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Congratulations to the 2023 CHS Graduates

Alice Huelskamp gives her valedictorian speech.

Trey DeWeese gives his valedictorian speech.

Lane Halderson gives his salutatorian speech.

photos by Molly Morgan

Official Minutes of BOE April Meeting

The West Kingman County Board of Education meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 12, 2023, by President Brent Miller.

President, Brent Miller; Vice-President, Bjorn Halderson; Members, Scott DeWeese, Brent Hansen, Vicki Oldham, Megan Green; Superintendent, Robert Reed; Principal, Cody Dunlap; Clerk, Stacy Webster and Guests, Roberta Kobbe, Nadine Hope, Sebastian Huelskamp, Becky Huelskamp, Will Wagerer, Lane Halderson, Nate Sterneker, Ellie McGuire, Dagim Reed, Hannah Ellis, Ava Bock, Emma Harden, Taylor Schultz, Alice Huelskamp, Luke McGuire, Joanna Hansen, Shelly Harden, Wes Harden, and Sheena Albers.

Motion made by Scott DeWeese, seconded by Brent Hansen, to approve the agenda as presented. Yeas: Miller, DeWeese, Hansen, Halderson, Green, Oldham. Nays: none. Motion carried 6-0.

President Brent Miller welcomed the guests.

Motion made by Bjorn Halderson, seconded by Vicki Oldham, to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2023 Regular meeting. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Vicki Oldham, seconded by Megan Green, to approve the payment of bills and the financial reports as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

President Miller turned the meeting over to the German Exchange students in attendance. Taylor Schultz prepared a slide show of some of the highlights from their trip to Germany. She shared quotes from the German students about what they liked about this year's exchange program. The Cunningham students shared their favorite part of the trip and some great memories. They thanked the board giving them this opportunity by allowing the program.

Nadine Hope, Will Wagerer, Lane Halderson, Nate Sterneker, Ellie McGuire, Dagim Reed, Hannah Ellis, Ava Bock, Emma Harden, Taylor Schultz, Alice Huelskamp, Luke McGuire, Joanna Hansen, Shelly Harden, and Wes Harden all left the meeting at 5:00 pm. Principal Cody Dunlap arrived at that time.

Mr. Reed reported on the new outdoor classroom, KSDE Audit completion, Legislative updates and current bus issues.

Principal Dunlap presented a report included in the board packet. He touched on items listed including

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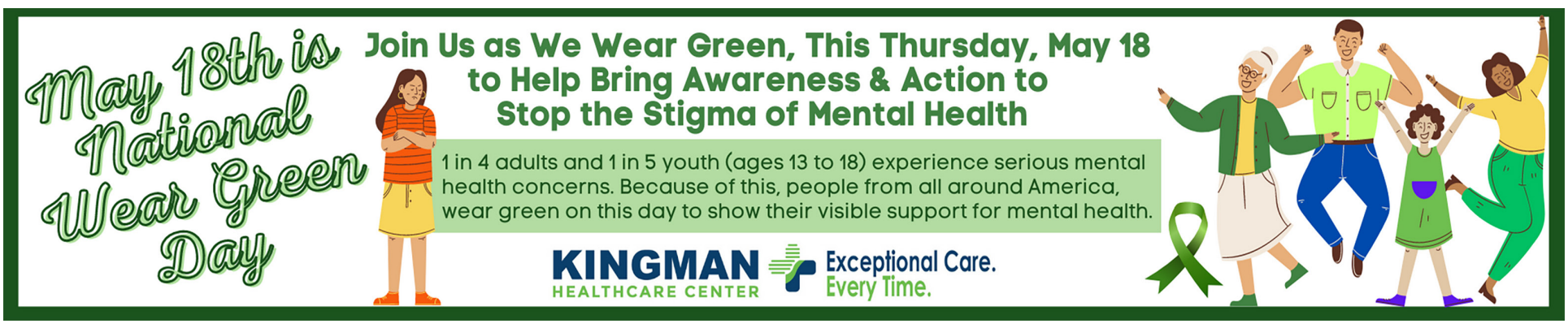
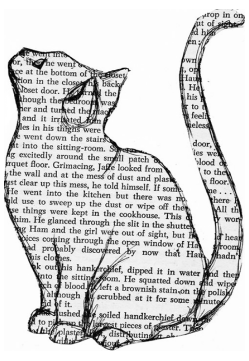
Christian Church Building Comes Down

The folks of the Cunningham Christian Church decided that the old church building could no longer be repaired due to wear and tear and age and other minor disasters. The razing began Monday morning and the lot was cleared by Tuesday evening.





Meanderings

On this Tuesday, noonish, I am beginning this column. I have barely begun the actual newspaper. I have the last week's news items cleared off the "board" and the date changed on the pages, but that is about it. I do have most of the photos worked up and have more or less decided which ones I want to use. BUT when I went to bed last night, I just was overwhelmed with how I'm going to fit everything onto the 14 pages I have to work with. I guess you could say I have been overwhelmed with the newspaper this week. SO MUCH is going on.

I have many photos from graduation, elementary music program, church demolition, and track. Minutes from BOE and county commissions. School will be out by the time this paper gets mailed, but I think one more spotlight page next would be okay. I had planned on doing it this week, but the photos of the little ones singing in the concert last week are just too cute to put off. So they will get priority this week.

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Last week I wrote (complained) about Annoying Ned Nederlander and his fetish for lizards. I came home from Hutch last Wednesday late afternoon. I had Quin with me because I dropped him off for grooming session with Stephanie at the 4 Paws Beauty Parlor in Murdock, before heading to Hutchinson to get our printed newspapers. Quin and I came through the door to find Neddie in the middle of my office area here, staring at a tailless lizard. When I walked in, it scuttled away from him, and he turned to look at me and Quin. Quin was immediately on the issue. I yelled "NO!" and was able to grab the lizard. I just reached down and picked it up. It wasn't too happy with that event, but the alternative would have been less pleasant.

This lizard was significantly larger than any of the others. The first ones were smaller than my pinky, this one was about the length of my palm, it would have been longer than that, but, alas, it's little tail was missing, probably squirming about somewhere in the backyard.

I took the lizard outside and released it, and then lectured Annoying Ned (and now annoyed Ned) NO MORE LIZARDS IN THE HOUSE! Keep them outside. They are getting too big.

He doesn't listen, though. I think he just likes to brag about what a great hunter he is.

I suspect by the time the summer is over, I'll be wrestling Komodo Dragons out of the house. Darn Cat.

Thursday, I came home from the grocery. I was pulling food out of the bags and happened to look out on the backyard to see Dusty Bottoms patting the ground. I watched. He sniffed something. Patted. Sniffed. I rolled my eyes. "NOW what?"

