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Approved Minutes from the June BOE Meeting

The West Kingman County Board of Education meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 6, 2022, by President Scott DeWeese.

President, Scott DeWeese; Members, Brent Hansen, Vicki Oldham, Travis Thimesch, Bjorn Halderson, Megan Green; Superintendent, Robert Reed; Principal, Cody Dunlap; Clerk, Stacy Webster; and Guest, Roberta Kobbe.

Motion made by Vicki Oldham, seconded by Bjorn Halderson, to approve the agenda as amended; add approve classified staff pay. Motion carried 6-0.

President DeWeese welcomed guest, Roberta Kobbe.

Motion made by Travis Thimesch, seconded by Megan Green, to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2022 regular meeting. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Travis Thimesch, seconded by Vicki Oldham, to approve the minutes of the May 25, 2022 special meeting. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Brent Hansen, seconded by Travis Thimesch, to approve the payment of bills and the financial reports as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Reed discussed the status of fleet vehicles, Summer Driver's Ed, Summer School and the German Exchange fireworks. He also shared a bid he got for adding a repeater antenna for the bus radios.

Principal Cody Dunlap discussed state track, FFA convention and Summer

weights numbers. He talked about amending the work study agreement and presented the final schedule for next year. He also shared ideas he has about 8th grade promotion, handbook items and graduation requirements. Finally he reported that he got another no from the 4th school asked about a baseball co-op.

Member Travis Thimesch reported that the meeting was held at the same time as the district meeting, nothing to report. Superintendent Reed shared that we will have a new School Psych next school year.

Superintendent Reed shared the latest construction concept drawing.

Motion made by Bjorn Halderson, seconded by Megan Green, to go into executive session with Superintendent Reed and Principal Dunlap at 8:35 p.m. to discuss personnel for the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA and return to the board room at 8:55 p.m.. Motion carried 6-0.

President DeWeese declared the meeting in open session at 8:55 p.m.

Motion made by Vicki Oldham, seconded by Travis Thimesch, to go into executive session with Superintendent Reed and Principal Dunlap at 8:55 p.m. to discuss personnel for the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA and return to the board room at 9:05 p.m.. Motion carried 6-0.

Superintendent Reed and Principal Dunlap exited the Executive session at 8:59 p.m.

President DeWeese declared the meeting in open session at 9:05 p.m.

Motion made by Travis Thimesch, seconded by Megan Green, to go into executive session with Superintendent Reed and Principal Dunlap at 9:05 p.m. to discuss student matters for the student privacy exception under KOMA and return to the board room at 9:25 p.m.. Yeas: DeWeese, Hansen, Oldham, Halderson, Green, Thimesch. Nays: none. Motion carried 6-0.

President DeWeese declared the

meeting in open session at 9:25 p.m.

Motion made by Travis Thimesch, seconded by Megan Green, to go into executive session with Superintendent Reed and Principal Dunlap at 9:25 p.m. to discuss student matters for the student privacy exception under KOMA and return to the board room at 9:35 p.m.. Yeas: DeWeese, Hansen, Oldham, Halderson, Green, Thimesch. Nays: none. Motion carried 6-0.

President DeWeese declared the meeting in open session at 9:35 p.m.

Motion made by Travis Thimesch, seconded by Bjorn Halderson, to approve the 2022-2023 Certified Negotiated agreement. Yeas: DeWeese, Hansen, Oldham, Halderson, Green, Thimesch. Nays: none. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Brent Hansen, seconded by Travis Thimesch, to approve a .50 increase for classified staff for 2022-2023. Yeas: DeWeese, Hansen, Oldham, Halderson, Green, Thimesch. Nays: none. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Travis Thimesch, seconded by Vicki Oldham, to approve the Isaiah and Dagim Reed for Summer help. Yeas: DeWeese, Hansen, Oldham, Halderson, Green, Thimesch. Nays: none. Motion carried 6-0.

Superintendent Reed presented the recommended KASB Policy updates for review.

The board discussed and made consensus to schedule a special budget hearing meeting for June 27th at 7:30 a.m. in the Board of Education office. The July meeting was set for July 11, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board of Education office.

Motion made by Bjorn Halderson, seconded by Megan Green, to adjourn the meeting at 9:44 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Approved Minutes from the June BOE Special Meeting

The West Kingman County Board of Education budget hearing was called to order at 7:31 a.m. on Monday, June 27, 2022 by President Scott DeWeese.

President, Scott DeWeese; Vice-President, Brent Miller; Members, Brent Hansen, Vicki Oldham, and Bjorn Halderson; Superintendent, Robert Reed; and Clerk, Stacy Webster.

Motion made by Brent Hansen, seconded by Vicki Oldham to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion was held regarding the 2021-2022 budget amendments.

Motion made by Bjorn Halderson, seconded by Brent Miller to approve the amendments to the 2021-2022 budget. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion made by Vicki Oldham, seconded by Brent Miller, to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 a.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Retirement Reception Held for Monte Rose



Monte Rose was honored on Sunday for his 30 years of service as an EMT in the Cunningham community. Mayor Aaron Murphy presented Monte with a plaque as a sign of appreciation. Also pictured are Rogene Jarmer, EMS board member, and Marla Rose, Monte's wife and a former EMT in our community.

Pride Yard of the Week



Pride's Yard of the Week is cared for by Shirley Granander at 330 South Elliott.



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Meanderings

Fellow meanderers, today I am meandering through memories. All good ones, you are welcome to read along.

Many things, mostly foods, remind me of my dad.

Mom always made a huge Sunday dinner. She'd put something in the oven before we went to Mass, and then we'd come home, and she'd hustle around getting the meal ready. But Sunday evening meals were Dad's department.

Today, Tuesday, I decided popcorn sounded like a yummy treat. I know this is odd, but I don't usually eat popcorn in the middle of the week. I can't remember the last time I did. Popcorn is for Sunday afternoons—like when I was a kid. I can still see Dad standing at the stove, turning the

handle on the orange lid of the popcorn popper. (You remember those spin-by-hand poppers, don't you?) A large bowl sat on the kitchen table waiting for the popped kernels. Dad would dip up bowls of popcorn and pass them around to his kids. Usually there was something on TV we would be watching.

For years, as an adult, I had a stove-top popper, but after a decade or so, it just got grungy and was difficult to clean, so I pitched it. I now pop corn in the microwave. But it just doesn't taste the same as popcorn you've put in a pan and popped and buttered and salted. It just isn't the same.

Dairy Queen reminds me of Dad. Sometimes on hot summer evenings, (Sundays, of course), Dad and Mom and their six kids would pile into the car and head over to Pratt for ice cream. It was a rare treat, and one we all enjoyed. One hot summer day, I was really hungry, and I told Dad I wanted the biggest ice cream cone, they had, Dad grinned, "What do you need that for?" But he ordered it for me. I can still see him passing

it to me through the car window. (Rolled down, of course, because there was no air conditioning in the car). My tummy filled up just looking at it. Of course, I couldn't finish it—not even half of it. I think Dad knew I wouldn't eat it all. When I had enough and told Dad I couldn't eat anymore because "I was full," he happily took it from me and finished it. Rather wily, wasn't he?

Dad also frequently fried hamburgers on Sunday nights, and we ate them on slices of bread. It was another rare treat when he went to Mary's Café and brought home hamburgers and FRENCH FRIES!!

Not just food reminds me of Dad. So does being outside in this heat...

I remember when I was in high school. For a couple of summers Dad had my sister, Naola, my brother Raymond, and I help him with terracing work. He needed help building those concrete drainage structures. I can remember being so incredibly hot working out in those fields. Of course, there wasn't one iota of shade in the middle of the fields.

Dad would use the backhoe to dig the trenches. Then we would drop in the wooden forms into those H-shaped trenches, crawl down into the hole with a bunch of two-by-fours cut to different lengths. We use the boards to brace the forms against the side of the trench, cut the re-bars and the welded wire fencing for reinforcement, drop them in between the forms, and prepare for the cement truck to come and pour in the concrete. It was incredibly hard work, and if it was 100 degrees standing in that field in the glaring sun, it was 130 degrees down in those trenches. Good lord, it was hot.

I know my siblings and I would be so relieved if we finished early or the cement truck was late. That meant we might get to lay down in the shade of the pickup or backhoe. In the shade it was only like 99 degrees, but we kept quiet and still, not moving around, not shoving boards against a trench, or using a trowel to smooth out the concrete, or standing in the sun with a shovel, ready to make a trench a bit more even. We could just

rest. Enjoy a cup of water without having to chug it down to get back to work.

After the concrete was poured, we had to go about smoothing it out. UGH! UGH! UGH! We didn't wear gloves and our hands were so chapped and gross from the concrete sucking the moisture out of them. The concrete wasn't exactly cool either. It warmed up and set up pretty quickly in the heat, and we worked frantically to get it smoothed out before it set. I think back on that and wonder how my sister and brother and I ever survived that job. I guess I was made of sturdier matter 45 years ago.

And the blowing dirt! And the sweat! How did I ever, ever, EVER manage to make it through those hot summer days? I do believe I admire my younger self a great deal.

I am even more impressed with my younger self because as hard as we worked, as dusty as we were, as sweaty as we got, we were never paid. Not one cent. It was just something we did because we were expected to help our dad. I remember wishing we would get paid, but never did we ask

for money, nor did we ever get any. Well, now, there's no way I would ever do that kind of work without compensation.

Oh, bother! What am I saying? NO amount of money would entice me to do that work again. EVER.

** I think I have my column idea for next week. I had it as part of this one, but it seems I will run out of room before I finish it. I am excited to have next week's column started! Woo-hoo!

Always reading, And currently reading, "The Second Deadly Sin" By Lawrence Sanders, Roberta

"You can invent things like automatic popcorn poppers. You can invent things like steam-powered window washers. But you can't invent more time."

— Lemony Snicket, *The Bad Beginning*

"If you saw a heat wave, would you wave back?" — Steven Wright

"Difficulties strengthen the mind, as labor does the body."

— Lucius Annaeus Seneca

Tallgrass and Tumbleweeds by Gaille Pike

Dear Readers, I spent a couple of hours yesterday on Jones Aquatic Center's "Lazy River." If you're anywhere near Emporia, I recommend checking it out. Tubing not only cools you off, but it's a terrific way to relax and experience Summer fun at a slower pace.

Once home I headed down to the dock, thinking that listening to crick-

ets and frogs while light faded across the pond would be the perfect way to end a tranquil day. That's not quite how it turned out because, as you may recall, I have a big lug of cat, who tends to be right on my heels, and of course he came along.

You may also recall that this guy's a talker. And maybe it's because I hadn't been around all

day, but last night, he was loud and he would not shut up. I've told you before that I don't "speak cat," but I'm convinced he was complaining. I just have no clue what had him so worked up. All I could offer when he'd pause to take a breath was to stare into his big golden eyes and say, "That just sounds awful. Tell all about it." Then he'd let loose another string of chirps.

I was fine by me that he did not petting nor to be held. It was still too hot to be cuddling a long-haired cat. Clearly though there'd be no peaceful evening end.

We might as well continue our DISCUSSION in air-conditioning and in apparent agreement he followed me right back up the walk, continuing his diatribe.

He strolled past the food and water dishes, which I eyed to make sure they were full and fresh. When I gave him a once-over pat-down, I could find no sign he's sick. He squirmed under my touch and squealed. The sounds he made were not indicative of pain but rather (and for this guy truly out of character—his normal laid-back disposition is the best of any pet I've ever known.)

he sounded irritable and cranky. He did not run off when I put him down. He sat next to my chair, stared at me...and kept complaining.

What else could I do but Google, "What makes a cat cranky?" The first page of search results was not much help. The consensus even among cat lovers was that a healthy, well-fed out-of-sorts cat is "just being a cat." On page two, I found an article that suggested changes in environment can unsettle cats. Surprisingly, he did not resist when I scooped him up and set off on a house inspection. I went

up and down our hallway twice, passing four doors that were shut, before I caught on (because he kept YELLING at closed doors.) Our cats usually have full run of these rooms. But right now extra teenagers who enjoy their privacy are visiting and the bathrooms are nearly always occupied. These boys are such a joy I had not noticed the change but that cat did and found his lack of access to HIS HOUSE quite objectionable.

