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Schultzes to Host Japanese Exchange Student



Andrew Schultz

July is always a busy month with summer activities, programs, sports and the Kingman County Fair quickly approaching, so why not add another adventure!

Arriving on Monday, July 24th, Yoshihiro Yonekura will be joining the Schultz family, of Cunningham, for three weeks through the States' 4H International Exchange Program. The mission of this program is to enhance world understanding and global citizenship through high-quality 4-H international cultural immersion and exchange programs for 4-H youth ages 12-18.

After hosting a German exchange student last fall, the Schultzes ...Tim, Barbara, Taylor (17), Andrew (15), Ty (10) and Maverick (3) were excited to accept this opportunity through the State 4H program. Andrew Schultz is the host delegate who was matched with Yoshihiro (15) from Nagoya, capitol of Japan's Aichi Prefecture, population 2.296 million (2015). Yoshihiro enjoys playing the piano, making videos, studying, and learning about science. While visiting Cunningham, he would like to talk to many people, try new things, make many friends, and improve his English skills. The Schultz Family encourages the community to welcome him and talk to him when out and about in town. "I am excited to meet someone from another country and learn about Japan at the same time," said Andrew. "I think it will be a busy 3 weeks, but I hope he enjoys staying with us and experiencing small town life!" Yoshihiro will be in Cunningham from July 24th to August 16th, arriving just in time to see what the county fair week looks like for a 4H family.

-submitted by Barb Schultz-

Minutes from Kingman County Commission

Chairman Henning called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. July 3rd, 2023, in the County Commissioners room at the Kingman County Courthouse. Present: Jerry Henning, Chairman; Patrick Elpers, Commissioner -online; Jack Thimesch, Commissioner; Carol Noblit, County Clerk; Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor

Visitors: Bob Morris, Kingman Leader-Courier; Larry Landwehr; Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director; Sheila Govert, Kingman County Carnival Inc and Melissa Thimesch, Extension Agent.

Online Visitors: Heather Kinsler; Caller 01; Caller 02

Staff: Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse; LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director; Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director; Macay Ewy, Emergency Manager and Sheriff Brent Wood.

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

Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor would like to have an executive session with the Commissioners.

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

Chairman Henning asked if there was any public comment.

No comment was made.

Carol Noblit, County Clerk submitted the June 26th, 2023, Commission meeting minutes for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the June 26th, 2023, Commission meeting minutes. Chairman Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.

Sheila Govert, Kingman County Carnival Inc was in to discuss the Carnival with the County Commissioners and submitted a request of \$5,000.00 for 2024 budget.

Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director was in to discuss a few grants that are available to apply for.

Ms. Schrag discussed a CDBG/CVR grant that is available to help businesses and the County would need to apply for that grant.

Ms. Schrag left the meeting at 9:10 a.m.

Commissioners signed abatements. Chairman Henning read correspon-

dence received from the Workforce Alliance wanting an elected official appointed to the CEOB(Chief Elected Official Board).

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to appoint Carol Noblit, County Clerk to the CEOB. Chairman Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Henning read correspondence from Adams Brown the Auditors for Kingman County and needed a signed acceptance and understanding of services.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the acceptance and understanding of services with Adams Brown. Chairman Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session with and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor at 9:16 a.m. to discuss an individual employee's evaluation pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act, and they will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 9:26 a.m. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 9:26 a.m. with no decision made.

Melissa Thimesch, Extension Agent and Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse were in to discuss the air conditioning in the Health and Extension Office and that it is not working correctly.

MOTION: Based upon the recommendation of the Grant Administrator, Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the quote from Dixon's LLC which included adding the back room for a total of \$35615.00 to be paid with grant funds. Chairman Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.

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

Commissioners discussed the Revenue Neutral Rate with Ms. Stegman.

Ms. Stegman went over options with the Commissioners.

Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director was in with an applicant for the Expo Center part-time position.

Commissioners agreed to the hiring of the part-time person for the Expo Center.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the change in status for a few employees. Chairman

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

Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in with a sample of the onyx overlay and to show how well it is standing up.

Commissioners asked questions about placing onyx overlay on other roads within the County.

Mr. Arensdorf said he wouldn't use it on a road overlay within the first five years.

Mr. Arensdorf let the Commissioners know that the guardrail repair for W.3-8.0 Bridge has been completed.

Mr. Arensdorf submitted a KDOT contract for signature by the Commissioners on Bridge on NE 10 St 3.4 miles north and 2.4 miles East of Murdock on NE 10th St.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve contract for bridge Project No. 48 C-5230-01. Chairman Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session with Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor at 11:08 a.m. to discuss an individual employee's evaluation pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings, and they will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 11:18 a.m. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

County Commissioners returned to regular session at 11:18 a.m. with no decision made.

Sheriff Wood & Macay Ewy, Emergency Manager were in to update the Commissioners.

Mr. Ewy let the Commissioners know that he has received an \$11,000.00 donation from Phillips 66 for Sheriff radios.

Sheriff Wood discussed the quote for the purchase of two UHF repeaters from Mobile Radio in the amount of \$31,889.66.

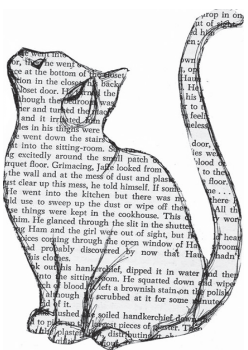
MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the purchase of the UHF repeaters for \$31,889.66 to be paid out of the Capital Equipment Fund. Chairman Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved with the majority vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 11:50 a.m. Chairman Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.

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Meanderings

Well, now. Hm. I am having another empty-brain evening. My lazy cats are snoozing in their various favorite spaces.

Some of my cats spend an inordinate amount of time outside. They go outside in the morning and come in for a bite every now and again, but then want right back out.

house is a cat hair mess.

My cats would like me to write about rats because I recently read the book, "Oh, Rats!" by Albert Marris. The subtitle is "The Story of Rats and People."

So in Marris' book, he was frightened by a rat. His Pa told him, "Take it easy, kid, learn about them, you'll feel better."

He did point out that our opinion of rats stems from our upbringing. In Asian folklore, rats are considered lucky; maybe as a messenger of wealth.

In the Hindu temple of Bhagwati Karniji, worshipers donate money to feed the resident rats. There is a Rat Park in Calcutta where rats run around visitors as they sit on benches and walk through the park.

The first chapter was about the relatives and ancestors of rats. The Egyptians' regard for cats came when they proved to be useful in getting rid of the rats that ate the stored grain.

"Rats and Their Ratty Ways describes their survival after the atomic bomb was released on the island of Engebi. Plants and animals that survived were deformed. Only the rats, survived the blast.

Rats can fish with their tails! Who knew. The fish, thinking it's a worm, will go to bite, and the rat jumps in the water and kills it. Rats have been known to swim 1/2

a mile in the ocean, stay underwater for three minutes, and tread water for three days.

There are special organizations in the U.S: Rat and Mouse Club of America, Rat and Mouse Fanciers for Excellence, and American Fancy Rat and Mouse Association.

The chapter "Yummy Rats"... well, I won't discuss the ways rats are prepared as culinary delicacies. I could barely read the chapter, and I certainly don't want to dwell on it here.

My favorite chapter was "Getting Rid of Rats." There are various ways, and of course, the Pied Piper of Hamelin was discussed. You have to admire a man who can play his flute and lure thousands of rats into a river.

The book discussed rats and the diseases they can bring about. It

then, also discussed way rats help people. They are used in mine detection after wars, as they can be trained to sniff for TNT. The rats aren't heavy enough to set off the bombs, so they are invaluable in that regard.

Rats have also been trained to detect tuberculosis in people.

The book tells the reader that people and rats have much in common. Their diets are similar to ours. Rats can suffer from high blood pressure, diabetes, cataracts, and muscular dystrophy.

Because they are valuable to research, rats are bred in controlled environments. There are about 300 private companies that breed over 30,000,000 rats each year for scientific research.

Which brings to mind, if your young person hasn't read "Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH"

they should. NIMH stands for National Institute of Mental Health. The story is written by Robert C O'Brien. I highly recommend it. His daughter, Jane Leslie Conley wrote to follow up books, "Racso and the Rats of NIMH" and "R.T. , Margaret, and the Rats of NIMH."

I am sure if I thought long enough, I could come up with other stories of rats I enjoyed. But I'm tired, and once this column is done, and placed in the paper, the paper is finished for this week.

Always reading, and currently reading "Fly Trap" by Frances Hardinge, Roberta

Tallgrass and Tumbleweeds by Gaille Pike

Dear Readers, I was in six lanes of midmorning traffic on I-35 near Olathe when my phone's navigation directed me to take a route differing from the one I'd studied the night before.

And only mildly out of sorts. A few moments later when Shannon (Sherwood) Roemer appeared, any ill humor was banished from my brain.

For the next eight and a half hours, each second we spent together was better than the one that came before. I wish I had room in this column to tell you about all 30,600 of them but I don't.

are a year older and had nine kids in their class while mine had six. I was a townie while they were farm kids.

And for convenience, I'll lump the other half of our amazing day in high praise for The New Theatre in Overland Park, where we'd arranged to meet because Jacob is playing Bass with the Orchestra for the musical "Dreamgirls."

set out that morning, I did not expect to meet all three of their fabulous offspring. But I thank my lucky stars that I did get to spend time with Steven, Jacob and Baily.

I wrote once about how words fail to adequately capture the experience of live music. The same is true for live theatre.

views at our table which we shared with Janis and Sharon (from Kearney and Lawson, MO respectively) but all four of us found the carrot mousse and chocolate coubler AWARD WINNING.

And the show began. I wrote once about how words fail to adequately capture the experience of live music. The same is true for live theatre.

Not every performance is extraordinary. But when they are, it's magical and this production of "Dreamgirls" delivered exponential charm. Perhaps it was the combination of music and theatre.

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

A Column by Dorothy Rosby

I have great sympathy for politicians who embarrass themselves at elementary schools by misspelling words like tomato or potato. (Or is it potatoe?)

I'm joking. What I'll really say is, "Boys and girls, have you heard about that wonderful computer feature called spellcheck? There's also a program which checks grammar, but I'm not sure it knows any more than I do, which isn't very much."

ing." And she'll shoo me out of the classroom and shake her head disapprovingly as I leave.

People expect good spelling and grammar from someone with a journalism major and an English minor, which I'm proud to say I have, and from a fine university too. But remember, it's an English minor, not an English major.

I might also know if the minor in English minor should be capitalized or not, because the websites I checked are inconsistent. Capitalization can be tricky for an English minor—or an English Minor. Maybe for English miners too.

mistakes I've ever made in an essay—or at least one of the dumbest I'll admit to—involved capitalization. I once wrote about buying a raffle ticket for an afghan, only I capitalized it. So it appeared that instead of a cozy, handmade blanket, I was hoping to win a person from Afghanistan—and for just one dollar!

I wouldn't be asking if I had an English major. I'd know exactly when to use lie instead of lay and

fewer instead of less. As it is, I have to consult the internet, and then I have to go lie down.

I also have to be very careful with words like there, their, to, too, two, bare and bear, because as you know, to plus too does not equal for, and a bear behind is very different from a bare behind.

These kinds of mistakes are embarrassing to writers if only because they're so entertaining to readers. Some readers find joy in reading what you write. Others find joy in pointing out your grammar and spelling errors.

Being acutely aware of my own grammar

and usage problems has not, in the least, kept me from being entertained by the failings of others. A friend once claimed to be on the verge of a nervous breakdown instead of the verge of a nervous breakdown.

