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Minutes from Kingman County Commission

Chairman Henning called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. October 16, 2023, in the County Commissioners room at the Kingman County Courthouse. Present: Jerry Henning, Chairman; Patrick Elpers, Commissioner; Jack Thimesch, Commissioner ; Carol Noblit, County Clerk

Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor
Visitors: Bob Morris, Kingman Leader-Courier; Larry Landwehr; Julie Ziegler; Dale Enyart and Clayton Potts.

Online Visitors: User 01, Chrissy Bartel, Tammy, Julie Ziegler, Heather, Heather Kinsler

Staff: LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director; Jamie Smith, County Treasurer; Sheriff Wood; Samantha Price, Dispatcher; Alex Purcell, Detention Officer and Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director.

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

Chairman would like to have an attorney-client executive session with the County Counselor.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the agenda with an attorney-client executive session. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Henning asked if there was any public comment.

Larry Landwehr discussed that he attended the KDOT event in Newton last week and the bypass for Kingman and Pratt was discussed. Mr. Landwehr felt that Kingman was represented well at this event.

Amanda Stucky, Field Appraiser was in to ask a question of the Commissioners about a request received from Darran Headley about building on an existing slab and it being placed on NRP.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve NRP for Justin Headley on an existing slab. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Jamie Smith, County Treasurer was in to let the Commissioners know that she discussed Peoples Bank and a resolution will need to be in place to allow money to be placed in a CD there.

Ms. Smith discussed the tax sale has not been finalized yet.

Commissioner Thimesch let Ms. Smith know that he will contact Mr. McElgunn about the tax sale.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Commissioner Elpers moved to go into executive session with Jamie Smith, County Attorney and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor at 8:58 a.m. to discuss an individual employee evaluation pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act for discussion of non-elected personnel matters of nonelected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual to be discussed, and they will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 9:08 a.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 9:08 a.m. with no decision made.

Sheriff Wood introduced new employees, Samantha Price (Dispatcher) and Alex Purcell (Detention) to the County Commissioners.

Stan Goetz, HR was in with some personnel changes to be signed by the Commissioners.

Sheriff Wood submitted a quote from Sunny Communications, Inc for a Motorola APX6500 Mobile 700/800 Complete Remote Mount Kit and Setup in the amount of \$7,159.57.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the quote from Sunny Communications, Inc for Remote Mount Kit for \$7,159.57. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer was in and requested attending KMAAG 2023 training.

Commissioners agreed to the training.

Ms. Stegman reviewed the September Financials with the County Commissioners.

Clayton Potts and Stan Goetz, Planning/Zoning Director was in to discuss a zoning issue that Mr. Potts is having with the smell of hogs by a neighboring property. Mr. Potts said he has nothing against hogs he just wants some fresh air.

Chairman Henning asked Mrs. Ziegler what she feels about the change to EMS.

Mrs. Ziegler said if she were to answer that it would be her opinion and her opinion only so she would not answer.

Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director was in and let the Commissioners know that KWORCC has asked if the County would stay with them for work comp. Mr. Goetz told them to contact Chairman Henning.

Mr. Goetz discussed the issue he is having with a property owner piling up

of tires.

Mr. Goetz submitted the following building permits:

Grady Laverentz for a house/shed in Section 36, Township 27, Range 05W (Evan).

Ron Mosher for a Pole barn in Section 36, Township 28, Range 05W.

Darran Headley for a House & guest house in Section 35, Township 27, Range 07W.

Amanda Benson & Ted May for a house in Section 36, Township 27, Range 05W(Evan).

Mendy Frampton, Expo Center Director was in to update the County Commissioners on the Expo Center.

Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in with September financial reports for the Commissioners to review.

Mr. Arensdorf gave hot mix project updates for 363-2025, 607-361, SW 70 St and FLAP project.

Mr. Arensdorf had the contracts signed for D.0-6.2 Bridge repair and gave an update on the start date. Also, executed the C/E agreement for the project.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the Construction Engineering contract with Kirkham Michael for the D.0-6.2 Bridge repair. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed the possible locations for ONYX applications in 2024. (1) South Kingman (2) South of Penalosa (3) South of Zenda (4) Blueberry Hill Road with ¾ cent sales tax funding.

Mr. Arensdorf let the Commissioners know that the Groundwater Sampling Report has been submitted to KDHE.

Commissioners signed one Escape. Commissioners approved the transfers and Corrections for September 2023 in the amount of \$1,598,455.31.

Commissioners discussed a letter of support for the Kingman Council on Aging for 2024.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve a letter of support for the Kingman Council on Aging for 2024. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The County Clerk submitted the October 2, 2023, Commission meeting minutes for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the October 2, 2023, Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved

upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the SAM surveying and mapping, LLC contract for the County Appraiser office in the amount of \$7,750.00. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The County Commissioners approved the following 2024 holidays:

- New Year's Day
Monday, January 1, 2024
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Monday, January 15, 2024
- Presidents Day
Monday, February 19, 2024
- Good Friday
Friday, March 29, 2024
- Memorial Day
Monday, May 27, 2024
- Juneteenth
Wednesday, June 19, 2024
- Independence Day
Thursday, July 4, 2024
- Labor Day
Monday, September 2, 2024
- Columbus/Indigenous Day
Monday, October 14, 2024
- Veterans Day
Monday, November 11, 2024
- Thanksgiving Day
Thursday, November 28, 2024
Friday, November 29, 2024
- Christmas Eve
Tuesday, December 24, 2024
- Christmas Day
Wed., December 25, 2024

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session with LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor at 11:50 a.m. to discuss pending administrative proceedings pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act, and they will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 12:10 p.m. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 12:10 p.m. with no decision made.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session with LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor at 12:10 p.m. to discuss pending administrative proceedings pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings, and they will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 12:20 p.m. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County

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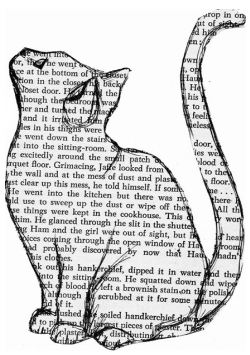


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OCTOBER IS
NATIONAL BREAST
CANCER
AWARENESS
MONTH





Meanderings

Well, good news, bad news, and just news.

My eyes have been checked by Dr. Maydew, and my diagnosis was accurate. New spectacles are in order and have been ordered. I may only have to put one more paper together with these old specs, my tired, itchy eyes and eyeball headaches. I am so looking forward to those new glasses. And, while they are expensive, the cost isn't quite as bad as I was expecting. Cheaper than last time..which was 3 years ago. Right in the middle of the pandemic.

Kansas Press Association sent out some information about the postal rate increase. It's happening on January 21, 2024.

Here's the breakdown: Stamps will go up 2 cents...is that like 3%? I think so. But I am a librarian, not a mathematician. My math usually involved the Dewey Decimal system. I think it's correct.

"In 2022, the USPS reports: 13.8 billion U.S. postage stamps were printed, and \$4.2 billion in stamps and stamp product orders were re-

ceived by mail, telephone at 1-800-STAMP-24 and online at usps.com/stamps." as stated on the USPS website.

In the upcoming rate hike, the average First-Class mail proposed increase is 1.9 percent.

The proposed increase for advertising mail is also 1.9%. ALTHOUGH "the increase within the mail class used BY LOCAL NEWSPAPERS to distribute shoppers and advertising mail increases in ranges from 2.1% - 3.9%." So, there is one way to hit the newspapers... We don't send out mailing advertising or shoppers so it won't effect us.

The rate for periodical mailings outside the publications county would be 1.59%. That rate is also for national magazines and publications. (Periodicals do not include newspapers.)

However, the dramatic rate increase for local, community newspapers came as a shock to many in the publishing business (me included). That rate increase is a whopping 7.3% for local-Within-the-County mailings.

"Ironically, the Postal Service's principal justification for the steep increase is that the Postal Regulatory Commission now requires USPS to share more of the savings created when publishers do some of the work that postal workers would otherwise have to do, such as presorting the mail and transporting it to destination post offices. Traditionally, USPS has

shared far less than 100 percent of the savings when it passes along mail discounts. But because PRC is pushing the postal system to be more generous in sharing the savings, USPS is simply raising the basic rate so it can show a more acceptable discount.