Quin followed me outside (of course). He saw Dusty about the time I hit the bottom step of the deck, and he was off to see what the excitement was. Pat. Pat. Sniff. Then Quin's nose is to the ground. He looks at Dusty. Dusty pats. Sniffs. Thank goodness Dusty has the sense not to drag critters into the house. He had a little garter snake. I picked it up and released it in some vinca under the trees. I hope it stays there or slithers under the fence to a safer place. Mostly I hope Annoying Ned doesn't find it. I don't want it in my house. I don't dislike snakes. I just dislike them in my home. Much like I dislike lizards in my home. And birds. And mice. And bugs. And spiders. I wish I disliked cats and dogs in my house as much as I dislike other wildlife in my home.

Next morning, I found a dead gopher/rat/some rodent in the backyard. I'm blaming that one on Barney as he didn't come home until 2:00 in the morning, and I know it wasn't there when I went to bed. I told a friend I'm ready to change my cats for pet rocks. I don't think Quin would like that too well, but I would be a lot less annoyed.

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When I was a little girl I LOVED to play school. I spent HOURS pretending to be a teacher. My stuffed animals dolls were rapt and focused students and they made discipline and grading papers so easy! I'd find any little nook or cranny I could to set up a little classroom. I LOVED playing school

I suspect teaching was in my genes. Mom's aunts were teachers, and two of her sisters were teachers.

The book I was reading last week,"remembersing.... A Town That Was" a memoir by Myrna M. Messer. This bit make me smile:

Myrna relates a story about her sisters, Connie and Evie. Connie was in charge of herding the cattle. She herded on horseback, and due to the tediousness of the job, she'd often fall asleep on the horse while watching the cows.

Sometimes, when Connie actually herded the cows on foot, little sister Evie would walk along. Evie loved to play school, Myrna explained. The cows, of course, "all had names, and Evie made each one a report card, which included a grade for deportment.

"If one strayed too far while grazing, her grade went down. If she stayed within boundaries, she earned a good grade for the day. As a reward for good behavior, Evie would make up a story which she told to the "students" who were quietly munching near by. All of these silly antics belped to lessen the boredom, so Connie was happy for Evie to tag along."

Isn't that a hoot!? Or a moo? I do believe Evie enjoyed playng teacher more than I did!

Always reading,
and currently trying to decide what to read next,
Roberta

"Mason is ambidextrous. That means that he can use either his right or left hand. For some reason, when I was little, I thought that meant he was part water lizard. Don't ask why."
— S.E. Hinton

"You should never hesitate to trade your cow for a handful of magic beans."
— Tom Robbins

Tallgrass and Tumbleweeds by Gaille Pike

Dear Readers,

With rare exceptions, I know where my cell phone is. I've stayed calm the times I haven't known because I use it frequently and typically can recall my movements since it was last in my hand. Why stress if I can discover it by retracing my steps? It's misplaced, not lost. So last weekend when I noticed my phone was nowhere to be seen and the skirt I was wearing had empty pockets, I felt uneasy. But I didn't panic.

I excused myself to go check my car. I recalled that when I had arrived late to our impromptu Potluck Party I'd been in a hurry to get my contributions of snacks and ice, and my wilted self, into air-conditioning. I must have forgotten to grab my cell phone in my haste to join the celebration of our project's end. As I searched every inch of that vehicle, my stomach began to feel as if I had inhaled a stack of pancakes made of Quickrete, proving true to its fast hardening reputation.

My abdominal concrete remained impassive as a string of problem firecrackers went off in my head as I attempt to recall when I'd last held it. PROBLEM ONE: Around 7:15 pm I'd set my phone to non-vibrating "silence" before attending a play. PROBLEM TWO: Around 8:35pm I'd made a phone call outside a convenience store. And that had to be over an hour ago but I couldn't pin down when I'd last handled it because…my phone is my timepiece. PROBLEMS THREE TO INFINITY: Since the last call I'd made, most my movements were a mystery.

One of my new acquaintances likened our event to a wedding reception because for both social and professional reasons, everyone ends up periodically "working the room." I was not the Belle of the Ball, but I could no more recall, let alone hope to retrace, my path than I can Texas Two Step. So my best bet was to slip back aside and search discreetly for my phone without drawing attention to my distress. And that might have worked if the first person I bumped into was not my best friend, who of course took one look at my face and knew something was BAD WRONG.

Faster than you can say "Search Party," everyone was hunting for my phone as seriously as if it were the kidnapped Lindbergh baby, which is of course a deplorable comparison. But have you ever been in a crowd where a cell phone's gone missing? The good news is that my phone was found alive and well, atop a stack of empty pizza boxes.

Before it was found I kept telling myself, "You'll replace it. It's no big deal." When I look at it now, I'm relieved that I didn't have do that. And I suspect I'll have a cell phone of one kind or another 'til I die, to connect me to what's irreplaceable—family, friends and colleagues, including that heroic gal who spotted that lost baby of mine.

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

Insight
KANSAS FARM BUREAU
The Voice of Agriculture

Becoming a Wildcat

Jackie Mundt, Pratt County farmer and rancher

I am proud to officially be a Kansas State Wildcat. This past weekend, I walked across the stage in Bramlage Coliseum to receive my master's degree and an official place in the K-State family.

When I moved to Kansas more than a decade ago, I felt pretty confident in my assumptions of what life would be like. Life in the Midwest meant a little slower pace, friendlier people, simpler lifestyles and more of the values of my childhood.

One thing I wasn't prepared for (other than the wind) was the K-State family. Other universities have fans but in Kansas, it isn't just a team you cheer for. K-State is the heartbeat of the agriculture community, a respected source of information and innovation, a family of fans committed to showing up and supporting the team and each other even when it isn't convenient, a legacy and source of pride passed down through generations in families all across the state.

At graduation, a representative of the alumni association spoke briefly about what it means to become an alumna. The part that caught my attention was that the association considers purple a core value. This was new to me intellectually, but I instantly understood it in my heart.

Purple is friendliness and comradery. Walking through the purple sea of tailgates in the stadium parking lot before a football game, you will see old friends and make new ones. All over the world, the K-state family is recognizable by a shirt or hat and we never miss a chance to say hello. This has literally happened to me on every international trip since I moved to Kansas. Purple is the outward symbol of the pride we all have for this amazing network of people and the better way of life that comes from being a part of the family.

Since I didn't grow up here, I didn't have this understanding and appreciation from the start. Years ago when I began my master's program, I considered both Oklahoma State and Kansas State. Both programs seemed equally respected, had similar courses and tuition and were about the same distance from my home. The distance really didn't matter since all my classes would be online, but I liked the idea of having the option to interact with the school in person.

My eventual decision to attend K-State ended up coming down to an unexpected argument about value. Marc and his college friends have had season tickets since graduating because that is what K-Staters do. A seat was added to the pack for me shortly after I moved here. As season ticket holders, we support the school and students through the Ahearn Fund contribution. I remember thinking if we are going to give money to a school for the rest of our lives, I might as well get some benefit from it.

In the years since starting the master's program, my appreciation has grown and purple has bled into my life and view of the world. I have gained knowledge through classes and extension programing. I have made friends and industry connections expanding my experiences and challenging my understanding of the world. My ownership and pride in the institution has grown with all of the benefits not only to myself but to the communities that I care about.

