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## Cunningham Fire Department Receives Thank You from Hilltop Manor



*Our community is incredibly lucky to have such amazing volunteers. Today Hilltop was able to present a check for \$2,543.00 to the Cunningham Fire Department thanks to the support and donations from everyone who came out to our pulled pork feed last weekend! Harold was so gracious and gave us a tour of our outstanding Fire Department. Hilltop is so grateful to be able to give back to a community that gives so much to us.  
-borrowed from Hilltop Manor FB page-*

## Approved Minutes from June City Council Meeting

The Cunningham City Council met in regular session on Monday, June 26, 2023 at City Hall, 119 N Main Street.

Present were: Mayor, Aaron Murphy and Council Members: Craig Woodard, Tanner Newell, Bart Ricke, and Tim Schultz; and City Clerk, Molly Morgan.

Guests: Harold Stark, CFD; Roberta Kobbe, Cunningham Courier; Leah Lawrence, South Fork Bar & Grill; and Josh Arensdorf.

Call to Order – Mayor Murphy called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Agenda – Motion by Newell, second by Schultz, to approve agenda as written. Motion carried, 4/0.

Minutes of May 22, 2023 special meeting – Motion by Newell, second by Schultz, to approve the minutes of the May 22, 2023 meeting as written. Motion carried, 4/0.

Hearing for SU 23-002 – Special Use requested to establish RV/camper parking for workman to be on site for night and weekend security in the I-1 Industrial District at 415 W Santa Fe Street. Following Form ZA-8A, Checklist for Consideration of a Special Use Case, Mayor Murphy opened the hearing. Motion by Woodard, second by Newell, to table Case No. SU 23-002 until July 31, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in this same meeting room for more information in regard to screening plan and time limits. Motion carried, 4/0.

Hearing for Consideration of

Zoning Regulations – The Governing Body considered the adoption of amendments to the Zoning Regulations. Motion to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve Ordinance No. 680 and to direct the Clerk to publish it. Motion carried, 4/0. (Ordinance is attached to these minutes.)

Hearing for SU 23-003 – Special Use requested to establish a restaurant serving alcohol as a drinking establishment in the B-1 Central Business District. Following Form ZA-8A, Checklist for Consideration of a Special Use Case, Mayor Murphy opened the hearing. The Special Use Report is attached to these minutes. Motion by Ricke, second by Woodard, to adopt the findings and factors and recommendation of the Planning Commission on Case No. 23-003 and to approve Ordinance No. 681. (Ordinance is attached to these minutes.)

Hearing for Consideration of a Waiver of the Distance Requirement for CMB License – Public Notice was published in the Cunningham Courier on June 1, 2023. There were no public comments regarding the 200 ft. distance waiver to serve cereal malt beverage at 120 W First Street. Motion by Newell, second by Schultz, to approve the distance waiver to serve cereal malt beverage at 120 W First Street. Motion carried, 4/0.

Motion by Schultz, second by Woodard, to approve the cereal malt beverage license for South Fork Bar & Grill at 120 W First Street. Motion carried, 4/0.

Sale of Downtown Lots – Motion by Woodard, second by Newell, to approve the sale of Lots Six (6) and Seven (7) at 108 N Main Street. Motion car-

ried, 4/0. It was the consensus of the Governing Body to contact the owner of the building next door (112 N Main Street) to discuss the distance between the building at 112 N Main Street and the new building at 108 N Main Street for maintenance purposes. Motion by Newell, second by Ricke, to approve building permit 2023-10 for a new business building at 108 N Main Street. Motion carried, 4/0.

Fire Department Report – \*There were six (6) false alarms at Hilltop Manor. The next call for Hilltop Manor was a fire on the roof. Several agencies responded. The fire was put out quickly, and there were no injuries to emergency personnel, staff, or residents. \*After a storm a T-Mobile cell tower lost power. When the generator turned on it caused a fire. Firefighters extinguished the fire and notified T-Mobile that the cell tower should be shut down until repairs could be made. \*Radio repair in #326. \*Will be purchasing water cannons in the future. \*Fireworks stand permit could not be approved at requested location. The City offered an alternative at the football field press box area.

Football Field Improvements – The Clerk received two quotes for spraying with one quote including reseeding the field. Motion by Newell, second by Woodard, to approve the spraying quote for the football field from CR Services Lawn and Landscape, LLC in the amount of \$403.20. Motion carried, 4/0.

Community Center – It was the consensus of the Governing Body to request the Community Center Board be responsible for inspections and refunds of deposit for renting the Community Center. Motion by Newell, second by Schultz, to approve Tayler Strickland as  
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### PRATT CITY FIRE DEPT.

## 12th Annual CRUISE AND SHOW

### August 4th-5th, 2023

Thursday - Free movie @ Barron  
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- Trophies awarded and raffles held for items donated by sponsors.
- Thursday Night Free Movie @ the Barron Theatre—Grease
- Friday evening Dice Run and Cruise

\* Cruise Friday - Dice Run Starts @ 6:00pm Pratt Fire Department

\* Car Show and Shine - Saturday 8:00am located @ 6th St. Park, South East side, Signs will be posted.

Amending Fencing Language in the

## IMPORTANT REMINDER FOR PARENTS & STUDENTS

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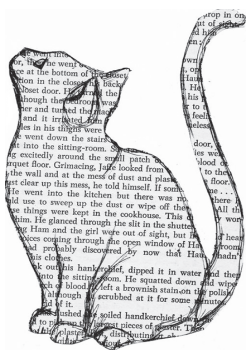
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Meanderings

I have been rather intrigued by these videos I've seen on Facebook and other places on the worldwide web.

Have you heard of communication buttons for your pets?

You can buy these buzzer-like 'recordable' buttons and your pets can communicate with you. The price range is anywhere from \$14.99 for one to \$49.00 for a set of 12.

You record words on different colored buttons

and the pet learns to use those buttons to communicate with you in the spoken word.

Pablo and his owner have like two of these buttons. Pablo is an English Bulldog and a food addict. His buttons say "Food Race" and "Eat Now". Pablo's owner will lay food on the floor and they race to see who can eat it the fastest. Of course, Pablo gets it all. He's so funny.

But then some pet owners buy several buttons for their beasts to learn to use. Dozens of buttons, actually. Most of the time these buttons are attached to plywood shapes and placed on the floor. One time I saw that someone attached the plywood to the wall. The dog walked up and touched the button "outside".

I get how animals can

learn basic words: treat; go lay down, walk, etc. But what is really is interesting is to watch these pets choose the correct button to convey their wants and even thoughts.

Two intriguing videos. A woman prefates the video by saying, "I just coughed." Her dog, a golden retriever, if I remember correctly, walked over to the buttons and pressed one. "Worried" it said.

When the lady asked why 'worried' the dog pressed "mom" and "noise." Isn't that interesting? I can't see how dogs would recognize 'worried' as a word or a feeling. But he seemed to know what he was 'talking' about.

The dog's vocabulary must be extensive, to say the least.

The other intriguing video I saw was a blind

dog learning to use these buttons. Because the buttons are different colors with maybe shapes drawn on the top, the pets can discern which ones to push. BUT a blind dog can't see the color or the shapes, so the woman who was his caregiver, would texturize the buttons, gluing different materials on the top, (rope, metal, etc) and the pup learned to feel the fabric/material, pressing the button to communicate. Very interesting.

Usually I've seen dogs pressing the buttons, but there have been cats as well. Parrots and other birds have learned to use these, although it's a moot point with some as they can already speak.

It reminds a bit of a book I read probably 25 years ago: "Watchers" by Dean Koontz. I couldn't put that book down. I

may need to read it again. Very good.

I am thinking maybe I can get a couple for Quin and his kitties. Words would include: food, treat, more food, feed me. Okay, I'd probably add 'outside' 'sleep' 'box'. Quin would have to have 'stuffie' 'toy', 'bone', and 'ball' as well. I don't think the cats give a flying fig about toys.

I would suggest you google "pet communication buttons" and check out the videos. They are funny and interesting and addicting.

This past spring, the Facebook page, View from My Window, was taken down. It made me rather sad. I loved looking out people's windows the world over. So many interesting and beautiful things to see out the windows of other's homes. I have missed that page.

BUT today, I received a notification that I 'may like' the page "View from YOUR Window". AND I do, indeed, like it. I love that page. The views some folks have are astounding. This page will become my next addiction. It's too beautiful not to be. Check it out there on Facebook. Absolutely lovely.

Always reading, and currently reading, "The Breakdown Lane" by Jacquelyn Mitchard, Roberta

"The single biggest problem in communication is the illusion that it has taken place."

— George Bernard Shaw

"The most important thing in communication is to hear what isn't being said."

— Peter F. Drucker

Tallgrass and Tumbleweeds by Gaille Pike

Dear Readers, Because I was hearing peculiar sounds upon acceleration, I took my Sonata back to the car doctors this week. After a quick examination, they explained that the old engine, the one that had failed, had been quieter because it was too clogged up to breathe so the new noises I was hearing were simply the healthy transplanted one's robust respiration.

Then as they told me about a problem they'd discovered while they had it up on the rack they said, "It's your lucky day."

They showed me hunks of metal in hopes I could comprehend that something VERY BAD AND DANGEROUS was wrong. Four weeks ago when the Sonata had been released from their care, the brakes had sailed with rainbow colors through inspection. Since then, gravel dust leprechauns had fiddled with a rubber thingy and that mischief had ruined a rectangular whosey-

whatsit. Thickedheaded as I may be about mechanical matters, the urgency of the repair was clear. And to cover the cost, I readily agreed to cough up a small pot of gold.

The Laird Noller Hyundai team graciously offered to take me anywhere I'd like to go because they could not say how long the work would take, but I chose to stay on the premises. Good thing I did. Lady Luck had more in store for me. If I'd left the waiting room, I would have missed meeting the charming Maureen, who

hails from Abilene.

I've generally found it to be true that, to paraphrase the famous Irish poet, William Butler Yeats, strangers are only friends you haven't met yet. Abilene Maureen was the friend I needed RIGHT THEN. I wasn't sad, nor was I depressed. But I was growing weary waiting and when I'm tired, it's tempting to let woe-is-me fairies dance in my head. With her smiling eyes and sparkling wit, Maureen swiftly dispersed that gloom.

