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BOE Will Meet Monday

Cunningham USD #332
Board of Education Meeting
104 W 4th St., Cunningham, KS
67035
August 8, 2022
7:00 p.m.

AGENDA

Call to Order
Approval of Agenda (AI)
Guest Recognition
Approval of the minutes of the July 11, 2022 meeting (AI)
Approval of financial reports and payment of bills (AI)
Budget review and hearing date- Randy Ford
Reports
Superintendent report – Robert Reed
Principal report- Cody Dunlap
Special Ed report – Travis Thimesch
Old Business (AI)
Executive Session Personnel
New Business (AI)
Football field lease
Approve Superintendent Salary
Approve Principal Salary
ESSER III plan
Needs assessment
Adjournment

School Enrollment is Next Week

2022-2023 Fee Schedule
Board Approved 7/11/22

Grade	Book Rental
K-12	60.00

Grade	School Lunch
K-8	2.85
9-12	3.10
Extra Milk	.50
Employees	4.70
Guests/Visitors/Parents	4.70

Grade	School breakfast
K-12	1.60
Employees	2.95
Guests/Visitors/Parents	3.45

Grade	Activity Fee
K-5 (Optional)	15.00
6-8	23.00
9-12	23.00
7-12 Equip.Fee/class	20.00

	Driver Education Fees
Summer (District)	80.00
Summer (Out of District)	180.00

TakeAways from July City Council Meeting

Mayor Murphy opened the council meeting at 6:30. Molly Morgan, city clerk, read a thank you from Monte Rose.

A resident has asked if the city would replace a sidewalk in front of a home. The council declined, stating that sidewalk replacement is the responsibility of the homeowner. UNLESS the city removes the sidewalk, then they are to replace it.

A resident had a water leak forgiveness. The council voted to take forgive \$100.00, or about 1/2 the amount.

Harold Stark gave an update on the fire department. Truck 331 is back in service after having work done it. He attended an ISO (Insurance Services Office) meeting in Manhattan.

Harold and his crew had been at a fire for most of the afternoon, and he came to the meeting from the fire outside town, Kingman fire department had been called in to help. Harold would like to see the city purchase a pumper/tender combination that could carry 2000 gallons of water. A discussion followed about the cost and where one can be purchased that the city might be able to afford.

Molly Morgan stated that the townships are sending in their fire protection money that helps fund the fire department.

Leslie Schrag handed out fliers to the council. The fliers gave information on child care in Kingman County (see page 3 for more information), grant writing, and a Housing summit to be held August 3rd.

Carla Shearer from SCTelcom then spoke to the council about bringing their services to the community. The school is already a customer, and the company would like to know if any homes are interested in obtaining their services. They would be knocking on doors to talk to prospective customers. This ties into the Bi-partisan Infrastructure Bill monies that are available to the public.

A hearing to vacate Estella Street is scheduled for September 12th.

The school's lease of the football field was discussed and a contract will be sent to the school board to sign.

Lights at the football field were discussed.

The mosquito problem was discussed and the council is trying to find a company to spray. A company that charges reasonable prices.

Jackie Ruckle updated the council on several properties being cleaned up. Issues include fencing, disabled vehicles, and trash.

Aaron Murphy and the council accepted the resignation of Jeanette Kerschen from the Planning and Zoning Board. She will be replaced by Todd Shelman.

Ken Neufeld resigned as well. He was helping with the grounds upkeep. Todd Shelman has also cut back on his duties.

Mesa Sallee gave up an update on maintenance. Light bulbs need replaced in the park. Timers need to be put on lights, bindweed is becoming an issue and a chemical will be sprayed. The water well house floor still has not been fixed. The city is waiting on the concrete contractor.

Molly gave a pool update. Several companies have sponsored moonlight swims.

The council voted to pay the bills, adjourn and go home.

Pride Yard of the Week



The Pride Yard of the Week is hidden away at 223 West Florence. It is at the home of Shannon and Matt Thimesch.



Cunningham Residents

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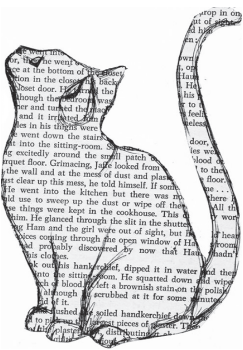
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Meanderings

A year ago last week, I put my old redneck dog, Clarence, in the back seat of the car, and drove to Arkansas City to fetch his new companion

He wasn't too impressed with "Joe Dirt" as the little guy was called, but I insisted we bring him home with us.

And, although, it was a rough start, and we all then had to contend with Outlaw Belle, the two dogs became fairly good companions for each other. I know Harlequin Jester missed Clarence after he died in February.

I debated getting another dog for Quin to play with. But, you know, Quin doesn't like other dogs. He just gets real riled up and nasty when he encounters them.

I know he did the same thing with Clarence, but Clarence took him to the ground a couple of times and Quin straightened himself up and behaved around Clarence. Clarence was such a good dog, and I still miss him. And Chloe. And even, Joey, who's been gone now, 7 years.

So now it is just Quin and I ... and his kitties.

He has been a most excellent companion for most of the felines. Eddie Fisher and Quin don't get along at all. Quin is pretty good about ignoring the old tailless wonder, while Eddie Fisher looks for opportunities to take a poke or two at the dog.

Quin steps carefully around Skippy Jones. She doesn't bother him, but I

suspect he knows she is just an old lady kitty who can't be bothered with his nonsense.

Quin's favorite kitty, and the kitty who loves Quin the most is Annoying Ned Nederlander. Those two are a trip! In the mornings, I can hear Ned outside my bedroom door crying. I open the door and Quin and him race down the hallway to the kitchen.

By the time I get there, those two goofs are laying on of the floor acting like they haven't seen each other in weeks. When I get Quin's breakfast ready, he sits up, waiting for his bowl, then Ned will reach up, wrap his paws around Quin's neck and just love on him. Quin lets him. Ned is purring and murmuring sweet nothings in his ear and licking his face and ears.

When Ned isn't sure where Quin is, he walks

around the house crying for him. When Quin shows up, Ned about can't control himself -- he is beyond happy to have his friend back. The playing and loving start in earnest.

Now, Quin is pretty energetic little beast, but in the mornings, he is pretty slow to get up. Not as slow as I am, but he's a bit of a slug-a-bed. I can tell when he's about to roust himself. He lays on his back and squirms around, moaning and yipping. Then he gets up, jumps off the bed, shakes himself from head to foot and heads outside to see what the kitties are up to.

After he's been outside to check the cats, he comes back in, grabs a toy and brings it to me. I usually pretend I'm asleep. Sometimes he falls for it, sometimes he doesn't.

Quin has several chew toys, a few balls, and a 'rope' I made from

the leg of an old pair of sweats. He brings one of the toys to me, and kind of tosses his head at me. If I reach for the toy, he scampers back. If I ignore him, he'll bring it to me again -- He lays it down. I ignore it. He noses it towards me. I ignore it. He noses it some more. I act like I'm gong to grab it, then he grabs it in his jaws, so I ignore it. He noses it toward me. I finally grab it and throw it across the room. Off he goes. We go through this 3 or 4 times. He then tires out, lays down and chews on his toy.

Quin has a bit of gimp in his back leg. He's cute as anything to watch walk. He just gives his leg a little hitch and he's off. Dr. Swaney said his kneecap gets dislocated. Surgery would fix it, but it's a very invasive procedure, and Quin doesn't seem bothered by it, so we aren't going to worry about it just yet.

Quin's ears are so cute. The tend to flop, inside out, over his head, when he gets to roughhousing or racing around like a lunatic. When he's listening, or excited to see me, they try to go straight out. But because they are a bit floppy, they can't go straight out or straight up. His little ears remind me of a miniature nun's wimple; like The Flying Nun's headdress. only tinier.

I am out of room. I'll have to talk more about Quin another time!

Always reading, and currently reading, "The Floating Islands" by Rachel Neumeier, Roberta

"If you don't have a dog--at least one--there is not necessarily anything wrong with you, but there may be something wrong with your life."

— Vincent van Gogh

Tallgrass and Tumbleweeds by Gaille Pike

Dear Readers, I take every opportunity to keep my life simple and I expect keeping track of my schedule and being able to stay ON TRACK to be an equally straightforward endeavor. I'm familiar with online calendar systems and digital planners. But no matter how "user-friendly" these smart programs claim to be, I've found they cannot match the efficient ease of us-

ing a sharpened pencil (with a good eraser) on my month-at-a-glance paper calendar. Within either method, though, lurks the risk of "user error." My professional error-rate in this regard is low. And I don't screw up my personal schedule all that often. But when I do, I blunder spectacularly. Many of those scheduling gaffes have occurred during the last week of the month when I failed

to lift the page and look at the FIRST week of the next month. I call this my "Danger Zone."

When I first reached adulthood most my bills came due during the Danger Zone, so I'd jot "Pay So-and-So" in the due-date's square. A wise friend had no patience for my groans over late-fees. "Why do you wait," he asked. "Why don't you just pay bills when they arrive, or on your very next payday?" Eureka! I've employed his simple solution successfully ever since. And of course, we have auto-pay now that manages nearly all of that.

If there's no financial repercussions, why do I fret when the Danger Zone rolls around? Because I know that quicker than you can say "Pope Gregory XIII," I'm apt to double and triple book the Gaille-Gregorian Calendar for the first week of any given month. The havoc that ensues is compounded when I turn the page expecting to find the Pike-Train pulling out of the station and running on time. I am instead shocked and dismayed to survey a schedule-trainwreck.

I wouldn't blame you if you're scratching your

head. I've left a detail out. Yes, I've another flaw to confess. The Danger Zone is dangerous only because if I'm not vigilant I pile up schedule notes I don't bother to mark on my calendar. These "appointments" are never with clients or family and friends. They are events I wish to attend and hope not to miss such as concerts, lectures, or grocery store sales. Or tasks I should not attempt do myself—haircuts and auto oil changes, just to name two.

Thus as the month draws to a close I find myself scrambling, making plans and calling for

appointments. And the Gaille-train runs on time until the professionals can't fit me in or I discover an event is not that same week. Then my brain misfires. I'll get to all that NEXT month stuff later. Why bother with the calendar when a sticky note will do?

It seems to me that there'd be no Danger Zone if I'd just look ahead. And I'd avoid the hassle of getting a derailed schedule back on track. I have a note on that...somewhere.

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

My Breast



Cancer Experience: Part 25

By Beth Blasi 2021-2022 July 2022 - Another one-year milestone of starting the unknown adventure of chemotherapy. Having ended my chemotherapy in Nov 2021, I feel very fortunate that my body seems to have recovered pretty well. I haven't become a body-builder from a long shot but I can traverse stairs now and carry things I would have been afraid to several months ago. I have now graduated from 3-month check-ups to 6-month check-ups and follow-up CT scans and blood-work - I guess

that's progress! Here's kind of an interesting tid-bit; when we asked about the monitoring of progress and checking for recurrence for both my husband and me (my husband finished his chemotherapy), the CT scan is one means and then there is the "cancer markers" blood test. Seems that the blood test is a pretty good indicator for breast cancer, but is not a good indicator for bladder cancer. That's a little dis-heartening since the bladder cancer was really sneaky in the first place so it seems it can still be really sneaky if it chooses to return. It seems we still have a lot to learn about these crazy cancers!