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

Hacks for Remembering Hacks

Did you know that ketchup can clean copper and that mustard can be used as an exfoliating face mask? Also, they're both really good on hot dogs.

And did you know that you can keep carryout pizza warm on the way home by setting it on the passenger seat and turning on the seat warmer? If you have a passenger and they resent having to sit in the backseat just tell them the pizza called shotgun.

These are all valuable tips I learned in an online article called "200 Hacks

to Make Life Easier." If you waste as much time online as I do, you've noticed that what we once called "tips" or "hints from Heloise" are now called hacks. And there are a lot of them. There are life hacks, travel hacks, cooking hacks and personal finance hacks. There are car maintenance hacks, ballroom dancing hacks and rock climbing hacks. And there are hacks to burgle proof your home, hacks to prevent your computer from being hacked and writing hacks to keep you from being a hack.

I'm a sucker for all of them—except the rock climbing hacks. I'd be hacking my way through life were it not for one

problem. There are no hacks for remembering hacks. I can never remember the clever trick I read to solve the particular problem I'm having at the moment I'm having it. That could be a real problem for rock climbers. But even for those of us with less pressing issues it can be troublesome. Is it white vinegar you use to clean minerals off your shower door? Or balsamic? Is it peanut butter you use to get gum out of your hair? Or jelly?

The next time I need to wash our blender, will I remember to fill it with soapy water and run it? And will I remember to put the lid on before I do it?

When we run out

of kindling at our next campfire, will I remember that Doritos make excellent tinder and not just the "flamin' hot nacho" flavor either? And if we do bring Doritos to our next campout, will there be any left by the time I remember?

I did come up with a hack for remembering one of the tricks in the "200 Hacks to Make Life Easier" article. Here's the hack: A strand of spaghetti can be used to light a hard-to-reach candle wick—as long as you don't cook the spaghetti first.

I have a few long matches that I occasionally use to light a candle or a burner on my gas stove when the igniter

doesn't work. I was pondering how I'd remember this useful hack when I run out of them. Then inspiration struck! If I store a piece of spaghetti in the box with the long matches, I'll see it every time I use one. By the time I run out of the matches, the spaghetti hack will be as ingrained in me as all the hacks I learned back before hacks were called hacks—like how you should sweep the top step first and that you should always put the carrier back before you drive away from a drive-through bank.

I went to the kitchen, got a piece of spaghetti and reached for the box of long matches on the

top shelf of the cupboard. But as I did it, I bumped a votive candle holder and it fell off the shelf. Fortunately it didn't break. Unfortunately the plate it landed on did, spewing shards of glass and wet cat food all over the kitchen and onto the carpet in the hallway.

I went ahead and put the spaghetti in the box and then surveyed the damage. I wonder if there's a hack for getting wet pet food mixed with glass out of carpet.

Dorothy Rosby is the author of three books of humorous essays including *Alexa's a Spy and Other Things to Be Ticked off About*, *Humorous Essays on the Hassles of Our Time*.

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*"She kept swimming out into life because she hadn't yet found a rock to stand on."
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Upcoming Auctions

Saturday, July 16th
Dorothy Sparks Estate
434 N Main, Macksville, KS.
Contents @ 9:30am,
House @ 12:00 Noon.

Sat. July 30th, 2022 – 9:30 AM
Hamm Auction Center
Dr. & Mrs. Stucky from
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**Freed-Hardeman University
Announces Spring 2022
President's, Dean's Lists**

HENDERSON, TN (06/29/2022)-- Freed-Hardeman University has released the names of students who made the President's and Dean's Lists for the spring 2022 semester.

To be on the President's List, a student must be full-time and have a 4.0 grade point average. Students on the Dean's List have earned a minimum 3.4 grade point average for the semester.

Hannah Pearce, of Kingman, Kansas, was named to FHU's President's List. Pearce is earning a Bachelor of Arts in Studio Art.

FHU congratulates all of the students honored during the spring 2022 semester.

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**July 15th - 17th
Elvis**

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Please join us on Saturday, July 16th from 6:45 p.m. to 7:20 p.m. as we welcome local musician, Katie Zeigler, to the state as she performs songs from Elvis and some of her personal song choices. Free with your paid movie ticket.

YEARS AGO IN

The Cunningham Clipper

W. A. BRADLEY, EDITOR

1927

July 15 – Mrs. Melva Cozens was honored with a handkerchief shower by the Rainbow Sunday School Class, prior to the family’s departure to Coats, where they will reside.

A leak in the check valve at the City Ice Plant, Sunday morning, resulted in the loss of about one hundred and fifty pounds of ammonia, and caused quite a smell in the north part of town, routing people from their beds early in the morning.

The Cunningham All Stars defeated Turon last Sunday by a score of 11 to 3. Matt Zrubek, pitcher, held Turon to seven hits, and Irsick hit a home run for Cunningham.

Five thousand people are expected to see the Santa Fe Wheat Festival Train during its three-hour stay in Kingman on July 27. This is part of a program by the Kansas State Agricultural College to launch a wheat belt improvement program to aid Kansas agriculture.

1932

July 15 – J. G. Gibbens, Henry Gibbens, Elmo Huffman, and Verne Stanley made a five hundred and fifty-mile drive through Western Kansas Sunday.

Work on the Skelly Liesman No. 1 well is progressing nicely as operators are drilling the test deeper in search of oil. Quite a number of interested spectators, including oil scout and oil men, have been on hand this week watching the progress.

1937

July 16, 1937 – The Gibbens mail quartet held a reunion this week. They are four brothers, the youngest 68 years old., and the oldest 73 years of age, and in the group are Captain Charles S. Gibbens, 73, of

Fort Lauderdale, Florida, W. S. Gibbens, 71, Kingman farmer, Leo T. Gibbens, 70, Scott City attorney, and J. G. Gibbens, 68, Cunningham ranchman. We don’t know if the group can sing, but if they can, they would make a wonderful male quartet.

1942

July 17 – Mrs. Waldo Graves left this week for Massachusetts to join her husband, who is in the United States Army and stationed at Cape Cod.

A national salvage drive will start August 1. Cunningham and community recently completed a scrap rubber drive which netted 27,358 pounds of used material.

Ed Canaday, former Superintendent of the Skellyville Gasoline Plant, has been appointed Field Representative of the Skelly Oil Company, and his office will be in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

July 18, 1947 – Cunningham came off with third place in the Pratt District Semi-Pro Tournament when they were eliminated by Macksville, Friday night, by a score of 11 to 5.

Cunningham business men are constantly improving their business houses which in turn improves the city. Recently Carde Cannon installed venetian blinds across the entire front of the Cannon Variety Store and Fred Foster re-decorated his café on the outside.

1952

July 18 – In a business transaction completed this week, Lou Hoagland of Sun City, has purchased the Olmstead and Stark Grocery, and took over the operation of the store Monday.

The Hoaglands were engaged in farming near Sun City, but prior to that time, operated a grocery store in Sawyer.

The Hoaglands chose to move to Cunningham because of business prospects and the reputation of an excellent and progressive school system.

Thieves broke into the Santa Fe Depot Tuesday night but found only ninety-two cents to reward them for their efforts.

Entrance was gained by breaking the lock on the south door of the station.

1957

July 18 – Airman Third Class LeRoy Meyers arrived home last Saturday night to spend a 15-day furlough visiting Mrs. Meyers and infant son at Isabel, and with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. August Meyers and family.

Closing-Out Sale – Entire Stock of Buntmeyer Electric at Reduced Prices – Westinghouse Appliances and Wiring Supplies

1962

July 19 – Mr. and Mrs. Carl Epp will hold a public auction sale at their farm home site next Tuesday, July 24, beginning at 10:00 o’clock in the morning.

The sale, conducted by Auctioneers Larry and Math Giefer, features farm machinery and equipment, antiques, household goods, and livestock.

“The Great Imposter,” the true story of Ferdinand Demar starring Tony Curtis, is the free outdoor movie to be shown in the City Park this evening (Thursday).

- Gold Medal Flour, 25-lb. bag, \$1.99
- Hershey’s Chocolate Syrup, 16-oz. can, 19c
- Cantaloupes, 6 for \$1
- Apricots, ½ bu., \$2.98
- Peaches, 2 lbs., 29c
- Thompson Seedless Grapes, 33c lb.
- Rainbow Cut Green Beans, 9 #303 cans, 99c
- Lindy Peas, 6 #303 cans, \$1
- Kerr Mason Complete Caps, 35c box
- Kerr Regular Jars, case of 12 pint jars, \$1.29
- Case of 12 quart jars, \$1.39
- Whole Fryers, 29c lb.
- TV Ham, full shank half, 53c lb.
- Good Value Bacon, 2-lb. pkg, 99c
- Cunningham IGA
- “Where the Prices are Low Every Day”

1967

July 20 – Scoutmaster Bob Sterneker took four of the Cunningham Boy Scouts to Camp Ta-Wa-Kani near Augusta, Sunday, where the boys are spending this week. The Boy Scouts include Mike Oller, Mike Schreck, Mike Spade, and Ronnie Park.

Herbert Park and Ronnie went to Chicago, Ill., over the Fourth of July week-end, where Mr. Park attended the annual reunion of his World War II Army outfit.

Marjie Jarmer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Jarmer, is among the 475 students at Kansas State Teachers College at Emporia named to the Dean’s Honor Roll.

The Cunningham Grade School Library will be open on Monday mornings at 9:00 o’clock until 12:00 noon until August 14, according to Librarian Mrs. Margaret Hull.

Museum Summer Hours
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and Saturdays
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The Joy of Farm Family Day Trips

Jackie Mundt, Pratt County farmer and rancher

Harvest is a farmer’s Super Bowl. It’s the culmination of a year’s work and his way to measure success.

After the last load of wheat heads to town, there is a final buzz of activity. Equipment is cleaned and put away, paperwork sorted and other things neglected during harvest are checked on.

The stress of constant activity, anticipation and worry, ebbs and there is room to breathe; a mo-

ment of thankfulness and rest.

That brief rest is a special time for a farm family. Though a farmer’s work is never done, a fresh sense of accomplishment reminds a farmer that even God rested occasionally. The win of harvest gives farm families a small window for a holiday.

Marc and I love both love to plan trips and travel to fun destinations, but he often struggles to commit to plans far enough in advance to book tickets or make firm commitments with friends. He can’t predict the weather, if irrigators will break down, when crops will be ready to harvest, if cattle fences will need unexpected mending, a storm causing

damage or all the other unpredictable but steady tasks that keep farmers busy 365 days a year.

But when the stars align, a brief vacation is in order. We love to grab a road map and snacks and jump in the car for a day of exploring the hidden gems of our neighboring towns in Kansas.

Some people may read this and think I mean Wichita, Kansas City or one of our larger cities. Though these cities have some wonderful attractions, they are rarely the focus of our Kansas adventures.

A little over a decade ago when I first moved here, the Kansas Sampler Foundation had just completed their “8 Wonders of Kansas” publications. That list joined personal

recommendations from friends and our paper atlas to create ready inspiration for any of a dozen day trips we have ready for moments when the opportunity arises for us to travel this beautiful and unique state.

If you have never seen the “8 Wonders of Kansas” or taken a day trip to the small towns who have pulled together resources to create museums, preserved history, share local art, or supported unique customs and businesses, you are missing out.

Another joy of these day trips is that very little planning allows us to be flexible and see where the road leads us. This year our postharvest adventure started with my dad’s (a farmer

who sees helping during wheat harvest as his annual vacation) interest in the Kansas Motorcycle Museum in Marquette.

