

Approved Minutes from the County Commissioners' Meeting

Chairman Henning called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. June 26th, 2023, in the County Commissioners room at the Kingman County Courthouse. Present: Jerry Henning, Chairman; Jack Thimesch, Commissioner; Carol Noblit, County Clerk; Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor

Visitors: Bob Morris, Kingman Leader-Courier; Larry Landwehr; Aaron Brinkerhoff, Washington Mutual; Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director; Michelle Vakulenko, BC/ BS; Jeremy Gilson, Gallagher; Sharon James; Amanda Nailleux; Sarah Carroll, Invenergy; Luke Hagedorn, Invenergy; Eric Gunther, Invenergy and Matthew Wright.

Online Visitors: Heather Kinsler; Shanna Henry.

Staff: Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/ Zoning/Wastewater Director; Amanda Stucky, Field Appraiser; Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director; LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer and Matt Ricke, County Attorney.

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

No additions were made.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the agenda. Chairman Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Henning asked if there was any public comment.

No Comments were made.

Aaron Brinkerhoff, Washington Mutual was in to request being able to present life insurance for the County Employees.

Commissioners would like to wait for Commissioner Elpers to return before making a decision.

Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director was in to let the Commissioners know that the Accelerator Grant she had wrote for Childcare was awarded in the amount of \$674,027.00.

Amanda Stucky, Field Appraiser was in to discuss that Leslie Mangus is requesting an NRP extension which would be the first one requested.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the NRP extension for Leslie E. Mangus as it is the first request. Chairman Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioner.

Commissioners discussed the Expo Center with Matthew Wright who was attending the meeting.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the June 19th, 2023, Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon a majority vote of the County Commissioners.

Michelle Vakulenko, BC/BS and Jeremy Gilson, Gallagher were in to go over the BC/BS renewal information with the Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to opt in to the FlexAccess Program for BC/BS. Chairman Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.

Ms. Vakulenko discussed Virta Health with the Commissioners and explained that it could help employess with Diabetes Type 2 reverse their diabetes diagnosis.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve Virta Health for County Employees. Chairman Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a majority vote by the Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the BC/BS renewal for Sept. 1, 2023-August 31, 2024. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a majority vote by the Commissioners.

Mr. Gilson presented a life insurance quote for portable insurance.

Jamie Smith, County Treasurer was in with Ninnescah Valley Bank Paperwork for Commissioner signatures.

Commissioners signed the paperwork.

LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer was in to review 2024 budget numbers with the County Commissioners.

Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/ Wastewater Director was in to update the Commissioners and requested an executive session for non-elected personnel for evaluation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session with Stan Goetz, HR and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor at 10:46 a.m. to discuss an individual employee's evaluation pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings, and they will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 10:56 a.m. Chairman Henning

seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 10:56 a.m. with no decision made.

Mr. Goetz discussed a sign being requested to be put in the County right of way and if the Commissioners and Charles Arensdorf were okay with it.

The Commissioners were okay with the sign being place in the county right of way.

Sharon James and Amanda Nailleux were in to discuss the Core Community and everyone that helps make it

Chairman Henning recessed the meeting at 11:28 a.m.

Chairman Henning reconvened the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in with an update on bridge repair for D.0-6.2 East & North of Cunningham.

Mr. Arensdorf gave an update on the FLAP Project and start next week right after the 4th of July.

Mr. Arensdorf let the Commissioners know that the Tower construction has started at the landfill.

Mr. Arensdorf and Tanner Yost discussed the SW 70 Repair and submitted a request for bid notice to be placed in the newspaper and on the County website.

Matt Ricke, County Attorney was in to update the Commissioners on his office and the cases.

Mr. Ricke discussed that he received the bill for a criminal case that the state worked and his budget may be over due to the amount of the bill.

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BOE Will Meet Monday

Cunningham USD #332 104 W 4th, Cunningham, KS 67035 July 10, 2023 7:00 PM

AGENDA

Call to Order

Approval of Agenda (AI) **Guest Recognition**

Approval of the minutes of the June

12, 2023 regular meeting (AI)

Approval of the minutes of the June 12, 2023 budget hearing meeting (AI) Approval of financial reports and payment of bills (AI)

Organization (AI)

Appointments (Consent):

Clerk

Treasurer

Depository Auditor

Attorney

Official Newspaper Freedom of information officer

Custodian of records

Truancy Officer

KPERS Representative

Local Homeless Liaison

Hearing Officer for Suspension and Expulsion

Food Service Representative

Hearing Officer for Free and Reduced Meals

Compliance Coordinator for Federal Anti-Discrimination Laws including Title VI, Title VII, Title IX, and Section 504 (ADA)

New Fiscal Year action items:

Resolution 2024-001 Establish USD #332 Petty Cash Fund and Cunningham Schools Petty Cash Fund

Resolution 2024-002 Establish a School Activity Account

Resolution 2024-003 Establish Depository

Resolution 2024-004 Authorize Payment of Warrants Before Board Action

Resolution 2024-005 Maintain a Direct Deposit Account Resolution 2024-006 Waive the

Annual Requirement of General Accepted Accounting Principles and Fixed Asset Accounting

Resolution 2024-007 Establish **Board Meeting Dates**

Resolution 2024-008 Rescind Previous Policies and Adopt Policies to Govern the District During the 2022-2023 School Year

Resolution 2024-009 Comply With Immunization Laws and Regulations

Resolution 2024-010 Home Rule Resolution 2024-011 Agreement for Administrative Services for the 403b Retirement Program

Resolution 2024-012 Approve Employee Section 125 Plan

Resolution 2024-013 Adopt Hazard Mitigation Plan

Authorize disposal of old records Authorize district participation in federal programs

Adoption of 1,116 hour school year Approval to liquidate surplus property

Approval for participation in the Federal Food Service Program **Old Business**

Kingman Healthcare Presentation

Carpet Bid Approve KASB Policy updates (AI) Bond project update Reports

Superintendent Report - Dr. Arnberger

End of Year Budget report Principal Report- Mr. Dunlap Special Education- Scott DeWeese New Business (AI)

Approve membership in KASB and KASB Legal Assistance

Approve membership in ESSDACK

Executive Session (personnel) Budget-needs assessment, Revenue neutral rate

Approve 23-24 Supplemental duties Authorize District credit card limit

Adjournment







Meanderings

My little canine companion, Quin, has odd eating habits. When I first got him, he really just inhaled his food. I got him a 'slow feeding' dish. It helped a great deal.

Two years ago, when I got Quin, I also had Clarence. Clarence was protective of his food dish. The only beast who he would allow close to his food dish was his soul companion, Chloe. But Chloe, too, was over protective of her food, and not even her soul companion, Clarence, was allowed to eat from her bowl.

Quin, not realizing the pecking order of dogs,

I guess, would get a bit too close to Clarence while they were eating, and Clarence would rip into Quin. Of course, Clarence got in trouble.

Then it was to the point that if I set down the food bowls, and walk back into the house, Quin would run through the pet door, tail tucked, and hide on the bed. So I had to SIT outside while they ate. I couldn't stand. I had to SIT. Then, and only then, would Quin eat.

Well, after we lost Clarence, I started feeding Quin inside with the cats. I'd put down everyone's plates of food, and I would leave the kitchen. Quin wouldn't eat. Quin wouldn't eat because as soon as I left the kitchen, a cat or cats would mosey over and start eating his food.... And he'd let them, but he'd come looking for me to complain about it.

Back to the kitchen I'd go. Then I'd have to SIT while Quin ate. I couldn't stand. I had

to sit. Otherwise, he wouldn't eat.

Here it is, over a year after Clarence died, cats are trained not to eat from Quin's bowl, and Quin STILL won't eat unless I am SITTING at the kitchen table. I can't stand at the sink. I can't stand at the oven. I can't be looking out the door or the window. If I'm not sitting, he won't eat.

Some mornings, I put his food down, and he just lays down next to it and stares at it. He acts like he's hungry, bouncing all over the kitchen, knocking the cats over, but I put his bowl of gravied chunks in front of him, and he just looks at it. I have to encourage him to eat. He does... no explanation of why he wouldn't to begin with.

And then there are his treats. He loves, loves, loves treats.

When I first got Quin and he was crated until he could learn to potty outside, I'd get up in the night and let him out to "potty". When he came in, I'd give him a treat. It didn't take long for that stinker to figure out that what the Lady doesn't know, just benefits him.

One night, I stood at the window and watched him potty. He ran over to the grass, and ran right back. No potty. So, the training started over. I'd go out with him to make sure he pottied. If he did, he got a treat; no potty, no treat.

I think we have things pretty well figured out now. Quin goes to bed about 10:00 p.m. or there abouts. When I go to bed an hour or so later, I put him out to potty. And, because I don't quite trust him, I watch. Occasionally, he will just stand on the deck for a half-minute and then ask to come in. Then I go outside and we walk around the yard until he potties.

When he potties at night, he gets a "busy bone". He takes that Busy Bone and puts it down in front of him and stares at

it for 20 or 30 minutes. Sometimes he tries to cover it up with the blanket. He eventually eats it as I hear him chewing on it in the middle of the night.