The topical cream on my leg for the superficial skin cancer doesn't really appear to be doing much from what I can see. I'm hoping it is really destroying something un-

derneath, though. The wound from the original biopsy seems to be healed over and it remains kind of red and ugly like any healing scrape would. At least it is not acting like it is flesh-eating or anything growing out of it. Another thing that takes some patience to see results, I guess.

My hair still seems to be curly, but I'm thinking about getting a trim. Right now, it's long enough that it can give me that "crazy person" look from the wind or wearing a hat or taking a nap or bed-head in the morning (or maybe I just have that "crazy person" look?). But, it's not long enough to clip back or put in a pony tail—it's that really difficult in-between stage. Sigh....

For Independence Day the weather was hot. We picked currants early in the morning before it got too hot. Even though we sprayed all over with insect repellent, we still

picked off a couple ticks and then spent the rest of the day thinking things were crawling on us even after taking a shower! (I bet you feel creepy, crawly things now just reading that - ha ha). After spending several hours cleaning up the currants and putting them in the freezer (for pie!), we spent the evening at my brother's house watching his kids and grandkids shoot off fireworks. There were a few duds but it is amazing how some of the fireworks shoot off pretty good fountains and still shoot some sparkly sights high in the air with a loud BOOM and then more sparkly things in the air. Fortunately, the grass and trees were green enough at that time that we didn't have to worry too much about fires.

Our daughter and granddaughter were here for a week to attend Vacation Bible School (VBS). Our granddaugh-

ter is now 3 so we thought this would be a good trial run for pre-school this fall. My daughter was actually able to leave her on the first day and my grand-daughter went willingly with me to VBS without mom the next couple days. I was the puppeteer for the puppet named "DJ Cupcake" for our Food Truck themed week - there were definitely some rockin' tunes along with the food-themed bible stories. My granddaughter was the lonely girl with 4 other loud and rambunctious boys in her class. Even though she didn't seem to participate much, she was listening as she was able to recite a rhyming verse she learned when her mother and I couldn't quite remember all the words. Of course, she was that one kid that kind of did her own thing at the closing program - somersaults, crazy eyes,

hopping, everything but singing - you get the picture. But, she certainly made sure she had her bag full of crafts when they left to go home.

Our poor "garden" is so sad with all the hot weather. We do try to water it. The weeds really like that! I actually have now pulled off a couple tomatoes and there might be a cucumber finally surviving. As I'm writing this, we're finally getting a little break in the heat and maybe a little rain which will certainly help. Next year, I think I'm just going to plant a few things in pots - that seems to be a much more efficient way to keep the weeds under control.

Here's looking forward to a little cooler August (wishful thinking!).

Next Steps: Vacation

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Thursday, August 4th 7:00 p.m. water exercise class	Wednesday, August 10th 2022-2023 School Enrollment *** 12:00 p.m. water exercise class
Monday, August 8th 12:00 p.m. Water exercise class *** 7:00 p.m. Board of Education meeting	Thursday, August 11th 7:00 p.m. water exercise class
Tuesday, August 9th 6:00 p.m. Parent meetings for fall activities **** 7:00 p.m. water exercise class	Monday, August 15th 1st Day of Fall Sports Tuesday, August 23rd Teacher Professional Day Wednesday, August 24th First Day of School

Fall Activities Parent Meetings Scheduled

Fall Activities Parent meetings--Tuesday, August 9, 2022 in the school cafeteria.

- 6:00 Jr. High Volleyball
- 6:20 Jr. High Football
- 6:40 High School Cross Country
- 7:00 High School Volleyball
- 7:20 High School Football



All athletes and parents are encouraged to attend. Fall sport practices will begin on Monday, August 15, 2022. Athletes must have their physicals completed prior to the beginning of practice. Call the high school office if you have any questions.

Kingman County to Form Child Care Task Force

There are 406 children below the age of 6 in Kingman County. Recent studies indicate Kingman County is only meeting 35% of the demand for childcare, leaving an estimated 143 families without childcare when they need it. Long- and short-term benefits of accessible childcare include larger workforce participation, increased productivity, increased job growth, and a reduction of public expenditures (remedial education, criminal justice, and public assistance). With this in mind, the Kingman County Economic Development Committee has prioritized childcare. To bring attention to childcare issues KCED has hosted a documentary highlighting the importance of childcare and early education from birth to age 5, organized a licensed childcare provider training event, and invited Zero to Thrive to conduct a childcare advocacy training session. Fliers to those upcoming events are attached. To help the committee with its work, KCED is currently looking for applicants to serve on a county-wide childcare task force. The primary functions of the task force are as follows:

School Spotlight Page Sponsorships

Please consider sponsoring the newspaper's school spotlight pages. 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 business will be a bit different this year -- only one-sized ad will be available. I have mailed out the information to businesses. If you did not receive a form to fill out and return, please contact me, and I'll get you set up.

By supporting these special pages, you help the newspaper, and the newspaper, in turn supports and funds school events and sponsorships. (Keeping your newspaper dollars local.)

1. To review and evaluate the current childcare options available.
2. To review and evaluate childcare options in peer communities.
3. To identify the key issues and challenges that affect childcare in Kingman County. This will include snow days, sick days, after school care, irregular hours, summer needs, and special events needs.
4. To provide specific recommendations. The recommendations should be thoroughly analyzed for financial impact, feasibility, consequences, advantages, implementation, and any other relevant information.

You can send a check for \$25.00 to The Cunningham Courier, 320 North Stadium Street, Cunningham, KS 67035.

If you wish to renew your subscriptions before the rates go up September 1st, please do so... and you can include your spotlight sponsorship in the same check. --Roberta

It is anticipated that the taskforce will meet once or more a month for no more than twelve months. To request an application, email economicdevelopment@cityofkingman.com or call 620-553-4029 to have application one mailed to you. Applications are also available at Kingman City Hall and attached to this email. The board will have seven members. The cities of Cunningham, Kingman, and Norwich will each have at least one member. Preference will be given to current licensed childcare providers, low-income households, large employers, healthcare centers, and school districts.

-Leslie Schrag, Kingman County Economic Development

Museum Summer 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

To reserve the
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B-29 Museum
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Saturday: 10:00 - 2:00
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Kingman Historic Theatre
Thursday, August 11th
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Written & Directed
By Felix Rainosek
Showtime is 7:00 p.m.
\$10.00 Admission
Tickets on sale at the Box Office

Kingman Historic Theatre
Sunday, August 14th
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1932

August 5—Frank Allbritten Jr., who left two weeks ago to attend the Olympic games in Los Angeles, California, has received quite a bit of honor from his miniature model airplane which he entered in the contest. He received third place in the International Outdoor Commercial, and Oscar Kimmel, the boy who is with Frank on the trip, received second place, indoor.

The real estate office of E. C. Crow and Gertrude Crow has been moved this week to the lobby of the Savidge Hotel. They vacated the Western Telephone Corporation building to make room for the Cunningham Post Office, who are contemplating moving into different quarters, providing they comply with the post office department regulations.

Ralph Baber, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Baber, suffered quite a painful accident on Wednesday of last week, when he fell from a motorcycle and broke his leg, the fracture being just above his knee. The accident occurred in the city of Kingman, where he had gone with Lee Johnson, both riding on Johnson's machine.

1937

August 6 – Two new teachers have been hired in the High School this week, the Board contracting St. Thomas Pierson, who comes from Moscow, Kansas, and Miss Marjorie Irwin, of Pratt, who will teach in the English Department.

The Board is having some extensive work done at the High School Building. They are having the heating system changed from a one-pipe to a two-pipe system and are adding five new radiators. New hardwood floors are being laid throughout the upper floor and a great deal of painting is to be done. When finished the interior will present a very fine appearance.

The seventh annual Maud reunion and picnic was held in the Park at Alva, Okla., last Sunday. A good crowd braved the heat and wind that day to attend and were rewarded with the usual good time and plenty of good things to eat. The thermometer, by the way, stood at 108 degrees that day, which fact combined with the lack of rain in Oklahoma for some time, made the weather something to be endured.

After the dinner Col. Robin Kirkbride of Alva gave the address of welcome. Response was made by Wm. Cooley, of Cunningham, Pres. of the organization.

1942

August 7, – Implement dealers over the county have been organized in a special committee, to carry out the campaign to collect salvage throughout the county, at the suggestion of Jess Stephens, chairman of the Kingman Salvage Committee. Millard Hobson of Kingman was elected chairman of the new organization, and as a part of the set-up, divided the county into five districts with a captain for each district.

S. T. Kincheloe was appointed captain of the local district which comprises Dresden, Eureka, Union, Rural, and Kingman townships.

C. F. Lehrling will be the collector of the salvage for the district and will pay \$8.00 per ton for iron and metal, delivered to him, and \$7.00 per ton if called for.

Everyone is urged to begin now to collect all salvage scraps, and bring it in or call their nearest salvage collector. This is an open campaign in which everyone should feel a vital interest and church organizations, Boy Scouts, or any group may sponsor a collecting tour if they so desire.

Farmers are urged to bring in broken parts of machinery or useless pieces when buying new parts, and turn them in to the implement dealer, who will see that they reach the salvage collector. Broken or worn out machinery, no longer useful, should be torn down, and made ready for delivery to the salvage center.

The drive is to be continuous throughout the duration of the war and is to have no profit to anyone. Any surplus funds from the sale of materials is to be turned to the Red Cross, the USO and other organizations.

1947

August 8 – Frank McClellan who was born at Pretty Prairie in February of 1873, started his harvesting in 1884 at the age of 11 years. He tells us the wheat was light that year so he and his brother, who was 13, worked on the header. The header was a Randolph, the first header manufactured, and was the first one sold in this territory. McClellan's father purchased the header from a firm in Hutchinson.

Mr. McClellan moved to Cunningham in 1916 and continued harvesting his own land from 1916 until 1946, which was the last year he harvested.

Mr. and Mrs. McClellan moved from their farm to their property in the south part of town this spring.

Waterloo Again Meets Their Waterloo

A fluke double down the third base line that took a high bounce over Anderson's head was the only hit garnered off the southpaw slants of Joe Theis as Cunningham defeated Waterloo easily 12 to 0, in an abbreviated 7-inning game played at Waterloo Sunday. Only five Waterloo batters got to base as Theis gave up the one hit, walked two and hit two batters with pitched balls. Cunningham played errorless all.

Cunningham sent ten men to the plate in the first inning, scoring five runs on four hits and two Waterloo errors. Anderson singled to left to open the inning, Graves flied out to left, Baker was safe on John Beat's error. Joe Theis hit a slow roller to shortstop and with the play being made at first, Anderson scored from second base. Baker scored from third when John Beat again erred on Bradley's sharp low liner. Buntmeyer grounded out third to first. Kincheloe singled to center scoring Theis and Don Theis doubled to left scoring Kincheloe. Cunningham 5, Waterloo 0.

Graves opened the second flying out to short. Baker singled to left, Joe Theis singled to right field. Bradley grounded out second to first with Baker scoring on the play. Buntmeyer singled to center scoring Theis. Kincheloe singled to center for his second straight hit of the game. Buntmeyer stopping at third, and scoring a moment later on Don Theis' ground single to left field. Cunningham 8, Waterloo 0.

