2 mills on the capital outlay funding would help absorb some of the five mills taxpayers will have to pay. (Five mills exceeds the amount of the bonds when it was taken to the voters in April.) I received a call from Karla Westerman shortly after the paper came out.

She immediately apologized for not making herself clear on this. I assured her, it wasn't her mistake, it was mine, because I take horrible notes and I may have been trying to write fast and listen faster; and I am not a finance person. (or a notetaker, obviously) I balance a check book - somewhat- but that is about the extent of it. I no longer had my notes, so I couldn't even check to see what I had actually scrawled. One thing I have learned about Karla - she knows her finances. She has studied quite a bit about mills and interest and all the financial language that goes with it. She's the boss when it comes to understanding finances. I apologized again to her, we had a nice chat and life went on with this little bother in the back of my mind.

In last week's board meeting, Mr. Reed brought up the 'five mills' issue. I apologized for my mistake, and again, said, I had no idea where that came from. Mr. Reed said

he would get the correct information to the paper for me to share with the public. I thought that was a great idea. It is here in the paper, on the front page. I know we would all like to hear more from the school district about the bond project and its progress... or lack thereof.

Mr. Reed also brought up our concerns about the lack of news coming from the school. "There are parents who don't want their children's pictures taken. So we don't put things on Facebook."

And, no, before anyone else asks, I don't know why some little bits couldn't be written about activities in the classroom and posted on Facebook. In the olden days, teachers wrote up a paragraph or two of what they were doing in their classrooms, and readers enjoyed it; no pictures necessary. I guess those days are gone. Today's readers and taxpayers don't need to be interested or need to know what is happening in our schools.

I visited other schools' Facebook pages and webpages and looked through many photos of kids being kids and kids learning and kids playing. One of Skyline's posts caught my eye-- they took photos of different classes standing for the morning flag salute. They are fortunate they don't have many anti-photo parents, it really helps to promote the schools when folks can

see or read about busy and productive children.

I did notice that a parent posted some pictures and video from the preschool pumpkin patch field trip. If I can find them again, I'll put them in next week's paper. This paper was pretty full. I had two spotlight pages laid out when all the sports photos and senior night photos and exchange program photos started coming in. So, I gave the cheerleaders the honors of our first spotlight page of the year. Next week, I will have the football and volleyball teams spotlighted.

The Cunningham Courier now has a Facebook page "The Cunningham Courier Newspaper" is the title of the page. Not The Cunningham Courier. THE CUNNINGHAM COURIER NEWSPAPER. Not sure what I'm going to do with it. BUT please "like" the page. I need some likes. Meta is bugging me about promoting the page so I get more likes (which means they want some money...which they are not going to get). I'm leery of the whole 'meta' thing. It seems a bit weird... as is Facebook, actually.

Always reading, And currently reading, "Conflict of Interest" By Nancy Taylor Rosenberg, Roberta

Tallgrass and Tumbleweeds by Gaille Pike

Dear Readers, Every boy dropped his crayon and leapt out of his seat when I popped the question, "What are you going to be for Halloween?" I could not help but chuckle as a five and six year old gaggle broke loose. They reminded me of baby birds trying to fly as they hopped and bobbed in place. And the more I laughed, the louder they

cried. I both instigated and enjoyed the uproar that ensued. In my defense, I'd been unnerved by how quietly they'd wielded crayons over pages of October scenes. Even more unsettling had been their disinterest in each other (and unbending focus) as they colored leaves red and brown, pumpkins orange and purple, and scarecrows

yellow, brown and green. I preferred their clamor. But I knew that if I let it go, things might get out of hand. So I rose to my feet and cleared my throat. Towering over them, I boomed in my loudest and deepest voice, "Sit down."

I can't say they sat down or that they stopped talking. But they did quiet down and instead of hopping and jumping in place, their backsides bounced off their seats. When some measure of order had been restored, I asked the looming question to each of them, one at a time. "Ninja!" the

first boy yelled. The next hollered "Ninja!" too. And the next one, and the next one, as did the one after that, all the way around, until I got to the last two—one of those shouted "Spiderman!" and the other, "Scooby-Doo!" I guess I should not have been surprised so many of them wanted to be ninjas, but when I asked them why, they didn't answer. They just began to show me their ninja-moves.

I needed to do something fast, so I said aloud as LOUDLY as I could, the first thought that flew into my head, "WHAT

SHOULD I BE?"

They froze mid karate chops and jujitsu kicks. One by one they sat back down. And stared and stared at me. I could see that they were sincerely trying to decide what costume I should wear and I was so touched that it had obviously not occurred to them that I was too old to trick-or-treat, I didn't have the heart to change the subject, though I grew uncomfortable under their scrutiny. So I said, "What about Big Bird, or a Giraffe?" To which they all frowned, and a couple muttered, "No, NO!" Next I said, "How

'bout I go as Shrek—I'm big and tall, you know?" But they vetoed that down, and in another unnatural act, turned their backs on me and began to WHISPER.

A long minute later, they reached a decision and pushed a blushing spokesman toward me.

"A Princess!" he wailed and ran away.

I felt like royalty the rest of the afternoon. And in my sweats and t-shirt, I still feel like a Princess today.

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

A column by Dorothy Rosby

Early Birds Versus Night Owls

Some people are morning people. Some people are night people. And some people are only people for a few

minutes right around supertime. I happen to be a morning person, though I do cheer up considerably at the thought of supper.

Unfortunately, families and workplaces are made up of all types, and this inevitably leads to conflict.

A night person told me his early bird wife had, on more than one occasion, attempted to make their bed while he was still in it. Even I think that's inconsiderate. She should at least tell him to get his lazy bones out of bed first.

Night people love to stay out on New Year's Eve. Morning people prefer to be up early on New Year's Day. You can see how this could cause tension in a relationship. If a morning person sees the New Year in at all, it's because we woke up at midnight to use the bathroom.

Morning people think more clearly in the morning. Anyone who knows me will tell you it's true; I don't think very clearly at all in the afternoon and evening. But that's just when the night people I know start making sense—to each other.

We all started out the same. As infants, we woke up at all hours of

the night—and saw to it that our parents did too. Eventually we slept through the night and started waking up early in the morning, especially on weekends. Then we became teenagers, and as you know, there is no such thing as a teenage morning person. Their biology would have them going to bed after 1 a.m. and not up until the lunch dishes are washed and put away, and not just because they don't want to do the dishes.

Night people don't progress beyond this point. But morning people continue to evolve. That doesn't make us better people—well some of us are better people. But mostly what it makes us is tired. As the years go by, what we call morning continues to retreat into night. Eventually, we're getting up about the same time the night owls are going to bed.

When I was a teenager, one of my first jobs re-

quired me to serve breakfast to morning people who, at that point in my life, seemed far more enthusiastic than the time of day called for. I can't remember what time I had to be at work, and it doesn't matter. Back then, I thought anything before 8 a.m. was still night.

My father, the early bird, woke me up for work. He was always up by 4 a.m., and he was not sympathetic about my need for sleep; witness the fact that he routinely rototilled the garden at sunrise.

All these years later, I'm the one who's up at 4 a.m.—not rototilling, but contemplating. That's more considerate of the night people in the house. It's also easier. And what I'm contemplating today is how night owls and early birds can live together. For starters, we probably shouldn't rototill at 4 a.m.—or 11 p.m. But we should also

look for the value in each other. If there were no morning people, who would make the coffee? If there were no night people, who would watch the infomercials?

And we must stop thinking we're superior because of our sleep habits. You know what I'm talking about. Night people, can be a little smug, thinking us morning people are old fuddy-dudds who sleep through the action.

But morning people can be a self-righteous bunch too. You've heard that rot about "Early to bed and early to rise makes a man healthy, wealthy, and wise." Only a morning person would say that, and even they know it's not necessarily true. As a morning person, I may be healthy, but I'm not particularly wealthy. And if I'm wise, it's only for a few hours in the morning.