I once heard a speaker say a particular celebrity was being indicted into a Hall of Fame of some sort. I suppose that could have been appropriate, depending on which Hall of Fame it was. And whenever I see an advertisement that reads, "Just \$3 for children," I can't help but think, "Wow! I paid a lot more for mine."

But before I judge anyone else harshly, I remind myself of an-

other really embarrassing mistake I made. I once confused the words latter and former in a column about insomnia. I meant to say, "Late night phone calls generally fall into two categories: tragic or obscene. If it's the former and someone is dead, they'll still be that way in the morning. If the caller was obscene, they'll still be that way in the morning too."

That's what I meant to say. But I typed in latter instead of former, making it deadly to be obscene and confusing the only reader who had made it that far in my column. Someone with an English major would never have done that. An English Major either.

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Wednesday, July 26 7:00 Book Club at Library	Wednesday, August 9 School enrollment
Monday, July 31 6:30 p.m. City Council Meeting	Monday, August 14 first day of fall sports practice *** 7:00 p.m. BOE
Tuesday, August 8 6:00 Parents meeting for Fall sports participation	Wednesday, August 23rd First Day of School.



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Visit them on Facebook at www.prairie-bombers.org for more information. If you would like to visit the museum at another time call 672-8321, 672-2444 or 620-797-2919 to schedule an appointment!

Libraries

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

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

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

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10:00 - 7:00
Friday: 10:00 - 6:00
Saturday: 10:00 - 2:00
Closed on Sundays
(620) 672-3041

2023 Kingman County Vintage Farm Machinery and Rural Heritage Show

Join us on Saturday, July 29th at Riverside Park for this year's Vintage Farm Machinery and Rural Heritage Show. If you would like to enter vintage tractors, farm equipment, or stories about farm life of yesteryear set up will be from 10 am to Noon. If you would like to come and enjoy what is showcased, come down to the park from 1:00 to 4:00 to take a step back in time. For more information contact Len Messenger at 620-243-4419.

PRATT CITY WIDE
GARAGE SALE
Saturday - August 5
*This community sale is being organized and advertised by volunteers in our community.
Click on the ad to go to Google sign up form
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— Albert Einstein

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

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Monday, August 21st, 2023 - 605+/- Acres of Barber Co Hunting/Ranch Land Auction - 1:30PM at the Hamm Auction Center, Pratt KS or Online
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Thank YOU for supporting YOUR Kingman Historic Theatre.

July 21 - July 23
Mission Impossible: Dead Reckoning: Part 1
Rated: PG-13

YEARS AGO IN

The Cunningham Clipper

W. A. Bradley / William Bradley

1928

July 13-While this paper was being printed last Thursday afternoon, Jess Shelman, employed by the Bowersock Mill & Power Co., at this place, was seriously injured when a large wooden pulley broke, half of it striking him in the back of the head. The blow knocked him unconscious, and he was carried to the office, a doctor summoned and then removed to his home.

Oliver Baber, manager of the elevator, and Franklin Shelman, Jess Shelman's son were working on the big blower pulley when it broke in two. Mr. Baber was next to the wall and could not move without the pulley hitting him and he yelled for the Shelman boy to shut the engine down.

After getting down from the ladder they picked Mr. Shelman up for dead, but by the time he was taken to the office, he began to show signs of life. Mr. Shelman was taken to his home and cared for there.

1933

July 14- During the wind and dust storm last Thursday night, Mr. John Potter, living a few miles southwest of Arlington, reported a rather novel mishap, which in the end came out right side up.

At the beginning of the storm the wind was blowing a gale from the west. John had a hay rack on his wagon, and the west wind blew over the wagon and the rack. The wind shifted to the east and blew a gale for a few minutes, and the wagon and hay rack were turned back by the wind right side up with the rack on the wagon. Mr. Potter said this story sounded a little fishy, but he could prove the story by his good wife. - Arlington Enterprise.

The Hamburgers and Chili are fine from Nixon's Lunch. Open all day and most of the night.

Cunningham Lost 10-Inning Ball Game to Willowdale

Cunningham Boys Overcome Willowdale Lead; But Lose In the Tenth Inning

An air circus sponsored by the Swinson Motor Company will be held at the Swinson Airport northwest of Pratt on July 16 beginning at 2 o'clock.

1938

July 15- The Editor, wife and sons, Bill and Jack were Sunday guests of our brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. W J Meredith and family in Wichita. Virginia Nan, who had spent a week visiting her cousins, Juith and John Jr., returned home with us.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Allbritten and daughters, Misses Pauline and Geraldine, went to Wichita Sunday afternoon where they attended the wedding that evening of Mr. Oscar Kimmel to Miss Vera Setzer at the Hillside Christian church.

1943

July 16 - Notice - The Girl Reserves will hold an ice cream social, Saturday evening, July 17, in the Ratcliff building. Everyone invited to come and enjoy a dish of good home-made cream.

For sale - Porcelain-lined refrigerator. 100 lb. capacity. See it at Cannon's store.

Rationing - Car owners will obtain their new A and D gasoline coupon books by mail and application blanks will be supplied through filling stations where motorists may pick them up. The present book of stamps expires July 21.

1948

July 16 - Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Dan Cusenbary on the arrival of seven pound, four ounce Mary Faith at the Kingman Memorial hospital, Monday, July 12.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Raney on the birth of son, Dennis Dean, at the Nashville hospital, Thursday, July 8.

Showing at the Cunningham Theatre
Friday and Saturday, Errol Flynn and Barbara Stanwyck in "Cry Wolf"

Sunday and Monday, Lana Turner and Van Heflin in "Green Dolphin Street"

For Sale - 1931 Model D John Deere tractor; re-bored block, new pistons and mains before harvest;

good rubber; good radiator. Priced to sell now that I'm finished plowing. John Schnittker, phone Nashville 27F3.

For Sale - New table model Traveler radio. Jack Meyers, phone 22R.

1953

July 17 - Vern's Mobil Station was broken into early Wednesday morning by thieves who took several cartons of cigarettes, some peanuts, and a handful of pennies. Entrance was gained through the east window.

The Pratt Municipal Band will present a concert at the City Park in Cunningham, Friday evening, July 31, at eight-fifteen o'clock.

Mr. Charles Plotner tendered his resignation as City Marshall of Cunningham to the City Council last week. No successor has been hired to replace him as yet, but Mr. James Vermillion is temporarily filling the position.

Mr. Bob Underwood, Superintendent of the Skelly Gasoline Plant, was appointed this week to the office of Township Trustee of Dresden Township by the County Commission of Kingman County.

Mr. and Mrs. George Urban are driving a new blue 1953 Ford.

Showing at the Cunningham Theatre
Friday - Saturday, Rock Hudson and Julia Adams in "The Lawless Breed"

Sunday - Monday, Mickey Rooney and Dick Haymes in "All Ashore"

Wednesday - Thursday, Van Johnson and Janet Leigh in "Confidentially Connie"

1958

July 17 - Mr. and Mrs. Dean Mantooth announce the birth of a son this morning (Thursday) at the Nashville Hospital.

He weighed seven pounds, and has been named Brooks Edward.

The 24th annual St. Leo Picnic and Dance will be held in St. Leo, Tuesday evening, July 29.

A fried chicken and fresh country sausage supper will be served in the St. Leo school auditorium from 5:00 to 8:00 o'clock that evening, followed by an outdoor platform dance starting at 9:00 o'clock. "Doc" Basham's Orchestra will play for the dancing.

The Christian Church Youth Fellowship will hold an Ice Cream Social this Saturday afternoon and evening at the Lodge Hall. Proceeds from the social will be applied to a scholarship fund for those young people entering college this fall.

Homemade ice cream, cake, and drink will be served for 30c a serving. Extra dips will be 5c each. Serving hours will be from 3:00 to 9:00 o'clock.

Cunningham is again to have a beauty shop, according to an announcement by Mrs. Em Willinger in this week's Clipper.

Mrs. Willinger recently passed her beautician's course and has received her beauty operator's license. The new beauty shop will be located in the Frank Sellon property, the second house south of the Santa Fe Depot on the east side of the street.

1963

July 18 - The 29th annual St. Leo Picnic and Dance will be held at St. Leo, Tuesday evening, July 30.

A fried chicken and fresh country sausage supper will be served from 5:00 to 8:00 o'clock, and the Norman Lee Orchestra of Wichita, will play for outdoor platform dancing from 9:00 to 12:00 o'clock.

The free outdoor movie to be shown in the City Park this evening (Thursday) is the adventure story in Technicolor, "Wings of Chance," starring Jim Brown and Frances Rafferty.

These free outdoor movies are sponsored each week by participating Cunningham business firms, and are shown by Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Graber of Zenda.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Crick and family returned home last weekend from a two week vacation trip through the northeastern states and the Great Lakes region.

1968

July 18 - Mr. and Mrs. Martin Pelzl left Tuesday on a vacation trip to Albuquerque, N. Mex., where they will visit their son, Robert and family. They were accompanied by their other son, Donald, Mrs. Pelzl and family of Kansas City, who have been visiting his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Cooley and Rogene spent several days vacationing in Colorado.

Museum Hours
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and Saturdays
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Angie Mertens at 620-532-4354 or
Alan Albers at 620-298-2725 or
Mike McGovney at 620-770-9503
(Volunteers Needed
at the museum)

YEARS AGO IN

The Cunningham Clipper

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1978

July 20- Raymond Thimesch is in Wesley hospital following surgery.

Amy McClellan has been dismissed from Pratt Regional Medical Center.

Men's slow pitch results from Thursday, July 13 verses Kingman.

First game: Cunningham won 10 to 9, George Kampling pitched.

Second game: Cunningham lost 13 to 5, George Kampling pitched.

The only home runs scored were for Kingman. They will be playing in a tournament this Friday.

Kevin Rohr, formerly of Cunningham, was injured in an explosion recently. An employee of Amoco Co., Rohr was welding on a rotion of pipeline near Aurora, Colo., when the explosion occurred.

He was sent to the Aurora hospital with first and second degree burns over 40 percent of his body. According to his wife, Denise, he is in satisfactory condition and will be at home Wednesday.

J.R. glen is helping his grandmother, Elva Glenn, in her garden this summer. J.R. is recuperating from a case of spinal meningitis.

Two youths, one a juvenile, were arrested for car theft Thursday evening in Stafford County.

Driving the car they took in Cunningham only an hour before were nineteen-year-old Ricky Lynn Townsend of Vidor, Texas and his companion the juvenile, from Choctaw, Okla.

The pair were arrested by Kansas Highway Patrol troopers Scott Legere and Verdi Cox. They were assisted by Stafford County Sheriff Ed Miller and the offenders offered no resistance.

The station wagon was a 1973 and belonged to Glenda Thornhill. It was parked in front of the Cunningham Grocery on Main Street with the keys in the ignition. Mrs. Thornhill was in the store for a maximum of 15 minutes, and when she came out with her groceries she discovered the theft. She notified the Kingman County authorities immediately and Undersheriff Jerry Wiley issued an all-points bulletin to local law enforcement personnel.

The car was recovered in about an hour from the time it was discovered missing and seemed to have no damage.

Townsend and the juvenile were taken to Pratt Law Enforcement Center. July 21 has been set for the preliminary hearing for Townsend.

The Cunningham City Council is requesting a voluntary water conservation program during the reminder of the dry weather. Those living in the north side of Hwy. 54 are requested to water only on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

Those living on the south side of Hwy 54 are requested to water only on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

1983

July 21, 1983- The Cunningham Junior League Baseball Team pushed their season record to 16-2 by capturing first place in the League Tournament held this past week at Cunningham. This is the second straight year Cunningham has won the tournament.