Cunningham scored two more runs in the fourth when Joe Theis opened the inning with a double to right field, Bradley walked and successive singles by Don Theis and Zrubek scored J. Theis and Bradley. Cunningham 10, Waterloo 0.

Cunningham added its final two runs in the sixth when Zrubek was safe on Orme's miscue and scored when Anderson slammed out his third home run of the season over the left fielder's head.

St. Leo laid the wood to two Zenda pitchers for nineteen runs while Don Schnittker allowed the Zenda team nary a hit nor a run in an abbreviated 7-inning league game at Zenda Sunday.

The league leaders slammed out 17 hits, four of them home runs. Richard Blasi hit two round-trippers and Schwartz and Vernon Blasi one each.

Only four Zenda batters got on base off the no-hit hurling of Schnittker, who walked three and one man was safe on third baseman Jerome Schnittker's error. The Zenda team committed 14 errors.

1952

August 8, 1952 – The vote in the Primary Election in Cunningham was light, although the largest vote in years was recorded in Kingman County.

Rural Township cast thirty-eight ballots, while Dresden polled seventy-one votes.

The largest number of votes cast in the Republican contest was for Sheriff. Virgil Thomas was the winner with 1,216 votes against 335 votes for his opponent, Walter Erb, Jr.

Paul R. Wunsch won the State Senator contest with 963 votes, while Claude Journey received 556.

C.E. Woolridge, with 594 votes, won the Republican nomination for County Commissioner from the Third District, which includes the cities of Cunningham and Kingman. His opponent, Dee Smith, received 337 votes.

Elmer Spade, of St. Leo, purchased the Brunswick Smoker from Mrs. Rosa Becker, and assumed operation on Friday, August 1. Mr. Spade also operates the St. Leo Grocery.

Over three inches of rain fell here, Thursday night, the heaviest rain since late in May. A severe electrical storm accompanied the rain, which put out electric and phone service throughout most of this area.

Pratt reported quite a hail storm, but the storm centered largely in the Kingman area, blowing down the Kingman Drive-In Theatre and doing considerable other damage, in and near Kingman.

Mr. and Mrs. George Beat of St. Leo, are parents of a son, Eugene Dominic, born Monday, August 4, in the Kingman Memorial Hospital. He weighed nine pounds, eleven ounces.

1957

August 8 – The leveling of the new combination football and baseball field in the new City Park was completed last Saturday, and plans were formulated during this week to rush the completion of the field in regard to sodding and erection of the lights for the first football game here with Kiowa, October 8.

Many men and boys manned the three road graders during the nine days required to level the field.

Tentative plans have been made for sodding the

field next Friday evening. Lions Club member Rufus Leiter will have charge of the sodding project.

Fire Chief Floren Rose reports that 18 to 20 volunteer fire department members and others are attending the Fire Fighting School being held at the City Building each evening this week.

State Firemanship Instructor Max Thomas of Topeka, is conducting the evening training sessions.

1962

August 9– The Primary Election was a very quiet affair in Cunningham, Tuesday, with most voters voting to sit-it-out at home.

Twenty-seven Democrats and 20 Republicans of Rural Township, braved the hot weather to go to their air-conditioned polling place, the Farmer's Co-op, while 78 Dresden Township voters (19 Democrats, 59 Republicans) cast ballots at the City Hall.

The only contests in the county were on the Republican ticket. Chas. H. Stewart of Kingman, kept the District Judgeship in Kingman County (where it has been for 64 years) by defeating Howard Wilcox of Anthony. The counties of Kingman, Pratt, Barber, and Harper, comprise Kansas' 24th Judicial District.

In the other two Republican contests, Charles Hanna beat out his opposing candidate, Erwin Hibbs, for the office of Kingman County Sheriff, and Mrs. Mamie Longnecker, incumbent Kingman County Superintendent of Public Instruction, won over her opponent, Mrs. John Wrenchley.

In Rural Township, the two-mill two-year road improvement levy proposition passed by a vote of 15 to 12.

1967

August 10– Lois A. Jansen became the bride of Donald J. Becker, Saturday afternoon, August 5, at a 1:00 o'clock ceremony performed at the St. Francis Assisi Church in Wichita. Fr. Jerome Beat officiated.

Steve England, 62, of Cairo, died at the Pratt County Hospital in Pratt, Tuesday morning, following a brief illness.

Mark Osner, who lives four miles north of town, broke the bones in his foot in a farm accident about two weeks ago. Last week friends and neighbors came to the Osner farm and worked the ground.

Tony Fischer, six-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Fischer, underwent a tonsillectomy at the Pratt County Hospital in Pratt, Tuesday.

YEARS AGO IN The Cunningham Clipper Publisher: Charles G. Barnes Editor: Joyce Hartmann Reporter: Florine Kampling

1977

August 11- Little Miss Stacy Ford of Wichita has been a weekend guest of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hageman and other relatives.

Cunningham women's Fast Pitch team competed in a tournament in Kingman last weekend. The team, coached by Ivan Cain, consists of Elise Fischer, Debbie Beat, Karla Osborn, Bonnie Hamlett, Betty Kitson, Kathy Fischer, Reta Ratcliff, Linda Kohtz, Patty Helm, Shirley Gamble, Janel Rohr, and Jean Depenbusch.

On Friday, August 19, the Cunningham Saddle Club will meet at Joyland at 7:00 p.m.

Mrs. Carrie Fitzsimmons of rural Cairo, visited Hilltop Manor Saturday morning.

Thank you to the friends and businesses for the support you gave the 4-H Royalty Contest for the Kingman County Fair. – Melva Oller

Zenda news:

Mr. and Mrs Don Green, Molly and Sam, spent a few days in Colorado.

Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Zrubek and family spent Thursday overnight and Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Dreiling, Wichita.

Support during child's mental health crisis is a phone call away. 1-833-441-2240 Family Crisis Response Help

IMPAIRED DRIVING ISN'T ONLY DANGEROUS, IT'S SELFISH. THINK OF OTHER DRIVERS IF YOU WON'T THINK OF YOURSELF. Kansas Department of Transportation DRIVE TO ZERO

Consider this...

by Mike Johnson

Did He Or Didn't He?

Is it possible that American sports hero O.J. Simpson murdered two people?

The reason we're always shocked by the actions of others - like Simpson - is that we have no idea who they really are - we just think we do. We judge them by outer actions, which are never a true reflection of what's occurring inside their heads.

O.J. Simpson, no matter his guilt or innocence in his murder charges, obviously wrestled with negative thoughts and feelings about his relationship with his ex-wife. Evidence reveals that on many occasions, he chose to ride those feelings until they led to negative actions of abuse.

True heroes are not the people you see running on a football field. They're not even those pulling babies out of burning buildings, throwing themselves in front of assassin's bullets or CPRing someone back to life. Those are easy hero-

ics - an event occurs, instinct meets opportunity and before a thought occurs, the "heroic" action is completed.

No, the toughest heroics are not the things that people do - it's the things that they refuse to do. Real heroes - the ones you'll never recognize on the street - are refusing to be swept away on negative thoughts and feelings - no matter what the provocation.

These heroes - the elite - do their work quietly, constantly, within themselves. They're continually strengthening the realization that thoughts are not who they really are. They see thoughts as the temporary winds that blow through their days. They recognize the attachment to any thought is the same as asking for matching feelings - which results in matching actions.

Positive thoughts generate positive feelings which generate positive actions. Negative thoughts generate negative feelings which generate negative actions.

Did O.J. murder the two people? It's certainly possible. Anyone is capable of anything at any time. Just ride the wrong thoughts long enough and

the country will be whispering about us too.

In one regard, if Simpson does turn out to be guilty, it can be argued he was actually a hero many times over by resisting the urge to commit the murderous actions that must have played in his mind regularly.

Yet, like trying to hold a basketball underwater, negative thoughts and feelings can't be overpowered - they'll always find a way to surface. And when they do - it can be explosive.

The only way to avoid them, is to never embrace them in the first place. They are not us. They merely flow by. They are always temporary. We decide which we choose to embrace. Our thoughts and feelings are no more who we really are than the pants we wear are really our legs. You wouldn't let a nasty stranger choose the pants you wear, why let a nasty thought choose the feelings you wear?

Heroes - true heroes - took the advice of their mothers. Be careful of the friends you keep, - in this case the thoughts and feelings you embrace - because you'll become just like them.

Cunningham Child Care Center Receives Grant from Wal-Mart



Kathy Albers photo

Cunningham Child Care Center (4C) was recently awarded a grant, given by Wal-Mart. From left: Tyler Fross, Pratt Walmart manager, Debi Dunlap, 4C director, Kathy Albers and John Huffman (4C supporters) and Wal-Mart employee Alichia.

Pass It On... Laughter is the Best Teacher.

How humor and history go together in this classroom.

Miss Arbury teaches history at the local high school. On the excitement scale, learning history for most kids sits somewhere between math and art. A few cool things and lots of facts to memorize. And yet Miss Arbury's classes have been the favorites at her school for over two decades. Students arrive early, sit quietly, and wait for class to begin. What could possibly make rowdy high school students so suddenly eager to learn?

When all are settled, Miss Arbury enters the classroom decked out in the full regalia of a British soldier during

the revolutionary war. There are a few snickers as she approaches an old boom box. She pushes play and throws herself into a cheesy rap about the Boston Tea Party and the Declaration of Independence. She then challenges students to a rap off where they have to rhyme their responses to taxation without representation. Miss Arbury is not a good dancer. She looks nothing like a British soldier. She is short, a little round and by her own admission is mostly tone deaf. But the kids love it. And they know to come prepared with their own rhymes about world history.

At lunch time the cafeteria is abuzz with kids laughing about Miss Arbury's history class. She dresses up as a witch when teaching about the Salem Witch Trials. Wears a Winston Churchill mask when

discussing the Battle of Britain. Her British accent is not even close, but the kids remember what she teaches.

At the end of the semester the lesson becomes clear. In order to make the future better we have to understand the past. Having a good laugh along the way makes the lesson much easier to remember. "I try to launch these kids into the future with a better understanding of how far we've come and how much more we can do," Miss Arbury says. And then adds wryly: "You know, the court jester always taught the most profound lessons."

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Christian Humor

Anger
The person who angers you, controls you!
Grading
God doesn't grade on the curve, He grades on the cross.

Flying
If God is your Copilot - you're in the wrong seat!

Unconditional Love
Yes, God loves us all, but He favors "fruits of the spirit" over "religious nuts!"

The Message
Our job isn't to change the message. Our job is to let the message change us.

Promises
God didn't promise a calm passage. He promised a safe landing.

Catholic Churches

Sacred Heart, Cunningham Saturdays 5:30 p.m..	St. John, Zenda Sundays 8:30 a.m.
St. Leo Sundays 10:00 a.m. St. Leo	St. Peter Willowdale Saturdays 4:00 a.m.

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

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Lutheran Churches

St. John, Nashville 620-246-5220 Sunday School & Bible Class 9:15 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m.	Trinity, Medicine Lodge 620- 886-3397 Sunday School & Bible Class 9:45 a.m. Worship Service 8:30 a.m.
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Our worship service is found on the YouTube channel at:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCrenCH12I9nmpcojCFyYLA>

Pastor Dennis Fangmeyer
Cell: 620-886-0911

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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
Pastor Mike McGovney 620-298-3201

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United Methodist Church

Penalosa Worship 9:15 a.m.	Cunningham Worship 10:45 a.m.
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Pastor Mathew Ndambuki Musyoki
620-298-2090

Zenda
Worship 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School: Children 8:30 a.m. Adults 10:00 a.m.
Pastor J L Nichols
620-491-0680

Christian Humor

Praying
When you pray, don't give God instructions. Just report for duty!

