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Sampler Quilt Class Work on Display at CPL

A special group display will be featured from Oct. 15-29 at the Cunningham Public Library as part of their 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. Bonding and fellowship were enjoyed as friendships and connections were stitched together, along with the quilts. In the coming weeks, their stories will be shared. This week, instructor Marilyn Glenn shares her memories, as told to library board

member Cecile Sterneker.

Marilyn notes, "In the 1970s, there was a great resurgence in the art of quilting. Quilt shops were popping up (and) books, magazines, and newsletters were being published. I was K-State Research and Extension's Kingman County Home Economist. I started getting calls for classes in the techniques of all-American patchwork quilting – piecing, applique, and quilting itself. So we brought in instructors to get this started. We made small projects – pillows and wall hangings. Many of us fell in love with the art and were ready for something larger.

"The Sampler Quilt craze was hitting across the country and Kansas. So we decided to get started. In the fall of 1981, classes began. Each month,

I drafted and prepared 3-4 blocks for the classes. There were 25 in-person and 13 mail-out participants. Over the winter, we worked on 30 blocks. Over the summer, blocks were finished and in September, we resumed class, helping each other put together the tops and then the quilt sandwich – top, batting, and backing. This takes space and the Kingman Co. Activity Center with lots of tables was a great work space. Quilts were basted and ready to be quilted.

"The patterns were not original, but old patterns I drafted to meet our 12-inch block requirement. Most were chosen with a Kansas or rural theme. Most participants worked with 5-9 fabrics. This is my favorite part of the process – drafting, selecting and arranging fabrics and colors, and piecing. All of this was

done by hand in the blocks.

"As quilting began, many got right to it and completed their quilts. Others, including myself, were slower. It wasn't my favorite part and I eventually had it finished by a group of church quilters. Many of our quilters became very prolific and do beautiful work, and they continue to showcase their talents today. I am so proud of them!

"I have continued to quilt, but enjoy smaller projects. I've done a lot of baby quilts for grandkids and friends, and I still love designing and working with fabric and color."

Next week: Lois Becker and Jeanne Theis

-submitted by Kerri Steffen

Minutes from Kingman County Commission

Chairman Henning called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. September 25, 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; Faith Ziegler; Tina Ziegler; Julie Lyon; Mr. Enyart; Melissa Thimesch, Extension Agent.

Online Visitors: Caller 01

Staff: LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer; Jamie Smith, County Treasurer; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director; Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director.

Chairman Henning asked if there were any additions to the agenda. No addition to the agenda.

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

Chairman Henning asked if there was any public comment. No public comment.

Melissa Thimesch, Extension Agent presented a proclamation to the Commissioners to approve having October 1-October 7th, 2023, as National 4-H Week.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the proclamation for October 1-October 7, 2023, being National 4-H Week. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Henning let Bob Morris know what is being said in the paper is not factual. Commissioner Thimesch discussed the proposal and how it came about.

Julie Ziegler asked to speak and let the Commissioners know what she hears from her side.

Chairman Henning said that the Commissioners job is to watch how the County taxpayers dollars are spent and Kingman City is county taxpayers also.

Mr. Ritcha discussed that he has heard EMS employees are worried about their jobs and have had things said to them.

The Commissioners discussed that they have never said they would change the way EMS is run or let any employee go if they were to take over the EMS.

Mr. Landwehr asked the Chairman how much the new 911 tower cost the county. Chairman Henning said the final payments haven't been paid yet but the amount is approximately \$1,500,000.00.

Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director was in to discuss SCS Engineering request approved by the Commissioners to check wells.

Mr. Goetz let the Commissioners know that the request was presented to the County Counselor and Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director and they seen nothing wrong with the request.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve that SCS Engineering to check and monitor wells. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Jamie Smith, County Treasurer was in to discuss that her two printers in the Tag office and Treasurers office went down last week and one is being held together with tape.

Ms. Smith submitted quotes from the following:

Century Business Technologies Ricoh IM C3010 \$5,746.00 and monthly maintenance of \$50.33

Century Business Technologies Kyocera TASKalfa 3554ci \$6,127.00 and monthly maintenance of \$48.90

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the purchase of the Ricoh IM C3010 for \$5,746.00 monthly

maintenance \$50.33. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Ms. Smith asked if it would be okay to make an official Treasurers facebook page to be able to get notices out to the public. Commissioners agreed if she was the only one managing the page.

The County Clerk submitted the September 18, 2023, Commission meeting minutes for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the September 18, 2023, Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Henning received information from AEP canceling their guaranty as they have sold to a new company. The documents they sent will need to be signed by the County Commissioners approving the release of guaranty to AEP.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the cancelling of the AEP guarantee and accepting the new company guarantee. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The Commission one abatement: Jamie Hower; Mike Osner and Scott Strong were in to present a Commercial Insurance Proposal to the County Commissioners.

Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in with a Notice of Award for the D.O-6.2 Repair by L & M Constructors, Inc.

Mr. Arensdorf submitted the August financial report to the County Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf gave project updates on the Hot Mix Overlays a) St. Leo Road b) 607-361 c) SW 70 St. repair.

Mr. Arensdorf gave an update on the City of Kingman monitoring wells assessment and access agreement to the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to go to Strong's Insurance

for Commercial Insurance for 2024. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners decided not to work the week of Columbus/Indigenous People's Day.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session with Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor at 10:58 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 11:20 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 11:20 a.m.

Commissioners signed vouchers for Road & Bridge in the amount of \$116,478.08.

Commissioners signed vouchers for County in the amount of \$236,206.22.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 11:44 a.m. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

NOTICE of Attendance

A majority of a quorum of the Board of County Commissioners of Kingman, County, Kansas may be in attendance at the KDOT Meeting on October 5, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Meridian Center at 1320 E Broadway Court, Newton, KS. No action will be taken on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners at this event.



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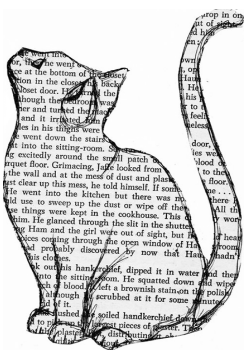
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Meanderings

Much to meander about this week: Community Calendar, Social Security, and undergarments/lingerie. (I saw your eyebrows go up. But remember, this is after all, just meanderings.)

When I went to clear the paper from last week to get it ready for this week, I noticed I didn't update the school calendar. Not sure why that happened.... But it did. Apologies to all. Sometimes things get overlooked.

I suspect you are all thinking I am going to say, "only one more week until I get my first Social Security deposit". October 11th is what I was told. The second Wednesday in October. I was told via phone. Via

a notice I received from the USPS. Via a notice I received in an email.

This morning (Tuesday, October 3, 2023) I checked my checking account balance, and THERE IT WAS! I was deposited sometime last evening! One week and one day ahead of time. Amazing! I was very pleased. So is it going to come on the 2nd Wednesday or the 1st Tuesday each month hereafter... I guess I will find out in November. Who knows what the government is going to do. They certainly don't know, and we can only guess.

I don't know what made me think of this story over this weekend, but it's worth sharing.

Twenty-five years ago, or thereabouts, Dillard's was having a lingerie sale. It was a pretty good sale, and one I didn't want to pass up. Dillard's had slips I really, really liked, and being as I wore a dress to school every day, (And I do mean Every. Single. Day), I could use more slips to wear under said

dressess.

The slips I liked were very basic. No lace, no darts, spaghetti straps, below the knees. Just as plain and simple as a slip could be. They were made of excellent fabric and the stitching was wonderful.

As I entered the lingerie department at the Towne East store a young lady approached me, as they are wont to do and asked if she could help me. I assured her I could find my way around the store. "Well, what are you looking for?" I said, "Slips." And I headed towards the rack. She followed along and said, "I'll show you where they are."

Being as they were right there in the aisle, it wasn't real difficult to 'show' me where they were.

I browsed through the array and found 2 white slips and 3 black ones in the style I liked and in my size. As I was pulling the last slip off the rack, another saleslady approached and asked if I needed help finding anything. I told her, "No,

I'm going to look at pajamas." and I headed over to that area. She followed me. "Would you like me to take those slips for you and put them on the checkout counter?"

"Sure." And handed my slips over to the lady.

I found a cute set of pajamas with a robe that I liked and went to check out.

There were 3 or 4 women in front of me. And while I stood there waiting for my turn to checkout, two or three more got in line behind me.

Everything seemed to be going well. Until it was my turn.

The girl who took my slips for me asked for my pajamas and robe so she'd ring them up for me. I handed my other two items to her. And the other clerk, yanks my soon-to-be-purchases out of her hands and said, "I helped her!" And the other clerk, said loudly, "You did not! I did! I took her slips for her!"

The first girl then said in a louder voice, "I helped her first!"

By now, everyone in the store is watching the drama unfold in all its drama-ness.

The second girl said, "But you didn't really help her! I did. I will check her out."

Then the stare-down.

And the first girl finally gives in, "FINE! You can have them!" and she took my slips and pajamas and robe and throws them in the other girl's face and stomped off! My clothes were now on the floor.

My eyebrows went up, much like yours probably did at the beginning of this column when I mentioned unmentionables. I looked around to see how other customers were taking in this spectacle.

I see an elderly lady in the racks slightly behind the counter. She gasped and her hand flew to cover her mouth.

When I turned around the two women behind me were obviously as surprised as I was as their eyes were large, eyebrows up, but they were grinning.

The elderly lady hung

up whatever was in her hand and promptly left the store.

The young lady who didn't stomp off, picked my clothes up off the floor, folded them nicely, and rang up my purchases. I paid and left the store. No apology was forthcoming from anyone. No explanation. Just a thank you for shopping at Dillard's.

And, although I no longer have a single dress, I still have the slips. I wear them for nightgowns now. I don't have the jammies either, but I have the robe and still wear it.

And I don't believe I ever went back to Towne East Dillard's. Towne West...yes. But not Towne East. Is there still even a Dillard's in Wichita?