"Raising our prices so it can claim it is creating a fair discount is the sort of math we associate with shady deals," said National Newspaper Association Chair John Galer, publisher of The Journal-News in Hillsboro, Illinois. "Our industry has been doing a lot of mail preparation work for years to help keep postal costs down. For us to now be punished for that work simply adds outrage to our disappointment."

The Postal Service is now guided by the Delivering For America plan introduced by Postmaster General Louis DeJoy to help the Postal Service compete for the package and parcel business. Twice-a-year postage increases have been part of the DFA plan, which allows USPS to raise rates to the fullest extent allowed above inflation.

The details of the postal rate announcement are available on the PRC's website at PortalPrc (arkcase.com)."

I had already said if this increase happens, I will raise rates \$3.00, which is 6% - 6.67% (depending on whether you live in Kansas or outside of Kansas) thinking it

should carry me through at least 2 more rate hikes.

I will stick with the \$3.00 increase and it will go into effect January 1st. I just don't want to raise it so much I lose a large number of subscribers.

So there we have it. I hope you all can find and extra \$3.00 a year to keep the paper going. If you want to send a couple of extra dollars along, it won't be turned down. This paper is vital to our community.

And, yes, I'm even thinking about a paid subscription to the online version. I just am not sure how that would work to pay for it. Maybe if I weren't such a technologically impaired person, I could figure it out....

I do use the post office services a great deal: for the newspaper, of course—and to mail out subscription renewals and advertising billings. The cards I create to sell... well, they are cards and are meant to be sent to those we care about. I have made hundreds of cards, and although they aren't all sent via mail, I imagine the majority of them are. And then there are my books. I still belong to paperbackswap.com. I pay to send my books to folks all over the U.S. and its territories. And I get books in return. (I currently have one coming from Dorothy in the Virgin Islands). The constant rate hikes will no doubt be the end of this website. And it makes me sad. More books will

go into the dumpsters and landfills. Siiiiigh.

I guess we will all play along with the USPS and see what happens. Maybe I should just purchase a bicycle and deliver your papers. A bicycle with a basket and a bell.... Like I had when I was a kid and delivered papers.

** If you will remember last week's meanderings I ranted about the people in this country who have an obscene amount of wealth while the people who worked for them, were not making a living wage and many rely on government assistance to make ends meet. The same government assistance that you and I fund with our tax dollars.

After I sent the paper off to the printer's last week, I checked my Facebook page before going to bed.

Two different friends had just posted these two messages:

1. If a man has an apartment stacked to the ceiling with newspapers, we call him crazy. If a woman has a trailer full of cats, we call her nuts. But when people pathologically hoard so much cash that they impoverish the entire nation, we put on the cover of Fortune magazine and pretend that they are role models. - B. Lester

2. Working people would exist without billionaire. BUT billionaires would not exist without working people.

Amen to both those statements.

Next week I think I'll

talk about the wealthy who give their money away. There are plenty.

Always reading, and currently reading, "Lessons in Chemistry" by Bonnie Garmus, Roberta

"Sometimes I think," she said slowly, "that if a man were to spend a day being a woman in America, he wouldn't make it past noon."

— Bonnie Garmus, Lessons in Chemistry

"If it takes the entire army and navy to deliver a postal card in Chicago, that card will be delivered."

— Grover Cleveland

"Modernizing the postal service was particularly important for the soldiers, who relied on letters, newspapers, and magazines from home to sustain morale."

— Doris Kearns Goodwin, Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln

"No one-not rock stars, not professional athletes, not software billionaires, and not even geniuses-ever makes it alone"

— Malcolm Gladwell, Outliers: The Story of Success

"The greatness of a man is not in how much wealth he acquires, but in his integrity and his ability to affect those around him positively."

— Bob Marley

Tallgrass and Tumbleweeds by Gaille Pike

Dear Readers, Walking anywhere in the farmhouse shoeless these days is foolhardy and forget about going barefooted. Visiting the kitchen from the living room in just my socks (which is only a few steps) puts my feet in peril because moving about the house at all involves running a prickly-ridden gauntlet.

Some people call them burrs (or burs) but I call them stickers. I can't recall pulling this many of those buggers from my heels, soles and toes. I can find no news reports of Kansas weeds being more prolific this year and I confess I've not attempted any investigations in the yard regarding burr production. That's because I'm only concerned about the war I'm battling inside.

Though I noticed my cats kept coming in looking straggly with more frequent need of combing, it took me a

couple days to comprehend what was going on. And even once I acknowledged the fight they were bringing to me, I still thought I could win this sticker struggle without bother. The beige bits matted in their fur were smooth and easily removed. They seemed only a nuisance because they stuck like glue to my fingers. And when I first stepped on both the two other, much larger, sticker varieties my cats were bringing in—one is round with star-shaped spears and the other is oblong covered in blade-

like spikes—I still had no clue what I was up against. Smugly confident I had the situation in hand, I vacuumed. But that didn't do the trick. The stickers remained, teaching me only that my pride goeth before pain.

It was time to put on my shoes. And come up with a plan. But when I searched online remedies, all I found were articles advising me to get rid of weeds before they make "seeds with hooks and teeth. The only strategy I could devise was to search the house inch by inch. Spotting them

was more of a challenge than I anticipated so I got down on the floor. It seemed like a good idea at the time to seek them out with my fingertips. And find them I did. And every time I muttered "Ouch" as I flinched. My cats came to my aid. Well, maybe they were just curious or thought I wanted to play. I'll never know their motivation but I do know those trojan horse, sticker bearing traitors surrounded me.

The stickers are for the moment winning. They no longer just litter the floors. They lurk

everywhere. I find them in the recliner and on the couch, and I find them in the laundry when I take it out of the dryer. Even my bed's not safe. Last night I had to pull a sticker off my face because one of those suckers had been hiding in my pillow.

I still hope to turn the tide. And my shoes do protect my feet. But for now, I retreat as often as possible to only sticker-free zone I know: outside on our concrete patio.

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

Things I've Never Done

by Jase Graves A few days ago, my wife and I were taking our evening almost-senior-citizen power stroll, and the subject of Hooters came up. Yes, Hooters. And I'll tell you why (even if you wish I wouldn't).

We were having a good laugh because someone on Facebook had suggested that our local and recently-shuttered Bed Bath & Beyond store might become a giant Hooters. (Pretend you didn't read those last two words together.)

It was at that point I realized and proudly confessed to my wife

that I've never visited a Hooters restaurant. My self-righteous gloating was soon silenced, though, when my wife announced, "Well, I have. It was a long time ago, and I was on a business trip. It obviously wasn't my choice."

I was stunned, not so much that my wife had been served owl tacos, or whatever it is they have at Hooters, but that she had done this stereotypical "man" thing that I'd never done – and really have no desire to do. (I mean, who eats owls?)

That got me thinking about other things I haven't done in my 50-something-year-old life, so I made a list (even if you wish I wouldn't).

1. I've never been duck hunting. My father-in-law did take me deer hunting once—back when I was dating his daughter

and he was still trying to decide whether or not to let me live. Duck hunting actually sounds kind of fun, except for the getting wet, getting cold and getting up before noon on a Saturday parts.

2. I've never been to an escape room. However, I experience something like it every night when I try to find my way to the bathroom half asleep in the dark.

3. I've never been to a NASCAR, Formula 1, or drag race. I have given all three of my daughters driving lessons, so I'm good.

4. I've never watched "Game of Thrones." (See number 2.)

5. I've never been fly fishing—unless you count those times I've been sitting in a meeting at work and discovered, to my horror, that my pants were unzipped.

6. I've never been axe throwing. I did abuse some pine trees with those ninja throwing stars as a kid, though. (I grew up during the 1970s and 80s when parents still allowed kids to eat highly processed meats and play with sharp objects unattended.)

7. I've never played "Call of Duty." (See number 2.)

8. I've never been to a Taylor Swift concert, and I'd really like to go. I'm actually on a waiting list for tickets to an upcoming concert in New Orleans, but I think it's more of a "you sad, sad man who will never get tickets and shouldn't want them" list.