Team members are Kyle Meireis, Jon Meyers, Pat Lubbers, Craig Huhman, Robbie DeWeese, Travis Rakestraw, Eddie Jarner, Steve Gridley, Brian Horst, Bryan Sant, Tom Sterneker, Dusty Ormiston, Jerry Mertens, Mike Mertens, Mike Lackey, and John Patton. The team is coached by Jack Meyers.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Fladness have returned to their home at Tuscon, Ariz., following a two weeks visit with her mother, Pearl Walker, other friends and relatives and Mrs. Walker accompanied them to visit with friends and relatives in Derby.

The Cunningham Cub Scout Troop held their Day Camp week last Tuesday until Saturday at the Kingman County State Lake.

Beginning at 9 a.m. the days consisted of many different activities such as practicing first aid, fire safety, whittling, bow and arrow, caring for shooting BB guns and hiking around the lake area. At 3 p.m. the boys went home for the day.

On Friday afternoon, the boys families brought food for a picnic and the dads and sons enjoyed an overnighter.

Thirteen scouts attended this session. They were Jason Zimmerman, Stephen Pets, Jeremy Lynch, Michael Lackey, Dusty Ormiston, Rusty Omiston, John Witt, Brian Witt, cory Depenbusch, Aaron Wiesender, Jason Werner, Chad Webster, and John Patton.

Kathy Zimmerman is the Den Mother.

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Consider this...

by Mike Johnson

The Barn Swallows

I may have the best laundry room view in all of Wyoming.

Our new homestead is nestled in a five mile wide valley with an 8,500 foot mountain range to the north and 12,000 foot ranges to the south and west. Our home sits in front of an Arabian horse farm that includes a 100-year old log cabin behind our house. The view from the laundry room window looks out on grazing horses, this old cabin and the Rocky Mountains.

On this morning, while starting another load of wash, the barn

swallows were hopping along the cabin roof. Chirping and dancing and playfully wrestling, it seemed obvious they were enjoying their day. They had no schedule to keep, no self image to maintain, no goals to achieve. For these birds, just "being" was good enough. Having their health, their wings and their freedom, they had it all.

So why don't we enjoy that same kingly type of freedom and enjoyment?

Most of us have our health. We have minds so superior that we can fly, despite the fact that we have no wings. And arguably, we are the most free people on the planet.

So why does a barn swallow seem so much richer than the average

man? Perhaps it is because the bird is carrying such a lighter load. The bird has no ego to carry. He need not pretend he's successful - he just is. His desires are few - find food, water, shelter and in the spring, a mate. The bird isn't driven by desires to work at activities he hates in exchange for possessions or activities he enjoys. The bird isn't driven to achieve fame or fortune or the respect of his fellows. A bird is a bird and that is just fine with him. Unencumbered by the unnecessary, he flies free where he will.

Why are our loads so heavy? Because we want them to be.

Think about it. We want a new truck. Knowing the truck costs

money, we take on additional work to earn the money, or take resources away from other wants in which to make the purchase. Soon we are sitting in our new truck. But wait, there are more consequences to us fulfilling that want. We now have insurance to pay. Maintenance to perform. Worry of scratches and dents. It turns out that the simple want of getting a new truck came with lots of strings attached. Strings that reduced our freedom and heaved our burden.

Worse yet, once we've fulfilled the want of that truck, are we done with our wants? Nope. Another want rushes in to fill the void. Now we want a snowmobile. Or a boat. Or a new house.



Cheney Lake Worship Service

Every Sunday at 9 a.m. starting Sunday May 28th through Labor Day Weekend Church Pavilion, West Shore Area No park fee required. Always start off your day with God!

On and on and on. We can never fulfill all our wants because imagination is unlimited. If we owned every possession on earth, we'd then want certain people. Certain achievements. Certain recognition.

We never stop the moment a want appears and count the cost of chasing it. We just chase. And add more burdens to our life. And stare out laundry room windows wishing

we were barn swallows.

The reason the barn swallows are so free is because they have reduced their wants to basic necessity. Unencumbered with the unnecessary, they are free to do as they please.

I don't know if Thoreau gained his inspiration from barn swallows but his sage advice is certainly followed by them.

Simplify, simplify.

Altar

By Ann Stocking

I crumpled the week-old sales flyer and touched a match to it. For a moment, the model's face in an advertisement smiled at me before her blushing radiance blackened and curled into ash. I wondered briefly how long her all-day make-up would last if she were the one having to burn the debris from a cut-down tree.

I fed dry twigs and leaves to the fire, adding larger branches as the flames took hold.

Sitting on the tree stump, I watched the dancing ruffles of flame,

smoke twirling and rising in the early morning stillness. As the green wood started to hiss and groan, so did my own murmuring thoughts, a sighing sibilance within that began to gather strength.

Where had gone the dreams I'd had, for a normal life, a life in which I might beam my lip-glossed smile blissfully through each day, hanging out brilliant whites on the clothes line, confident that they outshone my neighbours'. I had planned to greet each crisis with graceful aplomb, whether it be the wrong coloured curtains arriving for the kitchen or the escalating cost of milk.

It was not to be. Instead, disease prowled and lurked. It stole time and treasure, diverting energy into survival instead of living, bleeding the life out of loving. The pleasures of mundane inconveniences and luxurious, routine days of domesticity didn't happen.

It seemed that time and time again, I had arrived at the front of the line, only to discover that God was out of hope and dreams, and the wicket was closed indefinitely.

The tree had been cut during winter's last snow, and now fledgling buds briefly unfurled in the heat, wilted, and turned to cinder; they hadn't been given a chance to thrive,

just like my own dreams and hopes, stunted and dried up. I watched warily for wayward sparks that could ignite the nearby hillside, and knew my own heart was threatening to ignite in a blaze of discontent and disappointment. The wind blew acrid smoke into my face, and I breathed in the bitter fumes stubbornly, revelling in the pain, smoldering anger glowing within.

What kind of womanhood was this? What kind of life was it that had denied me an able-bodied husband and provider, and sent me out here to wield an axe and shovel instead? Why was I expected to wear the pants and the apron? This was not fulfillment.

I heaped more wood on the fire, tugging at the unwieldy branches, irritated with my own weakness. I snatched up small, dry stuff, throwing it on the fire with frustration. I felt something pierce my palm - a thorn - and

I stopped to pull it out. Suddenly, the moment became suspended in time, hushed, silent.

I thought of other thorns. Of Another's palm.

Holiness surged from the cold ground and through my muddied rubber boots.

I waited.

A Voice spoke from the flames... my own burning bush.

You have demanded that I fulfill your dreams, dreams and aspirations that you have appropriated for yourself. I am the Giver of Dreams.

The wind shifted and my eyes stung, from the smoke or the sting of truth, I didn't know.

I want your willingness to fulfill My will. It's not for Me to fulfill yours.

The flames became flames again, and the smoke returned to smoke.

The dreams and desires I had grasped so tightly were laid on the pyre in front of me, and I watched them scorch

and swirl on the upward draft. In turn, I was engulfed in eddying smoke and saw myself rising as an offering to the Father, to do as He asked, not ministering in misery, but acting in love, choosing to live extraordinarily in my un-chosen ordinary life. A boxed mix promise of satisfaction guaranteed was not going to bring fulfillment, however much I might wish it to be so.

By day's end, I smelled like something dead, and I realized that it was the cremated remains of my will. Soot rouged my cheeks, and my brow was anointed by a smudge of ash.

The late afternoon sun sank to the horizon, and a chill descended. I huddled on the stump, wrapping my arms around myself to keep warm as the fire died. Yet, the heart of the fire pulsed, and the embers beckoned.

Take the coal. Here I am.

Wanted: Singers Inchoir Within" — "Sin Burn Is Prevented By Son Screen" —

"Honk If You Love Jesus Text While Driving If You Want to Meet Him"



Catholic Churches

Sacred Heart, Cunningham Sundays 10:00 a.m.

St. John, Zenda Saturdays 5:30 p.m.

St. Leo Saturdays 4:00 p.m.

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

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



Lutheran Churches

St. John, Nashville 620-246-5220 Sunday School & Bible Class 9:45 a.m. Worship Service 8:30 a.m.

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

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

Pastor Dennis Fangmeyer Cell: 620-886-0911



Church of Christ

Penalosa Sunday 11:00 a.m.



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



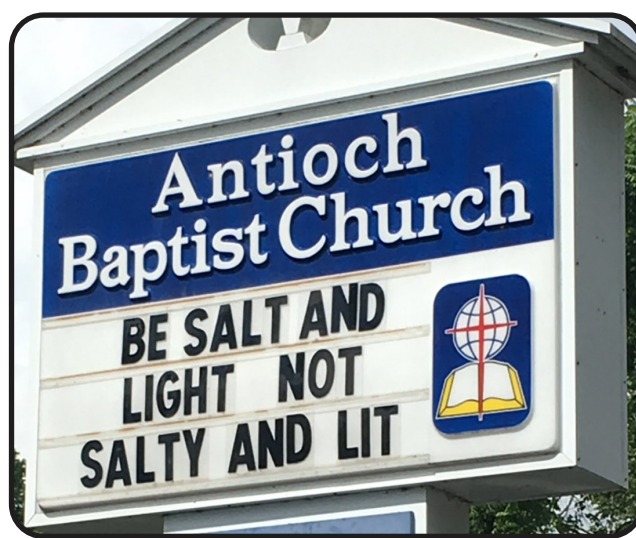
United Methodist Church

Penalosa Worship 9:15 a.m. Cunningham Worship 10:45 a.m.

Pastor Mathew Ndambuki Musyoki 620-298-2090

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

Pastor J L Nichols



Free Bread & Baked Goods at the Cunningham Methodist Church 2 to 5 p.m. on Tuesdays

Wanted: Singers Inchoir Within" — "Sin Burn Is Prevented By Son Screen" — "Honk If You Love Jesus Text While Driving If You Want to Meet Him"



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)

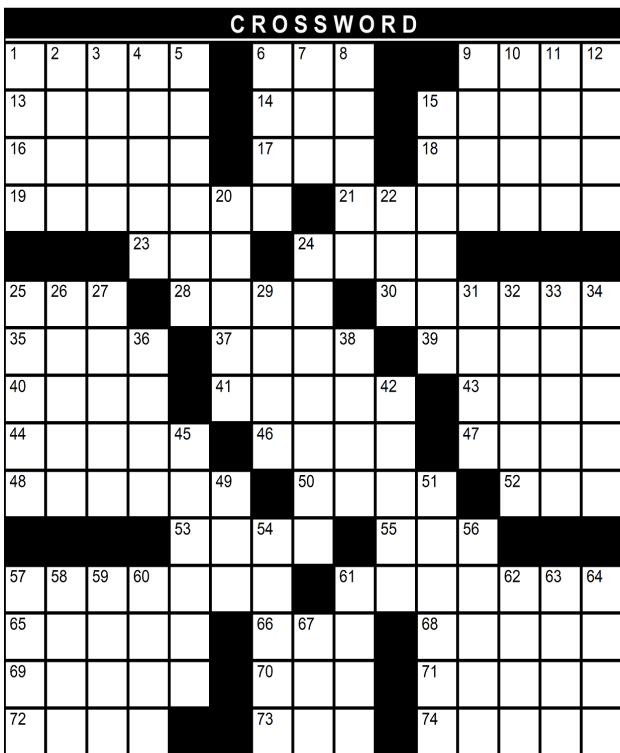
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Theme: On the Road