Always reading and currently reading,

"How to Avoid Men in Art and Life" by Nicole Tersigni, Roberta

Tallgrass and Tumbleweeds by Gaille Pike

Dear Readers, Right on time, black walnuts are startling me as they fall from branches, thumping loudly before they roll to a stop. I stick to the sidewalk this time of year because too many times those little buggers have caused me to careen like I'm skiing across the lawn, in danger of breaking my back. Black walnut trees are

native to Eastern Kansas and are prized for their lumber. In fact, American Walnut (as it is known) is considered one of the finest North American lumber species because it yields such a high-quality dark wood.

The nuts they yield, the only wild tree nuts in the U.S., are equally prized by those to whom it's decidedly distinct taste appeals. I can't say I ever ate a nut I did not like. But I'm not NUTTY about black walnuts. At least not anymore.

Last Fall, I gathered up a bag of ours and took them out to Western Kansas because my Mom loves Black Walnuts.

I just thought I was doing something nice and that we'd have fun cracking them open. We did laugh away a sunny afternoon on her porch, mostly at my expense. And boy oh boy was it a chore.

My mother explained that first I had to remove the hulls. No that's not right. FIRST she had to teach me that a freshly ripened black walnut (the

only ones worth bothering with) were the bright green ones with a skin that felt like a tennis ball. I had not only gathered bunches of those but I'd also picked up quite a few that had blackened papery skins, which needed to be thrown out. Because these nuts are called "black walnuts," I'd assumed those would be the best. But it turns out they're no good because they've been laying around the yard for a year or more.

THEN I started removing the hulls. I knew

it would not be as easy as getting to a banana but figured it'd be more like peeling an orange. It was like tugging roughly at a rind, involved once I got a big tear or rip started with the screwdriver, and took longer. I suspect I could have eaten three oranges slice by slice in the time it took me to get one shell free and ready to open.

And no nutcracker, Christmas or otherwise, is up to that task. I used a regular hammer but I really needed a sledge hammer. Only then, could

my Mom and I get at the "meat" which were specs barely visible to the naked eye. That half a brown bag of black walnuts I brought yielded LESS than a half a cup of nuts.

I know it would make our yard safer if I took all our black walnuts out to my Mom. But from now on, she gets storebought. I'd rather risk life and limb than go through that again.

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

A Column by Dorothy Rosby

Playing the Waiting Game

I am not staring; staring is rude. I'm observing. I'm sitting in the waiting room at my dentist's office along with four other people. One is talking on his phone and the other three are contemplating their phone screens. Anyway, they wouldn't even notice if I was staring—which I'm not.

I'm not judging either. It's all I can do to keep

from pulling out my own smartphone, checking my email, sending a text or two, and telling all my Facebook friends where I am. I'm sure everyone would like to know I'm having my teeth cleaned today.

But I refrain. I believe there are benefits to waiting without an electronic crutch, chief among them is learning to wait, which has never been one of my strong suits.

It's not my fault. I've had bad experiences waiting. Once at a restaurant, my husband and I waited to be seated for what seemed like several hours but was probably only 45 minutes. Good thing we finally checked

to see where our name was on the call list, because it wasn't on the call list.

Worse than that, I once spent what seemed like days, but was probably only 30 minutes, waiting in an examination room. I finally stuck my head into the hallway and ask a nurse if my doctor had been called away on an emergency. She was as shocked to see me as she would have been to see the doctor. He wasn't scheduled to be in that day.

It's experiences like those that keep me from taking this patience thing too far. If I were too good at waiting, I might still be sitting there.

Nevertheless I think I could stand to improve at the waiting game, though "game" implies it's a lot more fun than it is.

I've developed a routine for those times when I'm forced to wait, whether it's in a restaurant, at the mechanic's or in line at a public restroom. Instead of taking out my phone, I force myself to relax and observe my surroundings. Anyone watching me would think I was casing the joint, but nobody is watching me. They're all looking at their phones.

I check out the décor or lack of it. What's the layout? Where's the drinking fountain. Do they have coffee? I don't

drink coffee, but if they have coffee maybe they have tea—or cocoa or a sundae bar.

Where are the exits? Where's the thermostat? I never touch it but it's not like the people staring at their phones would notice if I did.

If the waiting room has a television, I look for the remote. I don't ever change it, or at last I don't ever admit to changing it. But believe me, I have been sorely tempted. And who would see me if I did? They're too busy looking at their little screens to notice what happens to the big one.

Finally I observe my fellow waiters—as in

those who wait, not those who serve those who wait. What do they look like? What are they wearing? And if they're talking on their phone, what are they talking about? I have a blog to keep up with, you know.

After I've taken in everything, I ponder, daydream and otherwise relax until I can't stand it anymore. Then and only then do I take out my phone. In this way, I'm becoming more patient and more observant, theoretically anyway. Bonus, and this is no small thing, I'm also reducing my chances of leaving my phone all over town.

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Retirement is not one-size-fits-all. It can mean different things to different people. Perhaps you have not applied for Social Security retirement benefits because you're still working or are delaying applying so you can get the higher benefit. If you're age 70 or older, you should apply now for the benefits you're owed. Your benefits will not increase if you continue to delay applying for them

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We're here to help you secure today and tomorrow and we invite you to learn more about applying for retirement benefits at www.ssa.gov/apply on our website. Please share this information with those who need it.



Community Bulletin Board

<p>Thursday, October 5 JH VB at Skyline *** HS/JH Cross Country at Goessel *** JH FB at Skyline</p> <p>Friday, October 6 HS FB at LeRoy-South Coffey County</p> <p>Monday, October 9 4th Grade to Salt Plains for field trip. *** BOE Meeting</p> <p>Tuesday, October 10 Hesston College Engineering and Robotics *** HS VB at Pretty Prairie with Stafford</p>	<p>Wednesday, October 11 School Fire Safety</p> <p>Thursday, October 12 HS/JH Cross Country at Burrton (HOPL) *** JH VB at Central Christian *** JH FB at HOME vs. Reno County Sabres</p> <p>Friday, October 13 HS FB at Burrton</p> <p>Saturday, October 14 HS VB at Norwich (HOPL Tournament)</p>
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Quilt Auctions and Raffles



The Cunningham High School Football Team is selling raffle tickets for this T-shirt blanket featuring the team football T-shirts from the past 4 years. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5 and can be purchased from any of the football families, purchased at the home football games or can be bought by Venmo @ AmyMcGuire-YL.

The winning ticket will be drawn at the October 20th home game.

USD 332 Board of Ed Will Meet Monday

Monday, October 9, 2023
7:00 p.m.

AGENDA

- Call to Order
- Approval of Agenda (AI)
- Guest Recognition
- Approval of the minutes of the September 13, 2023 regular meeting. (AI)
- Approval of the minutes of the September 13, 2023 special meetings. (AI)
- Approval of financial reports and payment of bills (AI)
- Reports
- Superintendent report – Dr. A
- Principals report-Cody Dunlap
- Special Ed report – Scott DeWeese
- Old Business
- Transportation update
- Project Transition dates
- Open Enrollment
- Executive Session
- New Business
- Approve position
- Other
- Adjournment



The Community Calendar is sponsored by

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In observance of Columbus Day and Indigenous People's Day, Ninnescah Valley Bank will be closed Monday, October 9, 2023.



The above quilt titled, The Black-Tie Affair, is being auctioned by Silent Bid as part of Cunningham Public Library's upcoming October fundraiser. The quilt, created by Jane Meyers measures 65" x 75" and is on display at Ninnescah Valley Bank. To submit a sealed bid, please visit the library, or call 620-298-3163. The bids will be opened on October 29th at 2:00 at the library. The highest bid wins the quilt. The fundraiser continues through the month of October with two raffles, numerous prize drawings, an Open House, and vintage quilts/antique dish displays. Proceeds from the fundraiser will go toward community programs.

Sign Up For City Wide Garage Sale

The city is planning a garage sale day on Saturday, October 21st. Sign up at City Hall is free.



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Happy New Year! Wait, what do you mean this isn't the right month? October marks the beginning of the new 4-H year! To kick off the new 4-H year, we celebrate with National 4-H Week. This year National 4-H Week is October 1 – 7.

4-H is a youth organization that was founded in 1902 by A. B. Graham in Clark County, Ohio. The clubs at first were called "The Tomato Club" or "The Corn Crowing Club". By 1912 clubs were called 4-H Clubs.

So, what do the four H's stand for? The first H is for Head. This is to engage youth and increase their knowledge through hands-on learning. The second H is for Heart. This is to teach members responsibility, follow through, and how to work with peers and adult leaders. The third H is for Hands. This teaches members how to be active all year in learning experiences and also community service and involvement. And the final H is for Health. This represents gaining knowledge about healthy lifestyle choices to be physically and emotionally the best they can be.

Children can join 4-H between the ages of 7 to 18. We have five community clubs in Kingman County that are all very active. The clubs do many community service projects in each of their home areas. We also have many county-wide events that members can take part in during the 4-H year. Events such as County Club Day give members the chance to give public presentations to others. County Day Camp gives members a day outside learning and exploring what can be found in the world around them. And of course, the County Fair gives members the ability to showcase what they learned during the year, showcasing their project work.

If your family is interested in joining the Kingman County 4-H Program, please give us a call at the Extension Office at 620-532-5131. We will get you in touch with a club!

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

LARRY KAHMEYER
"EDGEFIELD POTTERY"

October 6th, 2023
12-1pm

FREE open to the public!

Larry Kahmeyer is a retired high school English/Literature teacher. His father was a ceramics professor and professional potter and that influenced Larry to become an avocational carpenter, photographer, and potter. Together with wife Lynn, he has spent many years traveling and visiting regional potteries in the southeastern United States.

This presentation will cover the development of the pottery industry in the Edgefield, South Carolina district during the early 1800s. Utilizing an abundance of local clay deposits and slave labor, the area became renowned for affordable storage jugs and jars.