One night, after he pottied, he came inside and I had the Busy Bone in my hand, but he had something else in his mouth. Hmm. I wasn't sure I wanted to know what it was. When he saw me with his Busy Bone treat, he dropped his prize. Dogs are so gross! He had dug up a piece of cat poo! So gross. He knows that cat poo is off limits.

I put the Busy Bone away, cleaned up the cat poo, the whole time telling him "No! No! No! No! What have I said about cat poo?" That dog about went crazy looking for that Busy Bone. He dug under the covers, he sniffed around the floor, he tried to dig under my pillow. He whined. He snorted.

I turned out the light.

I could see him staring at me. We stared at each other for maybe 5 minutes. "Go to sleep, Quin." Snort of disgust. Then he jumped off the bed and jumped up on the end table across the room where I have a bed for the cats. And he slept there. He NEVER sleeps there when I am in bed. He ALWAYS sleeps in the bed with me. I decided it was more than mad, he was furious! Lots of room in the bed for me that night.

However, the next morning, Quin was up all cheerful and happy, and when he saw that I was awake, he came racing over from his spot in the cat bed, all excited to see me, and wanted to snuggle and have a tummy rub. Silly dog.

Always reading and currently reading, "Fly By Night" by Frances Hardinge, Roberta



Tallgrass and Tumbleweeds by Gaille Pike

Dear Readers,

This week my Hyundai 2012 Sonata was released from the car hospital after receiving a brand new engine transplant. When it was towed (perhaps I should say "shipped" because it was hauled over 200 miles) to Topeka, I feared it was headed to a morgue and regretted that I had not had the opportunity to bid it farewell. Kudos to its "surgical team" at

Laird Noller Hyundai and special thanks to their Service Manager, Dylan for handling the whole mess professionally. I am also pleased to report that Hyundai did right by this owner in replacing at no charge whatsoever an engine that failed suddenly due to manufacturing defect.

Though the dealership had brought a loaner vehicle to me, a 2023 Hyundai, I am sure glad to have my old car back. I am not one to look a gift-horse in the mouth, especially when it comes to wheels which are lifelines for Kansas country living. And the teeth on that brand new mare were sparkling white but when the Laird Noller driver dropped it off and handed me a fob instead of a key, I knew it was going to take a "little getting used to" before we were comfortable riding together. Little Kona was a computerized pony, fully loaded with too many "Driver-Assist" features to name. We became acquainted after I spent a few hours combing through her thick mane of an owner's manual, though I confess that I never grew comfortable with her willingness to DRIVE ME. Or talk to And I never qu

got the hang of her airconditioning controls which appeared to have been designed by biodome engineers or NASA scientists. Despite my slow crawl up a big learning curve, that technologically advanced iron horse kept me mobile, which made my car's long weeks of "rehabilitation" less of an ordeal. I was not sorry to see her go but I will always remember the time we spent together.

My heartfelt thanks to all the folks who pitched in, helped out, and were all around good eggs during this trying experience. And in the words of the Bard Shakespeare, "All's well that ends well."

I would also like to thank the many Readers who responded to the first column I wrote when my car's engine seized. It was great to hear from you and I appreciated both your well wishes and your comments about my distress that no one stopped to see if I needed help. Many of you suggested that I judged my fellow Kansans too harshly in this cell phone age we inhabit. One individual even suggested that the motives of anyone who does stop when a woman is alo

and vulnerable should be viewed with suspicion. You have all given me much food for thought, hay to munch on, these past weeks. And keep 'em coming. My email is grp@coyotewebwebsynergy.com. But should my car have another organ fail and you see me standing by the side of the road over the July 4th holiday, I hope you'll stop to say "hi." Or at least honk.

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

A Column by Dorothy Rosby

The Wiener Takes It All

It was July 4 a few years ago. I was having lunch with my husband in one of those restaurants that has giant TV screens on every wall so that all the diners can watch different games and not have to talk to each other.

The screen I faced featured hot dogs grilling. I was hungry and the dogs looked good. But when the scene changed from grilling hot dogs to eating hot dogs I lost my appetite faster than you can say, "I'll have mustard with that." Actually "eating" doesn't begin to describe what was happening. Several men wearing matching T-shirts were cramming hot dogs down

their gullets like pelicans at a fish hatchery.

I had a lot of questions at that moment, the main one being why? Eating is one of life's greatest pleasures. It seems like force feeding yourself hot dogs would make it hard to... uh...relish them. Sorry.

Let me pause here to apologize to anyone who has the wherewithal to make it to the end of this essay. Almost nothing lends itself to bad puns more than hot dogs. Except maybe chickens. And I'll get to those too.

Anyway, \$10,000 is why. And a bejeweled mustard-yellow belt and all the hot dogs you can eat. Turns out I was watching Nathan's Famous International Hot Dog Eating Contest which is so famous I'd never heard of it. Apparently it's held annually on the Fourth of July at Coney Island, and

thousands of people attend to cheer on behavior they'd find repugnant at their own dinner tables.

Thankfully the contest is mercifully short. Ten minutes and it was all over but the bellyache. And I did bellyache. I told my husband that if the purpose of the contest is to promote hot dogs, it didn't work on me. I said it would be a long time before I could even look at a hot dog again, let alone eat one. And I told him watching people stuff themselves with hot dogs is no way to spend Independence Day, though I imagine stuffing yourself with them would be even...wurst.

He said, "nice hit" and clapped for the baseball game on the screen behind me. That year Joey "Jaws"
Chestnut won the contest
after eating seventy-two
hot dogs. Miki Sudo won
the women's division
packing in forty-one dogs
while her competitors
played ketchup. You are

what you eat though, so

everyone's a wiener. I'm

sorry. I can't stop myself. I haven't watched the contest since then and I don't plan to this year either, but you can if you have the stomach for it. The contest is broadcast by ESPN—you know, the sports channel. That seems odd. Nobody thinks it's sport when I have two pieces of pumpkin pie on Thanksgiving or eat the "sharing size" of peanut M&M'S all by myself.

There's NFL, MLB and now MLE, the

Major League Eating Federation. I'm not making that up. The MLE hosts around fifty eating contests every year-tamales in Louisville, oysters in New Orleans and wings in Buffalo, to name a few. Their mission, in part, is to "...publicize and execute eating events in a wide variety of food disciplines." I know "discipline" isn't normally the word that comes to my mind when someone overeats anything, including hot dogs. But let me be frank. I think discipline is exactly what it would take to keep seventy-five of them down until the contest is over.

I shouldn't judge. I engaged in my share of eating competitions with my younger brother when I was growing up, includ-

ing one every year at our annual July 4 neighborhood picnic. It wasn't based on winning a cash prize though. We both really loved my mother's fried chicken and the drumsticks were our favorites. Even combined, we never ate close to seventy-five drumsticks though, but only because my mom didn't fry that many chickens.

And I never won either. My brother had the appetite of a hockey team and he was a much faster eater than I was so he always got more drumsticks. That still sticks in my craw.

See I told you I'd get to chickens.



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Community Bulletin Board

Thursday, July 6 10:00 a.m. **CPL**

K-State STEM program

Monday, July 10 7:00 p.m. **BOE** meeting

Tueday, August 8 6:00

Parents meeting for Fall

sports participation

Monday, August 14 first day of fall

Wednesday, August 9

School enrollment

7:00 p.m. **BOE**

sports practice

Wednesday, August 23rd First Day of School.



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B-29 Museum

is open on Sundays from 2:00 to 4:00 pm Pratt Army Airfield – 82 Curran Road Visit them on Facebook at www.prairiebombers.org for more information. If you would like to visit the museum at another time call 672-8321,

> 672-2444 or 620-797-2919 to schedule an appointment!

Libraries

Cunningham Public Library

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Zenda **Public Library**

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



Kingman Carnegie Library

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Wed.: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Thurs.: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Fri.: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Sat.: 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 620-532-3061



Mon. - Thurs. 10:00 - 7:00 Friday: 10:00 - 6:00 Saturday: 10:00 - 2:00 Closed on Sundays

(620) 672 - 3041

Estate Sale of Marleen Fairchild 215 East C Avenue Kingman, KS

Thursday, July 6th - 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Friday, July 7th - 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday, July 8th - 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Lots more things added, Furniture, 100 plus pieces of Avon Cape Cod Dishes, Salt and Pepper Collection, Child's Jumping Horses, Pink Depression Glass, Lots of Baking Dishes, Vintage Clothing, Holiday décor, Antique items, Grandfather clock w/side shelves, and much, much more!



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& Thurs. - 11:00 to 8:00 Friday and Saturday - 11:00 to 9:00 Closed Wednesday and Sunday

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Kingman Historic Theatre

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

Sean Kenney's Animal Super Powers Made with LEGO® Bricks Arrives at the Hansen Museum.

This mind-blowing exploration of mysterious animal abilities is on view from July 1, through September 10, 2023

Logan, KS – June 23, 2023 – Sean Kenney's Animal Super Powers, a brand new exhibition featuring aweinspiring sculptures made from LEGO® bricks, will be on view at the Hansen Museum from July 1, 2023 to September 10, 2023. From the mind of acclaimed artist, Sean Kenney, Animal Super Powers showcases larger-than-life sculptures of creatures who have evolved to possess their very own "super powers" and invites guests to learn the science behind them.