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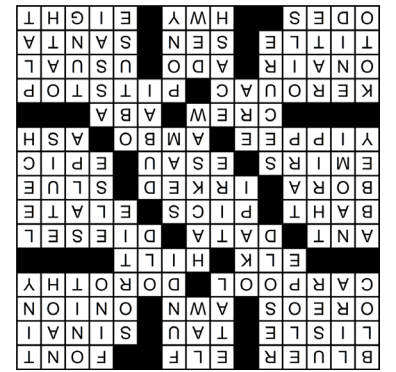
1. More down in the dumps
6. Will Ferrell's 2003 Christmas character
9. Century Gothic, e.g.
13. Twisted cotton thread
14. Greek "t"
15. Biblical mount
16. Dessert sandwiches
17. Barley bristle
18. Pungent edible bulb
19. *Shared ride
21. *Yellow Brick Road traveller
23. Member of the Benevolent Order
24. Sword handle
25. The little one "stops to tie his shoe"
28. AI "fodder"
30. *Gas station option
35. Thailand money
37. Phone cam images
39. Fill with happy spirit
40. Bora _____
41. Vexed
43. Uncontrolled swerve
44. Middle Eastern V.I.P.s
46. Genesis twin
47. "The Odyssey," e.g.
48. Hooray!
50. Speaking platform
52. Campfire residue
53. What sailors are to captain

55. Lawyers' org.
57. *Jack of "On the Road" fame
61. *Refreshment break
65. Live sign for radio, 2 words
66. Shakespearean "fuss"
68. Bar order, with "the"
69. Ownership document
70. Mitt Romney's title, abbr.
71. Christmas Eve visitor
72. Keats' works, e.g.
73. *Major road, abbr.
74. *Certain number of cylinders

DOWN

1. Cold War's Warsaw Pact, e.g.
2. Turkish money
3. One on drugs
4. Run off to Vegas?
5. Sold on eBay, usually
6. Short for "and elsewhere"
7. Hammurabi's code, e.g.
8. Plural of fundus
9. Porto _____, Italy
10. Got this!
11. Sodium hydroxide
12. Like Tim of "A Christmas Carol"
15. Foray
20. Giraffe's striped-legged cousin
22. Like one of the Testaments
24. Fine-toothed metal cutter
25. *Famous road from Beatles crossing
26. Actress Watts

27. Minute parasite
29. *Spare one
31. "If all _____ fails"
32. Sarpa _____, coral reef fish
33. Tiny purses
34. Olden day phlebotomy instrument
36. Waterproof canvas
38. Clothing line
42. UAE's most populous city
45. Close the fastener, e.g.
49. Epoch
51. Between 90 and 180 degrees
54. E-wallet's content
56. Very, in music
57. Japanese zither
58. Author Bagnold
59. Goes with interest
60. Great masters' medium, pl.
61. *Hoofed "express" traveler
62. "The Summer I Turned Pretty" actress Lola _____
63. Solemn promise
64. Surveyor's map
67. Morning drops



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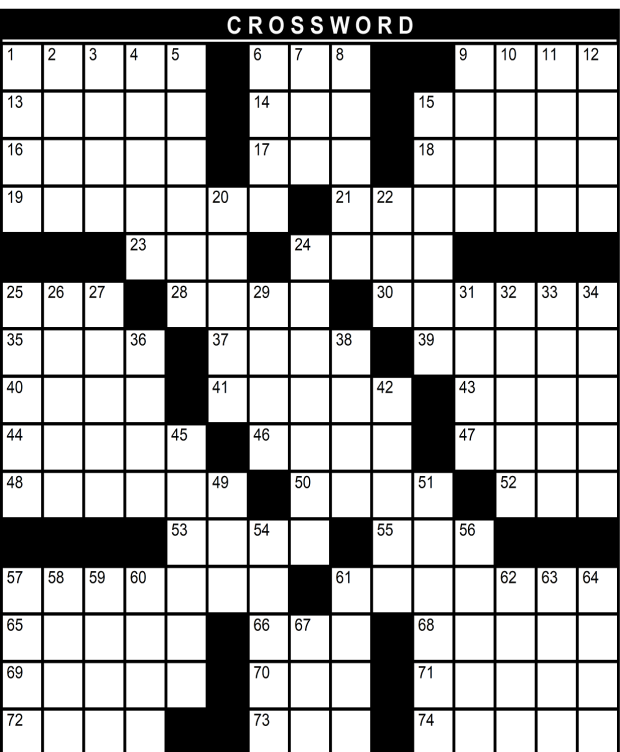
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Statepoint Crossword
Theme: Idioms



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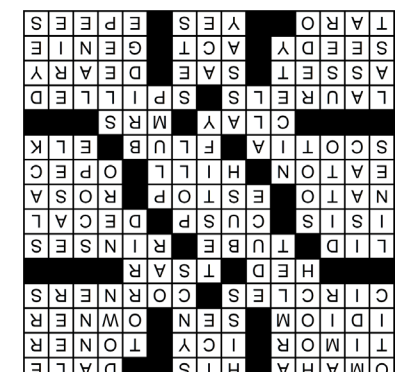
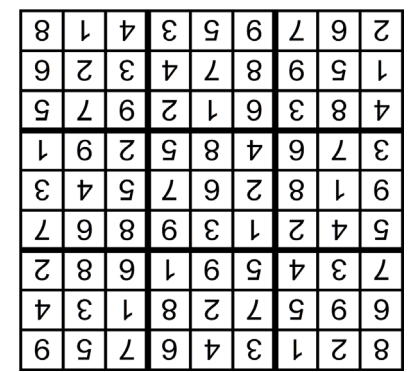
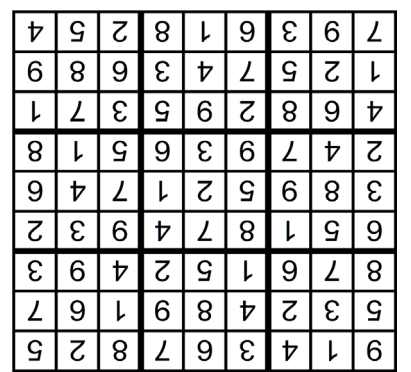
1. Nebraska city on Missouri River
6. Not her
9. Earnhardt of racing fame
13. Sea near Australia
14. Slippery when cold
15. Printer cartridge contents
16. *Title of this puzzle, sing.
17. Congressional title, abbr.
18. Title holder
19. *Run around in these and not make progress
21. *Cut these to skip steps
23. He had
24. Nicholas II, e.g.
25. Jack-in-the-Box restraint
28. Subway in U.K.
30. What washing machine does
35. Egyptian goddess of love
37. Crescent point
39. Hot rod sticker, e.g.
40. Org. in Brussels
41. Impede
43. Parks or Luxemburg
44. _____'s, once Canada's famous department store
46. *One of these in beans lacks importance
47. Barrel-counting org.
48. Nova _____, Canada
50. Mess up
52. Bugling ungulate
53. Modeling material
55. Robinson in "The Graduate"
57. *Resting on these steps one from trying
61. *No use crying over this milk
65. Money in the bank, e.g.
66. Certain frat house letters
68. Little dear
69. Like a disreputable neighborhood

70. College assessment test, acr.
71. Fairy-tale oil lamp dweller
72. Hawaiian tuber
73. "Oui" in English
74. The Three Musketeers' swords

DOWN

1. Ear-related
2. Skirt length
3. Gulf V.I.P.
4. Moonshine
5. Cloth armband
6. Kaa's warning
7. *Break it to start a conversation
8. Synchronizes, for short
9. Pillow filler
10. "Green Gables" character
11. Suggestive look
12. Blunders
15. Full of tribulations
20. Derive
22. Dinghy propeller
24. Bear witness
25. *Read between these for real meaning
26. Writer Asimov
27. Likewise
29. *Don't beat around it
31. Claudius' successor
32. Breadth
33. Oil holder
34. *Cut one some of this and don't be critical
36. Dirt on Santa's suit?
38. Gallup's inquiry
42. Like Raphael's cherubs
45. Polite social behavior
49. How many of the President's men?
51. *Cross it when you get to it
54. Investigative report
56. Count sheep

57. Bringing up the rear, adj.
58. Between ports
59. Consumer
60. Overhaul
61. Tennis scoring term, pl.
62. Pool path
63. Great Lake
64. Henna and such
67. *One up your sleeve gives advantage



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Thanks Janelle, for another fun STEM activity at CPL. We didn't have time for bottle rockets, so we're saving that for our final STEM blast-off on July 20th. DASH robots will also be making their encore appearance on the 20th. So, you'll have another chance at that activity. Special thanks to K-State Research & Extension, Kingman County, and to all the helpers, parents, and care-providers who ensure the kids get the most of their Summer Reading Program experience. See you at the library.





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Kingman County Fair Schedule of Events

Wednesday, July 26

Open Class Check-In, KEC	7:30-8:30AM
Barns Open	8:00AM
4-H/FFA Rabbit & Poultry Check-In	8-12:00PM
4-H/FFA and Open Class	9-2:00PM
Foods & Preservation and Visual Arts Judging, Open Class Hobbies & Crafts, Iron Works, Barn Quilts, and Recycled Crafts Judging, KEC North Room	
4-H Concession Stand Open	11:30-1:30PM
Medallion Treasure Hunt, KEC	NOON
4-H Bake Sale	3:00PM
4-H Rocketry, Robotics, Computers,	4-6:00PM
Unmanned Aerial Systems, Astronomy, Entomology, Cookies for College jars, Home Environment, Fashion Review display, Photography, Woodworking, Exploring 4-H, Forestry, Wildlife, Energy Management, Banners, Ag Mechanics, Architectural Block Construction, Misc. Exhibits Check-In, KEC	
Beef Weigh-In	4:30-5:15PM
Sheep and Goat Weigh-In	5:15-6:00PM
Swine Weigh-In	6-7:00PM
Vendor Set Up	7-9:00PM
Barnyard Olympics (Free with Fair Button)	7:00PM

Thursday, July 27

4-H Concession Stand Open	7:00AM-4:00PM
4-H/FFA Swine Show, Outdoor Arena	7:30AM
Judging of Cookies for College Jars, KEC	9:00AM
4-H/FFA & Open Class Clothing Construction, Fiber Arts, Quilts & Fancy Work, Rocketry, Astronomy, Home Environment Judging, KEC North Room	
4-H Pet Judging	9:00AM
2nd Medallion Clue Available, KEC	9:00AM
4-H/FFA & Open Class	10-12:00PM
Farm, Garden, and Misc. Crops Check In, KEC	
Vendors Open, Saddle & Ropers Building	10-7:00PM
4-H/FFA & Open Class	NOON
Woodworking, Photography, Armory	
4-H/FFA & Open Class	1:00PM
Farm, Garden, and Misc. Crop Judging, KEC	
Herdsmanship	2:00PM
4-H/FFA Sheep & Goat Show, KEC	5:00PM
Food Trucks Open	5-11:00PM
Exhibit Building Closes	7:00PM
Carnival	7-11:00PM

Friday, July 28

Knights of Columbus Pancake Feed, KEC	7-10:00AM
4-H/FFA Beef Show, KEC	9:00AM
4-H/FFA Poultry Show, Rabbit Show following	9:00AM
3rd Medallion Clue Available, KEC	9:00AM
Vendors Open, Saddle & Ropers	10-6:00PM
Bucket Calf and Dairy Cattle and Goat Show	11:00AM
4-H/FFA Judging	NOON
Banners, Entomology, Geology, Energy Management, Exploring 4-H, Forestry, Robotics, Home Environment, Misc., Ag Mechanics, Architectural Block Construction, Wildlife, Unmanned Aerial Systems, Computers, KEC	
4-H Concession Stand Open	NOON-3:00PM
Herdsmanship	2:00PM
Paul Conrardy Festival of Breads, Bread Sculpting Contest and Market Wheat Show, KEC	2:00PM
Livestock Judging	3:00PM
Open Class Flower Show Check-In, KEC	4:00-6:00PM
Cattleman's Community Picnic	5-7:00PM
West of Outdoor Arena, Free with Fair Button	
Ice Cream Social	5:00PM
Purple Ribbon Food Auction	6:00PM
Special Introductions, West of Outdoor Arena	
Open Class Flower Show, KEC	6:00PM
Bull Blowout and KCFA Beer Garden	7:00PM
Food Trucks Open	7-11:00PM
Carnival	7-11:00PM