Our conversation was lively and engaging as we discussed food, her

hometown of Chicago and her second homeland, Ireland. Her recent adventure in Paris inspires me in ways I cannot describe to pursue all my passions. But of all the stories Maureen shared with me, I was particularly struck by what she'd experienced earlier that morning. After discovering motorcycle keys on the ground at rest area, with a bit o' luck, she was able to return them to the grateful owner. And we both remarked on the fact that, "you just never know when you're going to be in the right place at the right time."

For many years, I thought my father's assertions of Emerald Isle heritage were birthday blarney because he was born on March 17. It turns out his claims were true that I descend from Irish immigrants. But that's a story for another column. My DNA aside, Irish luck beamed during my magical waiting hours with Maureen, and it shines on me every day.

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

A Column by Dorothy Rosby

Why They Put Solitaire on Computers

My productivity dropped like a laptop into the lake when I got my fancy, new PC. That's partly because for the technology challenged like me, the only thing worse than a dead computer is the learning curve on a new one.

Besides that, my

new computer has a wide screen, covered with time-wasting temptations, like the news, Facebook, Google Earth, and many others that would be even more tempting if I knew what they were for. It also features twice as many solitaire games as my old computer did. And it has the latest version of the software I use for actual work, which can be a big distraction from solitaire.

But the worst threat to my productivity comes from a certain flaw my marvelous new software has in its email function. Naturally, I assumed it

was user error, which is what anyone who knows me would suspect first.

I sought help from my internet service provider. I didn't mind that they put me on hold because when the going gets tough, the tough can play Free Cell. (Free Cell is one version of computer solitaire, for those of you who still use cards.) I can play Free Cell happily for hours, which is lucky because that's how long I was on hold before the technician picked up and told me he couldn't help me anyway.

Next I called the dealer who had downloaded the software. A polite recording informed me they were "experiencing a high volume of calls." No problem. I put my cordless phone on speaker, set it down, and played Pyramid, another version of solitaire, while it alternately blasted classical music and the not-so-reassuring message, "Your call is important

to us. Please play solitaire while you wait for the next available technician." Maybe I don't have that quite right.

Days later, someone answered. I picked up the phone, and in the process, hung up on them.

Oh well. (Though that's not what I said when I realized I'd hung up.) During my sixth game of Pyramid, I had decided that maybe I should be calling the software company instead. So I tried that next. I played nine games of Klondike while I waited for a representative to answer and give me his version of "I'm sorry. We can't help you."

He did, however, give me the website address for online tech support. That meant creating a password, getting an account, and waiting for a confirmation email. I played four more games while I waited. The confirmation led me to a page of photos from which

I could choose the tech person I wanted to chat with online. That's how I met Joseph, the latest in a long line of people who couldn't help me. I never did feel good about meeting men online.

Joseph told me that his help might actually void my warranty. I asked him if putting my foot through the monitor might also void my warranty, because that was looking like my only other option.

He suggested that before I did that, I should consider calling the computer manufacturer. I did, and after agreeing to pay a large sum of money, playing several games of Tri-Peaks, and bumping my head on my desk while looking for my computer's serial number, I was told by a representative from the computer manufacturer, that he too was unable to solve my problem. I was just about to chuck my career and live out my

days playing solitaire.

But then he told me he could give me what he called a "work-around." And that was good enough for me. In fact, I was ecstatic! I would have asked him to marry me except my husband might not approve. So I asked him if he would just move in. And I meant it. I need an IT person in my house! As computers get fancier, the tools I have at my disposal are no longer sufficient. (The tools I have being a hammer and a screwdriver.)

All's well that ends. I'm making do with the "work-around." I'm getting used to my new computer. And I'm thinking of taking up Microsoft Mahjong.

Dorothy Rosby is the author of Alexa's a Spy and Other Things to Be Ticked off About, Humorous Essays on the Hassles of Our Time and other books. Contact her at www.dorothyrosby.com/contact.

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<b>Tuesday, August 8</b> 6:00 Parents meeting for Fall sports participation	<b>Tuesday, August 22</b> Teacher Professional Day ** 5:00 - 7:00 USD 332 Open House
<b>Wednesday, August 9</b> School enrollment	<b>Wednesday, August 23rd</b> First Day of School.
<b>Monday, August 14</b> first day of fall sports practice *** 7:00 p.m. BOE	<b>Monday, August 28</b> 6:30 City Council
<b>Friday, August 18</b> New Teacher In-Service	<b>Tuesday, August 29</b> HS VB at Otis Bison with Stafford
<b>Monday August 21</b> Teacher Professional Day	

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**Fall Sports Parent Meetings-- August 8th**

The fall sport athlete/parent meetings are scheduled for Tuesday, August 8th in the Cunningham High School cafeteria. The JH volleyball meeting begins at 6:00pm, JH football at 6:20pm, JH & HS cross country at 6:40pm, HS volleyball at 7:00pm and HS football at 7:20pm. All athletes and parents are encouraged to attend. Fall sport practices will begin on Monday, August 14, 2023. Athletes must have their physicals completed by the beginning of practice. Call the high school office if you have any questions.

**Approved Minutes from July City Council Special Meeting**

July 11, 2023 Special Meeting  
The Cunningham City Council met in a special session on Monday, July 11, 2023 at City Hall, 119 N. Main St.  
Present were Council Members: Bart Ricke, Craig Woodard, Tanner Newell, and Tim Schultz; and City Clerk, Molly Morgan.  
No guests were present.  
Councilman Ricke called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.  
Notice of Intent to Exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate – Motion by Ricke, second by Schultz to approve the notice of intent to exceed the revenue neutral rate. Motion passed with the following roll call vote:  
Yes: Woodard, Newell, Schultz, Ricke  
No: none  
Disbursement to Lion's Club – Motion by Newell, second by Woodard, to reimburse

the Lion's Club in the amount of \$503.64 for the hamburgers and hamburger buns for the 4th of July community picnic. Motion carried, 4/0. (This community event was formerly organized by the American Legion and community members. It is now being organized by the Lion's Club.)  
Real Estate Purchase Contract – Mayor, Aaron Murphy and City Attorney, Greg Graffman joined the discussion by phone. Motion by Woodard, second by Ricke, to approve the real estate purchase contract with Josh Arensdorf as presented (attached to minutes) for two lots at 108 N Main Street. Motion carried, 4/0.  
Motion by Ricke, second by Woodard, to adjourn. Motion carried, 4/0. Councilman Ricke adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

**49th Annual Hansen Arts & Crafts Fair**

Saturday, August 19  
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

If you enjoy sunshine and crafts, come spend a fun-filled Saturday in northwest Kansas on Highway 9. The town of Logan, home to the renovated Hansen Museum, hosts one of the best arts and crafts fairs in Kansas. Join the festivities on Saturday, August 19, 2023, when more than 57 artisans and crafters from Kansas and the surrounding states will turn the Hansen Plaza into a shopper's paradise. There is no admission charge.

The day kicks off with a 5K Run and 2 Mile Fun Walk. Registration and T-shirt pickup begin at 7:00 a.m. at the corner of Douglas and Main. The 5K Run starts at 8:00 a.m. with the 2 Mile Walk to follow at 8:15 a.m. All registration fees will be given to Phillips County Hospice Services. Download a registration form at hansenmuseum.org/5k-run2-mile-fun-walk/ or call the Museum to sign up.

After the race, cool off in the shade and check out the crafty offerings as every booth opens for business at 9:00 a.m. Food vendors fill the air with tantalizing smells as they prepare delicious foods such as hamburgers, bratwursts, turkey & noodles, pies, barbeque, walking tacos, snow cones, kettle corn, and more. There is something tasty for every palette. Also, at 9:00 a.m., Inflate-o-Fun will be ready to entertain the children with an obstacle course, meltdown game and a jump/slide combo.

For your listening pleasure, live music on two stages can be enjoyed throughout the day. The south stage will showcase the talents of "Formerly Three" at 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., and 2:00 p.m. alternating with "The Bent Fork Band" entertaining from the north stage at 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

Artisans presenting their skills around the Plaza Square throughout the day include Joy of Painting instructor Sandra Seamone; caricature sketches by Brooke Werner; basket weaving

by Marsha Jensen; wheel throwing techniques on the potter's wheel by Rodney Zimmerman; weaver, Sally Brandon; pen and ink artist, Julie Peterson-Shea; and fast draw shooting with the Deer Creek Regulators.

Amble across the street to the Logan Library where you can watch Janie Lowry's Disappearing Quilts Keep Showing Up demonstration at 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. On the other end of the block, Iowa chainsaw artist, Blair Smith, will astonish you with his chainsaw artistry. Blair is scheduled to carve at the service station at 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., and 2:00 p.m. Be sure to stop and watch his amazing talent. Two of his incredible sculptures will be given away in drawings at 10:45 a.m. and 1:45 p.m.

Please take time to step inside the museum and meander through the gallery. On display is Sean Kenney's Animal Super Powers exhibition (sculptures made with LEGO® bricks). This exhibit is a crowd pleaser so make sure to stop in the gallery for a look. While inside, check out the membership table to purchase or renew your Hansen Museum membership. Purchasing a membership during the Arts & Crafts Fair automatically enters you in the Hansen Bucks drawings (Hansen Bucks can be spent just like cash at all Arts and Crafts Fair vendors). \$500.00 worth of Hansen Bucks will be given away in drawings held at 10:45 a.m. and 1:45 p.m. Remember to stick around because you must be present to win and spend these bucks!

The highlight of the day will be the selection of 12 new winners (and two alternates) of the coveted "Artist of the Month" award. The crafters are judged for uniqueness, quality of craft, and display. Winners announced at 2:45 p.m. with prizes and photos to follow the fair's 3:00 p.m. closing.

Join us for the 49th Annual Hansen Arts & Crafts Fair, Saturday, August 19, 2023, on the beautiful Hansen Plaza in downtown Logan, Kansas. Come hungry, bring your wallet, and wear your walking shoes. You'll leave with a smile.



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**1928**

August 2 – The Ninescah river was one of the best attractions the fore part of the week while it was on a rampage. A rain of six and sixty-hundreds of an inch at Pratt Sunday night started things going. The rain covered most of Pratt county and as the Ninescah drains most of Pratt county, it all tried to come down the river at once.