Produced by Imagine Exhibitions, Inc., Animal Super Powers is chock-full of STEAM content and will inspire budding artists, engineers, zoologists, and biologists to expand their imaginations, get curious and explore in an experience that both educates and excites.

The sculptures and exhibits in Animal Super Powers explore the evolutionary, biological, and environmental reasons for amazing animal adaptations such as shapeshifting, super-strength, echolocation, and limb regeneration and asks guests to imagine themselves with the same abilities.

Combining the world's most beloved toy brick with the mythology of super heroes, Animal Super Powers provides an entertaining platform through which visitors can appreciate the wonders of the natural world.

Tom Zaller, CEO of Imagine Exhibitions shared, "Imagine Exhibitions is proud to partner with Sean Kenney to bring the creative vision of Animal Super Powers to the Hansen Museum. Sean's art is gravitydefying, and inspires us to look at ourselves and the world around us with from an incredible new perspective."

Come explore the joy and wonder of Sean Kenney's Animal Super Powers Made with LEGO® Bricks, open week days to the public from 9:00 a.m to 4:00 p.m., Saturdays, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sundays from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Admission is free!

About The Hansen Museum

The Hansen Museum aims to promote the cultural and artistic interests of the people of Northwest Kansas. With world-class rotating exhibits, monthly spotlighted artists, and an extensive permanent collection featuring artifacts from the lives of one of Logan's founding families, the Hansen Museum maintains a diverse appeal. A forum for cultural and artistic exploration, the Museum is dedicated to providing exhibitions and continuing education programs to cultivate public interest in the arts. Following Mr. Hansen's example, the Hansen Museum seeks to build up its community, sharing local and global art with the people of Northwest Kansas. For more information, visit www.hansenmuseum.org or find us on Facebook.

About Imagine Exhibitions

Imagine Exhibitions is currently producing over 40 unique exhibitions globally in museums, science centers, zoos, integrated resorts, and non-traditional venues, with millions of people around the world visiting our exhibitions each year. In addition to developing successful traveling exhibitions, Imagine Exhibitions designs, opens, and operates permanent installations and venues, and consults on building, expanding, and directing museums and attractions. With decades of diverse experience in the museum and entertainment industries, Imagine Exhibitions consistently develops exhibitions that educate and excite while exceeding attendance goals. For more information, visit www. ImagineExhibitions.com or find us on Facebook.

About Sean Kenney

Sean Kenney is an award-winning artist who uses LEGO pieces as a medium for contemporary sculpture, portraiture, and commercial art. He is recognized as one of the leading experts in the field and is a founding member of several global programs that aim to encourage and support this emerging art form. Millions of people have visited his exhibitions, he has authored 9 children's books, and The LEGO Group collaborated with him as an official partner for 14 years. Sean's work has been acclaimed by The New York Times, PBS Arts, BBC Arts, and Vogue, and he continues to create every day at his studio in Amsterdam. www. seankenney.com

Kingman Historic Theatre

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starting Sunday May 28th

through Labor Day Weekend

Consider this...

by Mike Johnson

Just Who is Asleep Here?

More than two decades after graduating from high school, I still get a thrill from being old enough to drop my daughters off at school and not having to attend myself. In addition, being a work-at-homer gives me the added benefit of watching other drivers rushing off to work when I don't have to be anywhere at any specific time in any specific uniform. Just me and the car, a cup of coffee and the sunrise on my back makes for a pleasant 15 minute drive home.

On this day, I chose the scenic route and took a residential side street. While waiting at the stop sign, a slow moving pickup had the right-of-way and turned onto the road up the hill I had my eye on. Clearing the intersection, I made the same turn and fell in behind the truck which was moving 20 miles per hour on a 30 mile per hour road.

Despite having no time pressure, I still felt a rush of stress flow into my peaceful morning. As I lumbered up the hill behind the slow truck, I studied the pickup's driver. Obviously, he was oblivious to his surroundings. Slumped low behind the wheel, he appeared older and lost in his thoughts. I was right behind him and yet he was crawling for no apparent reason.

As luck would have it, every turn he made ahead of me was the exact route I needed to take. Not able to pass, yet going too slow to relax, I began to mentally talk to him.

"Hey buddy! Wake up. Look in your mirror, look at that speed limit sign, give a guy a break here. Do you realize you are asleep? It's amazing that you can be so unaware, yet be driving a truck."

Finally we arrived at an intersection that had an extra lane and I moved over to escape.

Then I realized where

Our family had moved 4 weeks before and I had taken the route to the old house rather than the route to the new house. I was so focused on mentally browbeating the "asleep" truck driver that I didn't realize that I was the one who had been unaware! In fact, I should have turned right at that first stop sign rather than following that truck at all. Had I been alert, I'd have avoided the entire episode.

What a lesson in human nature.

When we fall back on mental auto-pilot, we act from mechanical habit rather than conscious thought. These mechanical habits then take us to the same places we've visited before - whether that's the destination we want or not. This explains why people continue to make the same mistakes over and over again.

For example, the person who talks endlessly never detects their offensive behavior because they are operating on mental auto-pilot. They've formed the habit of talking and that's what mechanically happens when their awareness is

Always start off your day with God! on vacation.

The person who bites his fingernails is in the same boat. When mentally unaware, the mind reverts back to the mechanical habit of raising fingers to mouth and the damage repeats itself over and over. The only escape from selfdefeating actions is to mentally breakout of mechanical habit - pull yourself awake and become "aware" of your actions.

Had I been mentally

aware, not only would I have avoided the uncomfortable truck episode, but I'd have avoided blaming someone else for my own stupidity. As I look back on the incident, that truck was the universe's way of trying to show me I'd made the wrong turn. But rather than recognize I was the one in error, I blamed the problem on the truck

Just who was the one asleep here?

driver.

Tan Lines

By Toni Hammer Born with a semi-rare genetic alteration, I was given the short end of the stick at birth. In the United States, I am 1 in 17,000. I am albino.

This condition comes saddled with its share of difficulties. My vision without glasses is 20/400—twenty times worse than that of someone born with the standard 20/20. Even with glasses my vision is around 20/40. I'll never see "perfectly." Everything from street signs to subtitles is a challenge.

I can't drive. Oh,

many states say I can with a restricted license, but I don't belong behind the wheel. I would be putting myself, my passengers, and anyone on the road in danger. Therefore, if I'm to get anywhere, I'm left asking for rides, taking public transportation, or walking regardless of the weather.

I am physically unable to tan. While this sounds shallow, I grew up in a California beach town. Trust me—it was a problem. Being stark white in a land of golden bodies was asking for mockery. The sun doesn't scorch my skin on contact, but I should wear sunscreen exponentially more often

than the average person. Annual checkups and eye exams are always heavy with warnings of skin cancer and worsening vision as though I haven't heard these speeches since birth.

I wish the physical complications were my only concern. Sadly we inhabit a society where differences breed divisiveness.

Kids are cruel. We need only look at the treatment of Joseph by his brothers to see that this has been true since the beginning. While children can create heartless comments from nothing, my intensely pale skin and blonder than blond hair made me an easy target for nasty names. Though some insipid remarks failed to make sense—I'll never understand the creative genius behind "mayonnaise"the underlying sentiment was loud and clear: I was different and not worthy of positive attention from

my classmates. The negative association attached to albinism doesn't end on the playground. There are a multitude of albino characters in the arts industry portrayed in an odious light. The movie Powder was released in 1998 when I was in junior high. The protagonist is born with albinism and, due to this strange characteristic, discovers he can conduct electricity through his body. Because of his albinism, he is abandoned by his father, kept in a basement by his grandparents, and treated atrociously by his peers. The movie's climax shows him as a teenager using his electricity ability to kill himself because the main lesson he learned in his short life is that he is a freak who doesn't belong in society. Had I a quarter for every time a fellow student asked if I had "special powers" because I was albino my kids' college funds would be fully loaded.

Another notorious albino is Silas in the critically acclaimed book and film The Da Vinci Code by Dan Brown. Silas, a loathsome character who literally beats himself into submission, is a murderous monk bent on ensuring secrets of the faith are not revealed. He is a villain. He would be a villain without having albinism, but both Dan Brown, and later Director Ron Howard, chose to depict him as an albino despite numerous requests asking them to remove this attribute from the character as it is completely unnecessary. The book and film's release let loose another deluge of inane comments regarding my albinism.

Looking back, my younger years were better than most, but as a sad child who was picked on again and again for something she could

not control, that truth was drowned in tears. Why did the Lord create me this way? Only He knows. However, I do know I am "fearfully and wonderfully made" (Psalm 139:14 NIV). I believe the Bible is complete truth and, therefore, I believe that verse despite my childhood experiences and the art world's portrayal of my genetic alteration.

Over time, I've learned there are positive side effects to my condition. I have a greater compassion for others who were given the short end of the stick after exiting the womb because, on some level, I can sympathize. I also possess an inner strength which chooses to rise above the ignorance and instead cultivate qualities of the heart—love, grace, kindness—rather than be downtrodden.