Lunch at the Ranch House, an extensive and well maintained motorcycle collection and a very trendy and cool Smoky Hill Distillery awaited us on Main Street in Marquette. Next we decided to travel to neighboring Lindsborg for the view from Coronado Heights, the Old Mill Museum and the Dala Horse artists at Hemslojd. We meandered home through Lyons for a tasty dinner at the County Seat. Our day in towns with less than 4,000 people included rare items, interesting culture and history, great food and drink, and won-

derful family memories.

Small town Kansas may not be on the top of your vacation bucket list, but it is full of interesting people who freely share their passion with the people who step into their towns every day. That is what make traveling through our state so amazing.

The next time you have a moment to pause for an adventure, I hope you will get out and see what the small towns around our state have to offer. Maybe I will see you there.

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Summits of Summer

Glenn Brunkow, Pottawatomie County farmer and rancher

We have turned the calendar to July, and that means different things to different people. For students and teachers July means summer is at the halfway point, and the first day of school is near. For those of us in agriculture it means haying season and watching fall crops grow. In the Farm Bureau world, July is

the start of county Farm Bureau annual meetings.

County Farm Bureau meetings in Kansas are as unique as the counties themselves. They are held anytime from July until October; the only stipulation is that they have to be done in time to get the voting delegates for that county registered for the Kansas Farm Bureau annual meeting in December. The meetings vary in the type of meal served – anything from catered affairs to hotdog and hamburger feeds or even ice cream socials. Some have entertainment, others feature edu-

cational speakers while some are bare bones, business-only gatherings. Recently some counties have gone with more family friendly activities with their annual meeting tagged on at the end.

Yes, there is no cookie-cutter county Farm Bureau Annual meeting template. That is the beauty of Kansas Farm Bureau, each county organization is its own unique entity. That is what makes me proud to be a member of Kansas Farm Bureau and the Pottawatomie County Farm Bureau specifically. I have never been involved with an organi-

zation that was so grassroots driven and responsive to its members.

Every annual meeting reflects the unique personality of an individual county and the members on the board. I have seen traditions developed over many years in some counties and other counties like to mix it up with something new each year. The COVID-19 years saw a lot of change in our county annual meeting with many being held virtual, thank goodness that isn’t the case anymore. One thing that all county annual meetings share is great fellowship among the members.

That is where I want to make the plea to you. If you are a member and you have not been to one of your annual meetings, please change that this year. You should receive notice of the meeting from your respective county. Some will be a simple postcard while others will be a newsletter touting what your county has done during the year. If you have not received your notice yet or think you might have missed it, just call your local office and they will be happy to give you the details.

I hope you will consider attending, this is a

good way to get your toes wet and see what your organization has to offer. I don’t know of a single county that isn’t looking for members who want to be active and this is a good way to find out what it is all about. Who knows you might at least have a great meal or some other experience?

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Find County Fair Inspiration from Kansas Wheat

Farm families across the state are laser-focused on wheat harvest, but county 4-H fair deadlines are also quickly approaching. Whether your 4-Her is catching samples for the crop production project, snapping the perfect harvest photo during dinner or still trying to decide on the perfect recipe for a foods entry, Kansas Wheat has resources available and additional opportunities to share those projects with others across the state.

Festival-tested recipes available from the National Festival of Breads

The National Festival of Breads is a public festival held every other year. Recipe entries from around the country are tested out in the Syngenta Speak for Wheat Test Kitchen at the Kansas Wheat Innovation Center by nutrition educator Cindy Falk. Each of the finalists' recipes is truly

one of the best of the best with detailed instructions, tips and nutrition information provided.

Check out traditional yeast bread and roll recipes, recipes with unique ingredients like strawberry lemonade or Thai peanut sauce and even recipes for creating beautiful shapes at <https://nationalfestivalofbreads.com/recipes>.

EatWheat shares recipes, activities and farmer stories

Looking for even more recipes to comb through for the perfect fair entry or harvest meal? EatWheat is a consumer-facing website that provides awareness of farm and production practices while also sharing beautiful wheat photography, full meal ideas, activities for the entire family like salt dough ornaments (a great 4-H craft project!) and — of course — the best wheat foods recipes around.

Explore the fun at EatWheat.org.

Mark your calendar for the Kansas 4-H Wheat Expo

As county fair participants start looking to practice recipes for the State Fair or youth want

to show off their wheat photography or just learn more about wheat, mark your calendars for the Kansas 4-H Wheat Expo. Sponsored by the Kansas Wheat Commission and many other partners from across the state, the Kansas 4-H Wheat Expo is scheduled for Thursday, August 4. The one-day event will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Stafford County Annex Building in St. John. The event is open to all and has special opportunities targeted to 4-H and FFA members.

In addition to a wheat judging contest, 4-H and FFA youth ages 7 to 19 and Cloverbuds ages 5 to 6 can participate in a Market Wheat Show. Enrollment in the project is not required (except for Division 1) and there will be cash awards for the two placings in each division in addition to ribbons for all entries.

The Market Wheat Show includes:

Division 1 — Bin Run Wheat — Crop Production Project. Send a 1 lb. bin run sample of wheat along with completed entry card to KSU. Exhibitor must be enrolled in Crop Production

and Management. Limit 2 per exhibitor. Entries must be different varieties. Open only to youth ages 7-19 (no Cloverbuds). Samples must be postmarked by July 15, 2022.

Division 2 — Bin Run Wheat — Adopt a Producer. Send a 1 lb. bin run sample of wheat along with completed entry card to KSU. For youth not enrolled in Crop Production and Management who adopt a wheat producer. Limit 2 per exhibitor. Entries must be different varieties. Open only to youth ages 7-19 (no Cloverbuds). Samples must be postmarked by July 15, 2022.

Division 3 — Clean Wheat — 1 Quart. One quart jar of cleaned wheat. May be mechanically cleaned, but handpicked is advantageous. Bring entry day of show, labeled with name, county/district, club and variety.

Division 4 — Yeast Rolls. Three standard yeast rolls, any kind with wheat flour as major ingredient and no additions (i.e. nuts, fruit, cheese). Place on a plate enclosed in a plastic bag and include recipe. Bring entry

day of show, labeled with name, club and county/district.

Division 5 — Cookies. Three standard-sized cookies of any kind with wheat flour as a major ingredient. Place on a plate enclosed in a plastic bag and include recipe. Bring entry day of show, labeled with name, county/district and club.

Division 6 — Muffins. Three standard-sized muffins of any kind with wheat flour as a major ingredient. Place on a plate enclosed in a plastic bag and include recipe. Bring entry day of show, labeled with name, county/district and club.

Division 7 — Wheat Photo. 8 x 10 photograph related to wheat. Black/white, color, landscape, etc. are accepted. All photos compete against each other. Use Kansas State Fair 4-H mounting rules. Bring entry day of show, labeled with name, county/district and club.

Division 8 — Wheat Educational Poster. Use standard poster board (22" X 28") or 3' X 4' (maximum) display board. The central theme must be related to wheat. Photos and artwork are allowed, but no copy-

righted materials. Bring entry day of show, labeled with name, county/district and club.

Division 9 — Cloverbuds (ages 5 - 6). Cloverbuds may compete in Divisions 3 - 8. Participation ribbons will be given. Entries will not be judged, and are not eligible for cash prizes.

In addition to the exhibits and judging contest, participants will be able to tour the Stafford County Flour Mill, Osborne Fruit and Vegetables — a family-owned, field-to-table produce business — and Spare Farms, which market vegetables sold at farmers' markets in surrounding cities.

Registration for the event is now open and will close on July 25. There is a small registration fee of \$6.00 per person, which is payable the day of the event.

Learn more about the 2022 Kansas 4-H/FFA Wheat Expo at <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/wheat/index.html>.

Written by Julia Debes for Kansas Wheat



Day 10, Kansas Wheat Harvest Report

This is day 10 of the Kansas Wheat Harvest Reports, brought to you by the Kansas Wheat Commission, Kansas Association of Wheat Growers and the Kansas Grain and Feed Association.

With scattered rain showers streaking through Kansas, farmers are not only cutting wheat when they can, but also dedicating manpower to spraying wheat stubble to address weed emergence.

Harvest is stop-and-go in northern Barton County for Dean Stoskopf, due to random sprinkles and equipment trouble. Despite the delay, results near Hoisington are better than expected with yields ranging from 40 to 65 bushels per acre.

A challenging growing season was topped by late rains that filled kernels, resulting in both higher protein — ranging from 11 to 14 percent — and heavy test weights. Prior to the mid-harvest rain showers, test weights were averaging from 63 to 65 pounds per bushel. Now, during the second half of harvest, test weights are still ad-

equated, but have fallen to 60 to 62 pounds per bushel.

John Hildebrand was all but 50 acres done with harvest before getting rained out on Saturday night near Stafford. Yields are far lower than average due to the tremendously dry growing season, but higher than initially estimated due to five or six inches of rain that arrived in June. Test weights remain good with the lowest at 59 pounds per bushel up to 63.8 pounds per bushel.

"Harvest is a little better than expected, but we weren't expecting much," Hildebrand said. "We may have not great stands, but what stands

we did have filled out and had heavy berries."

Hildebrand said Bob Dole, a variety developed by Kansas State University and released by AgriPro/Syngenta, was a stand-out, due to its taller height. In some years, a taller wheat variety could be a hindrance, but in this dry year when a lot of wheat was extremely short, it was a blessing.

Paul Penner, who farms near Hillsboro in Marion County, didn't get rained out over the weekend and continued plugging away on the combine. His harvest results this year were dictated by more than moisture conditions, as

uncontrolled volunteer wheat in the area spread Wheat Streak Mosaic Virus (WSMV) across boundaries.

"It's a mixed bag this year," Penner said. "We've got some wheat that is doing pretty good — for this dry year — and the rest of it is poor due to WSMV."

Fields that were not impacted by WSMV are yielding around 50 bushels per acre, with test weights as high as 62 pounds per bushel. Affected fields, on the other hand, are yielding in the mid-20s bushels per acre and test weights as low as 53 pounds per bushel.

Syngenta's SY

Monument is performing well in wheat planted into soybean stubble, but Penner and his neighbors are disappointed with the susceptibility of other varieties to WSMV. They are watching research programs carefully for new varieties adapted to their region with better resistance packages and asking their friends and neighbors to pay close attention to controlling volunteer wheat this fall.

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Day 11, Kansas Wheat Harvest Report

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The Kansas wheat harvest is officially over half-way done, well ahead of the normal harvest pace, according to the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service in the weekly Crop Progress and Condition report. USDA noted that 59 percent of the wheat crop was harvested as of June 26, compared to 37 percent last year and 40 percent for the five-year average. Statewide, the agency rated the wheat crop's condition at 29 percent good to excellent, 32 percent fair and 29 percent poor to very poor.

Farmers around Salina attempted to get back into

the field on Monday after Saline County received two inches of rain in the middle of last week. Jared Burch, a merchandiser with Hannebaum Grain, Inc., said area yields are not as great as last year, but test weights are staying steady at 59 to 60 pounds per bushel.

Burch noted the area received enough rain to get by with a decent crop, but not enough to call this year's harvest a success. Protein is the name of the game as he talks with elevators and farmers from across the state as the crop rolls in. He said he is still watching and waiting for good harvest data from the northwest and southwest corners of the state where the harvest is still slowly progressing.

Speaking of the southwest, harvest was under a small rain delay in Finney County on Monday after not receiving adequate moisture for most of the growing season. Michael Wisner, vice president of grain for the Garden City Co-op, reported mixed results across the coop's draw area, which extends south to Ulysses and then

about 100 miles north to the Dighton/Shields area.

In the southern portion of the draw area, some farmers replanted fields to milo and others went ahead and cut fields yielding as low as five bushels an acre. Further north, where farmers received slightly more rainfall, yields are up to 40 to 50 bushels per acre. Proteins are also highly variable across the area, driven by farming practices, levels of inputs and the previous crop. Wisner expects the protein average for the elevator to come in around 12 percent.