Saturday, July 29

Knights of Columbus Pancake Feed, KEC	7-10:00AM
Supreme Showmanship Contest, KEC	8:00AM
4th Medallion Clue Available, KEC	9:00AM
Kids Bike Race, Saddle & Ropers	10:00AM
Vendors Open, Saddle & Ropers	10-3:00PM
Kingman County Vintage Farm Machinery & Rural Heritage Show, Check-In, Riverside Park	11:00AM
4-H Concession Stand Open	NOON-3:00PM
Corn Hole, KEC Indoor Arena	NOON
Open Class Flower Show Exhibits Released	1:00PM
Kingman County Vintage Farm Machinery & Rural Heritage Show, Riverside Park	1-4:00PM
Young Farmers Pedal Tractor Pull Registration	3:00PM
Young Farmers Pedal Tractor Pull, Park	3:30PM
All Indoor Exhibits Released	3:00PM
Exhibit Rooms Closed	5:00PM
Food Trucks Open	5-11:00PM
Buyers Appreciation Meal, KEC North	5:00PM
Sellers Appreciation Meal, KEC South	5:00PM
Auction, KEC	6:00PM
Cookies for College, Livestock Premium Auction, Awards, Wyatt Oakman 4-H'er of the Year Award	
Livestock released, including poultry & rabbit	
Carnival	7-11:00PM

Sunday, July 30

Fair Cleanup and Livestock Released	8:00AM
Final Medallion Clue Available, KEC	9:00AM

Open Class Check-In Times & Procedures

Exhibit numbers are available at the Extension Office or with the fair secretary during the fair.

Check in will be in the fair office, located in the Kingman Expo Center.

All entries are released on Saturday, July 29 at 3:00PM

All entries will have a \$2 entry fee payable to the Kingman County Fair Association.

Payout is as follows:

Purple ribbon: \$4

Blue ribbon: \$3

Red Ribbon: \$2

White Ribbon: \$1

Check In Times

Monday, July 24	6-8:00PM
Wednesday, July 26	7:30-8:30AM
Thursday, July 27	10-NOON
Farm, Garden, and Misc. Crops Only	

Judging Times

Wednesday, July 26 9-2:00PM

Foods & Preservation and Visual Arts Judging, Hobbies & Crafts, Iron Works, and Recycled Crafts Judging

Thursday, July 27

Clothing Construction, Fiber Arts, Quilts & Fancy Work 9:00AM

Farm, Garden, and Misc. Crop 10:00-12:00PM

Woodworking, Photography NOON

Friday, July 28

Paul Conrardy Festival of Breads, Bread Sculpting

Contest and Market Wheat Show 2:00PM

Flower Show 6:00PM

We would like to thank you for your support, attendance, and exhibits, which has helped in the success of the Kingman County Fair. Exhibitors are expected to comply with all rules. Those failing to comply with the rules are subject to premium and award cancellations and disqualifications from future participation in the Kansas State Fair 4-H/FFA shows and/or exhibits.

BARNYARD OLYMPICS



JULY 26
7:00PM



WEST OF OUTDOOR ARENA

Free with Fair Button

Four member teams

Ages 6 and older

Must have one team member of opposite gender

Open to the public

Call 620-532-5131 to pre-register or register day of



Insight

Fair Life Lessons

Greg Doering, Kansas Farm Bureau

In a few days, the local county fair will kick off marking the beginning of summer's end as classes begin in the following weeks. But for a few short, hot days, the fair offers a little bit of everything for everyone between the midway and mutton busting.

I'm still confident (arrogant) enough in my athletic ability (rapidly deteriorating) that I know with enough practice (cash) I could beat the carnival games and win

a (pity) prize. I'm also mature (old) enough to know I'd rather save my money for the assortment of fried foods (because calories and cholesterol don't count at the fair).

We usually skip the entertainment tent, finding the aforementioned mutton busting and the pedal pull more amusing. Plus, there's no shortage of other projects to take in, from walking past the stalls of the livestock barn to seeking the refuge of air conditioning in the exhibition hall to look at all the entries there.

The fried food and sugary treats are especially tasty after viewing the supersized produce entered in the garden category. Joking aside,

I'm always impressed with the variety of projects 4-Hers enter at the fair, many of which take a lot of time and effort that's often unseen in the final product. 4-H members also have a chance to have photos at their local fair featured in a future edition of "Kansas Living" by submitting. Pictures must be submitted by Oct. 1 at www.kfb.org/Article/4H-and-KFB-Photo-Contest.

It's also easy to forget the fair isn't simply showing off the end result after months of planning and labor. Exhibition also requires courage and self-confidence to compare one's work against others in front of a judge. In many ways, the county

fair is a laboratory of everyday life.

Participants have to weigh their responsibilities against the rampant temptations of rides, food, friends and games. Impulse control is also helped by the auctions, and associated premiums, held the final night. There's just less time for the money to burn holes in a pocket. Class champions also must decide between going to auction or advancing their project to the state fair.

However, it all turns out, there's always life-long memories made. Time will heal the hurt of finishing as the reserve champion, and it generally happens quickly since there's plenty of

friends and acquaintances around who haven't been seen since school ended in May.

Perhaps the greatest lesson is that sometimes indulging in excess is OK. Like consuming way too many calories. It's perfectly reasonable to have an unbalanced meal consisting of a corndog and a funnel cake. Or finally having the courage to tackle the scary ride this year. Or maybe risking a shoulder injury to win a teddy bear.

After all, it's just once a year the carnival lights brighten the night sky at the county fair. There's no real world need to bust mutton, but it's the best part of any rodeo. And those pedal pullers

will soon graduate to more powerful machines. Everything in moderation, including moderation, so be sure to savor all the lessons available at your county fair this year.

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We are learning about volcanoes.



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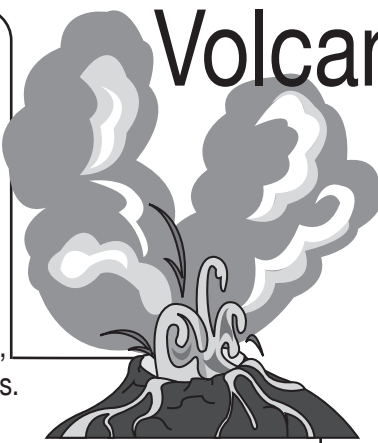
Kids: color stuff in!



Do you know that there are about 1,500 active volcanoes worldwide? They remind us that deep beneath the mantle of the Earth is magma, or molten rock. When the magma moves up the vent of a volcano and erupts, we see the steam, gas and ash cloud that it blows into the air. Lava flows out and down the sides of the volcano. The lava is fiery and dangerous. When Hawaii's Kilauea volcano erupted in 2018, it forced thousands of people to flee their homes.

Not all volcanoes are the same. A "shield" volcano is flat. A "composite" volcano is tall and thin.

Scientists who study the earth's physical structure and what it is made of are called geologists. Volcanologists are geologists who specialize in studying volcanoes and work to uncover the mysteries of volcanoes.



Volcanoes!

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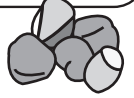
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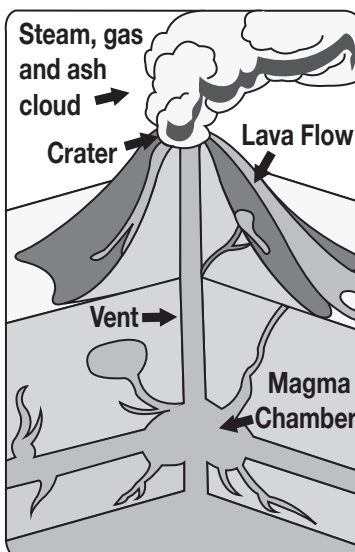
Read the clues to fill in the puzzle:

- molten rock, steam, gases exploding from volcano
- mountain or hill with a crater or vent that can allow the magma, gas and steam to escape
- volcanic ash 'raining' from the sky; dangerous to people and can even interfere with airplane engines
- ancient Roman god of fire; "volcanoes" named for him
- volcano that has had an eruption somewhat recently
- rocks melted into liquid form, trapped under the surface of the Earth
- sections of the Earth's surface that slide, glide and bump into each other
- circular dip in the Earth's surface caused by a past volcanic eruption
- volcano that scientists think will never erupt again
- area under the Earth between the crust and the core; mostly made of magma
- scientist who studies volcanoes, how they form and behave

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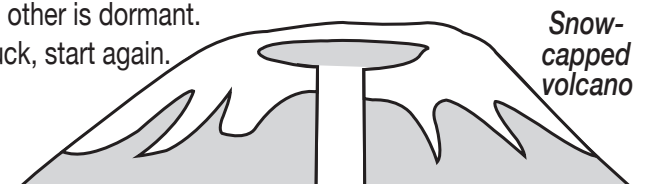
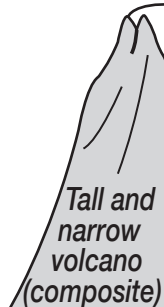
- this rock is often in slow-moving magma
- 25,000 mile area surrounding the Pacific Ocean; home to 90% of world's earthquakes, 75% of the volcanoes
- where the space underground is sizzling; perfect area for a number of volcanoes
- magma that has reached the surface of the Earth through a volcanic eruption
- "sleeping" volcano

Active or Dormant?

A volcano is **active** when it's erupting, or if it has erupted within the last 10,000 years. A **dormant** (sleeping) volcano has not erupted in a very long time, but is expected to erupt at some point again. An **extinct** volcano is one that scientists think will never erupt again.

One of the volcanoes in this puzzle is active and erupting right now! The other is dormant.

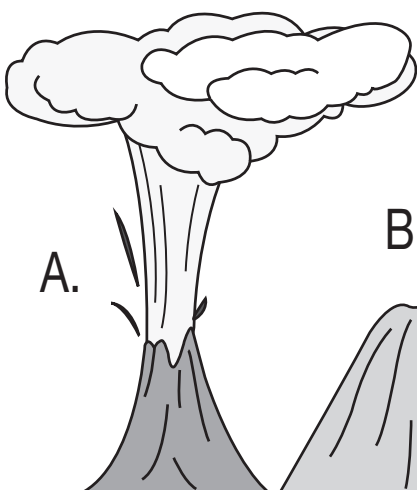
- Start at the magma chamber. Choose to go right or left. If you get stuck, start again.
- Try to find the path that leads to the active volcano.
- Once you've found it, draw the cloud of steam, gas and ash erupting into the sky and the lava flowing from the volcano.