With all its physical and social maladies, I would never wish albinism on anyone. However, I do have it, it's who I am, and at least I never have to worry about tan lines.

Catholic Churches Sacred Heart, Cunningham

Sundays 10:00 a.m.

St. Leo Saturdays 4:00 p.m. St. John, Zenda Saturdays 5:30 p.m

St. Peter Willowdale Sundays 8:30 a.m.

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

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Lutheran Churches

8:30 a.m.

St. John, Nashville 620-246-5220 Sunday School & Bible Class 9:45 a.m. Worship Service

Trinity, Medicine Lodge 620-886-3397 Sunday School & Bible Class 9:15 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

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

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Church of Christ Penalosa

Sunday 11:00 a.m.

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First Christian Church

Cunningham

Sunday School 9:30 am Morning Worship 10:45 Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 Jr High Youth Group 4:00 pm Sunday Sr High Youth Group 7:30 pm Sunday Wednesday Prayer Service 7:00

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Worship 9:15 a.m. Worship 10:45 a.m. Pastor Mathew Ndambuki Musyoki

Zenda

Worship 9:00 a.m.

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Do you need assistance outside distribution hours? Please call 620-491-0292 and leave a message. Your call will be returned as soon as possible. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

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

1933

June 30, 1933 - The 1933 wheat harvest for Cunningham and vicinity is well under way and is thought by grain buyers that the harvesting is over half completed. So far as we have heard the wheat field of Allen Washburn, the field just south of his home place has made the largest yield in this vicinity. The yield per acre was 15 bushels. Other fields have been reported to be running as low as four bushels to the acre. The grain is not of very good quality this year, the buyers reporting a test of around 57 pounds average.

At best the wheat harvest here will be far below average.

The wheat market has been advancing by leaps and bounds since Wednesday of last week, when wheat was quoted at 62 cents. The high this week was 82 cents a bushel. This was on Tuesday and since then the market is off about 8 cents.

The new two-cent postal rate on all first class mail for local delivery will go into effect July 1, this being only on mail delivered in the city where mailed. First class mail for delivery elsewhere will require the three-cent stamp.

1938

July 1 – Frank Allbritten Jr. left Tuesday for Philadelphia where he will enter the University of Pennsylvania Hospital for his two years internship. He received his medical degree from the University of Pennsylvania this month.

Harvest has been resumed and is in full swing again, after farmers had to stop operations for a few days following the heavy rain which fell last Friday night and Sat. morning. The average yield seems to be around 10 to 12 bushels, while some fields have made 15 bushels or a little better, but these are exceptions rather than the majority of fields. The test has been between 54 and 60.

1943

July 2- Wheat harvesting activities were halted by rain yesterday and a day or so of sunshine will be required before work can be resumed again. About seventy-five percent of the wheat in this community has been cut and reported average yields range from fifteen to twenty bushels per acre, with tests running from fifty-six to sixty-two pounds.

Mr. and Mrs. Faunnes Wilson of Cunningham, have received word from their son, Private Francis Wilson, who is with the United States Army "somewhere in North Africa," that he has been confined to the base hospital of his unit, suffering from yellow jaundice fever.

Corporal Alva Hellar arrived home Sunday from Camp Chafee, Ark., for a fifteen day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Hellar and other relatives, and to assist his father in getting wheat ground in shape following harvest.

Some wheat from this vicinity has been hauled to Penalosa since ten box cars were received one day by the elevator there.

1948

July 2 – Hot, dry, and windy weather reached this community Tuesday and wheat harvest operations commenced in earnest for the first time this season.

The seige of wet weather ended with a heavy rain Sunday morning and evening and the weatherman has promised clear skies through the week-end.

Farmers of this community started the "big push" Wednesday afternoon and trucks have been pouring in continuously at all three Cunningham elevators.

On the average the wheat yield is higher than expected. Some small patches harvested grain at better than forty bushels per acre but the average will range between ten and twenty-five bushels per acre.

Wheat price per bushel is just a few cents over \$2.00 at the present time.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Baber on the birth of a girl, Monday evening, June 28, at the Grand Junction, Colorado, hospital. She weighed eight and one-half pounds at birth.

Two youths captured in San Francisco, California, Friday, and being returned to Kansas for investigation of breaking into the Farmers State Bank at Ingalls,



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may have robbed the Steve England store at Cairo earlier this month.

Pratt county sheriff Ira Frantz said Monday that plastic casts made of footprints at the store have been found to compare exactly with similar casts made at Ingalls.

1953

July 3- KTVH, the new television station at Hutchinson, went on the air Wednesday afternoon at four-thirty o'clock, presenting good reception in Cunningham homes who have receiving sets.

The first program was a ninety-minute live-wire affair, with viewers being introduced to station personnel, and a talk by Mr. Howard Peterson, general manager of the state's first television station, who told what the aims of KTVH are, and what viewers could expect in the months to come.

Showing Friday and Saturday at the Cunningham Theatre - Randolph Scott and Patricia Wymore in "Man Behind The Gun," Technicolor Western Picture of Los Angeles a Century Ago. Showing Sunday and Monday - Danny Thomas and Peggy Lee in "The Jazz Singer," a Musical-Drama in Technicolor that will Light Up Your Heart. Wednesday and Thursday Irene Dunn and Dean Jagger in "It Grows on Trees," the Wonderful Story of a Wish That Came True.

Showing Friday and Saturday at the Trail Drive-In Theatre, Pratt, Kansas - John Hodiak and John Derek in "Ambush At Tomahawk Gap" Showing Sunday and Monday - Red Skelton and Kathryn Grayson in "Lovely To Look At" Tuesday, Bargain Night, \$1.00 a Carload - Peter Lawford and Janet Leigh in "Just This Once" Wednesday and Thursday - James Stewart and Wendell Corey in "Carbine Williams"

1958

July 3–The Ellis Derby Station moved to their new station at the west city limits of Cunningham this week.

Station owner Roy Ellis is planning a Grand Opening at the new station, Saturday, July 12.

John A. Schnittker, Assistant Professor of Agricultural Economics at Kansas State College at Manhattan, has been named to the staff of the Council of Economic Advisers in Washington, D.C. The council is an agency of the office of the President on matters of economic policy.

Professor Schnittker has been granted a year's absence from his K-State post.

Mr. Schnittker will be accompanied to Washington, D.C., by his wife and four sons. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Schnittker of Cunningham.

1963

July 4- Six Kingman County young men, including three from Cunningham, left Kingman early last Friday morning for Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., where they will begin six months of training in the United States Army.

All are members of the Kingman National Guard, and after completing eight weeks of basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, five of the boys will go to Fort Sill, Okla., for gunnery training.

The three Cunningham boys are David Amick, Lynn Fitzsimmons, and Kenneth Spade.

Private First Class Donald Becker returned to his duties at Fort Carson, Colo., Monday after spending a ten-day furlough visiting his mother, Mrs. Rosa Becker, and other relatives.

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

1968

July 4- Did you ever have a crash with a car coming down the road backwards?

Such an experience happened to Harry DeArmond,

Cunningham's serviceman for Western Power and Gas Company, about Monday noon, near Cairo on Highway 54 during the rain.

An eastbound car slowed to allow a preceding car to turn, skidded off the road and struck a "Pass With Care" sign. The impact whipped the car around and it came backwards to the west where its right rear fender collided with Mr. DeArmond's eastbound company pickup.

An estimated \$600 damage was sustained to the pickup.

Marilyn Sue Goodgion, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Goodgion of Wichita, and Kenneth Alan Glenn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Glenn of Cunningham, were married at the Pleasant Valley United Methodist Church in Wichita, Sunday afternoon, June 23, at 3:00 o'clock.

> **Museum Hours** Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

or contact Angie Mertens at 620-532-4354 or

Alan Albers at 620-298-2725 or Mike McGovney at 620-770-9503

(Volunteers Needed at the museum)

A fire late Sunday afternoon at the Dayton Dyche farm home northwest of town, destroyed a tool shed but caused no further damage.

It is reported the fire started after Mrs. Dyche had put away the power lawnmower which she had been using, and in some manner the heat from the machine started the fire.

Miraculously, a large gasoline storage tank beside the tool shed was not burned to the point of exploding, although the tank itself was seared and scored. The rural volunteer fire department was called to the scene.

Fireworks Display City Ball Park Fourth of July evening

YEARS AGO IN

The Cunningham Clipper

Publisher: Charles G. Barnes Editor: Kathleen Pakkebier Reporter: Florine Kampling

1978

July 6- The Cunningham Volunteer Fire Department answered two fire alarms this past week. The first, Sunday afternoon, was a grass patch fire by the railroad tracks on the west side of town. The highway patrol called it in, fearful that it would spread to the power lines. According to Walt Rosenbaum, there was no blaze, and all the fire department did was wet down the weeds. There were no injures or damage.

The second fire call was to the Daryl Horst residence on Tuesday, July 4, evening. A bottle rocket set some wooden shingles on fire and burned a small hole in the roof. Damage was very slight. No one was injured.