No particular damage has been reported done by the high water here, but at Pratt it filled many basements and washed out several bridges and roadways.

While the old-timers tell us that they have witnessed the river considerable higher, it would not have taken a great amount more of water to took out some of this bridges this distance from Pratt. Traffic was tied up here for almost 24 hours on the Turon to Cunningham road and about the same time on the Cannonball Highway – about 12 hours east of town three miles and then about 12 at Calista. Quite a little damage was done to the bridges near Calista.

It was a peculiar sight to see so much water coming down the river when the rain here was not enough to bring it up.

**1933**

July 29 – A troupe of Boy Scouts are being re-organized in Cunningham this week by the Executive Committee. The troupe which was organized here a couple of years ago broke up and now they are getting together again.

A number of them including Norman DeLair, Elmo Finch, Lee Washburn, Billie Morton, Ralph Baber, Dewey Cooley, Donald Milsap, Raymond Lash, and Delmar Huffman are spending this week end at the Carl Hart farm where they are receiving instructions in scouting and having a good time in general.

It was announced this week that the Skelly Oil company had set the stakes for four more wells to be drilled immediately in the Cunningham Pool north-west of town.

The annual fishing trip of the “Four Horsemen” was carried out over the last week end. The group, which includes J. C. Shelman, J. R. Amick, James Luce, and the writer, left early Friday morning for a trip to the Flint Hills to procure a number of the finney tribe. The group was joined by Harland Benson at Winfield, who was a guest this year. Leaving Winfield, we journeyed eastward for approximately 70 or 80 miles to the Elk River. Here we set camp and started fishing. The river was low and we soon discovered that the stream was not running, hence the fishing was no good. We then broke camp and started for the Caney river near the state line to the south. This river proved to be too muddy to fish in so the camp was broken up and the caravan on the road once more. This time we stopped at Grouse Creek, where we found the best water of the trip. We caught a few fish here, but were forced to leave this place after a few hours fishing, due to the fact that we had to get home. The rivers and creeks of the Flint Hills country are practically all dry. Stockmen in that part of the country are having to haul water to their stock.

The annual Maud Reunion and Picnic will be held one week from Sunday, August 6, at Hellar’s Grove, the place of meeting last year. Everyone interested are cordially invited to attend, and come with well-filled baskets.

**1938**

July 29– Miss Elsie Crow, daughter of Mrs. E. C. Crow of this City, became the bride of Mr. Eula E. Witt, of Rago, in a simple but impressive ceremony performed at the Methodist church Wednesday evening at eight o’clock.

The Cunningham Juniors, a softball team of boys under sixteen, annexed another victory from the Kingman team, 24 to 3. Billy Bradley hit two home runs and Harris connected for a four-bagger for the victors. The game was called at the end of the fourth due to lack of scoring on Kingman’s part.

In the feature game, Cunningham-Skelly eked out a 9 to 8 victory over the St. Leo team. Both teams played very ragged ball.

The Derby Service Station is now being operated by Harry Nossaman. Mr. Nossaman has leased his garage to “Shorty” Rose who is now in charge of the

same. “Shorty” is a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. N. S. Rose, living southwest of town. He has been known as a fine auto mechanic for a number of years and no doubt will find business good.

**1943**

July 30 – John Cooley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alf Cooley, who is stationed at Brooklyn, New York, in the Army Signal Corps, has been promoted to the rank of Technical Sergeant.

Mrs. John Steffen has received word from her son Elmer, stationed with the Army forces in Hawaii, that he has now been promoted to the rank of Master Sergeant. Elmer is in the Quartermaster Corps.

Staff Sergeant Richard Blasi, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Blasi, has been transferred from the Army Airfield at Dalhart, Texas, to Pyote, Texas, where he will take advanced training in radio.

A large group of inductees left Kingman Sunday night for the induction center Fort Leavenworth.

Out of the group are 3 Cunningham boys, Jack Bradley, Bob Crow, and Austin Luce. Jack is in the Navy and leaves next Monday for the United States Naval Training Station at Farragut, Idaho. Austin and Bob were assigned to the Army and will leave for service on August 17.

**1948**

July 30– The Cunningham Juniors won two games this week by quite decisive scores. Thursday evening they defeated Cairo 35 to 1 and Wednesday evening they defeated Preston 22 to 6.

The eleventh annual Pretty Prairie Rodeo is all set for action next week, August 3, 4, and 5.

**1953**

July 31 – Corporal Robert Stillwell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Stillwell of Cunningham, arrived home last week-end from his tour of Army duty in Korea.

Showing Friday and Saturday at the Cunningham Theatre

Maureen O’Hara and Alex Nicol in “The Redhead From Wyoming”

Sunday and Monday

Tyrone Power and Piper Laurie in “The Mississippi Gambler”

Wednesday and Thursday

Robert Ryan and Mala Powers in “City Beneath the Sea”

Mr. and Mrs. Don Schnittker of Nashville, announce the birth of a son last Saturday evening in the Pratt County Hospital. He weighed eight pounds and ten ounces.

Notice – “We print Anything But Dollar Bills” is the service motto of the Cunningham Clipper’s job printing department. Give us a trial... We strive to please. Phone 144 or 141, Cunningham, Kansas

**1958**

July 31 – A reunion of the Steffen Family was held at the home of Mrs. Anna Steffen last Sunday.

All of Mrs. Steffen’s children and her 21 grandchildren were present. Pictured is Mrs. Steffen and her children and their families.

Included in the group in the picture are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wilson, Monya, Russell, Gary, and Mary, of Danbury, Conn.; Mr. and Mrs. Francis Low, Larry, Michael, and Steven, and Mr. and Mrs. Clair McElwain, Chris, Lanita, and Rhonda, all of Mullinville; Mr. and Mrs. Donald Link, Ladonna, Linda, Janet, Garry, and Sharon of Wichita; Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Steffen, Becky and Nancy, and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Steffen, Mark, David, Suzanne, and John, all of Cunningham.

Other relatives present were Mr. and Mrs. Will Steffen of Nashville, Mr. and Mrs. John Woodard of Zenda, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Grattidge of Wichita, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Esau and Glenn of Walton, Herman Steffen of Cunningham, and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Esau and Judy, and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Esau, Linda, Donna, and Dwaine, all of Walton.

Work on the Highway 54 resurfacing and widening project came through Cunningham this week. The concrete roadbed is being widened and the entire roadbed will be surfaced with three to four inches of asphalt.

Dr. and Mrs. Ferd Burnett are driving a new 1958 Cadillac DeVille.

**1963**

August 1– The free outdoor movie to be shown in the City Park this evening (Thursday) is the Technicolor comedy, “Gidget,” starring Sandra Dee and James Darren.

Danny Meyers, Dennis Theis, and James Bridges, Cunningham boys who have been playing with the Pratt Elks Babe Ruth baseball team this season, will

participate with the Pratt team in the State Babe Ruth Baseball Tournament in Manhattan this week-end.

The three boys played with the Pratt team in the league tournament in Great Bend last Saturday and Sunday, Danny Meyers’ pitched Pratt to a 13-0 win over Dodge City, Saturday evening, and Dennis Theis hurled Pratt to an 8-3 win over Great Bend, Sunday afternoon. \

Billy Ogden was honored with a wiener roast, followed by home-made ice cream and cake, on his 10th birthday, Sunday. His Scout pals helping him celebrate were David Theis, Mike Schreck, Mike Harper, Mike Spade, Gary Rohlman, George Hageman, and Richard Bridges.

**1968**

August 1 – Would our vacationers and out-of-state friends believe it was 65 degrees most of the morning of Wednesday, July 31, in Cunningham? About two inches of rain fell here over the week-end.

Mrs. Virginia Hamlett, Billy and Bonnie, entertained at dinner, Saturday evening. Their guests were Mr. and Mrs. Herman Hayes, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wetherall, Ray Amick, Mr. and Mrs. Loren Cooley, Sherman Kincheloe, Mr. and Mrs. Evan Thornhill, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Baber, Kelly and Karrie, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Lindemann, and Mike Schreck. The occasion celebrated Billy’s 15th birthday.

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**1978**

August 3– Bob and Sue Dondlinger of Wichita entertained with a birthday party honoring Alva Hellar at their home. Present were the hosts, the honoree and Mrs. Hellar, Mrs. Deloris Anderson of Pratt, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Dafforn, Mr. and Mrs. Don Hellar, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Zrubek Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Ray Zrubek and Ms. Marie Hellar, all of Cunningham. Ice cream and birthday cake were served.

Local television personalities appear on K.A.K.E.-T.V.’s “Kaledioscope” last Thursday were Mary Oller, Melva and Matt.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Parker and Darrin of Las Vegas, Nev. are visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Vermillion and other friends and relatives.

Bruce Sterneker and Greg Kerschen spent last weekend in Kansas City visiting Jim Thome and Clarence Lampe, Rod and Shelly. They also went to Worlds of Fun, where Bruce used the ticket his mother, Janet, won in the Cunningham Merchants and Clipper drawing recently.

The Cunningham Volunteer Fire Department answered a call on Saturday, July 29 at 4 p.m. A grass fire started from unknown causes on Bud Zink’s land two miles north and two miles west of town.

Both trucks answered the call, marking the first time the reconstructed old truck has been used. In the fire, no injuries or unusual happenings occurred. In all the fire burned approximately 30 acres of grass.

Rain finally came to Cunningham on August 2. Recorded (unofficial) precipitation for the night was .30 inch. Total recorded rainfall for the area is 21.25 inches. Despite the recent dry spell, the rainfall is above the average and above last year’s total at this time.

**1983**

August 4- The remodeling project at the Cunningham High School was completed this week by Kingman Lumber Co who finished the project which was started at the close of the 1983 spring school year. Changes that will take place with the remodeling include moving the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms to the High School. The high school library and staff lounge have been relocated to the basement and the 7<sup>th</sup> grade students in addition to a computer room and computer lab will be in the old library. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade will be located in the vacated staff lounge upstairs.

At the grade school changes made involve moving 1<sup>st</sup> grade students into the old 8<sup>th</sup> grade room and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students into the old 7 grade room.

A computer room will fill the empty 4<sup>th</sup> grade room.

A wiener roast and swimming party was held at the city shelter and pool on Thursday evening, July 21, or all employees, their families and the Board Members and their families of Hilltop Manor.