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237 N. Main in Kingman
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The Cunningham Clipper

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1943

Oct. 1, – Dean Cooley, son of Glenn Cooley, has been promoted to the rank of Sergeant, and is stationed at Camp Young, California. His promotion to Sergeant came about the same time that he was elevated to the rank of Proud Father, since his infant daughter, Sue LaDean, was born at the Kingman hospital on Monday, Sept. 20. He is expected home soon to get acquainted with the new arrival.

A first inning spree netted the Cunningham Wildcatters four runs which were enough to defeat the Sylvia Mustangs 4-9 on the Sterneker diamond Friday afternoon.

Don Schnittker pitched eight-hit ball for the locals to win his first game of the season.

1948

Oct. 1 – Kansas' political "Big Three," Governor Frank Carlson, U.S. Representative Clifford B. Hope, and candidate for U.S. Senator Andrew Schoepel paid the city of Cunningham an introductory and handshaking visit Monday about noon.

Jerome Schnittker, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Schnittker, has enlisted for one year in the United States Navy. He left Monday from Wichita for boot training at the San Diego, California, Naval Training Station.

1953

Oct. 2 – Mr. Fred DeWeese, prominent Kingman County resident and retired farmer, died last Saturday morning, presumably from a heart attack, while fishing at the State Lake at Calista. He was seventy years of age.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cain Jr. announce the birth of a daughter last Friday, Sept. 25, at the Donley Hospital in Kingman. He baby weighed eight pounds, six ounces, and has been named Linda Jo.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Nossaman of Cunningham, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cain of Penalosa, are the grandparents.

1958

Oct. 2 – Cunningham scored their first football victory of the 1958 season, defeating Haven "B" here Monday evening, 20 to 19.

1963

Oct. 3, – Arlington used the football offensive attack, "the shot-gun offense," to near perfection here last Friday night as they blasted Cunningham, 26 to 13, in the Ninnescah League opener for both teams.

Coach Lewis Mann used Sophomore Dennis Raney and Freshman Danny Meyers at quarterback most of the game, with Leonard Bayer, Mike Lubbers, Don Kitson, and Kenny Kerschen at the other backfield positions. Meyers received a couple of broken ribs while guiding the Wildcats to their fourth quarter score, and will not be available for the next couple of games.

Cunningham's line did some stalwart work in the Artlington game. Dale Ratcliff at center, Jerry Strickland, Randy Sheldon, and Randy Ownbey at guards, and Elmer Adelhardt and Duane Schnittker at ends, contained the Arlington running attack most of the game.

The high school enjoyed an all-school party last Thursday evening. The seniors hosted a hayrack ride to Cooley's Grove, where the group enjoyed a wiener roast, after which a pep rally was held at the football field.

1968

Oct. 3– Norman Schnittker of Cunningham is the new rural mail carrier at the Cunningham Post Office. Mr. Schnittker succeeds George Urban, who completed 38 years of postal service and has retired.

Jack Crick, who has been carrying Rural Route One mail, has shifted to Rural Route Two, and Mr. Schnittker will deliver Rural Route One mail.

Jim Stanley, 39, of Wichita, a former Cunningham boy, has been appointed assistant vice-president of the First National Bank in Wichita, and will act as an agricultural representative working with correspondent banks and trust departments.

The Sharon Cardinals presented the Cunningham Wildcats with a powerful offense and a grudging defense in their Golden Plains League football game here last Friday night and rolled over the Wildcats by a 51 to 0 score.

The Cunningham School Band, under the direction of Charles Yingling, will go to Dodge City, Saturday, where they will perform in marching competition with 15 other school bands, and participate in the homecoming parade of St. Mary's of the Plains College.

Cunningham High School debaters performed admirably at the Cimarron Debate Tournament last Saturday, according to Debate Coach Jim Kelso.

The team of Teresa Long and Jim England came close to winning a fourth place trophy with four wins and one loss in five rounds of debating. Rogene Cooley and Geronimo Kaster also performed well for Cunningham against stiff competition from 18 other schools.

YEARS AGO IN

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1978

October 5 – Sunday, October 1, the following youth helped clean the Wildcat Din: Danny Norrish, Robbie Sterneker, Debbie Beat, Allison Meyers, Linda Sterneker, Matt Oller, Mari Rohr, David Thornhill, Karri Osborn, Kevin House, Jackie Thimesch, Tommie Norrish, Brenda Crick, Cris Moore, Becky Kerschen, Virginia Beat, Raymond Thimesch, Roger Lackey, Jim and John Davis, and Mike and Julie Lackey.

Adults who were present were Sherri Welch, Wayne Jarmer, Jen Lackey, and Rev. and Mrs. Jack Davis.

The youth painted the lower part of one wall in various colors adding a new touch which is quite becoming to the youth center. Plans are being made to complete the upper portion in the near future.

Saturday from 9 till 11 is the BAKE SALE and we invite everyone to come by and view the change and to buy some goodies.

Thanks again to everyone who helped and a special thanks to Sam Theis and Raney's Truck Service.

TABLES AND CHAIRS ARE STILL NEEDED FOR THE WILDCAT DEN. If you have some in storage you would care to donate, please call for pickup 298-4360 or 298-4598. Chairs do not have to match or be a set, singles are being accepted, the same goes for tables.

The Pepb-sponsored Powder Puff Football Game ahs been postponed until a later date.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bainum are the proud parents of a baby girl born Oct. 1 at Kingman Community Hospital. She weighed 7 lb 1 oz. and has been named Amber Rose.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Schaller and Mr. and Mrs. William Bainum. Great grandmothers are Mrs. Margaret Schaller, Nashville, Mrs. Rose Vierthaler, Kingman and Mrs. Edna Vogt of Kingman.

One of the more interesting sights in Cunningham this week must have been the look of surprise on the driver's face when the Kingman County trash truck he was driving fell into an abandoned cess pool in the grass on the Weidner property behind Virginia's Café. This "whole event" happened at about noon Friday.

Observers said that only one set of wheels dipped into the hole, measured later at 20 feet deep and 14 feet across. The truck was towed out safely. The hole is presently covered by heavy boards and surrounded by snow fence.

We can bet that will the last time that driver cuts across anyone's lawn for a long time!

1983

October 6 – Cunningham cub scout pack 759 placed first in the DaKoyYa district physical fitness contest held in Wichita on Sept. 29. Eleven cub scout packs were represented in the competition. Each pack was

represented by a three member team entering one boy in each of three age divisions. (eight, nine, and ten years of age) Each boy participated in five events which included standing long jump, overhand softball throw, pushups, situps and the 50 yard dash.

The Cunningham team members included Chad Webster, Stephen Petz, and Dusty Ormiston.

Chad Webster placed first in the eight year old division and Dusty Ormiston placed first in the ten year old division.

City Council: It was reported that there is a possible leak in the swimming pool. Charles Thimesch is checking it out.

Hauling of dirt on the ball field will start within the next couple of weeks. There was trouble finding suitable dirt but now that it has been located work will begin as soon as farm work permits.

A report was made on the paving of the ball park street.

The council approved purchase of the Halloween insurance if offered by the High School KAYS.

The Recreation Commission will sponsor an EMT benefit volleyball tournament probably in November.

The City Garage Sale Day will be Saturday, October 15.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Eck announce the birth of their son Cody Garret who was born October 1 at Kingman Community Hospital. He weighed 8 lb. 4 oz. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Eck and Mr. and Mrs. Keither Cornelius. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. L. S Petz, Pratt.

As Oct. 14 draws near the the Cunningham High School Student Council readies for the 1983 Fall Festival.

The theme is "Forever Yours, Faithfull." The King and Queen will be crowned at during halftime of the football game.

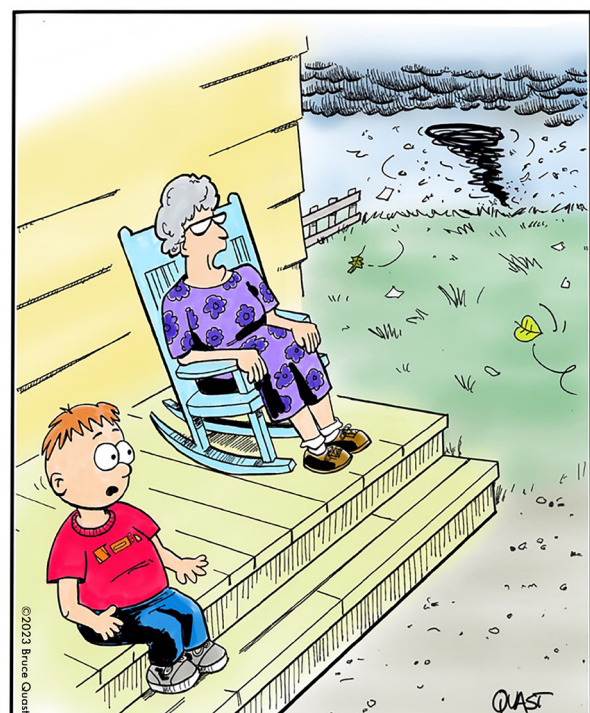
The queen candidates were chosen by the football team. Those were Terry Alley, Jeannette Fischer, and Susan Rohlman.

The King candidates, chosen by the girls volleyball team, were Leroy Hageman, Jim Holcomb, and Doug Hageman.

Folks, I ran into many snags in this month's 'old news'. I don't have any in my files for the years prior to 1943, and some of those are scanty at that. I didn't realize this until today (Tuesday) I'll have to search the computer files more thoroughly or get the information from the microfiche machine at Kingman Carnegie Library. Which is giving me issues as well. I was there Monday, and it and its printer worked along pretty well until suddenly it didn't.

I finally abandoned it after two hours of working and cursing and mumbling and even getting help, and finally writing things down. Writing things down is proving somewhat problematic as well, because I need new glasses to help me adjust between the screen and the paper I'm writing on. Look up, focus, look down, refocus. Look up, refocus...you get the picture. (eye appointment coming up the end of October.) I am working with the Kingman Carnegie Library Director (Leah) to remedy the problems I've encountered so I can bring you all your favorite part of the newspaper. But be patient if its not up to snuff this month. R

Comfortably Dumb by Bruce Quast



"It's just the Lord's leaf blower, Timmy."