Lee A "Strick" Strickland, 72, Cunningham, a retired foreman for Skelly Oil Co. in the Supply and Transportation division, died Saturday morning, July 1, at Pratt Regional Medical Center.

Born June 8, 1906, in Neodesha, Kan., he married Ethel C. land Feb. 9, 1935, in Eureka, Kan. He lived in Southeast Kansas until 1949, when he moved to Cunningham. He lived in Larned from 1964 to 1969, when he moved back to Cunningham. He retired Oct. 1, 1969, after 38 years of service with Skelly Oil.

June 20 game verses Turon: Cunningham won 11-0. Scott DeWeese pitched a no-hitter and Ryan Ruckle and Chris Huhman caught. Rob Sterneker lead the team ni hits with three of the game.

Little League Results: July 4 game versus St. Leo: Cunningham won 8 - 3. Scott Huhman and Wade Ruckle pitched, and Terry Elliot caught.

The annual fireworks display was marre by some out-of-town youths, Mayor Walt Rosenbaum said. "Some Pratt kids came into town and caused trouble," he said. "They were shooting rockets at people, cars, homes and each other. I've been getting complaints from Cunningham people about them. Next year we're going to ask someone from the Sheriff's Department to come and supervise."

Thanks to the Cunningham Volunteer Fire Department for their quick response on three occasions recently on behalf of our family. Twice at the Daryl Horst resident and once in the call for help for Joe Kampling.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Freund

1983

July 7 – The 1983 wheat harvest got into full swing this week, thanks to recent hot weather and high winds. Wet weather had delayed the annual harvest which is now almost half-way completed.

If you are one of those people who enjoy receiving a handwritten letter, think of how one of your close friends or loved ones might enjoy hearing from you.

Don't allow the personal letter to become extinct. Write to someone you care about soon. Let's keep this personal form of communication alive. Better yet let's revitalize an old tradition.

M. and Mrs. Richard Almond and Rodney were Tuesday afternoon callers at the Harold DeWeese home. They helped Harold celebrate his birthday and enjoyed cake and ice cream. Dwane DeWeese was also a guest.

The annual Ice Cream Social sponsored by Cunningham YWCA was held at City Park Shelter House, south of the swimming pool, July 4th. Proceeds from the free will offering went to help fund local projects sponsored by the group, which donated the homemade ice cream and cake.

Kimberly House, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Keith House, of Cunningham, has earned a place on the Tabor College honor roll for the 1983 spring semester.

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Minutes from the County Commissioners' Meeting

(con't ofrom front page) Chairman Henning discussed correspondence from Kenneth Shipley resigning from Allen Township.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve Kenneth Shipley's resignation from Allen Township and to have

Weston Winter fill the position. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners discussed a quote received for water filters to be installed on the water fountains in the Courthouse and the Health Department. MOTION:

Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the quote for water filters

for the water fountains in the Courthouse and Health Department for \$1200.00. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Henning discussed the stalls at the Expo Center need to be taken down and that he received a call from the Livestock Committee and they discussed the stalls.

Commissioners signed abatements.

Chairman Henning recessed the board meeting at 12:19 p.m.

Chairman Henning reconvened the board meeting at 1:09 p.m.

Sarah Carroll, Luke Hagedorn and Eric Gunther with Invenergy were in to discuss the road access and repair agreement Exhibit "A" Action Plan submitted to the County Commissioners.

Ms. Carroll suggested having a meeting with Westwood, Charles Arensdorf and Tanner

Yost to review the plan and see if the bridges on the haul route can be discussed.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed the roads and the concerns he had with the haul route.

Mr. Gunther let the Commissioners and Mr. Arensdorf know that they will bring in three transformers and haven't choose a lay down yard location at this point.

Commissioner Thimesch would like for them to ask the townships

rock used offered to them so they could possibly use on township roads. MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 2:02 p.m. Chairman Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County

Commissioners.

if they would like the

KANSAS WH**EAT** Day 5, Kansas Wheat Harvest Report

This is day 5 of the Kansas Wheat Harvest Reports, brought to you by the Kansas Wheat Commission, Kansas Association of Wheat Growers, Kansas Grain and Feed Association and the Kansas Cooperative Council.

The Kansas wheat harvest is 21 percent complete, well behind 54 percent last year and 38 percent for the five-year average, according to the official statistics provided by the USDA's National

Agricultural Statistics Service crop progress report for the week ending June 25, 2023. Maturity was rated at 58 percent, also behind 84 percent last year and the 77 percent five-year average.

Winter wheat conditions were rated at 53 percent very poor to poor, 31 percent fair and 16 percent good to excellent.

After several delays, Kansas farmers are finally seeing harvest weather. With this week's hot temperatures, harvest is ramping up.

In Rice County in south-central Kansas, Brian Sieker has been cutting a sparse wheat crop a few miles west of Chase.

"I am pretty fortunate

we even have wheat to cut this year," Sieker

In the fall, the wheat was off to what looked like a great start, but as the year progressed, snows and rain events seemed a thing of the past, and the wheat used up any residual moisture. Now, with harvest in full swing around the area, some neighbors did not even bother to bring out their combines, opting to abandon their wheat and move on to a different crop.

For Sieker, yields have ranged as high as mid-thirties down into the teens. Moisture was normal at 11 percent and the test weights in some of his nearby fields were doing fairly well at 60 pounds per bushel.

"You go further west, they have it worse," Sieker said. "We are just thankful to have some fields worth cutting."

On top of the usual hustle and bustle of wheat harvest, it has been extra busy with Sieker switching between a combine cab with a swather cab depending on the current state of dew points and humidity as he also produces alfalfa hay, corn, soybeans and sorghum.

Eastern Kansas farmers who escaped the extreme drought conditions are seeing different yield results. In Montgomery County, sixth-generation farmer Jesse Muller started cutting his hard red winter wheat on June 13 but also had delays due to rain. Farming the land that has been in his family for multiple generations makes farming significantly more meaningful for Muller. This year's crop, unlike other parts of the state, has Muller needing to calibrate his combine more often.

Muller is seeing a wide variety of yields across his fields, ranging anywhere from 20 bushels per acre in some spots up above 70 to 80 bushels per acre in others. Test weights are averaging above 60 pounds per bushel in his fields, which were planted to a Kansas Wheat Alliance variety with excellent head scab tolerance.

"Yields are better than expected on most fields, especially following corn due to the excess nitrogen from last year," Muller said, explaining that his

family was lucky to be in the pocket that received rains when they needed them.

"We're seeing a wide array of variability, with some bright spots and some expected frustrations of lower-than-average yields, and some disastrous yields," said Kansas Wheat CEO Justin Gilpin. "Overall, reported yields range from ten to 70 bushels per acre, with the averages in the 30s from what I've seen. I've also heard a lot of reports of proteins above 12%."

Keep track of the Kansas Wheat crew as they continue their harvest tour. Look for a special edition harvest report on the soft red winter wheat crop on June 27. Written by Julia Debes for Kansas Wheat

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Comfortably Dumb by Bruce Quast

"At least we're close to the beach!"

Local Students Complete Degrees at Wichita State University

More than 2.060 students completed a total of 2,293 degrees at Wichita State University in spring 2023.

The breakdown of degrees and certificates granted

includes: * Undergraduate: 1,361 degrees and certificates for 1,233 undergraduate students

* Graduate: 932 degrees and certificates for 827 graduate students

For bachelor's degrees, honors were conferred to the following:

* Summa cum laude: 115 students

* Magna cum laude: 407 students

* Cum laude: 292 students

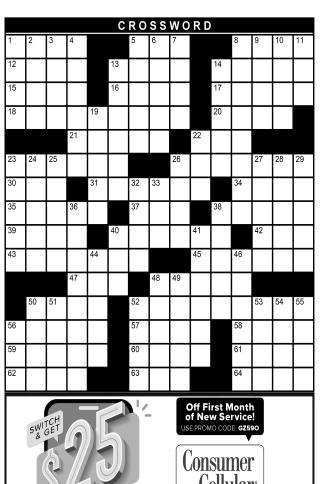
Undergraduate students who have attained a grade point average of 3.9 out of a possible 4.0 received the summa cum laude award; those with an average of 3.55 received the magna cum laude award; and those with an average of 3.25 received the cum laude award.