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<b>Thursday, October 20th</b> JH VB: Final Four at Central Christian ** Afternoon PreSchool to Pumpkin Patch	<b>Tuesday, October 25th</b> 6:30 p.m. City Council Meeting
<b>Friday, October 21st</b> end of 1st quarter: school dismiss at 1:30 *** HS FB at Southern Cloud County	<b>Wednesday, October 25th</b> 7:00 p.m. Book Club
<b>Saturday, October 22nd</b> HS Cross country Regional Meet *** HS VB sub0state at HOME	<b>Thursday, October 27th</b> HS FB bracket Play
<b>Monday, October 24th</b> JH Girls 1st BB practice *** 7:00 p.m. Band and Choir program	<b>Friday, October 28th</b> HS State VB
	<b>Saturday, October 29th</b> HS State VB ***
	<b>Monday, October 31st</b> Halloween

**Chicken Noodle Dinner in Nashville**



St. John Lutheran Church in Nashville, KS would like to invite you to a Chicken Noodle dinner on Sunday, October 30, from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM. The menu is chicken

noodles, mashed potatoes, vegetables, salads, and desserts. The Dorcas Society is sponsoring this Free Will Donation event. All are welcome!

**CHS to Perform**

**"Little Play of Horrors"**

The CHS drama department will be presenting The Little Play of Horrors by Samara Siskind on Tuesday, November 1 at 7:00 P.M. In this comedy, a trio of teenagers discovers after watching a scary movie marathon that they have been pulled into a world of horror movies. They meet scary movie heroes and villains and find out that they are not quite how they imagined. In this short play, we will have some thrills and some laughs as we meet the cast of familiar characters. Come watch the performance, as well as see the new sound and lighting system put through its paces. Admission will be \$2; those with activity passes get in for free.

**Hymn Sing at Penalosa UMC**

Everyone is welcome to a Hymn Sing at the Penalosa UMC on Sunday, October 23rd, at 5:00 p.m. We will praise God through music by singing familiar hymns, contemporary music and children's favorites. Refreshments will be served following the singing. Please join us and bring a friend!

**City Council Meeting is TUESDAY**

Tuesday, October 25, 2022

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA**

- Meeting will be held at City Hall, 119 N. Main St. 6:30 p.m. – Call to Order
- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Minutes of September 26, 2022 meeting
- Public comments, concerns, & communications
- Fire Department – Chief's Report
- Alan Youngers – Proposed Utility Plan for School Project
- Sarah Sipe – Off Street Parking on Fourth Street for School Project
- Community Center Insurance Reports
- Property Officer
- Planning & Zoning
- Maintenance
- Swimming Pool
- Animal Control
- Financial Report & payment of bills
- Adjourn

**Whispering Willow's Haunted Forest**

Get into the Halloween spirit with Whispering Willow 4-H club. Our club along with the National Wild Turkey Federation is sponsoring the 3rd annual Haunted Forest fundraiser.

This tradition began as our 4-H Halloween party. As the Haunted Forest grew over the years our club decided to open it to the public and use the profits to help out our community. This year we have several new props and spooky plans to frighten those who dare enter.

Come join us on October 21, 22, 28 or 29 for a fun time getting spooked. The forest opens at 8 pm to 10 pm for a walk through the woods. The Haunted Forest is located at 1691 W Hwy 54, about 1 1/2 miles west of Kingman on the south side of the highway. The price of admissions is \$10 per person. There will also be concession stand where you can enjoy our delicious goodies and drinks.

This annual fundraiser is a fun time for all and a great way to help out those in need. This year we are supporting the Gonzales family. Harper and Paisley have been active members in our club for many years. We are proud to be able to help their family out after their Dad, Jeremiah was in a farming accident this summer. The proceeds raised will go to the family to help with their medical expenses.

This annual event is our favorite and is enjoyed by everyone in the club. We have worked hard over the last several weeks getting ready. We hope to see you there for a hair raising good time.

--Ethan Kostner, Club reporter

**Come Talk at the Coffee Shop**

Join us at the Extension Office for our new Coffee Shop Program! Starting Friday, October 7 from 8:30 to 10:00 we will be hosting a weekly Coffee Shop. Come learn what services the Extension Office has to offer. Come in and let us help you! This program will be held weekly in the month of October each Friday from 8:30-10. The Extension Office is located at 125 North Spruce across from the Court House.

To reserve the Cunningham Community Center, contact Ruth Shelman, (620) 770-9153 or 318-6042

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

**Libraries**

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

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

**Kingman Carnegie Library**  
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Thurs. : 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
Fri. : 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
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620-532-3061

**Pratt Public Library**  
Mon. - Thurs.  
10:00 - 7:00  
Friday: 10:00 - 6:00  
Saturday: 10:00 - 2:00  
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(620) 672-3041



**Cunningham Book Club meets**  
Wednesday, October 26th at the public library. We will be discussing the book 'The Return' by Nicholas Sparks. Everyone welcome.

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**1932**

Oct. 21, 1932 – Cunningham people won quite a little recognition at the Kingman County Fair in Kingman last week. Mrs. J. C. Groves won first prize on quilt design, the pattern being “Rob Peter to Pay Paul.” She also received a prize on some pieces of tatting.

Sunny Slope school, which Miss Eugenia Crow teaches, received first prize on their Current Event booklets, while the Raymond school, where Miss Elsie Crow teaches, won third prize on their Current Event booklets, and second prize on First Grade work.

**1937**

Oct. 22– The Cunningham Theatre opened last Friday evening under the new management of Roy McGeorge. The front of the theatre building has been entirely rebuilt, being closed in around the ticket booth with French doors on either side of the booth. A canopy has been built over the front of the ticket booth.

The exterior of the building has been painted black, and the interior of the lobby and the theatre itself is painted a pastel pink.

The opening picture was one of the season’s newest hits, “It’s All Yours,” starring Madeleine Carrol and Francis Lederer.

The Hardscable community enjoyed a wiener roast last Wednesday evening. Every one reported a pleasant time.

**1942**

Oct. 23, 1942 – Thirteen more men registered in Kingman county, and three others from this county but who are registered elsewhere, left for Army service Wednesday night. They were:

George McClellan, John German, Dale Sheldon, and Charles Crow from Cunningham; Donald Carmichael, Ralph Converse, Charles Goff, Chester McBee, Robert McMillin, Jewell Brooks, William Pierce, and Maurice Potter from Kingman; Walton Stucky from Murdock; Vernon Henseik from Nashville, John E. Fieser from Norwich; and Kenneth King from Zenda. With these 13 who left Wednesday evening, a total of 37 men who have been called from this county this month.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Jones announce the birth of a son last Sunday, October 18, at the Kingman Memorial Hospital. The baby weighed nine pounds, and has been named Robert Paul.

A great amount of scrap has been collected during these past three weeks with the Skelly Oil company contributing 207,120 pounds which filled two railroad cars.

The high school classes have also been working hard collecting scrap during the three week’s drive, having a lively collection contest to see which class collected the most.

The classes report:

- Seniors, 18,530 pounds
- Juniors, 13,195 pounds
- Sophomores, 5,330 pounds
- Freshmen, 2,810 pounds
- That makes a total of 39,865 pounds.

The Y.W.C.A. library books have arrived and are at Cannon’s Store. The books may be kept two weeks after which there will be a charge of two cents per day.

**1947**

Oct. 24– Work is nearing completion on the new building which will house the Kincheloe Implement Company on Highway 54 through our city, which when

completed will be one of our most attractive business buildings and a fine asset to our business district.

The building is built of tile and has a brick front, approximately 40 feet long with a frontage of 36 feet, and will comprise a front office, display room, a work and repair shop, a parts room and a garage.