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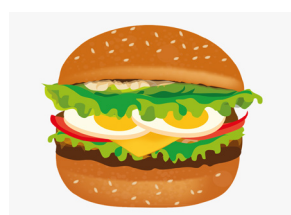
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A Column by Mike Johnson

Back Off Man, I Have Credentials

Back off man, I have a Bachelors in Hamburgerology. Ahh, the college degree. The admission key to an exclusive club. The magic paper that opens doors to mahogany dens filled with fine cigars and decanters of brandy. At least that's how it worked for me (cough). I'm a proud graduate of McDonald's Hamburger University. I graduated Magna Cum Eat Here. Stop snickering. It's unbecoming. And you have mustard on your lip. Credentials are, shall we say, suspect. I know what you're thinking. It's easy for me to minimize such an esteemed achievement since I've already put in

the work. And I see your point. It did take me two full weeks to earn the degree. And the company did pay for it, so I avoided all that debt. I beat the company president's kid in ping-pong while there, so academics wasn't my sole focus. And I got to apply my vast new knowledge in the real world, with real people with real hunger pangs. And I did leave school with a new perspective for the downtrodden. Bovine lives matter. Fortunately, I didn't let this degree define and limit my real life. It turns out we don't need credentials to create any spectacular life we imagine. We just need a burning desire to achieve it.



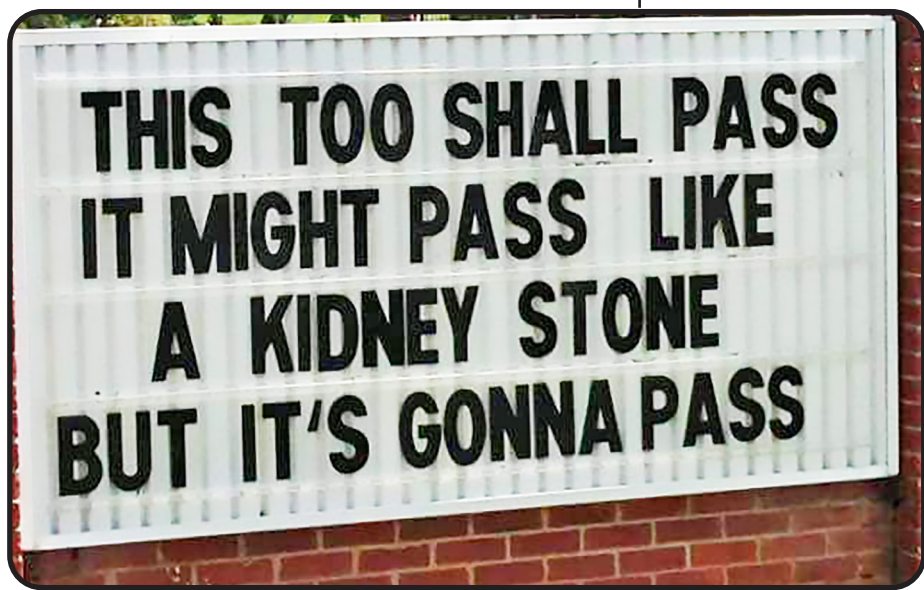
And God Breathes...

By Ann Stocking
An errant flake of snow drifts lazily in front of my eyes, and I try to focus on it, shifting my weight from one frozen foot to the other. There is no relief for my numb legs and my deadened mind. The snow reminds me of Hanukkah. My thoughts wander. The kitchen would be filled with the aromas of crisp golden potato latkes, apple sauce, and funny, lumpy sufganiyot, dredged in sugar and cinnamon. We laughed while we played the dreidel game, and each night, we lit another candle in the menorah. "Blessed are You, Hashem, our God, who has kept us alive..." Mama, may I have another latke with sour cream? The intense cold invades the warmth of my memories, and I reluctantly drift back to the present. There will be no Hanukkah this year.

I see movement out of the corner of my eye. There is a louse crawling along the collar of the woman in front of me. I consider how her body is his universe, and he is the emperor of his domain. He might tunnel through the folds of her clothes, or hide in the thicket of her frayed hair. Maybe he would care to explore the bony ridges of her spine. I envy him his freedom. He disappears under the collar and then emerges further along on the edge of her shoulder. Don't fall! "Achtung!" The daily roll call finally begins, and the numbers are called. I don't turn my head to see who steps forward. We have already said our good-byes. The soldiers prod the hesitant with their rifles and encourage the weak with the flats of their hands. Shalom. I am not called. I feel the terrible wrenching in my soul, of relief that it is not my turn and guilt that I am spared again. But, perhaps, today the draw is different. Maybe today's chosen are tastings of liberation, even now

being led to the gates of freedom. Is it too cruel to hope? Days pass. Two? or twenty? A monotony of sour bread, relentless cold, and endless standing in the yard. By day, I separate soles from used shoes. My hands are raw from picking at stitching and pulling at the leather. I distract myself by inventing tales for the former shoe owners. These ones belonged to a teacher. These, a concert pianist. My knuckles are rapped back to reality. At night, we whisper the Shema and sing. Sometimes, we cry soundlessly and rock each other to sleep. Soon, the snow is deep and heavy in the yard. It's bitterly cold, so the snow does not melt through the rags tied onto my frozen feet. The merciless wind blows through my rough fringe of hair. I no longer dream of Hanukkah. I forget that I can dream. I am not hungry. My number is called. We are led to a brick building surrounded by an electric wire fence. Even now, I think this may be a new work assignment, that the ru-

mours we hear are not true. We are crowded into a small anteroom and ordered to remove our garments. We take off the last shreds of our filthy, tattered clothing. Our girlish modesty has been put aside long ago. Even our souls are naked. Another door opens, and we are pushed into a cold, barren room. The door is locked behind us. We stand in expectant silence. There is a faint hiss. Some of the women begin to whimper and moan. The woman next to me slumps and falls. I breathe deeply. I am carried away into the brightness of a Prussian blue sky. The larks are singing and daisies are swaying gently. I smell fresh bread and ripe peaches, roses and newly mown grass. I am light. I lie down in the grass and I sleep. The flame is kindled in me, Hashem, our God, King of the Universe. I am completely consumed for You. I become an olah, an offering, and I arise as a sweet-smelling savour. And God breathes...



A Poet Rests in the 131st Psalm

by Jan Ackerson
But...
But I am a leaf slightly quivering...
But I have been a ripple that tickles silver sands...
But I have stilled the thump of my heart with the syllables of Your holy name...
But I have stilled and quieted my soul...
Like...
Like a breath, a

whispered breeze...
Like a weaned kitten who purrs with throaty and contented rumbles...
Like a weaned child no more blind and panicked rooting, no more grasps from dimpled fingers...
Like a weaned child with its mother...
Like...
Like a whisper, a sweetly spoken caress...
Like a weaned child ready to stand, to stretch, to step, I grasp your hand, and trust...
Is...

Is my hushed, hushed, soothed and rested self...
Is my soul when You quiet me when You cover me, when You surround me...
Is my soul within my soul without, my soul yesterday and tomorrow, my soul there and here...
Is my soul within me when You lead me to the place where all is still—is still...
Like a weaned child is my soul within me...

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JH Lady Cats vs. Pretty Prairie



Mackley Glenn



Morgan Oldham

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Head Coach: Kristen Young

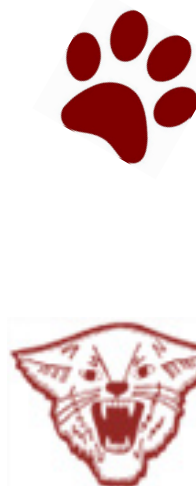
#	First & Last Name	Grade	Height
1	Carly McGuire	6	5' 4" JV/V
3	Vaughn Preisser	6	4' 11" JV/V
4	Mackley Glenn	6	4' 3" JV
5	Maelyn Jump	7	4' 9" JV/V
8	Lux Thimesch	6	4' 3" JV
10	Sage Thimesch	7	5' 3" V
11	Katie Ogg	7	5' 3" V
12	Morgan Oldham	8	5' 2" V
14	Alyssa Osner	6	5' 6" JV
15	Keyonna Huffman	7	5' 9" V
16	HarLee Barber	7	5' 0" JV
18	Piper Parkins	8	4' 9" V
20	Andi Young	8	5' 7" V
23	Jayden McCurry	7	5' 1" JV
24	Kourtnei Fischer	8	5' 7" V
25	Raven Koester	7	5' 3" JV



Keyonna Huffman



Maelyn Jump



JH Wildcats Shut Out Norwich

On Thursday, September 28, 2023 the Cunningham JH football team played host to the Norwich Eagles in HOPL action. Both teams came into the game undefeated in league play with Norwich's only loss coming to out-of-league opponent Little River. The Wildcats came out fired up and after forcing a turnover on the game's first possession, they marched down to the Norwich 20-yard line

when Cole Hageman would put Cunningham on the board first with a 20 yard TD run, Hageman would run in the PAT to give the Wildcats an 8-0 lead with just over two minutes gone in the first. The Wildcats would get the ball back after a defensive stand then would extend their lead to 16-0 after Hageman would score from 15 yards out, a Tyler Osner to John Paul Kerschen pass was good for the PAT. Early in the second quarter Hageman would strike again, this time from 45 yards out, PAT no good,

22-0 Cunningham. The next Wildcat score would come on an Osner to JP Kerschen pass from 10 yards out, Hageman would run in the PAT to give the Wildcats a 30-0 lead. After a turnover late in the second quarter the Wildcats would look to Hageman once again as he would score his fourth touch in the first half from 9 yards out, PAT failed, making the halftime score 36-0. The Wildcats would receive the second half kick and would methodically march down the field converting twice

on fourth down while chewing up most of the third quarter clock before Osner would once again find JP Kerschen in the end zone for an 18 TD pass to extend the lead to 42-0. Norwich would only have the ball for one play before yet another turnover and Brody Bock would end the game on the next play, due to the 45-point mercy rule, when he would ramble 27 yards for the score making the final 48-0. The win moved the Wildcats to 5-0 on the season.
by Coach Bart Ricke