Forbidden Fruit
A forbidden fruit will create many jams.

Greatness
You can tell how great a person is by what it takes to discourage him.

God's Will
The will of God will not take you to where the grace of God will not protect you.

Best Formula
1 cross + 3 nails = 4 given.

Problems
The problem ahead of us is never as great as the Power behind us.

Peace
Peace starts with a smile.

Fundraisers & Charitable Opportunities in our Community

4C Day Care Shop smile.amazon.com or contact Kathy Albers 620-298-2725 or 620-388-0774 or leave a donation with the Methodist Church.

West Kingman County Education Foundation
Use your Dillon's Card! Shop smile.amazon.com
(to donte contact Janet DeWeese 620-298-2717)

Hands of Hope (contact any church)

Cunningham Alumni Scholarship Fund
(send checks to the West Kingman County Education Foundation)

Cunningham Community Center (leave donation at the bank)

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

Cunningham Museum (to donate contact Alan Albers)

Cunningham Public Library (to donate, contact Kerri Steffen)

Cunningham Hands of Hope, Inc.

Who: A Not-for-Profit (501c3) organization providing assistance through donations and volunteers.

Who we serve: Residents within the USD #332 school district

What: Food

When: **First and Third Tuesday 2:00-5:00 p.m.**

Where: 117 N Main (Old School Board Office)

Why: To provide food assistance to those in need.

How: Attend weekly distribution. Adult of household must be present.

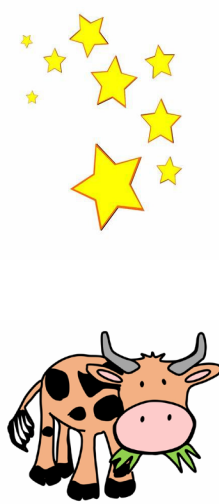
Do you need assistance outside distribution hours?

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.

Kingman County and 4-H Fair ... Number 100 Stars, Stripes and Summer Nights...



Ava Neywick and Ada Adams



Wyatt Neywick and friend



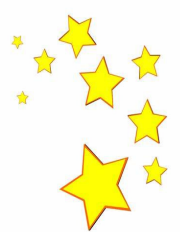
Taylor Schultz and Brianna Dittmer pose with their Grand Champion winning banner.



Maverick Schultz is ready for the rides.



Jessica Dittmer and Ty Schultz



Ava Neywick shows her 4-H calf.



"This land pulses with life. It breathes in me; it breathes around me; it breathes in spite of me. When I walk on this land, I am walking on the heartbeat of the past and the future. And that's only one of the reasons I am a farmer."
— Brenda Sutton Rose



Fair photos by Barb Schultz and Jennifer Neywick

... for the Young and the Young at Heart



Ty Schultz with his cousins, Aaron and Michael Weninger



Don and Lois Becker



Bowen Bock, Ty Schultz, Jessica Dittmer, and Leah Rogers



Corbin Giefer



Andrew Schultz and his grandmother, Judy Schultz



Left: Andrew Schultz, Kendall Rogers, Collin Weide and Emily Ogg



Maverick Schultz



Weston Rogers, Andrew Schultz, Mackley Glenn, Taylor Schultz and Ty Schultz



Standing: Leah Rogers, Ty Schultz, Jessica Dittmer, Wyatt Neywick. Sitting: Ava Neywick, Jonathon Ogg. Wyatt won 1st place in the 8-year-olds tractor pull and Jonathon won 1st place in the 7-year-old division.



Jessica Dittmer



Wyatt Neywick and another friend.



"The Earth is a farm. We are someone else's property."
— Charles Fort



Minutes from Kingman County Commission for July 25th, 2022

Chairman Foley called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on July 25th in the County Commissioners room at the Kingman County Courthouse. Present were: Jerry Henning, Commissioner; Jack Thimesch, Commissioner; Carol Noblit, County Clerk; Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor

Fred Foley, Chairman (online go-to meeting)
 Visitors: Bob Morris, Kingman Leader-Courier; Larry Landwehr; Pat Elpers. Clint Turner, Fair Board
 Online Visitors: Heather Kinsler; Joyce, Jason White, Caller 01, Caller 02
 Staff: Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer; Amber Hartley, Appraiser; Amanda Stucky, Field Appraiser; Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse and Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director.

Commissioner Henning asked if there were any additions to the agenda.
 No additions were requested.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the agenda with no additions. Chairman Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioner Henning asked if there was any public comment.
 No Comments made.

Clint Turner, Fair Board was in to let the Commissioners know that the barn was ready for the Fair. Mr. Turner also gave the Commissioners a copy of the bids they received for the electrical to be done at the stall barn.

Commissioners discussed the barn with Mr. Turner and thought they could get the electrical done cheaper.

Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer was in to ask the County Commissioners to re-sign the new account

papers as there was an error with the last set of papers. Ms. Luntsford also let the Commissioners know that two more had paid their delinquent taxes so the tax sale was down to six properties.

Commissioners asked Ms. Hartley and Ms. Stucky from the Appraisers office to come and discuss a property in the NRP program.

Ms. Stucky let the Commissioners know that there were two homes on this NRP and one was almost fully complete and the other one had more work to do.

Commissioners discussed that they only give one extension and this project had already been extended once.

Ms. Blundell was in to discuss her NRP project with the County Commissioners. She let the Commissioners know that they were building two homes for their mothers and one was about 85% done and the other one still had a bit to do.

Commissioners let Ms. Blundell know that they only extend projects for one year and since they had already had one that it could not be extended.

Commissioners told Ms. Blundell to check with the Appraiser to see if the one house was done enough to be put on the project.

Ms. Blundell left the meeting. Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse was in with a report on how many clients they have served over the past month.

Ms. Schwartz discussed the concern she has had with Ideate and that she has contacted the company about her caller id.

Ms. Schwartz discussed the bid for a new south door on the building and she would like to move forward with the purchase from her ELC Expansion (COVID-19) Grant funds.

Ms. Schwartz submitted a bid from Pratt Glass Enterprises, LLC in the amount of \$11,362.21. The door will also have a card reader.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the purchase of a new south door for the Health

Department from Pratt Glass Enterprises LLC in the amount of \$11,362.21 to be paid with ELC Expansion Grant Funds. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mike Arnold, ACOEM and Russ Waddill. ACOEM were online to give a presentation on a security system that they have and what it can do for active shooters.

Commissioners asked questions about the cost and the maintenance for their system.

Commissioners let Mr. Arnold know that they would have to discuss it when all the Commissioners met together.

Mr. Arnold and Mr. Waddill left the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in with an update on the hot mix design plans.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed that the X.0-21.2 Bridge rehab project will be having the bid letting on August 22, 2022.

Mr. Arensdorf submitted the following fuel bids to the Commissioners at 11:00 a.m. to be opened:

Reg. Unleaded Reg. Unleaded #1 Diesel #2 Diesel (Transport) (Tank Wagon)

Farmers (Garden Plain)	3.489	3.589	4.659	4.359
Farmers (Isabel)	3.799	3.949	3.299	3.099
Skyland Grain	3.50	3.75	4.32	4.02

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the fuel quotes from Farmers Coop (Isabel). Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Foley moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 11:20 a.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Minutes from the Pratt County Commission Meeting on July 11th, 2022

The Pratt County commissioners met in regular session Monday, July 25, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. in the commissioner room, 1st floor of the courthouse. The following members were present: Rick N. Shriver, Thomas W. Jones III, Dwight Adams, Tyson Eisenhauer, county vounselor, Lori Voss, county clerk and Mark Graber, IT director.

Shari Gatton, soil conservation office manager, presented their 2023 budget. She explained the increase includes hiring a soil conservationist next year.

Tyson gave an update on the tax foreclosure

sale; twelve tracts have been redeemed for a total of \$57,605.89. He anticipates the sale will be held late September or early October, selling a potential twenty properties.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the minutes from July 11, 2022 and July 18, 2022. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Chairman Adams signed the semi-annual report for Great Plains Development, Inc.

The commissioners requested all department heads attend the meeting to discuss the 2023 budgets and potential cuts. Chairman Adams stated they needed the department heads help finding cuts to the 2023 budgets.

Tara Pagenkopf, RSVP director, presented checks for signatures. They discussed her budget and if she could make any cuts.

Darcie Vandervyer,

health director, gave a report on COVID. She will be closed 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., July 27, 28, August 4, 11, 18, September 1 and September 8 for employee WIC training. Reported she is working with the schools concerning COVID. She discussed her budget and potential cuts.

Brian Atteberry, EMS director, discussed his 2023 budget and any potential cuts he could make. He stated he raised his personal services for raises for his employees, not including himself.

Doug Freund, road supervisor, presented a contract with Ninnescah Rural Electric for the light at the corner of Highway 61 and 20th Street. Chairman Adams stated the total installation cost will be \$2,536.10. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the contract with Ninnescah Rural Electric

for a light at the corner of Highway 61 and 20th Street in the amount of \$2,536.10. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

He presented an updated budget with a cut of \$80,000 out of fuel. He reported an oil and gas company wants to use the right of way to lay a line to their transfer station from a well. It is not an official request at this time. Tyson stated Doug needs to talk to an attorney to give him guidance, he suggested he call Stull's Law Office for advice and report back.

Jimmy White, sheriff and Max Barrett, undersheriff, discussed the 2023 budget and potential cuts. He discussed prisoner care and the increased costs. He discussed his employees and wages and won't cut his personal services. He discussed purchasing vehicles. He discussed

the detention area of the building, need locks and other items replaced. He presented a pay slip increase for Tyler Finch. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve a raise of \$3.43 promoting him to sergeant. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to take a five-minute break at 3:48 p.m. to return at 3:53 p.m. Chairman Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Jones made a motion to return from break at 3:53 p.m. Chairman Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Scot Loyd, Loyd Group, LLC joined on Zoom, discussed the 2023 budgets and cuts that can be made. They discussed capital outlay and special equipment funds.

Commissioner Shriver

reported they will be out there the 27th to grind off the road.

Mark Graber, IT, stated SC Telcom will be out there to lay the line this week.

There was a question online for the total cost of the new public safety building.

Commissioner Shriver stated all the bills have not been turned in so there is no final cost at this time. The cost will be made available when it is completed.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the payment vouchers for July 25, 2022. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Chairman Adams made a motion to adjourn at 4:40 pm. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Kansas Farm Bureau President to retire in December

MANHATTAN — After serving as president of Kansas Farm Bureau since 2014, Montgomery County farmer Rich Felts has announced he will retire Dec. 5. Felts previously served as vice president of the organization for three years and on the board of directors before moving into leadership of the organization.

"The decision to retire was not an easy one," Felts says. "I have enjoyed my time working for and with Farm Bureau members of Kansas. My wife, Shirley, and I look forward to returning to the farm and know our organization will continue to advocate, educate and serve Kansans."

"Rich has been a

steadfast and strong leader of our farm organization," Terry Holdren, KFB CEO, says. "His work on behalf of our members, our state and agriculture has put us in a great position for the future."

