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photo by Kathy Hartley

Fire Erupts South of Penalosa

photos by Chief Kaster

A fire south of Penalosa, 2 miles north of Highway 54, started Monday afternoon. Kingman County fire department responded first, joined by Cunningham, Nashville, and Reno County departments. The 25+ mph gusty winds, CRP grass, tree rows, and fence posts contributed to the difficulty of extinquishing it. On Tuesday afternoon, the firefighters were still out checking to make sure it wasn't going to be fanned to flames again.

New School Construction Begins

Construction on the new school building has begun. The photos show the demolition of the "Wilson" shed that stood in the parking lot east of the gymnasium. This parking lot is the site of the new high school classrooms.

photos by Molly Morgan

Ninnescah Valley Bank Issues Statement Regarding Bank Failures

The news over the past several days regarding the recent failure of two banks could certainly be unnerving. We want to address your worries, answer your questions, and provide peace of mind about the NVB banking difference.

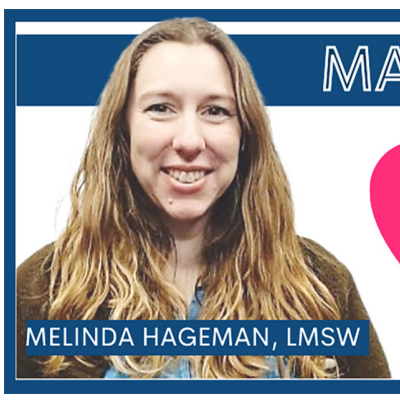
- As a community bank, the Ninnescah Valley Bank (NVB) remains well capitalized and well-positioned to continue to serve our customers and community. We were established over 97 years ago and will serve this community for generations to come.
- As a community bank, we take pride in our relationship-based business model focused on building long-term trust with our customers. After all, we live in your community too, and your success is our success.
- Unlike the depositors of these recently failed banks, our deposit customers are diverse and are not dominated by depositors from one, high risk industry.
- All deposits at NVB are protected by the United States Government up to at least $250,000. For those customers with more than $250,000 in deposits, there are additional safeguards in place to ensure the entire deposit is safe with us. It is important to note that in the 88-year history of the FDIC, no depositor has ever lost a penny of an insured deposit.
- It's very possible through simple steps to structure your deposits in such a manner as to expand the FDIC coverage well beyond the automatic insurance guarantee of up to $250,000. If you have questions about your coverage, or would like to learn more about FDIC insurance and how it works, we encourage you to give us a phone call at (620) 298-2511, or access the following resources:

o Understanding Deposit Insurance
o Deposit Insurance FAQs
o FDIC Calculators

As a NVB customer, you have access to our team, and we're ready to assist you with any of your questions or concerns. You can rest assured in knowing that your best interests are NVB's best interests, and we are responsible stewards of your deposits.

Sincerely,
Eric Meyers
President

MARCH IS NATIONAL SOCIAL WORKER MONTH



MELINDA HAGEMAN, LMSW

We would like to express our gratitude to Melinda, our incredible social worker, for her dedication and kindness in assisting our patients and their families in locating resources to meet their needs.

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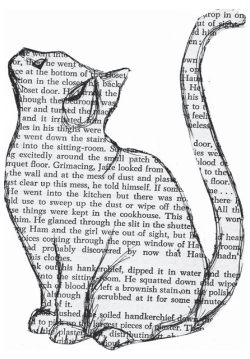

Meanderings

It was determined that this little end table I keep by my desk for kitties to lay on so they don't have to lay on my desk in front of my computer or in the drawer or on the scanner or in my chair or …. Is not big enough for three 15-to-18 pound kitties and one 45 pound dog. Nope. One fat kitty too many.

Lucky Day, Quin, and Peter were nestled all snugged together and here comes Annoying Ned. He just draped himself over his dog. Quin didn't seem to mind as he was resting against Lucky Day. Peter was just hunkered down in the corner of the table trying to ignore the other three beasts.

Later we learned that if there are only two fat cats and one skinny-as-a-rail cat and one dog on the table, they fit tight, but not heaped on top of each other. Unless your Annoying Ned, then you just plop down on top of all the other beasts sleeping there, even though there's plenty of room on the end of the table. I think he chose to plop down on the top because Quin's back isn't as much fun to sleep against as Quin's front. Who knows? Ned is just annoying. Really annoying.

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I've had to take a couple of kitties to the vet in the last couple of weeks. Weirdness abounds. Skippy Jones was the first to tell me she was having pain. She had developed an abscess on the side of her jaw. It was swollen enough her tooth was digging into the gum. I noticed the old one was not just sassy, but downright cranky. If she'd have quit eating, I'd have discovered the situation sooner, but she still managed to eat, because she does like food.

Eleanor went to Swaney Vet this week. She developed an abscess on her chin. Very weird that a second cat had almost the same issue. I think Eleanor tried to tell me about her discomfort, but I just thought she was grouching at one of the other cats. Eleanor is a loud and vocal kitty. So, even though she was telling me she was hurting, I couldn't tell because she's always griping about something. (Cat who cried wolf, I suppose).

PLUS I was keeping an eye on Skippy Jones and ZsaZsa, who has a hyper-thyroid, and is more or less in the hospice-care phase of her life. Just finding something she will eat every day is a challenge.

With two kitty-to-the-vet visits in the course of a week or so, I have learned that if I want to take a kitty out of the house, I have to distract Quin someway.

That dog either doesn't want me to remove his kitties, or he wants to go along. I'm not sure which, and maybe he doesn't know either. But he tries to block me from getting to the garage door if I have a kitty in a cat carrier trying to get out the door.

Silly dog.

Both kitties are doing well. Skippy Jones more so than Eleanor. But Eleanor, she IS a complainer.

I'm keeping my eye on both of them, though, and ZsaZsa.

I love my pets, but they have been challenging.

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Be sure to check out the Hamm Auction Ad. There are some farm equipment sales coming up this spring. If you'r e in the market for some farm equipment, the sales are far and wide with many, many pieces of equipment.

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In just under 2 weeks we will be looking at April 1st, 2023. It is hard to believe we are so far into this year. Gracious, does time move along!

I noticed April 1st is on a Saturday, and I can hear collective sighs of relief from elementary teachers across the nation. It is an annoying day when you have to deal with young ones who find the whole idea of All Fools' Day hilarious, and try to "fool" the teacher with "There's a spider in your hair." and other nonsense.

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With the arrival of April is the arrival of the Easter season. April 9th is Easter Sunday.

I so remember Easters as a child. We usually had new Easter dresses and shoes. We even had Easter hats when we were really small. (I still have my first one.) It was truly a day to dress in one's finest. The church looked so pretty inside with all the colorful dresses amd blouses (no pants, of course)! Maybe it was just because the drab of winter was surely over! Leaves and flowers are budding.... so much to look forward to during the spring time!

Always reading,
and currently reading,
"The Survivors"
by Jane Harper,
Roberta

"*You can cut all the flowers but you cannot keep Spring from coming.*"
— *Pablo Neruda*

Tallgrass and Tumbleweeds by Gaille Pike

Dear Readers,

I never tire of looking up when an iconic cloudless and azure Kansas sky seals the firmament Tupperware lid tight to terra firma. I equally enjoy the less renowned grey hues of cloud quilts, though I confess that on overcast days my eyes are less likely to gaze up toward the heavens. That's because the earth I behold is bathed in an enchanting glow. Mother Nature's puffy filter of the sun's glare makes its rays easy on the eyes and in that soft light, it seems like I can see MORE.

Perhaps that's why I find road trips more enjoyable on darker days. I DO like the sun even when it's brassy. But I prefer a traveling companion who's a little more laid back. So when clouds and intermittent rain were my mate one afternoon for 240 miles, I had no complaint. Since I moved back to Kansas three and a half years ago I've made this trek at least 25 times. I can't drive it with my eyes closed but I know these miles "like the back of my hand." Before this week's drive I would have taken umbrage at the slightest suggestion there was any anything along these Kansas highways that I had not seen. But on this trip everywhere I looked I saw something NEW.

Completely unrelated to lighting conditions, "newness" is apparent this time of year and of course, "change" is a constant regardless of the weather. Even with those factors added to the equation that my driver eyes must stay focused on the road, my never seeing some things before doesn't quite add up. And I was taken aback how many things have escaped my peripheral view. Like the blown-out Sonic sign. That's been that way I'm told "for over a year." That old stone barn has been there all along? Go figure that! And those bullet holes in that Stop Sign, too!

I was not convinced that weather conditions were due all the credit for my enhanced eyesight. I MUST have made this trip before on at least one or two overcast days, though I was unable to match my previous sojourns with memories of particular skies or lighting conditions. And then hit it me just how little I know about how my eyes WORK. When I went to learn about that, I was shocked to learn how HARD my eyes work. Experts disagree on exactly how many images our eyes see each day but there is a consensus that most humans see 30 to 60 images every waking SECOND, which means we see between 1.7 to 3.4 MILLION SIGHTS in a 16 hour day. No wonder our eyelids are heavy at night. Our eyeballs are plum worn out!

It is humbling to know I notice only a fraction of what my eyes see, whether I'm looking up or just gazing around.

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

A Column by Dorothy Rosby

A Chance of Madness in March

I'm always a day late and a dollar short. And in this case I'm many years late and a billion dollars short. You may have heard that back in 2014 Warren Buffet offered a billion-dollar March Madness prize to anyone who could successfully pick all sixty-four team brackets in the NCAA men's basketball tournament. You can't win if you don't play, and I didn't play…or win. Of course, sometimes you can't win even if you do play, as everyone who played found out.

Estimates vary but some mathematicians say your chance of picking all the tournament brackets correctly is one in 9.2 quintillion. That's a nine with eighteen zeroes. Put another way, Warren Buffet had nothing to worry about.

March Madness "grips the national sports psyche from the second week of March through the first week of April," or so I read on a sports website. No offense, sports fans, but many things grip my psyche during March but basketball isn't one of them. I sure wouldn't spend a lot of time guessing tournament brackets when I have a better chance of winning the lottery and being struck by lightning, which would really take the fun out of winning the lottery.

My chances of choosing all the brackets would probably be even worse since I don't even follow the sport. The last basketball game I watched was between the Harding County Ranchers girls' basketball team and a team I can't recall even though I had a bird's eye view of the action—from the bench.

I'm not even sure what tournament fans mean by "bracket." In my world a bracket is a seldom-used punctuation mark or the doohickey that holds a shelf on the wall, either of which can drive me mad in the right circumstances.

Here's what I know after consulting the well of sports knowledge, the internet: March Madness refers to the National Collegiate Athletic Association Men's and Women's Basketball Tournaments which decide the national champions of college basketball. I can see how that would get you all worked up if your psyche is gripped by that sort of thing.

But if I'm going to go mad in March, and there's a better than one in 9.2 quintillion chance that I will, I can't blame basketball.

I go a little mad every time I want to return something and can't figure out how to fit it back in the box it came in. Or when my cling wrap clings to itself instead of the bowl. Or when I think I smell fresh-baked cookies and find out it's one of those cheater cookie-scented candles.

But those things drive me mad year-round. March may have more than its share of crazy makers. How about getting pinched because you didn't wear green on St. Patrick's Day, or having to set the clock ahead or calling something corned beef when there's no corn involved? And what about Pi Day on March 14? Pie grips my psyche, even when it's spelled wrong.

The Ides of March, March 15, corresponds to the date on the Roman calendar when Julius Caesar was assassinated in 44 BC. I think that was followed by a bit of madness, but I haven't read Shakespeare's Julius Caesar since I was forced to in college and my memory of 44 BC is a little rusty, as anything from 44 BC would be by now.

There's national If Pets Had Thumbs Day on March 3 and Extraterrestrial Abductions Day on March 20. If anything could grip a psyche, I think it would be space aliens or poodles with thumbs.

Fortunately, if we non-sports fans make it to March 30, we can celebrate I Am in Control Day which will be refreshing after a month of madness. We may have a slight relapse on April Fools' Day but then we'll return to normal, whatever that is for us. Meanwhile the psyches of basketball fans will still be gripped for a few more days.

Excerpt from 'Tis the Season to Feel Inadequate, Holidays, Special Occasions and Other Times Our Celebrations Get Out of Hand.

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Community Bulletin Board

Monday, March 27th
JH Scholars Bowl
at HOME

Thursday, March 30th
JH Track Meet
at Skyline

Friday,
March 31st
Enrollment Orientation

Monday, April 3rd
NHS Blood Drive
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JH Scholars BowlII
at South Barber
***
5:30 p.m. Enrollment
Orientation

Tuesday, April 4
Individual/Class/
Sports photos
***
HOPL Forensics
at Norwich
***
Lion's Club

Wednesday, April 5th
JH Music Contest
at Skyline
***
5:30 p.m.
Site Council Meets

Thursday, April 6th
JH Track at Pretty Prairie
***
HS Track at Pretty Prairie

Friday, April 7th
Good Friday --
NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, April 11th
HS Track at
South Barber

Wednesday, April 12
Community Service Day
(limb pickup)
***
8th Grade Field Trip
***
4:30
BOE meeting

TREE LIMB PICK UP DAY

WEDNESDAY,
APRIL 12th

Limbs must be
on the curb/near the street
before 8:00 a.m.