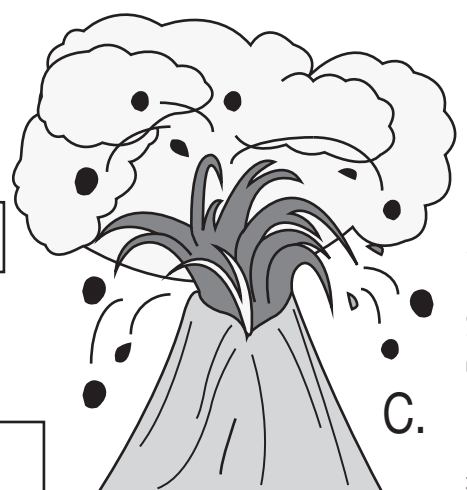
Magma Chamber Start

Three Kinds of Volcanic Eruptions

Volcanoes have different kinds of eruptions. Here are three kinds. Match each description to the drawing of the volcano it describes. Put the letter in the box.



- Vulcanian** eruption – a plug of rock at the top of the mountain breaks apart and shoots rocks into the air at speeds of 800 miles per hour.
- Plinian** eruption – the largest kind of eruption. Gases and ash are released up to 35 miles into the air.
- Pelean** eruption – lava and volcanic ash flow down the side of the mountain like an avalanche.



(Answers on page 10)

Hilltop Happenings

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

Sometimes "Thank you" is just not enough – we are so incredibly grateful for the support of our local fire department and the out pouring of community support we received during the fire – as well as our fire department always being ready and willing to respond no matter the circumstance – that we want to take our "Thank you" a step further. On July 22, there will be a free will donation, pulled pork sandwich meal with the trimmings at the Cunningham Community Center from 11:30am to 2:00pm. You can take a meal to go or sit and visit. ALL PROCEEDS WILL BE DONATED TO THE CUNNINGHAM FIRE DEPARTEMENT. We hope to see you there!

RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT

A suggestion received from our residents was to tell a bit about themselves, so we will be introducing a "Resident Spotlight" that will highlight residents each month. This display is going to be both fun and educational – we work with some of the best history teachers every day and it certainly needs to be celebrated. Stay tuned as this program develops!

BEAUTIFUL NAILS, HOME BAKED BREAD AND CRÈME BRULEE

Our ladies have some of the most beautiful nails! Manicures are especially popular – who doesn't like to receive a little pampering? Clarissa in activities does a great job with manicures, and our staff are amazing at going the extra mile to provide nail touch ups and much needed "chat therapy".

Dietary has spoiled us lately with home baked bread, cookies and pies from scratch and even crème brulee! We really do have some amazing staff.

GETTING BACK TO NORMAL

(Whatever THAT is!)

While "normal" may be just a setting on the dryer, we are all trying to get back to some sort of post-covid normal. Restrictions have been lifted and our residents have missed out on so much during lockdown – visits, outings, presentations, etc. We will be reaching out to people/groups/etc. that have been regulars in the past to see if they'd be willing to get back in the groove and let's try to make covid just a bad memory.

Until next week – God Bless!



"There aren't any roads signs when you're trekking through uncharted territory. It's all discovery and exploration."
— Gary John Bishop,

photo by Cheri Theis

Comfortably Dumb

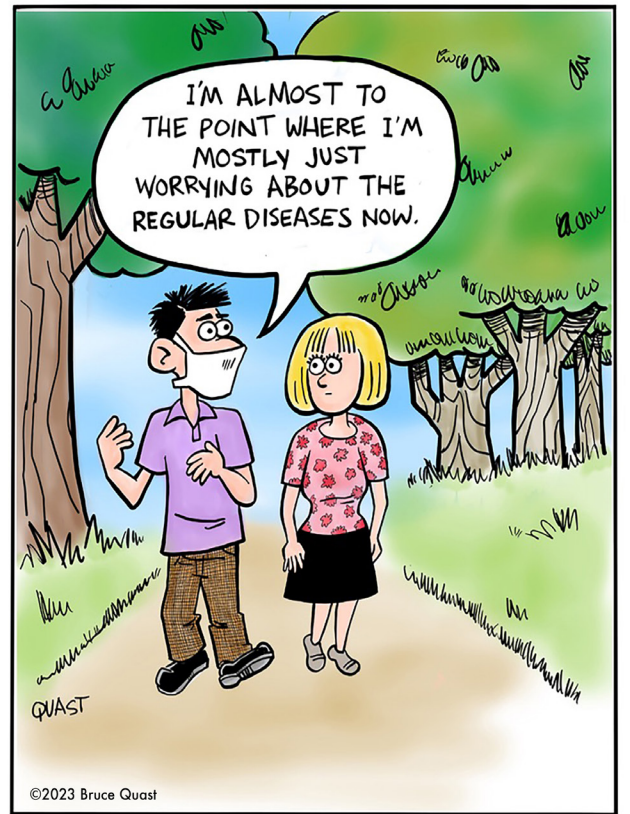
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"Dang it, Zekel! Why can't we just use logs like normal people?"

Comfortably Dumb

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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

Kingman County Humane Society Pets Ready for Adoption

Honey

Sponsored by The Cunningham Courier



Female Retriever, Labrador / Terrier, Pit Bull
57 pounds
5 years +
\$180.00

Honey has been at the shelter since December 3, 2022

There's a reason we call this girl

Honey. She has a sweet personality, she's eager to please and eager to learn. She's housetrained and crate trained. And she's cute as a bug! She's housetrained and people friendly.

Puf Puf

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Domestic Medium hair
3 year +

Puf Puf has been at the shelter since July 14, 2023

KCHS Donation Wish List

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

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

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

The items can be brought to KCHS at 811 East C Avenue in Kingman
Monetary donations can be sent to KCHS
P.O. Box 103
Kingman KS 67068

"I have a cat, the pet that ranks just above a throw pillow in terms of required responsibility."
— Anna Quindlen, Rise and Shine

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

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

Volcanoes!

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Minutes from the Pratt County Commission

The Pratt County commissioners met in regular session Monday, July 10, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. in the commissioner room, 1st floor of the courthouse. The following members were present: Thomas W. Jones III, Rick Shriver, Dwight Adams, Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor, Lori Voss, clerk, and Mark Graber, IT director.

Brian Atteberry, EMS director, reported he ordered a radio for medic 3. He stated he needs to order another radio for medic 4. He will have K-COMM program the new radios. Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the purchase of two radios.

Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. He reported they need to purchase a mower for the public safety building. He will get quotes for a mower and report back. Medic 1 is throwing codes,

Doug Reh Chevrolet has checked it, tried to clear the code, didn't fix the problem. He is taking it to Donovan in Wichita, possibly a turbo problem. He reported if it is it will cost around \$6000-\$8000. A garage door has malfunctioned at the public safety building. He called the Redi-Door Company they came out. He said there should be a different cover and possibly has the wrong rollers. He presented the first half statistics on run times and volume numbers for EMS.

Doug Freund, road/lake supervisor, presented a pay slip for Gary Smith to mow at the lake. Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve hiring Gary Smith for \$15.00 at the lake. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

He stated the third of July went pretty smoothly. Jamie Huber changed out the receptacles to match the vendors at the lake. He reported they are usually making asphalt at this time. Heft is hust now moving in so they are a month behind.

Darcie Vandervyver, health director, reported

she got decals on the trailer. She had her parking lot painted. They all attended an immunization clinic in Salina. They have started back to school immunizations. She was awarded the work force grant in the amount of \$89,166. There are only certain things she can use it for. She questioned if they approved the purchase of a truck to haul the trailer out of her special equipment funds. They replied yes. The South-Central Community grant is open and she will be applying.

Jon Roach, noxious weed director, reported the truck is out of the shop and back in use. Started spraying for KDOT. Jon and Casey will be attending a conference in Colby.

Commissioner Shriver commented he had been contacted about a problem with bindweed and Johnson grass in the northeast part of the county. Commissioner Shriver also asked if he could spray for weeds around the old EMS building.

Clerk Voss presented an invoice from Foley Equipment for service on the generator at the old

EMS building.

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

Tyson asked about the survey to split the lot by the public safety building. Commissioner Shriver hasn't heard anything back. Commissioner Adams asked about the land on Highway 61. Tyson stated he had started the process but wanted to wait until the budget process was complete before going further.

Chairman Jones made a motion to approve the payment vouchers for July 10, 2023. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Tara Pagenkopf, RSVP director, presented checks for signatures. She questioned the AC unit at the old EMS building. Commissioner Shriver said it was checked and works fine. She questioned rather she had enough grant money to afford the bills at the old EMS building. She will start moving to the old EMS building.

Billy Hampton, fire/rescue chief, presented

two new hires for fire/rescue, Jonathan Popovich and Wayde Freeman. Commissioner Adams made a motion to hire Jonathan Popovich and Wayde Freeman for fire/rescue. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Adams questioned why two rescue trucks were sent out to the wreck on highway 61. Billy replied they send two trucks until they get on scene and see what they have.

Commissioner Shriver reported he had met with Sheriff White concerning the new cameras and security system. There is a new employee with INA alert that did a walk through to make sure everything that was quoted was correct.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to recess at 3:15 until Thursday, July 13, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. for the budget meeting with Scot Loyd, Lloyd group. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

The Pratt County commissioners met in recessed session Thursday, July 13, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in the commissioner room, 1st floor of the

courthouse. The following members were present: Thomas W. Jones III by Zoom, Rick Shriver, Dwight Adams, Tyson Eisenhauer,

County counselor, Lori Voss, clerk, Mark Graber, IT director and Scot Loyd, Loyd group, LLC.

The budget sheets were discussed. Commissioner Shriver stated with valuations up he would like to keep the budgets for 2024 the same as 2023 with a few minor changes. Commissioner Adams said he was fine with that. Chairman Jones called in, agreed to keeping the budgets the same as 2023. He also agreed to exceed the RNR. Scot will put in the new numbers and have a draft for the commissioner meeting on Monday, July 17th.

Scot will include a cost-of-living raise on each department.

Commissioner Shriver thanked Scot and his team for all his hard work. Commissioner Adams made a motion to adjourn at 11:27 pm. Commissioner Shriver seconded the Motion. Motion carried 3-0.



Day 7, Kansas Wheat Harvest Report

This is day 7 of the Kansas Wheat Harvest Reports, brought to you by the Kansas Wheat Commission, Kansas Association of Wheat Growers, Kansas Grain and Feed Association and the Kansas Cooperative Council.

Triple-digit temperatures mean it certainly feels like the right weather to harvest wheat, but producers and elevators alike are feeling behind schedule. Wheat harvest has shifted west, moving into areas with more extreme drought conditions and more abandoned acres. The wheat acres that remain are coming in below average, but slightly better than expected, while producers adjust their harvesting

to address pressure from late-growing weeds.

At the Nebraska border, Neil Bekemeyer started harvest on Monday, June 26, and expects to finish up in the next few days. In Washington County and up into Nebraska, Bekemeyer had hail on Wednesday night, which did not break the hollow wheat stems, but did have a bit of shatter. Wheat fared better than corn, much of which was blown over in the wind.

Bekemeyer was surprised at the yields he was seeing, especially considering the moderate amount of weeds below the canopy. Outstanding varieties included AgriPro Bigfoot and LCS Valiant - with test weights coming in between 58 and 60 pounds per bushel.

In Riley County, Kansas Wheat Commission board member, Nathan Larson has mixed feelings about this year's wheat crop. He

recalled how difficult it was to get his crop in last fall because there was too much moisture to even get into fields. He still thinks there was moisture in the ground to help the wheat grow, but his stands did not fill out with tillers like he had hoped, and he had more weed pressure.

Larson has been delivering Syngenta Monument crop to the local elevator in Leonardville, where test weights have not been great at an average of 58 pounds per bushel. Overall, his crop is averaging 30 bushels per acre. "It's a disappointing year, but when you think about southwest Kansas, it's not a BAD year," Larson shared.