Felts began his service to Farm Bureau at the county level and held leadership and volunteer positions for extension, conservation, rural fire, church and township boards.

At Kansas Farm Bureau he served on the American Farm Bureau Federation board of directors; chaired the board of Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company and affiliated boards and committees; and was appointed to numerous taskforces by governors and others on behalf of Kansas farmers and ranchers.

Under his leadership,

Kansas Farm Bureau Health Plans (<https://kfb.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=45bba928f411d21617c5eadbe&id=0623fed6a1&e=dab2a00df9>) was created; more than \$150,000 was raised and shared across the state to end hunger (<https://kfb.us11.list-manage.com/track/click?u=45bba928f411d21617c5eadbe&id=a73da43456&e=dab2a00df9>) in Kansas communities; supported the expansion of mental health resources for farmers and ranchers; consumers were educated about sustainable agriculture; and innovation and entrepreneurship were improved in rural communities.

A new president will be elected at the organization's annual meeting on Dec. 5 in Manhattan.

Kansas Begins Fiscal Year 2023 with Tax Collections Surpassing Estimate by \$127.6M

~July Marks 24th Month In a Row that Kansas Tax Collections Have Surpassed Estimates~

TOPEKA – Today, Governor Laura Kelly announced Kansas July tax receipts. In total, Kansas saw its total tax receipts for July exceed the estimate by \$127.6 million with \$586.2 million collected.

"Due to my administration's record-setting economic development successes over the last three and a half years, July marks the 24th month in a row that Kansas tax receipts have surpassed expectations," said Governor Kelly. "That represents more money our state can use to continue fully funding our schools, improving our roads, investing in law enforcement, and expanding health care."

Individual income tax receipts were \$300.5 million, or 15.6%, over the \$260.0 million estimate. Corporate income tax collections were \$36.6

million, or 66.4%, over the estimate. Higher-than-expected corporate tax receipts reflect continued optimism that corporate profits will remain stable in the new fiscal year.

A comparison of July's receipts to those of July of 2021 is not meaningful because a statutory change during the 2022 Legislative Session had the effect of deferring the collection of certain sales and use tax receipts from July to August beginning this fiscal year.

Retail sales tax collections were \$174.2 million, or 39.4%, over the estimate. Compensating use tax collections were \$21.0 million, or 65.7%, over the estimate with \$53.0 million collected. Actual receipts for the two tax types were less than July 2021 due to a change in the timing for remittances by large retailers resulting from the enactment of 2022 H.B. 2136.

The complete July 2022 Revenue Report can be found here.

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Price and Value

Greg Doering, Kansas Farm Bureau

"Price is what you pay, value is what you get," Warren Buffet is fond of saying. That line was running through my head recently as my wife and I were preparing to have some flooring replaced in our kitchen and living room.

We had moved all the furniture out of the way and thought we might try to speed the process along, and save a little money, by starting the demolition process ourselves. The floating floor we installed in the kitchen when we first moved in came out without any problem. The linoleum

underneath was a different story.

Actually, it turned out there were two layers of vinyl covering. After working up a sweat removing a small section of flooring that was atomically bonded to the subfloor, we decided the cost savings weren't as valuable as we initially thought. We left the rest to the professionals.

It's a good reminder that price is only one side of the equation, and it's difficult to judge the utility of something by only looking at half the calculation. It's something I hope everyone keeps in the back of their minds as budget season for cities, counties and school districts is in full swing.

In the coming weeks the majority of Kansans are likely to receive letters from at least one of these governing bodies of their intent to raise property taxes. These notices will include the value of your property, the tax you paid in the last year and a variety of other information. The date, time and location of a public hearing on the budget also will be included, and that's where community members can offer their input on the proposed tax increase.

The direct notices are relatively new and add an extra layer of transparency to the usual public notices published in a local newspaper and posted on government websites.

Hopefully they'll function as intended and spur more public feedback on budgets. Whether it's through people attending the public hearings or having private conversations with county commissioners, city councilors or school board members, more engagement in the process will help ensure the taxes levied match the value of services the community desires.

I will note that these conversations should be approached with a degree of caution because the public hearing is toward the end of a months-long process of drafting a budget and setting tax rates. If, for some reason, you're hoping for a

larger tax increase than proposed, you're going to be out of luck since the maximum mill levy will have already been established. But public pressure can still lower the levy and reduce tax bills if elected officials are persuaded to do so.

Officials have to strike a balance between the services the public wants at a price they're willing to pay. The wants are often well intentioned, even reasonable, but they're also unlimited. The appetite for tax increases is usually more subdued, at least by the public.

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Is summer vacation starting to feel too loooong? Are you having summer blues because swimming lessons or camp is finished? Are all of your friends away on vacation? If so, then this page is for you! It is full of ideas to keep you busy and having fun during the long days of summer!

Some theaters offer kids free movie showings in the mornings.

Hike, Bike or Walk! Choose a place...a tower, a fishing spot...hike, bike or walk to it. Pack light lunches and extra water. Check for free concerts too!

Rainy Day Fun

Chase The Blues Away! Ask friends to bring board games or any games that can be played in less than one hour. Take turns playing one or two games.

Picnic in the Park! Picnic in the park, at the lake or in the yard!

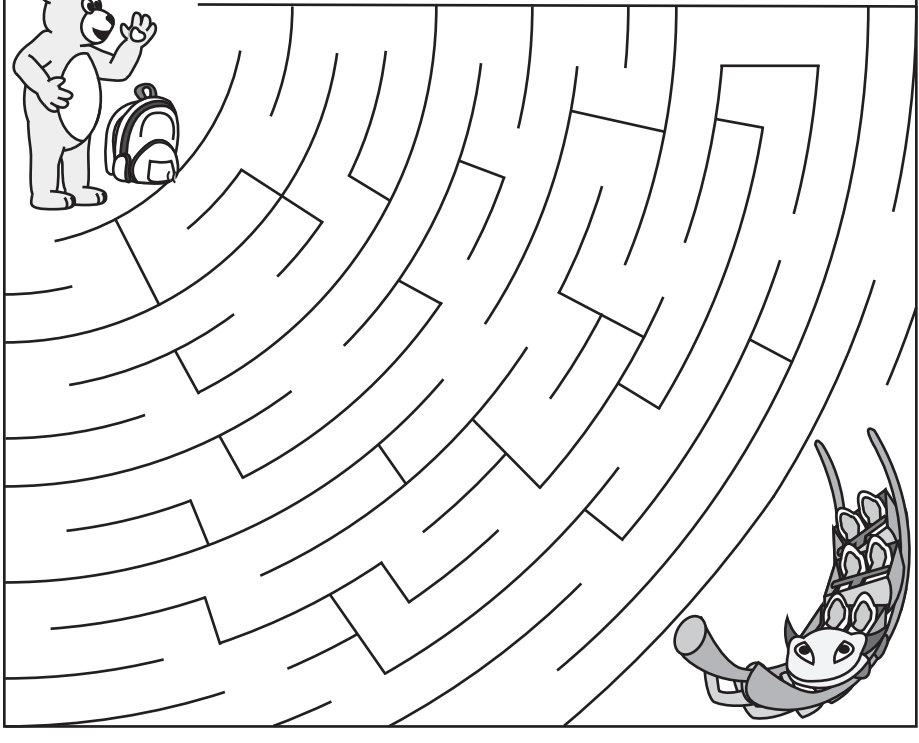
- Set a place, date and time; call your friends
- Ask everyone to bring a lunch as well as equipment for one activity or sport such as:
- Be a good host: speak with and include everyone in all activities

Word puzzle grid with letters A, U, E, N, T, A, R, R, T, E, T.

Places to Go!

- 1. museum 6. aquarium 11. petting zoo
2. theater 7. train station 12. playground
3. library 8. nature walks 13. amusement park
4. ferry 9. recreation center 14. farmers' market
5. airport 10. friend's house

Too Busy for Summer Blues! Forest is packed and ready for a big day away. Help him get to the roller coaster!



Berried Treasure

You can cook up a "berried" treasure with sweet, juicy berries. Farm-grown or wild, sun-ripened berries in the summer are delicious! Match the "berried" treasures to their descriptions:

- 1. small, round breads, usually cooked one dozen at a time
2. flat cake made of batter cooked in a pan or on a griddle
3. deep dish fruit pie that has a biscuit covering only on the top
4. usually has pastry lining the dish and pastry on top: many kinds of fillings: fruit, pudding, meat
5. crunchy, hard, but easily breakable topping; fruit on bottom

Lend a Helping Hand!

Libraries, parks and rec programs, activity centers, churches and other places often welcome extra helping hands. Think about activities or sports that you like and check to see if there is a place where you can help out. Follow the color key to see what you can do:

Illustration of a bear and a dog organizing books on shelves. Includes a color key: ☆ = yellow, ○ = green.

Grid of stars and circles for a color-by activity.

(Answers on page 10)

Library Additions

In last week's paper, I listed most of the list of new library books Kerri sent me. I did not have room for the entire list. This is the last of them. So much to read!!! You best get busy!

Young Adult

The Deepest Roots (2018) by Miranda Asebedo

Adult Non-Fiction

When: The Scientific Secrets of Perfect Timing (2018) by Daniel H. Pink
 Faith, Farming, and Family: Cultivating Hope and Harvesting Joy Wherever You Are (2021) by Caitlin Henderson

America and Its Guns: A Theological Exposé (2012), by James E. Atwood; with a foreword by Walter Brueggemann

All The Places to Go How Will You Know: God Has Placed Before You An Open Door What Will You Do? (2015) by John Orthberg

Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents (2020) by Isabel Wilkerson

Them: Why We Hate Each Other-- and How to Heal (2018) by Ben Sasse

Everything Beautiful In Its Time: Seasons of Love and Loss (2020) by Jenna Bush Hager

ProQuest Statistical Abstract of the United States 2022: The National Data Book (2022)

Prisoners of Geography: Ten Maps That Explain Everything About the World (2015) by Tim Marshall

Big Tent: The Story of the Conservative Revolution: As Told by the Thinkers and Doers Who Made It Happen (2014) edited by Mallory Factor and Elizabeth Factor

Conservatism in America since 1930: A Reader (2003) edited by Gregory L Schneider

The Conservative Sensibility (2019) by George F. Will
 Fascism: A Warning (2018) by Madeleine Albright ; with Bill Woodward

The Restless Wave: Good Times, Just Causes, Great Fights, and Other Appreciations (2018) by John McCain and Mark Salter

His Truth is Marching On: John Lewis and The Power of Hope (2020) by Jon Meacham ; afterword by John Lewis

Unthinkable: Trauma, truth, and the Trials of American Democracy (2022) by Jamie Raskin

The New Map: Energy, Climate, and the Clash of Nations (2020) by Daniel Yergin

Secondhand: Travels in the New Global Garage Sale (2019) by Adam Minter

Hidden Figures: The American Dream and the Untold Story of the Black Women Mathematicians Who Helped Win the Space Race (2016) by Margot Lee Shetterly

Running Out: In Search of Water on the High Plains (2021) by Lucas Bessire

How Did We Get Here?: From Theodore Roosevelt to Donald Trump (2020) by Robert Dallek

Thirteen Soldiers: A Personal History of Americans at War (2015) by John McCain and Mark Salter