Now that I am officially a wildcat, Kansas feels even more like a home and I am confident in my place in this purple family that I will be thankful for the rest of my life.

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Community Bulletin Board

Thursday, May 18
Teachers' Work Day
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HS Track -- Regionals

Friday, May 26
HS Track - State
at WSU

Saturday, May 27
HS Track - State
at WSU
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Cunningham
Swimming Pool opens

Wednesday, June 12
7:00 p.m.
BOE meeting

Wednesday,
August 23rd
First Day of School.

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672-2444 or 620-797-2919 to schedule an appointment!

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298-3163

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8:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.
Thursday:
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Saturday:
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620-243-5791

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Memorial Day Observance
American Legion
Lorraine Post 98
Isabel, KS
May 29, 2023
Honor Guard and Benediction

Coats Cemetery 8:45 a.m.
Ellenwood (Sawyer) Cemetery 9:15 a.m.
Lutheran (Nashville)
Cemetery 10:30 a.m.
Liberty (Nashville) Cemetery 10:45 a.m.
Isabel Cemetery 11:15 a.m.

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May 25th
Throwback Thursday
The Great Outdoors
Rated PG
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City Council Will Meet Monday

Special Meeting Agenda
Meeting will be held at City Hall, 119 N. Main St.

1) 6:30 p.m. – Call to Order
2) Approval of Agenda
3) Approval of Minutes of April 25, 2023 special meeting
4) Planning & Zoning Hearing for Consideration of SU 23-001
5) Public comments, concerns, & communications
6) Fire Department – Chief's Report
7) Leslie Schrag – Kingman County Economic Development
8) Loyd Group – Audit Presentation
9) Reports
   - Property Officer
   - Planning & Zoning
   - Building permits
   - Hearing for SU 23-003 Application set for May 25, 2023
   - Maintenance
   - Swimming Pool
   - Animal Control
10) Financial Report & Payment of Bills
11) Adjourn

SCCF Awards Over $100,000 in Scholarships to Students in South Central Kansas

South Central Community Foundation (SCCF) is thrilled to be awarding $104,175 to students in South Central Kansas for the 2023-2024 school year. Following a record number of applications, the SCCF Scholarship selection committees had the difficult task of selecting this year's recipients.

These scholarships would not be possible without the generous support of the families who selected the Foundation as a scholarship partner and the over 75 volunteers reviewing each scholarship application.

Below is a list of the recipients from Kingman County:

Lucile Turner Asher Endowed Scholarship in Mathematics
Erin Albright – Kingman High School
W.L. "Bill" Brown Memorial Scholarship
Shylla Mark – Kingman High School
Mary A. Brown Memorial Scholarship
Ethan Smith – Kingman High School
Harbert FFA Scholarship
Cody Abbott – Kingman High School
Brant Floyd – Kingman High School
Jagger Francis – Kingman High School
Samantha Harbert – Kingman High School
Anniston Henning – Kingman High School
Shylla Mark – Kingman High School
Larry Giefer Memorial Community Service Scholarship
Anniston Henning – Kingman High School
Laura Betzen-Oeding Memorial Scholarship
Lane Halderson – Cunningham High School
Zach Strohl – Cunningham High School
Jean E. & Robert L. Pulliam Scholarship
Delaney Arensdorf – Kingman High School
Adrian Ontiveros – Kingman High School
Victoria Tetrick – Kingman High School
Nicholas M. Scheer Scholarship
Anniston Henning – Kingman High School
Malinda Virginia Stapley Memorial Scholarship
Adrian Ontiveros – Kingman High School
Clayton T. Stauffer Memorial Scholarship
Mackenzie Bell – Kingman High School
Steven Tetrick Memorial Scholarship
Brant Floyd – Kingman High School
Victoria Tetrick – Kingman High School
George R. Watson Scholarship
Lexee Beck – Kingman High School
Mackenzie Bell – Kingman High School
Sukesh Kamesh – Kingman High School
Marley Munz – Kingman High School
Ethan Smith – Kingman High School

SCCF is a nonprofit organization that serves Barber, Comanche, Kingman, Kiowa, Pratt, Rice, and Stafford Counties. For more information on scholarships or SCCF, please call (620) 672-7929 or email sccf@sccfks.org.

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May 26 - 28
Book Club: The Next Chapter
Rated: PG-13

YEARS AGO IN
The Cunningham Clipper
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1928

May 11, 1928 – The bridge across the Pratt-Kingman County line northwest of town near the Elbert Maxedon farm, is at last a reality thanks to the Pratt and Kingman County Commissioners and the Federal Relief Fund.

Cunningham High School won the Kingman County League Track Meet for the third consecutive year last Saturday at Cunningham. Avery Maxedon of Cunningham was high point man for the track meet, winning the 50, 100, and 440-yard dashes. Other event winners for Cunningham were Lynn Groom in the 220-yard dash; Darrell Kelly in the shot put and broad jump, and the half-mile relay team (Paul Barker, Avery Maxedon, Darrel Kelly, and Lynn Groom).

1933

May 12– Members of the 1933 graduating class of Cunningham Rural High School are Bob Cooley, Alferd Thorp, Waldo Shelman, Willard Benningfield, John Baber, Delores Doty, Bessie Baber, Thelma Baber, Majel Miles, Iona Tope, Lucy Ebenkamp, and Doris Franks.

Lorriane's Beauty Shoppe, located in Wetherall Brothers Store and operated by Mrs. Lorriane Buster, is advertising some egg specials this week. Miss Buster will give a permanent wave worth $2.50 for twenty dozen eggs, or a permanent wave worth $3.50 for twenty-five dozen eggs. Miss Buster will also give a thirty-five cent shampoo and finger wave for only three dozen eggs.

1938

May 13– Death came to Mr. John Miller last Saturday morning in the Community Hospital at Pratt, the fifth member of his family to die as a result of a devastating tornado which wiped away their home on the Sunday night preceding his death.

The Senior Class presented their annual play, "Storm Center," to a large and appreciative audience last Friday evening. Members of the cast included Betty Carter, Leroy Lash, Emily Groves, Rachel Naanes, Agnes Barkley, Roy McGeorge Jr., and Naomi Gilstrap.

Dorothy Steffen, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Steffen, suffered a fractured left arm last Thursday evening, when she fell while roller-skating at the Penalosa skating rink.

1943

May 14– Members of the eighth grade class are Bonnie Amick, Johanna Dyche, Virginia Bradley, Doyle Lovern, Junior Harris, Mary Ann Hayes, William King, Bobby Neagle, Lucile Mason, Esther Sheldon, James Stanley, Allen Poland, Mary Julane Thimmesch, Phillip Poland, Bonnie Stillwell, Mona Wilcoz, and Ellen Park.

Staff Sergeant Ralph Baber, who is stationed at Camp Clairborne, La., is spending a ten-day furlough visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Baber and other relatives.