Back in central Kansas, Del Adcock of Bartlett Grain in Great Bend reported the area is about 10 days to two weeks behind normal. So far, they've taken in about 20 percent of the wheat they expect

to receive. Test weights are good, averaging 60 pounds per bushel and above, with higher-than-average protein.

Adcock said yields are averaging in the high 20s to low 30s with a range from the teens to 50 bushels per acre. Weeds are everywhere, due to thin stands and the crop maturing later than normal.

Bartlett Grain has a six-county draw radius and Adcock expects to receive about half the wheat of an average year. Sitting on a short line rail line, the facility will send wheat to their core business in Mexico as well as company-owned flour mills in Coffeyville, Kansas, and North Carolina.

There's little excitement about this year's crop, as approximately 40 percent of acres were abandoned and yields on the remaining wheat are much lower than average.

"Everybody's ready to have harvest done and out of the way," Adcock said.

In the northern part of Barton County, Dean Stoskopf reported even higher abandonment, estimating up to 90 percent of local acres would not be harvested due to extreme drought conditions. Some of Stoskopf's fields went a year without an inch (or some even a half inch) of moisture. The majority of the county finally moved out of D4 (exceptional) drought, thanks to rains in the past two weeks, but more rain is needed to keep that status at bay.

"If it doesn't rain, we'll be right back in exceptional drought," Stoskopf said.

Stoskopf abandoned 80 percent of planted acres and chose not to spray the remaining 200 acres. As a result, he decided to use only a conventional combine, which handles the ever-growing weeds better than his other rotary head. He noted 100-degree weather also helps chop weeds a little bit easier.

Stoskopf cut his first field on Wednesday with final results coming in just above crop insurance estimates at 23 bushels per acre, acceptable 12 percent moisture, excellent test weight at 60 pounds per bushel and good protein at 12.8 percent. The only surviving variety on his operation is PlainsGold Whistler, which benefitted from last-minute moisture as a late-maturing variety.

"What survived isn't doing too bad, but there aren't many acres of it," Stoskopf said. "There just is not a whole lot of wheat coming in."

Summertime temperatures will continue to advance the pace of wheat harvest in the coming days ahead of the July 4th holiday and a cold front next week. Stay tuned as the Kansas Wheat crew continues to share results from the field with the next report scheduled for July 5.

Written by Julia Debes for Kansas Wheat



Wheat Scoop: Wheat Growers Advocate for Enterprise Unit Separation

"Continuous wheat and fallow wheat are two different crops."

That statement was made at a resolutions session of the Kansas Association of Wheat Growers (KAWG) last fall from northwest Kansas wheat farmer Chris Tanner, who serves as KAWG vice president. As two different crops, they should be able to be insured separately, he

said. "Farmers currently don't have the option to insure wheat enterprise units by fallow and continuous separately and must combine them," said Tanner. "Fallow APH and continuous APH are reported separately but blended for crop insurance purposes."

This sentiment was never more evident than when Tanner's wheat was threatened by hail, once again, this week.

Even with the multi-year drought and rains during harvest, Tanner's fallow wheat was yielding about 70 bushels per acre, compared with his wheat after corn that was yielding only 20 to 40 bushels per acre. Wheat

in northwest Kansas was fortunate this year, benefiting from the early summer rains because of its later development than wheat in other parts of the state.

At the fall resolutions session, KAWG voted to add a resolution stating, "The KAWG supports efforts to improve crop insurance performance for farmers through the separation of enterprise units by fallow and continuous, while still offering combined units to those who it would benefit." This resolution was then approved by the full KAWG membership in January 2023 and presented to the National Association of Wheat Growers in March.

Then last month, U.S. Senators Roger Marshall, M.D. (R-KS) and Michael Bennet (D-CO) introduced legislation that will allow farmers to insure wheat enterprise units by fallow and continuous, while still offering a combined option for those who it would benefit. This is similar to the 2014 Farm Bill provision providing for separate enterprise units for irrigated and non-irrigated acreage of crops.

KAWG commends the bipartisan efforts of Marshall and Bennet to work on behalf of farmers to improve the safety net in the upcoming Farm Bill.

KAWG president Kyler Millershaski said,

"Making the change to be able to separate the two cropping styles would be a great benefit to wheat farmers by allowing them to protect their crops and operations effectively, giving them more confidence in their business decisions, and bringing an important tool (crop insurance) up to date with modern farming practices."

For now, Tanner's good fallow wheat is safely in the bin and harvest continues on the lower-yielding wheat after corn. Millershaski isn't as lucky, since this year's delayed harvest has yet to begin on his farm in southwest Kansas. Even so, harvest won't last long once it gets going,

as his family will only be able to harvest about 10 percent of last fall's planted acres. The other 90 percent were already lost to the drought.

Even while in the combine cab, Millershaski, Tanner and others are working on behalf of all Kansas farmers for the betterment of the industry. To bring up other issues that would benefit Kansas farmers or to become a KAWG member, contact kawg@kswheat.com.





Day 9, Kansas Wheat Harvest Report

This is day 9 of the Kansas Wheat Harvest Reports, brought to you by the Kansas Wheat Commission, Kansas Association of Wheat Growers, Kansas Grain and Feed Association and the Kansas Cooperative Council.

Harvest continues to plod along into the second week of July, and farmers who still have wheat left to cut are facing rain delays and hail, leading to a long, drawn-out wheat harvest.

From July 3 to July 9, there were only 4.1 days suitable for fieldwork, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) crop progress report for the week ending July 9, 2023. Harvest is now

59% complete, well behind 93% last year and 84% for the average.

Farmers are balancing a mix of emotions from frustration caused by having to wait for conditions to dry, stress of potential hail and other weather events, with joy from these recent rains.

Northwest of Hays, Eric Werth, General Manager at Golden Belt Coop acknowledges some of the struggles he has seen in Ellis county.

"We are really just waiting for it to dry out around here," Werth says.

Werth speculates they are about 90% wrapped up with harvest for this year. Another stressor that Werth describes is the amount of weeds that the rain has brought with it.

After a late start on June 21, Werth reports that he is expecting probably 55% of the quantity they have gotten in years past. Yields are averaging around 30 bushels per acre, with some brighter spots getting up to 40

bushels per acre.

"That is definitely not the majority, though," Werth says. "The [Westbred] Grainfield variety is one that seems to be doing well this year."

Looking at test weights is encouraging for this area, though, seeing those come in around 62 pounds per bushel. However, proteins have been relatively low this year. He guesses they have taken in about 450,000 bushels so far. He said most of the wheat his elevator receives ends up at flour mills.

Seventeen miles west of the geographical center of the continental United States, Bruce Williams at Trinity Ag in Smith Center says his area has been subject to the rain delays as well.

"The thing that hurt us the most is we've basically cut very little since July 4th," Williams noted. "There has been so much humidity."

Williams said harvest began on June 24 this year, only four days off

from when they usually start cutting, but after these recent rains, harvest has been slow to get back up and running. Having had big days on July 3 and 4, they have not had a single, full week of continuous cutting this harvest.

Initial drought stress caused some decent test weights in earlier loads to the elevator. Test weights were about 60-63 pounds per bushel, but these later storms have caused those numbers to dip into the 58 pound per bushel range. Proteins in the area have been as high as 12 to 14 percent. Yields have been all over the board, but even with farmers starting with their best fields, yields were only 35-40 bushels per acre. Many farmers have been abandoning their fields, as the weed pressure has been so intense. The kochia and pigweeds have been so dense that in some of the more extreme cases, you cannot even see the wheat as you drive past fields.

Along with the rain, northwest Kansas has been hit with hail storms. Fortunately, not much of the crop has been destroyed. Smith and Phillips counties are expecting to see more rain and storm chances in the upcoming week.

Elevators and farmers aren't the only ones waiting for conditions to dry. Custom harvest crews like MJB Harvesting out of Grainfield, Kansas, are anxiously waiting to get out and begin harvesting. So far, MJB Harvesting has only been able to cut one field while in Kansas.

Mark Bosse, owner of MJB, shared that nearly all of their customers in Kansas have been affected by either hail or drought, or both. Fields that were going to be decent are now looking to only be 15-35 bushels per acre. The one field the MJB crew has been able to cut so far yielded about 35-40 bushels per acre. Several producers along the Gove and Lane county line will not even

harvest their crop.

Composed of local people, high schoolers and J-1 visa employees, the MJB harvesting crew has been on the road since May 22. They started in Texas and will go all the way up into Montana. Although conditions were good in Texas, the wheat got bleak as they progressed north. Fortunately for them, crop conditions are looking up for areas north of Kansas, rounding out a very interesting wheat crop year.

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Soft Red Winter Special Edition Harvest Report 2023

This Soft Red Winter Special Edition of the Kansas Wheat Harvest Reports is brought to you by the Kansas Wheat Commission, Kansas Association of Wheat Growers, Kansas Grain and Feed Association and the Kansas Cooperative Council.

Soft red winter (SRW) wheat has been a bright spot in Kansas' otherwise challenging wheat harvest this year. According to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service in the 2023 Wheat Varieties Report, SRW makes up only about 4% of the state's wheat acreage, with hard red winter making up the majority of the balance.

In pockets of far southeastern Kansas and parts of northeast Kansas, wheat farmers plant soft red winter wheat, as those areas have climate conditions annually more suitable for SRW than HRW.

SRW typically yields higher than HRW but has lower protein content (8.5% to 10.5%), soft endosperm and weak gluten, making it targeted for different end products than HRW, universally known as the bread wheat. SRW is commonly used for specialty products such as sponge cakes, cookies, crackers and other confectionary products.

CoMark Equity Alliance (CEA), headquartered in Cheney, Kansas, and Enid, Oklahoma, has several locations in the southeastern part of Kansas, extreme south central Kansas and north central Oklahoma, that handle both soft red winter and hard red winter wheat.

Troy Presley of CEA discussed the importance of keeping the two classes of wheat segregated.

"I feel it's especially important this year for all segments of the industry to work together to protect the integrity of both the hard red winter and soft red winter markets," he said. "End users rely on us to provide wheat with the characteristics they need, and we don't want to jeopardize that. It's important to know

your customers and work with your FSA office to get an idea on the percentage of each class of wheat grown in the area."

Presley said they've been sending some samples to Kansas Grain Inspection Service for hardness tests, so "wheat can be labeled correctly, and we can tell our domestic and international markets, 'this is as advertised.'"

Jay Armstrong is one of those eastern Kansas wheat farmers who plants SRW. He has finished his wheat harvest near Muscotah in Atchison County, where it's normally too wet for high wheat yields, but this year was the exception.

Armstrong put on 160 pounds of nitrogen, fungicide and seed treatments on his SRW crop. Combined with a near-perfect growing season — he's one of the few producers in the state that would call it so this year — Armstrong said this was "the best wheat we have ever planted." His Pioneer 25R74 averaged 94 bushels per acre for a farm-wide yield with test weights between 60 and 61 pounds per bushel.

Armstrong binned the bumper crop for later

delivery to mills near Kansas City that are looking for SRW this year. Despite the successful wheat crop, no moisture is now to be found and the soybeans going in behind the combine are being planted into dust.

In Montgomery County, where Richard Felts farms with his brother Larry, the SRW wheat — which makes up 80 percent of their operation — looked good all winter long. But, the area also suffered from a long stretch without rain.

"When it quit raining this time last year, that was the end of it until this spring," Larry Felts said. "That's why we needed a decent wheat crop — because we didn't have anything for fall crops. From here you don't have to go very far before you run into some bad stuff."

Richard has farmed in partnership with Larry since they came back from college to partner with their father. Now, Rich's son and son-in-law are involved in the operation and Larry's grandson is running the grain cart — the fourth generation on the family operation.