9. I've never played pickleball. I'm not exactly sure what it is, but if it involves food eaten with pickles (or food of any kind), I'm in.

10. And speaking of eating, I've never had cauliflower-crust pizza. I've tried to eat raw cauliflower, which reminds me of eating a candle, and I eat my own weight in pizza about once a week. (See number 2.) But I really believe in keeping my food groups separate, so I think I'll pass.

So, there you have it. Now that I've gotten all of this off my chest, I know I'll sleep better – if I can find my way back from the bathroom.

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Community Bulletin Board

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| Thursday, October 26 HS FB 6-Man bracket play | Wednesday, November 1 5:00 p.m. Site Council |
| Friday, October 27 HS VB State Play at Emporia | Thursday, November 2 HS Scholars Bowl at Skyline *** |
| Monday, October 28 HS cross country State Meet at Wamego *** | Meetings for Parents about Winter Sports |
| HS VB State Play at Emporia | Friday, November 3 HS FB 6-Man Regional |
| Monday, October 30 HS Scholars Bowl at HOME | Monday November 6 JH BB at Macksville |
| Tuesday, October 31 Halloween *** KAY Halloween Party | Tuesday, November 7 9:00 a.m. HOPL Mass Choir |

The Community Calendar is sponsored by



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B-29 Museum
is open on Sundays from 2:00 to 4:00 pm
Pratt Army Airfield – 82 Curran Road
Visit them on Facebook at www.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
Mon., Wed., Fri.
2:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Tues., Thurs., Sat.
9:00 - 11:30 a.m.
Closed for Holidays
298-3163

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

Kingman Carnegie Library
Mon. & Tues. 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Wed. : 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Thurs. : 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Fri. : 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Sat. : 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
620-532-3061

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

CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
Meeting will be held at City Hall, 119 N. Main St.
1) 6:30 p.m. – Call to Order
2) Approval of Agenda
3) Approval of Minutes of September 25, 2023 meeting
4) Public comments, concerns, & communications
5) R. J. Meyer, Iron Insurance Partners
6) Fire Department – Chief’s Report
7) KCIP - Dilapidated Structure Abatement Approval
8) Leslie Schrag, Kingman County Economic Development
9) USDA

Sampler Quilt Class Work on Display at CPL

This is the final installment about a special group display at Cunningham Public Library as part of the library’s Comforts of Fall fundraiser. In 1981, a group of ladies from Cunningham: Lois Becker, Jeanne Theis, Jane Meyers, and Linda Kerschen, signed up for a quilting class presented by Marilyn Glenn, who was the Kingman County Extension Home Economist at that time. Past weeks featured memories of Marilyn Glenn, Lois Becker, and Jeanne Theis. This week, class members and library board members Linda Kerschen and Jane Meyers share their memories, as told to fellow library board member Cecile Sterneker.

Linda Kerschen recalls, “I think we were all quilters with some degree of skill at one point or other, but when the quilting class was offered, I definitely was interested! We all had young kids at home, and this happened

before I became a teacher and worked in the school system. Marilyn (Glenn) developed the blocks, letting us know how much fabric was needed. We drove up to Kingman once a week, to the old Activity Center, just us ladies during the day. I had done small things like sewing, needlepoint, and crewel (using different embroidery stitches to create pictures). We all had an interest in textile crafts, and Marilyn spearheaded this class.

“Every quilt block was different, according to our individual preferences. We each had our own quilt to make, with different fabric, quilt blocks, (and) patterns. Each block was hand-pieced and hand-sewn; the class taught us how to put everything together, learning precision and skill. It was wonderful to get together and learn more about my friends and quilting!

“I didn’t do too many quilts after this – mostly baby and doll quilts. I went on to help raise a family and worked in the field of education. But those days of quilt class were special, as were the

- 10) Leak Forgiveness Discussion
- 11) Discussion of RV/Camper Ordinance(s)
- 12) Leiter Avenue
- 13) Reports
 - Property Officer
 - Planning & Zoning
 - Maintenance
 - Swimming Pool
 - Animal Control
- 14) Financial Report & Payment of Bills
- 15) Adjourn

memories made.”

Finally, quilter Jane Meyers shares: “When I signed up for the class, I knew it was a great opportunity to get to know other ladies who were also interested in quilting and spend fellowship with them. I knew Jeanne (Theis) at the time. She was working on a quilt at home and I asked her, ‘Do you think I could do this?’ And she told me immediately, ‘Of course you can!’ I have always loved to sew, so I signed up!

“We met once a month at the Activity Center in Kingman. With young families at home, this was a rewarding and fun Mom’s day out! Throughout that time, it was amazing to see the varied blocks we each came out with, using the same pattern. We each saw the unique women we were in these blocks of color and design. Marilyn took traditional patterns and drafted them specifically for the class. Soon, there was increased interest and demand for the patterns used, which eventually became the book, ‘The Kingman County

Sampler,’ by Marilyn Glenn.

“Picking out the fabric, the colors we wanted, the pattern we followed, and the end result was a personal and gratifying achievement. I got to know others and I have maintained those friendships to this day. Quilting, to me, is soothing, and a passion that I continue with today. When the granddaughters were little we’d hold ‘quilt camps’ at the house and each made a quilt, wall hanging, or other crafts. I’ve down-sized to smaller quilts, block wall-hangings, table runners, etc., but each is quilted with a person in mind, and done with much love and affection.”

Be sure to visit the library to view these and other quilts on display, including Jane’s, “The Black-Tie Affair,” which Jane has donated for silent auction. Sealed bids will be accepted until the end of the month. The highest bidder will take home the quilt. Visit or call the library at 620-298-3163 to place your bid.

PRATT AREA QUILT GUILD'S



QUILT SHOW
October 28, 2023
10 am - 2 pm

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1948

Oct. 29 – Dorothy Steffen, daughter of Mrs. Anna Steffen, became the bride of Clair McElwain, son of R. A. McElwain of Burrton, at an impressive ceremony Sunday, October 24th, at the Nashville Lutheran church. Rev. Herman Sefert read the vows.

Wednesday of this week a business transaction was completed whereby Mac's Grocery was bought by Harold Stark.

Mr. Stark, who has had previous experience in the grocery business, was formerly associated with the Stark and Albers Store at St. Leo.

1953

Oct. 30 – Kenneth Meyers pitched a no-hit, no-run baseball game last Friday afternoon on the local diamond as Cunningham Rural High School won its final game of the season, 1-0, from Nashville High School.

Cunningham ended the season with a seven-won, one lost record.

Mr. Chick Howell is the new City Marshal of Cunningham, assuming his duties on October 15.

1958

Oct. 30 – Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Schwartz of Cunningham, announce the birth of a daughter, Tuesday, October 21, at the Nashville Hospital.

She weighed six pounds, seven ounces, and has been named Linda LeLe. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schwartz of Cunningham.

1963

Oct. 31 – Verne W. Stanley, 62, a resident of this community for 53 years, passed away at the Wesley Medical Center in Wichita, Saturday, after an illness of over two years.

The Nashville Post Office, which for the past 37 years has been located on the east side of Main Street in Nashville, has been moved to the other side of the street. The new location is in the corner building formerly occupied by the Nashville State Bank, and later a café.

David G. Gaumer of Oberlin, has become associated with the law firm of Paul Wunsch and his son, Bob Wunsch.

Suzanne Somers was Pure Showbiz

by Peter Funt

Friday nights on CBS, Suzanne Somers always held my hand when we walked on stage. Sitting on stools before the cameras she made certain to cross her left leg in my direction, explaining that it would send a positive subliminal message to viewers about our friendship.

Suzanne, who died Sunday at her home in Palm Springs after recurring bouts with breast cancer, was 100 percent

showbiz in the best old-fashioned sense.

As we opened each "Candid Camera" show I made sarcastic cracks about her appearance. (She enjoyed paring sexy glam outfits with school-girl pigtails.) I received hundreds of letters from viewers scolding me for treating my partner that way. They had no idea that Suzanne encouraged me to do it, even offering suggestions for my putdowns.