Those enjoying the evening were: Lola and Everett Swaner, Helen Long, Joe and Nancy Strong, Sandra Strong, Scott Strong, Gary and Diane Wegerer and family, Marilyn Vierthaler and family, Mari Rohr, Terry and Dawn Alley, Connie Hamilton and family, Kris Freund, Linda Simon, Liza Orth, Randy Lubbers and family, Mary Ann Ruckle, Lary and Jason, Susan Lynch and boys, Gayla Golden, Courtney Miller and Ron Newby, Linda Sterneker, Norma and Ned Golden, Louise Armstrong, Debbie Mills, Linda Adelhardt and Kenny, Joyce and Lowell Gridley and family, Patty Patton and family, Lisa Spade, Izean Beckenholdt, Rosemary Webster and family, Shannon Hoffman and Christine Mauldin, Marcie Golden, Ron and Jan Derringer, Fitz and Dane Huhman and family.

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Consider this...

by Mike Johnson

Trust the Feeling

Her name was Maria Garcia and I can't remember exactly when in 1969 that I first noticed her. Our Little League team was having a tremendous run of victories and Maria and a friend started attending not only our games, but our practices as well. I guess you could call her our team groupie.

At age 12 I was just beginning to notice girls and Maria was a head-turning little brunette. I desperately wanted to speak to her, yet was too shy. So my entire Maria Garcia strategy was to sneak coy looks her way and hope we made eye contact. Occasionally we did and those moments

made me forget baseball - and everything else.

1969 was an enchanted season for our team and we won all 18 games, including the area championship. Our team was so good that the league asked us to play one final game against a team made up of all the best players from all other teams. As usual, Maria and her friend were in the stands.

As luck would have it, the game was close when it was my turn at bat with a runner in scoring position. As I walked to the plate from the first base dugout, I looked directly at Maria in the third base stands. She chose this moment to speak to me for the first time all summer. "Get a hit, blonde!" Without thinking, I gestured her a confident OK

sign, stepped to the plate and promptly slapped the first pitch up the middle for a run scoring single.

That event remains one of the top ten experiences in my life.

We went on to win that game but I never did speak to Maria. Next season, my age pushed me to a new league and new field and I never saw her again.

To this day, I wonder whatever became of her. What would have happened had I faced my fear and spoken to her? What was she like? Were her insides as appealing as her outsides? Did I cross paths with a soulmate and miss a golden opportunity?

Evidently I was a slow learner because I can also name Jill, Tina and Gail as girls I secretly admired

over the years, yet never spoke to either. I missed golden opportunities with them also. Fear had me buffaloed.

Eventually I caught on and had several great relationships before meeting the woman who became my wife. Twenty years later, she still credits my opening line of "Wow, I'm impressed," as the three little words that got our relationship started. Had I not burst through fear to speak them, life would be far different than it is today.

Why do we let fear hold us back from meeting people we feel drawn too?

I think it's because we only focus on the potential for rejection rather than the possibility of bonding. The truth is, people rarely tell you to



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buzz off in the first five minutes of conversation. It just doesn't happen.

Sure, a person will size you up, scan for similar values and decide if you are interesting or not. And you'll do the same to them. If there's no attraction after the ice breakers, you merely excuse yourself and visit the punch-bowl. No harm done. The reward of electrical feelings caused by meeting an intriguing new friend far outweighs the risk of

getting brushed off.

Whenever we feel drawn to a certain person, there is a reason. We may not know what that reason is, but rest assured, it is for our greater good. Failing to seize that opportunity leaves you wrestling with one of the worst questions imaginable.

What would have happened with Maria?

A Child's Shoe

By Amy Michelle Wiley

The waves rolled steadily onto the Sri Lankan shore, falling just short of the woman's toes. This was the water in which her husband had spent his days fishing, the waves her children had played among. But in the end, it was this same water that had taken all that away.

A wave caught her feet and panic constricted her throat as she scrambled desperately backward. But, loosing its power, the water drifted back into the ocean.

But the wave left a piece of its guts at her feet. A tiny child's shoe

lay before her. Shantha picked it up. Emotions suffocated her. She wondered if this child's mother was alive and if she, too, was standing with empty arms, full of despair and guilt.

All her memories were overpowered by one day. One surge of water that had washed everything away. If only she had seen the rising water sooner. If only she had been able to carry all three girls. If only she had not tripped, maybe little Rani would not have been wrenched from her arms by the waves.

"What have I done to deserve this?!" She fell to her knees, arms

outstretched. No answer came.

Tears filled her, great sobs that threatened to wrench her very soul from within her. Spent, she finally rose, half-consciously clutching the shoe. As she plodded back to the refugee center in Ampara she tried to ignore the empty stretches that had once been forest, now scattered liberally with litter. The putrid smell of dead bodies filled the air and Shantha gagged, quickening her steps toward camp. Finally the smell of death gave way to the sent of the living--sewage and sweat.

Reaching the camp,

she awkwardly shoved the shoe into her pocket and scanned among the white tents for her one living son. She spotted Marudu unloading bottled water from a truck.

Shantha jumped when she felt an arm around her shoulders. It was her new friend, Danika. "Shantha, will you help me hand out food?" Danika smiled.

Shantha nodded wearily. She followed Danika toward the makeshift kitchen, grateful to have something to do. She marveled that she had become friends with a Sinhalan. Who would have imagined that it would be the Tamil people's worst enemies who would come to their aid when disaster struck?

They worked alongside missionaries late into the afternoon, preparing food packets. One of the missionaries turned to Shantha and Danika, "A local church is having a service tonight. Would you like to come?"

A longing stirred inside Shantha. Perhaps the pastor could give her

assurance that her family had gone to a better life.

Their bodies had not been recovered. They had not been cremated. Shantha shuddered at the thought of their souls trapped forever under the cold water. "My son and I will come."

Shantha, Marudu, and Danika listened as the pastor preached, telling of one God, the creator of the world. He spoke of a man named Jesus, of the miracles He had done, and of heaven. But he did not tell Shantha what she wanted to hear. In fact, he said that the only way to get to heaven was to believe that Jesus was God, and to believe that He had died to pay the penalty of the world's sin.

Shantha listened no longer. She knew only the anguish of her own heart, and she wept.


"Mama," Marudu put an arm around her, "the service is over and the pastor's wife wants to speak to you."

Wiping away tears, Shantha stared bitterly at the woman. "My

girls and my husband are gone."

The woman's eyes filled with tears. "I do not know why God allowed the tsunami. But, Shantha, God spared you from the waters. He chose you as one who had a special job to do here on earth. You still have one son. You have time to teach him of God. Believe in God and His son, Jesus," the lady pleaded. "Let Him comfort you and help you through this. Let Him be a friend."

Late that evening Shantha stood at the edge of the ocean, the child's shoe clutched in her hand. The sun was dipping below the horizon and the waters shone red, like Jesus' blood. As the next wave came, Shantha bent and set the shoe on the water. She watched as it bobbed away, silhouetted against the sky. Perhaps someday Shantha would understand why this God of creation had chosen to spare her.




**Catholic Churches**

<b>Sacred Heart, Cunningham</b> Sundays 10:00 a.m.	<b>St. John, Zenda</b> Saturdays 5:30 p.m.
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Pastor Dennis Fangmeyer  
Cell: 620-886-0911

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Pastor Mathew Ndambuki Musyoki  
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Kingman County Fair 4-H Fun





Cunningham 4-H in July

**July Meeting:** The Cunningham 4-H Club members met on July 9th at the Cunningham Community Center. Roll call was “what is your favorite project area?” During the meeting, we displayed our completed banner. The cookie jar committee announced that we would be doing a cow-themed cookie jar for the fair. There were no project talks during this meeting due to the club tour. The club tour meeting is where the 4-Hers talk about what they are bringing to the fair. Some members also brought their fair entrees and showed them to the other 4-Hers. After everyone had presented what they were taking, we had hot dogs with potluck sides. When everybody finished eating, we headed to Lions Club Park to launch rockets. Andrew Schultz, Ty Schultz, Wyatt Neywick, Will Halderson, and Olivia Halderson all launched a rocket. Then we had a pool party at the Cunningham Swimming Pool.

**Fair Setup:** Fair cleaning and setup was held on Monday, July 24th. Our club had a great turnout with only 6 members who could not be there. We arranged the tables and chairs for judging, arranged for displaying the fair items, and set up the display racks. The livestock pens were also prepared for the animals. When all the work was done, everyone had a pizza party.

**Kingman County 4-H Fair:** The county fair was four days long starting on Wednesday, July 26th. This year’s county fair was a success with most of our club members participating. Many received purple and will be going on to the state fair in September. Our 4-H Banner committee consisted of Marci, Ada, and Hank Adams and it received Grand Champion. The banner displayed the farm brands of our club’s 4-H families. Our Cookies for College Scholarships received a Reserved Champion. The cookie jar was made by the Huelskamp and Raney families and displayed great details. It was decorated with wooden eartags representing each of our club families and cow-printed recipe cards to fit with our cow theme. Our Historian scrapbook received Grand Champion. Emily and Katie Ogg did a phenomenal job on putting together our scrapbook for this year.

On Wednesday evening of the fair, teams of four competed in the Barnyard Olympics. It is an obstacle course set up by the Kingman County Ambassadors. The teams jumped through hula hoops, walked together on the boardwalk, barrel raced using pool noodle horses, and ran through the rubber ducky minefield while blindfolded. Cunningham had a winning team on the 7-9 age group. The team consisted of Leah Rogers, Bowen Bock, Ty Schultz, and Jessica Dittmer. On Thursday, the Cunningham 4-H Club members worked the concession stand. The carnival opened in the evening. On Friday, we had a Cattlemen’s Community Picnic and then the Purple Ribbon Food Auction, where the top five foods that received a purple ribbon in each age group got auctioned. From our club, Andrew Schultz and Weston Rogers auctioned their food. The Bull Blowout was also that night at the outdoor arena. On Saturday afternoon, we all took home our projects that we entered in the fair. In the evening, the meal and livestock auction was held. Our club cookie jar was bought by Scoular, with Travis Thimesch bidding as their representative. At the premium auction, Hank and Ada Adams sold their 4-H Swine. Ava, Brody, Bowen Bock and Julia Hageman sold their 4-H Beef. Cindy Panek won our Cunningham Club’s 4-H Fair Facilities Raffle Basket. Each 4-H family asked an area business if they would be willing to donate to our raffle basket. We thank these following businesses for contributing to our raffle basket:

Ninnescah Valley Bank, Beat Repair, Darren Parker (painted notecards), Farmhouse Massage/Kelli Thimesch, Cunningham Swimming Pool, South Fork Bar and Grill, Neywick Family (goat milk lotion/soap), Cunningham Subway, Preisser Farms/Alyssa Preisser (butter), Skyland Grain, Cozy’s Pizza, P.S. Creations Catering & Food Truck (cookies).