Notification is not necessary for pick up,
but it is greatly appreciated.

Please call 620 298 3077 to get on the pick up list.

Sweetest Estate Sale by Candy

316-217-0133

Living Estate Sale of
Marilyn Cokely
103 N. Adams Street
Cheney, KS

Thursday, March 22 - 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Friday, March 23 - 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 24th - 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

MANY men's caps, couch/loveseat and other furniture sets, antiques, tools, trunk, teacup collection and much more.

The Community Calendar is sponsored by

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"There is hardship in every-thing except eating pancakes."
— Charles H. Spurgeon

To reserve the Cunningham Community Center, contact Taylor Strickland, (620) 770-9516 or 620-298-2511

Kingman County Health Coalition Events

March 28th: Cooking on a Budge. This nutrition class will be led by Karin Allen and the ever upbeat and always fun teacher, Susan Boen.

To enroll in these classes, to be held at Kingman Church of Christ, contact Melissa Thimesch at KSU Extension Office 620-532-5131.

Financial Wellness classes held from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. at the Kingman EMS building. No registration is required.

March 23rdBanking and Budgeting Basics with Leesa Beam from Citizens Bank of Kansas

March 30th Social Security planning strategies with Tyler Meyer from QED Wealth Solutions

April 13th Estate Planning with Matt Ricke, attorney

Family Photo Scavenger Hunt will happen through the month of April. Capture photos of your family's fun adventures. Complete 10 of those pictures to be entered in a drawing for a prize! Stay turned for flyers from your local school.

Community Health Fair will happen on Saturday, April 15 from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Kingman Armory. Contact Kingman Chamber's own Shelby Snyder (620-532-1853) to register as a vendor at no charge.

Comfortably Dumb by Bruce Quast

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

Cozy's Pizza
115 N. Main
Cunningham, KS 67035
620-298-7000
Mon., Tues.,
& Thurs. - 11:00 to 8:00
Friday and Saturday - 11:00 to 9:00
Closed Wednesday and Sunday

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.prairiebomb-ers.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!

Thanks for recycling The Courier on
April 3rd
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Kingman Historic Theatre
237 N. Main in Kingman
(620) 532-1253
http://www.kingmantheatre.org/
All Seats $6.00
(cash or local check only)
Showtimes:
Friday & Saturday at 7:30
Sunday at 5:30

March 24 - 26
Champions
Rated: PG-13

YEARS AGO IN
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1928

March 30-Bob Ambler announced the opening of "Bob's Lunch" in the Ratcliff Hotel building this week. After being held up for some time on account of the inclement weather, Mr. Ambler finally got things together and opened up his restaurant, now called "Bob's Lunch." He is enjoying a nice business.

Mr. and Mrs. Ambler's daughter will continue to operate the North End Café.

About twenty base ball enthusiasts turned out last Sunday for base ball practice on the new ball diamond in the Zrubeck pasture south of town. Kent Rubow, the manager, intends to choose those who will be on the team next Sunday and their names will appear in an early issue of this paper.

Notice to the people who are raising chickens and letting them run all over town. Please keep them in their own pen or you will be subject to arrest. Numerous complaints have came to me and this must be stopped.

Also, those owning dogs, and other domestic animals are requested to keep them at home and under control or they will be disposed of.

B. F. Doty, Mayor.

1933

March 24-A fire, apparently of undetermined origin, destroyed the barn at the editor's home last Sunday morning about 3:00 o'clock. It is believed that the cause of the fire was from a short circuit in the car, which had been driven in the garage about 8:15 o'clock the evening before. The garage-barn and car were a total loss, together with several cords of wood, feed, garden tools and stored articles.

The fire was discovered first by Mr. and Mrs. Bradley, who were awakened by the glare of light against their bedroom window. Giving the alarm, the men of the town soon responded, and although efforts to save the building were futile, their assistance was needed to save the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Cannon. Their home was in a direct line southeast of the burning barn, and the flying shingles and embers, blown by extremely high wind, were falling upon their home, and other homes nearby. The roof of the back porch of the Cannon home caught fire from a burning shingle, and only the fact that the men were ready with water prevented further loss.

The arrival of the city fire wagon was too late to assist in saving the barn or contents, however it was instrumental in saving some wood and logs nearby. A small insurance was carried on the car, but none on the barn or contents.

1938

March 25 - Voss & Son
Cunningham, Kans.

Grapefruit, large, 4c	Tomatoes, can, 10c
Corn Flakes, 9c	Jello, 4-pk, 16c
Rice Krispies, 25c	Round Steak, 25c lb.
Pork Chops, 25c lb.	Carrots, 2 bunches, 9c
Hi Up Coffee, 19c lb.	Ginger Snaps, 2 lbs. 25c
Crackers, lb., 19c	

1943

March 26-Skellyville now has a school bus, made possible through the diligent efforts and ingenuity of Leonard Sloan, who has built a bus for the purpose of transporting the children of Skellyville to and from school. Leonard has done all the work himself, beginning on it last Novemenber. He used the chassis of a 1929 Lincoln car on which he built the body of the bus.

Seats are built around the sides and end of the bus and will accommodate about 20 children.

Leonard has been hauling the Skelly school children this winter in his car and has carried around ten most of the time, which really makes a car load. The new bus makes the children more comfortable and there is no danger of any one falling out. The door of the bus operates as on any regular bus.

Beginning Monday Americans will buy meat and other by-products according to coupon value, but will find that meat rations are more liberal than those of canned goods.

A maximum of two pounds of popular type steak or 3 1/5 pounds of hamburger per person a week will be allowed under rationing.

Most people will buy less than that amount, however, for they will want to use some of the same coupons for butter, lard, cheese or canned fish. Each person will be allowed 16 points per week to spend at an average coupon cost of 8 points per pound for the whole group of rationed foods.

Notice

Chicken owners are requested to keep their chickens penned up at all times. There is a city ordinance covering this order and must be enforced.

Henry Goodaile, City Marshall.

1948

March 26- Here an' There From Everywhere

We used to be taught the lesson of evolution. Here is a true one. Grandad has a farm, the son has a garden, and the grandson has a can opener.

1953

March 27-A release from the State Highway Commission revealed that ten people were killed and forty-three persons injured in eighty-eight accidents in Kingman County last year. The county's 1951 record was five people killed and forty-six persons injured in seventy-five accidents.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dunn of Cunningham, announce their birth of a daughter Thursday afternoon at the Pratt County Hospital.

Tully School pupils with their teacher, Mrs. Edith Haynes, paid The Cunningham Clipper a pleasant visit last Friday, where the editor demonstrated the various machines used to print newspapers. The group also visited the locker plant at Hauser's Market, where the meat processing procedure was explained to the youngsters. Students at the school are Ora Bowers, Marilyn Dupee, Yvonne Bowers, Lynn Fitzsimmons, Gary Fitzsimmons, Melva Fitzsimmons, Darrel Bowers, Luella Bowers, and David Webster.

The oil heating stove in the Cairo Cooperative Equity Exchange exploded last Monday morning, but no one was hurt.

1958

March 27- Ground was broken this week for the erection of a new Derby Oil Company Service Station for Roy Ellis.

The site is the west edge of Cunningham on the south side of the highway. Martin Pelzl is the building contractor.

Revival services will be held at the Penalosa Evangelical United Brethren Church, March 30 through April 6, with Dr. A. V. Howland, a minister of the Kansas Conference of the Evangelical United Brethren Churches, doing the preaching both Sunday mornings (10:45 o'clock) and each of the eight evenings at 7:30 o'clock.

The Cozy Café will close for re-decorating, Sunday night.

Owners Glen and Mary Harris expect the café to be closed from three weeks to a month.

1963

March 23-Cunningham voters will face a blank ballot at the City Election here next Tuesday, April 2.

A full ticket of candidates nominated by a Citizens Party caucas was "thrown out" due to a technicality at a special council meeting, Monday evening.

In other action at Monday's meeting, the council passed two ordinances, both dealing with the curb and gutter assessments.

Judges in Tuesday's City Election will be Elizabeth DeWeese, Lena Mae Duff, and Ruth Cooley, and serving as clerks will be Laverna Bradley and R. O. Underwood.

The east wall of the new addition to the Kingman Manufacturing Company plant just east of town, collapsed in Saturday's morning wind. The newly laid block wall had not yet been tied to the roof. No one was injured when the wall came tumbling down.

Both the city and township fire trucks got a workout, Tuesday afternoon.

The city fire truck made a run to quench a grass fire between the pool hall and the West Café, and the township fire truck made a run to the Elbert Maxedon farm, northwest of town, to extinguish a brush and grass fire.

The charter for the regular Cunningham Boy Scout Troop has been renewed by the Quivera Council of Wichita, with the Cunningham Christian Church as the sponsoring institution.

The members of the troop are Layne Harris, Geronimo Kaster, Frank McClellan, Jerry and Larry McMillian, Mark Maier, Joel Nelson, Earl and Harold Stark, Monte Rose, Danny Theis, and Brad Mantooth.

1968

March 28,-The community was shocked Monday by the news of the death of Anita Murphey, 30, of Amarillo, Tex., a former Cunningham girl and daughter of Mrs. Marguerite Murphey od Cunningham. Anita drowned Saturday afternoon in a lake near Borger, Tex., along with three companions. The four were fishing from a sailboat on the lake at the time of the accident.

The annual art show of the DeVaney Art Association, will be held in the Nashville School Gym, Saturday and Sunday, from 1:00 to 5:00 o'clock each afternoon.

The Cunningham High School Senior Class presented the play, "A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court," in the gym-auditorium, Tuesday evening.

Members of the cast were Layne Harris, Wayne Jarmer, Danny Theis, Paul Sallee, Susan Rottering, JoAnn Rohling, Donna Panek, Betty Thimesch, Alan Albers, Mary Lynn Cundiff, Tom Schnittker, and Debbie DeArmond. The play was directed by Jim Kelso.

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1978

March 23-Those attending the five day Crusade of Dwayne Friend and his group in Great Bend, this last week were Mr. and Mrs. Lester Alley, Mrs. Ada Rose, Mrs. Annice Hendrixson, and Terry and Dawn Alley.

Calendar of events:
Saturday, March 25
Library open 10 – 11:30 a.m.
American Legion Family Fun night at Odd Fellows Hall at 7:30 p.m.
Lions Club Annual Easter Egg Hunt at West City Park at 2 p.m.
Wildcat Den open at 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, March 26
Happy Easter
Jr. High U.F.O. at United Methodist Church at 7:15 p.m.
Jet Cadets at Christian Church at 5:30 p.m.
Monday, March 27
City Meeting at City Building
Tuesday, March 28
Library Open 2 – 2:30 p.m.
Wednesday, March 29
Library open 7 – 8:00 p.m.
Cub Scouts after school.

Zenda News

Mrs. Cleo Cornelius, Kingman was a Friday overnight and Saturday guest of Mrs. Ola Cornelius.

Mrs. Mildred Horn spent the weekend in Oklahoma visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Batt were Wednesday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Dreiling, Wichita.

What's happening at Kingman State Fishing Lake and Wildlife Management area is the theme of a public meeting to be held by the Kansas Fish and Game Commission at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 28th in the meeting room of the First National Bank Building, Main and 'B" Streets, Kingman

Persons interested in the activities at the lake and hunting area are invited to attend. "We want everyone to be aware of the many activities that we are carrying out a Kingman to make the area a better place for hunting and fishing," Bryon Walker, Kingman Area Manager said.

1983

March 24-Five students from Cunningham Grade School attended the Kansas Association of Teachers of Mathematics Contest held in Wichita on Saturday, March 19. Students entered in the contest could complete in three areas of mathematics, which included computation, problem solving and calculators.

Contestants representing Cunningham were Dustin Ormiston, from the fourth grade, Karla House, Julie Kerschen, and Mike Mertens from the fifth grade and Todd Rohr from the eighth grade. Liz Miller, sponsor, accompanied the group to Wichita.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Cooley and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Sheldon attended the funeral services for Paul DeWeese at Manhattan. They then visited with Rev. and Mrs. Henry Dutcher at their home.

The daughters of Isabella met Monday, March 7, at the Cunningham Sacred Heart School Hall at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting was opened with the program first on the agenda. Beverly Zrubek showed slides of her trip to Africa. She had many interesting and beautiful pictures, which we all enjoyed. Refreshments were served after the program.

Mary Leiter Swick of Omaha, Neb., formerly of Cunnigham, has had an article published in the current Creighton Law Review. Swick was invited to write the technical research paper, an annual Survey of Nebraska Law as it Pertains to Property, as the result of her attaining the Dean's Honor Roll. The Creighton Law Review is exchanged with other Law Libraries.