The beginning of wheat harvest was de-

layed for the Felts family due to rain, finally starting around June 15. The SRW is averaging 85 bushels per acre with test weights averaging right at 60 pounds per bushel. That wheat is being delivered to the elevator in Coffeyville, which has to switch between hard and soft wheat deliveries, a tricky undertaking when both classes look similar but have very different quality characteristics... and different prices on the board.

"We're trusting that all our neighbors are being honest, and elevators are pulling a sample on every load," Richard Felts said. "We all want to protect the integrity of hard red winter wheat."

The last wheat they will cut will be their HRW, but attention is already shifting to the next crop that could use some moisture as the son-in-law has started planting soybeans.

Harvest should wrap up by the end of this week in Franklin County, according to Clark Wenger, general manager/CEO of Ottawa Coop. The area planted twice as many wheat acres this year and combined with an uncommon set of great

growing conditions, the harvest is better than expected.

Both HRW and SRW are planted in this area, about 30 percent soft to 70 percent hard. Ottawa Coop has taken in both classes of wheat for several years without issue because their elevator crew could visually distinguish between HRW and SRW. This year, however, certain HRW varieties started to look more like SRW. As a result, Wenger said they submitted samples to the state for grading and talked with farmers to make sure they were segregating the two classes.

Segregation between HRW and SRW is important for elevators as they market that wheat to different end-users.

"They either want soft wheat or hard wheat, they don't want a mix," Wenger said. "If it is a mix, then it causes problems and we're left to market that mix into a feed market that isn't as profitable. So, we have to make sure that what we take in is what it's supposed to be."

Trivia About the Post Master General

The postmaster general is the second-highest-paid federal employee — and other weird facts about the USPS leader

The postmaster general serves as CEO of the United States Postal Service, overseeing all operations and ensuring it can "fulfill its public service mission and maintain financial sustainability well into the future."

The position has a storied history, beginning with Benjamin Franklin in 1775. Franklin served as the country's first postmaster general after he was appointed by the Continental Congress.

The position existed even before the Declaration of Independence in 1776 and the US Constitution in 1789.

Over the next two centuries, the role gained significant power within the federal government. In 1828, President Andrew Jackson made it part of the Cabinet, placing the role in line for succession.

Jackson also started the practice of replacing postal workers, which at the time comprised a vast amount of government jobs, with party loyalists. This continued until President Richard Nixon halted such efforts in 1969.

In 1971, USPS officially was formed as an independent agen-

cy within the executive branch, part of a reorganization of the centuries-old Post Office Department. As part of this shift, the postmaster general was pulled from the Cabinet.

The postmaster general is now elected by the USPS Board of Governors, an 11-person group selected by the president and advised by the Senate.

The position of postmaster general is currently held by Louis DeJoy, appointed by the USPS Board of Governors under former President Donald Trump in 2020.

Today, the postmaster general is the second-highest-paid federal government employee after the president. In 2021, DeJoy made a base salary

of \$305,681, which along with performance bonuses, totaled \$480,985, according to USPS data.

By comparison, President Joe Biden's base salary is \$400,000, while Vice President Kamala Harris's is \$235,100.

DeJoy's 2021 salary drew criticism from some, amid internal turmoil at the organization in 2020 due to policy adjustments and cost-cutting efforts that slowed mail service.

Ultimately, Biden does not have the authority to remove DeJoy, though he did make appointments for vacancies to the USPS Board of Governors shortly after he was elected. -from Business Insider-



A guy walks into a post office one day to see a middle-aged, balding man standing at the counter methodically placing "Love" stamps on bright pink envelopes with hearts all over them.

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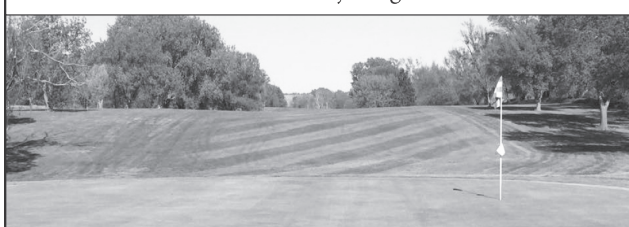
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Randy Sheldon

Randall (Randy) Eric Sheldon passed from this life on May 27, 2023, surrounded by his wife and sons after a long battle with COPD. Cremation has taken place. Randy was born November 24, 1946 in Kingman, Kansas. He was preceded in death by grandparents Gladys and Cecil Sheldon and Marjorie and Roy Wetherall, parents Elizabeth and Dale Sheldon and brother Craig Allen Sheldon. He is survived by his beloved wife Pat; son Jason and children Amelia and Jeffrey; son Bryan (Sarah) and children Taylor, Allister, and Oliver; sister Debby Nare (Gus); sister Kristen Desrosiers; and brother Lance (Donna).



Randy grew up in a small town/rural farming environment learning many skills under the tutelage of his father and grandfathers and enjoying hunting, fishing and playing football. He graduated from Cunningham High School in 1964, and attended Kansas State University graduating in 1968. He completed four years of ROTC and earned a Bachelor's Degree in Economics. He entered active duty in the U.S. Army in September, 1968 and was honorably discharged in September, 1970. Part of the active duty time was spent serving in Vietnam and he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal as well as other medals and recognitions. He continued to serve in the Army Reserve for two years.

On January 2, 1971, he married the love of his life, Patricia Dianne Armour, in Louisville, Kentucky. He again attended Kansas State University obtaining a Master's Degree in Economics. After obtaining that degree, he went to work for the Chicago Board of Trade (CBOT) for 30 plus years. He retired as Managing Director and Chief Economist in Commodity Research and Product Development responsible for leading efforts to identify and develop new futures markets for the CBOT. Randy also attended North Central College in Naperville, Illinois where he obtained a Masters of Business Administration in 2002. After living in Naperville for 38 years, Randy and Pat moved to Santan, Arizona, for the benefits of a drier climate where they enjoyed the Southwestern terrain.

Randy enjoyed teaching skills to his sons and his hobbies included woodworking, reading history books, exploring new recipes to cook, and "face-timing" with his grandchildren. Like his father Dale, he had a keen sense of humor and was a master at story telling. He was loved by family and friends and will be truly missed.

The family suggests any memoriums be made to Banner Health Foundation, Palliative Care/Mary Goldenberg,

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Mel "Sonny" Mefford

Melville Earl Mefford, much loved husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, and friend passed away December 26, 2022 at the age of 87 after a long illness having shown courage and determination to live and enjoy life to the end.



Mel was born in Skedee, OK on July 23, 1935 to Orville and Ellen Mefford. He graduated from Cunningham Rural High School, Cunningham, KS in 1953. He served in the U.S. Army from 1956 to 1958 stationed in Wiesbaden, Germany. After returning to the States, he was employed with Phillips Petroleum Company in Borger, TX where he met his wife Pat, and they were married on Dec. 26, 1959.

He attended Texas Tech University in Lubbock, TX from 1960 to 1963 where he received a Master of Business Administration. Upon leaving Tech he was employed at Sandia National Laboratories, Albuquerque, NM from 1964 to 1997.

After retirement he continued to enjoy many hours on the golf course, tennis courts, bowling, playing bridge and traveling.

Mel is survived by Pat, his wife of 63 years; two children: daughter Darcie Schalip and husband Mike; son Mark Mefford and daughter-in-law Veronica; four grandsons: Ryan and Brandon Schalip; Nic Gonzales and wife Bella; and Ty Mefford; three great grandchildren: Rex Peak and Julio and Natalie Gonzales; brother, Clifton and wife Martha Mefford and their three children:

Kristen, Steven, and Kyle all of Katie, TX; uncle, Jon Don Mitts and wife Sondra and brother-in-law Jay Kimberlin all of Oklahoma City.

Mel's family will miss his caring and generous nature, integrity, kindness, and devotion to his family. He always thought the best of people and was the eternal optimist. A private Celebration of his Life was held by the family and no other services are planned.

Billie Thompson

Billie Gene Thompson, 94, passed away on Saturday, July 15, 2023. He was born on July 28, 1928 in Farmington, Arkansas to Buster and Lois (Dill) Thompson. Billie married Delma (Heape) Thompson on April 19, 1952 in Pratt. They were married for 71 years.



Billie graduated from Grenola High School in Grenola, KS in 1947. After Graduating he served in the United States Air Force for two years. He went on to work for Haliburton oil company for 38 years. He enjoyed Basketball, hunting, gardening, playing softball, golfing and fishing with his wife.

Billie is survived by his wife; daughters, Cheryl Thompson of Hutchinson, KS and Melinda (John) Fernandez of Russellville, AR; son, Billie (Pam) Thompson of Shawnee, KS; grandchildren, Brooke (Vince) Pigno, Cassie Fernandez, Kylie (Paul) Combs, John A Fernandez II, Chase (Hayley) Hartman, Jake Thompson and Ty Thompson; and great-grandchildren, Lorenzo Pigno, Frankie Pigno, Easton Combs, and Emmy Belle Combs.

Billie is preceded in death by his parents and son, Stanley Gene Thompson.

Funeral service was held Wednesday, July 19, 2023 at Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Rd, Pratt with John Hamm presiding. Burial was at Greenlawn Cemetery in Pratt.

Memorials may be made to South Wind Home in care of Larrison Mortuary. Online condolences may be made at www.larrisonmortuary.com.

Brain Health for Boomers

It's somewhat ironic that I'm writing this while I feel like I'm in a state of "brain fry." I just returned from 2 1/2 weeks overseas, so I have some jet lag. We are in the process of closing on our house in a little over a week. And we are packing up to move to another country!

All that being said, I truly do believe keeping your brain healthy is a vital part of your overall well being. Especially as you age. So what's a person to do to keep your brain healthy? We read a lot about keeping physically active, but what about staying mentally active?

Well I have several recommendations to help you keep your brain in good condition.

Stay physically active.

The CDC and ACSM recommend that adults participate in 2 1/2 hours of moderate physical activity weekly, in addition 2 or more times a week of strength training.

There is a strong connection between physical activity and mental well being. Don't forget to consult with your medical professional before beginning any new physical activity.

Stay mentally active.

Activities that stimulate you mentally ward off symptoms of memory loss. Try something that you've always wanted to learn but maybe haven't had time for. Maybe it's playing the piano or learning a foreign language. It doesn't have to be major, it can be something as simple as doing puzzles, making new recipes, or maybe just taking a different route to your favorite park or restaurant.

Stay social.

This one has been tough over the past two+ years. Socialization helps reduce the amount of stress and depression many experience. Connecting with others through social activities can keep your brain active and help you feel less isolated and more engaged.

Stay healthy.

Keep fit through sleeping well and eating a healthy diet. While the direct relationship between a healthy diet and dementia is still being studied, it has already been established that a healthy diet reduces your risk of heart disease and high blood pressure.

High blood pressure has been scientifically linked to an increased cognitive decline later in life. As discussed in a previous blog, sleep too, plays a key role in remaining sharp.

Manage Stress.

We all experience a certain amount of stress in our lives. Chronic stress; however, can lead to memory loss. We can't avoid stress, but we can work on modifying how we handle stress.

Some strategies include: Make time for yourself. Unwind, take deep breaths, stretch, meditate, take a quiet walk. These are some ways many have found successful in coping with ongoing stress.

It's that mind body connection. By taking steps to improve your lifestyle you are also taking steps to reduce your risk of dementia.

-Julie and Lyn Perry-

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Scammers are always finding new ways to steal your money and personal information by exploiting your fears. The most effective way to defeat scammers is to know how to identify scams and to ignore suspicious calls and emails.

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