Sunday morning was the fair cleanup. Then that was a wrap on another successful county fair. Overall, everybody had a great time. Thank you to all those who support us at the fair and throughout the entire year.

-Kendall Rogers, Reporter-



photos submitted by Marci Adams, Marianne Dittmer, Barb Schultz, Tiffany Halderson, Jennifer Neywick, and Jennette Rogers



A COLUMN BY TOM PURCELL

The Forgotten Freedom of Bike Hikes

I dream of recreating some of the epic bike hikes I enjoyed as a kid back in the 1970s. My used Murray five-

speed spyder-bike with the high handlebars only cost 25 bucks but it was one of the coolest bikes of the age.

Man, I loved that bike. During the long summer days, I rode with a group of kids.

We'd ride for two or three hours in the county park, then make our way to McDonald's for an orange drink and apple pie, which I paid for by borrowing a handful of coins out of my dad's penny jar.

It's funny how I can still taste that hot apple pie some 50 years later, but such is the power of nostalgia.

Most older people — and I'm getting to be one of them — are nostalgic for their childhoods.

Most think their growing-up era was the very best time to be a kid.

But truthfully, the best time ever to be a kid should be right now.

Today's kids have instant, on-demand access

to any electronic entertainment they could possibly want.

They carry around \$1,000 smartphones that allow them to instantly access any information or entertainment on any subject under the sun — or purchase any product or service they could possibly want.

But whereas kids today are overwhelmed by the entertainment choices they have — and in some ways are imprisoned by their smartphones — the kids of my era had very few choices and not much money.

We went on long bike hikes because there wasn't much else to do.

We could play ball, and we did a lot of that.

And we could go swimming — but only if we knew a rich kid whose parents let us swim in their pool.

One thing we could never do was stay in the house all day and watch TV. Our mothers tossed us out of the house every summer morning and told us we'd better not be late for dinner!

Daytime TV in the 1970s wasn't much of a temptation anyway. There were only three channels and nothing was on that appealed to us — especially the soap operas.

Today we live in a time of so many choices and modern conveniences that our kids are being robbed of passion, ambition and independence — robbed of their childhoods.

The great writer G.K. Chesterton once explained how our limitations are what bring us happiness.

Could you imagine being an artist, he said, who was trying to paint a canvas that was as large as the Moon? Where do you start painting?

You couldn't, Chesterton explained, because if you are an artist you need to have a frame to work with.

By being boxed into a small rectangular area, you are given a point of

reference and perspective. Paradoxically, it is the frame that sets the artist free.

Our kids today are not free.

The truth is, as Psychologist Peter Graves reports in Psychology Today, kids learn and flourish best when they are free to roam with other kids.

But today's kids, monitored and guided by adults every waking hour, no longer know what it is like to roam freely with other kids.

So, yeah, I'm nostalgic for the bike hikes of my childhood. But it's mostly because back then we were free to just be kids — which is a freedom today's kids need most of all.

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  40. \*Pear or quince, botanically speaking
  41. California and Nevada lake
  43. Raja's daughter
  44. Uncouth ones
  46. Of two minds
  47. René Descartes' "therefore"
  48. Make wealthy
  50. Use a surgical beam
  52. Gingerbread creation
  53. \*When fruit is ready
  55. Red-white-and-blue inits.
  57. \*"Hot" vegetable-shaped toy
  60. \*L in BLT
  64. 3-D picture in a book

65. U.N. workers' grp.
  67. Owned house or car, e.g.
  68. Item on a cell phone bill
  69. What's old is new again, prefix
  70. Popular electric car
  71. Hair styling products
  72. Scottish cap
  73. British peers
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1. Block of concrete, e.g.
  2. Pocket bread
  3. Baker's baker
  4. Dickens's Heep
  5. Serena's sport
  6. Prefers
  7. \*Fairytale princess test
  8. Virgo's brightest star
  9. Letter opener
  10. Ship to Colchis
  11. Airhead
  12. The loneliest number?
  15. Concerning this
  20. Nautical "Stop!"
  22. College assessment test, acr.
  24. Camera's tiny aperture
  25. \*Gwyneth Paltrow's daughter
  26. Sing like Tony Bennett
  27. Madagascar primate
  29. Myanmar currency
  31. Bébé's mother
  32. Rooster, in the olden days
  33. Polynesian kingdom
  34. \*Layered bulb
  36. Giant Himalayan?
  38. Lady Grantham of "Downton Abbey"

42. Follow as a consequence
45. Claw mark
49. "Battleship" exclamation
51. Heir's concern
54. \*At the end of a hot pepper or many a sweet potato
56. Cruising
57. Prepare to be shot
58. October birthstone
59. What Little Toot does
60. \*Fruit of the \_\_\_
61. Brezhnev's domain
62. Jailbird's home
63. Airline postings
64. Dog breed from China
66. Grazing ground

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**Agriculture Around the World**

Glenn Brunkow, Pottawatomie County farmer and rancher

This week I will embark on one of the greatest adventures I will probably ever have in my life. I will be traveling with Kansas Farm Bureau's Casten Fellows to Uganda and Tanzania. To say I am excited would be an understatement. To also say that I am a bit apprehensive and even

more nervous would also be correct. All I know for sure is this will change my perspective on the world.

Personally, I like to look for challenges or experiences that will help me grow and will stretch my view of the world. This trip should certainly do that. All I know is my own little corner of Kansas. I have been lucky enough to experience other parts of the state and the United States, and that has helped me as a person. My view of the world has changed from those experiences. I can only imagine how it will change from what

will happen over the next two weeks.

I hope to pick up some ideas that will help me when I get back. I am also hopeful this trip will allow me to appreciate the blessings I have been given and, I am sure, take for granted. I also hope this trip will give me greater insight about how important the work we do on our farms and ranches is.

I hope I come home with a greater appreciation for the good work we do in Kansas Farm Bureau and in agriculture in general.

I am sure most, if not all, of you feel like I do,

and it is our responsibility to produce as much food and fiber as we can for a world that is in desperate need of it. I am proud of what we do, and I am proud and humbled to represent that to other nations. I also realize I do not understand other parts of the world like I should, and I hope to gain insight through the next two weeks.

This is another example of some of the opportunities I have had through Kansas Farm Bureau and an example of experiences any of you who are members could have, too. My understanding of agriculture

in Kansas and the United States has grown exponentially because of these experiences and soon my global understanding will be greater also. I am telling you about this to encourage each of you to take advantage of the opportunities and expand your understanding of agriculture.

Am I nervous about the unknown of this trip? You bet I am. Am I a little worried about home and what might happen while I am gone? Without a doubt. Those are just part of the experience. The hardest part of any Farm Bureau trip is when the mailbox is still in the

rearview mirror. I promise to write more about the trip in this space, but I hope this will inspire at least a few of you to take advantage of opportunities available to stretch your understanding of agriculture.

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News from Kansas Farm Bureau

We like to visit nature centers. What do you think we learn about there? Kids: color stuff in!

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## Sweet Summer Fun!

Does it feel like the warm summer days are flying by too quickly? There's still time to make your summer even sweeter! Here's a whole page of exciting places to go and cool things to do. You'll be having more fun and enjoying a sweet summer you'll always remember.

Are you looking for something new to do? Head into the city or country for fun adventures and activities. What will you be visiting when you are...

- finding a favorite painting or sculpture, trying a science experiment or asking a scientist about his display?
- enjoying plays, movies or magic acts?
- watching sea creatures, and touching and holding small sea animals?
- going on rides, eating cotton candy and screaming in the fun house?
- cheering ball players and eating hot dogs?
- gliding on swings, playing tennis on courts or picnicking?
- swimming, digging in the sand or boating?
- reading up a storm or learning new computer programs?
- "seeing" the past by visiting homes once owned by famous Americans?
- learning about plants and animals in their surroundings; hiking in woods?

**Swing into action. Use these letters to fill in fun things to do at a playground:**  
c b r c e d c  
w c l s r

1. s \_ i \_ ing  
2. \_ kate \_ oarding  
3. s \_ esa \_ ing  
4. t \_ ain \_ ide

**Find and circle 15 words that start with the letter "s."**

1. I love aquariums! Wow! Look at that seahorse!  
2. Tennis anyone?  
3. I love aquariums! Wow! Look at that seahorse!  
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7. \_ OLORED CHAL \_  
8. BU \_ BLE WAN \_ S  
9. B \_ K \_ S  
10. JU \_ P \_ OPE  
11. IN \_ NE S \_ ATES  
12. S \_ OO \_ ER  
13. B \_ LL and J \_ CKS  
14. \_ ULA \_ OOPS  
15. \_ ISHING \_ OLE

### What Fun Can Bubble Up at Home?

Get out your colored pencils and color everything in!

### What Might You See at the Aquarium?

Follow the dots to see me!

Fill in the names of animals you may see at an aquarium:

- pe \_ gui \_ s
- je \_ \_ ies
- sea \_ io \_ s
- tu \_ t \_ es
- sea \_ o \_ ses
- f \_ o \_ s

g r  
n  
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### Fun at Home!

If you're around the house for a few days you can make your own fun. Clean out that closet, garage or toy room at home to "rediscover" stuff that you haven't used all summer.