Head Coach: Bart Ricke
Assistant Coach: Colin Little
Manager(s): Cooper Neufeld, Jace Oldham

#	First & Last Name	Grade	Weight	Position
4	Adam Sterneker	8	129	E/B
5	Weston Rogers	8	110	E/S
10	Carson Strohl	7	107	E/S
11	Andrew Kerschen	8	115	B/S
12	Wesly Preisser	7	110	B/LB
14	Tyler Osner	8	128	E/B
15	Sevi Romine	8	144	L/L
20	Cole Hageman	8	143	B/LB
21	Liam McGuire	7	134	B/LB
24	John Paul Kerschen	7	113	E/B/S
32	Gunner Glenn	8	145	L/L
33	Caden Johnson	7	172	L/L
34	Colton Rohlman	7	132	E/B/LB
40	Jeremiah Slayden	7	134	L/L
42	Wyatt King	8	160	L/L
44	Kane Reid	7	138	L/L
50	Cole Gridley	8	170	L/L
55	Brody Bock	8	173	L/L
66	Hank Adams	8	158	L/L



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Wildcats Claim Solid Victory Over the Tigers

We celebrated Senior Night in Cunningham with two Senior Wildcats and a solid victory over the Pawnee Heights Tigers. The Tigers were even on the year at 2-2 and trying for the upset. The Wildcats were uncharacteristically dealing with some injuries and were not full strength. Several of the younger Cats were given a chance for their first start of high school football.

After the opening Kickoff, the Cats gave up zero yards and forced a punt from deep in their own end. Luke McGuire promptly returned the punt back to the five yard line. Jack Ruckle walked into the endzone for a

5-yard untouched score. Cats up 6-0 for a fast start. On the next defensive series the Cats gave up some yards and the Tigers moved the ball to midfield. Luke picked off a pass and ran it back 35 yards into Tiger territory. Luke completed a pass to Stephen for an 18-yard gain, and then rushed for a 10-yard touchdown. Cats up 12-0. On the first play of the Tiger's next drive, Jack and Trent chased the opposing QB around the backfield and forced an errant pass. Luke picked and returned it 12 yards back to Tiger territory. Luke completed a pass to Stephen for 18 yards and followed that up with a 31-yard completion to Skyler for the score. Layne nailed the extra points kick. Cats up 20-0. The defense gave up some more

yards the next series but forced the Tigers to give up the ball on downs. It took one play for Will to find Skyler for a 36-yard touchdown pass. Layne was good again with the PAT kick. Cats pushed the lead to 28-0. The Tigers tried a pass on their first down play. It was a repeat of the previous interception. Jack and Trent harassed the QB and he threw a pass that was intercepted by Luke and ran back 38 yards. A third interception means a rare hat trick of picks. Cats up 36-0. The Defense stayed strong the next series, but the offense sputtered and fumbled. Stephen recovered a fumble when they were back on defense to get the Wildcat offense back on the field. It did not take long for the Cats to find the endzone again.

Logan Kinsler completed a pass to Layne Green for 21 yards to keep the drive alive. Layne capped the drive with a 7-yard TD run, and then kicked the extra points. 44 to 0. The Tiger offense was pushed backwards on their next series. Jack took advantage when they attempted a short pass; he intercepted and returned for a 5 yard pick 6. Layne kicked another extra points kick for a 50-0 lead. The teams traded the ball a few times with no scores and the Cats knelt the ball to end the game. The Wildcats are rounding into form in front of our eyes. They need to tackle a little better and get in a little better shape, but the Cats are on the right track!

-by Coach McGuire

Head Coach: Lance McGuire
Assistant Coach(s): Eric Kerschen
Manager(s): Brody Halderson

#	First & Last Name	Grade	Weight
1	Dagim Reed	11	147
3	Luke Albers	11	156
4	Luke McGuire	12	157
6	Blake Swope	10	149
10	Will Wegerer	11	135
12	Payton King	11	191
13	Dylan Halderson	10	185
15	Skyler Thimesch	10	157
20	Layne Green	9	167
22	Stephen Kerschen	9	174
23	Logan Kinsler	10	134
34	Jack Ruckle	12	200
36	Kollin Fischer	9	140
40	Kendall Rogers	10	139
44	Cole Ruckle	9	159
77	Trenton Schnittker	11	249
81	Andrew Schultz	10	201

Two Cross County Athletes Medal

It was a very hot cross country meet at Pratt. We had two athletes who medaled that day. Ada Adams received 16th place-27:04 in the varsity girls and Jack Harden placed 11th with a time of 20:19 in the varsity boys. Other runners were: Sean Kostner, 12th- 26:25 in JV boys. Will Halderson, 17th- 14:23 and Myles Thimesch 32nd-16:39 in the 8th grade race. Ethan Kostner was 33rd in the mile race. Keep working hard and great job Wildcat runners!



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Pratt County Commission Minutes for September 11 - 28

The Pratt County commissioners met in regular session Tuesday, September 11, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. in the commissioner room. The following members were present: Thomas W. Jones III, Rick Shriver, Dwight Adams, Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor, Lori Voss, clerk, and Mark Graber, IT director.

Heather Morgan, economic development/COVID consultant, still working on city of Iuka. Governor announced a grant of 40 million for child care facilities. It's a two round process from ARPA funds. Governor announced any business interested in increasing their exports there is a grant to cost for half of their cost to go overseas, including some other things. Jerry Moran reached out to federal government to stop the immediate halt on water use at Quivira Refuge. The governor sent a letter to the Wildlife & Parks to halt the loss of water rights for farmers/ranchers in the area. Not disrupt the economic impact on Kansas.

Sherry Wenrich, register of deeds, stated that Kris Quint is retiring at the end of the month. She is having a retirement party on September 28, 2023.

Jon Roach, noxious weed supervisor, presented the quote for a new spray system from Commissioner Shriver made a motion to approve the purchase of a new spray system from Fairbanks Equipment in the amount of \$24,513.94 to be paid out of special equipment. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the minutes from September 5, 2023. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to recess into executive session for fifteen minutes at 2:11 p.m. for an attorney client matter concerning multiple legal issues.

Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to return from executive session at 3:26 pm with no action taken. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Tara Pagenkopf, RSVP director, presented checks for signatures.

Brian Atteberry, EMS director and Mike Tibbetts, communications, stated they were having problems with the tower and getting good reception. Mike has talked to Shawn Fields about their tower. To keep the tower in good shape, repairs and inspection, they will be raising the rent to \$800 a month. Shawn stated they could add a repeater on the

tower for no more money. The fire repeater could be moved from another tower to this one. This would be covered by 911 funds. Mike will check into this more and report back. Brian stated there are now two onyx panels peeling off in the Public Safety Building shower. The company that made them has gone out of business. Commissioner Shriver stated he will contact the contractor and get them repaired.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to recess into executive session for fifteen minutes at 2:41 p.m. for an attorney/client matter concerning legal matters. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to return from executive session at 2:51 p.m. with no action taken. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the payment voucher for September 11, 2023. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to adjourn at 2:56 pm. Chairman Jones seconded the motion.

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The Pratt County commissioners met in a special called meeting for the combined revenue neutral rate and budget hearing, Monday, September 11, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner room. The following members were present: Rick N. Shriver, Thomas W. Jones III, Dwight Adams, Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor, Lori Voss, county clerk, Mark Graber, IT director, Scot Loyd, CPA, Tiffany Jeffrey, Loyd Group, LLC, Cynthia Keeling, Yogi Patel and Max Vahsholtz.

Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor, stated the purpose of today's combined revenue neutral rate and budget hearing is to allow the county commissioners to hear objections of taxpayers relating to the revenue neutral rate and the amount of ad valorem tax and the proposed use of all funds.

Tyson stated we will start with the revenue neutral rate. Pratt County's revenue neutral rate for tax year 2024 is 56.172 mills. Pratt County intends to exceed the revenue neutral rate and will consider adopting a resolution to do so upon conclusion of the public comment relating to the revenue neutral rate. As noted in the published notice of this hearing, Pratt County intends to exceed the revenue neutral rate with an estimated tax rate of 58.398 mills. The commissioners have worked diligently with department heads and their accountant, Scot Loyd, in preparing the budget in a manner that is sustainable and predicible for the future. Public comment relating to the revenue neutral rate shall be opened by the chairman.

Chairman Jones stated the floor is open for public comment. Yogi Patel asked why they are increasing the mill levy. He stated in ten years his

taxes have doubled.

Commissioner Shriver explained the process and how they arrived at the levy rate.

Tyson stated the appraiser has guidelines he has to follow when figuring valuations.

Scot stated the dollars from last year are locked. There are three moving pieces, dollars are locked, assessed values go up, the levy goes down, that's where they set the RNR rate, that causes tax increases to the ones that had a valuation increase.

Max Vasholtz had a question about the RNR notice received in the mail. His question was answered by Scot and Commissioner Shriver.

Cynthia Keeling, stated her taxes have gone up every year since moving here. She came from bigger counties and pay more for an older home than she did a newer home where she used to live.

The 2024 budget was discussed.

Tyson read resolution 9-11-2023 by the county commissioners to exceed the revenue neutral rate and its property tax levy for the tax year of 2024. Pratt County shall levy a property tax rate which exceeds the revenue neutral rate of 56.172 mills for tax year 2024.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to approve resolution 9-11-2023 to exceed the revenue neutral rate of 56.172. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Tyson read the roll call vote, the roll call vote passed yes-3, no-0.

Tyson stated the commissioners would need to approve the 2024 budget. Chairman Jones asked if there were any questions on the 2024 budget. There were no comments. Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the budget as presented. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. The budget was approved 3-0.