She got her start in the 1973 film "American Graffiti," never saying a word but drawing attention for a role billed only as "Blonde in T-Bird." A

few years later she landed a part as Chrissy Snow on the hit ABC sitcom "Three's Company," a job Suzanne lost after demanding to be paid as much as her male co-stars.

In years that followed she starred as a song and dance headliner in Vegas, in the sitcom "Step by Step," and in several films. She wrote over two dozen books, 14 of which became bestsellers.

Soon after we met Suzanne sent me a ThighMaster, the exercise gadget that she and her husband Alan Hamel pitched relentlessly, managing to sell over 10 mil-

lion units. A few months later she called me into her dressing room to test her new product, which she dubbed the FaceMaster. She insisted it would create a more youthful and healthy appearance by sending jolts of electric current through wires pasted to the user's face.

I declined to try it, privately believing that it seemed less scientific and more like something our prop department might come up with for a TV gag.

In fact, I came to question the health advice she offered in her books and in her many appear-

Berry was everywhere as he led the Cas with 7 un-assisted and 19 assisted tackles. Rob Fischer was in on 18 tackles and Wade Ruckle 15. Richard Cain has 2 interceptions and Dale Eck one. Brian DeWeese played a very good game at defensive end. -Coach Dale Magnett

1983

October 27, 1983 – The Cunningham N-Z marching band was a spectacular sight at the Kingman Centennial parade on Saturday. Majorette Alcie Peterson sets the pace.

Trap Shoot and Cards Nov. 12 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Leo. Turkeys, Hams, Sausages Also live turkeys St. Leo K of C. Not responsible for accidents.

Food Sale – Bazaar and Miscellaneous at Wildcat Den Nov. 7 at 9:00 a.m. C.W.S. of Christian Church.

Two Kansas school superintendents were recognized as outstanding rural school administrators at a notional meeting of the Rural Education Association hosted by the Kansas State University College of Education October 15 – 18.

Nominated by their peers the superintendents recognized were Gerald L. Marshall USD 374 (Sublette) and Milton E. Brooks, USD 359 (Argonia) formerly of USD 332.

Jerry Horn associate dean of the KSU College of Education and the recipients of the award were selected by a committee of school board members outside the superintendents' districts and KSU education administrators and faculty.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hageman, Cunningham announce the engagement of their daughter Mary Helen to Gary Wolfe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dwane Wolfe, Wichita. Wolfe is employed with Wolfe Electric Co., Wichita, and the bride-elect is employed with Dr. J. Ben Eastep, Wichita.

The wedding will be Nov. 12 in Wichita.

The State Board of Examiners of Court reporters of the State of Kansas conducted the Certified Shorthand reporter examination in Topeka on October 21, 1983. There were 30 applicants taking the examination. Among the 13 that passed was Naola C. Thimesch, age 20, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Thimesch of Cunningham.

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A Column by Mike Johnson

You're an Apple

You're an apple. I'm an apple. The difference is our core and our covering. Most people fixate on the covering. They pretty-up to blend in with

the rest of the case. All seems well until you take a bite. Now you learn the truth. They're rotten inside. And they charged you six bucks for the taste. People who cherish cores are not impressed with coverings. They see right through you. Coverings only con people who value coverings. If you crave more

noble cores in your life, develop your own first. Now you're enough inside no matter who arrives. Then you effortlessly attract others with the same flavor. Anyone can dip themselves in an external cover. Few labor to make the inside the best part of the package.

Our House

By Tim George "Come on in and sit a spell."

I paused at the door of Clark Dobb's pond house and willed away the expression of amusement I could feel trying to force its way through the very pores of my face. Truthfully, no one would have blamed me if I had entered laughing my head off. Clark's house was a two room affair sitting on stilts in the middle of his little catfish pond. Steel cables ran at crazy angles from two sides of the cabin in opposite directions and were staked out in the fields beyond the water's confines. It seems Clark hadn't counted on

the poles his house sat on shifting and the cables were his vain attempt to keep the place from tilting crazily one way or the other.

"Grab a chair," the grizzled man muttered, "I'll be with you in a minute."

As I pulled up a lawn chair I knew instinctively this was one of those experiences I would write about one day and no one would believe. No one, that is, except those who were lucky enough to be allowed into Clark Dobb's inner sanctum.

There he sat in his faded black Naugahyde recliner in nothing but his boxers and too worn t-shirt. He and the chair were fused into one lump

of Mississippi August sweat making it hard to tell where furniture ended and man began. He never turned to welcome me. There were more important things at hand. Things like the cane pole he held extended out the window next to him and Saturday afternoon wrestling on an ancient Philco black-and-white two feet in front of him.


Between a two pound channel cat and the three hundred pound Masked Assassin he found time to share with me bits and pieces of his life experience, his suspicions about the "government", and his ponderings on eternal mysteries. Clark was the son of share croppers, the great-grandson of a

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Civil War hero, and the great-great grandchild of Scottish Highlanders. What he owned had been gained through sheer determination, and the pain in his back was thanks to three years in the Pacific theater during World War II. And the wisdom he possessed ... it was more surprising than anything else I experienced that day.

I discovered later that others in the community thought Clark to be a bit "touched". After all, he owned hundreds of acres of prime timber land but you couldn't tell by looking at him that he had more than two dollars to his name. Then there were his infamous projects: his failed attempt at raising a new super strain of South American worms, his short-lived excursion into the recording industry, and of course, his cockeyed pond house.

As I started to leave he set his pole down; "Could you do me a favor before you go?"

I smiled; "Sure thing." He pointed toward a faded flag that hung from the roof outside. "Could you take her down for me? It's going to rain and I don't let nothin' desecrate her. I know that seems foolish but the old USA's been good to me, and that's the least I can do for her."

The longer I lived in that community the more I realized one couldn't judge Clark Dobb's by his shabby exterior. For every dollar he had lost in some crazy venture I discovered he had given two to others in need.

Travelers passing by that pond house only saw a strange old man living amidst a hodge-podge of junk. But not me. I saw a living illustration of the country he fought for, put up with, and loved. A

country of wonderfully insane contradictions. A place where we foolishly waste fortunes on South American worms while at the same time give even more to those who only dream of attempting something so bold. A place where the greatest of intentions are held in place by the slimmest of hopes. A place where a few are even willing to die to ensure others the right to ridicule those who died for them.

I guess travelers passing by our house see an eclectic accumulation of half-realized dreams, failed endeavors, and accidental successes. They see a house seemingly pulled in all directions at once. And perhaps some are even right when they say we are a bit touched. Even so, it's our house and we still believe in the colors that hang from her eaves.

All Saint's Day (Holy Day of Obligation) Mass Schedule 2023:

- Oct. 31 (Tues) 8:00 am St. John, regular weekday mass - St. John Cemetery blessing following mass
- Oct. 31 (Tues) 5:30 pm St. Peter Cemetery Blessing - 6:00 pm - St. Peter - Anticipated Mass, All Saint's Day
- Nov. 1 (Wed) 8:00 am St. Leo, All Saint's Day Mass - St. Leo Cemetery blessing following mass
- Nov. 1 (Wed) 6:00 pm Sacred Heart, All Saint's Day Mass (PSR)
- Nov. 2 (Thurs) 8:00 am Sacred Heart - All Soul's Day Mass - Sacred Heart Cemetery Blessing following mass



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- Hands of Hope** (contact any church)
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- Cunningham Community Center** (leave donation at the bank)
- Lions' Club** (Money is being raised to dig a well in the village of Kakindu, Kenya)
- Cunningham Museum** (to donate contact Alan Albers or Mike McGovney)
- Cunningham Public Library** (to donate, contact Kerri Steffen)
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5 Tips for Creating a Culture of Caring in Our High Schools

By Dr. Karissa Niehoff, Chief Executive Officer of the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS), and Bill Faflick, Executive Director of the Kansas State High School Activities Association

Participants in high school sports and per-

forming arts are under tremendous pressure these days – from parents, teachers, coaches and peers. Their days are consumed with school, sports and activities. They are trying to figure out who they are and who they want to be – all while having to compare themselves to everyone else on social media. It's easy to see why high school students have a lot on their plates ... and their minds.