Swick will receive her law degree from Creighton Law School, Omaha, in the spring of 1984.

I feel it is of great importance to remind the citizens of U.S.D 332 that a very important election is about to be held. On April 5, four positions to the Board of Education will be open for reelection.

Education not only in this school district but state wide must answer many important issues. I feel that some fresh viewpoints are nee'ded on the Board of Education. I am a candidate for position 2 of this election.

I would appreciate your support in this upcoming election. Sincerely, Dale Magnett

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Consider this...

by Mike Johnson

The Sunflowers

It was a race all summer.

The sunflowers weren't planted until mid-June and the Wyoming climate would stop cooperating about the first of September. The miracles contained within those little seeds would have to work their magic in 10 weeks.

Why teenagers cling to one thing over another is as much a mystery as the inner workings of those seeds, but our 16-year-old had become fixated on sunflowers. Sunflower notebook. Sunflower shirt. Sunflower poster. It seemed about time to give her the real thing.

So it became a family project. Proving their burning desire for results, our two daughters set to work digging the sod from a 10 foot patch alongside the house. With a little help from Mom, the patch was soon cleared, aerated and planted. The rest was up to nature.

Within a week, the little shoots had sprung from the soil. Maybe ten weeks WOULD be enough time. As I watched those little plants struggle toward becoming eight-foot stalks capable of proudly bearing two-pound flowers, I collected a summer's worth of metaphors.

The biggest is not necessarily the best. One stalk had a clear advantage over the others - a better position in the sunlight. It was the first to pop through the soil and remained the tallest all summer. Yet, despite its advantages, it flowered last, and less impressively than others.

The crooked can flower before the "normal." Mowing around the patch, I accidentally crushed the stalk of one sunflower, bending it at 90 degree angle. Each week I mowed, I considering pulling it up because it appeared to be hopelessly mangled. Yet it hung in there. I was as surprised as anyone when it became the very first stalk to flower.

The smallest can be the most magnificent. The runt of the litter was in the shadow of the largest stalk. Even with its disadvantages in size and sunlight, its flower was the grandest of all 16 plants.

Half the sun doesn't mean half the results. A week after planting, us sunflower rookies discovered we'd selected a western plot of ground that only received the afternoon sun. By poor planning, we'd effectively cut our already short growing season in half. Never mind - all 16 plants found a way to beautifully flower before that first September freeze.

Our timetable is not nature's time table. Watching those sunflowers in July, it seemed impossible that there'd be enough time for them to flower. But life always finds a way. And our thoughts about a thing, are not the same as the thing itself. The thing is real, our thoughts are merely illusion - something nature clearly proved by following its own timetable.

So the project was a success. Our teen-aged daughter got her sunflowers and the now-dried stalks and flowers are hanging in the garage. If she noticed just one of the metaphors I identified above, then sunflowers weren't the only thing we grew last summer.

Absolute Zero Fear

By Avigail David

Whiling away memories, my children and I
On the lounge suite by my side.
Dreary, frigid whiteness
blizzard before us.
Gazing at the window, we sigh.

The cast iron wood-heater furnace
cheers the nip out of our faces
we pull up high our fleece
our colorful blankets we seize
We cozy in closer inside to not freeze.

Living room we just stay where we are.
Snuggled, tell stories, think over
the summery fun antics
and spring breeze frolics
my family enjoy together year after year.

But the outdoors blast of cold arctic air
and heavy snowfield lair.
Shudder,
Shiver.
My children wonder if dark winter will drag on much longer.

The weeping willow trees muzzled
In white of snow standing unflustered
straight and icy still,
Obstacles can't kill.
The snowstorm, we decided, is no peril.

Having to hang around the longest winter
as it just has turned day One round the corner.
We're remembering,
Childhood reliving
past winters of the snow-covered reflections.

Sloping hill, walking-distance behind our house.
The children sled there, momentarily lost
in the snow,
in the woods,
Or form a snowman we called, Jack Frost.

The roads and small town buried in
frenzied aloofness and fear.
The streets emptied
neighborhood hibernated,
hiding indoors, chilling in.

The township usually abuzz animated
with busy cafes, flower shops,
second-hand book stores,
and small churches
were lively places catching up with friends and families.

Took time off slowing down their pace,
Some to full stop and have closed
The obstacles,
the harshness of the times
can never dampen the human spirit.

Folks will slowly and gratefully bounce back
from lack of knowledge and fact.
We're in strangest days
as these signs of the times.
As quickly and unexpectedly be ready by faith intact.

Yeshua spoke of the end times that follow
frigid divisiveness, truth disavowed
Cold and blight.
as our hopes of a warmer tomorrow helplessly dashed.

Stand with King Yeshua, the Son of God.
Looking out the window of our history
at a horizon
of dark desolation,
clouds of war and uncertainty penetrates every weary soul.

Waiting patiently, my children and I
At the Throne of our Heavenly King, we desire.
Trusting Him alone,
Though blizzards may beset the world.
We stand in praise, "Be still my soul" we arise.

Sarah Laughs at God

"Then one of them said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife will have a son." Now Sarah was listening at the entrance to the tent, which was behind him.

Abraham and Sarah were already very old, and Sarah was past the age of childbearing. So Sarah laughed to herself as she thought, "After I am worn out and my lord is old, will I now have this pleasure?"

Then the Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Will I really have a child, now that I am old?' Is anything too hard for the Lord? I will return to you at the appointed time next year, and Sarah will have a son." Sarah was afraid, so she lied and said, "I did not laugh." But he said, "Yes, you did laugh." — Genesis 18:10–15

One of the Bible's greatest miracles is God birthing the nation of Israel from an elderly couple who never thought they would have children. Abraham and Sarah were the foundation for God's people, but at one point that was a laughable idea.

While some angels were telling Abraham God's grand plan, Sarah was eavesdropping on their conversation. When they mentioned that a key part of the plan was senior citizen Sarah getting pregnant, she understandably laughed.

God asked what she thought was funny. Sarah was so embarrassed that she denied laughing. When she eventually gave birth to a son (just like God predicted), she named him Isaac, which means 'he who laughs.' Perhaps this was Sarah's way of apologizing for chuckling at God's plan.

God always gets the last laugh.

Catholic Churches

Sacred Heart, Cunningham
Saturdays 4:00 p.m.

St. John, Zenda
Sundays 10:00 a.m.

St. Leo
Sundays 8:30 a.m.

St. Peter Willowdale
Saturdays 5:30 p.m.

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

Lutheran Churches

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

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

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

Pastor Dennis Fangmeyer
Cell: 620-886-0911

Church of Christ

Penalosa
Sunday 11:00 a.m.

First Christian Church

Cunningham
Sunday School 9:30 am
Morning Worship 10:45
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00
Jr High Youth Group 4:00 pm Sunday
Sr High Youth Group 7:30 pm Sunday
Wednesday Prayer Service 7:00
Pastor Mike McGovney 620-298-3201

United Methodist Church

Penalosa
Worship 9:15 a.m.

Cunningham
Worship 10:45 a.m.

Pastor Mathew Ndambuki Musyoki
620-298-2090

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

Fundraisers & Charitable Opportunities in our Community

4C Day Care Leave a donation with the Methodist Church.

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

Hands of Hope (contact any church)

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

Cunningham Community Center (leave donation at the bank)

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

Cunningham Museum (to donate contact Alan Albers or Mike McGovney)

Cunningham Public Library (to donate, contact Kerri Steffen)

Cunningham EMS (to donate, contact Monte Rose or Kathy Albers)

Cunningham Hands of Hope, Inc.

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

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

What: Food

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

Where: 117 N Main (Old School Board Office)

Why: To provide food assistance to those in need.

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

Do you need assistance outside distribution hours?

Please call 620-491-0292 and leave a message. Your call will be returned as soon as possible.This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Area Students Named to Emporia State University Honor Roll

EMPORIA, KS (03/20/2023)--Emporia State University congratulates nearly 750 undergraduates named to the university honor roll. Students from this area include:

Alayna McGuire of Cunningham, Kansas

Jaycie Headrick of Norwich, Kansas

To qualify for the university honor roll, students earned a minimum 3.80 semester grade point average in at least 12 graded hours.

Alayna McGuire Named to Dean's List at Emporia State University

EMPORIA, KS (03/21/2023)--Alayna McGuire of Cunningham, Kansas, was among nearly 90 Emporia State undergraduate students named to the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences dean's list in the fall 2022 semester.

To qualify for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences dean's list, students earned a semester grade point average that puts them in the top 10 percent of all students enrolled in full-time undergraduate work within the college and have a cumulative 3.5 GPA for all Emporia State courses.

Ingrid Ricke Photo

Congratulations to Liam Henning for receiving 1st place and Chase Simon for receiving 3rd place in the Kingman County Safety Poster Contest!

Kingman County 4-H Members Participate in 4-H Club Day

On Saturday, March 4th 4-H members from all over Kingman County gathered together at Kingman Elementary School to perform speeches, music numbers, talent acts, reading renditions, and parliamentary procedure showcases in front of judges to grow their confidence in public speaking and performances at the 2023 Kingman County 4-H Club Day.

Results from the day are as follows:

Gavel Games
Hawk 4-H Club Senior Team, Top Blue
Hawk 4-H Club Intermediate Team, Top Blue
Hawk 4-H Club Junior Team, Top Blue

Vocal Music and Instrumental Ensembles
Shir Sai Vaishnavi Kamesh, Junior Vocal Solo Alternate Blue
Ava Neywick, Junior Vocal Solo Top Blue
Brecken Bergkamp, Senior Vocal Solo Alternate Blue
Kristyn McAndrew, Senior Vocal Solo Top Blue
Bryant Bergkamp, Jacob Dietz, McKoy Young, Reed Hedstrom, Jr Instrumental Ensemble Top Blue
Brin Bergkamp, Addisyn Hudson Junior Vocal/Ukulele Duet Top Blue
Regan & Reed Hedstrom, Senior Instrumental Ensemble Top Blue

Instrumental Solos
Audrey Webb, Junior Trombone Solo White
Ethan Kostner, Junior Clarinet Solo White
William Halderson, Junior Piano Solo Red
Ava Neywick, Junior Piano Solo Red
Ava Neywick, Junior Trumpet Solo Red
Bryant Bergkamp, Junior Piano Solo Red
Natalie Francis, Junior Piano Solo Red
Kane Reed, Junior Trumpet Solo Red
Jacob Dietz, Junior Trumpet Solo Red
Annelysse Fall, Junior Piano Solo Blue
Shri Sai Vaishnavi Kamesh, Junior Piano Solo Blue
Autry Young, Junior Piano Solo Blue
Autry Young, Junior Mallots Solo Blue
Weston Rogers, Junior Xylophone Solo Blue
McKoy Young, Junior Piano Solo Blue
Harper Gonzales, Junior Piano Solo Alternate Blue
Brin Bergkamp, Junior Flute Solo Top Blue
Kaitlyn Webb, Senior Flute Solo Red
Sean Kostner, Senior Flute Solo Blue
Cash Young, Senior Piano Solo Blue
Kaitlyn Webb, Senior Piccolo Solo Alternate Blue
Kendall Rogers, Senior Trombone Solo Top Blue

Talent, Dance, and Reading
Hank Adams, Junior Talent Red
Ty Schultz, Junior Talent Top Blue
Audrey Webb, Junior Talent Top Blue
Kaitlyn Webb, Senior Talent Top Blue
Vinita 4-H Club Skit, Top Blue
Shri Sai Vaishnavi Kamesh, Junior Dance Top Blue
Isaac Dietz, Junior Reading Red
Jacob Dietz, Junior Reading Red
Olivia Halderson, Junior Reading Red
Joseph Dietz, Junior Reading Blue
Jessica Dittmer, Junior Reading Blue
McKoy Young, Junior Reading Alternate Blue
Shri Sai Vaishnavi Kamesh, Junior Reading Top Blue
Brianna Dittmer, Senior Reading Blue
Julia Hageman, Senior Reading Blue
Sean Kostner, Senior Reading Blue
Alice Huelskamp, Senior Reading Alternate Blue
Taylor Schultz, Senior Reading Top Blue

CloverBud Show and Tell, Project Talks, and Public Speaking
Hadassah Fall, CloverBud Show and Tell
Madison Francis, CloverBud Show and Tell
Wyatt Neywick, Project Talk White
Katie Ogg, Project Talk Red
Jebediah Fall, Project Talk Alternate Blue
Ava Neywick, Project Talk Top Blue
McKoy Young, Project Talk Top Blue
Amy Wright, Public Speaking Alternate Blue
Laney Wood, Public Speaking Top Blue
Emily Ogg, Public Speaking Top Blue