Scot read the budget numbers and presented the signature page for the 2024 budget.

Tyson stated the commissioners start working on the budget in May and all meetings are open, they are zoomed, recorded and available on Prattcounty.org.

Commissioner Shriver asked if the departments had money left over that funds could be transferred to special equipment. It was stated that has been done for many years.

Tom, Rick, Dwight, Tyson and Lori all stated appreciation for all of Scot's assistance. Commissioner Adams made a motion to adjourn at 9:30 am. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

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The Pratt County commissioners met in regular session Monday, September 18, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. in the commissioner room. The following members were present: Thomas W. Jones III, Rick Shriver, Dwight Adams, Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor, Lori Voss, clerk, and Mark Graber, IT director.

Heather Morgan, economic development, reported last week the governor sent a letter to the U.S. Wildlife Services Department and the Office of Interior concerning the ground water issues around the Quivira Refuge. The press release came out last week. She is asking to reduce the harm to farmers and producers in that area.

Kent Moore asked for a collaborative agreement between the two parties. She reported there are no new grant applications through PAEDC. She stated there are KDOT projects consult opportunities in person and virtual. She stated the city of Liberal is really pushing for the four lane in their area. She is still assisting the city of Iuka with ARPA reporting. Pratt County unemployment is staying steady.

James White, sheriff, presented a list of vehicles in the sheriff's department. He asked Commissioner Shriver if there was a problem with a training exercise held recently at the Public Safety Building. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to recess into executive session for ten minutes at 2:06 p.m. for non-elected personnel concerning training.

Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to return from executive session at 2:16 p.m. with no action taken. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Casey Garten, Pratt Childcare Foundation, chair and Stacy Hanson, executive director, gave a presentation on the childcare needs in Pratt County. PRMC has acquired the First Christian Church on their behalf. It will provide childcare for up to 139 children. They are needing to raise an estimated \$2,100,000. The Pratt Childcare Foundation will take over possession once the finances are established. They are also working on staffing/training while they are raising funds.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the minutes from the RNR/budget meeting and the regular meeting held on September 11, 2023. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Chairman Jones signed the approved Pratt extension office budget sheet and the approved soil conservation district budget.

Chairman Jones signed the FSA annual lease agreement certification statement for the land leased by Verlan Elliott.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to recess into executive session at 2:33 p.m. for twenty minutes for an attorney/client matter, concerning multiple legal issues. Chairman Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Adams made a motion to return from executive session at 2:52 p.m. with no action taken. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to approve the quick claim deed to separate the land by the Public Safety Building. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to proceed with the notice of sale of the land on N Hwy 61. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the payment vouchers for September 18, 2023. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to recess the meeting at 3:15 p.m. until Monday, September 25, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. for the joint city/county meeting at the Public Safety Building. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting recessed.

The Pratt County commissioners met in recessed session Monday, September 25, 2023 at 11:00 a.m., at the Public Safety Building for the joint city/county meeting. 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. Also, present were James White, Cameron Quick, and Jason Winkel.

The City of Pratt commissioners called their meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. with the following members present: Gary Schmidt, Doug Meyer, Zach Deeds, Jeanette Siemens, Kyle Farmer, Bruce Pinkall, Brianna Garten and Regina Goff. Also, present were Russ Rambat, Jeff Shanline, Nate Humble, Krista Garrett, Casey Garten, Stacy Hanson, Ruth Ann Barker and Mark Morgan.

Nate Humble, gave an update on the 911 committee. The next meeting will be October 8, 2023. They will discuss the tower and maintenance. Russ Rambat and Jeff Shanline, discussed discounting the price the city of Pratt pays to dispose of wastewater sludge at the landfill. Jason Winkel, landfill, discussed the fee and stated he was losing money at the current rate charged. He stated he cannot lower the fee in fact needs to raise the fee to break even.

Nate Humble, police chief, discussed the lack of space for the city police in the current LEC. It was stated they would like to use part of the community center on North Main. There would be more room and would work after remodeling. It will have to be revisited next year during budget time. He is not proposing moving dispatch. Krista Garrett, dispatch, stated they would like to have a restroom and small kitchen in the dispatch area.

Zach Deeds, asked about intentions on funding economic development. Pratt County budgets \$30,000, the city budgets \$30,000 for the economic development corporation. The city keeps \$15,000 to use at their discretion. A new project through economic

development is the childcare facility, proposed by Casey Garten and Stacy Hanson. It was discussed how much economic development would be willing to pledge to the childcare facility, Mark Morgan stated \$150,000-\$200,00 might be available. They would still need to raise approximately \$300,000 to apply for the grant. Pratt Childcare Foundation is a non-profit organization.

Commissioner Shriver stated he received an email about grants for water improvements. Russ Rambat stated they are aware and have been in the process of applying for grants for a new well north of the solar farm.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to adjourn at 12:00 pm. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

The city of Pratt commissioners adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

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September 25, 11:00 am city/county joint meeting Thomas Jones, Rick Shriver, Dwight Adams, Tyson Eisenhauer, Lori Voss, Mark Graber city, Gary Schmidt, ?? Meyer, Jeanette Siemens, Zach Deeds, Kyle Farmer Casey Garten, Stacey Hanson, Regina Goeff, Brianna Garten city clerk, Russ Rambat Bruce Pinkall, Thomas Jones, chairman called the recessed meeting to order at 11:00 a.m., Rick Shriver seconded meeting in session.

The city of Pratt called their recess meeting to order.

Nate Humble, gave an update on the 911 committee. The next meeting will be October 8, 2023. Discuss tower and maintenance. Wastewater sludge, Jeff Shanline and Russ Rambat, Jason Winkel, discussed the Wastewater sludge fee. Revisit the cost of disposal at the landfill. Jason stated he was losing money at the current rate charged. He stated he cannot drop the fee in fact needs to raise the fee to break even.

Dispatch and LEC space, Nate Humble, police chief, Larry Eisenhauer, community center on north main, opening space there, could move the city police there, more room, they are out of room at the LEC and nowhere to expand. Not moving dispatch. Krista Garrett, dispatch, no access to bathroom or cooking food.

Economic development, Zach Deeds, intentions on funding economic development Pratt County 30,000 city 15,000 for the Ec Dev Corporation, they keep 15,000 to use at their discretion. Any new projects through Ec Dev, childcare facility, Casey Garten and Stacey Hanson. It was discussed how much Ec Dev would be willing to pledge to the childcare facility, Mark Morgan stated 150,000-200,000 might be available. They would still need to raise approx 300,000. Pratt Childcare Foundation non-profit.

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Connecting Kansans to Farmers and Ranchers Through Shop Kansas Farms

By Rick McNary

“What in the world is going on?”

I asked myself that question frequently after I launched the Shop Kansas Farms (SKF) Facebook group in April of 2020 during the early days of the pandemic after my wife, Christine, told me the meat counter was empty at the grocery store.

I started SKF to connect my friends with farmers I knew who sold food directly to consumers. By the fifth day when we reached 50,000 members, I knew exactly what was going on in the world. I had created a digital hub for producers, processors and distributors, also known as regional food system.

It has been three and a half years since that launch, and we now have more than 163,000 members in our Facebook group plus a website with a map so you can find a farm near you.

In addition, we began the Market of Farms in Lyons in 2022. It attracted 42 vendors from across the state and drew

more than 1,400 shoppers from across the region. Most vendors sold out.

Furthermore, the folks of Lyons bought into an idea I had been working on for a decade about creating their own regional food system. They secured \$140,000 in gifts and a USDA grant to start the Harvest Hub of Rice County.

Although SKF seemed to be an overnight success, it was the result of 40 years of preparation.

The First Two Decades of Preparation: Building Community

When the pandemic hit, my son, Caleb, said, “Dad, you need to build a community. That’s what you love to do best.”

He was right; I spent the first two decades of my professional life learning the skills to build a local community.

“But how?” I asked. “We can’t get within six feet of each other; how can I build a community?”

“Commit, then figure it out,” he repeated a leadership lesson I live by.

I learned to build community when, as a young man, I became the pastor of the First Christian Church of Potwin, a beautiful brick building with stunning stained-glass windows. As a rural church, they were more interested in someone

drawing people together to do good than theological pontifications.

Since I had carpentry experience and numerous homes were in disrepair, I engaged volunteers in our church in various housing repairs. We even built an impoverished couple a brand-new home.

My son was right: I love to build a community and Shop Kansas Farms is a community.

The Second Two Decades: Feeding the Hungry

After two decades of ministry, I went on my first international mission trip to the village of Somotillo, Nicaragua.

Upon arriving, we walked the dirt streets between shacks of rusted tin and plastic while dodging ox-drawn wagons and their steamy dollops.

A 5-year-old girl came up out of a shack to beg. Her unkempt hair was red, and her tummy distended — both signs of malnutrition.

She patted my pocket for change. I had no cash on me, so I shook my head no. She pointed at my watch, so I gave it to her. She gave it to her dad who would sell it at the market to feed their family that day.

She reached out to be picked up and giggled as she rubbed her dirty hands over my face. Then she hugged me tightly



and whispered, “Feed me. I’m starving.”

I wept. Then I promised God I would spend the rest of my life feeding hungry people.

From that time forward, I have been part of hunger-relief efforts in the jungles of Colombia, the Andes mountains and refugee camps near Somalia. I learned that people grow fearful quickly when there is no food. I also learned that when food comes, hope comes.

Once, while delivering food aid to a village in Colombia, the mayor pointed to a farmer and said, “Without them, we die.” His comment set me on a journey to understand farmers and ranchers. One way I learned was by writing about them for Kansas Farm Bureau’s membership magazine, Kansas Living. In so doing, I fell in love with them.

Once the pandemic hit in 2020, fear swept over consumers as they found

empty store shelves. Enter Shop Kansas Farms. Suddenly, fearful shoppers found food near them on a local farm.