It is time for all of us

to turn our attention to these students, including the activity participants at schools in Kansas. Empathy is so important. No matter who you are—a parent, teacher, coach, athletic administrator, performing arts director or anyone else who interacts with teens—we can all play a part in looking out for them.

That's why the KSHSAA and the NFHS are launching the #WeSeeYou Campaign. Together, we want to cre-

ate a culture of caring in our school communities – one where everyone feels seen and supported, especially our students.

When one Kansas student benefits from such support, the value extends to others across our state.

Our message: No matter what challenges you're facing, we see you. We support you. And we're here for you.

It's not about having all the answers. It's about empathizing with

our students and offering the support they need. So where do you start?

Here are a few tips for supporting the mental well-being of the teens in your life:

Focus on the meaning of mental health.

The World Health Organization suggests that "mental health is a state of mental well-being that enables people to cope with the stresses of life, realize their abilities, learn well and work well, and contribute to

their community." Acknowledge and connect with all students.

Every teenager—not just the honor roll student or star athlete—wants to feel seen by someone who matters to them, like a parent, teacher, coach or director.

Keep in mind that teens are seeing life through a highlight reel.

Teenagers are "seen" a lot on social media, but

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Spotlight on Our CJH Athletes!!



Back row:
Raven Koester, Andi Young,
Keyonna Huffman, Kourtni Fischer
Carly McGuire

Front row:
Vaughn Preisser
Lux Thimesch
Mackley Glenn
Maelyn Jump



photos courtesy of USD 332



Back row: Assistant Coach Colin Little, Jace Oldham, Hank Adams, Brody Bock, Wyatt King, Cole Hageman, Cooper Neufeld, Coach Bart Ricke
Middle Row: Caden Johnson, Sevi Romine, Gunner Glenn, Tyler Osner, Cole Gridley, Colton Rohlman, Liam McGuire
Front row: John Paul Kerschen, Wesly Preisser, Andrew Kerschen, Adam Sterneker, Carson Strohl, Jeremiah Slayden, Kane Reid, Weston Rogers



Back row: Piper Parkins, Katie Ogg, Carly McGuire, Kourtni Fischer, Keyonna Huffman, Andi Young, Alyssa Osner, Raven Koester, Coach Kristen Young
Middle row kneeling: Sage Thimesch, Harlee Barber, Vaughn Preisser, Jayden McCurry, Morgan Oldham
Front row: Lux Thimesch, Mackley Glenn, Maelyn Jump



Lady Wildcats in Action at Sub-State (Last Game of the Season)



Matilyn Jump



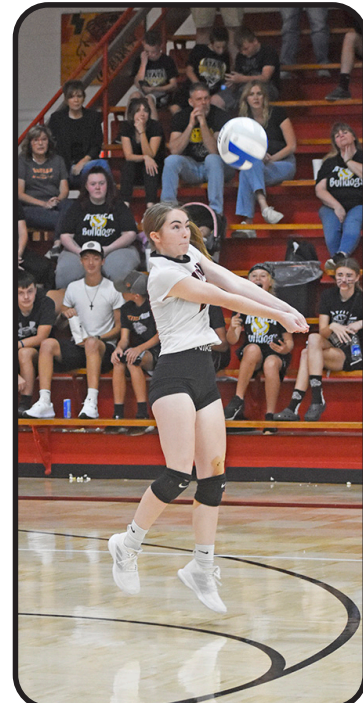
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Kyra Morgan



Junior Lady Wildcats in Action at League Tournament (Last Game of the Season)



Morgan Oldham



Katie Ogg



Keyonna Huffman



Sage Thimesch



5 Tips for Creating a Culture of Caring in Our High Schools

(cont' from page 6)

are they seen for who they truly are? Be the person who wants

to know and support the real them. Get to know students for who they are, not just what they do.

Create a culture where everyone is looking out for each other.

It is not one person's responsibility to check in on every student's mental well-being. We can all play a part in noticing, acknowledging and offering support to one another.

Remember your influence is greater than you often realize.

Far beyond students' academic or athletic potential, you can make a difference in their lives by paying attention to their behavior and who they are as people.

Creating a culture of caring isn't just good for teenagers. It's good for all of us.

When we demonstrate empathy through listening, connecting and caring, we let young people know that they are not alone. You don't have to be an expert to listen and support students across Kansas.

Ready to join us? Visit our website, WeSeeYou. Community, to learn more and get free resources like social media posts, graphics, printables and more to promote the #WeSeeYou culture in your school community. Together, we can offer support, empathy and encouragement to every teenager in Kansas and across the country!



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School Board Candidates Answer Questions

I sent a questionnaire to the candidates running for school board. It has been a while since we've had such a 'crowded' ballot. The five candidates are: Justin Mack, Travis Thimesch (currently serving), Brent Miller (currently serving), Jason Osner, and Abby Bock

The survey's answers was due for the paper this week. These are answers from the candidates who returned their surveys.

Questions asked:

1. Tell the readers a bit about yourself: Is Cunningham your hometown? Where did you grow up? Are you a parent? How long have you lived in the school district? What leadership roles have you held? Those types of bits of information.

2. What motivates you to want to become a school board member?

3. What particular skills or experiences qualify you to serve as a school board member?

4. What specific strengths would you bring to the board table?

5. What should our district be doing to address the challenges of declining/increasing enrollment?

6. What are 2-3 strengths of which our district can be proud? Why do you see these as strengths?

Jason Osner

I have been part of the Cunningham community since I was born. I am a parent of 2 children that currently attend Cunningham Middle School and one that has graduated from Cunningham High School. I am currently a loan officer for High Plains Farm Credit and was previously a city council member for the City of Cunningham.

I am interested in obtaining a position on the school board as I believe providing a quality education to our children is what provides our children a foundation for their future.

I am hoping that my experience of being an ag lender will be beneficial as a board member for USD 332.

What should our district do to address the challenges of increasing/decreasing enrollment? Currently our district is in the process of building a new high school which should be something our community should be proud of. Our district needs to continue to provide a quality education and experience for our children to be able to maintain and increase our current enrollment. I believe rural schools in general have an overall challenge in maintaining or growing their enrollment and USD 332 will need to do the little things to attract students to school. This is also a community challenge as our community will need to be able to provide additional housing to encourage new families to the Cunningham community and USD 332.

What are 2-3 strengths USD 332 has. Currently USD is building a new high school. The new high school is a major improvement for our school district. This will be a benefit to attract new students and faculty to USD 332. Also, USD 332 is a small rural school that provides a safe and supportive learning

environment along with a low teacher to student ratio.

USD 332 school system is vital to the growth and health of the Cunningham community as it is one of the largest employers of our town. It is important for USD 332 to grow and succeed and promote the future growth of the community.

Brent Miller

I grew up in Cunningham; I have lived in Cunningham since I was two years old. My wife, Amy, and I have five children that attend USD 332. Rylee, Casyn, Parker, Beckett, and Paxton.

What motivated me to become a school board member is for my children to have the memories that a small town gives you growing up.

My particular skills are listening to people and communicating to make the best outcome in any situation.

The number of enrollment at USD 332 is increasing each year. The community passed the bond, allowing more students to attend school in Cunningham.

Our district has many strengths. Administration and teachers, and the support the community shows towards the district.

If the school is growing, the town is growing. If the school has more in the district, then Cunningham can have a growing community for many years.

Justin Mack

1. My name is Justin Mack. I've lived in Cunningham all my life (with the exception of leaving for the military.) My son Dean will be the 5th generation to attend Cunningham. I've held several leadership roles in my life such as fire team leader in the marines, cell block leader at a correctional facility, safety leader at Pratt Well Services.

2. I would like to be on the school board to ensure kids get the best education and most opportunities possible.

3. I feel like I am qualified to be on the board because I am a great problem solver, can handle conflict, I am a team player, and also a futuristic thinker. I would like to connect with the community and make a lasting impact on the school.

4. I believe speaking with parents and staff and addressing their concerns can greatly help us understand the incline/decline of enrollment.

5. I think our district can be proud of the quality staff and community created as well as the athletic and academic opportunities we offer.

6. I believe a good school with several academic and athletic opportunities for the kids will be great for building our community and getting more people involved.