Demonstration and Illustrated Talks
Scottie Sparks, Junior Illustrated Talk Blue
Blake Reese, Junior Illustrated Talk Blue
Leah Rogers, Junior Demonstration Blue
Hayden Wood, Junior Illustrated Talk Blue
Ethan Wood, Junior Illustrated Talk Blue
Ethan Kostner, Junior Illustrated Talk Blue
Nikki Wright, Junior Illustrated Talk Blue
Joseph Dietz, Junior Demonstration Blue
Jacob Dietz, Junior Demonstration Blue
Isaac Dietz, Junior Demonstration Blue
Joey Thimesch, Junior Demonstration Alternate Blue
Shri Sai Vaishnavi Kamesh, Junior Demonstration Top Blue
Sammy Thimesch, Junior Demonstration Top Blue
Arlen Fall, Senior Illustrated Talk Blue
Kendall Rogers, Senior Demonstration Blue
Andrew Schultz, Senior Illustrated Talk Blue
Dawson Wood, Senior Illustrated Talk Blue
Stratton Young, Senior Illustrated Talk Blue
Ada Adams, Senior Illustrated Talk Alternate Blue
Taylor Schultz, Senior Illustrated Talk Top Blue
Nash Young, Senior Illustrated Talk Top Blue

4-H members that earned Top Blues will have the opportunity to take part in Regional 4-H Club Day which will be held on March 18, 2023, in Medicine Lodge.

results submitted by Melissa Thimesch

Kingman County 4-Hers Perform in Regional Club Day

On Saturday, March 18th Kingman County 4-H members that earned top ratings at County Club Day had the opportunity to show off their skills with 4-H members from Kingman, Barber, Harper, and Comanche Counties at the 2023 Regional Club Day held in Medicine Lodge. Kingman County was very well represented! The Kingman County results are as follows:

Gavel Games
Hawk 4-H Club Junior Team, Purple
Hawk 4-H Club Intermediate Team, Blue
Hawk 4-H Club Senior Team, Blue

Junior Readings
Shri Sai Vaishnavi Kamesh, Purple
McKoy Young, Blue

Senior Demonstrations and Illustrated Talks
Nash Young, Purple

Junior Demonstrations and Illustrated Talks
Sammy Thimesch, Blue
Shir Sai Vaishnavi Kamesh, Purple

Public Speaking
Emily Ogg, Blue

Project Talks
Ava Neywick, Purple
McKoy Young, Purple

Talent
Kaitlyn Webb, Senior Dance, Blue
Audrey Webb, Creative Dramatics, Blue
Vinita 4-H Club, Club Skit, Purple
Shri Sai Vaishnavi Kamesh, Junior Dance, Blue
Ty Schultz, Other Talent, Blue

Vocal and Instrumental Music
Vinita Junior Vocal Ensemble, Purple
Ava Neywick, Junior Vocal Solo, Blue
Brin Bergkamp, Junior Instrumental Solo, Purple
Kendall Rogers, Senior Instrumental Solo, Blue
Vinita Senior Instrumental Ensemble, Blue
Vinita Junior Instrumental Ensemble, Blue

results submitted by Melissa Thimesch

Conservation District Offers Scholarships to Seniors

The Kingman County Conservation District is offering $500.00 scholarships to seniors who attend high school within the county.

The purpose of the scholarship is to provide financial assistance

for tuition, fees and other school expenses. First consideration will be given for those students who are planning to pursue an agricultural related degree. Second consideration will be for students who need financial assistance.

Please fill free to stop by the office to pick up an application or contact Rita at rita.vogt@ks.nacdnet.net or call 620-532-3116 and we would be more than happy to email one out to you!

Application need to be returned to the Conservation District Office by April 28th.

Cunningham High School Blood Drive

Date: Monday, April 3rd

Time: 1 :00pm-6:00pm -

Location: Community Center

Receive an exclusive Red Cross and PEANUTS T-shirt . featuring Snoopy as the coolest beagle in town, Joe Cool, while supplies last!

Make an Appointment to Donate Blood:

To schedule your appointment please visit redcrossblood.org and use keyword· "Cunningham", contact Ingrid Ricke at 620-388-2548, or contact Alice Huelskamp at 620-200-1890. Photo ID or Red Cross Donor Card required, Don't forget to save time by using RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history online before you come to your appointment. More info: redcrossblood,org/RapidPass

February and March 4-H Happenings

The February 4-H meeting was held on February 4th at the Cunningham Community Center. Our new Kingman County Extension Agent, Melissa Thimesch, was our guest. She observed our meeting, handed out our family 4-H packets, and talked about 4-H Days, and presented example leadership projects. During the meeting, we talked about who is planning to be in the leadership project. We also had a signup sheet to be a project leader. We also discussed a time and day that we could all go clean the stalls at the Kingman Fairgrounds. We will do that in May. We then had 6 talks during our meeting. Ava Neywick showed us her goat. Alice Huelskamp talked to us about geology. Kendall Rogers gave a demonstration of how to make guacamole. Wyatt Neywick gave a presentation about WWII. Adam Sterneker gave a speech about agriculture and Kansas State University, and Nathan Ndambuki gave us a speech about Kenya, Africa.

March 4th was our Kingman County Club Days where 4-H'ers got to go up in front of a judge and present something they have been working on. It was at the Kingman Elementary School. Our club had 24 out of the 84 total entries. The 4-H'ers who received Top Blue moved on to the Regional Club Days in Medicine Lodge. Here are the results:

Demonstration/Illustrated talks:
Ada Adams, Alt. Blue
Kendall Rogers, Blue
Leah Rogers, Blue
Taylor Schultz, Top Blue
Andrew Schultz, Blue
Instrumental/Vocal Solos:
Will Halderson- Piano, Red
Ava Neywick- Piano, Red
Ava Neywick- Trumpet, Red
Kane Reid- Trumpet, Red
Kendall Rogers- Trombone, Top Blue
Weston Rogers- Xylophone, Blue
Ava Neywick- Vocal, Top Blue

Project Talk/Public Speaking:
Wyatt Neywick, White
Ava Neywick, Top Blue
Katie Ogg, Red
Emily Ogg, Top Blue
Talent and Readings:
Brianna Dittmer, Blue
Jessica Dittmer, Blue
Julia Hageman, Blue
Alice Huelskamp, Alt. Blue
Olivia Halderson, Red
Hank Adams, Red
Ty Schultz, Top Blue
Taylor Schultz, Top Blue

For our March meeting, the 4-H'ers met at the Pratt Skating Rink on March 5th. There were 22 members present. The 4-H'ers and family members skated and had a short meeting afterwards. The 4-H'ers also enjoyed ice cream bars as refreshments.

-Kendall Rogers, Reporter

The Regional 4-H Club Days were held in Medicine Lodge on March 18th. Those who received Top Blue at Kingman County Club Days could attend. Here are the results:

Ty Schultz did sign language to the song called "The Lord's Army" for his talent and received a blue.

Ava Neywick sang "Good Tonight" from the movie Bad Guys and received a blue rating and also a project talk over chickens and received a purple rating.

Kendall Rogers played "Toccata" for his trombone solo and received a blue rating.

Emily Ogg presented a speech over Deciduous Shade Trees and received a blue rating.

Ava Neywick presents her project talk about chickens at Regional Club Days. She received a purple, the highest rating.

Jessica Dittmer

Kendall Rogers

Brianna Dittmer

Taylor Schultz

Ty Schultz

Emily Ogg

Andrew Schultz

Ada Adams

Our club members went to Pratt Skating Rink for our March meeting.

photos submitted by Barbara Schultz, Marianne Dittmer, and Jennette Rogers

Minutes from the Kingman County Commission Meeting on March 13

Chairman Henning called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. March 13, 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; Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director

Online Visitors: Caller 01; Ashley Keimig; Iphone; Heather Kinsler; User 1; Fred Foley; Macay Ewy

Staff: Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director; Jamie Smith, County Treasurer; Ron Leroux, Noxious Weed Director; LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer and Sheriff Brent Wood.

Chairman Henning asked if there were any additions 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.

Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director and Ed Laverentz were in to discuss the RHID (Rural Housing Improvement District) with the Commissioners.

The Commissioners let Ms. Schrag and Mr. Laverentz know that a resolution will be adopted next Monday which will set a hearing to be held at 10:00 a.m. April 24th, 2023.

Ms. Schrag discussed the SPRINT grant and that she would like to include a part-time position for 5 years to promote the businesses using the grant. The total request for the grant is $1,444,843.40.

Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in with more letters for the road project they are applying for it.

Mr. Arensdorf submitted contracts from Schwab Eaton for the 2023 Overlay project for signatures.

Jamie Smith, County Treasurer was in to discuss excess equipment they had purchased with COVID funds that were just sitting on a shelf. She had a past employee that would like to purchase their used laptop.

Commissioners asked Ms. Smith to put an email out to all departments to see if there was any interest in the equipment before bidding it out to the public,

Chairman Henning read correspondence from L. Don Bales resigning his position as the Richland Township Treasurer.
MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve L. Don Bales letter of resignation as the Richland Township Treasurer. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners discussed a resolution for transfer of Road & Bridge excess funds with Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor.
MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve Resolution 2023-R3, **A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE TRANSFEROFFUNDS FROM EXCESS FUNDS FROM THE 2022 YEAR-END BUDGET OF THE KINGMAN COUNTY ROAD AND BRIDGE DEPARTMENT**. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners discussed the Expo Center charges as they have heard complaints. The prices have been risen due to the maintenance and utilities rising in cost.

Commissioners signed vouchers in the amount of $237,339.59.

John Fischer and family were in to discuss issues that he had and continues to have with the sheriff's department and the harassment that he feels that he has received.

Mr. Fischer went over instances that have happened over time and the effect it has had on him and his family.

Ms. Fischer (Patty) discussed her husband's death with the commissioners and that his death was not a suicide but a medical issue by the doctors report.

Chairman Henning let Mr. Fischer know that he appreciates that he has come in to let them know what has been happening.

Mr. Fischer let them know that they are the only ones who can request KBI to come in to investigate the problem.

Chairman Henning asked Mr. Fischer to get him a number to contact and he will look into it.

Mr. Fischer, Mr. Fischer and Ms. Fischer left the meeting at 9:46 a.m.

Ron Leroux, Noxious Weed Director was in with the state spraying contract for signatures.

M. Leroux asked the Commissioners if they would like him to hold a Household Hazardous Waste collection day during the City Cleanup.

Mr. Leroux would like it to be held at the Noxious Weed building instead of at the Expo Center so people will know where they can take items.

Commissioners agreed that it would be a good thing to hold it at the Noxious Weed Building during the City Cleanup.

LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer was in to let the Commissioners know that PILT money is going into the Sheriff's Equipment fund annually in the amount of $3500.00 and wanted to know if they want it to continue to go into that fund.

Commissioners agreed that the PILT money would continue to go into the Sheriff Equipment fund.

Ms. Stegman went over the February financials with the County Commissioners.

Carol Noblit, County Clerk submitted a quote from Lathem in the amount of $2226.50 to replace the six County timeclocks as the current ones are old and had some issues.
MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve a quote from Lathem in the amount of $2,226.20 to replace all six time clock terminals. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Sheriff Wood let the Commissioners know that there are some updates needed for the programs.

Sheriff Wood let the Commissioners know that he has held interviews for dispatchers and deputies.

Sheriff Wood presented the monthly department report for the Commissioners to review.

Sheriff Wood presented new uniform idea to the Commissioners for the department.

Chairman Henning presented a Cereal Malt Beverage license for The Outpost at Cheney Lake for approval.
MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the Cereal Malt Beverage License for The Outpost at Cheney Lake. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Carol Noblit, County Clerk submitted the minutes for the March 6, 2023, Commission meeting to be approved.
MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the March 6, 2023, Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the majority vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Henning asked if there was any public comment.

Larry Landwehr said he appreciates that they are being frugal but when someone comes in and asks to hire someone to promote marketing.

Commissioners let Mr. Landwehr know that it would only be for a period of 5 years.
MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the KCCA membership for 2023. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.
MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 11:10 a.m. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Public Notice

First published in the Cunningham Courier, Thursday, March 23, 2023 (3t).

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, Kansas CIVIL DEPARTMENT

Members Mortgage Services, LLC

Plaintiff,

vs.

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

Defendants.

Case No. KM-2022-CV-000034

Court Number:

Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 60

Notice Of Suit

THE STATE OF KANSAS, to the above-named defendants and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors and assigns of any deceased defendants; the unknown spouses of any defendants; the unknown officers, successors, trustees, creditors and assigns of any defendants that are existing, dissolved or dormant corporations; the unknown executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors, successors and assigns of any defendants that are or were partners or in partnership; the unknown guardians, conservators and trustees of any defendants that are minors or are under any legal disability; and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors and assigns of any person alleged to be deceased, and all other persons who are or may be concerned.