Mr. William Rose, 65, a resident of the Cunningham community for fifty-four years, passed away at his farm home southwest of Cunningham Sunday morning.

1948

May 14 – Cunningham defeated Kingman, 5 to 3, in an exciting ball game played Sunday afternoon at the Sterneker diamond before the largest crowd of the season thus far.

"Lefty" Joe Theis hung up his second straight league victory as he gave up six hits, three of them home runs, accounting for all the Kingman scores, fanned thirteen, walked but one and hit one batter with a pitched ball.

Congratulations to Dr. and Mrs. Frank Allbritten Jr. on the birth of a son, Frank F. III, at the Pensylvannia Lying-In hospital in Philadelphia, May 9th. The newcomer weighed six pounds.

Cpl. Cozens lost his life in a drowning accident in the Panama Canal Zone, November 4, 1942. He was a member of the chemical warfare division. Former burial was in Corozal cemetery in the Canal Zone.

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1953

May 15, 1953 – Cunningham High School's Board of Education is planning a district-wide meeting sometime soon to discuss the proposed bond issue of two hundred thousand dollars to erect and equip a new gymnasium and manual training shop, which will be voted on in an election to be held Thursday, June 4.

Members of the eighth grade graduating class are Sherman Ellis, LeRoy Lovern, Robert Muns, Ray Peterson, Richard Rathbun, Larry Shaffer, Clifton Mefford, Ira Hendricks, Jeanine Garrigues, Sondra Dunn, Karen McKinney, Linda Bess Benningfield, Kay Wilson, Virginia McClellan, and Robert Olmstead.

Members of the high school graduating class are Ila Graves, Joyce Chaney, Shirley Neagle, Jane Oak, Darlene Simonson, Alda Singleton, Anna Smith, Barbara Weir, Beverly Weir, Harold Adamson, Larry Ball, James Harmon, Gale Harris, Paul Huslig, Eddie Johnson, Arthur Huslig, Melville Mefford, Carroll McKinney, Leonard Schnittker, Elmer Schnittker, Jack Meyers, Marvin Park, and John Sterneker.

1958

May 15– Members of the Sacred Heart School graduating class are Melva Mae Freund, Elizabeth Kitson, Mary Zrubek, Jerome Huslig, and Bobby Meyers.

Frank Minton of Wichita, is the new pastor of the First Baptist Church in Cunningham.

1963

May 16 – The 19 members of the Senior Class at Cunningham Rural High School are David Amick, Virleen Block, Ora Bowers, Norman Ellis, Lynn Fitzsimmons, Norma Greenlee, Eugene Huston, Robert Leiter, Syslvester Lindemann Jr., Kathy Meyers, Mickey Miles, Gene Patton, LuWayne Patton, Joel Pelzl, Connie Rose, Kenneth Spade, Richard Thimesch, Joe Young, and Clareen Thome.

Tuesday, May 21, will be Circus Day in Cunningham!

The all new Fairyland Circus will present two performances at the ball park that day. The big hour and a half program will feature 20 acts, including the famous Rawis Family, six in number, champion acrobats and aerialists.

1968

May 16 – Commencement week activities for the 21 graduates of Cunningham High School will begin this evening (Thursday) with Senior Class and Awards Night in the high school gym-auditorium at 8:00 o'clock. Baccalaureate Services will be held Sunday evening, and Commencement Exercises will be conducted Monday evening.

JoAnn Rohling, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rohling. Is the Valedictorian of the 1968 Senior Class. Susan Rottering, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Rottering, is the Salutatorian of the CHS Class of 1968.

Private First Class Danny Meyers, son of Mr. and Mrs. August Meyers of Pratt, former Cunningham residents, is now stationed in Inchon, Korea.

The 21 members of the Senior Class of Nashville-Zenda High School begin their Commencement Week actvities with Baccalaureate Services Sunday evening and end with Commencement Exercises Tuesday evening. Louise Adelhardt and Carolyn Dick are Co-Valedictorians of the class.

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1978

May 18 – The Cunningham City Council is meeting Tuesday, May 30, and has invited the public toparticipate from 8 to 9 p.m. in its decision-making by voicing support or protest of the Council's decision to issue bonds for $30,000.

These bonds are to build a new city building and remodel the present one. According to Mayor Walk Rosenbaum, present facilities are inadequate.

Perhaps citizens can think of an alternative plan if they object to a tax increase. Many cities are sharing facilities with schools, churches, and other areas in order to provide for more efficient usage. Perhaps some Cunningham citizen can think of alternate facilities, if they are opposed to the present plan.

At any rate, it is hoped that concerned citizens will attend to voice their opinion or provide a solution to the problem. It is the public's right and duty to express their opinions, right where it will count most, in the Council meeting. If you have an opinion, attend the meeting Tuesday, from 8 to 9 p.m. -joyce hartmann

The Cunningham Saddle Club enjoyed a beautiful weekend at the Gyp Hills Ride May 13 and 14. There were two riders participating from as far as Evansville, Ind. A lot of rattlesnakes and other wildlife were seen on the trip this year.

Members and guests participating from this area were: Glenda Thornhill, Connie McGovney, Mary Ann Ruckle, Gary Fitzsimmons and Dean, Danny Norrish, Mr. and Mrs. Burnard Simonson, Richard Webster, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Fitzsimmons, Mr. and Mrs. Preston Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Fitzsimmons, Dennis and LeeAnn, Brian Shafer, Rick Sterneker, Chris Meyers, Tim Mertens and Mark Rohlman.

Cunningham Pool will open on Sunday, May 28. Hours of admission will be Sunday through Thursday from 1 to 8 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 1 to 6 p.m.

Prices will be the same as last year. Season tickets are $15, non-transferable. Individual admission prices are 75 cents for graduating eight-graders and older and 50 cents for graduating seventh-graders and younger.

Lawn mowers can be hazardous to your health. At least, that's the conclusion that fourth-grader Matt Oller reached when he fell under the blade of his mower, resulting in one broken toe, four dislocated toes, and tendon and ligament damage.

Matt is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Oller, Cunningham. The three of them would like to share their story so that other people will realize the dangers of that simple machine we all use every week.

According to Mrs. Oller, Matt was trying to show her how to run the mower. He was standing on the mower, a Snapper, while she was riding on it. He got thrown off, and his foot went under the blade.

Father Struble, who happened to be passing by, and Bob McGovney, who heard the commotion, came over to help. They drove Matt to Pratt Regional Medical Center, where he underwent to hours of surgery.

He's presently in Room 211, where he is recuperating satisfactorily. In fact, his doctor foresees no permanent after effects….luckily, he will be as good as new after a while.

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May 19– Saturday Mr. and Mrs. Dale Sheldon went to Wichita where they attended the Wichita Symphony at Century II. It was being conducted by Keith Bryan who impersonated John Phillips Sousa. After spending the night at Wichita, they went to Tulsa where they enjoyed Mothers Day with Bill and Kris Talbott and Billy.