Abby Bock

1. Hi - I'm Abby Bock I grew up around Belmont in the house my mom was raised in and went to school at Kingman, then Bethel College, then K-State and moved to Kansas City for a few years after college before moving back around home. I married Branden Bock, also from Kingman, and we have 3 kids - Ava, a Junior, Brody, 8th grade, and Bowen 5th grade. We moved to Branden's dad's home place, but more recently owned by his uncle, south of St. Leo, in 2010.

playing days are behind us. I have also volunteered to call plays in. Fortunately, our coaches are much too smart for that.

No, county Farm Bureaus, Farm Bureau Financial Services agents and Wildcat fans have the opportunity to work within their communities to gather food donations and participate in a friendly competition with other agents and county Farm Bureaus through the End Hunger Food Drive sponsored by Kansas Farm Bureau, Farm Bureau Financial Services and K-State

athletics.

The food drive has already started and will run until Nov. 15, and everyone who participates will be a winner in my book. The counties and agents bringing in the most donations will receive tickets to the game along with other prizes.

All of the donations will go to local food pantries, helping our friends and neighbors in need. I am so proud of our organization for all the work we do to feed those who do not have enough. We all take great pride in growing our abundant, safe, healthy food supply

and yet we also want to make sure that everyone has access to it, too.

We do need to get busy. You can view participating counties by going to www.kfb.org and search "End Hunger Food Drive" to find drop off locations or make a monetary donation. After Nov. 16 nonperishable food donations will be weighed to determine the winners. Each dollar will add a pound to the total.

So here is the game plan. Some of you go straight to the grocery store and pick up some extra boxes of macaroni and cheese or cans of

green beans and some muffin mix, too. The rest of you go deep and open up your computer, go the webpage and donate.

I know not everyone is a Wildcat but even if you are a Jayhawk or a Shocker you should want to send the visitors home without a victory. It's not just Cats versus Clones, it's an opportunity to help our fellow Kansans. I expect an overwhelming victory.

For those of you from Iowa, please don't take it too hard, we still like you, just not when you play against K-State. Well, that and we don't like

to lose. So here is to the competition, may the best team win! My prediction will be for a big score for our food pantries and that will be good for another Wildcat Victory.

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News from Kansas Farm Bureau



Driving to End Hunger

Glenn Brunkow, Pottawatomie County farmer and rancher

Want to beat the Iowa State Cyclones when they come to town the end of November? If you bleed purple, I bet you do. This year you can personally be a part of that victory. Yes, the Wildcats might be a little short on the depth chart at linebacker, but I think most of our

Learn More About the Cooperatives in Your Community During National Co-op Month

The flurry of fall fieldwork season makes October a fitting month to recognize the cooperatives that help supply Kansas wheat producers with grain storage, marketing, field recommendations, inputs and patronage. Cooperatives have existed nearly as long as farmers have been farming as producers

learned how to pool resources and expertise to support each other's operations. National Co-op Month is a nationwide event that raises awareness of how cooperatives provide a tried-and-true way to do business and support resilient communities.

And while rural Kansans are familiar with the prairie skyscrapers that dot the horizon — iconic grain elevators with the town name often painted in bold, block letters — cooperatives are more than just a place to deliver and store grain. Today, these member-driven businesses can

also provide credit, insurance, electric service, health care, housing, telephone services and even childcare. Cooperatives also help support more than row-crop agriculture, representing industries from grape juice to electricity.

"In Kansas, agricultural cooperatives are very grain marketing-based, but outside of Kansas that is not the case," said Brandi Miller, president/CEO of the Kansas Cooperative Council, the organization that has represented the cooperative business model in the Sunflower State since 1944. "There

are a lot of cooperatives focused on consumer products. People see their products on the shelves and don't realize they function exactly like the co-op they see in their hometown."

According to the Kansas Cooperative Council, Kansas is home to more than 575 co-op locations with more than 116,000 members and 5,000 employees. Those businesses support the health of local economies by creating jobs, paying property taxes and income taxes and giving to charity.

The weather-driven challenges of the past few

growing seasons have made this payback difficult for cooperatives, just as it has been difficult for their farmer members. But, Miller reminds farmers that just as they are resolved to adapt in challenging times, so are the cooperatives of which they are members. Kansas cooperatives are working to explore options to do things differently or more efficiently to help provide better services to their members, investments that take time and money to implement, but match the innovation that takes place on Kansas farms.

To support aware-

ness of how cooperatives function, the Kansas Cooperative Council developed a series of "Co-ops 101 Videos" for educational uses from employee or new board director onboarding to sharing about what cooperatives do with high school students or interns. The videos were developed through a grant with CHS, Inc. and in collaboration with Brian Briggeman, director of the Arthur Capper Cooperative Center in K-State's Department of Agricultural Economics. They cover a variety of i

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10 Ways to Become Friends with Farmers and Ranchers

The best award I've ever received was the «Friend of Agriculture» from Kansas Farm Bureau. Being considered a friend people whom I admire, especially since I'm not a farmer, is something I want to encourage you to do, also. Here are some suggestions:

1. Get to know one, or more, personally.

Farmers and ranchers are super friendly, but a bit shy. Mostly it's because they work from sunup to sundown, so

they don't have extra time for socializing and, like most of us, they hang around other people like them. If you don't know how to meet them, check with your County Farm Bureau, which is in every state in the nation.

2. Learn about who they are and what they do.

Here are great conversation starters: "So, tell me, what do you enjoy about farming?" "Why is soil health so important?" "How many generations has your family been farming?" "Why do you prefer that breed of cattle, hogs, chicken or goat?" Be warned, if you ask any of these questions, the might not stop talking.

3. Buy things directly from them.

Although you technically buy from a farmer every time you buy food, there's a new way of purchasing directly from a farm or ranch. On the producer's side, this is called "direct to consumer sales." On the consumer side, we know it as, "Hey, I'm buying my meat, veggies, dairy, etc., from (name of the farmer or rancher) and I love knowing who is growing my food and how they do it!" If you need a place to find one near you, visit www.shopkansas-farms.com and look for them there.

4. Invite them to speak to your group, interview them on your podcast, TV, radio, or write a blog about them.

Although shy, once you ask those questions I listed above, you will find just how passionate farmers and ranchers are about what they do. Are you a teacher? There is an abundance of Ag in the Classroom resources for you.

5. Put a sign up celebrating them.

There are signs you can get that read, "One Kansas Farmer Feeds 155 People + You." You can purchase them from [Kansas Agri-Women](http://KansasAgri-Women). I'll bet you can



find a farmer or rancher more than happy to let you put it up wherever people can see it.

6. Ask them to serve on a board of directors.

Farmers are the most varied experts in multiple disciplines that I've ever known. The nature of farming requires knowing global economies, meteorology, finances, real estate, business development, strategic planning, marketing, engineering, mechanics, construction and, you name it, they are good at it.

7. Ask them to give you a tour or ride along with them.

Farmers are proud of what they do and they love showing people their lifestyle. Be careful, you might get a bit of barnyard on your boots and that's OK, it's good for you.

8. Say nice things

about them both to them and to your friends.

Consumer confidence in farmers is at an all-time high, but farmers don't always hear that so send them an email, drop them a handwritten note or tell them in person how much you admire them. You see, they have some pretty serious enemies who mean them harm and want to end their way of life, and sometimes that's all that farmers hear; the wild-eyed fanatics who have it out for them. Have you heard of agroterrorism? Yep, some are so malicious they will destroy crops, machinery and buildings.

9. Learn to grow things yourself.

In writing about farmers and ranchers, I have learned this; they love to grow things. It doesn't matter whether it's a plant or animal, they love helping things grow. As I've learned to garden the last few years and even raise some backyard chickens, I've come to respect farmers even more for how difficult it is to keep things alive and producing well. Except for weeds. I hate

weeds and so do they. In fact, ask them about the No. 1 enemy of a farmer who grows crops, the pigweed. One plant can produce anywhere from 500,000 to 700,000 seeds that can take over a field, choking out their crops.

10. Follow them on social media.

Some like Facebook, some like Instagram, while others prefer Twitter, but most use one, if not all, of those platforms. There's no better way to know what they do, every day, than by following them. Please interact with them, they love it when people engage with them. Every once in a while, thank them. You'll make their day.