Moonshot: Inside Pfizer's Nine-Month Race to Make the Impossible Possible (2022) by Dr Albert Bourla; Foreword by President Jimmy Carter

Borne on the South Wind: A Century of Aviation in Kansas (1994) by Frank Joseph Rowe and Craig Miner

The Goodness of Greens: 40 Incredible Nutrient-Packed Recipes (2016) edited by Claire Rogers

The Little Book of Lykke: Secrets of the World's Happiest People (2017) by Meik Wiling

No Time Like the Future: An Optimist Considers Mortality (2020) by Michael J Fox

Men at Work: The Craft of Baseball (1990) by George F. Will

A Pearl in the Storm: How I Found My Heart in the Middle of the Ocean (2009) by Tori Murden McClure

Selected Poems (1994) by EE Cummings; with introduction and commentary by Richard S. Kennedy

Call Us What We Carry: Poems (2021) by Amanda Gorman

The Order of the Day (2020) by Éric Vuillard; translated from the French by Mark Polizzotti

Korea Reborn: A Grateful Nation Honors War Veterans for 60 Years of Growth (2013)

Escape (2008) by Carolyn Jessop with Laura Palmer

Greenlights (2020) by Matthew McConaughey

In the Garden of Beasts: Love, Terror, and an American Family in Hitler's Berlin (2012) by Erik Larson

No Easy Day: The Autobiography of a Navy SEAL : The Firsthand Account of the Mission That Killed Osama bin Laden (2012) by Mark Owen ; with Kevin Maurer

The 1619 Project: A New Origin Story (2021) created by Nikole Hannah-Jones and The New York Times Magazine; edited by Nikole Hannah-Jones, Caitlin Roper, Ilena Silverman, and Jake Silverstein

Jefferson's Daughters: Three Sisters, White and Black, In a Young America (2018) by Catherine Kerrison

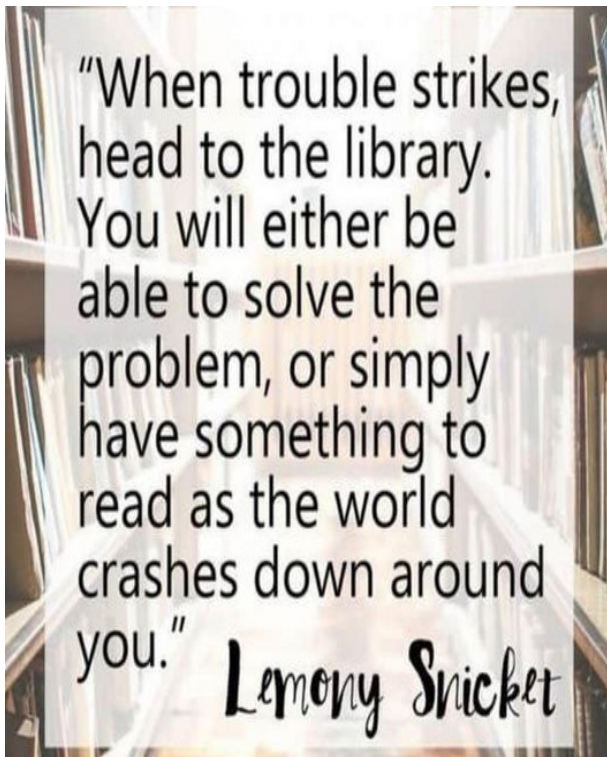
One Minute to Midnight: Kennedy, Khrushchev, and Castro on the Brink of Nuclear War (2009) by Michael Dobbs

Jackie, Janet & Lee: The Secret Lives of Janet Auchincloss and Her Daughters, Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis and Lee Radziwill (2018) by J. Randy Taraborrelli

FrontRow at the Trump Show (2020) by Jonathan Karl

American Happiness and Discontents: The Unruly Torrent, 2008-2020 (2021) by George F Will

The Residence: Inside the Private World of the White House (2015) by Kate Andersen Brower



I have a passion for teaching kids to become readers, to become comfortable with a book, not daunted. Books shouldn't be daunting, they should be funny, exciting and wonderful; and learning to be a reader gives a terrific advantage."

—Roald Dahl

Kingman County Humane Society Pets Ready for Adoption

Larry

Sponsored by The Cunningham Courier



Male Domestic Shorthair
 Weight: 2.1 pounds
 Age: 4 weeks
 Adoption Fee: \$75.00
 Intake Date: May 2, 2022

Maggie

Sponsored by Baker Accounting



Female Retriever, Chocolate Labrador / Mixed Breed (Medium)
 Weight: 33 pounds
 Age 8 months
 Adoption Fee: \$200.00
 Intake Date: June 10, 2022

Maggie has a secret.....she can fly.

We think its the ears. She's a shy girl, but she's coming around. She just needs a loving environment where she can develop into the beautiful, confident dog and companion that you've been looking for. She loves treats so that's the key to her heart.

Editor's note: This girl makes my heart go pitty-pat, tugging at those proverbial heartstrings. She's not a beauty, as she always looks so serious, no doubt trying to determine the risk factor in trusting the people and animals around her. She is very timid. When we walk, she never pulls on the leash, always staying close to me. She sometimes stops me so she can lean against me, or sit on my foot. If I didn't have Quin, the rascalion, I'd take her home in a Kansas minute. (And, gracious, those ears! I doubt she could every 'grow into them'!)

KCHS Donation Wish List

The pets at Kingman County Humane Society are in need of the following items:
 dry cat and kitten food
 clumping cat litter
 canned dog food
 Purina Puppy Chow
 long-lasting chews
 8-quart 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

"Pets make the world a better place to live."
 — Susan Lyons

Please consider volunteering or adopting or fostering or donating! or all four!



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

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 5. crunchy, hard, but easily breakable topping; fruit on bottom

A. pancake
 B. pie
 C. cobbler
 D. crisp
 E. muffins

You can:

PLAYGROUND
 HOUSE
 RECREATION
 MUSEUM
 PETTING

PLACES TO GO!
 AIRPORT
 TRAIN

We'll get these in order.

It's fun to visit a nature center!

The science center is so cool!



Day 18, Final Kansas Wheat Harvest Report

This is day 18 of the Kansas Wheat Harvest Reports, brought to you by the Kansas Wheat Commission, Kansas Association of Wheat Growers and the Kansas Grain and Feed Association.

Combines are cutting the last few fields in north central Kansas as producers put their final touches on the 2022 Kansas wheat harvest and turn their attention to other fieldwork. In the weekly Crop Progress and Condition report, USDA

National Agricultural Statistics Service noted 95 percent of the wheat crop has been harvested as of July 10, ahead of 82 percent last year and 86 percent for the five-year average.

Ron Suppes, who farms across Lane, Scott and Finney counties, reported he had a good harvest. His average across farms was 37 bushels per acre. Test weights stayed heavy at 62 pounds per bushel or better on everything, moisture stayed steady at 10.5 to 12.5 percent and protein was excellent at 13.2 to 14.7 percent.

“The wheat was really nice,” Suppes said. “We had more than we should have, but not as much as we wanted.”

With a lack of moisture, kernel count was well below normal at 26 to 28 kernels per head. From the time Suppes planted fields to harvest, the most moisture on a field was six inches and the least was 4.5 inches. Most of that rain came in bits and pieces of .30 to .40 of an inch, which did not help the wheat much, but cool weather before harvest was conducive to filling kernels.

Suppes plants all his winter wheat fields to hard white winter wheat. This year he planted two varieties — Kansas Wheat Alliance’s Joe and KS Silverado. He noted performance was neck-and-neck with the two varieties from field to field, although he esti-

mated Joe yielded a few more bushels overall and KS Silverado is expected to have slightly better baking quality.

In north central Kansas, harvest is very near the end in Phillips County after eight days of rain delay over two weeks, according to Bruce Williams with Trinity Ag LLC in Smith Center. He reported the wheat was a little better than expected, hitting projections, but with wide variations due to crop rotations.

Wheat following summer fallow yielded the best at 67 to 85 bushels per acre, although Williams noted that there are not many summer fallow acres up in the area. Wheat following

corn or continuous wheat took a bigger hit at 37 to 45 bushels per acre and wheat following soybeans only yielded 20 to 25 bushels per acre.

Test weights started the harvest season strong at 60 to 61 pounds per bushel as folks were cutting their better wheat, but the average has now dropped to 57 to 58 pounds per bushel as producers pick up their remaining fields. Rain during harvest was just enough to shut down the combines, but not enough to impact test weights.

Protein is averaging 11.7 to 12.5 percent with some fields higher and some fields lower. Williams reported a few loads of light smut showing up, but the disease

pressure did not even affect entire fields, so he was not concerned.

Overall, some fields looked pretty tough, which is why Williams said area producers are happy with what they are cutting. With wheat acres down the last two years in favor of other crops, folks are turning their attention to other fieldwork — burndowns on wheat stubble, last-minute spraying on corn and getting another hay crop swathed and baled. Wheat harvest may be nearly over, but the work will continue.

Written by Julia Debes for Kansas Wheat



Price and Value

Greg Doering, Kansas Farm Bureau

“Price is what you pay, value is what you get,” Warren Buffet is fond of saying. That line was running through my head recently as my wife and I were preparing to have some flooring replaced in our kitchen and living room.

We had moved all the furniture out of the way and thought we might try to speed the process along, and save a little money, by starting the demolition process ourselves. The floating floor we installed in the kitch-

en when we first moved in came out without any problem. The linoleum underneath was a different story.

Actually, it turned out there were two layers of vinyl covering. After working up a sweat removing a small section of flooring that was atomically bonded to the subfloor, we decided the cost savings weren’t as valuable as we initially thought. We left the rest to the professionals.

It’s a good reminder that price is only one side of the equation, and it’s difficult to judge the utility of something by only looking at half the calculation. It’s something I hope everyone keeps in the back of their minds

as budget season for cities, counties and school districts is in full swing.

In the coming weeks the majority of Kansans are likely to receive letters from at least one of these governing bodies of their intent to raise property taxes. These notices will include the value of your property, the tax you paid in the last year and a variety of other information. The date, time and location of a public hearing on the budget also will be included, and that’s where community members can offer their input on the proposed tax increase.

The direct notices are relatively new and add an extra layer of transparency to the usual public

notices published in a local newspaper and posted on government websites.

Hopefully they’ll function as intended and spur more public feedback on budgets. Whether it’s through people attending the public hearings or having private conversations with county commissioners, city councilors or school board members, more engagement in the process will help ensure the taxes levied match the value of services the community desires.

I will note that these conversations should be approached with a degree of caution because the public hearing is toward the end of a month-long process of drafting

a budget and setting tax rates. If, for some reason, you’re hoping for a larger tax increase than proposed, you’re going to be out of luck since the maximum mill levy will have already been established. But public pressure can still lower the levy and reduce tax bills if elected officials are persuaded to do so.

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Wheat Scoop: Russell Protein Plant Packs Premium Potential for Kansas Wheat Producers

Summertime brings the welcome smell of hotdogs and bratwursts sizzling on the grill. But nothing messes with the BBQ vibe like the bun splitting into two when you are in the middle of

making the perfect mix of meat, bread, sauce and toppings. The difference between a hot-dog bun that falls apart and one that can stretch and hold its form comes down to one micro ingredient — wheat protein. And a facility in Russell, Kansas, produces more of this micro ingredient than anywhere else in the country, helping bind together hot dog buns, pet food, plant-based meats and more, all while utilizing 100 percent Kansas-grown wheat.