The implement company, owned and operated by Sherman T. Kincheloe, handles the Minneapolis-Moline Implements and Parts and Baldwin Combines.

John Schnittker, James Stanley, and Marcellus Schwartz, students at Kansas State College, spent the weekend with their parents.

Automatic toasters, the pop-up kind- \$11.30 to \$19.95. Dafforn’s Appliance Store. adv. 1t.

**1952**

Oct. 24– The section gang of the Santa Fe Railway has recently completed servicing the railroad line through Cunningham and has given the local Santa Fe Depot a new paint job.

The Western Light & Telephone Company, Inc., is laying a new electric line to Penalosa.

**1957**

Oct. 24– Rev. Sidney Dillinger, pastor of the Cunningham-Cairo charge of the Methodist Church, has been re-elected to the Board of Trustees at Kansas Wesleyan College in Salina.

Here and There  
By Editor Bill Bradley  
In one column of type there are nearly 30,000 chances for an error. We try not to take advantage of all opportunities.

**1962**

Oct. 25, 1962 – The Cunningham football squad will be the guests of Editor and Mrs. Bradley and Kandi at Saturday afternoon’s game in Wichita between Montana State University and the University of Wichita.

Prior to leaving for the game, the squad will be luncheon guests at the Cozy Café of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Harris, Coach and Mrs. Joe Battles, Supt. and Mrs. Will Seacat, and Editor and Mrs. Bradley.

Eugene Huston’s 8-touchdown scoring spree against Preston last Friday night earned him the honor of being chosen to Wichita Eagle-Beacon’s “Prep Team of the Week.” Huston is the first 8-man footballer to be named to the team.

Funeral services will be held in the Cunningham Christian Church this afternoon (Thursday) at 2:30 o’clock for Isaac Pingry (Ping) Waters, 88, of this community, who passed away at the Nashville Hospital, Monday evening, following a two-week illness.

Mrs. Waters, a retired farmer, was born near Danville, Ill., May 2, 1874, and came to Kansas when he was seven years old. He lived most of his life in the Cunningham and Penalosa communities, and was a member of the First Baptist Church of Cunningham. Mr. Waters was married in 1904. His wife, Della, died June 7, 1953.

Survivors include one son, Nelson, and two daughters, Mrs. Elmer (Elva) Glenn and Mrs. Albert (Carmen) Harris, all of Cunningham, one brother, Robert Waters of Cunningham, and two sisters, Mrs. Ella Sallee of Penalosa and Mrs. Chloe Morris of Grand Maria, Minn., eight grand children, and eleven great grandchildren.

**1967**

Oct. 26, 1967 – The Cunningham School Band, under the direction of Charles Yingling, will take part in the homecoming parade for Miss America, Debra Barnes of Pittsburg, in Pratt this afternoon (Thursday). The parade begins at 3:00 o’clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. A. Pagenkopf of Nashville, celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary last Sunday afternoon, with an open house in the Lutheran School undercroft from 2:00 to 5:00 o’clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Pagenkopf, the former Ella Kaymeyer, were married at St. John’s Lutheran Church in Nashville, Sunday, Nov. 11, 1917, and have lived all their married life in the Nashville community.

A very special mass at the Sacred Heart Church, Sunday, celebrated the Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Lindemann.

Following the mass, a reception was held in the church hall, with 60 guests enjoying the dinner served by the Sacred Heart Altar Society.

The anniversary cake, a gift of their daughter, Mrs. Virginia Hamlett, was in the form of an open Bible, and decorated with gold bells and roses. An angel held a plaque with the names of the honored couple and their wedding date.

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Reporter: Florine Kampling

**1977**

October 20-On Wednesday, October 11, the Kayettes held their October meeting. President Cheryl Freund called the meeting. Several announcements were made pertaining to the chili and soup supper on November 4, before the Haviland football game. It was decided to raffle a turkey at this game instead of a cake.

Cheryl also informed the girls of the Hollyball dance to be held in December.

After adjournment, the Hallowe’en party began. All girls had to wear a mask in order to participate in the party. The luggage race and bobbing for apples were a couple of games that we played. Pop, candy, chips and a dip were served. Yvonne Thimesch, secretary

Zenda - Mrs. Opal Fischer left Sunday to go spend the winter with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. RM Rassmusson of Lyndon, Kansas.

Grade school news: First Grade -- You know, just as you start to think school is boring, along comes something that is fun and you want to keep going. This week we got to make Columbus Day ships by putting together cut-out shapes (you remember we talked about them last week). They really did fit together, just like a real ship.

Cheri Mantooth, our aide, had a birthday this week. She brought delicious treats for everyone. Then she chose ‘Red Light – Green Light to play, so we got an extra recess. It was fun.

Hospital notes: Audrey Raney has been dismissed from Kingman Hospital. Leo Zrubek, Sr. is still in Pratt Hospital. Vicotr Feigel of St. Leo is a patient at Pratt Hospital.

**Cunningham Grade School 1946-47 3rd and 4th Grade Classes**



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Second row: LeRoy Meyers, Jon Don Mitts, Jack Vermillion, Billy Benson, Duane Freund, Ronnie Panning, Vic Becker

Third row: Carol Glenn, Betty Willinger, Nancy Ewing, Pat White, Don Petzl, Richard Baker, Walter Becker

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## Consider this... Kids Have More Fun

by Mike Johnson

Kids are far happier than adults. This isn't exactly a big secret, just look around at any event that brings all age groups together. A family reunion, a wedding or a block party will all reveal the same thing -- kids are enjoying themselves far more than the adults.

Yea, yea, yea, I know what you're thinking. Kids don't have as many responsibilities as adults, they don't have to bring home a paycheck, they don't have to deal with the government, drive in traffic, compromise with a marriage partner. Kids have it made.

But what really makes kids far happier than adults comes from something else they don't have

-- a past. Adults have a huge past. And they don't hesitate to use it as their navigation for the future.

A kid gets in a fight with his buddy today, yet can approach tomorrow with a fresh outlook that allows them to be buddies again.

An adult has a fight and then treats that person with a wary eye for the rest of her life.

A kid will fail at a cartwheel 1,000 times until they master it.

An adult will try once or twice -- in an area where no one can see -- and then give up if it doesn't work on the third try.

A kid believes they can be anything in the world they desire. They believe in imagination.

An adult looks to past failures and concludes he's just not capable of becoming that sports star, television actor or business owner. He believes his past determines his

future. A kid has nothing to hide. She'll run naked across the yard, ask embarrassing questions, or blurt immediate reactions to other kid's comments. An adult hides plenty. He doesn't want to appear different, odd or emotional. Best to keep those reactions hidden where they can be analyzed before showing them to the world.

A kid is too young to have failed a driver's test, get fired from a job or have a lover split with someone else. An adult remembers each of these hurts in the present, and lets them color his future, even though they occurred in the past.

Kids are far happier than adults because they're carrying far less baggage around with them.

It seems that for most of us, the longer we live, the less we live. Those happiest are not

those who've learned the most, it's those who've forgotten the most.

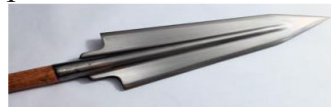
Adults are tenacious at holding onto our pasts. Even though memories are just invisible thoughts in our heads, we use them to pound ourselves relentlessly, turning mere thoughts into physical manifestations - disease, limited lives and premature aging.

The cure to a stymied life is no farther away than a good case of amnesia. If we awoke with no memory of the past, or merely the ability to detach ourselves from it, we'd then be totally free to take any action we wanted today. There'd be no fear of duplicating past pains. In short, the invisible bars we navigate within would lift and we'd be free to try anything again.

Like allowing ourselves to enjoy the natural and effortless happiness of a child.

**GOLIATH'S SPEAR**  
*Giants are no match for my God!*

Just about everyone has heard the story of David and Goliath. David had a sling and five smooth stones. Goliath had a spear, a javelin and a shield. Whatever happened to these weapons?