Kansas farmers brought hope and calmed public fears. To my great joy, the public fell in love with them, too.

You can find a farm near you at www.shop-kansasfarms.com.

Rick McNary is a leader in bringing people together to build community and reduce hunger in sustainable ways.



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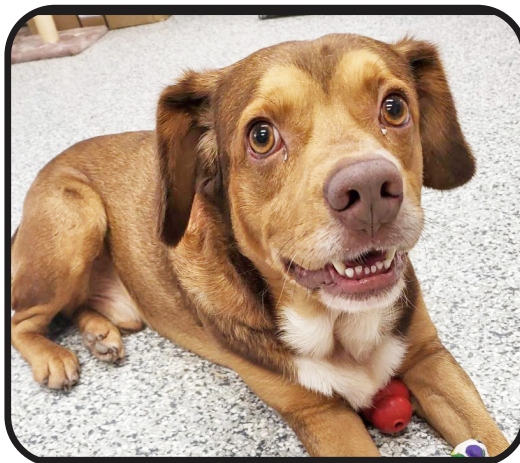
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Kingman County Humane Society Pets Ready for Adoption

Marley

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42 pounds 2 years +
\$180.00

Marley has been at the shelter since June 21, 2023. This is a very fun, outgoing little guy. Loves to chase and shake his toys. He's very friendly and seems to have had some houstraining although he may need some remedial work. Gets along well with other dogs and hasn't shown much interest in cats.

Luka

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Male Domestic Shorthair
Weight: 8 pounds
1 Year +
\$40.00

Luka has been at the shelter since June 13, 2023.



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Kingman County Sheriff's Report

Sunday, September 24

Traffic Stop 8
 Civil Paper Service 7
 Shots Fired 1700 Blk E Kansas Ave, Kingman
 Follow Up 120 N Spruce, Kingman
 Traffic Complaint 100 Blk W Hwy 42, Rago
 Traffic Complaint SE 20 St & SE 110 Ave, Kingman
 Driving Complaint 18000 Blk E Hwy 54, Cunningham

Monday, September 25

Traffic Stop 1
 Suspicious Vehicle 16000 Blk W Hwy 42, Nashville
 Disabled Vehicle 3000 Blk E Hwy 54, Kingman
 Unlock Vehicle 500 Blk N Main St, Spivey
 Debris in Roadway E Hwy 54 & N Hwy 14, Kingman
 Traffic Complaint 1100 Blk E Hwy 54, Kingman
 Harassment 200 Blk E A Ave, Zenda
 Non-Injury Accident SE 120 St & SE 70 Ave, Rago
 Disabled Vehicle 4500 Blk SW 70 St, Kingman

Tuesday, September 26

Traffic Stop 7
 Civil Paper Service 5
 Traffic Complaint 12000 Blk W Hwy 44, Cunningham
 Traffic Complaint SE 50 Ave & E Hwy 42, Kingman
 Burn Violation 200 Blk S Main St, Spivey
 Follow Up 200 Blk E A Ave, Zenda

Wednesday, September 27

Traffic Stop 1
 911 Accidental Dial 1900 Blk E Hwy 54, Kingman

Traffic Complaint 11000 E Hwy 54, Cheney
 Abandoned Vehicle 14000 E Hwy 54, Cheney
 Non-Injury Accident 300 Blk E D Ave, Kingman
 Traffic Complaint 8000 Blk E Hwy 54, Murdock

Thursday, September 28

Civil Paper Service 3
 Traffic Complaint SE 70 St & SE 150 Ave, Norwich
 Animal Complaint SE 20 St & SE 140 Ave, Cheney
 Miscellaneous 5000 Blk NE 150 Ave, Cheney
 Non-Injury Accident S Hwy 14 & SE 50 St, Kingman
 Non-Injury Accident 200 Blk W Broadway Ave, Nashville
 Non-Injury Accident 14000 Blk W Hwy 54, Cunningham

Friday, September 29

Traffic Stop 2
 Fraud 400 Blk N Main St, Spivey
 Gas Leak 800 Blk SW 70 St, Kingman
 Non-Injury Accident SW 100 St & SW 180 Ave, Nashville
 Driving Complaint E Hwy 42 & SE 100 Ave, Rago
 Transport Civilian 400 Blk E Leiter Ave, Cunningham
 Vehicle Fire 14000 Blk SW 80 St, Nashville
 Non-Injury Accident NE 40 St & NE 150 Ave, Cheney
 911 Accidental Dial 4600 Blk NE 160 Ave, Cheney

Saturday, September 30

Traffic Stop 1
 Suspicious Vehicle 500 Blk SW 90 Ave, Cunningham
 Check Welfare 15000 NE 50 St, Cheney
 Traffic Complaint N Main St & E Sherman Ave, Kingman

Governor Announces September Total Tax Collections \$42M More than Estimate

TOPEKA—Governor Laura Kelly today announced that total tax collections for September 2023 were \$991.6 mil-

lion. That is \$42.0 million, or 4.4%, more than the estimate. Total tax collections are up \$30.6 million, or 3.2%, from September 2022.

“Because of my administration’s work to put our state on solid financial footing, we have been able to grow our economy and make historic investments in schools, roads, and law

enforcement,” Governor Laura Kelly said. “Now, it’s time to give money back to Kansans through responsible tax cuts. Last session, I proposed a plan to cut property, grocery, and retirement taxes in a way that helps every family without robbing the state of its ability to continue growing the economy and making those key investments. Let’s get it done this upcoming session.”

Individual income tax

collections were \$390.9 million. That is \$24.1 million, or 5.8%, below the estimate and down 11.4% from September 2022. Corporate income tax collections were \$261.5 million. That is \$61.5 million, or 30.8%, more than the estimate and up 53.7% from September 2022.

“Wage withholding remains one of the most reliable revenue streams with 12.2% growth over September 2022. In ad-

dition, the SALT Parity Act continues to cause a shift between individual and corporate income tax receipts, with the former being \$24.1 million below the estimate and the latter being \$61.5 million over the estimate,” said Secretary of Revenue Mark Burghart. “Notwithstanding this reporting anomaly, overall tax receipts closely track the Consensus Revenue Estimate for the month of September.”

Combined retail sales and compensating use tax receipts were \$305.1 million, which is \$5.1 million, or 1.7%, more than the estimate and down \$4.5 million, or 1.4%, from September 2022.

To view the September 2023 revenue: https://governor.kansas.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/03_September_Revenue_FY2024_10-02-2023_Final.pdf

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Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Kim Baldwin, McPherson County farmer and rancher

Fall harvest is in full swing on our central Kansas farm.

Our dryland and irrigated field corn has all been picked and all that’s left in those fields are corn stalks and a lot of dry organic material that was kicked out the back end of a combine.

The only corn remaining in the middle

of one of these recently harvested fields is our popcorn crop.

We baby our popcorn like no other crop on our farm. It is strategically planted in areas near windbreaks that will hopefully help protect the plant from the brutal winds we sometimes experience. It’s always planted on irrigated acres to ensure it gets the water it needs during the growing season. It also receives the most verbal affirmations and words of encouragement from me during the growing season compared to any of our other crops. And it’s the crop that generally tests my patience and my

nerves the most as harvest time is determined by a very narrow range of moisture present within the grain.

If field corn is cut a little too wet, the elevator will pay a little less for it and you move on. If the popcorn is a little too wet, the popcorn won’t pop, thus defeating the purpose of growing popcorn. Making sure we harvest the popcorn within that tiny window of acceptable moisture levels literally determines whether or not we have popcorn available for our customers for the next year.

As we get closer to popcorn harvest, I tend to worry about a potential

rain that could flood the field. During my time on the farm, we have had instances where heavy rains have flooded shut the roads and flooded fields of sorghum and field corn in water so deep we’ve been able to kayak in it.

The potential for a heavy downpour in the fall always enters my mind as we get closer and closer to the popcorn harvest.

The potential threat of a flood had me overlooking a more obvious threat – especially with it being so dry out here: fire. I was completely caught off guard when we recently received a phone (con’t on page 12)

Statepoint Crossword Theme: Chemistry 101

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17. Flow alternative
18. a.k.a. vampire
19. *Any substance in chemistry
21. *Periodic table entry
23. Douse or soak
24. Pavarotti’s song
25. Between Big and Wolf
28. Mattress description
30. *Positively charged particle
35. Elevator manufacturing giant
37. Horsefly
39. Rabbit trap
40. Sure or uh-huh
41. Saintry rings
43. North Sea feeder
44. Flax flower genus
46. Shrivels, as in plant
47. Like undesirable row
48. Related on mother’s side
50. Barbara of “I Dream of Jeannie”
52. Porky’s home
53. Practice in the ring
55. Burmese neighbor
57. *Core of an atom
61. *C
64. Theater guide
65. Org. that gets parents involved in school

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2. River islet
3. Hip bones
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5. Bingo and keno
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7. *Chemistry classroom
8. Fly in ____, or a reminder of the past
9. Hat-tipper’s word
10. Highest point
11. Splints site
12. Assigned spot
15. Rids of obstruction
20. Period in history
22. Mouth piece
24. Designer’s studio
25. *-Mariotte Law
26. Dined at home
27. Late Princess of Wales
29. Defect
31. Two halves of two
32. Discussion intended to produce agreement
33. Galactic path
34. Demanding attention
36. Like a barred door
38. *Aurum, in English
42. Type of grave marker

45. It loves company?

49. PC “brain”
51. Limited in scope
54. Gelatin
56. Like one with high BMI
57. Artist’s model, sometimes
58. Application utilizer
59. Keep it up?
60. TV classic “___ Make a Deal”
61. Jealous biblical brother
62. Fairy-tale opening
63. Less than average tide
66. *Sn, or stannum, on periodic table
68. Like dry humor

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Minutes from Pratt County Commission

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Commissioner Shriver stated he received an email about grants for water improvements. Russ Rambat stated they are aware and have been in the process of applying for grants for a new well north of the solar farm.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to adjourn at 12:00 p.m. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. The City of Pratt commission-

ers adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

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The Pratt County commissioners met in regular session Tuesday, September 25, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. in the commissioner room. The following members were present: Thomas W. Jones III, Rick Shriver, Dwight Adams, Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor, Lori Voss, clerk, and Mark Graber, IT director.