April 28, the Office Education Association held their National Convention in Milwaukee, Wis. Bonnie Fischer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Fischer of Cunningham, along with Mrs. Mary Gordon, Miranda McFadden and Tina Meyers, flew to Milwaukee from Kansas City. In order to go to the nationals, contestants he to place first, second, or third at the state level. Bonnie placed first on her receptionist test and second on her prepared verbal speech about word processing.

At the national level, Bonnie received fourth in the receptionist test. While in Milwaukee, she visited the zoo, the Ambrosia chocolate factory and the Milwaukee Conservatory, which consisted of three glass domes full of plants, and a dolphin show inside of a restaurant. Also during her stay Bonnie had the opportunity to visit with her first cousin and his wife in Wauceshaw.

On June second, Bonnie and Mike McGovney of Cunningham will leave for New York for the Phi Theta Kappa national convention.

Brian DeWeese, from RR 2, Cunningham, recently received honors in foreign languages at Emporia State University.

DeWeese received recognition at the E-State department of foreign languages honors reception. DeWeese was recognized as an outstanding Spanish student.

Cunningham state track team: Dennis Hageman, Kerry Hill, Kathy Beat, Terry Alley, Doug Hageman, Steve Vierthaler, Kam Smith, Kevin House, Jim Holcomb, Rob Sterneker.

Mr. and Mrs. Stan Parsons, Kingman, announce the birth of a baby girl Wednesday, May 18 at Kingman Community Hospital. She weighed 6 lb. 2 oz. and has been named Lindsay Amber.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Parson, Kingman, and Mr. and Mrs. Leroy A. Kampling, Cunningham.

Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bob Stillwell, Cunningham and Mrs. Regina Burns, Kingman.

Museum Hours
contact
Angie Mertens at 620-532-4354 or
Alan Albers at 620-298-2725 or
Mike McGovney at 620-770-9503

- WANTED -
Old Photos for *Our Community Album*
Call (620) 298-2659 or email couriernews@yahoo.com or send to 320 North Stadium Street, Cunningham, KS 67035

Consider this...

by Mike Johnson

Cloudy Skies

In this man-made world of ours, most of our time is spent indoors. On the rare times we actually do venture outside, it's usually only because we're on the way to a different indoors. Then while traveling to work, shopping or a movie, we're riding in cars - another indoors. Rather than enjoying these journeys outdoors, it's more likely we're looking at traffic, dashboard controls or mental movies of a past emotional excitement.

When was the last time you stopped and looked at the sky?

Looking up is a psychological trick that immediately uplifts our attitude. There is something about the combination of looking at something higher than ourselves and focusing on the present moment that actually lifts our inner spirit right off the ground.

The sky is evidence that something higher than us exists. It is a living soup of oxygen, nitrogen, argon, carbon dioxide, hydrogen, neon, helium, krypton, and xenon. All miraculously provided in precise, perfectly mixed, unlimited quantities, free of charge. It is beauty and function combined in an ever-changing mosaic that is free to view for as long as we live.

Whether the sky is cloudy or not, there is always something beyond the clouds. Just like people.

A person's personality is nothing more than clouds that prevent our viewing the real person who exists beyond. Like real clouds, personality clouds have no real substance, yet create the illusion they do, blocking the inner light that always exists.

Some people wear clouds that are dark and foreboding. Some use their personality clouds to whip up winds of confrontation. Still others are always raining negativity wherever they go. Bad experiences have convinced them to act in unempowering ways. Bitterness, anger and negativity all come from one feeling - fear. These people believe they ARE their personality clouds, so live a very limited existence.

Others wear puffy, happy personality clouds. Their entrance into a room uplifts others --shining their inner light through a pleasantly tempered filter of personality. Some rare individuals are even able to momentarily part their personality clouds through the mastery of special talents. Talented musicians, artists and writers sometimes so remove themselves from their work that unrestricted rays of total love and total light come directly through, bathing all in their presence.

When we look at another person, what we see reveals our relationship to reality. If we only see angry or happy personalities, that's all we'll see in ourselves. The true man is the person behind the clouds - the one who controls what clouds - if any - he'll present to the world. Just because he doesn't realize he has this control, doesn't mean he doesn't still have it.

Yet, forgetting our power is the same as never getting our power.

Remembering, is reclaiming.

Like clothing, the tattered garment of personality can be changed at will or shed altogether. The first step however, is to realize each of us can do so. The best practice is looking at others for the real man behind his personality. Find the eternal spirit in your neighbor and you find it in yourself.

Like the sky, once you see beyond the clouds of people, you find an infinite grandeur.

Cheney Lake Worship Service

Every Sunday at 9 a.m. starting Sunday May 28th through Labor Day Weekend

Church Pavilion, West Shore Area

No park fee required.

Always start off your day with God!

The Elusive Jewel

By Bonnie Kronberger

"My diamond is gone," I shrieked. Holding my hand in front of my face, I stared at empty prongs on my wedding ring. ""Where did it go?" Tears streamed down my face. Shock was setting in.

My wedding ring—I wear it always, it never comes off. Defaced! It wasn't a big diamond, but it was beautiful to me, given by my beloved husband. Looking again, a gaping hole with broken prongs stared back at me. Granted, it was a very small head that holds the stone, but to me it looked like a crater. Now my ring was just marred metal.

My husband and I were both still in college. No extra money to buy another diamond. No insurance to cover the loss. Once I settled down, I was ready to take action. It was Saturday morning. Gordon and I were sitting together on the couch, studying, cuddling, relaxing. Time to retrace my steps, looking for a needle in a haystack.

The breakfast mess was still in the kitchen. I was surprised to see how many bits and pieces of bacon and eggs floating around in warm grease resembled a sticky diamond. Tedious searching through the pan was unsuccessful.

Next stop was the bedroom. Removing blankets slowly, I watched for a little jewel to tumble out. No luck there. On hands and knees I crawled around our tiny bedroom, praying for the diamond to appear. I checked out the bathroom. Do you know how many places a diamond can be lost? Too many.

I was out of ideas and hope was gone. I slid the empty shank off my finger, so sad I could no longer wear it. My hand felt naked, my heart wounded. I know it's just a ring, but it symbolizes so much and we had no money to replace it. Dejectedly I headed back to the living room. Gordon was still sitting on the couch studying. I had forbade him to move, while I looked for the diamond. I didn't want to take a chance of too many hands and feet walking around, maybe covering over the wayward diamond.

He looked at me as I shrugged my shoulders in defeat. "Where could it have fallen out?" The tears started to flow again.

Gordon opened his arms wide. "Come sit on my lap. We'll figure something out." Oh, how I loved that man.

As I moved toward him a thought hit me. "Wait! Don't move." I whispered. Tiptoeing over to where he sat, I pushed his shoulders slightly forward, gently moving the folds and creases on the back of his shirt—where my arm had earlier been. Pretty ridiculous. But there it was. My little diamond, resting on a slight gathering of fabric.