Where is Goliath's spear today? After two years of research and development, Goliath's spear has been reproduced as historically accurate as possible. The same materials and techniques that would have been used 3,000 years ago were used to make this massive weapon. You can see this museum quality exhibit at St. John Lutheran Church, 515 S Main Nashville, KS on November 5, 2022. The program begins at 5:30 PM. Bring the entire family and your friends!

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him into returning to the game.

Scoring for your opponent is unforgivable for fans. We lay our dreams at the feet of kids playing a game and suffer meltdowns when mistakes are made. Similar to Riegels, Kaelin Clay of the University of Utah caught a pass across the middle in a game against Oregon. The speedster sprinted 70 yards to the endzone. But in a premature celebration, he let the ball fall from his hands, just inches from the goal line. The ball was scooped up by Oregon's Joe Walker, who ran the length of the field for a

touchdown.

But, unlike Riegels, Kaelin Clay gathered himself quickly, took responsibility for the blunder and finished the game with several key catches that set up scores. It wasn't enough. Clay will candidly tell you that the loss to Oregon was his fault. Still, he learned from it.

"Life is crazy," Clay says. "Things change. That moment right there helped me realize that no matter what happens, just keep pushing, because something good will happen in the end." Clay made all the highlight reels for all the wrong

reasons. But he didn't quit. He pushed harder.

They say sport mimics life. At the very least, it intensifies living, subjecting our souls to the scrutiny of perfection. But perfection doesn't exist for any of us. Our best is all we have to offer. Resigning to failure will never deliver the gift that comes when we overcome; a process that requires us to be accountable to ourselves first, and next to the teammates who accompany us on this journey.

Children, in particular, fall victim to the discouragement that comes with falling short. Many

don't have the skills to move on. They suffer mentally and emotionally rather than rebound. Kaelin Clay speaks to them: "I tell them things are going to happen; you just have to keep pushing. It's going to be all right, and it happens for a reason."

Kaelin Clay went on to become an All-American. He played in the NFL for four years.

Maybe none of that success would have happened if he hadn't learned from his mistakes.


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Cunningham  
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### Christian Humor: Jokes You Can Tell in Church

The story of Adam and Eve was being carefully explained in the children's Sunday School class. Following the story, the children were asked to draw some picture that would illustrate the story. Little Bobby drew a picture of a car with three people in it. In the front seat was a man and in the back seat, a man and a woman. The teacher was at a loss to understand how this illustrated the lesson of Adam and Eve. Little Bobby was prompt with his explanation. "Why, this is God driving Adam and Eve out of the garden!"

What did Adam say when he was asked his favorite holiday?  
"It's Christmas, Eve."

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**Hands of Hope** (contact any church)

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**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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**JH Wildcats  
Defeat Skyline,  
Finish Season  
7-0**

On Thursday, October 13, 2022, the Cunningham JH football Wildcats played host to league rival, the Skyline Thunderbirds and defeated them 36-12. Cunningham came into the game with a perfect 6-0 record and Skyline had just one loss and a 5-1 record, a win for the Wildcats would mean a league championship and the only team with an unblemished record, a win for Skyline would mean a 3-way tie for best record in the league.

Cunningham was able to get on the scoreboard just over midway through the first quarter on a 3-yard run by Layne Green, the PAT failed but the Wildcats led 6-0. Later in the first quarter, Stephen Kerschen added to the Wildcat lead with a 6-yard run, Green added the PAT, 14-0 Wildcats after one quarter.

Early in the second quarter the Thunderbirds were forced to punt on a 4th and long, Cole

Hageman would pick up some good blocks then out run the coverage to return the punt 50 yards for another Cunningham touchdown, S. Kerschen would run in the PAT to make the score 22-0, which would be the half-time score.

The Wildcats would receive the second half kickoff and would score just 53 seconds into the third quarter on a 49-yard run by Kerschen, PAT was good on a Green pass to Hageman, Cunningham 30 Skyline 0. On the next Skyline possession Kollin Fischer would force a fumble and S. Kerschen would recover it to set up another 3rd quarter score, this time on a Green 4-yard run, PAT failed, but the Wildcats led 36-0 with just under 7 minutes to go in the third period.

Skyline would get on the board in the 4th quarter then would recover an onside kick to get the ball back and would later score yet another touchdown to make the final score 36-12 in favor of the home team Wildcats. The victory completed the perfect 7-0 season for Cunningham.



*Kollin Fischer*



*Layne Green*



*Stephen Kerschen*

The coaches and the players would like to thank the parents and the fans for the outstanding support throughout the season, we truly do have the most loyal and supportive fans around.

-Coach Bart Ricke



**JH Lady Cats vs. Skyline: Photo Highlights**



*Above:  
Piper Parkins*



*Above right:  
Rylee Miller*



*Above left:  
Macy Neufeld*



*Above right:  
Morgan Oldham*



*Right: Andi Young*



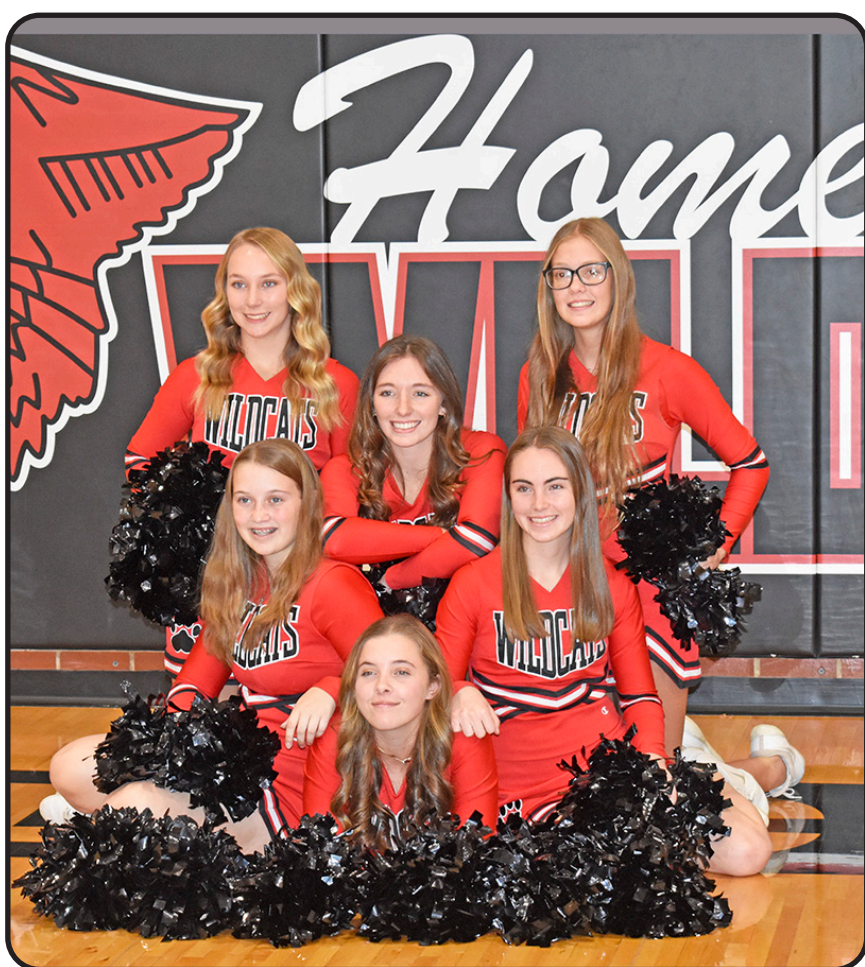
*Right:  
Kaylee Mertens*



*The CHS Scholars' Bowl team is pictured in front of Fairfield High School. They placed 2nd at the Fairfield varsity invitational.*