PureField Ingredients is the largest domestic supplier of wheat protein in the United States,

producing about 75 million pounds of wheat protein annually. That is more than half the domestic production, and the facility recently completed an expansion that increased production capacity by 50 percent. In addition to the wheat protein manufacturing plant, the Russell compound also includes an ethanol plant, which means the plant takes in wheat and produces wheat protein, high-quality ethanol and livestock feed.

“By expanding our operations, PureField is helping our customers address increasing consumer demand for high-

protein, plant-based, and non-GMO foods,” said Brad Kelley, CEO of PureField Ingredients, in a news release announcing the expansion. “Continued demand growth from the bakery, pet, packaged food, and vegetarian and vegan food markets, paired with recent challenges to the global supply chain, have resulted in a shortage of wheat protein in the United States. The expansion also allows us to continue supporting local farmers and, with the creation of additional employment opportunities, our community, as one of the largest employers

in Russell, Kansas.”

But What Is Wheat Protein?

Wheat protein, also called vital wheat gluten, is an essential part of many food and pet products. Isolated from the bran (the outermost part of the wheat kernel) and the starch (part of the inner layer called the endosperm, wheat protein is an extracted and activated part of the kernel. When added to a recipe, wheat protein provides a binding agent (pure gluten) that helps the end product — like a hot dog bun — hold its shape and not crumble. This quality factor is called elasticity,

like a pizza dough tossed in the air that stretches out without becoming little dough grenades.

Wheat protein is also used as a binding agent in plant-based meat alternatives, like seitan — nicknamed “wheat meat.” And that same characteristic is also desirable in the pet food market to help that dry kibble stay in the appropriate shape — about 40 percent of the wheat protein produced in Russell is destined for pet food.

As Evan Backhus, commodities manager for PureField Ingredients,

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Public Notice							
Published in The Cunningham Courier on Thursday, August 4th, 2022							
NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING							
The governing body of LEBADO CEMETERY RENO COUNTY							
will meet on August 15, 2022 at 8:00 p.m. at Penolosa Community Bldg. for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of tax to be levied. Detailed budget information is available at Penolosa Community Bldg. and will be available at this hearing.							
SUPPORTING COUNTIES RENO COUNTY (home county) KINGMAN COUNTY							
BUDGET SUMMARY							
Proposed Budget 2023 Expenditures and Amount of Current Year Estimate for 2022 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2023 budget. Estimated Tax Rate is subject to change depending on the final assessed valuation.							
FUND	Prior Year Actual 2021		Current Year Estimate for 2022		Proposed Budget Year for 2023		
	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Expenditures	Actual Tax Rate*	Budget Authority for Expenditures	Amount of 2022 Ad Valorem Tax	Proposed Estimated Tax Rate*
General	18,755	2.635	44,359	2.681	44,359	18,856	2.634
Equipment	6,534						
Totals	25,289	2.635	44,359	2.681	44,359	18,856	2.634
Revenue Neutral Rate** 2.634							
Less: Transfers	0		0		0		
Net Expenditures	25,289		44,359		44,359		
Total Tax Levied	18,851		18,858		xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx		
Assessed Valuation:	7,155,293		7,007,018		7,157,930		
Outstanding Indebtedness, Jan 1,	2020	2021	2022				
G.O. Bonds	0	0	0				
Revenue Bonds	0	0	0				
Other	0	0	0				
Lease Pur. Princ.	0	0	0				
Total	0	0	0				
*Tax rates are expressed in mills.							
**Revenue Neutral Rate as defined by KSA 79-2988							
Zella Jacobs, Treasurer							

Public Notice							
Published in The Cunningham Courier on Thursday, August 4th, 2022							
NOTICE OF HEARING TO EXCEED REVENUE NEUTRAL RATE AND BUDGET HEARING							
The governing body of City of Cunningham							
will meet on August 29, 2022 at 6:30 PM at Cunningham Community Center for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds, the amount of ad valorem tax and the Revenue Neutral Rate. Detailed budget information is available at Cunningham Public Library and will be available at this hearing.							
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General	378,793	43.001	357,492	43.132	680,396	141,126	45.186
Debt Service	36,238	7.301	58,683	7.301	69,065	22,801	7.301
Library	12,351	3.657	13,187	3.653	12,538	11,128	3.563
Employee Benefits	28,305	8.687	28,430	8.686	63,290	15,373	4.922
Special Highway					40,200		
Water	117,438		120,500		229,476		
Sewer	55,956		60,800		136,017		
Non-Budgeted Funds							
Totals	629,081	62.646	639,112	62.772	1,230,982	190,428	60.972
Revenue Neutral Rate** 60.972							
Less: Transfers	0		99,000		105,000		
Net Expenditure	629,081		540,112		1,125,982		
Total Tax Levied	190,422		190,418		xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx		
Assessed Valuation	3,039,642		3,062,449		3,123,202		
Outstanding Indebtedness, January 1,	2020	2021	2022				
G.O. Bonds	305,000	270,000	235,000				
Revenue Bonds	0	0	0				
Other	300,000	300,000	279,085				
Lease Purchase Principal	8,515	0	35,908				
Total	613,515	570,000	549,993				
*Tax rates are expressed in mills.							
** Revenue Neutral Rate as defined by KSA 79-2988							
City of Cunningham City Official Title: City Clerk							



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explained, there's just no ingredient out there that

(con't from page 11) provides the same combination of added protein, elasticity and binding as wheat protein.

Producing Wheat Protein, Ethanol, Distillers Grains - and More!

The two plants in Russell employ about 100 people, including grain inspectors, chemists, flour millers, procurement, merchandisers and others. The plant is shut down four times a year for maintenance. Otherwise, the facility runs 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The journey from wheat kernel to wheat protein is complex, but the plant is incredibly efficient. On an average day, roughly 57 trucks deliver wheat to the plant — every load sourced from the western two-thirds of Kansas. Every load of wheat is graded and inspected before a truck can unload, which takes between five and seven minutes per sample. Samples must be Grade 1 or Grade 2, with protein above 11.5 percent and a test weight of 58 pounds per bushel or above. If the sample does not meet the smell test — the grain inspector checks for odor from smut, fumigation or other issues — or the inspector finds even a single live insect, the entire truck is rejected.

Once a truck passes inspection, an automated system guides the truck

to where to dump, and the grain is stored on-site. Right now, the plant only has enough storage for about a three-week supply — 750,000 bushels — making it important to have wheat in storage locked in elsewhere. Backhus explained the company's quality lab has demonstrated decreased quality for wheat protein extraction if wheat is stored for more than a year, so he prefers to use high protein wheat from the first elevation, meaning sourced directly from the first place a wheat farmer delivers the wheat after harvest — either a local elevator or preferably on-farm bin storage. Locking in a steady supply of Kansas wheat that can deliver throughout the year can be difficult, but Backhus is up to the challenge.

Once the wheat is binned, and the plant is ready, it is time to make wheat protein. The start of the wheat protein production process looks very similar to a flour mill with large, loud, rumbling machines and pneumatically sealed pipes crisscrossing the different floors of the building. In the beginning, wheat kernels undergo a traditional cleaning process. Sifters help sort out cell phones, bolts or other random foreign objects that might have fallen in the grain truck. Tempering — adding water and heat — raises the moisture content of the kernels before the milling process. Rollers then peel off the bran like a banana.

Then the wheat kernels continue in a milling process of rolling and sifting, which grinds larger particles into smaller ones and continues to sort out wheat middlings — basically larger particles that don't grind down.

Wheat middlings can be sold as animal feed, but the Russell plant utilizes them internally at the ethanol plant down the blacktop — more to come on that.

The resulting flour is not as fine as one would buy at the store but is the same basic texture. At the next stage in the plant, water and enzymes are added to make the flour into a dough. This process separates the wheat protein, which looks like white, chewed-up bubble gum. The solid is separated from the liquid.

The watery starch is headed down the blacktop to the ethanol plant, where it is used as the primary feedstock to produce biofuels. This specific ethanol meets the standards for California's low carbon fuel standard, so the ethanol can be sent by rail as far as the West Coast as well as sold regionally.

The by-product of the ethanol production process is distiller's grains — the solid parts of the wheat leftover as the liquid goes into ethanol. The wheat middlings from the earlier stages of milling are added to this by-product. The result is a new type of distiller's grain that is sold to local feedlots.

Back to the wheat protein. Backhus explained the slimy solid mix is like what a farmer gets when he pops some wheat kernels into his mouth in the field — the right mix of chewy and sticky. The last step in the production process is to take the liquid out of the wheat protein mix — drying down the wheat protein into its final powder form.

The finished product is packaged and ready to ship. Because wheat

protein is a micro ingredient, a food or pet company only needs a small amount in their recipes. As a result, 60 percent of the wheat protein produced in Russell is sent out in 50-pound bags or 2,000-pound totes. The remaining 40 percent is sent out in bulk to larger customers, all by truck.

The Only Limit to Potential Is Harvest

Even though the plant only recently completed its expansion, PureField Ingredients is already planning the next phase — to double in size again. There is a hungry appetite for domestically produced wheat protein. Backhus explained the United States utilizes roughly 650 million pounds of wheat protein a year, but only 140 million pounds are produced within the country. The remaining amount has to be imported from Europe or Australia. Sourcing internationally, like many other products nowadays, is getting harder with shipping delays, and the long transport can degrade the quality of the finished product.

The main limitation to meeting this need? Sourcing enough high protein wheat of the right quality.

Because protein levels can vary greatly during wheat harvest, it is difficult for the company to forward contract production. As a result, Backhus goes on the hunt each June to find just the right wheat — hard red winter or hard white winter are both acceptable — from the right grower to lock in as much wheat as possible for the upcoming year. He maintains a database of more than 1,800 wheat grow-

ers and elevators, takes calls from producers who think they have a match, and hits the road. He has even bought wheat straight off the back of a farm pickup in the field if his portable testing equipment gives the right results.

The premiums for that high-quality wheat are a good deal for growers, but Backhus ideally needs them to have good protein and be able to bin the wheat on-farm for at least 30 days, locking in supplies for the plant but stretching out delivery.

But even the best-laid plans can go astray if Mother Nature does not cooperate and the wheat harvest does not end with a good quality crop.

"I go where the protein takes me," he said. "I've got a group of pretty good farmers that I like doing business with that have on-farm storage."

Still, the upside is real — and PureField Ingredients is continuing to research how to better secure wheat supplies by combining contracts for farmers, agreements with cooperatives and specific agronomic practices to hopefully produce the highest quality wheat possible in addition to partnering with industry on research to grow higher quality/higher protein wheat. Backhus encouraged growers to look at varieties with not just yield advantages and disease resistance but high milling and baking quality. And to talk with their agronomists on how to best manage for high protein, high-quality wheat. Doing so is a win-win for this large Kansas company and for the farmers who supply their must-have ingredient.

Learn more about

PureField Ingredients at <https://www.purefield.com/>

Written by Julia Debes for Kansas Wheat.

Public Notice

First published in the Cunningham-Courier, Thursday, July 21, 2022.

IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:

SHEILA M. DICK, Deceased.