Even with the variations, Wisner noted test weights have been "crazy high," averaging 62 to 63 pounds per bushel and as high as 65 pounds per bushel. He attributed the heavy test weights to the weather pattern a month back that dropped a little rain and stayed overcast and cool for multiple days - all of which allowed kernels to fill.

With 80 percent of harvest complete, Wisner reported no issues with mycotoxins. He expects

the area to wrap up harvest by the Fourth of July, earlier and more disappointing than normal.

Russell County will likely still be cutting after the holiday, although Jennifer Princ, manager of the Midway Coop Association, hopes area producers will be back in the field and knocking out a lot of acres this week. The Luray area in Russell County saw a large hailstorm last week that dumped four to five inches of rain in a short time. The hail was localized near town, but several fields had 20 to 40 percent hail damage.

Before the rain, Princ said she didn't see a test weight below 60 pounds per bushel, mostly 61 to 65 pounds per bushel. But after the storms last week, test weights have fallen to 57 to 59.5 pounds per bushel.

Princ reported yields are averaging between 40 and 60 bushels per acre, with a few farmers reporting yields above 70 bushels per acre. Proteins are above average, but there is a range of good protein and low protein

in the area.

"Yields, for the most part, are better than expected," Princ said. "We were pretty dry for quite a while and farmers are pleasantly surprised with how it's turning out."

Chris Tanner, who farms in Norton County, is also happy with his harvest so far. He started cutting last Wednesday and with the help of his crew and his dad pitching in, he anticipates they will wrap up by next week and maybe two weeks left in the area.

"I'm about 25 percent done," said Tanner. "My area got cranked up and really going yesterday, so everyone is in full swing starting today."

Overall, Tanner thinks the conditions of the grain are good. Yields have varied for Tanner depending on where he was harvesting. His continuous crop yields are ranging from 20 to 30 bushels per acre and summer fallow ranging from 60 to 75 bushels per acre. Test weights have been ranging from 61 to 65 pounds per bushel with proteins averag-

ing around 13 percent. A majority of his wheat crop is the Grainfield variety, with some Bob Dole planted as well.

Compared to last year, Tanner noted they were in the field two weeks earlier. Yields this year are around 20 percent less than last year, driven by drought conditions throughout the growing season. Looking forward, his concerns mirror the rest of the state - watching increased fuel prices, input availability and an early harvest.

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Consider this...

by Mike Johnson

Discovering Similarities

Moving to Florida just before my senior year, was not my idea of a good time.

After spending the prior 12 years with the same friends, schools and home, leaving for an out-of-state, smaller apartment complex, was hard to swallow.

We especially missed our ball fields. Sports had been our life up north

and my brothers and I were spoiled by the best stadiums.

Our front yard. Sandy's Field. The Pit.

But in this Florida apartment complex, all we found was sandy fields, sand spurs and sandwiched parking lots.

But we kept playing. After all, we'd left all our friends behind - besides writing them letters - what else was there to do?

Trouble was brewing though with Billy, a guy about my age, who oversaw the apartment grounds. He had rules - lots of them.

NO throwing balls

in the parking lot. NO playing catch in the landscaped courtyard. NO football games in the apartment playground.

It didn't stop us. Just like we knew that Jake, the janitor at our church back home, would chase us off if he saw us on his beautiful lawn, we played until Billy ran us off. Luckily, he had many other duties to keep him away from our end of the complex.

In between sports, we'd write to pen-pals up in Minnesota. I'm sure many letters complained about that grounds keeper who shut down our

games.

A month later, I flew back to Minneapolis for vacation. One of my pen-pals, Mary, and I got together a couple times during the trip. One night she took me over to meet her girlfriend who also had a guy visiting from Florida. What was the chance of both girls knowing guys in Florida?

Mary led me to her girlfriend's door. A woman opened it halfway, revealing the outline of her boyfriend behind her. The two girls stepped aside and started introducing us guys.

We never heard a

word.

Stupor struck us deaf and dumb at the same instant. Our eyes locked, brains spinning on ice, checking and cross-checking, trying to make sense of the impossible evidence that stood before our very eyes!

It was Billy from the apartment complex!

What were the odds? Both of us had vacationed to Minneapolis at the same time. Both were writing to girls in Minnesota. Both girls turned out to be friends. And here we were face-to-face 1800 miles away from our apartment com-

plex - realizing for the first time how much we had in common!

Blown away by the magnitude of the coincidence, our past differences melted into oblivion. Discovering our similarities was the same as forgetting our differences. To this day, I can't calculate the odds of that meeting, but suspect its lesson applies universally.

Even apparent enemies share an amazing amount in common - we just have to take the time to look for it. Discovering our similarities, is the same as forgetting our differences.

Pass It On... The Simplest Word in our Language Can be the Most Inclusive

Junior high school can be a punishing place. It's where extroverts thrive, introverts are pushed aside and class distinctions are sharply defined as adolescents try to find a place to belong.

Jennifer moved from Cincinnati to a small town in New England in the seventh grade. Not an easy transition, since nearly every kid at the school had grown up in the town and social

groups were well established. Jennifer walked the hallways alone for the first few days. Ate lunch alone. Walked home alone. On each corner of the town square sat an old stone church, four different denominations. It felt to Jennifer that every family had their place, and "no vacancy" signs were posted on every clique at school. Then one day, Cathy, the girl next to her in class, said "Hi."

A simple greeting can become a life preserver. The two talked, and it turned out they had much in common. More friends were introduced, including a boy nicknamed Gizzy, who lived next door to Jennifer. Their

bedroom windows were only 12 feet apart. That made for the kind of meandering, late-night conversations where budding teenagers try to uncover meaning in the vortex of new emotions with a little darkness and distance between them to temper their vulnerabilities.

Cathy, Jennifer and Gizzy remained good friends through high school, those years on which it seems so much of our life depends. There were all the friend things: Football games and swimming holes and school dances, events that shape your social life if you are included. But high school doesn't last long, and soon Jennifer went west for college.

She called Cathy, sent pictures, met a boy and got engaged. A friend 2,500 miles away is still somebody to share secrets with, and those growing-up years create bonds on the most fragile introductions. That word "hi" can do so much for a person over the years.

Five years out of high school, Jennifer called Cathy. "Hi" was all she could say before bursting into tears. Jennifer had just gotten the news: Gizzy had died in a car accident. That "hi" was all that needed to be said, because behind it were all the emotions of "I need you. I want to be near you, somehow. Stay on the phone even when I'm not talking."



"Hi" can mean so much at the right time. Even the entire span of the country doesn't diminish true friendship. Like those conversations at night with a little space and moonlight between friends, love can find its honesty and its forever. Who will you say "hi"

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"Sometimes we get so caught up in our daily lives that we forget to take the time out to enjoy the beauty in life. It's like we're zombies. Look up and take your headphones out. Say "Hi" to someone you see and maybe give a hug to someone who looks like they're hurting." — Keanu Reeves



The Pope Wants to Drive

After getting all of the Pope's luggage loaded into the limo (and he doesn't travel lightly), the driver notices that the Pope is still standing on the curb.

The Pope was still standing on the curb.

"Excuse me, Your Eminence," says the driver, "Would you please take your seat so we can leave?"

"Well, to tell you the truth," says the Pope, "they never let me drive at the Vatican, and I'd really like to drive today"

"I'm sorry but I cannot let you do that. I'd lose my job! And what if something should happen?" protests the driver, wishing he'd never gone to work that morning.

"There might be something extra in it for you," says the Pope.

Reluctantly, the driver gets in the back as the Pope climbs in behind the wheel.

The driver quickly regrets his decision when, after exiting the airport, the Supreme Pontiff floors it, accelerating the limo to 105 mph.

"Please slow down, Your Holiness!!!" pleads the worried driver, but the Pope keeps the pedal to the metal until they hear sirens.

"Oh, dear God, I'm gonna lose my license,"

moans the driver.

The Pope pulls over and rolls down the window as the cop approaches, but the cop takes one look at him, goes back to his motorcycle, and gets on the radio.

"I need to talk to the Chief," he says to the dispatcher.

The Chief gets on the radio and the cop tells him that he's stopped a limo going a hundred and five.

"So bust him," said the Chief.

"I don't think we want to do that, he's really important," said the cop.

Chief exclaimed, "All the more reason!"

"No, I mean really important," said the cop.

The Chief then asked, "Who ya got there, the Mayor?"

Cop: "Bigger."

Chief: "Governor?"

Cop: "Bigger."

"Well," said the Chief, "Who is it?"

Cop: "I think it's God!"

Chief: "What makes you think it's God?"

Cop: "He's got the Pope for a limo driver!"

Catholic Churches

Sacred Heart, Cunningham
Saturdays 5:30 p.m.

St. John, Zenda
Sundays 8:30 a.m.

St. Leo
Sundays 10:00 a.m. St. Leo

St. Peter Willowdale
Saturdays 4:00 a.m.

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

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Lutheran Churches

St. John, Nashville
620-246-5220
Sunday School & Bible Class
9:15 a.m.
Worship Service
10:30 a.m.

Trinity, Medicine Lodge
620- 886-3397
Sunday School & Bible Class
9:45 a.m.
Worship Service
8:30 a.m.

Our worship service is found on the YouTube channel at:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCrenCH1219nmpcojCFyYLA>

Pastor Dennis Fangmeyer
Cell: 620-886-0911

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Church of Christ
Penalosa
Sunday 11:00 a.m.

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

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United Methodist Church

Penalosa
Worship 9:15 a.m.

Cunningham
Worship 10:45 a.m.

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

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Kylee Schonlau

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.

Results of Cunningham Swim Team Finals

<p>Boys ages 7-8 Freestyle Kingston Huffman 4th place 0:35.35</p> <p>Girls ages 7-8 Back Stroke Jalynn McGuire 2nd place 0:28.80 Ann Marie Kerschen 5th place 0:35.05</p> <p>Girls ages 7-8 Breast Stroke AnnMarie Kerschen 1st place 00:31.73 Jalynn McGuire 4th place 00:33.28</p> <p>Girls ages 7-8 Butterfly Jalyn McGuire 2nd place 00:31.59 AnnMarie Kerschen 4th place 00:36.51</p> <p>Girls ages 7-8 Freestyle AnnMarie Kerschen 4th place 00:26.57 Jalynn McGuire 6th place 00:28.83</p> <p>Boys ages 9-10 Backstroke Brody Halderson 4th place 00:26.50</p> <p>Boys ages 9-10 Breast Stroke Brody Halderson 1st place 00:23.56</p> <p>Boys ages 9-10 Butterfly Brody Halderson 4th place 00:26.56</p> <p>Boys ages 9-10 Freestyle Brody Halderson 4th place 00:20.82</p> <p>Girls 9-10 Back stroke Carly McGuire 1st place 0:24.56</p> <p>Girls 9-10 Breast Stroke Carly McGuire 2nd place 0:26.45</p>	<p>Alyssa Osner 4th place 0:29.88</p> <p>Girls 9-10 Butterfly Carly McGuire 1st place 0:24.78</p> <p>Girls ages 9-10 Freestyle Carly McGuire 2nd place 0:21.55</p> <p>Boys 11-12 Back stroke Liam McGuire 2nd place 0:21.55 Andrew Kerschen 4th place 0:23.71 Tyler Osner 6th place 0:24.89</p> <p>Boys 11-12 Breast Stroke Liam McGuire 1st place 0:23.28 JohnPaul Kerschen 2nd place 0:23.70 Andrew Kerschen 3rd place 0:19.37 Tyler Osner 6th place 00:29.97</p> <p>Boys 11-12 Butterfly Andrew Kerschen 1st place 00:19.37 JohnPaul Kerschen 3rd place 0:21.35 Liam McGuire 5th place 0:23.53</p> <p>Boys 11-12 Freestyle Andrew Kerschen 1st place 00:15.82 Liam McGuire 2nd place 0:16.82 JohnPaul Kerschen 4th place 00:17.26</p>	<p>Boys 13-14 Backstroke Andrew Schultz 1st place 00:51.70</p> <p>Boys 13-14 Breast stroke Andrew Schultz 1st place 1:05.47</p> <p>Boys ages 13-14 Butterfly Andrew Schultz 1st place 1:09.06</p> <p>Boys 13-14 Freestyle Andrew Schultz 1st place 01:26.08</p> <p>Girls 15 and up Backstroke Sydney Albers 2nd place 0:44.98 Caitlyn Fischer 5th place 01:01.04</p> <p>Girls 15 and up Breaststroke Sydney Albers 1st place 0:46.54</p> <p>Girls 15 and up Butterfly Sydney Albers 1st place 0:39.47</p> <p>Girls 15 and up Freestyle Sydney Albers 1st place 0:33.46</p> <p>Boys 12 and under IM Andrew Kerschen 1st place 01:46.27 Liam McGuire 3rd place 1:52.28 JohnPaul Kerschen 5th place 1:59.56 Tyler Osner 6th place 02:17.57</p> <p>13 and Up Boy IM Andrew Schultz 3rd place 01:52.14</p> <p>Girls 13 and Up IM Sydney Albers 1st place 1:29.27</p>
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Cunningham Swim Team took 'all round swimmer' awards in 5 categories: Left to right: Coach Kendra Morgan, Andrew Schultz (Boys 13-14), Brody Halderson (Boys 9-10), Liam McGuire (Boys 11-12), Jalynn McGuire (Girls 7-8), and Sydney Albers (Girls 13 and up)