*From left to right:  
Sean Kostner, Trey DeWeese,  
Alice Huelskamp, Luke McGuire,  
and Will Wegerer*

**"Two, Four, Six, Eight... Who Do We Appreciate?"  
CHS Cheerleaders!**



**High School Cheer Squad:**  
Back Row: Hannah Ellis, Maranda Lohrke, Elizabeth Paris  
Front: Brianna Dittmer, Matilyn Jump, Taylor Schultz

**Middle School Cheer Squad:**  
Back row: Macy Neufeld, Andi Young, Kourtnei Fischer, Nora Huff  
Front row: Sage Thimesch, Maelyn Jump, Katie Ogg

Marcy Allbritten  
Janet DeWeese  
Leroy Panek  
Janet Sterneker  
Mary Oller  
Mary Ann Ruckle  
Carol Freund  
Louise Armstrong  
Johnna Freund  
Jane Meyers  
Joan Thimesch  
Rogene & Wayne Jarmer  
Amy & Lance McGuire

Nancy & Stan Weglarz  
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CC & Joe Sterneker  
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Diana & Gary Wegerer  
Pam & Doug Liebl  
Kristin & Kevin Wegerer  
Liz & Steve Miller  
Kathy & Alan Albers  
Mary & Bob Stackhouse  
Kathy & Doug Griffis  
Jody & Bill Thome  
Judy & Scott DeWeese

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Gwen & Mark Betzen  
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Deutsche Studenten Besuchen Kansas  
(German Students Visit Kansas)



Die Austauschstudierenden aus Deutschland besuchten mehrere regionale Unternehmen. Einer war Skyland Grain. (The exchange students from Germany visited several area businesses. One was Skyland Grain.)



CHS-Studenten und ihre deutschen Zeitgenossen verbrachten ein Wochenende in Colorado. (CHS students and their German contemporaries spent a weekend in Colorado.)



CHS-Studenten und ihre Besucher unternahmen einen Ausflug zu den Salzminen in Hutchinson. (CHS students and their visitors took a trip to the salt mines in Hutchinson.)



Seniors Honored at Friday's Football Game



Trey DeWeese with his parents, Judy and Scott DeWeese



Lane Halderson and his parents, Miranda and Bjorn Halderson



Hannah Ellis and her parents, Leah and Jeff Ellis



Leo Hageman with his parents, Lynann and Leroy Hageman

photos by Molly Morgan

Photo Highlights from CHS Lady Cats vs Stafford



Hannah Ellis



Ellie McGuire



Maranda Lohrke

photos by Molly Morgan



What About Kansas History?

Many of you know me from my involvement in the Cunningham community or my writing about our South Central Kansas History. For those who don't know me I was born in Nashville 72 years ago. I've farmed/ranched/taught in Kingman, Pratt and Barber Co. all my life.

While teaching I told my students the best value of knowing history is using the knowledge to make good decisions in our lives. I feel this is one of those times. Kansas has been a Republican State since its inception. Those who created our State saw a dangerous political party trying to take over our then territory-soon-to-be-state. That dangerous Political Party was the Radical

Democratic Party. This Radical Political Party was trying to make Kansas into a slave State.

The soon-to-be-state rejected this radical idea and became a Republican dominated state. The Republican Party was the party of Lincoln, the party of freedom. I now feel it's time for Kansans to reject another radical political party--the Republicans. My 40 years of being a Republican has ended. As a former Kansas Republican, U.S. Senator Nancy Kassebaum said while endorsing Democrat Laura Kelly for Governor. "I didn't leave the Republican Party, the Republican Party left me."

Let me give you some of the reasons that I am calling the present Republican Party radical. The Republican legislature has gerrymandered

the entire state. Most of the Democratic voters have been transferred into highly populated Republican areas. This makes it possible to erase the Democratic citizens of Kansas and only a radical Republican voice is heard.

An example is how Hutchinson was moved to the First District which was Western Kansas, taking the Hutchinsons voice away from them.

The same thing is being done right now in Kansas City. On this years ballot the Republicans are trying to take the power of the veto from the Kansas Governor (Amendment #1 issue on our present ballot). All states and our U.S. Constitution has the balance of powers written in their Constitutions, but the radical Republicans hope to take that away

from Kansans. Also in our present ballot Republicans are running Kris Kobach for Attorney General.

As Secretary of State for Kansas Kobach wasted millions of Kansas dollars chasing the idea that voters were voting numerous times. After 4 years of searching he found 6 incidents where voter fraud took place.

Radical Republicans are trying to keep Kansans from voting. They have reduced the days for early voting. They have reduced the number of vote drop boxes and in the case of Dodge City they only had one site to vote in the whole city and it was at a remote site. The Kansas Chamber, a Republican PAC has recruited the most Radical Republicans to run for the Legislature (including in Kingman County).

I've met most of the Democratic candidates on this year's ballot and they are excellent! I feel this is the most important vote of my lifetime! I'm going to do what I told my students to never do.

"Vote for a Straight Party Ticket." Desperate times require desperate actions. Vote Democratic!

Alan Albers, Cunningham

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**Let's Go To... The Pumpkin Patch!**

**It's Harvest Time**

Color in your own pumpkin patch.

I want one this big!

It's harvest time! Time to go to the pumpkin patch!

Do you think that I could lift it?

I love everything about pumpkins: from baking them into my favorite pies and muffins, to setting them on window sills to decorate, to carving spooky Jack O'Lantern faces in them and lighting them!

What do you know about pumpkins? Read the clues to fill in my pumpkin puzzle:

**Pumpkins:**

- are 90% \_\_\_\_\_
- are a \_\_\_\_\_, not a vegetable
- are healthful, with lots of potassium and \_\_\_\_\_ A
- are used in \_\_\_\_\_: soups, pies, breads, dips, coffee and spices
- may be turned gently while growing so they will have a nice \_\_\_\_\_ shape
- were first \_\_\_\_\_ in North and Central America
- (largest number) grown and canned are from the state of \_\_\_\_\_
- name comes from the Greek word 'pepon' meaning large \_\_\_\_\_
- can be huge; the record breaker (2012 in Rhode Island) was 2,009 \_\_\_\_\_
- are related to \_\_\_\_\_, zucchinis and other kinds of gourds

round water vitamin cooking fruit grown Illinois squash pounds melon

What kind of fun activities might you do at a farm with a pumpkin patch?

- turn right and left to find your way through the hay bale \_\_\_\_\_
- paint a \_\_\_\_\_ on a pumpkin
- ride in a straw-filled \_\_\_\_\_ pulled by a tractor or horses
- load a pumpkin into a large pumpkin \_\_\_\_\_ and let it fly
- knock down \_\_\_\_\_ pins by rolling pumpkins
- wander the pumpkin \_\_\_\_\_ and pick your favorite

What did Little Mouse make out of a pumpkin?

A \_\_\_\_\_!

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**What Do You Think?**

Scarecrow likes puzzles – and giving people little quizzes. Here is his fun, little quiz for you!

- Find your crayons or colored pencils and color in Scarecrow's farm stand. Draw any fall harvest things you want to add.
- Next, read the questions below and circle the answer that you think is correct:

- Something you might buy at a farmer's stand:
  - television
  - pumpkin
  - school books
- Pumpkins are usually weighed in:
  - ounces
  - tons
  - pounds
- The best season to harvest pumpkins is:
  - autumn
  - winter
  - spring
- A common decoration made with a pumpkin is:
  - door wreath
  - Jack O' Lantern
  - framed painting

**Sammy Scarecrow's Farm Stand**

Squash! Apples!

**Hayride to the Pumpkin Patch**

Everyone's excited to get to the pumpkin patch. Help the tractor pull the hay wagon to the field of pumpkins.

Nice one!