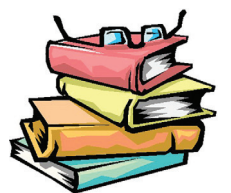
Spell out these fun summer activities by filling in the words with these letters:

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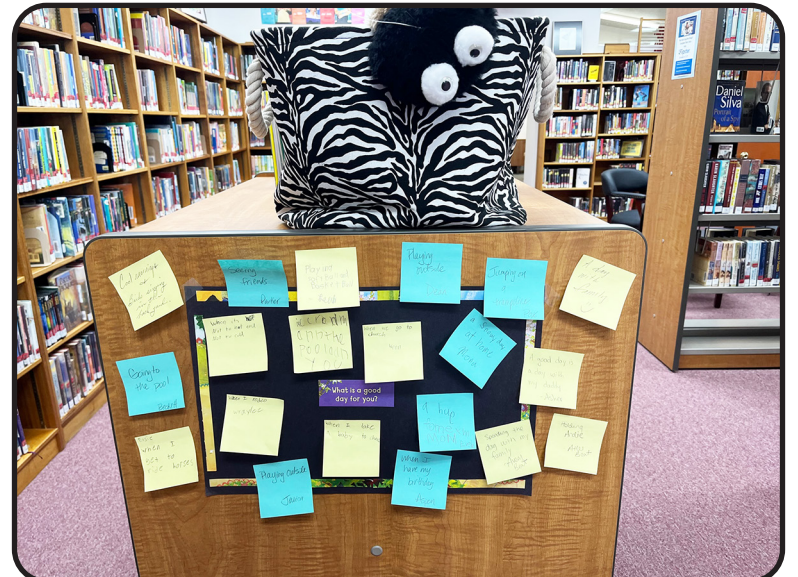
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(Answers on page 10)



Summer Library Fun Is Not Quite Over!!



*Kids: Please bring your summer reading logs to the library to receive your certificate that includes coupons to Cunningham Swimming Pool and to Exploration Place in Wichita. You can also choose a prize from our Summer Reading Treasure Chest. Hey, and while you're there, be sure to tell us about your StoryWalk® experience and what makes a good day for you, then pick up your invitation to the ice cream party on Wed. morning, August 16th at Cozy's Pizza. See you at the library!*



All these Tiny Tots helped with a lemonade stand on one of our hot Kansas days.



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

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

KCHS Donation Wish List

The pets at Kingman County Humane Society are in need of the following items:

- 13-gal. kitchen trash bags
- dry cat and kitten food
- clumping cat litter
- canned dog food
- Purina Puppy Chow
- long-lasting chews
- stainless steel flat-sided water buckets

- paper towels
- bleach
- liquid laundry detergent
- poop bag rolls
- disposable gloves (large)

The items can be brought to KCHS at 811 East C Avenue in Kingman

Monetary donations can be sent to KCHS  
P.O. Box 103  
Kingman KS 67068

Kingman County Humane Society  
Pets Ready for Adoption

**Bella**

Sponsored by The Cunningham Courier



Female Domestic Shorthair  
8 pounds  
4 years +  
\$40.00  
Blaze has been at the shelter since July 18, 2023

**Radar**

Sponsored by The Cunningham Courier



Male Retriever, Labrador / Terrier  
60 pounds  
1 year +  
\$180.00  
Radars has been at the shelter since January 4, 2023  
Radars is good with other dogs and is people friendly.

Guilty of the crime of "being a puppy". Convicted of having too much energy, chewing on shoes, dog beds, books and the remote control, ruthlessly killed a squeaky toy, likes to play endlessly. Defendant has no defense except that he is still a puppy and thats what puppies do. Will do best under house-arrest with an active, loving family and should be enrolled in Puppy Basic Obedience. High likelihood of a positive outcome.

5/9/23 update from foster mom: Radar is training so well and pretty easily too! We've only worked in HEEL and SIT a few times but he's picked it up like a pro. Radar would love a full time family of his own and he's such a great pup!!



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1015 East U.S. 54, Kingman, KS

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### Action at the Park!

- sliding
- skateboarding
- seesawing
- train ride
- ice cream treat
- bicycle ride

JUMP ROPE  
SCOOTER  
FISHING POLE  
INLINE SKATES

### What Might You See at the Aquarium?

- penguins
- jellies
- sea lions
- turtles
- sea horses
- frogs

BIKES  
BUBBLE WANDS

### What Fun Can Bubble Up at Home?

COLORED CHALK  
BALL and JACKS  
HULA HOOPS

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Minutes from Kingman County Commission

Chairman Henning called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023, in the County Commissioners room at the Kingman County Courthouse. Present: Jerry Henning, Chairman; Patrick Elpers, Commissioner; Jack Thimesch, Commissioner; Carol Noblit, County Clerk  
 Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor  
 Visitors: Bob Morris, Kingman Leader-Courier; Larry Landwehr; Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director; Vicki Mader, Horizons Mental Health Director  
 Online Visitors: Macay Ewy; Caller 01; Caller 02; Caller 03; Chrissy Bartel  
 Staff: Jamie Smith, County Treasurer; Sheriff Brent Wood; Macay Ewy, Emergency Manager; Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse; LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director and Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director.

Chairman Henning asked if there were any additions to the agenda.  
 Chairman Henning would like to add an attorney-client executive session. MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the agenda with the addition of an executive session. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.  
 Chairman Henning asked if there was any public comment.  
 Larry Landwehr said "Good Morning."  
 Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director was in to talk about the CDBG/CVR grant and that the County would have to apply for

this grant and there is no match requirement. Ms. Schrag would like SCKEDD to write the grant and it would be a cost of \$1750.00 as the County is a member.

Commissioners discussed SCKEDD and if they could watch for grants available for the County.  
 MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the \$1750.00 SCKEDD grant help. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Ms. Schrag submitted information on a tourism marketing grant program through the state.

Commissioners would like to wait on the tourism marketing grant program because they would like for businesses to be asked if they would use it.

Ms. Schrag submitted information from a survey that was performed from epic (Engaging Placemaking for Innovative Communities) and the rating received.

Chairman Henning let Ms. Schrag know that the County is discussing doing away with Economic Development.

Ms. Schrag let the Commissioners know that she costs the county \$45000.00 per year and she has brought \$2,081,552.00 to the County in grant dollars over the past four years.

Jamie Smith, County Treasurer was in to request signatures for Ninnescan Valley Bank in Cunningham.

Sheriff Brent Wood was in with department monthly reports.

Chairman Henning discussed that he received a call from the Sheriff on the roof leaking and they called Mattie Giefer to fix some roof issues.

Sheriff Wood let the Commissioners know that there is low spots on the roof that hold water and need to be addressed.

Sheriff Wood went

over estimated inmate cost per day with the Commissioners.

Vicki Mader, Horizons Mental Health Director was in with an update for the Commissioners. Ms. Mader let the Commissioners know that the budget is moving in the right direction.

Ms. Mader let the Commissioners know that she has received grant money of \$466,000.00 for mobile crisis unit services.

United Health Care grant was received of \$75,000.00 to help Children in our area.

Macay Ewy, Emergency Manager was in with an update on the old tower and has left messages. Concrete break test came back good for the new tower.

Mr. Ewy let the Commissioners know that he attended a class last week that will allow him to write his own exercises which is part of his certification.

Mr. Ewy requested taking a class to be certified to program radios for a cost of \$1600.00.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve Mr. Ewy being certified to program radios for \$1600.00.

Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into Executive session at 10:03 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 10:23 a.m. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unani-

mous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners returned to open session at 10:23 a.m. with no decision made.

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Commissioners returned to open session at 10:33 a.m. with no decision made.

Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse was in with a department update.

Commissioners asked Ms. Schwartz about a bill received from Eck Electric on the generator.

Ms. Schwartz gave grant updates.

Ms. Schwartz discussed the replacement of the sign and that she asked the Extension Council to help with cost per Commissioner request and they declined as it is being purchased with grant funds./

Ms. Schwartz presented quotes for the sign for the Health Department from the following:

Mark's Custom Signs \$3515.00

Schurle Signs \$6024.00

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the quote from Mark's Custom signs in the amount of \$3515.00 from IAP/3 grant funds. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Charles Arensdorf, Public Works and Tanner Yost, Kirkham Michael were in to go over the bids received for the SW 70<sup>th</sup> St Pavement Repair from the following:

A P A C K a n s a s Inc Shears Division \$1,017,214.75  
 Add alternate \$235,657.35

Total \$1,252,872.10  
 Spring 2024

Pearson Construction LLC \$ 973,287.85  
 Add alternate \$ 227,549.00

Total \$1,200,836.85  
 Fall 2023

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the quote from Pearson Construction LLC in the amount of \$1,200,836.85. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The Commissioners discussed that the \$973,287.85 would be paid with the funds received from NextEra Energy for the damage to the road and the add alternate amount of \$227,549.00 would be paid from County funds.

Commissioners signed the notice of award to Pearson Construction LLC.  
 Mr. Arensdorf let the Commissioners know that there is a bid opening July 31, 2023, for the St. Leo Road.

Mr. Arensdorf informed the Commissioners that the Fuel bid openings will be held next week.

Mr. Arensdorf let the Commissioners know that the bridge inspection report is scheduled for August 7, 2023.

Chairman Henning requested changing the date of the bridge inspection report for August 14, 2023.

Mr. Yost gave an update on the Flat Ridge 1 & 2 reconstruction progress.

LaDawn Stegman,

Financial Officer was in to review the June financials with the County Commissioners.

Ms. Stegman presented a list of stale dated checks to write off and put into the County revenue.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the write off of the Sheriff Department stale dated checks. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the emergency box for the elevator. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners read bids received for heating and air conditioners and would like to table them for the time being.