Great Gear to Help Babies Meet Developmental Milestones

(StatePoint) As most new parents quickly learn, babies are constantly examining their surroundings and taking in the world around them, especially during play time. That's why it's so important that you have toys on hand to help them meet their developmental milestones. Here are a few to consider:

Play Gym
A multi-stage play gym can help your baby achieve their motor-skill milestones. Designed for ages 0-24 months, the Kick & Score Playgym is a great one to consider. During floor time, your baby can kick at the ball and bat at the mobile's dangling shapes. As your baby strengthens core muscles during tummy time, they can stay mentally active and engaged, enjoying color-

ful characters, a dumb-bell rattle, a twist-and-click kettle ball, color cards and more. Finally, during seated play, an interactive learning panel teaches colors, shapes and animals, and reinforces language skills. And because the panel detaches, you can take it along for on-the-go play and exploration.

Tummy Time Pillows
Tummy time has many important benefits for babies, and now you can support these crucial sessions with the Tummy Time Discovery Pillow by VTech, which is designed for little ones 0-24 months. This soft giraffe-shaped pillow provides comfortable support for your baby as they begin strengthening their neck muscles during tummy time and while learning to sit on their own. As your child grows, it's great for take-along play. Its multiple textures, patterns and colors offer visual and tactile stimulation, and its light-up piano keys introduce numbers, colors, shapes,

animals and music.

Learning Toys
The best toys for babies offer sights and sounds to capture their interest. They should also be able to be used in a variety of settings to keep kids entertained. For example, the Turn & Learn Ferris Wheel, for babies 6-24 months, spins, lights up, plays songs and more. It also teaches important vocabulary basics -- kids can push the lion, zebra and elephant buttons to hear the animals introduce themselves, numbers and objects. Best of all? When you stick the suction cup on a high-chair tray or any smooth surface, it will stay put so you don't have to keep picking it up off the floor.

Whether you're building a registry or wanting to round out your baby gear wisely, be sure to select toys that actively engage your child and encourage them to explore new skills.

Students Attend Leadership Conference in D.C.



During the second week of June, Julia Hageman and I went to Washington D.C. for the Washington Leadership Conference with 48 other kids from Kansas. We had two different types of sessions: large group and community group. In my first community session, I had a lot of fun. Each community group has 20 to 25 kids and 1 Facilitator who acts as our teacher for those sessions. Our community group is also the group we stay with when traveling around D.C. to the different monuments.

To do most of our traveling we used the D.C. metro system, a system of underground trains running all over the city. They are fun to ride, but it would be much more fun if you weren't traveling with 340 teenagers. At the conference were kids from many other states as well as Kansas. There were kids from Nebraska, Ohio, Georgia, Oregon, Washington, Maryland, Puerto Rico, and Texas. It was a chance to meet lots

of new friends and see the differences in the different chapters and states. Throughout the week, we learned how to advocate, encourage others, be a changemaker, and serve others.

During our sessions, we also created a living-to-serve plan which I hope to start within the next school year. We also learned about all the people who need help in the united states and everywhere else in the world.

Throughout the week we visited many monuments and museums. We visited the Arlington National Cemetery and watched the changing of the guard. We went on a night tour of the monuments. We went to the Lincoln Memorial, walked by the reflection pool, and went to the world war II memorial. Then went to the Thomas Jefferson Memorial and the Franklin D Roosevelt Memorial. Then walked to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial. It was dark when we got to the Iwo Jima Memorial, making it look even more incredible. On another day, we went to the nation's capital. While there, all the kids from Kansas got to speak to most of our senators and representatives. While within walking distance of the

Capitol, Julia and I went to the Botanical Gardens. They were amazing. Each room had different plants from different environments. One room may be full of plants you would find in a rainforest, and plants from the desert would fill the next room. Throughout the week, we also went to the American History Smithsonian. The Smithsonian was so big we had to go back another day just to finish looking through the rest of it. Saturday morning, all 340 teenagers that went to WLC that week came together and packaged meals for the hungry through Meals of Hope. We packaged about 60,000 meals within an hour and a half. After that, we got some free time in the city. Julia and I decide to go to the Korean War Memorial, the Vietnam Memorial, and the White House. It was quite a trek. We walked over 3 miles that afternoon.

We want to thank everyone who donated to our trip, whether at the pancake feed or any other way. We would especially like to thank Farm Bureau, PraireLand Partners of Kingman, Heartland Soil Services, and Skyland Grain for the extra support. - Ada Adams

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Minutes from Kingman County Commission for June 27th, 2022

Chairman Foley called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on June 27th in the County Commissioners room at the Kingman County Courthouse. Fred Foley, Chairman; Jerry Henning, Commissioner; Jack Thimesch, Commissioner; Carol Noblit, County Clerk; Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor

Visitors: Bob Morris, Kingman Leader-Courier; Larry Landwehr; Shelby Snyder, Chamber of Commerce Director; Ashley Keimig, Chamber of Commerce President

Online Visitors: Heather Kinsler; Jason White; Joyce; Susan Hubbell; Kingman County Emergency Manager; Caller 01.

Staff: Becky Luntsford, County

Treasurer; LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer; Sheriff Randy Hill; Undersheriff David Hillman; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director; Heather Kinsler, 911/Dispatch; Richard Schott, Emergency Manager and Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director

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

Commissioner Thimesch would like an executive session during Stan Goetz's time.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the agenda with the addition of an executive session during Mr. Goetz's time. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Ashley Keimig, Chamber of Commerce President and Shelby Snyder, Chamber Director were into

MOTION: Commissioner

Henning moved to donate \$1500.00 to the Chamber of Commerce for the 4th of July Fireworks. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mike Floyd, Livestock Committee and Clint Turner, Fair Board Member were in to discuss the barn and the needs of the electrical and tie rail.

Commissioners let the board know that they knew about the stalls being removed but the lighter weight stalls would be put back after the fair.

Commissioners discussed that they did not know about electrical needs and a tie rail in the East barn.

Commissioner Henning suggested using the barn with electrical this year and the Commissioners would look at budgeting for next year to put electrical and a tie rail in the North Barn.

Commissioners let the

Board know to come back by the end of the County budget process.

Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse was in to discuss the aluminum door and she would like to add a keyless lock system with grant money.

Ms. Schwartz talked about taking the trailer to the fair and do a Preparedness Promotion using her State Formula 2.0 grant instead of purchasing a new desk for herself.

Commissioners agreed that it was a good idea to be at the fair and to hand out the preparedness bags.

Ms. Schwartz discussed doing school assessments/shot clinics every 3rd Monday in June, July and August if needed.

Ms. Langley discussed budgeting for the Health Department and the procedure.

Ms. Schwartz gave the Commissioners an update on finding a Nurse and what we could advertise to show what the benefits

are worth.

Mr. Adam discussed that the County AED needs to be replaced due to recall.

Susan Hubbell, Register of Deeds was in to discuss with the Commissioners that she is having Crowley come back to fix the motor on the light for her book scanner.

Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in to let the Commissioners know that they were approved for the X-21.2 (Kyle Bridge) at an 85% State and 15% County match.

Commissioners approved abatements.

County Clerk submitted the June 20th, 2022, Commission meeting minutes for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the June 20th, 2022, Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Melissa Romme, Adams Brown Auditor was in with Linda Langley, Internal Auditor and LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer to review the 2021 Audit with the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the 2021 Audit. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Ms. Romme thanked all the departments for the help they provide when working on the audit.

Ms. Romme reviewed the first draft of the 2023 budget with the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 1:12 p.m. Commissioner Foley seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Minutes from Pratt County Commission for June 27, 2022

The Pratt County commissioners met in regular session, Monday June 27, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. in the commissioner room, 1st floor of the courthouse. The following members were present: Rick N. Shriver, Thomas W. Jones III, Dwight Adams, Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor, Lori Voss, county clerk and Mark Graber, IT director.

Jon Roach, noxious weed director, bids were opened for the used 2012 Yamaha Grizzly 450 four-wheeler. Bids were received from Ed Moss in the amount of \$800.00 and from Chris Shrack for \$1,212.99. Commissioner Jones made a motion to accept the bid from Chris Shrack in the amount of \$1,212.99. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. He discussed the Izuzu truck that is needing repairs, no one is wanting to

Work on it. He discussed purchasing a different truck.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to purchase a cab and chassis dually not to exceed \$80,000. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Rich Sanders, Strong's Insurance, checking on the status of the new building and when it will be occupied. Commissioner Shriver said it will be approved for move-in June 30th, 2022. Rich suggested adding a contents policy to cover what has been installed. They agreed to put a contents policy on the new public safety building. Rich reported he is retiring this fall.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the minutes from June 13 and 20th, 2022. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Shriver reported that Harman & Huffman will turn the building over June 30th, 2022 and would like a letter of recommendation.

Barb Prater, Pratt Area Humane Society president, presented the 2023 budget. She gave an update on projects at the shelter. She thanked the commissioners for their past and present support.

Commissioner Shriver

reported the fire extinguishers have come in, but there was no quote on installing them. He reported on a vehicle that has been parked at the new building and needs to be moved. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to recess into executive session for ten minutes at 2:34 p.m. for an attorney/client matter to discuss the road at the new building to return at 2:44 p.m. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Jones made a motion to return from executive session at 2:44 p.m. with no action taken. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Heather Morgan, economic dev/ COVID, reported on receiving receipts from Lori and Tim for ARPA purchases. The city of Iuka was able to get their second half of the ARPA funds.

The governor announced there will be \$53 million available for daycares and daycare workers. They could receive \$750 to \$2500 available to Pratt County child care centers and providers. The state will have a webinar next week. She will be happy to assist anyone that needs guidance receiving the

funds. Chairman Adams asked if childcare providers would be notified, Heather wasn't sure, but she will look up the local daycare providers and contact them.

Chairman Adams stated that Fred Newby wanted to make a statement that Doug Freund and Brad Swisher were doing an excellent job on the roads in his part of the county.

Brian Atteberry, EMS director, presented a part time application for hire. He presented a new hire pay slip for Megan Gwin. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to hire Megan Gwinn as a part time EMT at \$13.50 per hour. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to recess into executive session at 2:55 p.m. for fifteen minutes to discuss non-elected personnel and to return at 3:10 p.m. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to return from executive session at 3:08 p.m. with no action taken. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Doug Freund, road/

lake supervisor, presented changes he would like to make to the lake resolution. Tyson will go over the resolution and proposed changes and report back at a later date. He reported they were mowing.