Case No. 2022 PR 37

(Petition Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Edward P. Dick, surviving spouse of Sheila M. Dick, deceased, praying:

Descent be determined of the following described real estate situated in Kingman County, Kansas:

All of Block Six (6) in Rall's Addition to the City of Zenda, Kingman County, Kansas, EXCEPT All that part of Block Six (6) in Rall's Addition to the City of Zenda, Kingman County, Kansas, lying South of the following described line; Beginning at a point on the West line of said Block 6, said point being 168 feet North of the Southwest corner of said Block 6; thence East to a point on the East line of said Block 6 and 161.00 feet North of the Southeast corner of said Block 6.

And

Lots Eleven (11), Twelve (12) and the North 22 feet of Lot Thirteen (13), all in Block Three (3), in the town of New Nashville, Kingman County, Kansas.

and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by decedent at the time of death. And that such property and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by the decedent at the time of death be assigned pursuant to the laws of intestate succession.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before August 9, 2022 at 10:00 o'clock a.m. in the city of Kingman, in Kingman County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

Edward P. Dick
Petitioner
BY: Matthew W. Ricke
349 N. Main, PO Box 113
Kingman, KS 67068
(620) 532-3103
Attorney for Petitioner

Summer Stuff

The last day of summer is September 20th.

Watermelon is one of summer's best summer treats. Did you know that watermelons are not a fruit, but a vegetable instead? They belong to the cucumber family of vegetables.

The Eiffel Tower actually grows in the heat of

the summer. Due to the iron expanding, the tower grows about 6 inches every summer.

Another interesting fact about summer is that television shows used to only be reruns during the summer months. The idea being that everyone was outside enjoying the weather.

The "dog days of sum-

mer" refer to the dates from July 3rd to August 11th. They are named so after the Sirius the Dog Star. This star is located in the constellation of Canis Major.

Frisbee's, invented in the 1870's as a pie plate, but in the 1940's, college students began throwing them around. They have since stopped being used

for pie plates and are now a summertime staple.

Mosquito's are most prevalent during summer months. Mosquito's have been on earth for more than 30 million years.

August was named after Julius Caesar's nephew. He had received the title of "Augustus" which means "reverend".

More thunderstorms

occur during summer than any other time of year. They are also take place more commonly in the south east of England.

Ice pops were invented in 1905 by an 11 year old boy.

Facts found at linqatnorthsprings.com

Kingman County Sheriff's Report

Sunday, July 24th

Traffic Stops 3
Traffic Complaint SE 25 St and SE 80 Ave Area, Murdock
Traffic Complaint SE 100 St and SE 150 Ave Area, Norwich
Animal 400 Blk S Cowgill St, Nashville
Suspicious Vehicle 200 Blk W Stanley Ave, Spivey
Vehicle - Abandoned 6000 Blk E Hwy 54, Kingman
Vehicle - Disabled 1500 Blk W Hwy 54, Kingman
Vehicle - Disabled 5000 Blk W Hwy 54, Kingman
Welfare Check 2000 Blk SE Murdock Ave, Murdock
Welfare Check 100 Blk E Third St, Cunningham

Monday, July 25th

Traffic Stop 2
Traffic Complaint 2000 Blk N Main St, Kingman
Animal SE 25 St and SE 80 Ave Area, Murdock
Animal 400 Blk S Cowgill St, Nashville
Assist Other Agencies Sandcreek Rd, Pretty Prairie
Citizen Assist 2000 Blk S Hwy 14, Kingman
Fire - Investigation 2000 Blk SW 120 Ave, Cunningham
Harassment 16000 Blk SW 80 St, Nashville
Theft 7500 Blk SE 150 Ave, Norwich

Tuesday, July 26th

Traffic Complaint 4000 S Berry Ave Area, Kingman
911ACC - Hang Up 10000 Blk SE 50 Ave, Rago
Animal 300 Blk E Grant Ave, Kingman
Citizen Assist 4000 Blk NE 10 St, Kingman
Fire - Outside NE 40 Ave and NE 35 St Area
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Fraud 400 S Robbins Rd, Norwich
Trespassing 1300 Blk SE 30 Ave, Kingman
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Wednesday, July 27th

Traffic Stop 1
Traffic Complaint N Berry Ave and NE 50 St Area, Kingman
Assist Other Agencies SE 180 St and E Hwy 2 Area, Norwich
Fire - Structure 2000 Blk SE 10 St, Kingman
Suspicious Person 7000 Blk SW 80 Ave, Kingman
Vehicle - Disabled W Hwy 54 and SW 120 Ave Area, Kingman

Thursday, July 28th

Traffic Stop 3
Traffic Complaint SW 20 St and SW 90 Ave Area, Cunningham
Traffic Complaint 4000 Blk E Hwy 54, Kingman
Animal 12000 Blk SE 20 St, Murdock
Vehicle - Disabled W Hwy 54 and NW 70 Ave Area, Kingman

Friday, July 29th

Traffic Stop 8
Traffic Complaint 10000 West 54 Hwy, Cunningham, Ks
Traffic Complaint 3220 East Hwy 54, Kingman, Ks
Animal SE 60 Street & SE 100 Ave, Murdock, Ks
Animal NE 40 Ave & NE 35 St, Kingman, Ks
Animal 110 East Estella Ave, Cunningham, Ks
Animal 2300 North Berry Ave, Kingman, Ks
Supicious Vehicle 1735 SE 90 Ave, Murdock, Ks
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Saturday, July 30th

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Shelly Robles

Protection - Shelly Reene Robles, 45, passed away Thursday, July 28, 2022 at Comanche County Hospital. She was born on December 30, 1976 in Pratt to John L and Bonita "Bonnie" (Bishop) Rojas. Shelly married Victor Alejandro "Alex" Robles on December 14, 2019 in Protection. They were married for 2 years.



Shelly worked at Wal-Mart as a cashier. She was a member of Calvary Baptist Church. She enjoyed cooking, relaxing and enjoying her television shows, collecting seashells and spending time with family, dogs and those she loved.

She is survived by her husband, Alex; father, John Rojas of Pratt; brother, Wes Brown of Austin, Texas; nieces, Trinity, Cherith and Alethea Brown; step-sister, Anita Rojas of Pratt; and many other nieces, nephews and relatives.

Shelly is preceded in death by her mother, Bonnie Rojas.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, August 4, 2022 at Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt with Jan Blasi presiding.

Memorials may be made to The Trevor Project in care of Larrison Mortuary.

Free Developmental Screening Planned

A free screening clinic for children from birth to 5 years of age will be held in Kingman to help parents determine if their child's development is age appropriate. The screening is planned for Monday, August 8th at the Kingman United Methodist Church, 133 E D Ave.

Areas to be screened include concepts, motor skills, social development, speech, hearing and vision. Immunization, physical and nutritional information will also be available.

The screening clinic is sponsored by the regional Inter-Agency Coordinating Council. Agencies participating in this clinic include: Arrowhead West, Inc., South Central Kansas Special Education Cooperative District, Kingman County Health Department, Horizons Mental Health Center, USD 331 and USD 332. The staff from these agencies will assist in the identification of any special needs your child may have and in locating services to meet those needs.

To schedule an appointment to have your child screened please call (620) 672-7500.

Blood and Platelet Donors Needed Now to Help Prevent a Seasonal Blood Shortage

Chance at gas for a year for those who come to give in August, plus \$10 e-gift card

[KANSAS AND OKLAHOMA]—Just as most cars need to be refueled constantly, so does the nation's blood supply. The American Red Cross has faced a concerning drop in blood and platelet donations this summer. Donors are needed to make an appointment to give in August to help prevent a blood shortage.

The decline in donations has caused the Red Cross blood supply to shrink nearly 20% in recent weeks. The availability of blood products will continue to decline if donations do not increase. People should not wait until they hear there is a blood shortage to give. Type O negative blood donors and platelet donors are especially needed now.

"This is a concerning trend that may soon make it tougher to keep blood products stocked on hos-

pital shelves," said Paul Sullivan, Red Cross senior vice president of donor services. "By choosing a time to give now, donors can help pump up the blood supply for those in immediate need of lifesaving care and those who rely on transfusions for treatment."

Donors can schedule an appointment to donate using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, by visiting RedCrossBlood.org or by calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Fuel up on us

As blood and platelet donations drop, gas prices have reached all-time highs in the U.S. As a thank-you, all who come to give Aug. 1-31 will be automatically entered for a chance to win gas for a year, a \$6,000 value. There will be three lucky winners. Everyone who comes to give blood or platelets in August will also receive a \$10 e-gift card to a merchant of choice.*

A list of upcoming blood donation opportunities Aug. 1-15 is available online:

August mobile drives Kansas.docx

Blood drive safety

The Red Cross follows a high standard of safety and infection

control. The Red Cross will continue to socially distance wherever possible at blood drives, donation centers and facilities. While donors are no longer required to wear a face mask, individuals may choose to continue to wear a mask for any reason. The Red Cross will also adhere to more stringent face mask requirements per state and/or local guidance, or at the request of blood drive sponsors. Donors are asked to schedule an appointment prior to arriving at a drive.

How to donate blood

Simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible

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Blood and platelet donors can save time at their next donation by using RapidPass® to complete their pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of their donation, before arriving at the blood drive. To get started, follow the instructions at RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass or use the Blood Donor App.

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Governor Approves Expansion of Medicaid Coverage to Kansas Mothers Postpartum

TOPEKA – Governor Laura Kelly today announced that her plan to provide Kansas mothers with health care coverage under Kansas Medicaid (KanCare) up to 12 months post-delivery was approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The postpartum health care extension from two months to a year was approved retroactive to April 1, 2022, and extends coverage for postpartum beneficiaries of Kansas Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program

(CHIP). There are more than 500,000 Kansans, or 1 in 5 residents, who are enrolled in Kansas Medicaid or CHIP.

"Our efforts to expand health care coverage have paid off, benefiting moms and giving babies a stronger start to life," said Governor Kelly. "This bipartisan work will reduce maternal mortality, improve child development, and save Kansans money on vital health care."

Medicaid offers comprehensive coverage for new mothers, including routine check-ups to help with recovery from childbirth, behavioral health care, family planning, breastfeeding support, and referrals to other services. KanCare mothers will also be able to access select dental services and screenings for postpartum depression.

"The first year after giving birth is a crucial

period for both mom and baby. This extension not only improves maternal health options to those who may not have previously benefited, but also provides uninterrupted health care coverage stability," said Janet Stanek, Secretary of Kansas Department of Health and Environment. "This improvement helps close gaps between health outcomes by placing all communities on a better course toward health and well-being."

"As a mother, I know how important the first year is and this enhanced period of care for Kansas mothers is vital for their mental health, their baby's health and their families," State Representative Brenda Landwehr said. "I am grateful to our state for taking this monumental step to improve maternal health across the state."

Before the postpartum extension, most Medicaid mothers would lose eligibility for Medicaid benefits around two months postpartum, leaving many new mothers without access to medical and behavioral health care as they recovered from childbirth.

"This policy change, approved today by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, is welcome news and is a win for all Kansans," David Jordan, President and CEO of the United Methodist Health Ministry Fund, said. "It will positively impact thousands of Kansas mothers each year—reducing maternal mortality, improving health outcomes, and reducing disparities."

To learn more about KanCare, visit Kancare.KS.gov/.

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