The County Clerk submitted the Commission minutes for July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023, and July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Commission meetings.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Commission meeting minutes. Chairman Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 12:35 p.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Kingman County Sheriff's Report

Sunday, July 23

Traffic Stop 7  
 Suspicious Person 400 Blk E Leiter Ave, Cunningham  
 Abandoned Vehicle 8000 Blk E Hwy 54, Murdock  
 Damage to Property 120 N Spruce, Kingman  
 Suspicious Person 12000 Blk SE 140 Ave, Norwich  
 Suspicious Person 18000 W Hwy 54, Cunningham  
 911 Accidental Dial 13000 Blk SW 80 Ave, Zenda

Monday, July 24

Traffic Stop 1  
 Civil Paper Process 3  
 Non-Injury Accident E Hwy 42 & SE 70 Ave, Rago  
 Suspicious Person SW 170 Ave & SW 20 St, Cunningham  
 Transport Inmate 120 N Spruce, Kingman  
 Trespassing SE 30 St & SE 120 Ave, Murdock  
 Traffic Complaint SE 150 Ave & E Hwy 42, Norwich  
 Found Property NE 10 St & NE 100 Ave, Murdock  
 Follow Up 400 Blk N Main St, Spivey  
 Trespassing 200 S Main St, Nashville  
 Agency Assist SW 25 Ave & E Stanley Ave, Spivey  
 Miscellaneous SW 25 Ave & E Stanley Ave, Spivey  
 Disturbance 120 N Spruce, Kingman  
 Traffic Complaint 18000 W Hwy 42, Nashville

Tuesday, July 25

Traffic Stop 2  
 Civil Paper Service 8  
 Traffic Complaint SE 70 St & S Hwy 14, Kingman  
 Warrant Service 120 N Spruce, Kingman  
 Civil Stand By 400 Blk S Main St, Norwich  
 Follow Up 900 Blk N Spruce St, Kingman  
 Fraud 7000 Blk SW 180 St, Kingman

Wednesday, July 26

Traffic Stop 1  
 Civil Paper Service 1  
 Suspicious Vehicle NE 30 St & NE 150 Ave, Cheney  
 Miscellaneous 100 Blk W 3rd, Cunningham  
 Non-Injury Accident 8000 Blk S Hwy 14, Kingman

Check Welfare  
 Traffic Complaint  
 Miscellaneous  
 Medical  
 Disabled Vehicle

Thursday, July 27

Civil Paper Service  
 Traffic Complaint  
 Transport Inmate  
 Follow Up  
 Medical  
 Court Security  
 Burglary  
 Non-Injury Accident  
 Burglary

Friday, July 28

Traffic Stop  
 Unsecured Business  
 Non-Injury Accident  
 Traffic Complaint  
 VIN Inspection  
 Miscellaneous  
 Vehicle Unlock  
 Traffic Complaint  
 Vehicle Fire  
 Follow Up  
 Miscellaneous  
 Traffic Complaint  
 Check Welfare  
 Follow Up

Saturday, July 29

Traffic Stop  
 Domestic  
 Medical  
 Alarm  
 Irrigation Watering Roadway  
 Follow Up

16000 Blk W Hwy 42, Nashville  
 E Hwy 54 & NE 70 Ave, Kingman  
 200 S Main St, Nashville  
 120 N Spruce, Kingman  
 14000 E Hwy 2, Norwich

1  
 17000 S Hwy 14, Rago  
 120 N Spruce, Kingman  
 13000 Blk SE 20 St, Murdock  
 10000 SE 70 Ave, Kingman  
 130 N Spruce, Kingman  
 16000 Blk W Hwy 42, Nashville  
 7000 NE 10 St, Kingman  
 7000 SE Sugar St, Belmont

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 100 Blk N Main St, Cunningham  
 9000 Blk SW 80 St, Spivey  
 18000 W Hwy 54, Cunningham  
 200 Blk S Main St, Norwich  
 300 Blk E D Ave, Kingman  
 100 S Main St, Kingman  
 400 Blk N Lincoln St, Kingman  
 NE 50 St & NE 50 Ave, Kingman  
 120 N Spruce, Kingman  
 15000 Blk NE 50 St, Cheney  
 NE 10 St & NE 70 Ave, Kingman  
 13000 E Hwy 54, Cheney  
 16000 Blk W Hwy 42, Nashville

5  
 200 Blk E B ave, Kingman  
 120 N Spruce, Kingman  
 500 Blk NW 160 Ave, Cunningham  
 Irrigation Watering Roadway S Hwy 14 & SE 50 St, Kingman  
 600 Blk N Spruce St, Kingman



### Minutes from Pratt County Commission

The Pratt County commissioners met in regular session Monday, July 24, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. in the commissioner room, 1st floor of the courthouse. The following members were present: Thomas W. Jones III, Rick Shriver, Dwight Adams, Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor, Lori Voss, clerk, and Mark Graber, IT director.

Heather Morgan, economic development/COVID consultant, reported unemployment is 2.7% for Pratt County. There is a new program to register for apprenticeship, working part time while going to training.

The state pays back the employer for the hours worked. If anyone is interested please contact Heather. Cyber security attacks on government agencies continue to be a serious problem with major economic setback.

She stated there is Kansas natural resource coalition the commissioners might consider joining. Thirty counties have filed a lawsuit about the lesser prairie chicken impact protection has on fishing and hunting in our area. Secretary of KDOT, Calvin Reed, will have meetings in Newton October 5 and in Wichita October 18. The federal government released another water/waste water 1% interest loan guarantee, to upgrade water or waste water disposal.

Commissioner Shriver received a call from BJ Hayes, local USDA would like to use the Public Safety Building for a meeting. Tyson stated he would like to recess into executive session to discuss the matter.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the minutes from July 17, 2023. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to hire Zachary Wright for the road department at \$15.00 per hour. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

DJ McMurry, appraiser, presented Mckenzi Hoover's six-month pay raise of .50. Commissioner Shriver

made a motion to approve Mckenzi Hoover's .50 raise. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Jon Roach, noxious weed, reported he had attended a conference in Colby. He stated he needs to go the city council to get an exemption to spray with the four-wheeler in the city limits. The city has an ordinance and they could receive a citation. He reported a county is interested in purchasing the spray truck that is going to be replaced. It was stated if sold it would have to go through the bid process. He brought up hiring a third full time person.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to recess into executive session at 2:24 p.m. for fifteen

minutes to discuss attorney/client matter concerning the use of the Public Safety Building and other legal matters. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to return from executive session at 2:39 p.m. with no action taken. Chairman Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Chairman Jones made a motion to break for five minutes at 2:41 pm. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Chairman Jones called the meeting back to order at 2:46 p.m.

Commissioner Shriver reported he got the maps back on the lots around the Public Safety

Building. He shared the map on Zoom.

Commissioner Adams met with the nurse coalition. He reported they are having a push back on getting children vaccinated. He also questioned the phone system at the health department.

Chairman Jones made a motion to approve the payment vouchers for July 24, 2023. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to adjourn at 3:05 pm. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

### DAK'S Market Newly Remodeled Kingman Location Now Open

Kingman - DAK's Market is thrilled to announce the opening of our newest location.

Today the doors opened on the all-new DAK's Market in Kingman, Kansas.

The location has been

fully remodeled and transformed to fit the DAK's standard of excellence, including vibrant lighting, regularly cleaned bathrooms and an inviting exterior.

The Kingman store will be open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and will feature DAK's usual selection of freshly made foods, including breakfast and lunch sandwiches, salads, pastries and much more.

Visitors can save cash and earn fuel and food points at the new location by using the DAK's

Rewards loyalty program. It can be downloaded for free from the Apple App Store or Google Play.

DAK's Market Kingman is located at 339 East D. Avenue.

### City Council Meeting

(con't from front page)

the designee to sign rental agreements on behalf of Mayor Murphy. Motion carried, 4/0.

Motion by Ricke, second by Woodard, to approve the deposit in the amount of \$150.00 for rental of the community center. Motion carried, 4/0.

Motion by Newell, second by Ricke, to approve hiring Lana Wolfgang as the Community Center custodian at \$15/hr. Motion carried, 4/0.

Planning & Zoning – Motion by Ricke, second

by Newell, to approve building permit 2023-09 for a car port at 314 S Wilmot Street. Motion carried, 4/0.

Motion by Newell, second by Woodard, to approve building permit 2023-11 for a car port at 222 S Ohio Street. Motion carried, 4/0.

Motion by Schultz, second by Ricke, to approve building permit 2023-12 for a fence at 322 W Florence Avenue. Motion carried, 4/0.

Maintenance – City Superintendent was not able to attend the meeting. His report was written and is attached to the minutes. Clerk, Molly, reported that the restroom

at City Hall is out of order. Motion by Newell, second by Woodard, to approve the bid from Ryan Potter Plumbing to fix the sewer line at City Hall not to exceed \$1500.00. Motion carried, 4/0.

Financial Report and Payment of Bills – Motion by Newell, second by Ricke, to approve the financial report and pay the bills. Motion carried, 4/0.

Adjournment – Motion by Ricke, second by Woodard, to adjourn. Motion carried, 4/0. Mayor

Mayor Murphy adjourned the meeting at 8:46 p.m.

### Public Notice

Published in The Cunningham Courier on Thursday, August 3, 2023

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING TO EXCEED REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE AND BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of **CITY OF ZENDA** will meet on September 11, 2023 at 7:00 PM at Zenda City Bldg. for the purpose of Revenue Neutral Rate hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of ad valorem tax. Detailed budget information is available at Zenda City Bldg. and will be available at this hearing.

**BUDGET SUMMARY**  
Proposed Budget 2024 Expenditures and Amount of Current Year Estimate for 2023 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2024 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.

FUND	Prior Year Actual for 2022		Current Year Estimate for 2023		Proposed Budget for 2024		
	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2023 Ad Valorem Tax	Estimate Tax Rate*
General	29,987	35.471	37,498	51.782	49,202	26,771	52.752
Library	4,135	7.862	4,375	7.928	4,400	3,531	6.958
Special Highway	2,992		5,762		7,957		
Special Parks & Recreation	3,855		3,724		3,725		
EMS	490		661				
Water	42,591		88,286		88,286		
Fire	14,989		50,301		50,301		
Sewer	7,339		29,465		29,465		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>106,378</b>	<b>43.333</b>	<b>220,072</b>	<b>59.710</b>	<b>233,336</b>	<b>30,302</b>	<b>59.710</b>
Revenue Neutral Rate**							51.288
Less: Transfers	0		0		0		
Net Expenditure	106,378		220,072		233,336		
Total Tax Levied	18,487		26,028		XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX		
Assessed Valuation	426,626		435,896		507,482	71506	

Outstanding Indebtedness, January 1, 2021, 2022, 2023

G.O. Bonds: 0, 0, 0  
Revenue Bonds: 0, 0, 0  
Other: 0, 0, 0  
Lease Purchase Principal: 0, 0, 0  
Total: 0, 0, 0

\*Tax rates are expressed in mills.  
\*\* Revenue Neutral Rate as defined by 2021 Kansas Senate Bill 13

Andrew Kostner  
City Official Title: Mayor

### Governor Announces July Total Tax Receipts \$13.9M More than Estimate

TOPEKA – Governor Laura Kelly announced today that total tax collections for July 2023 were \$681.0 million. That is \$13.9 million, or 2.1%, more than the estimate. Total tax collections are up \$94.7 million, or 16.2%, from July 2022.