Praise God. I had to notice the diamond missing the moment it happened, after removing my arm from hugging Gordon. I've always believed God cares about the little details of our lives. This proves it.

With reinforced prongs, my little diamond is back where it belongs, and fifty years later I still wear my ring with thanksgiving.

TRUE STORY

Celebrations of Life

Vera Sims

Vera Ann Sims, 88, passed away Friday, May 5, 2023 at her home. She was born on June 26, 1934 in Okemah, Oklahoma to Otis and Margaret Huldy (Walls) Black. Vera married Bobby Sims on November 10, 1955 in Venita, Oklahoma. He preceded her in death on April 1, 1998.

Vera was a lifetime member of Elks Lodge. She enjoyed reading and going to breakfast.

She is survived by her children, Teresa Talarovich, Bobby Steven Sims, Debra Fields, and Douglas Ray (Judy) Sims; sister, Ruby Staats all of Pratt; 10 grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren.

Vera is preceded in death by her husband, Bobby Sims; parents; son, Everette Ashcraft; brothers, Albert Black, Tommy Black and Merle Whitmire; sisters, Goldie Whitmire, Venita Bernett, Hazel Windborn and Patty Parks.

Visitation will be Thursday, May 11, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. with family receiving friends from 5-7 at Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Rd, Pratt. Funeral service will be held at 10:00 a.m., Friday, May 12, 2023 at Larrison Mortuary. Burial will follow at Greenlawn Cemetery, Pratt.

Memorials may be made to Rivercross Hospice or American Cancer Society in care of Larrison Mortuary.

Catholic Churches

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

St. Leo
Sundays 8:30 a.m.

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

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

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

Lutheran Churches

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

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

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

Pastor Dennis Fangmeyer
Cell: 620-886-0911

Church of Christ

Penalosa
Sunday 11:00 a.m.

First Christian Church

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

United Methodist Church

Penalosa
Worship 9:15 a.m.

Cunningham
Worship 10:45 a.m.

Pastor Mathew Ndambuki Musyoki
620-298-2090

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

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.

Fundraisers & Charitable Opportunities in our Community

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

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

Hands of Hope (contact any church)

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

Cunningham Community Center (leave donation at the bank)

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

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

Cunningham Public Library (to donate, contact Kerri Steffen)

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

Cunningham 6th and 7th Grade Boys are League Champs!

Cunningham JH Track team participated in the Heart of the Plains League track meet on May 11, 2023. For the 6th time out of 7 meets, the 6/7th grade boys team came away with a win and became the HOPL Track and Field Champions for the second straight year scoring 201 points.

The 8th grade girls finished 5th with 63 points and the 6-7th grade girls finished 5th with 45 points. The 8th grade boys placed 3rd with 88 points. The teams participating included Burrton, Central Christian, Norwich, Attica, South Barber, Stafford, Skyline, Fairfield, Pretty Prairie, and Cunningham.

by Coach Stackhouse

Results:

Andrew Kerschen

Kaylee Mertens

Molly Morgan photos

Brody Bock

Janessa Schnittker

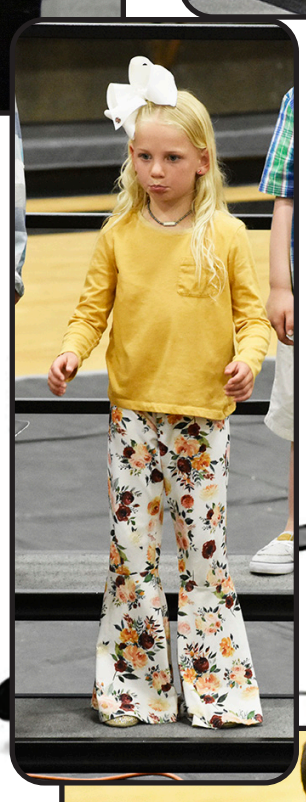
Keyonna Raney

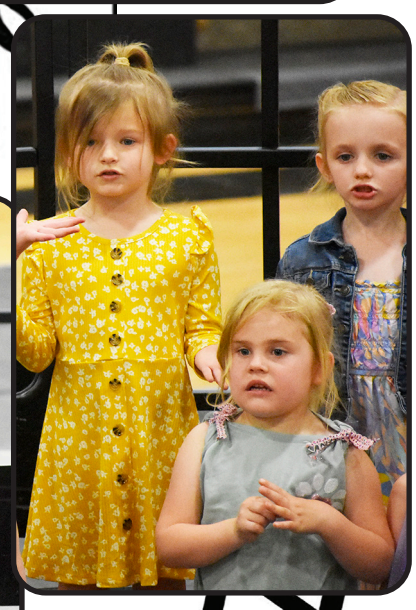
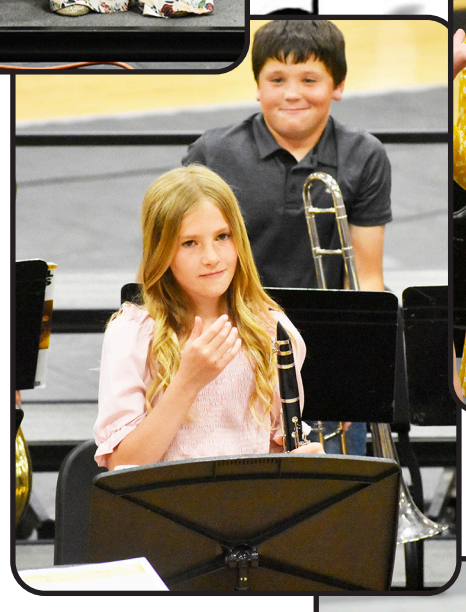
Sage Thimesch