(Answers on page 10)

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### Public Invited to Bison Auction at Maxwell Wildlife Refuge on Nov. 2

Kansas City, Kan. – The Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks will conduct a public auction to sell surplus bison from Maxwell Wildlife Refuge and the Sandsage Bison Range on Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2022. The auction will begin at 11

a.m. and take place at Maxwell Wildlife Refuge – 6 miles north of Canton in McPherson County. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend. Those interested in bidding should arrive early to receive a bidder number.

Maxwell Wildlife Refuge is managed specifically to preserve the area's prairie heritage. As such, herds of bison and elk are maintained, both species that are native to Kansas grasslands.

However, because the Refuge can support only a certain number of animals, surplus bison are occasionally sold at a public auction.

On Nov. 2, 2022, a combined total of 80 bison will be auctioned, including:

- 15 – Cows
- 2 – 2-yr-old Heifers
- 7 – Yearling Heifers
- 13 – Heifer Calves
- 12 – 2-yr-old Bulls
- 15 – Yearling Bulls
- 16 – Bull Calves
- Bison older than

a year will be brucellosis and tuberculosis tested and accompanied by a health certificate. Heifer calves older than 6 months will be vaccinated for brucellosis and certificates issued.

Buyers must pick up bison on the day of the sale or make arrangements with the refuge manager prior to the sale. Animals become the buyer's responsibility upon settlement on sale day.

Load-out assistance is available until dusk on

the day of the sale. Stock racks and trailers should be covered or lined, as bison transport best in dark conditions.

Cash and personal checks (if accompanied by a notarized authorization letter from the issuing bank) will be accepted.

KDWP reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

For questions regarding the auction, contact Maxwell Wildlife Refuge manager Cliff Peterson

at (620) 628-4592 or the KDWP Region 3 Office in Wichita at (316) 683-8069.

For more on Maxwell Wildlife Refuge, including tour information, click [HERE](#).

For more on the Sandsage Bison Range, go to: <https://ksoutdoors.com/KDWP-Info/Locations/Wildlife-Areas/Southwest/Sandsage-Bison-Range>

### Evergy to Explain Dramatic Increase in Capital Spending Plan

TOPEKA – The Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC) has scheduled a workshop on December 13 at 9:30 a.m. to give Evergy officials an opportunity to explain a dramatic increase in the company's capital expenditure projections. The plan, filed earlier this

year, showed an increase of \$1.2 billion compared to projections shared when the company presented its Sustainability Transformation Plan (STP) last year.

In an order issued on September 15, the Commission directed Evergy to work with KCC staff and the Citizens Utility Ratepayer Board (CURB) to schedule the workshop, which will be conducted by Zoom and available for public viewing on the Commission's YouTube channel. The workshop will also be re-

corded for later viewing.

During the workshop, Evergy will be asked to explain the necessity and impact of the proposed capital spending and answer questions from KCC Commissioners, Commission Staff and CURB. Prior to the workshop, Evergy is required to file updated and comprehensive financial modeling showing expected retail rate changes resulting from continued increases in capital expenditures. That information must be submitted by December 2.

Evergy is required to file a Capital Investment Plan with the KCC annually. A report filed by Commission Staff in response to the 2022 report expressed concern that the expenditures outlined exceeded those reported in the STP by 21.82%. The 2022 five-year Capital Investment plan was \$1 billion higher than the 2021 five-year plan, and this increased spending projection was on top of a previously announced \$1 billion increase between Evergy's 2020 and 2021 five-year plan.

### Trees and Shrubs Need Attention Throughout the Year

Just a reminder that every year all young trees and most shrubs need to be thoroughly watered as we head into the fall and winter months. Even mature trees have been particularly stressed this year due to the heat and drought. This is evident by the fact that many mature trees have shed their leaves earlier than normal. Heat and drought stress will cause trees to lose leaves that they cannot support with the available soil moisture. We often give little or no thought to trees and shrubs during the late fall or winter periods, but there are opportunities to water throughout the year and watering during times of the year that the plant is not actively growing still has benefits. A good plan would be to consider watering on every holiday. It won't be possible to, but if you water on each holiday that allows for it, the trees and shrubs will have all the water they need.

-Eric Meyers




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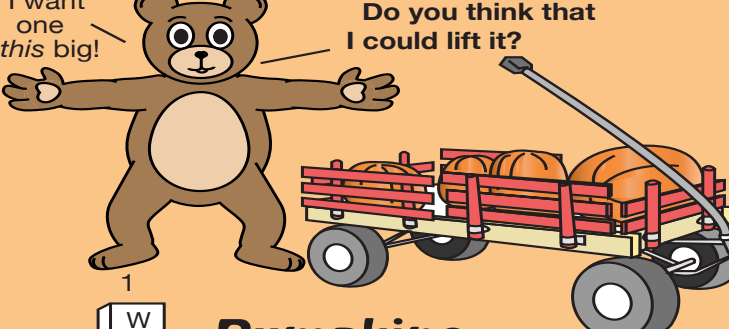
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I want one this big!



Do you think that I could lift it?

## Let's Go To...The Pumpkin Patch!

It's Harvest Time



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4. A common decoration made with a pumpkin is:  
 A. door wreath **B. Jack O' Lantern** C. framed painting

**What Do You Think?**



## USDA Provides Payments of nearly \$800 Million in Assistance to Help Keep Farmers Farming

**Immediate Help for Over 13,000 Distressed USDA Farm Loan Borrowers; Begins Process to Provide up to \$500 Million More for Up to 23,000 Additional Borrowers**

WASHINGTON, October 18, 2022 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) today announced that distressed borrowers with qualifying USDA farm loans have already received nearly \$800 million in assistance, as part of the \$3.1 billion in assistance for distressed farm loan borrowers provided through Section 22006 of the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA). The IRA directed USDA to expedite assistance to distressed borrowers of direct or guaranteed loans administered by USDA’s Farm Service Agency (FSA) whose operations face financial risk.

Today’s announcement kicks off a process to provide assis-

tance to distressed farm loan borrowers using several complementary approaches, with the goal of keeping them farming, removing obstacles that currently prevent many of these borrowers from returning to farming, and improving the way that USDA approaches borrowing and servicing. Through this assistance, USDA is focused on generating long-term stability and success for distressed borrowers.

“Through no fault of their own, our nation’s farmers and ranchers have faced incredibly tough circumstances over the last few years,” said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. “The funding included in today’s announcement helps keep our farmers farming and provides a fresh start for producers in challenging positions.”

Work has already started to bring some relief to distressed farmers. As of today, over 13,000 borrowers have already benefited from the resources provided under the Inflation Reduction Act as follows:

- Approximately 11,000 delinquent direct and guaranteed borrowers had their accounts brought current. USDA also paid the next scheduled annual installment for these direct loan borrowers giving them peace of mind in the near term.

- Approximately 2,100 borrowers who had their farms foreclosed on and still had remaining debt have had this debt resolved in order to cease debt collections and garnishment relieving that burden that has made getting a fresh start more difficult.

In addition to the automatic assistance already provided, USDA has also outlined steps to administer up to an additional \$500 million in payments to benefit the following distressed borrowers:

- USDA will administer \$66 million in separate automatic payments, using COVID-19 pandemic relief funds, to support up to 7,000 direct loan borrowers who used FSA’s disaster-set-aside option during the pandemic to move their scheduled payments to the end of their loans.

- USDA is also initiating two case-by-case processes to provide additional assistance to farm loan borrowers. Under the first new process, FSA will review and assist with delinquencies from 1,600 complex cases, including cases in which borrowers are facing bankruptcy or foreclosure. The second new process will add a new option using existing direct loan servicing criteria to intervene more quickly and help an estimated 14,000 financial-

ly distressed borrowers who request assistance to avoid even becoming delinquent.

More details on each of the categories of assistance, including a downloadable fact sheet, are available on the Inflation Reduction Act webpage on farmers.gov.