You are notified that a Petition has been filed in the District Court of Kingman County, Kansas, praying to foreclose a real estate mortgage on the following described real estate:

Parcel 1: Lots One (1), Two (2), Three (3), Four (4), Five (5), Six (6), Seven (7) and the South 48 feet of Lots Thirteen (13) and Fourteen (14) of Sebring & Easley's Sub-division of the East half (E/2) of Block Eight (8), Jones' Addition to the Town of Kingman, Kingman County, Kansas, commencing at a point 150 feet East of the Southwest corner of Block Eight (8), Jones' Addition to the Town of Kingman, Kingman County, Kansas; thence North, parallel to the West line of said Block Eight (8), a distance of 208 feet; thence East at right angles, a distance of 60 feet to the West line of said Sebring & Easley's Sub-division of the East half (E/2) of Block Eight (8), Jones' Addition of the Town of Kingman; thence South a distance of 208 feet; thence West at right angles a distance of 60 feet to the place of beginning.

Parcel 2: All that part of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NW/4 SW/4) of Section Thirty-two (32), Township Twenty-seven (27) South, Range Seven (7) West of the 6th P.M., Kingman County, Kansas, more particularly described as follows, to-wit; commencing at the Southeast corner of Lot Eight (8) of Sebring & Easley's Sub-division of the East half (E/2) of Block Eight (8) in Jones' Addition to the Town of Kingman, Kingman County, Kansas, thence North on the extended East line of Lot Eight (8) aforesaid a distance of 224.55 feet more or less to the North line of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NW/4 SW/4) of Section Thirty-two (32), Township Twenty-seven (27) South, Range Seven (7) West; thence West on the North line of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NW/4 SW/4) of Section Thirty-two (32), Township Twenty-seven (27) South, Range Seven (7) West, a distance of 150 feet; thence South at right angles a distance of 224.55 feet to the Southwest corner of Lot Twelve (12) of Sebring & Easley's Sub-division of the East Half (E/2) of Block Eight (8), in Jones' Addition to the Town of Kingman, Kingman County, Kansas; thence East on the South line of Lots Eight (8), Nine (9), Ten (10), Eleven (11) and Twelve (12) of said Sebring & Easley's Sub-division to the place of beginning.

Parcel 3: The West 48 feet of Block Nine (9), Jones' Addition to the Town of Kingman, Kingman County, Kansas, commonly known as 225 W Copeland Ave, Kingman, KS 67068 (the "Property")

and all those defendants who have not otherwise been served are required to plead to the Petition on or before the 3rd day of May, 2023, in the District Court of Kingman County,Kansas. If you fail to plead, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

NOTICE

Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. §1692c(b), no information concerning the collection of this debt may be given without the prior consent of the consumer given directly to the debt collector or the express permission of a court of competent jurisdiction. The debt collector is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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Kingman County Sheriff's Report

Sunday, March 12	
Traffic Stop	3
Disabled Vehicle	5000 W Hwy 54, Kingman
Suspicous Vehicle	3300 E Bluff St, Kingman
Theft	445 E Leiter Ave, Cunningham
Monday, March 13	
Traffic Stop	2
Traffic Complaint	7050 SE Sugar St, Kingman
Follow Up	141 W Elm St, Wichita
Follow Up	120 N Spruce, Kingman
Warrant Service	4300 SE 100 Ave, Murdock
Tuesday, March 14	
Traffic Stop	2
Abandoned Vehicle	6000 E Hwy 54, Kingman
Alarm	16980 SW 10 St, Cunningham
Wednesday, March 15	
Traffic Stop	2
Non-Injury Accident	4000 N Hwy 11, Kingman
Suspicious Activity	SW 80 Ave & SW 20 St, Kingman
Thursday, March 16	
Traffic Stop	2
Traffic Complaint	NE 10 St & NE 140 Ave, Cheney
Traffic Complaint	SE 110 St & SE 70 Ave, Rago
Disturbance	402 E A Ave, Kingman
Disturbance	322 E A Ave, Kingman
Alarm	1728 SE 30 St, Kingman
Friday, March 17	
Traffic Stop	4
Civil Paper Service	1
Disabled Vehicle	3220 E Hwy 54, Kingman
Disabled Vehicle	NE 30 St & NE 150 Ave, Cheney
Fire / Grass	NE 40 St & N Hwy 14, Pretty Prairie
Runaway	225 N Vail, Spivey
Violation of Protection Order	2623 SE Viney Ave, Murdock
Suspicious Person	SE 150 Ave & SE 60 St, Kingman
Damage to Property	16744 NE 40 St, Cheney
Misc	858 E D Ave, Kingman
Agency Assist	120 N Spruce, Kingman
Saturday, March 18	
Traffic Stop	5
Civil Paper Service	5
Fire / Structure	886 NE 20 Ave, Kingman
Admin Call	15053 SE 160 Ave, Norwich

A COLUMN BY TOM PURCELL

The St. Patrick's Day spirit has arrived, and we sure are in need of Irish levity.

The economy is limping, and inflation is hitting us hard. It reminds me of the laborer who fell off a roof at a construction site:

"Were you hurt by the fall?" asked his supervisor.

"The fall wasn't so bad," said the Irishman. "It was the sudden stop that did it."

In describing the 1930s Depression, humorist Will Rogers said, "If stupidity got us into this mess, then stupidity can get us out of it." That would appear to be the strategy of the "smart" people now running our government.

Rather than rein in reckless spending and address the real problems facing us all — the massive cost of health care and health insurance comes to mind — they keep spending money we don't have.

These clever fellows remind me of the time Paddy was being tried for robbing a bank. Paddy was so surprised that the jury declared him "not guilty" that he rushed to the judge and asked, "Does that mean I get to keep the money then?!"

To be sure, our faith in our government leaders is at an all time low. We feel like we're being conned. That reminds me of a joke my dog, Thurber, likes to tell (see him tell jokes at ThurbersTail.com):

"Why did the Labrador steal the leprechaun's pot of gold? Because he was a Labra-CON!" (Get it? Lepre-CON? Ah, never mind!)

It would be grand if our government leaders managed our money more frugally, the way one Irish widow manages hers:

When her husband died, she called the newspaper to place his obituary. The newsman said the cost was $1 a word.

"I only have $2," she said. "Just print 'Paddy died.'"

The newsman, feeling sorry for the woman, gave her three extra words at no charge.

"A kind man you are," Mrs. Paddy said. "Print me husband's obituary this way: "Paddy died. Boat for sale.'"

To address Social Security and Medicare shortfalls, President Biden simply wants to lift the ceiling on Social Security and Medicare taxes, which would amount to massive tax increases for higher-income earners, which will shift much-needed capital away from the markets and into government coffers.

Taxes are going to have to go up eventually to pay off our massive debts. Onerous taxation will turn otherwise good citizens into tax cheats, which reminds me of the time an IRS auditor called Father O' Malley:

"Father, do you know a Mickey O'Brien?" asked the auditor.

"Aye," said Father O'Malley. "He's one of 'me' parishioners."

"Did he donate $10,000 to your church?"

"He will," said Father O'Malley.

British academic and joke theorist Christy Davies says a good joke can help clarify and express complex feelings. A good joke can cut to the heart of the matter better than any speech or law or government policy.

The Irish have mastered this concept of humor. These days, with all the conflict and disagreement going on, we could all profit from a better sense of humor.

Which reminds me of the time Pat explained to Mike why his valiant effort to scale Mt. Everest fell short.

"Aye," said Pat, "I nearly made it to the top, but then I ran out of scaffolding."

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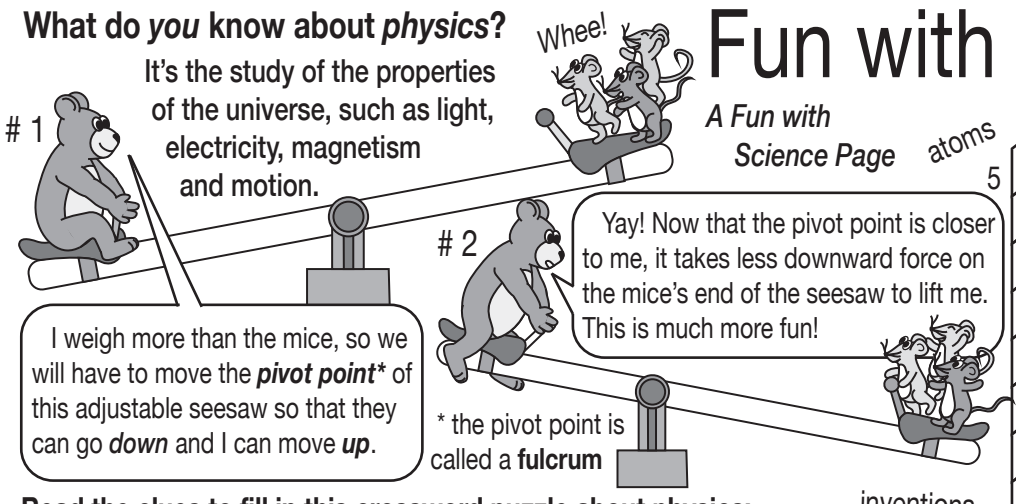
Read a book about the science of physics!

Kids: color stuff in!

What do *you* know about *physics*?

It's the study of the properties of the universe, such as light, electricity, magnetism and motion.

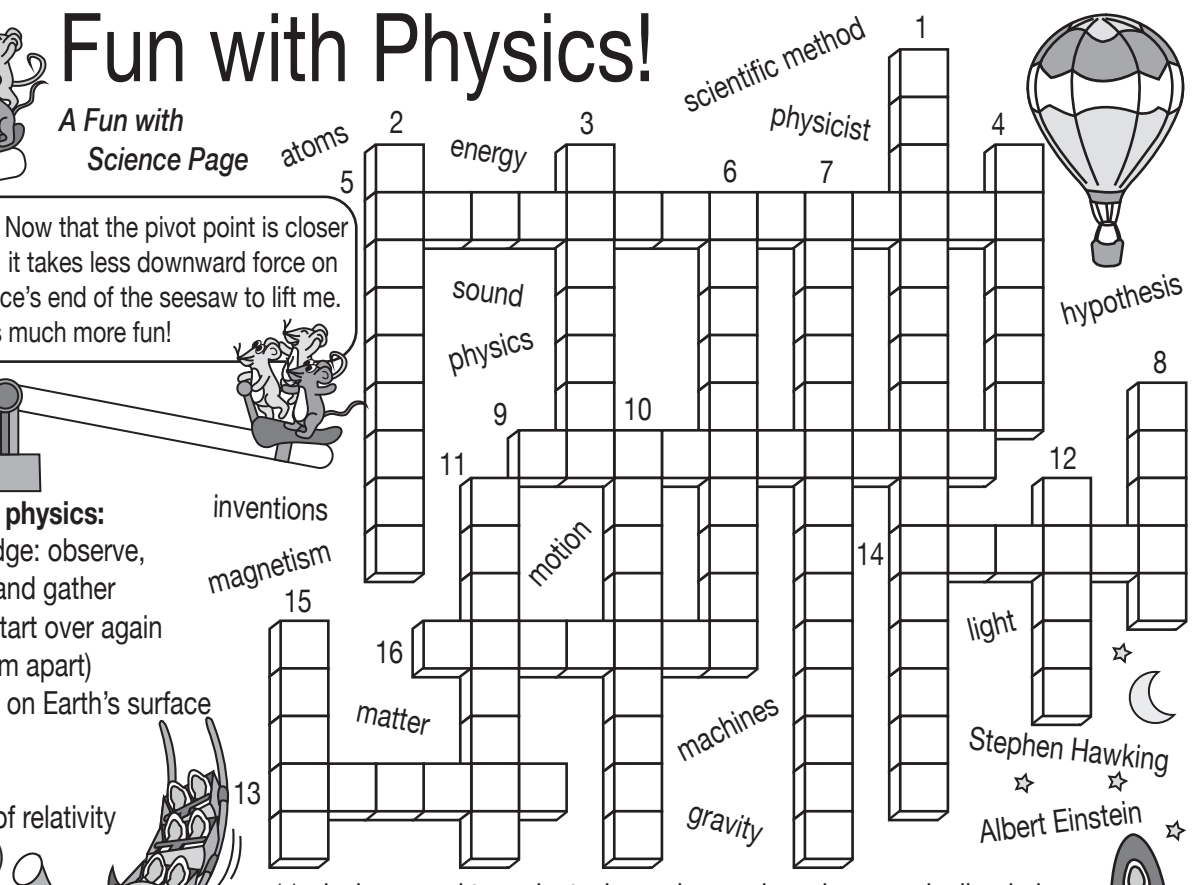


Fun with Physics!