Jason Winkel, landfill/recycling supervisor, presented an application for the recycling center. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to hire Wayne Sidman as a foreman at the recycling center at \$16.50 per hour. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. He reported on recycling being shipped. He reported the landfill shed roof has been leaking. He has gotten one quote from ar roofing for \$6,774.09 for an acrylic coating. He reported he is attending a workshop in Hays next month. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to accept the quote from AR Roofing in the amount of \$6,774.09

For an acrylic coating on the landfill shed. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Billy Hampton, fire/rescue, asked for an executive session. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to recess into executive session for fifteen minutes at 3:41 p.m. to return at 3:56 p.m. to discuss a non-elected personnel matter. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Jones made a motion to return from executive session at 3:56 pm with no action taken.

Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Shriver asked if he could move the equipment from the rented building and move to the new safety building before the first of July. He

will get them moved.

Commissioner Jones reported he had talked to a concerned citizen about the new public safety building needing a yard light at the corner of highway 54 and 20th avenue. It was decided to contact the appropriate entity to install a light.

Tyson stated if there is a need for a city/county meeting we need to notify the city officials. Commissioner Shriver will make contact.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve vouchers for June 27, 2022. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to approve payment to Landmark Architect for Invoice #25 in the amount of \$3,491.25. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to recess at 4:12 p.m. until Wednesday, June 29, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. for the budget meeting with Scot Loyd, accountant. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting recessed.

The recessed meeting was called to order June 29, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. to discuss 2023 budgets.

Attending were Thomas W. Jones III, Rick Shriver, Dwight Adams, Tyson Eisenhauer, Lori Voss, Mark Graber and Scot Loyd, Loyd Group.

Scot discussed the 2023 budgets worksheets and went over each budget.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to adjourn at 12:13 pm. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

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Teachers Are Not Rambo

by John Richard Schrock

Witnessing a homeless man or woman pushing a cart with all of their belongings raises a question in a teacher's heart: could the right teacher at the right time in their early schooling have made a difference in their fate today? Teaching is a compassionate profession. Teaching is not for everyone. Teaching is for those who care.

I also told my student teachers that they must have a little "cop" in them in order maintain classroom order. -To corral the misbehaving pupil.

-To provide fairness and insist their students are also fair to each other. While we reward good behavior, we must also curtail bad student behavior with appropriate discipline. But all of that is focused on helping everyone have a better future life. -Increasing their chances of success. -Decreasing their likelihood of becoming a homeless vagrant.

Putting a gun into a teacher's hand goes against all that a teacher is trying to do. Teachers are nearly second parents in caring for our students and we are therefore protective of them. When the jetliners hit the Twin Towers during

the 9/11 attack, teachers heroically shepherded their students out of the school building next door while burning debris fell all around. But we must not ask a teacher--whose job is synonymous with "compassion"--to add "destruction of life." We live under the false belief that we can kill another person and walk away unchanged. No, it is traumatic.

Many Americans live with the belief that police have to shoot people all of the time. When we watch televised police dramas, we see someone shot nearly every episode. And in all the movies where John Wayne and Sylvester Stallone

and Clint Eastwood were killing "bad guys" all the time, they walked away to a happy life. According to Pew Research, 83 percent of citizens estimate that an average police officer has had to fire his or her police gun at least once in their career, outside of training on the gun range. The true figure is that only 27 percent have ever fired their gun on duty in their life, and most of those instances were not necessarily targeting a person or killing them. For officers who had previously served in the military, that figure rose to 31 percent. And when they separated out female officers in similar on-the-line assignments,

only 11 percent had fired their gun on duty in their career.

That means that nearly three-fourths of police hang up their gun belt at the end of their career without ever having fired at a person. For the much smaller percent who have had to shoot a criminal and in some cases kill them, the trauma to the officer can last a long time. Recognizing the effect of that death on the victim's relatives makes such actions less black-and-white. Just as there is traumatic stress among soldiers who come home from having killed the "enemy," police can suffer as well.

Ironically, Clint

Eastwood, the cool unconcerned hero of many Westerns, directed and acted in the movie "Unforgiven." His character states the reality that "It's a hell of a thing, killing a man. You take away all he's got and all he's ever gonna have."

But few police dramas, with the exception of some recent "Blue Bloods" episodes, reveal the genuine stress that many police feel after killing a person, no matter the person's level of villainy.

A 2018 Gallup poll found that 73 percent of American teachers did not want teachers to carry guns in school. Only

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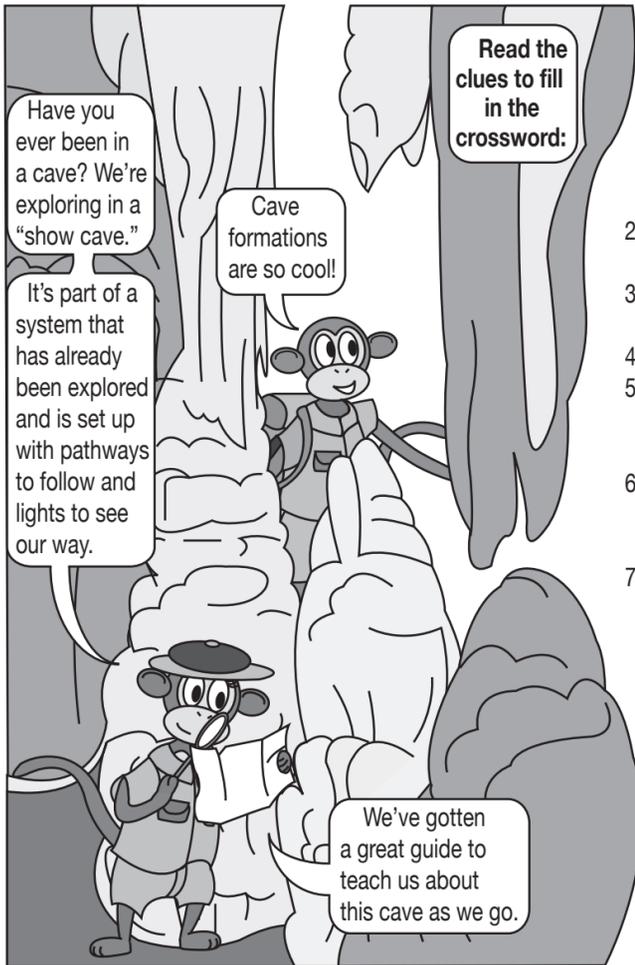
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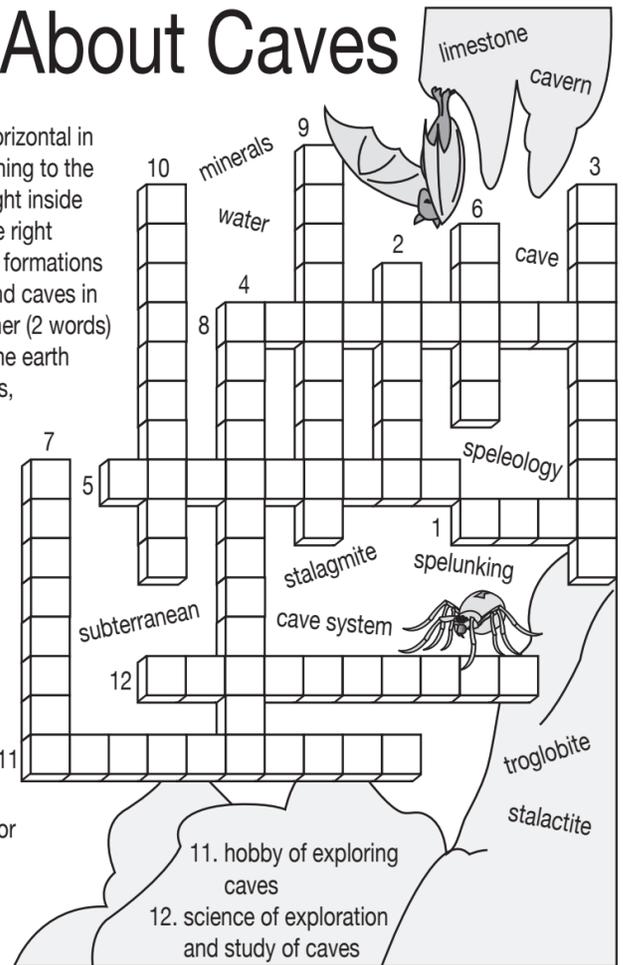
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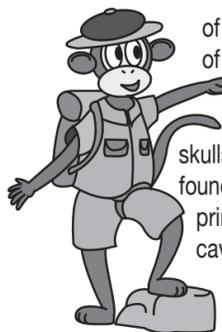


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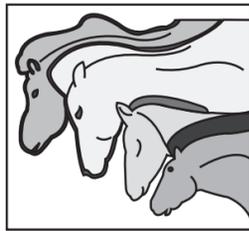
1. hollow area, usually horizontal in side of mountain, opening to the outside, but with no light inside
2. type of cave that has the right conditions to grow cave formations
3. passageways, cracks and caves in the earth that link together (2 words)
4. underground, beneath the earth
5. main rock found in caves, made from skeletons of coral and seashells
6. H₂O, liquid that has important role in making of most caves
7. crystals such as arcanite and calcite found in the depths of caves
8. limestone formation that hangs from cave ceiling
9. limestone deposit built up from the floor
10. creature who is so used to conditions in caves that it can only live there



Secrets of Caves



Explorers in the south of France removed a pile of rocks to be able to go through a cave opening. They found cave bear skulls and bones. They also found, much to their surprise, wonderful artwork of palm prints, horses and other animals. The drawings in this cave, named the **Chauvet Cave**, are thought to be some of the oldest cave paintings in the world - more than 30,000 years old!

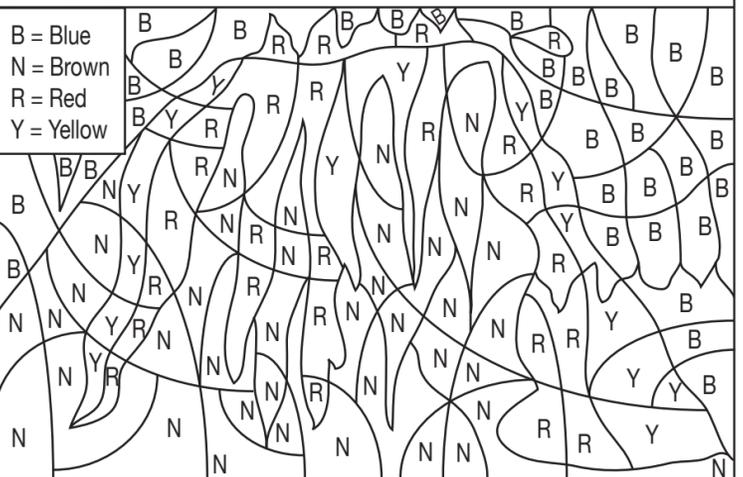


Why have caves been important to people? Match up these reasons:

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| 2. to take shelter or | B. and learning fun |
| 3. for tourist attractions | C. have adapted to living in a cave's darkness |
| 4. to explore places | D. of the earth |
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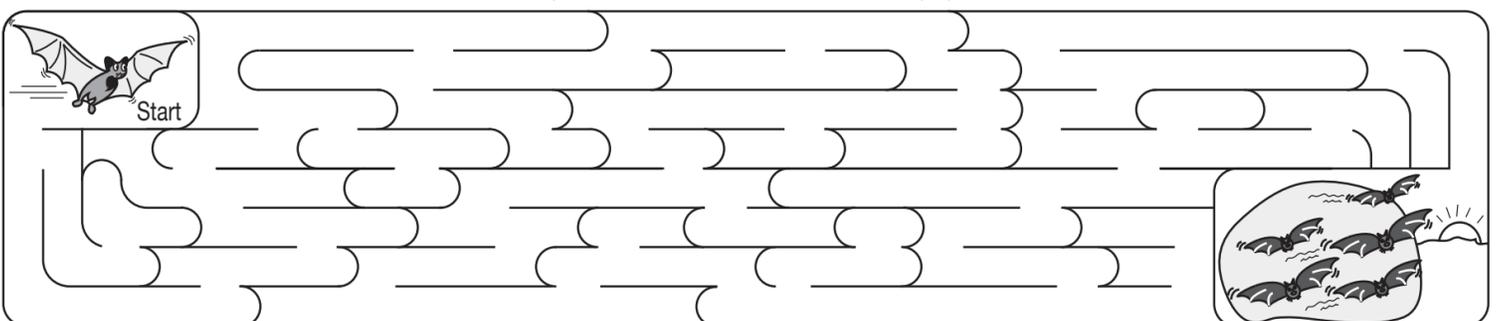
How Are Caves Formed?