Area students who completed degrees are:

Mikaela M Meyers, Master of Arts, Communication Science and Disorders

Kiley L Wahrman, Bachelor of Arts in Education, ECU/Elementary Educatoin Apprentice, Cum Laude

Statepoint Crossword Theme: Movie Animals



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ACROSS 1. Deli side

QUAST

5. *"Breakfast at Tiffany's" animal

8. Songs for one

12. What formica and biochemical have in common

13. Prefix for partly

14. Dark

15. Crew equipment, pl.

16. Steinbeck's "East of 17. Golf shirt

18. *"Marmaduke" animal

20. *"Away & Back" animal

21. Game "field"

22. Slightly insane

23. Casual top

26. Vending machine 30. Rocks, to a bartender

31. Bowling prop

34. Lush

35. Trots and canters

37. Broadcasting medium 38. Inflammatory swelling

39. Highland tongue

40. Sock pattern

42. Bring into play

43. Go back over

45. Theater passages

47. Part of a cheer

48. Lump of anything

50. Milo and Otis, e.g.

56. Wheel on a spur

57. CISC alternative

52. *"Dunston Checks In" animal

60. MacFarlane or Rogen

61. Go-

62. *Bullseye, Hamm and Lotso

Bear, e.g. 63. Lyric poem

64. Immediately, doctor's jargon

DOWN

1. Air quality concern

2. Fibber

3. Farm measure

4. Sushi condiment 5. Natural moth repellent

6. To change, as in the U.S. Constitution

7. Fork prong

8. *"Harry Potter" animal (2 words)

9. Earthenware pot

10. *"Born Free" animal

11. I in T.G.I.F.

13. Administer diazepam 14. When Cinderella wins

19. Civil wrongs

22. "Some Nights" band 23. *"Life of Pi" animal

24. Close call

25. Bank job

26. Gossamer 27. Cry like #5 Across

28. Liquorice flavored herb

29. Hues

32. Backgammon predecessor 33. *"Babe" animal

36. *"Anchorman" and "The

Lightness of

40. "That feels good!" exclamation 41. Set in motion

44. Like a go-getter bird

46. Lies in ambush 48. Wept

49. It makes waste?

50. Singular of #17 Across 51. Home versus

52. Guesstimate phrase (2 words)

53. To perfection (3 words)

54. Taj Mahal city

55. As opposed to gross

56. *"Willard" animal



58. Private theater box Wizard of Oz" animals 38. Kundera's "Unbearable 59. Resembling wings

Our Summer Reading program was so fun! Mary Stackhouse started it off with a story and then took the kids to the post office. Thank you, Maria Ines Oak and the Cunningham Post Office for allowing us to take a tour and learn about the postal service. The kids enjoyed writing a letter or drawing a picture and then getting to go back to the post office and picking out a stamp before mailing it. Thank you for taking pictures Kelsey Beat













courtesy of the Cunningham Library











We're on a roll with STEM at CPL. Thank you Janelle and K-State Research & Extension, Kingman County, for bringing another interesting and fun activity to the library. A big thank-you to library board members for covering for the librarian this week and to all the parents, grandparents, and caregivers who help children get the most out of the Summer Reading programs. Thanks Ingrid, for sharing all your photos. Looks like everyone had a great time.

We look forward to having everyone back for another fun STEM activity on Thursday, July 6th. See you at the library!

Tiny Tots Visit Fire Station









Tiny Tots daycare went to visit the Cunningham Fire Station. Harold Stark was gracious enough to take time to show us around and explain how everything works. He allowed us to try on parts of the uniforms and show us the different trucks and explain how each truck has it's own task. Our favorite part was getting to spray the fire hose. A big thank you to Harold.

Photos and story submitted by Trish Patton







Modern Farm Communication

Baldwin, McPherson County farmer and rancher

Summertime on the farm is in full effect. We seem to awaken a bit earlier with the sun to accomplish tasks before the heat of the day sets in. We also seem to go to bed much later to take advantage of the extra daylight.

It's a constant state of "go-go-go" most days right now with an occasional slowdown if a rain

After going through the items of the day over coffee, my husband is usually the first one out the door. We are generally going different directions for the majority of the days right now, but we're always touching base with quick phone calls and text messages.

Sometimes the text messages between us consist of a brief "OK" or a thumbs up emoji. Sometimes the text is simply a link to a news article one of us finds interesting. Other times it's a silly TikTok or Facebook Reel we know will give the other a good chuckle.

message thread between us includes silly GIF responses.

A perfect example of our daily communication during this time of the year was when I recently texted a selfie of me with a thumbs up showing my husband I had successfully backed a truck to and hooked a trailer to the ball hitch without any help – a task I like to remind him I am fully capable of accomplishing.

"One try," I included in the text message accompanying the photo.

His response: A black and white GIF of battleworn actor Gerard Butler playing King Leonidas

the words "MY QUEEN."

Another example was when we were looking for a small part needed for the planter. When I thought I had found the item I texted him a picture of it with "Is this it?" in the message.

While his response was a quick, "Yah," I responded back with a GIF of a crowd wildly applauding.

I've had many times in my adult life that I have reflected on how lucky I am to be living in this era. I often wonder how those before me handled life in general, let alone life on the farm without all of the modern conveniences.

Constant communication on our farm is a necessity to ensure we are as productive and efficient with our time as possible, especially during these busy summer days.

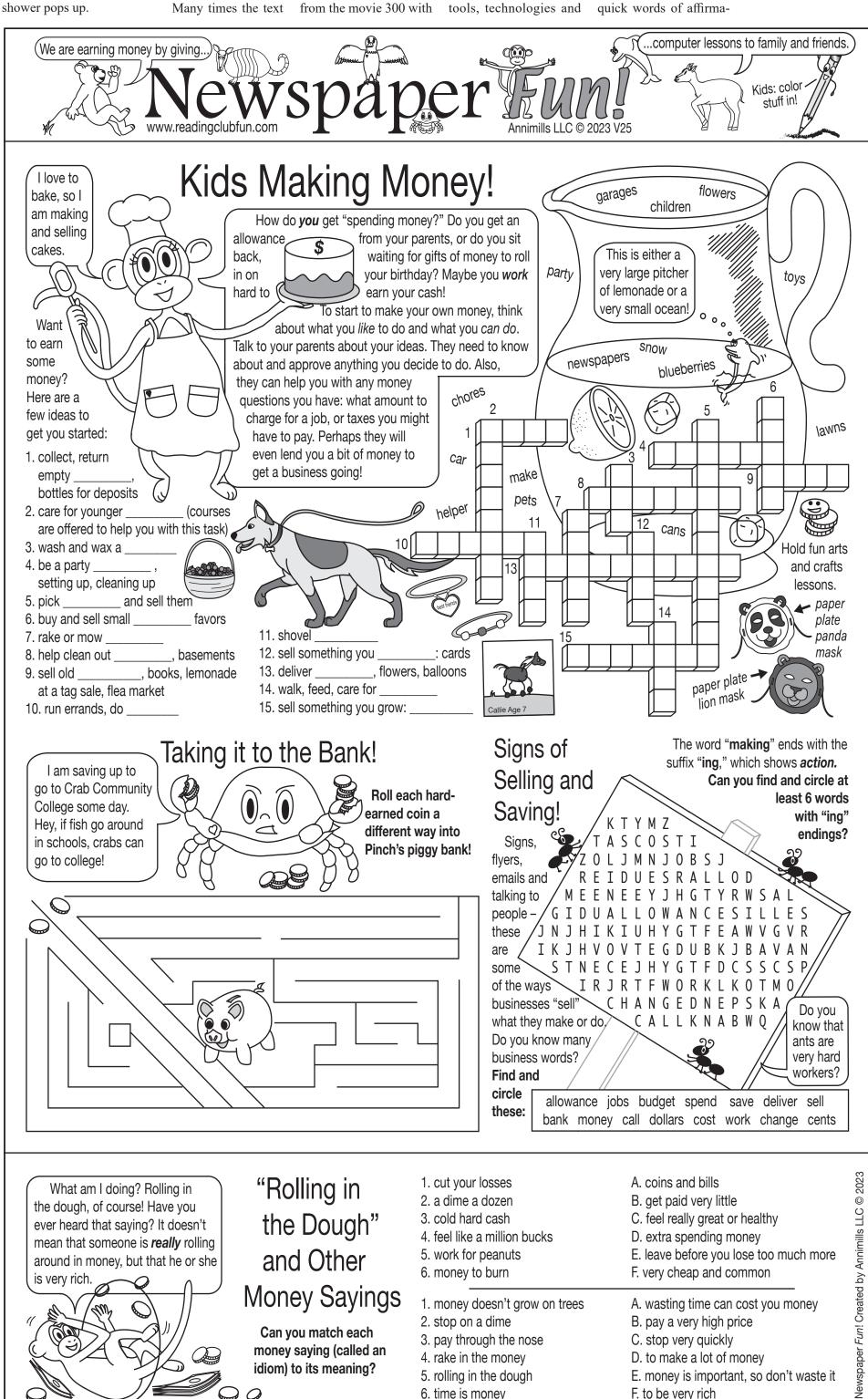
I truly don't know how those successfully communicated and maintained relationships before us during the busy summer farm days of yesteryear. I just know that I am truly thankful for the ability to instantly communicate with my husband, which allows us to not only efficiently accomplish tasks, but also allows us to provide

tion or encouragement through silly animations, videos and emojis via text messages that help us navigate our busy summer days on the farm together.

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ever heard that saying? It doesn't mean that someone is *really* rolling around in money, but that he or she is very rich.

the Dough" and Other Money Sayings

Can you match each money saying (called an idiom) to its meaning?