We can all be a "Friend of Agriculture." Do one, or more, of these 10 things and you'll fall in love with them just like I have.

Rick McNary is a leader in bringing people together to build community and reduce hunger in sustainable ways. This article originally appeared in the Kansas Living Magazine.



Kingman County Humane Society Pets Ready for Adoption

Pauly

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Female Cattle Dog, Australian (Blue Heeler) / Shepherd

35 pounds

About 5 years old

Pauly has been at the shelter since August 1, 2023 Adoption Fee \$150.00

Pauly is good with cats and other dogs. She is housetrained and people friendly.

Pauly can be a little reserved when she first meets new people but give her a little time and she will warm up. Give her a week and she will be your BFF! You can see in her eyes there's a lot more to her story, but like so many dogs that come to us, we'll probably never know that story. If only dogs could talk!

McMuffin

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Male Domestic Shorthair

8.5 pounds

about 5 years old

\$25

McMuffin has been at the shelter since August 11, 2023



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"Moonlight drowns out all but the brightest stars." — J.R.R. Tolkien, *The Lord of the Rings*

photo by Keith Neufeld submitted by Carson Strohl



"The thankful receiver bears a plentiful harvest." — William Blake, *The Marriage of Heaven and Hell*

Kingman County Sheriff's Report

Sunday, October 15

Traffic Stop 6
 Civil Paper Process 7
 Disturbance 500 Blk N Chariton St, Kingman
 Animal Complaint 10000 Blk E Hwy 54, Cheney
 Disabled Vehicle 18000 Blk W Hwy 54, Cunningham
 Animal Complaint / Abuse / Neglect Tri City Road, Nashville
 Animal Complaint SE 50 St & SE 160 Ave, Cheney
 Follow Up 120 N Spruce, Kingman

Monday, October 16

Traffic Stop 8
 Civil Paper Process 16
 Follow Up 200 Blk S Parkway St, Norwich
 Transport Prisoner 120 N Spruce, Kingman
 Animal Complaint SE 30 St & SE 160 Ave, Cheney
 Follow Up 100 Blk W 4th St, Cunningham
 Animal Complaint E Hwy 54 & NE 70 Ave, Kingman
 Animal Complaint 7000 Blk E Hwy 54, Kingman
 Suspicious Vehicle 400 Blk N Main St, Kingman
 Suspicious Persons N Main St & N Spruce St, Kingman

Tuesday, October 17

Traffic Stop 5
 Civil Paper Service 8
 Transport Civilian 120 North Spruce, Kingman
 Abandoned Vehicle 18000 Blk W Hwy 54, Cunningham
 Fraud 14000 Blk SE 70 Ave, Rago
 Suspicious Persons 100 Blk W First St, Cunningham
 Disabled Vehicle NW 170 Ave & W Hwy 54, Cunningham
 Disturbance 2800 Blk NE 34 St, Kingman
 Meet Complaint 120 N Spruce, Kingman
 Suspicious Vehicle N Hwy 14 & E Hwy 54, Kingman
 Arrest Drugs 600 Blk E D Ave, Kingman
 Unlock Vehicle 4800 Blk SE 100 St, Kingman
 Medical 120 N Spruce, Kingman
 Traffic Complaint NW 60 Ave & NW 50 St, Penalosa
 Non-Injury Accident 18000 Blk W Hwy 54, Cunningham
 Medical 120 N Spruce, Kingman
 Traffic Complaint NW 60 Ave & NW 50 St, Penalosa

Non-Injury Accident Wednesday, October 18

Follow Up 120 N Spruce, Kingman
 Transport Prisoners to Court 130 N Spruce, Kingman
 Transport Prisoner to Another Facility 120 N Spruce, Kingman
 Transport Prisoner to Jail 130 N Spruce, Kingman
 Welfare Check 13000 Blk SE 110 Ave, Norwich
 Suspicious Person 400 Blk E Leiter Ave, Cunningham

Thursday, October 19

Traffic Stop 4
 Non-Injury Accident E Hwy 42 & SE 130 Ave, Norwich
 Non-Injury Accident 7600 Blk SW 170 Ave, Nashville
 Debris in Roadway SE20 ST & SE 150 Ave, Cheney
 911 Accidental Dial 7400 Blk SW 100 St, Spivey
 Non-Injury Accident 13000 Blk E Hwy 2, Norwich
 Disturbance 300 Blk E B Ave, Kingman
 Non-Injury Accident 10000 Blk SE 100 Ave, Rago
 Arrest Drug Charges N Ninnescah & W D Ave, Kingman
 Non-Injury Accident 300 E Copeland Ave, Kingman

Friday, October 20

Traffic Stop 1
 Traffic Complaint 18000 Blk W Hwy 54, Cunningham
 Alarm 8500 Blk NW 20 St, Cunningham
 911 Accidental Dial 11000 Blk NE 10 ST, Murdock
 Debris in Roadway 600 Blk E D Ave, Kingman
 Transport Prisoner 120 N Spruce, Kingman

Saturday, October 21

Civil Paper Service 4
 Animal Complaint NW 20 St & NW 60 Ave, Kingman
 Illegal Dumping SE 20 St & SE 150 Ave, Cheney
 Structure Fire N Vail St & W Gibson Ave, Spivey
 Follow Up 100 Blk W Gibson Ave, Spivey
 Traffic Complaint 17000 Blk SW 90 Ave, Zenda
 Traffic Complaint 15000 Blk SE 20 St, Cheney
 Non-Injury Accident 13000 Blk E Hwy 2, Norwich
 Warrant Service 600 Blk E B Ave, Kingman
 Follow Up 600 Blk E B Ave, Kingman



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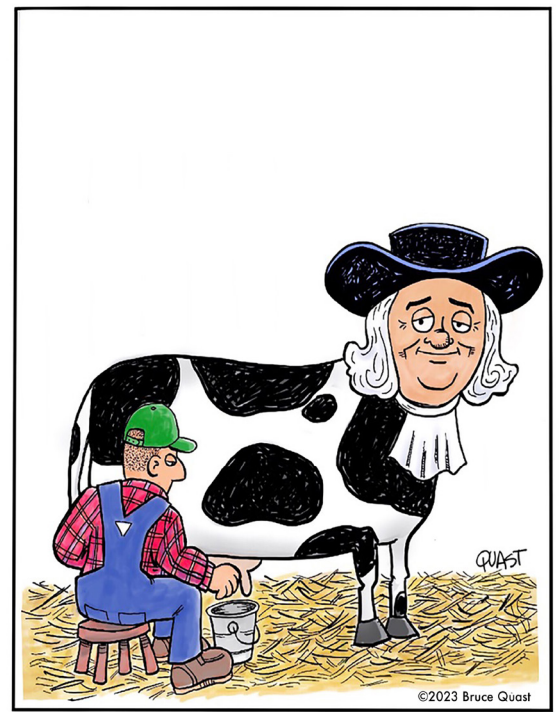
Introductory topics, including the definition and function of a cooperative, the seven cooperative principles, patronage, allocated equity retirement, co-op governance, qualified versus non-qualified patronage distributions and how patronage distributions are determined. Miller hopes the video series and other efforts during National Co-op Month encourage both farmers and others to

learn more about the cooperatives in their communities. She also encourages all to explore how they can help make decisions and set a strategic path forward by serving on that cooperative's board.

"I always encourage people to consider getting involved in their local cooperative," Miller said. "Every co-op is looking for good people who want to see their communities flourish and utilize the cooperative to provide community resources. Check it out; it's an important function in our rural communities."

Learn more about Kansas cooperatives or check out the Co-ops 101 video series at <https://www.kansasco-op.coop/>.

Comfortably Dumb by Bruce Quast



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Statepoint Crossword Theme: The 1940s

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 - Animal prod
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 - Roman goddess, patroness of hunters
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- Poacher's trophy
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- King of the Huns
- Purse for the red carpet
- High craggy hill
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- 15th of March
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- Acorn producer
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- *"When I See an Elephant Fly" elephant, 1941
- Steal a throne
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Minutes from Kingman County Commission

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Commissioners returned to regular session at 12:20 p.m. with no decision made.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session with LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor at 12:20 p.m. to discuss pending administrative proceedings pursuant to the exception under the Kansas

Open Meetings, and they will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 12:25 p.m. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners returned to regular session

at 12:25 p.m. with no decision made.