Most caves are formed when rainwater mixes with soil and drains under the earth. Acid in the water dissolves a soft rock called limestone, forming openings underground. Caves also may form when **this** erupts. As hot lava flows it bores and melts a tunnel into the soil. As it cools, the lava drains out leaving an empty tunnel. **Follow the color key to see what erupts:**



A Batty Cave

Carlsbad Caverns in New Mexico is made up of 118 caves. In the summer, baby bats who live there join with grown bats to look for insects to eat. There are so many bats that the skies turn dark when they fly out at sunset! **Can you help little bat find his way out?**



(Answers on page 10)

It Is Always Time for School at the Cunningham Historical Museum



Alan Albers Photos



Rainy Day Fun for Kids and Families

(StatePoint) Rainy days don't have to be dreary. Here are five great ways to keep little ones active and entertained when the weather isn't cooperating:

1. Cozy up with books: A day spent indoors at home is the perfect time to cozy up with a good book. These days, some of the best book options that help expand vocabulary are interactive. For example, the Learning Friends 100 Words Book from LeapFrog features touch-sensitive pages that teach words in both English and Spanish. Covering learning categories like animals, colors and nature, it keeps kids entertained with sound effects, learning songs and fun facts.

2. Make artwork: Lay down some newspaper or banqueting paper and break out the smocks - it's time to get messy and creative. Finger painting

and sponge painting are both super fun and give kids an opportunity to express themselves, even before they've mastered the skill of holding a brush. When their creations are finished drying, be sure to display them somewhere everyone can see.

3. Use fun tech: Give toddlers their own age-appropriate tech toys packed with learning fun and perfect for downtime. Featuring exciting games and activities that teach letters, numbers, music and more, the award-winning 2-in-1 LeapTop Touch changes from a laptop with a full letter keyboard to a touch screen tablet, making it a great way to introduce computer literacy skills to kids.

4. Play pretend: The park may not be the best option on a rainy day, but that doesn't mean you can't go on a pretend

picnic. The Shapes & Sharing Picnic Basket makes it easy to head to the living room, play room or bedroom for a tasty adventure. Pack a snack for two in a cute talking basket that teaches polite phrases and then pretend to nibble on yummy treats while exploring food, shapes and colors.

5. Have a movie marathon: Pop the popcorn and get some cozy pillows! Whether you stick with a particular franchise or just pick a set of favorite flicks, a movie marathon is a great way to relax and unwind as a family.

Say goodbye to cabin fever. Fun toys, tech and the scope of your imagination can make rainy days memorable and fun.



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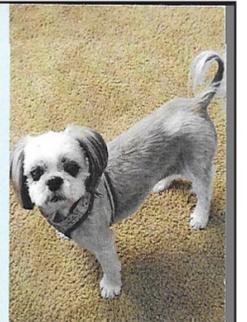


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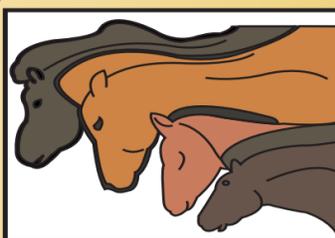
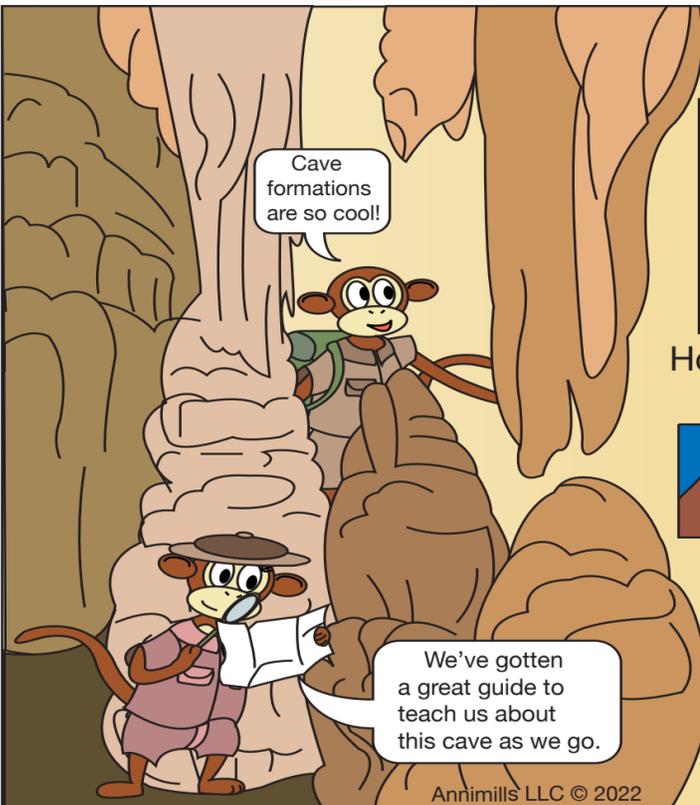
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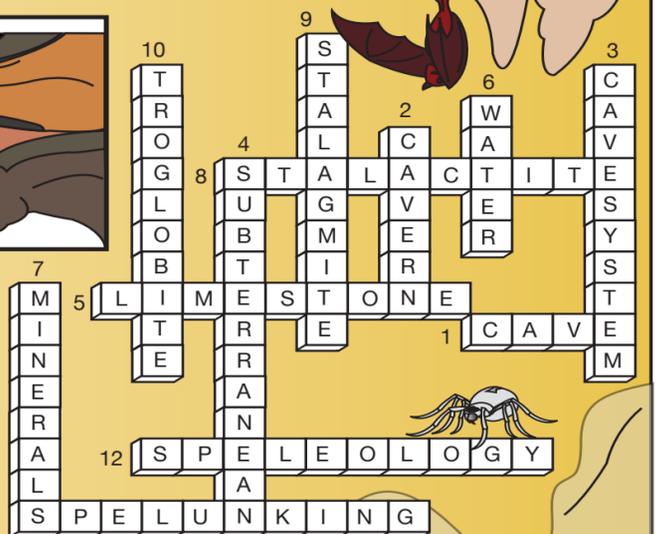


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Dear Editor:
As we quickly approach the August 2 primary election, I want to thank our county election officials and poll workers who work tirelessly to ensure the security and integrity of our elections.
Second, I want to remind voters they have multiple options for how to cast their ballot,

including in person on Election Day, advance in-person voting, and advance by mail ballot.
Please remember that state law requires voter identification in every election and when voting in person or by mail. A list of acceptable forms of ID can be found on the Secretary of State's website.
All registered voters are eligible to participate in the primary election. Libertarian and unaffiliated voters will receive a ballot with the non-partisan

elections in their county, if applicable, and the constitutional amendment. Voters can preview their ballot and verify their polling location on VoterView.
Please note the 2022 election dates and deadlines:
• July 12: Last day to register to vote for the primary election
• July 13: Advance voting in person and by mail may begin
• August 2: PRIMARY ELECTION
• August 5: Last day for advance by mail ballots to be received

(must be postmarked by August 2)
I encourage all registered voters to participate in the August 2 election and exercise their constitutional right to vote.
Respectfully,
Scott Schwab
Kansas Secretary of State

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QUESTION SUBMITTED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT VOTE YES OR NO EXPLANATORY STATEMENT. The Value Them Both Amendment would affirm there is no Kansas Constitutional right to abortion or to require the government funding of abortion, and would reserve to the people of Kansas, through their elected state legislators, the right to pass laws to regulate abortion, including, but not limited to, in circumstances of pregnancy resulting from rape or incest, or when necessary to save the life of the mother.
A vote for the Value Them Both Amendment would affirm there is no Kansas Constitutional right to abortion or to require the government funding of abortion, and would reserve to the people of Kansas, through their elected state legislators, the right to pass laws to regulate abortion.
A vote against the Value Them Both Amendment would make no changes to the constitution of the state of Kansas, and could restrict the people, through their elected state legislators, from regulating abortion by leaving in place the recently recognized right to abortion."

Shall the following be adopted?
§22. Regulation of abortion.
Because Kansans value both women and children, the constitution of the state of Kansas does not require government funding of abortion and does not create or secure a right to abortion. To the extent permitted by the constitution of the United States, the people, through their elected state representatives and state senators, may pass laws regarding abortion, including, but not limited to, laws that account for circumstances of pregnancy resulting from rape or incest, or circumstances of necessity to save the life of the mother.
 YES
 NO
Voting Places and the Township each voting place will serve, will be as follows:
VOTING PLACE TOWNSHIPS
KINGMAN EXPO CENTER NORTH ROOM
Hoosier Township, Ninescah Township, White Township, Belmont Township, Richland Township
KINGMAN EXPO CENTER SOUTH ROOM
KINGMAN CITY 1, 2, 3 & 4th WARD
DOUTZER COMMUNITY CENTER
Norwich City
Bennett Township
Allen Township
Eagle Township
Canton Township
MURDOCK METHODIST CHURCH
Galesburg Township
Evan Township
Dale Township
Vinita Township
ZENDA COMMUNITY CENTER
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Rochester Township
Chikaskia Township
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Valley Township
Kingman Township
Peters Township
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Cunningham City
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Penalosa City
Union Township
All persons must be registered to vote in the Primary Election. A person may declare his or her party affiliation for the first time at the polls, but they cannot change party affiliation at the polls. Any party change had to be done before noon on June 12th, 2022. The polls will be open from 7:00a.m. until 7:00p.m. on the day of the Primary Election, August 2nd, 2022.
In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 27th day of June, 2022.
Carol D. Noblit
Kingman County Election Officer



We need to vote "YES" on the "Value Them Both" amendment to the Kansas Constitution.

More information can be found by googling Value Them Both where the text of the Amendment plus other information is available.

The Text of The Amendment to be added to the Kansas Constitution:

"§ 22. Regulation of abortion. Because Kansans value both

women and children, the constitution of the state of Kansas does not require government funding of abortion and does not create or secure a right to abortion. To the extent permitted by the constitution of the United States, the people, through their elected state representatives and state senators, may pass laws regarding abortion, including, but not limited to, laws that account for circumstances of pregnancy resulting from rape or incest, or circumstances of necessity to save the life of the mother."

The Value Them Both Amendment insures parental notification and involvement; clinic sanitation, safety, and inspection; restriction on abortions in the second and third trimester; and, informed consent of the woman. The State could not use tax dollars to pay

for abortions. There is no effect on federal funding as explained in the Hyde Amendment.

There is misinformation surfacing that somehow medical care for women with an ectopic pregnancy or experiencing miscarriage would not be allowed care. These medical situations are NOT abortion as commonly defined, and have never been considered a form of elective abortion on demand. The "abortion" under debate is a self-willed decision that requires an ingestion of medication or induction/instrumentation to intentionally destroy an unwanted baby.

Please vote "YES" to pass the VALUE THEM BOTH amendment August 2, 2022

from: Lois McKnight-Theis, RN, BSN (Retired)

Ugh! Bagworms are Here! Treat Now!



I got a note this week from Eric Meyers, City Arborist, who claims he is not really an arborist. He has noticed bagworms on trees in the park. He said it is the worst bagworm year that he can recall. Eric is almost as old as I am, so that is many years he's been a non-arborist looking out for bagworms, so he should know.