- 3. cold hard cash
- 4. feel like a million bucks
- 5. work for peanuts
- 6. money to burn
- 2. stop on a dime
- 3. pay through the nose
- 5. rolling in the dough
- 1. money doesn't grow on trees
- 4. rake in the money
- 6. time is money
- B. get paid very little
- C. feel really great or healthy
- D. extra spending money
- E. leave before you lose too much more
- F. very cheap and common

A. wasting time can cost you money

- B. pay a very high price
- C. stop very quickly D. to make a lot of money
- E. money is important, so don't waste it
- F. to be very rich

(Answers on page 10)

Kingman Lake is Drained for Renovation









The Kingman State Lake is currently under renovation. Boat ramps are closed and very little water remains.

From the website of the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks:

FISH SALVAGE ORDER: As authorized by K.S.A 32-807, and as further specified under K.A.R. 115-7-1, a fish salvage conditions exists at Kingman State Fishing Lake due to a renovation project. To improve

fishing and address an unbalanced fishery, Kingman State Fishing Lake is being drained and renovated summer of 2023. It shall be legal to take fish from this project as designated by this order. Legal means of take are traditional rod and reel only, all other methods including seining and snagging are still prohibited. All length and creel limits have been removed until further notice. This order will take effect when posted and remain in effect until this posted order is removed.

ANS ALERT! White perch have been found in the lake. Fishermen need to know that possession of live white perch is prohibited. Dead white perch may be possessed or used as bait on the waters where they were taken.

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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

The pets at Kingman

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Male Boxer/Hound 60 pounds 5 years + \$180.00 Argus has been at the shelter since November 28, 2022 People friendly Single Dog Home Hi! My name is Argus. Since you're

reading this, you're probably looking for a new dog. Guess what - I'm looking for a new human. We already have a lot in common. I'm also a great joke teller... A mother mouse and a baby mouse were walking along, when all of a sudden, a cat attacked them.

The mother mouse goes, "WOOF WOOF!" and the

"See?" says the mother mouse to her baby. "Now do you see why it's important to learn a foreign language?" Note: Argus enjoys the outdoors. May have had some housetraining. Thinks he's funny....very good conversationalist. Speaks a foreign language.

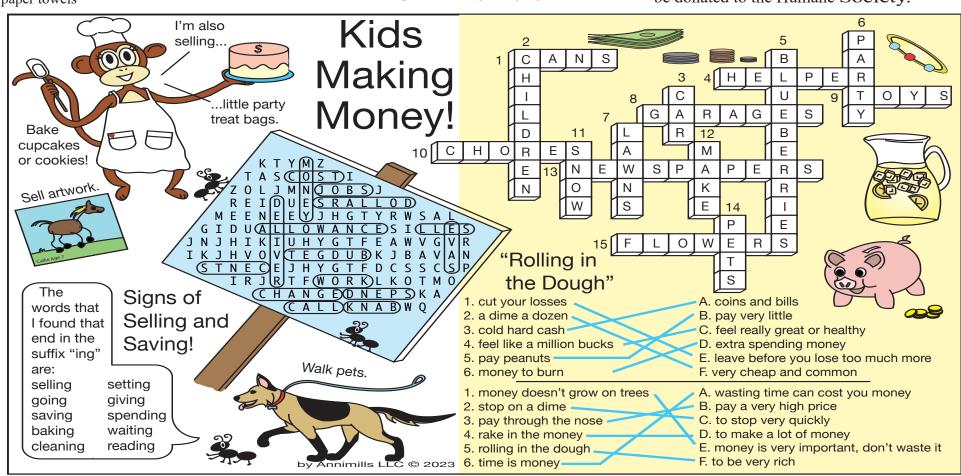
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Male Domestic Medium hair 12 pounds + 3 years+ \$40.00 Thomas was brought to the shelter on June 13, 2023

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Minutes from the Pratt County Commission Meeting

The Pratt County commissioners met in regular session Monday, June 26, 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 the governor's office announced a \$41 million trunk broadline grant to go across Kansas. This will improve pipe to connect Pratt to Wichita. The governor also announced \$471 million was received in federal funding for more broadband in the rural areas. It will be a grant process that companies apply for. Last Friday it was announced SPARK funds were awarded for Medicine Lodge, Attica, Greensburg and Anthony for child care. Kiowa

County contacted Pratt County to see if they would want to apply together for a technical assistance grant for daycare providers. The commissioners have no problem writing Pratt into that grant.

There was an announcement that Calvin Reed is the permanent secretary of the state transportation department. Federal government sent an email that Pratt County and all small cities will need to obtain a UEI number. They will need to apply for this.

Catherine Rohrer, SCKCCA, presented bids for her furnace and duct work replacement. Bids were received from Integreen Services, Inc. in the amount of \$24,495.00, the second bid was from Eck Services in the amount of \$11,836.00. Integreen bid new, Eck bid repairs, replace what was needed. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to approve the bid from Integreen Services, Inc to replace furnace and duct work in the amount of \$24,495.00. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

BJ Hayes, emergency She gave a short presentation on the activities management/zoning, reported on the Belvidere of the chamber office. weather tower and the Commissioner Adams grant that was supposed made a motion to particito be available, the quote pate in the platinum level of \$2000.00 to be paid was installation only, not the actual tower. The out of the commissioner budget. Commissioner grant was for \$151,000 which covers the labor Shriver seconded the moand generator but does tion. Motion carried 3-0. not cover the tower. The tower would cost approximately \$300,000.

BJ and the other coun-

ties are in agreement

that the tower works as

is. The cables and lights

have been replaced and

it has been repainted.

There is no more money

in the grant to purchase

a new tower. The com-

missioners suggested he

apply for grant money

to replace the generator.

BJ would like to pur-

chase a topper for his

truck. He found one

in Wichita, installation,

painted & wired quoted

for \$2732.00. The com-

missioners approved the

Area Chamber presi-

dent/CEO, presented

the chamber member-

ship renewal. They have

changed the levels of

membership to platinum,

gold, or silver. She gave

a short description of the

benefits of each level.

Ashley Smith, Pratt

purchase.

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

David Schmidt, USD 382 assistant superintendent, presented a list of things that have been done at the PRRC building. Tyson stated he has the resolution ready so the lease can be executed. He read Resolution 06262023, a resolution authorizing the leasing of a public building pursuant to K.S.A. 19-15,117. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to adopt resolution 06262023. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to sign the lease agreement with USD 382. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. There should be a walkthrough within five days of the date of execution of the lease. Tyson stated the tax exemption request will be filed with a copy of the signed lease.

Commissioner Shriver brought up the fire marshal's requirement to register the elevator and hire a thirdparty company to inspect the elevator. Clerk Voss was aware and contacting TK elevator, registering the elevator and contacting a third-party company.

Clerk Voss presented a request from Southwest Kansas Area Agency on Aging, Pratt County needs three people to represent them. The commissioners will ask around for volunteers.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to recess into executive session for ten minutes at 3:02 p.m. for an attorney/client matter discussing the legal process of selling real estate. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to return from executive session with no action taken at 3:09 p.m. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to authorize Tyson to prepare notice of publication of sale for property on north 61 Highway. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Billy Hampton, fire/ rescue, presented a new hire slip for Colby Shriver. Commissioner Adams made a motion to hire Colby Shriver for fire/rescue. Chairman Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0. Commissioner Shriver recused himself from voting for conflict of interest. Billy went over his new fire/rescue truck numbers. He reported fire/rescue would be at the fair for the truck pull and the demo derby.

Chairman Jones asked Mark about his meeting with the web site company, he said they have scheduled meetings.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve payment vouchers for June 26, 2023. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to adjourn at 3:29 p.m. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

The paper did not receive a Sheriff's Deputy's Report for this week. The column will be back next week.

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Harvest continues to march across the state, moving into areas with higher abandonment, variability and pressure to get crops cut as unwelcome weeds take over short, thin stands.

particularly described

Industry reports have indicated that early quality data from south central and central Kansas are showing good quality, with 60 pound test weights and above average proteins.

Troy Presley from CoMark Equity Alliance reported harvest began on June 8 and is now 50 percent complete. He expects the group's approximately 75 locations in Kansas will take in about 40 to 45 percent of a normal crop. Yields range as low as five bushels per acre up to 40 bushels per acre, with anomalies in the 50s.

"There is still a lot to be determined in terms of abandonment, with all the weeds coming in," he said.

The volatility in yields is due to farming practices and the previously planted crop. Overall test weights are averaging above 60 pounds per bushel and proteins are also much higher than average, with some variation.

This year's challenges don't end once the wheat is in the bin. Presley ex-

30x40x10

plained the group is also dealing with the inverted market environment, storage issues stemming from higher dockage from weeds, the logistics of the on-again, off-again harvest and trying to forecast whether farmers will sell now or store for later.

Weeds are also

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS CIVIL DEPARTMENT

Members Mortgage Services,

Plaintiff,

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

Defendants.