A Fun with Science Page

Read the clues to fill in this crossword puzzle about physics:

1. step-by-step process used to generate new knowledge: observe, ask a question, form a hypothesis, run experiments and gather data to test the hypothesis, study the results – and start over again
2. force that pulls some metals together (or pushes them apart)
3. this force pulls matter toward other matter; keeps us on Earth's surface
4. matter that is in motion has this; can be stored too (e.g., within chemicals in a battery)
5. German physicist famous for developing the theory of relativity and the equation E = mc² (known for his "crazy" hair)
6. using what we've learned from science, we create these (new equipment or systems to make lives better)
7. British physicist who studied black holes; beginnings of universe
8. vibrations in air pressure that your ears "hear" (slow vibrations create low-pitched noises and fast vibrations produce higher pitches)
9. an "educated guess" about how something works
10. scientist who uses scientific method to add to our knowledge about the universe's basic properties



11. devices used to make tasks easier: wedges, levers or inclined planes
12. particles (photons) that you can detect ("see") when they hit your eye; travels very fast; also behaves like a wave
13. everything you can touch or move, whether it's solid, liquid or gas
14. when matter's location is changing; action
15. matter on Earth is made of these – each is a combination of protons, neutrons and electrons
16. study of the universe's basic properties (matter, energy, light, electricity, etc.)

The Water Cycle

Yikes! What big words, but you can do this.

Have you ever thought about the Earth's "water cycle"? It may seem to you that rain is "new" water, but every drop of water on Earth has already been here – it just cycles around and around. **Read the sentences below and fill in the blanks to show the main steps of the water cycle.**

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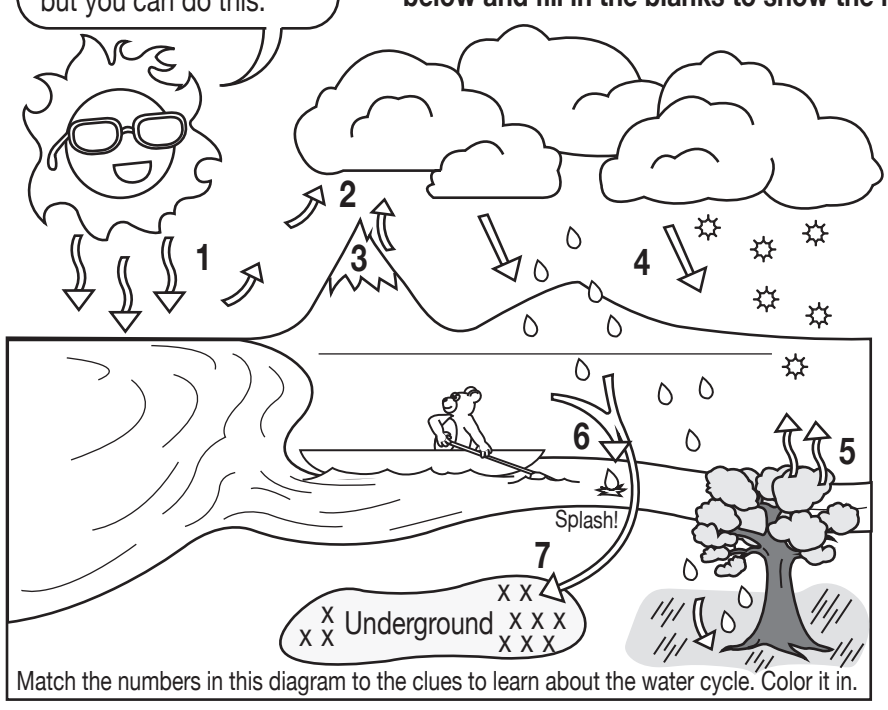
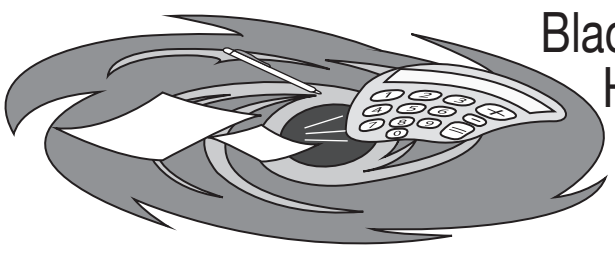


Match the numbers in this diagram to the clues to learn about the water cycle. Color it in.

1. **Evaporation** – the _____ heats the water in the ocean, rivers, etc. The water changes into water vapor and rises into the atmosphere.
2. **Condensation** – the water vapor cools and condenses, forming tiny _____. The droplets collect to form clouds or fog.
3. **Sublimation** – ice from polar regions and ice caps from _____ slowly change directly from ice to water vapor (skips the liquid stage).
4. **Precipitation** – when drops become bigger and heavier they _____ to the earth. On the way down, they may form into solids such as sleet or snow if air temperature is cold enough.
5. **Transpiration** – some fallen precipitation goes into the ground to be absorbed by the roots of _____; it then goes into the leaves where it is used in photosynthesis; any extra water rises from the leaves as water vapor.
6. **Runoff** – rain falls onto the earth, "runs" over it into brooks and rivers, then _____ into the oceans (snow can melt and do the same).
7. **Infiltration** – some water seeps into the _____, adding to the water table underground (this is how homes with wells get water).



Black Holes

A black hole is formed in space when a star's gravitational pull becomes stronger than its thermal pressure (energy it produces) and the star collapses onto itself. Its gravity is so strong that nothing can escape. Scientists study black holes for many reasons, including to understand how gravity works.

Does your homework fall into a black hole sometimes?

Read each clue about black holes and then circle whether it is TRUE or FALSE:

1. a black hole is created when a star changes color
   A. TRUE - the star's color turns to black
   B. FALSE - a dying star collapses to form a black hole
2. the gravity of a black hole is so strong that nothing can escape, not even light
   A. TRUE - light can't escape, that's why it's "black"
   B. FALSE - gravity doesn't affect light
3. scientists know everything about black holes
   A. TRUE - we know everything there is to know
   B. FALSE - black holes are still a great mystery
4. In 1916, Albert Einstein predicted black holes, but they weren't observed until decades later
   A. TRUE - his theory of relativity predicted them
   B. FALSE - black holes came to him in a dream

(Answers on page 10)

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A Wellness Column
by Julie Perry

GOOD SLEEP, GOOD HEALTH?

How's your sleep? Overall, mine has really improved over the last few months. Although, as I am writing this blog, I am coming off a night of only five and a half hours of sleep.

Sleep, so I've read – and most of us know intuitively – is an important part of our physical and mental wellbeing. Good sleep can improve our brain functioning and our mood.

Asleep at last!

Two major components: quantity and quality.

Let's look at quantity. According to the CDC, most adults benefit from at least 7 hours of sleep a night. Of course, every body is different. Statistics also show that about ⅓ of adults don't get that desired seven hours on a regular basis.

Then there's quality of sleep. The purpose of sleep is to rest and restore your mind and body. Some struggle with the length of time it takes to fall asleep. Others experience periods of wakefulness thanks to medications, needing to use the restroom, or simply an overactive mind.

So what's a person to do to attain the golden standard of 7+ nightly? I really have tried many of the suggestions that I am going to pass along. Some have worked for me, and others, not so much.

- Stick to a fairly narrow band of time for going to bed and waking up – even on the weekends.
- Get moving during the daytime. Exercise some every day, this will help you be more ready for bedtime (side note, just don't exercise right before bed!).
- Avoid caffeine and nicotine for at least 8 hours prior to sleeping as they can each stay in your system that long.
- Avoid screen time at least 30 minutes prior to bedtime. The blue light emitted by the screens inhibits the production of melatonin that helps control your sleep cycle.
- Speaking of melatonin, as we age, we naturally produce less melatonin. For some, taking melatonin supplements prior to bed may help promote sleep.
- Create your personal best sleeping environment. Dark room? Sleep mask for your eyes? Ear plugs? White noise? Music? Lavender essential oil from a diffuser? Experiment and discover whatever combination of practices work for you to make it your ideal environment.
- Don't lay there worrying about how little sleep you're getting. That definitely won't help. If it won't disturb others in your household, get up and do something relaxing: a little yoga, some deep breathing, read a book, etc.

Since sleep is such an important part of your health, don't forget to chat with your medical provider regarding any ongoing concerns you have regarding your sleep.

Try managing your stress during your waking hours by eating healthy, exercising, and by recognizing and reducing as many sources of stress as possible. Being mindful of my stress and stressors when I'm awake helps me get to sleep and wake feeling rested, restored, and ready to face the new day!

Our outdoor cats sure know how to sleep!

Our 19 year old cat, Charlie, sleeps with his eyes open!

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PreK Screener for 2023-2024 Kindergarten

Tuesday March 28th and Thursday March 30th
12:30 - 3:30 pm

Any PreK student starting Kindergarten for the 2023-2024 year will need to be screened. This will be taking place during school hours on the posted dates. Parents do NOT need to be present.

This includes IN-District and NON-District (new) Students

Please contact Cindy Houtwed or Sheena Albers for more information.

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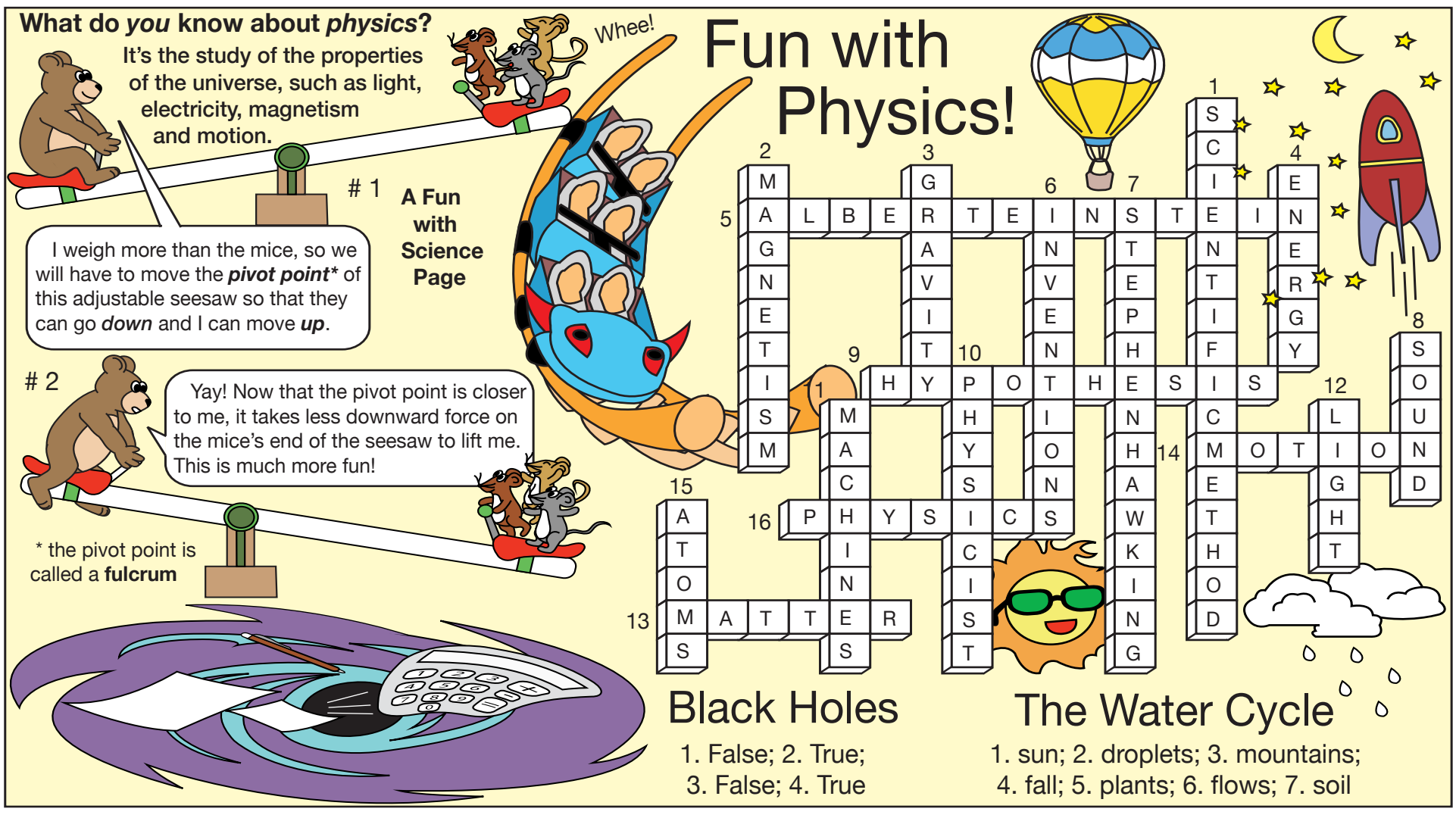

Minutes from Pratt County Commission for March 13th

The Pratt County Commissioners met in regular session Monday, March 13, 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, reported on the SB248 food sales tax bill informational hearing last week. If passed SB309 labor fund will be removed and the other bill would take its place. She gave an update on the hearing for the Quivira impairment complaint. The state water engineer went over information concerning the Quivira water management. Big Bend Groundwater Management was told nothing would happen in 2023, but augmentation has to be done in 2024. It will have economic impact in that area, farmers need to know if they will not be able to irrigate crops. She reported on the Pratt Area Economic Development, the city of Pratt is paying half of their payment in the amount of $15,000, they will hold the second half. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Tara Pagenkopf, RSVP director, presented checks for signatures. She reported they will be doing some in person training.