	6-7th Girls	8th Girls	6-7th Boys	8th Boys
High Jump	Keyonna Raney 2nd 4'2"		Cole Hageman 1st 5'2" Weston Rogers 6th 4' 2":	
Pole Vault		Macy Neufeld 1st 7'	John Paul Kerschen 2nd 7' 6" Hank Adams 4th 7'	Jack Harden 2nd 8' 6" Kollin Fischer 4th 8'
Long Jump	Kaitlyn Ogg 11th 11' 4.5"	Kaylee Mertens 9th 9' 6"	Andrew Kerschen 1st 15' 2" Wesly Preisser 8th 13' 6"	
Triple Jump	Sage Thimesch 8th 23' 10.5" Morgan Oldham 7th 23' 10.5"	Macy Neufeld 5th 28' 5"	Liam McGuire 1st 31' 5.5" Andrew Kerschen 2nd 31' .5"	Kollin Fischer 8th 28' 7.5"
Shot Put	Kourtni Fischer 3rd 30' 8" Andi Young 8th 27' 0"	Whitney Mead 2nd 29' 4.5" Nora Huff 3rd 26' 3"	Brody Bock 1st 37' 0" Nathan Ndambuki 3rd 32'7"	Stephen Kerschen 1st 40' 11" Cole Ruckle 12th 22'
Discus	Kourtni Fischer 4th 68' 3.75" Andi Young 10th 56'11.75"	Janessa Schnittker 1st 74' 3.5" Nora Huff 4th 68' 5.5"	Nathan Ndambuki 2nd 115' 4" Hank Adams 3rd 105' 3"	Stephan Kerschen 1st 160' 4" Layne Green 2nd 117' 7"
100m	Kaitlyn Ogg 6th 15.17 Makenzie Hartley 11th 16.35	Macy Neufeld 12th 16.05 Breanna Adelhardt 15th 17.18	Cole Hageman 2nd 13.35 Nathan Ndambuki 4th 13.7	Stephen Kerschen 2nd 13.13 Kollin Fischer 5th 13.97
200m	Kaitlyn Ogg 2nd 30.65 Morgan Oldham 10th 33.85	Rylee Miller 8th 33.48	Cole Hageman 2nd 27.59 Liam McGuire 4th 28.21	Stephen Kerschen 2nd 25.77 Kollin Fischer 12th 29.05
400m	Keyonna Raney 10th 1:19.39	Rylee Miller 5th 1:16.5	Nathan Ndambuki 1:02.51 Andrew Kerschen 7th 1:10.17	Jack Harden 1st 59.54
800m			Carson Strohl 2nd 2:52.38 Will Halderson 7th 2:59.72	Jack Harden 2nd 2:24.41
1600m			Wesly Preisser 3rd 6:15.0 Myles Thimesch 8th 7:24.74	Jack Harden 2nd 5:21.3
3200m			Weston Rogers 2nd 13:49.1 Will Halderson 3rd 13:49.4	
100m Hurdles			Liam McGuire 1st 16.92 Cole Hageman 2nd 17.67	
200m Hurdles			Liam McGuire 1st 31.09 Weston Rogers 5th 35.05	
4X100 Relay	Thimesch, Young, Jump, Dukes 5th 1:14.67	Adelhardt, Huff, Schnittker, Mead 4th 1:09.35	King, Lohrke, Osner, Bock 6th 1:00.67	
4X200 Relay	Hartley, Oldham, Thimesch, Raney 6th 2:15.63	Adelhardt, Mead, Miller, Mertens 4th 2:18.99	Preisser, Sterneker, Glenn, Rohlman 2nd 2:07.42	
Medley Relay	Hartley, Oldham, Ogg, Raney 5th 2:21.62	Adelhardt, Mead, Mertens, Miller 4th 2:30.31	Strohl, JP Kerschen, Glenn, Rohlman 2nd 2:09.09	

Wildcats

Rockin' and Rollin'



Congratulations to the CHS Track Teams

On Thursday, May 11th, the high school boys finished League Champions! I'm so proud how they stepped up and out of their comfort zone to get the job done. 154 pts. 2nd place was Central Christian with 92 points.

HS Girls finished League Runner up! All the girls really shined yesterday and performed out of their minds!! Awesome performances! Cunningham girls have the athletes and I'm so proud how they each have committed to being better and finding their niche and craft and owning it. Each girl did their best and reaped the reward.

Congratulations.

Coach Eric Kerschen

Kendall Rogers

Molly Morgan photos

Luke Albers

Official Minutes of BOE April Meeting

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Community service day, HS Pre-enrollment and Graduation requirements and Social Studies curriculum adoption status.

Scott DeWeese reported that the March meeting included discussion of the ongoing Audit process and hiring of substitutes and paras. They are also looking at what going to a four day school week would look like.

Superintendent Reed gave an update on the construction process.

Discussion was had regarding the Baseball & Softball Co-op with Pretty Prairie. No action taken.

Motion made by Scott DeWeese, seconded by Brent Hansen to go into executive session with Superintendent Reed and Principal Dunlap at 5:45 p.m. to discuss personnel performance matters under the KOMA non-elected personnel exception and return to the board room at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

President Miller declared the meeting in open session at 6:00 p.m.

Motion made by Vicki Oldham, seconded by Megan Green to go into executive session with Superintendent Reed and Principal Dunlap at 6:00 p.m. to discuss personnel performance matters under the KOMA non-elected personnel exception and return to the board room at 6:15 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

President Miller declared the meeting in open session at 6:15 p.m.

Motion made by Scott DeWeese, seconded by Bjorn Halderson, to accept the resignation of Jay Squires effective March 8, 2023. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Bjorn Halderson, seconded by Megan Green, to accept the resignation of Bob Stackhouse as JH Track Coach at the end of the 2022-2023 School year. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Vicki Oldham, seconded by Brent Hansen, to approve Kayla Staley as Teacher for the 2023-2024 School year. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Scott DeWeese, seconded by Megan Green, to adjourn the meeting at 6:16 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Approved Minutes of BOE April Retreat

The West Kingman County Board of Education met for a retreat in the Board of Education Office at 104 W 4th St., Cunningham, KS on Wednesday April 12, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 6:52 p.m. by President Miller after enjoying a meal together.

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

Motion made by Scott DeWeese, seconded by Bjorn Halderson, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Superintendent Reed shared information with the board about:

1. Vehicle mileage and the status of our fleet vehicles.
2. Capital outlay timeline spreadsheet.

Superintendent Reed suggested a walk around of the facilities. The board and guests toured down to the grade school, outside, and around to the gym. They were able to see the new outdoor classroom, shot & discus pits, and construction progress.

Returning to the board room discussion of the following topics continued:

3. Activities; summer sports and football.
4. Instruction; Curriculum adoption schedule
5. Safety; Construction safety for students.
6. Technology; Smart board replacements and cameras

Motion made by Travis Thimesch, seconded by Brent Hansen, to go into executive session with administration present at 8:45 p.m. to discuss contract negotiations under the exception for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA and return to the board room at 9:00. Motion carried 7-0.

Guest Roberta Kobbe left the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

President Miller declared the meeting open at 9:00 p.m.

Motion made by Scott DeWeese, seconded by Vicki Oldham, to go into executive session with administration present at 9:00 p.m. to discuss contract negotiations under the exception for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA and return to the board room at 9:10. Motion carried 7-0.

President Miller declared the meeting open at 9:10 p.m.

Member Bjorn Halderson requested that the needs assessment be discussed at the next meeting.

Motion made by Travis Thimesch, seconded by Brent Hansen, to adjourn the meeting at 9:18 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Minutes from the Kingman County Commission Meeting

Chairman Henning called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. May 8th, 2023, in the County Commissioners room at the Kingman County Courthouse.

Present: Jerry Henning, Chairman; Patrick Elpers, Commissioner; Jack Thimesch, Commissioner; Carol Noblit, County Clerk; Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor

Visitors: Bob Morris, Kingman Leader-Courier; Larry Landwehr; Keith Baringer; Lucas Dick; Jason Belt; Danny McDorman

Online Visitors: Zach; Caller 01; Heather Kinsler

Staff: Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse; Sheriff Brent Wood; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/ Wastewater Director and Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director.