Case No. KM-2022-CV-000034 Court Number:

Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 60

Notice Of Sale

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

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

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

Parcel 2: All that part of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NW/4 SW/4) of Section Thirty-two (32), Township Twentyseven (27) South, Range Seven (7) West of the 6th P.M., Kingman County, Kansas, more as follows, to-wit; commencing at the Southeast corner of Lot Eight (8) of Sebring & Easley's Sub-division of the East half (E/2) of Block Eight (8) in Jones' Addition to the Town of Kingman, Kingman County, Kansas, thence North on the extended East line of Lot Eight (8) aforesaid a distance of 224.55 feet more or less to the North line of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NW/4 SW/4) of Section Thirty-two (32), Township Twentyseven (27) South, Range Seven (7) West; thence West on the North line of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NW/4 SW/4) of Section Thirty-two (32), **Township Twenty-seven** (27) South, Range Seven (7) West, a distance of 150 feet; thence South at right angles a distance of 224.55 feet to the Southwest corner of Lot Twelve (12) of Sebring & Easley's Subdivision of the East Half (E/2) of Block Eight (8), in Jones' Addition to

beginning.

Parcel 3: The West

to satisfy the judgment in the Southlaw.com Brenton Wood, Sheriff

Kingman County, Kansas Prepared By: SouthLaw, P.C. Shari Ashner (KS #14498) 13160 Foster, Suite 100 Overland Park, KS 66213-2660 (913) 663-7600 (913) 663-7899 (Fax) Attorneys for Plaintiff

(237182)

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

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above-entitled case. The sale is to be made without appraisement and subject to the redemption period as provided by law, and further subject to the approval of the Court. For more information, visit www.

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lowed; the costs be determined

and ordered paid; the adminis-

tration of the Estate be closed;

upon the filing of receipts the

Petitioner be finally discharged as

the Executor of the Estate of Dale

Kirk Lieurance, deceased, and the

Petitioner be released from further

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IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: DALE KIRK LIEURANCE,

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Kyle D. Lieurance, Executor Matthew W. Ricke, #20995 ATTORNEY AT LAW, LLC 349 North Main, P. O. Box 113 Kingman, KS 67068 (620) 532-3103

Attorney for Petitioner

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Don Theis

Donald Eugene Theis, 91, passed away on Wednesday, June 21, 2023, at his home in Gray, Tennessee. He was born in Cunningham, Kansas on September 12, 1931 to Nicholas and Elizabeth Theis. On September 8, 1952, he married Janet Idell Hudson.



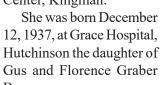
Donald was a graduate of Pratt Junior College, Kansas State University and The University of Michigan, where he earned his Master of Science in Engineering. He then pursued a long career as a chemical engineer.

He is survived by his four children, Richard Theis, Mitzi Theis, Cathy Theis, Ronald Theis; five grandchildren, Clayton Carson, Caitlin Carson, Jonas Theis, Gareth Theis, Nicole Theis; sister Karen Bohrer and many nieces and nephews.

Cremation has taken place, and a celebration of life will be at a later date. A military burial took place at Mountain Home National Cemetery on June 29, at 2:00 pm in Johnson City, Tennessee.

Irene McBurney

Irene Adele McBurney, 85, died July 1, 2023, at Wheatlands Health Care Center, Kingman.





Irene grew up in many small towns in Kansas starting with Hutchinson. The family frequently moved as Gus looked for work as a tractor mechanic with International Harvester, including Pretty Prairie, St. John, Ellis, and Kendall, Kansas finally settling in Kingman in 1954.

As a graduate of the Class of 1956, Irene worked with the local newspaper. An offer opened to hire Irene as a teller with the Kansas State Bank of Kingman, and she made banking a career until retiring in 1977.

On December 31, 1976, Irene married Cleland McBurney and became a step-mother to Robyn McBurney, Sharon Kostner and Sally McLaughlin; step-grandchildren Russell Kostner, Nick Kostner, Haley Miller and Robert McLaughlin; sisters Neva Maerz, Janet Henry, Jean McKnight, Betty Boese, Irma Voran; and brother Ken Boese.

Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m., Thursday, July 6, 2023, at the First Presbyterian Church of Kingman. Interment will be in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Memorials may be made with Rivercross Hospice, Wheatlands Health Care Center or the First Presbyterian Church, all in care of the funeral home.

Carol Kuszmaul

Carol Kuszmaul, 75, died July 3, 2023, at Kingman, Kansas.

She was born Jan. 31, 1948 in Kingman the daughter of Raymond and Alma Harbert Kuszmaul. A resident of Texas most of her life, she was a retired Southwestern Bell telephone installer.

Survivors include three brothers John, Charles and Tom; and a sister Rose.

Family services will occur at a later date.

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A Top 10 List For Hydration

First, a bit of trivia... I don't know if this is what prompted me to write a blog post on hydration, but we are trying to move into our condo and we are struggling to get the water turned on in the apartment. It's a hassle to say the least.

While on hold on the phone (four times waiting about 50 minutes each time!), I heard the water company's recorded message, oh, maybe fifty times. One thing I learned (over and over again) was that only 3% of the water on earth is potable (safe to drink).

That's a pretty vital bit of information, don't you think?

I love to drink water. Just regular clean, non-flavored water. I know many struggle with water drinking. "It's tasteless." "It tastes bad" "It's too boring to drink."

That being said, we need water. In fact, as pointed out in an old Star Trek, Next Generation episode, we are pretty much "bags of mostly water."

So here are my Top 10 Reasons for Drinking Water...

- 1. Regulates Body Temperature. Water plays an important role in regulating your overall body temperature. Sweating (water loss) is your body's way of preventing itself from overheating. Adequate amounts of hydration help keep this system working right.
- 2. Keeps Joints Lubricated. The cartilage, found around most joints, contains a good percentage of water. Long term dehydration can reduce your joints "shock-absorption" ability, leading to joint pain and even injury.
- 3. Enhances Brain Performance. Studies show that you only need to be 1% dehydrated to experience a 5% decrease in cognitive function. This can impact our ability to focus during the day and sleep well at night.

4. Aids Digestive Health. Hydration plays an important role in the digestive process. It assists with the digestion of food and the absorption of nutrients from the digestive tract. Insufficient hydration can lead to slow digestion and

constipation.
5. Helps One's Mood.
Proper hydration can help our overall sense of wellbeing. Since dehydration can produce tension, depression, fatigue, confusion, and even anger, hydration can lead to relaxation, happiness, energy, clarity, and good humor.

6. Maintains Blood Pressure. Lack of hydration can cause your blood to become thicker, increasing your blood pressure and heart rate.

7. Assists Weight Loss
/ Weight Management.
Water can be a great
tool for weight loss and
weight management. Of
course, water is calorie
free, has all these mentioned health benefits,
and can help you achieve

a feeling of being full.

8. Boosts Skin Health. Simply put, hydrated skin is more elastic and youthful looking; and helps keep away the wrinkles. Scars and wrinkles we do have are less visible with hydrated skin.

9. Kidney Stone Prevention. While not always the cause of kidney stones, dehydration can lead to their production. Drinking plenty of fluids may reduce the risk of kidney stones.

10. Heart Health. According to the American Heart Association, keeping the body hydrated helps the heart more easily pump blood throughout your body. If you're well hydrated, your heart won't have to work as hard.

A final water note. While many experts recommend drinking 8 cups of water a day, make sure you check with your physician. Certain medical conditions and medications aren't compatible with this guideline.

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(con't from page 10) causing issues in central Kansas, but Dale Younker didn't have any wheat of his own to harvest in northern Rush and southern Ellis counties. All of his winter wheat was appraised between 1.5 to 3 bushels per acre, so they terminated the entire crop and planted everything back to grain sorghum.

That wheat was appraised before any rain fell, so some fields could have yielded better. Short-term droughts are typical for this area in central Kansas, but he explained this dry spell goes back to fall 2021.

"I've been at this for 30 plus years, that I've been farming on my own," Younker said. "And I do not remember a time when we were so dry for so long."

Younker and his crew did break out the harvest equipment to help out a neighbor, cutting a few fields northeast of LaCrosse from Saturday afternoon to Monday afternoon. Yields were down significantly with one field making around 20 bushels per acre and the other in the low 30s. Test weights were a little down at 58.5 to 59 pounds per bushel.

The area has been receiving some rain since the first week of May but is either still in D4 (exceptional) drought or just out of it. As a result, Younker's grain sorghum was planted in decent conditions, but more rain will be needed to take that next crop to harvest.

"That's what we're shooting for, that's why we didn't hesitate to put milo behind this failed wheat," he explained. "That weather pattern is going to shift. And with

the rains we did have, we had some good moisture to get that milo up and going and off to a good start."

Far eastern Kansas farmers said they feel very fortunate to have received moisture earlier throughout the growing season, unlike producers in the western two-thirds of the state. Harvest should wrap up by the end of this week in Franklin County, according to Clark Wenger, general manager/CEO of Ottawa Coop. The area planted twice as many wheat acres this year and combined with an uncommon set of great growing conditions, the harvest is better than expected.

Area producers brought in a few loads on June 15, but harvest didn't take off until June 19. Both HRW and SRW are planted in this area, about 30 percent soft to

70 percent hard. Yields for HRW are coming in up to 60 to 70 bushels per acre, with test weights at 60 to 61 pounds per bushel and proteins between 9 and 12 percent.

Summer storms are in the forecast, so stay tuned for the next report from the Kansas Wheat crew on Thursday, June 28.

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