Doug Freund, road/ lake supervisor, requested an executive session concerning non-elected personnel. Commissioner Adams made a motion to recess into executive session at 2:42 p.m. for ten minutes concerning non-elected personnel, employee issue. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

First Street Laundry has been awarded a façade grant and work is being done on their building. Pratt Area Economic Development committee is bringing in someone from another county to see how they handle economic development. Pratt County has 2.1% unemployment. There is a workforce shortage in Pratt County.

AJ Amaro and Bob Wetmore, Great Plains Development, gave an update on the services they provide and what is available through GPDI grants and loans. They are strictly a gap or backup funding. Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the county membership dues for 2023 in the amount of $2,612.00. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Adams Made a motion to return from executive session at 2:52 pm with no action taken. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to recess into executive session at 2:52 pm for fifteen minutes to discuss non-elected personnel concerning employee issue. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Chairman Jones made a motion to return from executive session at 3:07 p.m. with no action taken. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-0. He stated the extended warranties on the tractor/ mowers is a little more extensive and Marlin Stotts will be in next week to go over it.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the minutes from March 6, 2023. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to recess into executive session at 3:14 p.m. for fifteen minutes to discuss non-elected personnel, discussing contract. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to return from executive session at 3:22 p.m. with no action taken. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Shriver stated he has information on the use of the ARPA funds in purchasing the tank for the fire truck. Commissioner Adams stated he would like to check with a company that repairs tanks before purchasing a new tank for the fire truck.

Calvin Barnhart questioned the process of valuation and tax statements being sent out. There is only one statement being sent out to the taxpayer even though there might be multiple owners. DJ McMurry, appraiser, explained there is only one address where the statements are sent and it is usually sent to the first name on the deed. Sherry Wenrich, Register of Deeds explained why it has been changed due to state statutes. DJ stated on valuation notices only one notice can be generated and mailed out.

Chairman Jones made a motion to approve the payment vouchers for March 13, 2023. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to adjourn at 3:53 p.m. Commissioner Adams Seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 3:53 p.m.

Minutes from the Pratt County Commission Meeting of March 6th were not posted at time of publication.

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Shop Kansas Farms Rolls Out New Website in Celebration of Ag Day

MANHATTAN – Kansas Farm Bureau's (KFB) Shop Kansas Farms (SKF) rolled out a new website today in celebration of National Agriculture Day.

The website, www.shopkansasfarms.com, features a searchable map so consumers can find food items from farmers near them.

"Shop Kansas Farms is a trusted brand for consumers when it comes to buying directly from Kansas farmers and ranchers," Meagan Cramer, director of communications and marketing for KFB, says.

"We couldn't think of a better day to roll out this new website. We're celebrating our Kansas agriculturists and helping consumers connect with farmers near them."

The new site lets consumers find farm listings based on cities, counties, regions and categories. It also provides new options for sellers.

"From the beginning of Shop Kansas Farms, we heard businesses wanted opportunities outside of the viral Facebook group to connect directly with consumers," Rick McNary, SKF founder, says. "The new website provides a host of ways they can get their businesses in front of customers."

New items include upgrades for sellers to purchase premium listings on the front page, the ability to be listed at the top of individual categories and the opportunity to list their farms under more than one category.

Sellers and buyers of Kansas food products should visit www.shopkansasfarms.com and celebrate Kansas farmers and ranchers.

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ACROSS
1. Blood-related problem
5. Econ. measure
8. Blue
11. A perch for Christmas partridge?
12. Domain
13. Fill college entrance form
15. Archaic preposition
16. Chili seed
17. Ski run
18. *Swedish environmental activist
20. Makes lace
21. Pi meson, pl.
22. Digital map marker
23. *Rachel Carson's "____ Spring"
26. Heater
30. "Wheel of Fortune" vowel request
31. Trouble, in Yiddish
34. Epochs
35. Type of single-story house
37. Noble title
38. Sandler and Driver
39. Not "out of"
40. Advice on shampoo bottle
42. *Pollinator of plants
43. ____ Cray, a.k.a. the father of supercomputing
45. *Earth Day founder
47. Benatar or Boone
48. Lacking clarity
50. Singer-songwriter Tori
52. *1969 Santa Barbara disaster
55. To some degree
56. Dig like a pig
57. Honoree's spot
59. Apartments, e.g.
60. Swine and avian diseases
61. Primary source for Nordic mythology
62. Cash machine
63. It's all the rage
64. Swallow's house

DOWN
1. PC "brain"
2. Christian fast
3. The Hippocratic one
4. Group of minstrels, e.g.
5. *Environmentally-friendly
6. Draws close
7. Spasm of pain
8. See him run?
9. "The Sound of Music" backdrop
10. Yellow #5 in list of ingredients
12. Highly-ranked ecclesiasts
13. On the move
14. Arranged in advance
19. Usually the last inning
22. Wound fluid
23. Delhi dresses
24. Absurd
25. Like a dryer trap
26. *Cuyahoga River disaster, Clean Water Act precursor
27. Omani and Yemeni
28. Tarantino in his own movie, e.g.
29. Ruhr's industrial center
32. ____-friendly
33. Mourner's wish
36. *Refuse turned fertilizer
38. Consumed (2 words)
40. Monotonous routine
41. Teenagers' emotions
44. A mirage?
46. City in Netherlands
48. Between violin and cello
49. Not silently
50. Polly to Tom Sawyer
51. Disfigure
52. ____ Approach, music education
53. Serve soup
54. *Plastic tops of coffee cups
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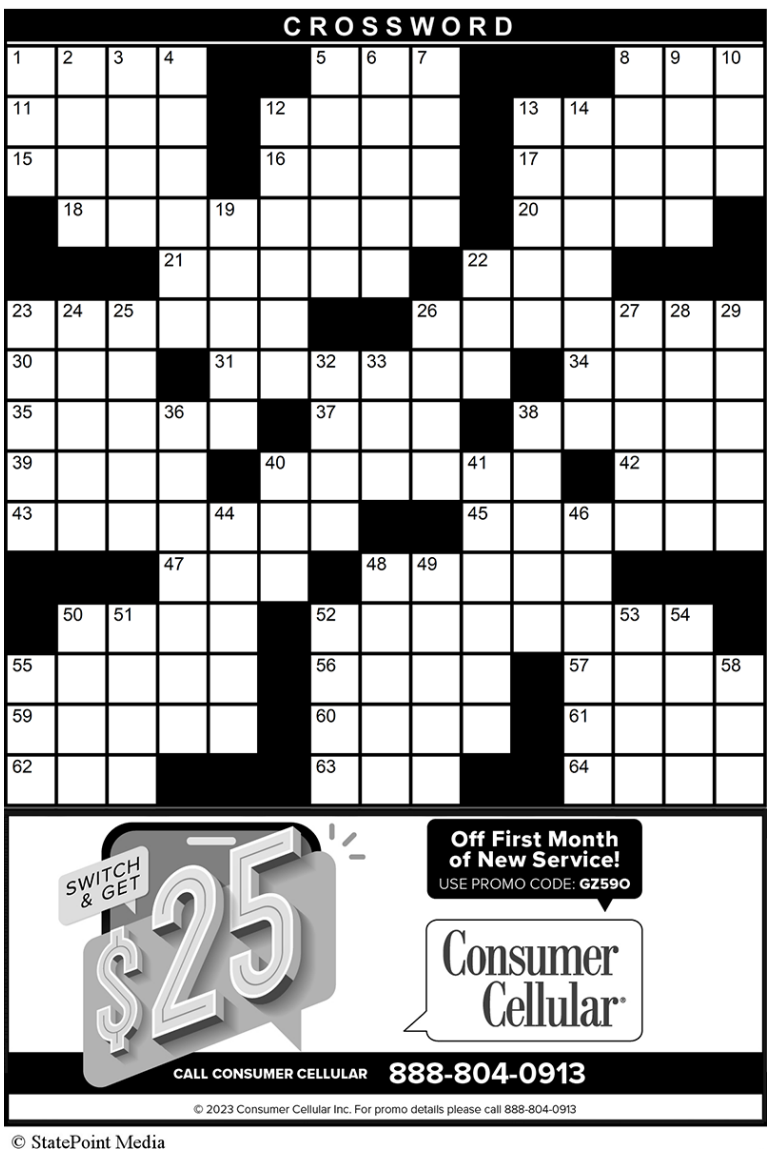
58. College entrance exam, acr.



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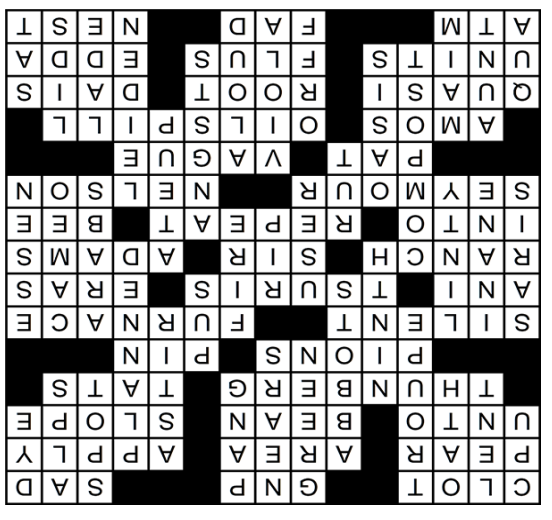

KANSAS WHEAT

Wheat Scoop: National Wheat Yield Contest is Open for 2023 Entries

While overall prospects for the 2023 Kansas wheat harvest remain dim due to sustained drought conditions, producers who have received timely moisture are encouraged to enter the 2023 National Wheat Yield Contest.

"No one can deny Mother Nature has not been kind to this year's winter wheat crop in Kansas," said Kansas Wheat CEO Justin Gilpin. "Even with the drought, we encourage producers to enter the National Wheat Yield Contest to demonstrate how their management practices maximize moisture when available and improve both yields and quality."

The National Wheat Yield Contest is organized by the National Wheat Foundation (NWF). The contest is divided into two primary competition categories: winter wheat and spring wheat, and two subcategories: dryland and irrigated.

Entries for winter wheat are open until May 15, 2023, with each entry costing $100. Each contestant must save an eight-pound sample of their wheat. The 24 national winners will send in their samples for analysis of milling and baking characteristics. Depending on the class, wheat samples must also exceed 57 or 58 pound test weight to compete.

Kansas farmers must be members of the Kansas Association of Wheat Growers to enter the national contest. Learn more about membership at kswheat.com/join.

The 2023 National Wheat Yield Contest will recognize the top 24 individual winners, each of whom will be recognized at the 2024 Commodity Classic in Houston, Texas, with quality winners also recognized per class and eligible for an extra cash award.

Last year's state winners were no strangers to a lack of rainfall. Fifth-generation farmer Brett Oelke raised triple-digit wheat in northwest Kansas with only four inches of moisture — entering a plot of WestBred Grainfield near Hoxie that yielded 106.34 bushels per acre in the 2022 National Wheat Yield Contest. The entry earned him the top spot in Kansas for dryland winter wheat and fifth nationally in percent increase over the county average. Read Oelke's full story at https://kswheat.com/oelke.

Rain also doesn't fall often in Sherman County, so David Leonard has learned how to improve yields by optimizing crop rotations, taking advantage of the moisture that does come and supplementing what Mother Nature doesn't provide through irrigation. That combination of practice and luck is Leonard's not-so-secret to winning the top spot in Kansas for irrigated winter wheat in the 2022 National Wheat Yield Contest with an entry of nearly 120 bushels per acre. Read Leonard's full story at https://kswheat.com/leonard.

And brothers John and Matt Grabbe put Schoenchen, Kansas, near Hays, on the map with two of the top three entries in the 2022 National Wheat Yield Contest. John placed second in Kansas in the winter wheat dryland category with an entry of WestBred WB4422 that yielded 103.24 bushels per acre. Brother Matt took third in the same category with an entry of WestBred WB4792 that yielded 97.88 bushels per acre. Read their full story at https://kswheat.com/grabbebros.

"We're proud to see our growers continue to reach for higher and better yields, even when moisture is limited," Gilpin said. "We can't control the weather, but last year's winners demonstrated how variety selection and management decisions help utilize the full potential of wheat genetics, even under challenging growing conditions."

WestBred, John Deere, U.S. Wheat Associates, BASF, The McGregor Companies, Croplan, Eastman, AgriMaxx, Ardent Mills, DynaGro, Limagrain Cereal Seeds, PlainsGold, UPL, Ohio Corn & Wheat, Mennel Milling, FarmLogs powered by Bushel, GrainSense, Miller Milling, North Carolina Small Grain Growers, Grain Craft, Grow Pro Genetics, Michigan Wheat, Kansas Wheat, Northern Crops Institute and the North Dakota Mill and Elevator are all supporting this year's contest.