"We are starting this fiscal year on strong financial footing, thanks

to my administration's laser-sharp focus on attracting businesses and growing the state's economy," Governor Laura Kelly said. "The numbers are clear: we must put money back in the hands of working Kansans through responsible tax cuts."

Individual income tax collections were \$313.7 million. That is \$3.7 million, or 1.2%, more than the estimate, and a \$13.2 million, or 4.4%, growth from July 2022. Corporate income tax collections were \$44.7 million. That's \$4.7 million, or 11.9%, more than the estimate and up

22.2% from July 2022.

"It is important to note that wage withholding, the largest component of the \$313.7 million in individual income tax receipts, is 13.4% more than in July 2022. Kansas wage income continues to be strong as the state moves into Fiscal Year 2024," said Secretary of Revenue Mark Burghart.

Combined retail sales and compensating use tax receipts were \$315.3 million, which is \$12.3 million, or 4.1%, more than the estimate and up 38.8% from July 2022.

Click here to view the July 2023 revenue numbers.

### Public Notice

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING TO EXCEED REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE AND BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of **ROCHESTER TOWNSHIP KINGMAN COUNTY** will meet on Sept 12, 2023 at 6:30 PM, RNR Hearing; Budget at 7:00 PM at Blasi Station, 212 N Main, Zenda Cy, KS for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of ad valorem tax. Detailed budget information is available at Blasi Station, 212 N Main, Zenda Cy, KS and will be available at this hearing.

**BUDGET SUMMARY**  
Proposed Budget 2024 Expenditures and Amount of 2023 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2024 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.

Fund	Prior Year Actual 2022		Current Year Estimate 2023		Proposed Budget 2024		
	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2023 Ad Valorem Tax	Proposed Estimated Tax Rate*
General	15,168	4.948	17,168	4.841	17,168	13,935	3.898
Road	61,754	25.707	75,532	25.952	80,928	70,496	22.981
Library	4,047	1.813	4,375	1.522	4,400	4,116	1.342
Fema							
Special Machinery							
<b>Totals</b>	<b>80,969</b>	<b>32.468</b>	<b>97,075</b>	<b>32.315</b>	<b>102,496</b>	<b>88,548</b>	<b>28.221</b>
Less: Transfers	18,350		0		0		
Net Expenditure	62,619		97,075		102,496		
Total Tax Levied	69,973		69,973		XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX		
Total Assessed Valuation	2,516,672		3,022,547		3,575,108		
Township Assessed Valuation Only					3,067,626		

Funds Supported by Township Only - Revenue Neutral Rate\*\* 4.693

Outstanding Indebtedness, Jan 1, 2021, 2022, 2023

G.O. Bonds: 0, 0, 0  
Revenue Bonds: 0, 0, 0  
Other: 0, 0, 0  
Lease Purchase Principal: 0, 0, 0  
Total: 0, 0, 0

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

NEBBERT BLASI  
Treasurer

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### Public Notice

First published in The Cunningham Courier on Thursday, July 27, 2023 (3t)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, Kansas CIVIL DEPARTMENT

Finance of America Reverse LLC  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
The Heirs-at-law of Shirley J. Winter, Deceased; Michael Winter; Mark Winter; Rick Winter; Dennis Winter; American Western Bonding Company, Inc.; Safe Step Tubs of Minnesota, Inc.; United States of America, Commissioner of Housing and Urban Development; Service Finance Company, LLC; John Doe (Tenant/Occupant); Mary Doe (Tenant/Occupant),  
Defendants.

Case No. KM-2023-CV-000023  
Court Number:

Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 60

**Notice Of Suit**

THE STATE OF KANSAS, to the above-named defendants and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors and assigns of any deceased defendants; the unknown spouses of any defendants; the unknown officers, successors, trustees, creditors and assigns of any defendants that are existing, dissolved or dormant corporations; the unknown executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors, successors and assigns of any defendants that are or were partners or in partnership; the unknown guardians, conservators and trustees of any defendants that are minors or are under any legal disability; and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors and assigns of any person alleged to be deceased, and all other persons who are or may be concerned.

You are notified that a Petition has been filed in the District Court of Kingman County, Kansas, praying to foreclose a real estate mortgage on the following described real estate:

**Lot Eight (8) in Walker Addition, Kingman County, Kansas, as shown by the recorded plat thereof,** commonly known as 2439 N Main St, Kingman, KS 67068 (the "Property")  
and all those defendants who have not otherwise been served are required to plead to the Petition on or before the 6th day of September, 2023, in the District Court of Kingman County, Kansas. If you fail to plead, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

**NOTICE**

Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. §1692c(b), no information concerning the collection of this debt may be given without the prior consent of the consumer given directly to the debt collector or the express permission of a court of competent jurisdiction. The debt collector is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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**Neva Fox**

Neva Joyce Fox, 91, of Midwest City, OK passed away on Thursday, July 13, 2023.

Neva was born September 14, 1931, in Nashville, KS to George Elisha Rose and Ada Marie Rose. She grew up on her family's farm in Cunningham, KS, and enjoyed working in the wheat fields with her daddy. She graduated from Cunningham High School in 1949.

She married Floyd William White in 1951 and they had three children: Dennis, Kerry, and Candace. As an Air Force family for 20 years, they lived in several places including France and Japan before settling in Del City, OK in 1966. They were divorced in 1972.

In 1984, Neva married Billy Charles Fox. They spent 22 years happily married before Billy passed away in 2006. They enjoyed spending time with their family, playing with grandchildren, gardening together, and feeding the squirrels and birds who lived in their yard.

Throughout her life, Neva enjoyed many activities. She grew beautiful flowers as well as delicious strawberries and tomatoes, enjoyed quilting every week with her friends at the Brand Senior Center in Moore, embroidery, and always found the perfect gifts and treats while shopping with her family. She was very proud of her family and loved spending time together whether it was a simple picnic, flying kites on Easter, or pausing from her work to enjoy a Pepsi break she brought joy and fun to every gathering. She was a member of First Southern Baptist Church and recently Life Church.

Neva was preceded in death by her parents George Elisha Rose and Ada Marie Rose, and her husband Billy Charles Fox. She is survived by her sister Norma Jean Golden; her children and their spouses Dennis and Sherry White, Kerry and Rebecca White, Candace and Dennis Kendrick; her grandchildren Jeremy White, Matthew Kendrick, Sean White, Jonathan White, Taylor Ketrone, and Hayley Bansal; as well as her thirteen great-grandchildren and her loyal King Charles companion, Buddy.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, July 22, 2023 at Eastland Hills Baptist Church. A burial was Monday, July 24, 2023, at Maud Cemetery, Cunningham.

Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at [www.eisenhourfuneralhome.com](http://www.eisenhourfuneralhome.com) for the Fox family.



**Mary Oller**

Mary Agnes Oller, 90, passed away on Tuesday, July 25, 2023. She was born on December 15, 1932 in Cunningham to Lee Calvin and Rose (Pelzl) Smith. Mary married Melvin Oller on August 24, 1950 in Cunningham, KS. They were married for 39 years.



Mary Graduated from Cunningham High School in 1950 and from Sidney's Cosmetology School in 1961. She was owner and operator of Mary's Fantasy Salon. She was a life member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, CCD teacher, Daughters of Isabel, American Legion Auxiliary, 4-H Leader, Alter Society, Red Hat Society, Boy Scout Leader, Book Club, Women's Club, Cunningham Booster Club, Arbor Day Member and Community Concerts Member. She enjoyed Bowling League, volunteering at the Cunningham Library, an avid sports fan, loved motorsports, the KU Jayhawks, traveling the world, being a hairdresser for the Miss Kansas Pageant for many years and an award winning cosmetologist.

She is survived by sons, Marv (Lisa) Oller of Eudora, KS, Mike (Melva) Oller of Stockton, KS, and Matt (Karen) Oller of Peoria, AZ; daughters, Marlene Oller of Lawrence, KS, Melva (Lynn Lannon) Oller-Knox of Cunningham, KS, and Deanna (Gary) Snyder of McCook, NE; 14 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren plus 1 on the way.

Mary is preceded in death by her parents Lee and Rose Smith; husband, Melvin Oller; sister, Anna Lee Spratt; brother, Leo Henry Smith; daughter, Mary Ann Oller; grandson, Cody Oller.

Mass of Christian burial was held Monday, July 31, Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Bob Pinninti presiding. Burial followed at Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Cunningham Library or Kingman Co. Humane Society in care of Larrison Mortuary. Online condolences may be made at [www.larrisonmortuary.com](http://www.larrisonmortuary.com).

**Fraudsters Never Go On Vacation**

Fraudsters will never take a break. While you are out enjoying fun and sun this summer, they are working hard to find new ways to scam you. Seniors and younger people are particularly vulnerable to scammers who claim to represent Social Security. To protect you and your loved ones, you can:

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The students, athletes and staff deserve this recognition. The family cost will be the same as last year (\$25.00 per person/family) The sponsorship for businesses will be \$60.00. (The same as last year.) I will mail out forms and more information in the next week. If you do not received one and you'd like to sponsor, please contact me and I can get you set up.

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**Emporia State Releases Spring 2023 Honor Roll**

EMPORIA, KS (07/31/2023)-- Emporia State University congratulates nearly 700 undergraduates named to the university honor roll. Students from this area on the list include:

- Alayna McGuire of Cunningham, Kansas
- Jaycie Headrick of Norwich, Kansas

**Alayna McGuire Named to Dean's List at Emporia State University**

EMPORIA, KS (07/31/2023)-- Alayna McGuire of Cunningham, Kansas, was among more than 80 Emporia State students named to the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences dean's list in the spring 2022 semester.

To qualify for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences dean's list, students earned a semester grade point average that puts them in the top 10 percent of all students enrolled in full-time undergraduate work within the college and have a cumulative 3.5 GPA for all Emporia State courses.

**Graduation Ceremonies Conclude Emporia State's Spring 2023 Semester**

EMPORIA, KS (07/31/2023)-- Hats off to more than 700 graduates at Emporia State University. Students from this area who graduated include:

- Marissa R Dedrick of Pratt Kansas, Bachelor of Science in Nursing with a minor in Psychology.
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