Similar to other USDA assistance, all of these payments will be reported as income and borrowers are encouraged to consult their tax advisors. USDA also has resources and partnerships with cooperators who can provide additional assistance and help borrowers navigate the process.

The announcement today is only the first step in USDA’s efforts to provide assistance to distressed farm loan borrowers and respond to farmers and to improve the loan servicing efforts at USDA by adding more tools and relaxing unnecessary restrictions. Additional announcements and investments in assistance will be made as USDA institutes these additional changes and improvements.

This effort will ultimately also include adding more tools and relaxing unnecessary restrictions through assistance made possible by Congress through the IRA. Further assistance and changes to the ap-

proach will be made in subsequent phases.

### Background

USDA provides access to credit to approximately 115,000 producers who cannot obtain sufficient commercial credit through direct and guaranteed farm loans, which do not include farm storage facility loans or marketing assistance loans. With the funds and direction Congress provided in Section 22006 of IRA, USDA is taking action to immediately provide relief to qualifying distressed borrowers whose operations are at financial risk while working on making transformational changes to how USDA goes about loan servicing in the long run so that borrowers are provided the flexibility and opportunities needed to address the inherent risks and unpredictability associated with agricultural operations and remain in good financial standing.

In January 2021, USDA suspended foreclosures and other adverse actions on direct farm loans due to the pandemic and encouraged guaranteed lenders to follow suit. Last week, USDA reiterated this request to guaranteed lenders to provide time for the full set of IRA distressed borrower assistance to be made available before lenders take irreparable

actions.

Producers can explore available loan options using the Farm Loan Discovery Tool on farmers.gov (also available in Spanish) or by contacting their local USDA Service Center. Producers can also call the FSA call center at 877-508-8364 between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. Eastern. USDA has tax-related resources available at farmers.gov/taxes.

USDA touches the lives of all Americans each day in so many positive ways. In the Biden-Harris Administration, USDA is transforming America’s food system with a greater focus on more resilient local and regional food production, fairer markets for all producers, ensuring access to safe, healthy and nutritious food in all communities, building new markets and streams of income for farmers and producers using climate smart food and forestry practices, making historic investments in infrastructure and clean energy capabilities in rural America, and committing to equity across the Department by removing systemic barriers and building a workforce more representative of America. To learn more, visit www.usda.gov.

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## A COLUMN BY TOM PURCELL

Gosh, I hate debt.

I’ve been in and out of debt from time to time. When I was younger I took out a car loan for a nice set of wheels that I really couldn’t afford.

I borrowed money I didn’t have to buy a really nice stereo system, too.

A few years after becoming self-employed, I had to get a line of credit to pay my income taxes.

Few things are less pleasant than taking on debt to pay your debt.

Being saddled with debt, therefore, is something I’ve worked hard to avoid throughout my life.

Borrowing isn’t always wrong, for sure. Borrowing for a home or to buy rental properties has worked out very well

for me.

But reckless borrowing never works out well, and I cannot avoid the Mt. Everest of debt my government has taken on through a variety of spending policies that I consider reckless.

The federal government now holds a record \$31 trillion in debt.

How much is a mind-boggling sum like \$31 trillion?

According to one calculator, it is 31,000 billion or 31 billion thousand.

Here’s a number that may make a little more sense to you if you’re not Janet Yellen.

MSN.com reports that \$31 trillion translates into more than \$93,000 of debt for every person in the country.

Our political leaders haven’t worried much about our massive national debt because, for years, inflation rates were low and the interest rates on borrowed money also remained low.

Now inflation is going through the roof and the Federal Reserve hopes to tame it by increasing interest rates.

High interest rates are painful.

Consider: Not even a year ago, you could get a 3% mortgage. Now, the average is closer to 7%.

A 3% mortgage on \$100,000 borrowed is about \$420 a month for 30 years.

A 7% mortgage on \$100,000 borrowed is about \$665 a month for 30 years — a \$245 increase in cost.

Well, unfortunately for all of us taxpayers, the same pain is happening with the federal debt.

When interest rates were very low, servicing our national debt was manageable.

But now interest payments are climbing fast and Fox Business says they are already projected “to be the fastest-growing part of the fed-

eral budget in fiscal year 2022, according to the Congressional Budget Office.”

How big?

This year the cost of servicing the debt will be about \$400 billion, says the CBO. But within 10 years we’ll be paying \$1.2 trillion.

We’ll be spending more on debt than many of our major government programs.

In other words, we’ll need to borrow more money we don’t have to pay interest on the money that we borrowed because we didn’t have it.

I may be an English major, but I’ve been worried about such a reckoning for a long time.

Consider that five years ago the federal debt was \$21 trillion — and it’s grown \$10 trillion in that short period of time.

Consider that 20 years ago it was a piddling \$6 trillion.

These monstrous debt numbers have long been

unsustainable and lots of people have been warning us what was coming. Heck, even I knew that historically low interest rates couldn’t last forever.

And now the bill for our drunken debt party is coming due — and our national pain has begun.

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### Public Notice

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IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: EUNICE SMITH, Deceased. CASE NO. 2022 PR 6 (Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

NOTICE OF HEARING THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Prisca Krehbiel, duly appointed, qualified and acting Administrator of the Estate of Eunice Smith, deceased, praying Petitioner’s acts be approved; account be settled and allowed; the heirs be determined; the Estate be assigned

to the persons entitled thereto pursuant to the laws of intestate succession; fees and expenses be allowed; costs be determined and ordered paid; the administration of the Estate be closed; the Administrator be discharged and Petitioner be released from further liability.

You are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before October 25, 2022, at 10:00 o’clock a.m., in the District Court, Kingman County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

Prisca Krehbiel, Petitioner  
Matthew W. Ricke  
Ricke Law Office  
349 N. Main, PO Box 113  
Kingman, KS 67068  
Attorney for Petitioner

## Kingman County Sheriff's Report

### Sunday, October 9th

Traffic Stop 2  
Traffic Complaint 9000 W Hwy 54, Cunningham  
Animal Complaint 8685 W Hwy 54, Kingman  
911 Accidental Dial 5446 SE 80 St, Kingman

### Monday, October 10th

Traffic Stop 1  
Traffic Complaint SW 120 ST & SW 90 Ave, Zenda  
Traffic / Check Tag Rago  
Agency Assist 515 E C Ave, Kingman  
911 Accidental Dial 139 S Westview St, Norwich  
911 Accidental Dial 3810 S Hwy 14, Kingman

### Tuesday, October 11th

Traffic Stop 2  
Traffic Complaint SE 30 St & SE 130 Ave, Kingman  
Traffic Complaint SE 110 & SE 70 Ave, Rago  
Traffic /Debris in Roadway SW 170 & SW 30 St, Cunningham  
Theft 2450 SE Murdock Ave, Murdock

### Wednesday, October 12th

Traffic Complaint 14000 W Hwy 54, Cunningham  
Traffic Complaint SW 170 Ave & W Hwy 54, Cunningham  
Traffic Complaint 9000 W Hwy 54, Cunningham

Traffic / Disabled Vehicle 12000 S Hwy 14, Rago  
Animal Complaint 6523 SE 150 Ave, Norwich  
Fraud 16796 NE 10 St, Cheney  
Suspicious Vehicle E Hwy 42 & S Hwy 14, Rago

### Thursday, October 13th

Traffic Complaint 134 E Libbey Ave, Nashville  
Traffic Complaint 1620 S Main St, Kingman  
Traffic Complaint 215 East First Ave, Cunningham  
Traffic Complaint SW 70 St & SW 30 Ave, Spivey

### Friday, October 14th

Traffic Stop 2  
Traffic Complaint 7000 W Hwy 54, Kingman  
Traffic Complaint 10000 W Hwy 54, Cunningham  
Traffic / Disabled Vehicle 137 N Main St, Norwich

### Saturday, October 15th

Traffic Stop 5  
Traffic Complaint 165000 NE 50 St, Kingman  
Traffic Complaint 18000 W Hwy 54, Cunningham  
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Fire / Grass 12000 S Hwy 14, Rago  
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### Fred Mease

Pratt - Fred Mease, 80, passed away Wednesday, October 12, 2022 at Wesley Medical Center. He was born on April 7, 1942 in Nashville, Kansas to Glenn and Melissa Jane (Kimsey) Mease. Fred married Venora Jean (Lampe) Mease on April 21, 1962 in Wichita. She preceded him in death on August 24, 2016.