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

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by Bruce Quast



Minutes from Pratt County Commission

The Pratt County commissioners met in regular session Monday, October 16, 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, county clerk and Mark Graber, IT director.

Heather Morgan, economic development/ COVID consultant, getting ARPA filing finished for the city of Iuka. She is assisting a business with job expansion. Governor Kelly and Senator Moran put out a bipartisan announcement that Wildlife Fish & Game Quivira Water impairment found a temporary solution that works for both parties. Wildlife Fish & Game support someone from state of Kansas to a rational solution proposed to the federal U.S. Fish & Wildlife for January 2025. Kansas Farm Bureau and Kansas Corn Association are pleased with U.S. Wildlife & Fish as being a partner in finding a solution. More

gradual solutions to allow ag farmers to change what crops they are producing. Commissioner Shriver stated they had already tried this and nothing really was settled.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the minutes from October 9, 2023. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the payroll deduction payment vouchers for October 16, 2023. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Doug Freund, road/lake supervisor, reported he had attended two classes to be certified for KDOT approval to stripe county roads. He reported a mower was taken in for repair. He stated the water will be shut off October 23, 2023, at the lake. He stated he had not received any money from FEMA. He is still in the process of purchasing playground equipment for the lake.

DJ McMurry, appraiser, presented a contract for Ryan Frazier to work for the appraiser office. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to approve the contract with Ryan Frazier to perform appraisal duties. Commissioner Adams

seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to recess into executive session for twenty minutes at 2:20 p.m. for attorney/client matter concerning legal matters. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Adams made a motion to return from executive session at 2:37 p.m. with no action taken. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to approve hourly raises for the following Sheriff's employees; Brian Miller, .50, Dell Bertram, .55, Christian Anderson, .99, Tanner Westerman, .99, Emily Lannon, .99, Dawson Cox, \$1.09, Josh Mack, \$1.20, Robert Deleon, \$1.22, Cody Kibel, \$1.56, Levi Haynes, \$1.74, Josh Nelson, \$1.74, Devon Willard, \$1.80, Amy Jones, \$2.00, Buford Johnson, \$2.00, Tyler Finch, \$3.00, Korey Hagen, \$3.19, Justin Seaman, \$3.69, Cameron Quick, \$4.40, Dan Ailstock, \$5.90 and Max Barrett, \$200.30 bi-weekly. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion

to recess into executive session for fifteen minutes at 2:47 p.m. for an attorney/client matter concerning 911 committee. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to return from executive session at 3:00 p.m. with no action taken. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Brian Atteberry, EMS director, reported they are hosting KEMSA conference, for continuing ed classes for 70-80 people, November 17, 18 & 19 at the public safety building.

He checked into adding a transport van, it is not cost effective after purchasing the lift cot. It will be better to trade a truck and replace with a transport van but use all the equipment in the older truck in the new truck. Commissioner Shriver questioned if the showers had been repaired. Brian stated the benches were installed but not well. He stated someone from Harman Huffman had come in and checked the walls and will report back on repairing.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to recess into executive session at 3:08 p.m. for ten minutes for an attorney/cli-

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by Bruce Quast



ent matter concerning bonds. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Adams made a motion to return from executive session at 3:18 p.m. with no action taken. Motion carried 3-0.

Chairman Jones made a motion to approve

the payment vouchers from October 16, 2023. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to adjourn at 3:22 p.m. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

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Geary Brown

Geraldine A. "Geary" Brown, 83, died Oct. 21, 2023 in Wichita.

She was born Feb. 8, 1940, at Hays, Kansas the daughter of Benjamin and Loreen Schutte McCaskey.

A longtime resident of the Spivey community, she was the retired Postmaster at the Spivey Post Office.

Geary was a member of the Kingman Methodist Church; and the Order of the Eastern Star.

On April 13, 1956, she married A.D. "Dee" Brown at Kingman; he died May 13, 2022. Survivors include son Larri and Becky; daughter Jacki Cunningham and her husband Tony; brother Benny McCaskey; sister Sharon Eisler; grandchildren Trevor and wife Jessica, Maci and husband Tommy and Shelbi; and great-grandchildren Levi, Lawson and Cooper.

Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m., Friday, at the Livingston Funeral Home, Kingman. The family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Thursday at the funeral home. Burial will be in the Walnut Hill Cemetery.

Memorials may be made with the Kingman Health Care Center in care of the funeral home.



Gary Ryder

Gary D. Ryder, 63, died Oct. 23, 2023 at his home in Kingman.

He was born May 8, 1960, at Gordon, Nebraska the son of Charles and Joyce Vetter Ryder. A Kingman resident since 1978, he was a retired stone mason.

Gary is survived by his sons and their wives, Steven and Alicia, Chris and Alli, Jonathan and Jessica, Andrew and Leeann, Cody and Ashton, Jason and Reacheal, Blake, Noah and Mikey; daughter Sarah Schriener and Gage; brother Gene; and sister Laurie Ryder; and numerous grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; a son Matthew; and brother Dale.

Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 28, 2023, at the Livingston Funeral Home, Kingman.

The family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m, Friday at the funeral home. Burial will be in the Hoosier Cemetery.

Memorials may be made with Kingman Healthcare Center in care of the funeral home.



Denise Sutton

Denise Elaine Sutton, 62, passed away Monday, October 23, 2023 at Ascension Via Christi St. Francis in Wichita. She was born on March 4, 1961 in Pratt to Larry and Janice (Scheinder) Moorhead. Denise married Larry Sutton on December 23, 1977. He preceded her in death on March 14, 2016.

Denise worked for Dillons, KwikShop in both Pratt and Greensburg and Elder Care. She also worked alongside Larry with his appliance repair business. She loved doing ancestry.com, researching old photos, being on social media, putting together jigsaw puzzles, playing on the computer and watching old westerns and movies.

She is survived by her daughter, Susan (Heath) Webster of Cunningham; sisters, Dawna Moorhead and Debbie (Dan) Jackson both of Minnesota; granddaughter, Tasha Falkenburg; sister-in-law, Gale (Ralph) Voss; brother-in-law, Mark Sutton of Cullison; close niece, Tara (Don) Lemon of Pratt; and numerous other nieces and nephews.

Denise is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Larry Sutton; and brother, Steve Moorhead.

Cremation has taken place. Friends may sign the book Thursday, October 26, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt. A graveside memorial service will be held at 3:00 p.m., Friday, October 27, 2023 at Coats Cemetery, Coats with Reverend Karen Lemon presiding.

Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society in care of Larrison Mortuary. Online condolences may be made at www.larrisonmortuary.com.



Reita Jewah

Reita Charlene Jewah, 87, passed away Monday, October 23, 2023 at Diversicare of Sedgwick. She was born on May 1, 1936 in Kiowa County, Kansas to Harvey Leander and Beulah Fern (Caddell) Canfield.

Reita graduated from Mullinville High School in 1954. She worked as a dispatcher for Kiowa County Sheriff Department. She enjoyed playing Rummy and Pitch.

She is survived by her daughter, Vickie (Rickie) Moore of Pratt; sister, Joyce Marlene Allison of Valley Center; grandson and caregiver, Jeffery Eckles, Jr. of Valley Center; son-in-law, Jeffery Eckles of Wichita; grandchildren, Tasha (Joe) Patalano of Pennsylvania, Tonya Ortega of Hutchinson and Cody Moore of Kansas; niece, Shelly (Scott) Thomas of Sedgwick; seven great-grandchildren; one great-great grandchild; and many great nieces and nephews.

Reita is preceded in death by her parents; ex-husband, Joseph "Joe" Jewah; daughter, Jenise Eckles; and brother-in-law, Elvin "Pete" Allison.

A graveside service will be held at 1:00 p.m., Friday, October 27, 2023 at Greenlawn Cemetery, Pratt.

Memorials may be made to Harry Hynes Hospice in care of Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt.

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