Heather Morgan, economic development, reported the city of Iuka will have to adopt a new letter to get the ARPA reporting done. She was

approached by the city of Liberal pertaining to extending the four lane. They are asking if Pratt County wants to be part of this group to lobby for the continuation. The commissioners were in agreement to join. She stated the KDOT local consults are coming up and is encouraging the commissioners to attend in person or virtually. She was approached by a business that wants to locate in Pratt County, she is working with them. They could employ six to eight initially with possible expansion.

BJ Hayes, zoning, reported the public hear-

ing was held two weeks ago on the solar energy regulations. He presented the resolution for signatures. He gave a short report of the content of the hearing. Commissioner Adams made a motion to adopt resolution 9-25-23 amending the zoning regulations concerning commercial solar energy projects. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Darcie VanderVyver, health director, reported she had purchased a 2018 chevy truck. She gave an update on the fall vaccines. She stated the health coalition meeting is October 20th.

DJ McMurry, appraiser, reported he would like to hire Ryan Frazier on a contract basis to work for a month in the fall and a few months in the spring. The commissioners are in agreement. He will contact Tyson and get a contract written up.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to recess into executive session at 2:18 p.m. for ten minutes for an attorney/client matter concerning lawsuits. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Chairman Jones made

a motion to return from executive session at 2:28 p.m. with no action taken. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to approve the payment vouchers for September 25, 2023. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to adjourn at 2:33 p.m. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Insight

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call late one night from a neighbor who had noticed flames in a corn field. He wanted to know if it was a planned burn. It, in fact, was not a planned burn!

Phone calls were made to 911 as my husband drove off to get a tractor and disc while I drove off to meet my father-in-law in the field.

As I approached the popcorn field, the growing glow ahead of me confirmed we were not going to be able to snuff out this fire with a couple of shovels.

Soon sirens could be heard in the distance coming down our rural roads all enroute to our location. Those emergency trucks and water tankers and even personal vehicles responding to the fire were all driven by volunteers. It's amazing how quickly they all responded and helped put out the fire - especially considering many of them are coming from

their own farms located throughout the countryside in every direction.

This team of volunteers quickly drove through the field and extinguished the flames spreading through the corn stalks. When it was all said and done, the popcorn was spared with the fire line just a few hundred feet away from the start of the popcorn rows.

I'm thankful for the willingness of these men and women who serve their neighbors and assist in times of emergencies whether it be day or night. This wasn't the first time we've needed help from emergency responders, and it probably won't be the last time either. But this event reaffirmed my appreciation for the helpers in our community who are willing to assist their fellow rural neighbors. Afterall, if we didn't have these organized and trained volunteers available and willing to help, who would?

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Public Notice

(Published in The Cunningham Courier, the official city newspaper on September 28, 2023 (2t))

CHARTER ORDINANCE NO. 1-2023

A CHARTER ORDINANCE EXEMPTING THE CITY OF NASHVILLE, KANSAS FROM THE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR CITY CLERK SET FORTH IN K.S.A. 15-209.

SECTION 1

The city of Nashville, Kansas, by and through the power vested in it by Article 12, Section 5 of the Constitution of the State of Kansas, hereby elects to and does exempt itself from the provisions of K.S.A. 15-209 insofar as said statute requires that the City Clerk be a resident of the City of Nashville.

SECTION 2: OFFICERS; RESIDENCY.

All appointed officers of the City of Nashville, Kansas shall be qualified electors of said city, except for the city attorney, municipal judge, law enforcement officers and city clerk, provided that such persons shall be residents of the State of Kansas. The city attorney and the city clerk shall be residents of Kingman County or of an adjoining county.

SECTION 3

This charter ordinance shall be published once per week for two (2) consecutive weeks in the official city newspaper. This Charter Ordinance shall take effect sixty (60) days after its final publication. If, within said sixty (60) days a petition pursuant to Article 12, Section 5(c)(3) of the Kansas Constitution is filed with the City of Nashville, this Charter Ordinance shall not take effect until it has been submitted to a referendum and approved by a majority of the electors voting thereon. If no petition is submitted, this ordinance becomes effective on the 61st day after the second publication.

PASSED by the Governing Body this 11th day of September 2023.

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First published in The Cunningham Courier on Thursday, September 21, 2023 (3t)

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Plaintiff,
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Joshua Landreth; Unknown Spouse, if any, of Joshua Landreth
Defendants.

CaseNo. KM-2023-CV-000022

Court Number:
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Donna Brown

Donna Rogene (Carter) Brown, 89, passed away at home surrounded by family on Sept. 27, 2023.

She was born Jan. 25, 1934, in Valley Center to Mable (Fanning) and Elzava Carter. A resident of Kingman since 1972, Donna was the Kingman

County Clerk for twenty years and another four years as the first female commissioner in Kingman County.

She lived her life to serve others and was respected by many. She and her husband Don were well known for the Christmas Display built by Don and placed on their property. Hundreds of vehicles drove through the circle drive every year to enjoy it.

Donna also enjoyed playing the slot machines with her children. She was known for her luck in winning small jackpots from time to time and would call the kids not with her to let them know.

On Dec. 17, 1971, she married Donald E. Brown; he died Nov. 25, 2008. Survivors include children Terry (Lynn) Nelson, Linda (Brad) Oller, Darla (Rhonda) Rowley; and Keith Brown; grandchildren Angela, Alesha, Kara, TJ, Robyn, Josh and Jerome; 16 great-grandchildren; sisters Bonnie House, Karen Williams; and brother Robert Carter. She was also preceded in death by brothers Bill, Jim and Larry; sisters Beulah Rader, Betty Jo Kennedy, Flo Ann Davis and Mary Pruitt; and great-granddaughter Haley Sue Arensdorf.

Funeral services were, Wednesday at the Livingston Funeral Home, Kingman. Burial was in the Hoosier Cemetery.

Memorials have been suggested to Interim Hospice and the Kingman Health Care Center, both in care of the funeral home.



St. Leo 'Grads' Gather



The 1970 St. Leo 8th Grade Class met on September 30th at the grade school to reminisce and swap war stories. Those attending were :

Front row: Randy Reif, Jerry Simon, Jim Schaller and Ted Holcomb .

Back row: Lois (Vierthaler) Shumway, Deb (Theis) Simon, Mary Jane (Lubbers) Duncan and Kathy (Fischer) Huhman.

Not pictured is Mary Helen (Eck) Harms.

Thanks to Jim and Cindy Schaller for the tour (mainly Cindy).

Della Schooling

Della Louise Schooling, 97, passed away on Saturday, September 30, 2023. She was born on September 23, 1926 in Lock Springs, Missouri to Franklin and Nora (Dishman) Taylor. Della married Hillis Ray in 1945 and later married Bill Schooling in 1971.

Della attended school in Cairo, KS. She was a life long member of Cairo Methodist Church. She worked for Wal-Mart in department management and was a member of the VFW Auxiliary. She enjoyed spending time with her family, quilting and playing Phase 10.

She is survived by daughters, Rosa Lee Mills of Pratt, KS, Jean Thomas of Pratt, KS and Teresa (James) Ludwig of Pueblo, CO; son, Kenton (Charlene) Ray of Lake City, KS; step-sons, John Schooling of Winfield, KS and Joe Schooling of Fayetteville, AR; grandchildren, Kevin (Radeen) Wingate and family, Michael (Olga) Thomas and family, Mark Pritchard and family, Mellissa (Cy) Ricker and family, Trisha (Karl) Rogers and family, Krystal (Brian) Atteberry and sons, Diana (Matt) Weller and son, Nicole (Kelby) Adams and family, Eric (Melissa) Ludwig and family, Leslie (Rocky) Hladky and family, Shanell Todaro and family, Ben Williams and family, and Clinton Williams and family; sister-in-law, Merleen Taylor of Medicine Lodge, KS.

Della is preceded in death by husbands, Hillis Model Ray and Ray (Bill) Schooling; father, Franklin Lon Taylor; mother, Nora Ruby Dishman; sisters, Eva May Mills, Virginia Block, Florence Conner and Joyce Shellhammer; brothers, Jim Taylor and Carl Taylor; grandchildren Kevin Wingate and Shanell Todaro.

Funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, October 7, 2023 at Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Rd., Pratt, with Louis Keeling presiding. Burial will be held at 4:00 p.m., Saturday, October 7, 2023 at Attica Cemetery in Attica, Kansas.

Memorials may be made to the National Kidney Foundation or Iuka Methodist Church in care of Larrison Mortuary. Online condolences may be made at www.larrisonmortuary.com.

A Birthday Tea for Piper



Saylor Millan, Stephanie Carlock, Morgan Millan, Karen holding Ren Carlock, Allie Millan, Evie Schultz, Piper Carlock, and Lucy Schultz



Piper and her mama, Katie.

Hot cocoa with marshmallows and whipped cream, shortbread, fancy dresses, bedazzled faces, lots of giggles, a poem recitation, hugs and kisses, a hostess with a British accent (Katie)—that's what little girls' dreams are made of, and big girls' too!

Sunday afternoon, September 24, all of my eight (and counting) granddaughters, my daughters, Megan, Katie, and Hannah; future daughter-in-law, Lauren; and sister-in-law, Leisa, celebrated Piper's 5th birthday. She and her family will be traveling back to Southern Asia on her actual birthday, October 1st. What a blessing to have so many smiling faces around our dining room table!

We recited the poem (with hand motions) that my mother-in-law, Priscilla, taught my girls long ago.

"Roses on my shoulders,
Slippers on my feet,
Mama's little darlin',
Don't you think I'm sweet?"

I think we started a tradition of throwing a tea party for every 5th birthday for our granddaughters.

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