He would like to encourage landowners to check their most susceptible trees that can be attacked by these nasty little worms: evergreens, cedars, arborvitae, pines and spruce trees.

If left untreated, the insects can kill trees in a very quick fashion. The product he suggests using is **Natural Guard Spinosad**.

"I think that I shall never see A poem lovely as a tree."
— Joyce Kilmer, *Trees & Other Poems*

Teachers Are Not Rambo

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18 percent were willing themselves to carry a gun. That 2018 poll also found 58 percent of teachers believed that having teachers or staff carry guns would actually decrease safety in schools by making more guns available in the school setting for student accidental access. By 2019, another survey of over 2,900 teachers around the nation found 95.3 percent believed teachers should not carry guns in the classroom.

On April 22, 2020, the RAND Corporation released a report "The Effects of Laws Allowing Armed Staff in K-12 Schools." They found "As of January 1, 2020, 28 states allow schools to arm teachers or staff in at least some cases or as part of a specific program." They scanned all valid studies up to that time and "...found no qualifying studies showing that laws allowing armed staff in K-12 schools increased any of the eight outcomes we investigated," outcomes ranging from preventing suicide to violent crime.

Teachers know why they want to teach. Carrying a gun is not one of those reasons.



Public Notice

First published in the Cunningham Courier, Thursday, July 7, 2022

IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: LUCY ORTH, Deceased.

Case No. 2022 PR 33

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

NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on June 28, 2022, a Petition was filed in this Court by Timothy Orth and Lisa Raves, the Co-Executors named in the "Last Will and Testament of Lucy Orth," deceased, dated March 16, 1992, praying the will filed with the Petition be admitted to probate and record; Petitioners be appointed

as Co-Executors, without bond; and Petitioners be granted Letters Testamentary.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before July 26, 2022, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. in the District Court, Kingman, Kingman County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the estate within four months from the date of first publication of notice under K.S.A. 59-2236. If demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

Timothy Orth and

Lisa Ravens, Petitioners

Matthew W. Ricke, #20995

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Public Notice

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, Kansas

CIVIL DEPARTMENT

Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC)

Plaintiff,)

vs.)

The Heirs at Law of Jerry E. Denton, deceased;)

The Heirs at Law of Veronica Pasqualichio,)

deceased; Robert Denton; Jonathon Denton;)

Jennifer Denton; Wells Fargo Financial Kansas,)

Inc., its successors or assigns; John Doe (Tenant/)

Occupant); Mary Doe (Tenant/Occupant),)

Defendants.

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:

A tract of land located in the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) of Section 12, Township 27 South, Range 5 West of the 6th P.M., Kingman County, Kansas, more particularly described as commencing at a point 884.0 feet north of the Southwest corner of the NW 1/4 of 12-27S-5W, thence North on the Section line a distance of 400.0 feet; thence East, a distance of 163.35 feet; thence South, a distance of 400.0 feet; and thence West 163.35 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning, commonly known as 4686 NE 160 Ave, Cheney, KS 67025-8507 (the "Property")

and all those defendants who have not otherwise been served are required to plead to the Petition on or before the 17th day of August, 2022, 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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Public Notice

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS

Specialized Loan Servicing LLC

Case No. 22CV12

Plaintiff

K.S.A. 60

vs.

Mortgage Foreclosure

Jackie Renee Cummings, et al.,

(Title to Real Estate Involved)

Defendants.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Under and by virtue of an Order of Sale issued by the Clerk of the District Court in and for the said County of Kingman, State of Kansas, in a certain cause in said Court Numbered **22CV12**, wherein the parties above named were respectively plaintiff and defendant, and to me, the undersigned Sheriff of said County, directed, I will offer for sale at public auction and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand at **10:00 am on 8/11/22, at the front door of Kingman County Courthouse**, the following described real estate located in the County of Kingman, State of Kansas, to wit:

NORTH 66 FEET OF LOTS 38, 40 AND 42 ON AVENUE E IN EAST ADDITION TO THE TOWN OF KINGMAN, IN KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS AS SHOWN BY THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF.

SHERIFF OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS

Respectfully Submitted,

By: ___/s/ Sara Pelikan_____

Shawn Scharenborg, KS # 24542

Sara Pelikan, KS # 23624

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Attorney for Plaintiff

NOTICE TO BORROWER: This firm is a debt collector and any information we obtain from you will be used for that purpose

Kingman County Sheriff's Report

Sunday, July 3rd

Traffic stops 6
Animal 6000 block SE 160 St Rago
Animal 16000 block E Hwy 54 Cheney
Animal SW 150 St. & SW 25 Ave area, Spivey
Suspicious person 3000 block SE 10 St. Kingman

Monday, July 4th

Traffic stops 2
Traffic check tag 16000 block NE 50 St Cheney
Traffic complaint 1000 block N Main St. Kingman
Traffic complaint 1000 block E Hwy 54 Kingman
911 ACC hangup 200 block N Lincoln St. Cunningham
911 ACC hangup 700 block N Marquette St. Kingman
Animal call W. Second Ave & S Main St area, Norwich
Suspicious vehicle 1000 block E Hwy 54 Kingman
Theft 1000 block W D Ave. Kingman

Tuesday, July 5th

Animal N Berry Ave & NE 50 St. area Kingman
Animal 11000 block SE 80 Ave Rago
Suspicious person 18000 block W Hwy 54 Cunningham
Suspicious person 500 block E Leiter Ave Cunningham
Suspicious person SW 10th St & 160th St. area Cunningham
Suspicious person SE 180 St & S Hwy 14 area Harper

Wednesday, July 6th

Traffic complaint 5000 block W Hwy 54 Kingman
Traffic complaint SW 140 Ave & W hwy 42 area Nashville
Traffic complaint N Hwy 11 & W Hwy 54 area, Kingman
Traffic complaint SW 60 Ave & W Hwy 54 area Kingman

Alarm
Animal
Animal
Citizen assist
Citizen assist
Harrassment
Suspicious vehicle
Suspicious vehicle
Vehicle disabled
Vehicle disabled
Welfare check

Thursday, July 7th

Traffic stop
911 ACC/hangup
Animal
Citizen Assist

Friday, July 8th

Traffic complaint 4000 block E Hwy 54 Kingman
Traffic complaint NE 50 St & NE 160 Ave area, Cheney
Traffic complaint N Berry Ave & NW 20 St. area, Kingman
Animal N Douglas St & E. A Ave area Kingman
Debris in Road 10000 block E Hwy 54 Murdock
Suspicious person NW 20 St & NW 90 Ave area Kingman

Saturday, June 18th

Traffic stops 5
Traffic complaint SE 70 St & S Hwy 14 area Kingman
Alarm 200 block S Main St. Nashville
Utility/Tree/Wire down W. A Ave & N Broadway St. Area Kingman
Vehicle disabled SW 70 St. & SW 10 Ave area Kingman
Vehicle disabled SW 110 St & SW 80 Ave area Spivey
Welfare check 16000 block SE 80 St. Norwich
Welfare check 15000 block SE 80 St. Norwich

100 block S Gregory St Nashville
300 block W third Ave Kingman
NE 20 Ave & E Kansas Ave area Kingman
100 block N Spruce St. Kingman
400 block S Penalosa St. Penalosa
3000 block NE 140 Ave Cheney
Norwich
100 block S Penalosa St Penalosa
12000 block E Hwy 54 Cheney
W Hwy 54 & SW 20 Ave area Kingman
700 block Kingman State Lake Rd. Kingman

NW 10 Ave & W Hwy 54 area Kingman
2000 block N Hwy 14 B, Murdock
1000 block W Hwy 54 Kingman
100 block N Spruce St. Kingman

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Brenda Branstetter

Brenda Renee Isaman Branstetter, 57, went to be with the Lord on July 8, 2022 while surrounded by loved ones at her home in Kingman.

She was born Oct. 1, 1964, at Seneca, Kansas to her parents Glen L. and Lois M. Fairchild Isaman. She was raised in Vermillion with her sisters Sandy (Kenny) Vernon, Connie Smith, Judy (Alvie) Meade, and Marsha Isaman; brother Mike (Vicki) Isaman; and spending time with her cousin Lisa (Michael) Gustin.

Brenda moved to Salina and then Lawrence for University. She would then move to Wichita where she met the love of her life.

On March 13, 1993, she married Jeffrey Wallace Branstetter in Kingman, Kansas. They moved to Kingman to raise their future family in 1994. Shortly after, they welcomed their daughter Bailey Branstetter; six years later they welcomed their second daughter Katelyn Branstetter. Brenda was excited for the upcoming birth of her first grandchild, Isla Renee Hook, between Bailey and her fiance Shawn Hook.

Brenda was a beloved pharmacist in her community. She was also a devoted member of Kingman United Methodist Church.

Other survivors are sister-in-laws Jana (Don) Thimesch and Julie Pacino and step mother-in-law Mryna Schartz. She was preceded in death by her parents Glen and Lois Isaman; father-in-law Jake Branstetter; mother-in-law Connie Vanlandingham, step father-in-law Duane Byers; brother-in-law Jim Branstetter; brother-in-law Daryl Pacino; niece Carla Barnes; and nephew Steven Schwant.

Funeral services were Tuesday, at the Kingman United Methodist Church. Burial followed in the Walnut Hill Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Kingman United Methodist Church or the Kingman County Humane Society in care of the funeral home.



Daniel Spitzer

Preston - Daniel Wyatt Spitzer, 18, passed away Monday, July 4, 2022 at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita. He was born on August 10, 2003 in Pratt to Brian Matthew and Loretta Kay (Torrance) Spitzer.

Daniel graduated from Spitzer Academy in 2022 and had one semester left to obtain his Welding Degree at Pratt Community College. He worked for Spitzer Ranch and Sean Kirby and family. He was a member of First Southern Baptist Church, Glendale Reapers 4-H Club and American Quarter Horse Association. He enjoyed COWBOYING, hanging out with friends, hunting, fishing, shooting guns, welding, being an American and taking care of his family.

He is survived by his parents; sisters, Hannah (Cade) Lonker, Haley Spitzer and Samantha Spitzer all of Pratt, Shiloh Murray of Manhattan and Carson Towe of Westminster, South Carolina; grandmother, Kay Torrance of Gage, Oklahoma; and grandparents, John and Patricia Spitzer of Pratt.

Daniel is preceded in death by his grandfather, Curtis Torrance.

Cremation has taken place. A Memorial service was held at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, July 12, 2022, at First Southern Baptist Church, with Pastor Steve Taylor presiding.

In lieu of flowers, Memorials may be made to Daniels Legacy (mentorship program for youth) in care of Larrison Mortuary. Please join the Facebook group "Remembering Daniel" and post pictures, videos, or stories you have of Daniel.



Sue Adkins

Wichita - Sue Rea Adkins was born January 22, 1952 to Marion Richard and Una L. (Kehr) Allen in Pratt, Kansas. She died on Thursday, July 7, 2022 in Wichita, Kansas.

Sue attended grade school in Preston, Kansas, and she graduated from Pratt High School in 1970. She attended the St. Francis School of Nursing in Wichita, Kansas, graduating in 1973 as a registered nurse. She practiced for 26 years in Wichita, working in hospitals and later in private practice. She retired in 1996 because of health conditions.

She was talented in working with needlepoint. She was also an animal lover and contributed to various animal charities, and she had a number of her own cats over the years. She enjoyed reading and had an extensive library. She was also an active member of Eastminister Presbyterian Church of Wichita, Kansas.

She is survived by her brother, Earl Allen (and wife, Marcia) of Manhattan, Kansas; and nephews, Bryan Allen (and wife, Cori) of Roeland Park, Kansas and Sean Allen of Glendive, Montana.

Sue is preceded in death by her parents.

A private family graveside service will be held at a later date.

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On behalf of the Cunningham Community, I would like to thank the American Legion for serving another Independence Day meal this July. An extra shout-out to Diane and Bernie Albers who gave of their time over many years to see that folks could gather on this special holiday.

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