Fred graduated from Nashville High School in 1960. He went on to attend a mechanic trade school in Omaha, Nebraska. He began his career as a mechanic at Swinson Chevrolet and then went to work at Pratt Well Service in 1966 where he retired in 2008. He was a member of Ascension Lutheran Church and Pratt Elks. He enjoyed farming, fishing, gardening, playing cards and spending time with his grandchildren.

He is survived by his daughter, Karla (Scott) Hahn of Wichita; sister, Glenna (Melvin) Reif of Kiowa; son-in-law, Patrick Hevier of Augusta; grandchildren, Benny (Amber) Christians of Augusta, Brent Hevier of Augusta, Emma (Ben) Hahn of Wichita and Ellie Hahn of Fort Collins, Colorado; great-grandchildren, Johnny, Greyson and Venora "Nora"; nieces, Kim Clark, Kathy Hitt and Kristy Zenger; and many other family members and friends.

Fred is preceded in death by his parents; wife, Venora; daughter, Cindy Hevier; infant daughter, Rhonda Mease; and brother-in-law, Leroy Lampe.

Visitation with closed casket will be held Friday, October 14, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. with family receiving friends from 5-7 at Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt. A Memorial Service will be held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, October 15, 2022 at First United Methodist Church, Pratt with Pastor Matthew Schultz presiding. Burial will follow at St. John Lutheran Cemetery, Nashville.

Memorials may be made to Ascension Lutheran Church or St. John Lutheran Cemetery in care of Larrison Mortuary.

### Dr. Loren Augustyn

Dr. Loren L. Augustyn, M.D., 92, died Sunday, Oct. 16, 2022, at Parkwood Village in Pratt.



He was born March 10, 1930, at Loup City, Nebraska, the son of Joseph John and Gertrude B. Tomasiewicz Augustyn. A longtime resident of Kingman, he was a medical doctor and surgeon for the United States Air Force, having the rank of Major. After his service in the Air Force, he continued his medical career as a family practitioner.

Loren was a member of the St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Kingman.

On Dec. 27, 1953, he married Patricia Joan Miller at Omaha, Nebraska. Other survivors include sons John, Dr. Thomas, James and Joseph; daughters Laura Gaede, Patricia Thompson and Michelle Orton; brother Phillip; sisters Sr. Mary Leona Augustyn and Maxine Morris; 26 grandchildren; and 28 great-grandchildren. He was also preceded in death by brothers Joseph and Marion; and sister Carolyn Fishburn.

Parish Rosary will be at 6 p.m. Thursday at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Kingman. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Friday, also at the church. Friends may call from 1-5 p.m. on Thursday.

Memorials may be made with Interim Healthcare Hospice in care of Livingston Funeral Home.

### Nov. 14-21: Drop-off Sites to Open for Operation Christmas Child

More than 4,500 locations will open to collect Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts for the Samaritan's Purse project. Volunteers are preparing to collect shoebox gifts during National Collection Week, Nov. 14 - 21.

Operation Christmas Child has been collecting and delivering shoebox gifts—filled with school supplies, hygiene items and fun toys—to children worldwide since 1993. Anyone can pack a shoebox! In 2022, Operation Christmas Child hopes to collect enough shoeboxes to reach another 11 million children.

Individuals, families, and groups still have time to transform empty shoeboxes into fun gifts. The project partners with local churches across the globe to deliver these tangible expressions of God's love to children in need. Find a step-by-step guide on the How to Pack a Shoebox webpage.

"Now more than ever, children around the world need to know that God loves them and there is hope," said Franklin Graham, president of Samaritan's Purse. "A simple shoebox gift opens the door to share about the true hope that can only be found in Jesus Christ."

Participants can find the nearest drop-off location and hours of operation as they make plans to drop off their shoebox gifts. The online lookup tool is searchable by City or ZIP code. Signs at each location will identify the drop-off.

For drop-off locations serving your community, visit our drop-off locator: [https://samaritanaspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/drop-off-locations/?utm\\_source=OCC-Press-Release-Coordinator-Drop-Off-Opening&utm\\_medium=referral&utm\\_content=Drop-Off-Locations-Release](https://samaritanaspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/drop-off-locations/?utm_source=OCC-Press-Release-Coordinator-Drop-Off-Opening&utm_medium=referral&utm_content=Drop-Off-Locations-Release)

Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse, seeks to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world and, together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has collected and delivered more than 198 million gift-filled shoeboxes to children in more than 170 countries and territories. This year, Operation Christmas Child will collect its 200-millionth shoebox!



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### KCSDV Joins NNEDV in #Every1KnowsSome1 Month-Long National Campaign to Raise Awareness About Domestic Violence

TOPEKA, Kan. — Each year, in October, advocates, survivors and supporters recognize October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM).

This fall, the Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence (KCSDV) is joining the National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV) in their national combined campaign for Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM) and #GiveForDV. These initiatives continue a coordinated national conversation about domestic violence, an overshadowed, but fundamental, topic. DVAM raises awareness, increases donations and volunteer efforts, and deepens community engagement nationwide. This year's DVAM theme, #Every1KnowsSome1, highlights how common domestic violence is, as well as its dynamics.

Domestic violence is a pattern of coercion and abuse by one intimate partner toward the other. It is more than physical violence and includes emotional abuse, sexual violence, minimizing and denying the abuse, and more.

Domestic violence is very prevalent across the nation and in Kansas. One in four women will experience domestic violence in their lifetimes. Anyone, regardless of gender, race, sexual identity or orientation, or socio-economic status, can become a victim of domestic violence. However, it is also true that belonging to a marginalized group increases vulnerability to violence, can be used as a tactic of abuse, and may create additional barriers to seeking help.

During one day in 2021, 761 victims received services at Kansas domestic violence advocacy programs. Those numbers include 335 adult and child victims who found refuge in shelters, transitional housing, hotels, or other housing provided by local domestic violence programs; and 426 adult and child victims who received nonresidential assistance and services, including counseling, legal advocacy, support groups and more. Hotline staff received 251 contacts during this same day, averaging nearly 11 contacts per hour. Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety

planning, and resources. In total, sexual assault and domestic violence advocacy programs provided services to 70,020 Kansans in 2021.

By proclamation, Kansas Governor Laura Kelly recognized October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month declaring domestic violence as a widespread, preventable, public health problem impacting all demographics of Kansans and Kansas communities.

Throughout October and into November, KCSDV and NNEDV will be sharing content on their social media channels to raise awareness and educate the public on the complex dynamics of domestic violence.

There will also be two official #GiveForDV Giving Days—one on October 19, and one on #GivingTuesday on November 29. Supporters can get involved by finding their state coalition and local program at <https://givefordv.nnedv.org/>

Free and confidential help is available 24/7 for individuals experiencing domestic violence. Those seeking help may contact the Kansas Crisis Hotline at 888-363-2287 or find their local domestic violence advocacy program at [www.kcsdv.org/find-help](http://www.kcsdv.org/find-help).

Founded in 1982, and celebrating its 40th anniversary this year, the purpose of the Kansas Coalition Against Sexual & Domestic Violence (KCSDV) is the prevention and elimination of sexual and domestic violence through a statewide network of programs providing support and safety for all victims of sexual and domestic violence and stalking with a primary focus on women and their children; direct services; public awareness and education; advocacy for victims; comprehensive prevention; and social change efforts.

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