Learn more about the National Wheat Yield Contest and enter at www.yieldcontest.wheatfoundation.org.

Written by Julia Debes for Kansas Wheat

Insight — Kansas Farm Bureau, The Voice of Agriculture

Community Through Coverage

Greg Doering, Kansas Farm Bureau

My phone alerted me to a four-year-old photo a few days ago, or rather it alerted me to a photo taken four years ago of a newspaper clipping from decades ago. The clipping was a photo of a much younger version of me proudly standing next to a giant pumpkin I had grown in our garden.

Sadly, that was the peak of my farming career, but proof it ever existed was enshrined in that photo, which was published in the local paper. A family friend clipped it out, probably intending to give it to my parents in short order.

Instead, it got lost for a few decades, likely resurfacing when the family friend was going -through a box long ago stowed away in a closet. Once discovered, however, it was put in the mail and arrived at my mother's house for us to share a good laugh about the time I grew the giant pumpkin.

It's a noteworthy family memory and a great example of the power of local newspapers and their unique ability to thoroughly cover their communities. My giant pumpkin didn't make the front page, which is reserved for more serious topics, but it was important enough to be preserved for decades.

At its best, a community newspaper is a running dialogue of the area it covers. It's a family-friendly version of the town talk in watering holes, coffee shops and beauty salons. The latest about all the area sports teams, board meetings, letters, announcements and more is collected and packaged based on what an editor believes the community needs to know. Over time, the articles also become artifacts of what life was like last week, year or decade.

Today anyone with a phone can tap a couple of buttons and blast a message to the masses. But that doesn't replace a seasoned reporter's intuition or a veteran editor's judgement on elevating stories that will resonate within the community. The internet has certainly given us all options in the who, what, why and how we get our news, but local papers are still the most durable fabric to hold a community together.

They're not perfect by any means, but your local newspaper is just as important to a town's sense of itself as the school, hardware store or area landmark. In addition to keeping up on current events, readers get a sense of civic pride by knowing what's going on in the community. The reach of a newspaper extends far beyond its circulation area.

Just the other day I received a call from a gentleman who had retired and decided to trade Kansas winters for the sunshine in Arizona. Must be nice. Even though he's no longer a resident, he mentioned how he stayed connected with his former town from more than 1,000 miles away through the local newspaper.

Despite the distance, he's still receiving updates on the births, deaths, weddings, high school events, city council meetings and more that local papers cover. Some, maybe even all, of that is available through social media, but good luck finding it in the same place day after day or week after week. A local newspaper will reliably show up on your porch, driveway or mailbox.

However, such service doesn't come cheap. Readers are being asked to shoulder more and more of the cost through subscriptions as advertisers look elsewhere. While it might seem like a raw deal, the value of living in a community connected through coverage is a bargain.

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News from Kansas Farm Bureau

New Commissioners Elected to Kansas Commodity Commissions

The Kansas Department of Agriculture has announced the result of the elections held for the state's five grain commodity commissions — corn, grain sorghum, soybeans, sunflowers and wheat — in districts four, five, and six in the central region of the state.

Grain commodity commissions serve the Kansas agriculture industry by managing their crop's research promotion and education programs funded with check-off funds. Candidates for the commissions must be a grower of the commodity in question and a resident in the state of voting age, and are elected by eligible growers in their district.

Newly elected commissioners:

Kansas Corn Commission

District Four: Mike Brzon, Republic County

District Five: Derek Belton, Marion County

District Six: Kent Moore, Pratt County

Kansas Grain Sorghum Commission

District Four: Matthew Benoit, Rooks County

No candidates ran for commissioner in districts five and six. The Kansas Grain Sorghum Commission will appoint these positions.

Kansas Soybean Commission

District Five: Keith Miller, Barton County

No candidates ran for commissioner in districts four and six. The Kansas Soybean Commission will appoint these positions.

Kansas Sunflower Commission

No candidates ran for commissioner in districts four, five, or six. The Kansas Sunflower Commission will appoint these positions.

Kansas Wheat Commission

District Four: Michael McClellan, Rooks County

District Six: Martin Kerschen, Sedgwick County

No candidates ran for commissioner in district five. The Kansas Wheat Commission will appoint this position.

For more information on Kansas commodity commissions, please visit the KDA website at www.agriculture.ks.gov/commodityCommissions. Commissioners serve three-year terms and the terms will commence on April 1.

Public Notice

(Published in the Cunningham Courier, March 23, 2023)

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF ZONING HEARING

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Thursday, April 13, 2023, the Cunningham City Planning Commission will consider the following zoning applications at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, 119 N Main, in Cunningham, Kansas:

Case No. SU-23-001. Special use requested to establish an oil field services, industrial business, in the I-1 Industrial District.

Legal description: Section 5, T28, R10W, Acres 2.9, Tract beginning at NE Corner NE4; Then South along East line of NE4 697.9 feet to South line of former railroad right of way; Then West 1874.6 feet for Point of Beginning; TH S221 W527 N273.9.

General location: 415 W Santa Fe Street, Cunningham, Kansas

You may appear at this time either in person or by agent or attorney , if you so desire, and be heard on the matter. After hearing the views and wishes of all persons interested in the cases, the Planning Commission may close the hearing and consider recommendations to the Governing Body. The public hearing may be recessed and continued from time to time without further notice.

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/s/ Molly Morgan

Molly Morgan, Zoning Administrator

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Margaret Hilt

Margaret Luora Hilt, 84, passed away Wednesday, March 15, 2023 at Parkwood Village in Pratt. She was born October 25, 1938 at Pratt County Hospital to Arthur E. and Murle L. (Hollopeter) Jones. She graduated from Pratt High School in 1956 and Pratt Junior College in 1958. On October 12, 1958, she married Charles Ivan Hilt in Arlington, who preceded her in death on March 5, 2018. They began their married life in Colorado and Nebraska, returning to Pratt in 1959. She was a homemaker and mother to two children, Mark Alan and Patricia Sue. She began working at the Pratt Public Library, then Pratt High School, concluding her career by retiring from Pratt Community College.

She was an active member of the First United Methodist Church, singing in the choir and serving on multiple committees. She was a member of the Glendale EHU, the Glendale Mothers Club and was active as a 4-H leader with the Glendale Reapers 4-H club. She was a long time Hospital Auxiliary member at Pratt Regional Medical Center. She was an avid sewer and quilter, frequently assisting with the quilt exhibits at the Pratt County Fair.

She survived by her son, Mark and his partner Patrick Scott of Los Angeles, California; daughter, Patricia and Steve Grimm of Lee's Summit, Missouri; and one grandson, Taylor of Independence, Missouri.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents and sisters, Carolyn and Sharon.

Memorial Service will be held at 11:00 a.m., Friday, April 28, at First United Methodist Church in Pratt, with John Hamm presiding.

The family would like to express their deepest gratitude to Dr. Wakon Fowler, Sharon Will, Kelli Denney and the entire Parkwood Village staff for their love and care over the last four years. In her last month of life, the ICU nurses at PRMC and Interim Hospice provided invaluable support.

Memorials can be made to the Agape Clinic or the Pratt County Fair Association in care of Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt.

Dorothy Sloan

Dorothy J. Sloan, 87, died March 16, 2023, at Wheatlands Healthcare Center, Kingman.

She was born July 15, 1935, the daughter of Arthur and Allie Jane Richard Sloan. A lifetime resident of Kingman most of her life, she was a former teacher in Colwich, Pennock Nursing Home and MedAid.

Dorothy was a member of the Nazarene Church.

Survivors include her sister Donna Willard and her husband Merill; nephew Terrill Willard; niece Sherry Willard; great-nieces Paige Burns and Mikayla Lander; and great-nephew Brandon Burns. Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents Arthur and Allie Jane Sloan; and a brother Roy.

Funeral services will 2:00 p.m., Thursday, March 23, 2023, at the Livingston Funeral Home, Kingman.

The family will receive friends from 1:00 p.m. until service time at the funeral home. Burial will be in the Cleveland Cemetery.

Memorials may be made with Wheatlands Healthcare Center or the Gideons, both in care of Livingston Funeral Home, 1830 N Main, Kingman, KS 67068.

Larry Mitchell

Pratt - Larry Gene Mitchell, 61, passed away surrounded by friends and family Thursday, March 16, 2023 after being diagnosed with stage four Pancreatic Cancer in January. As many people in Pratt know, Larry was the best husband, neighbor, dad, and friend. Larry had the best personality and biggest sense of humor. He loved making people laugh and telling funny stories.

Larry was born on February 21, 1962 in Great Bend, KS to George and Ruby (Nuss) Mitchell. Larry married Jeri (Dreiling) Mitchell on November 14, 1981 in Great Bend. They shared 41 wonderful years of travels, laughs, companionship, and so much love. Larry graduated from Great Bend High School in 1980. He spent the majority of his working years in the oilfield as a well-respected contract pumper. After 30 years in the oilfield, Larry was fortunate enough to retire in 2010 and check so many things off his Bucket List: walking the Great Wall of China, feeding elephants on an African Safari, riding across the Sahara Desert on a camel, eating a kangaroo pie in Australia, riding his motorcycle to Nova Scotia, zip lining over a pit of crocodiles in Mexico, watching grizzly bears catch wild salmon in Alaska, touring Red Square and St. Basil's Cathedral in Russia, and trekking across the United States on his beloved motorcycles with his best friends. His most recent adventure was exploring castles in Ireland to help plan his oldest daughter, Lindsey's wedding this upcoming June.

He is survived by his wife, Jeri; daughters, Lindsey (fiance Ryan O'Grady) Mitchell and Haley Mitchell both of Kansas City, Missouri; and brothers, Lee (Vicky) Mitchell of Harker Heights, Texas and Dale (Yvonne) Mitchell of Omaha, Nebraska. He is preceded in death by his parents and brother, Ron Mitchell.

Per Larry's wishes, Cremation has taken place and there will be no services. Instead, we invite you to reminisce on the good times and share your favorite memories of Larry at www.larrisonmortuary.com.

Kevin Fairchild

Kevin Fairchild, 50, died Tuesday, March 21, 2023 at his home in Kingman.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m., Saturday, at the Assembly of God Church, Kingman. The family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Friday at the Livingston Funeral Home. Burial will be in the Walnut Hill Cemetery.

Note of Thanks

Thank you for all the kind words, prayers and memories shared during our loss.

-The family of Sherry Baber-

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Doc Molitor

Richard Michael "Doc" Molitor, 93, died March 17, 2023 at Wheatlands Healthcare Center, Kingman.

He was born January 20, 1930, during a blizzard on the family farm in rural Willowdale, Kansas the son of William "Bude" and Anna Kimminau. He was the oldest of nine children and a lifetime resident of the Willowdale community. he was a farmer and rancher.

Richard loved his farm and was able to drive the tractor and work the ground up to the age of 89. In his early years he raised sheep with over 500 head in his herd at one time. He also raised chickens and sold eggs. In 1952 he went to Dodge City, KS and bought his first set of female Registered Angus Heifers. He loved his cattle and every day till this past December you could see & hear Doc in his cake feeder pick-up going on the famous "tour" of feeding his cattle. He has raised Registered Angus cattle since and held his first Angus Production Sale in 1980. The family just hosted the 44th Sale at the ranch. Richard and Angela enjoyed vacations in the summer with the whole family to OK, MO, AR, and CO. They were also traveled to the countries of China, Ireland, Spain, Panama and Portugal. Doc was an avid Royals fan and enjoyed a good game of pitch and Texas-hold em.

Doc was a member of the St. Peter Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus, both at Willowdale; former President and current member of the Kansas Angus Association; the Kansas National Guard Reserve; a former Kingman County 4-H Sheep Superintendent for over twenty years; and in 1995 received the Master Farmer Award.

On April 25, 1952, he married Angela Patry in Wichita. Other survivors include their son Michael and his wife Susan; six daughters Marsha (Mike) Strothman, Deborah (Michael) Obrock, Constance (Bud) Oak, Sandy (Doug) Walbridge, Nancy (Mike) Dailey, and Lisa Schmidt. Doc loved to tell the joke "I have six daughters and each one has a brother". Doc's surviving siblings; brother Jim (Cindy) Molitor; sisters Catherine Ewertz, Joan (Craig) Plassmeyer, June Thome, Diane (Tom) Clarisse; 15 grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by brother William "Billy Joe" Molitor; and sisters Mary Ann Poss and Clarice Hanna.

Parish rosary with family visitation will be 6:30 p.m., Thursday, March 23, 2023, at the St. Peter Catholic Church, Willowdale. Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m., Friday, also at St. Peter Catholic Church. Burial will be in the St. Peter Church Cemetery.

Memorials may be made with St. Peter Church Building Fund or the St. Peter Church Cemetery fund, both in care of the funeral home.

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