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

Chairman Henning would like to take a recess to view the front steps with the board during the meeting.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the agenda with the addition of a recess to view the steps. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Henning asked if there was any public comment.

Larry Landwehr discussed that EMS cannot request an open check book.

Lucas Dick; Keith Baringer; Danny McDorman and Jason Belt were in to discuss the packet submitted last Monday with the Commissioners.

Commissioners discussed that we want to make the Expo Center facility the best we can.

Mr. Dick discussed that they are not out for anyone's job and we don't want to see the facility go down because they want it here for the future.

Commissioners discussed the SPIRIT grant that has been applied for and if it is awarded then they will want to meet again to go over what is most important.

Chairman Henning asked Mr. Dick, Mr. Baringer, Mr. Belt and Mr. McDorman to come back in a few weeks to see what can be done and they appreciate their time and help with the facility.

Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse was with client activity report for April 2023.

Ms. Schwartz let the Commissioners know about the Health Fair and the attendance was not what they were hoping for but it was a good fair.

Ms. Schwartz let the Commissioners know that she has two grants that total around $108,000.00 that need to be used by the deadline.

The following quotes were given for the West Door of the Health Building:

Pratt Glass $5,780.77

Cheney Door $3,902.00

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the bid from Cheney Door in the amount of $3,902.00 with grant money. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Ms. Schwartz submitted the following quotes for a new sign in front of the Health Department:

Marks Custom Signs $3,778.63

Schurle Signs $6,024.00

Commissioners would like to have Ms. Schwartz ask the Extension Office if they would help pay for the sign.

Ms. Schwartz discussed the installation of Panic Buttons at the Health Department.

Sheriff Brent Wood was in to introduce Riley Robinson the new dispatcher for Kingman County.

Sheriff Wood presented the April department report to the County Commissioners.

Sheriff Wood let the Commissioners know that two vehicles they are purchasing are ready to pick up.

Sheriff Wood discussed the 2024 budget and the tower maintenance costs.

Chairman Henning opened the following bids for the Storage Building at 10:00 a.m.:

Josh Arensdorf $ 56,516.00

Jake Knapic(Knapic Guttering) $ 55,817.00

Chairman Henning discussed that they will change the doors from 9 X 7 to 10 X 10'.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to accept the bid received from Jake Knapic (Knapic Guttering) of $55,817.00. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

County Clerk submitted the minutes of the May 1st, 2023 Commission meeting for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the May 1st, 2023 Commission meeting minutes with amendments. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Henning read that the April sales tax was $78,891.00.

Chairman Henning discussed the EMS contract and shared his thoughts with the board.

Commissioner Thimesch let the Board know that he did some re-searching on EMS services with other counties. Commissioner Thimesch found that the Kingman EMS is not out of line on the contract amount.

Commissioner Elpers asked about what is currently done for dispatching.

Commissioners discussed that they like the EMS part of the contract but the elimination of the city payment for dispatch they would like to continue.

Commissioners signed and approved abatements.

Commissioners signed county vouchers in the amount of $1,044,471.61.

Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director and Steve Bachenberg, County Engineer were in to update the Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf submitted the following permits for approval:

Ideatek Telcom LLC to lay fiber optic cable along NE 10 Ave, NE 20 St and N. Berry Avenue in Township 27, Range 07 (White).

SC Telcom to lay fiber optic cable along the east side of Sections 19 & 30,

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

Plan Your Retirement With Social Security

Social Security benefits factor into the retirement plan of almost every American worker. If you are covered under Social Security, you should know how much you might receive in future benefits. These monthly payments are likely to be an important part of your retirement income.

We base your benefit payment on how much you earned during your working career. Higher lifetime earnings result in higher benefits. If there were some years you didn't work or had low earnings, your benefit amount may be lower than if you had worked steadily or had higher earnings. Even if you never worked and did not pay Social Security taxes, you may be eligible for benefits from a spouse's record. You must be at least 62 years old, and your spouse must already be receiving retirement or disability benefits.

Our Retirement page at www.ssa.gov/retirement is a great place to start mapping out your retirement plan.

For example, have you considered:

- When is the right time for you to start receiving your retirement benefits?
- What documents you may need to provide Social Security for your retirement application?
- Which factors may affect your retirement benefits?

You can use your personal my Social Security account at www.ssa.gov/myaccount to get an instant estimate of your future retirement benefits. You can also see the effects of starting your retirement benefits at different ages.

You may also be wondering about:

- Benefits for a spouse or children.
- How work affects your benefits.
- If you will have to pay taxes on your benefits.
- Medicare.

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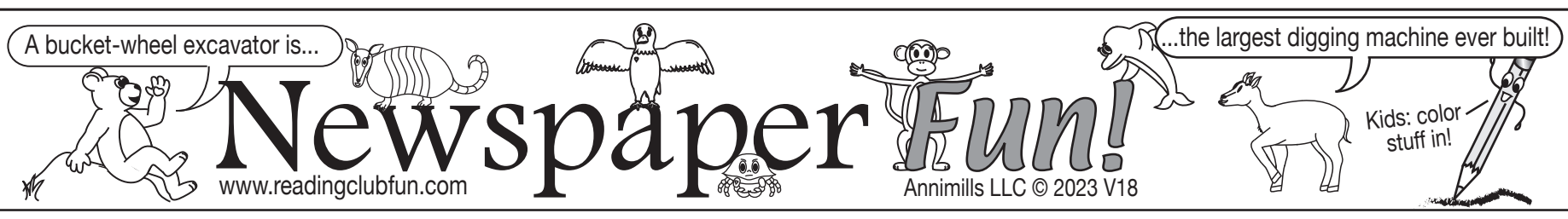

Newspaper Fun!

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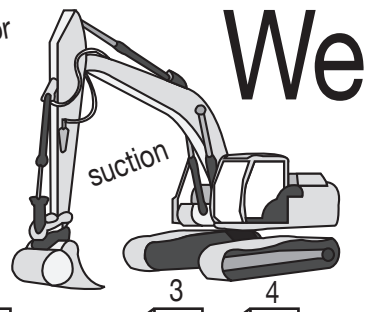
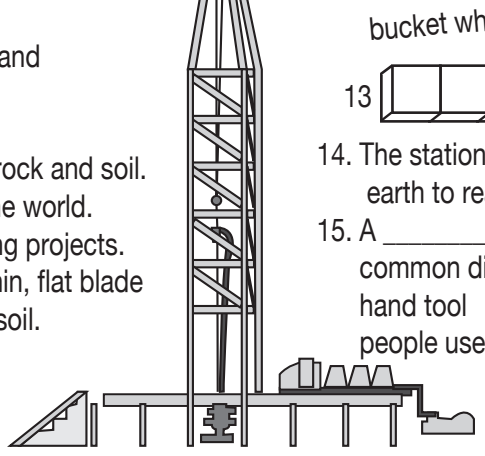
My Dad and I are digging sand and using it to fill bags. We pile bags two layers deep to keep rising creek water away from our garage. Who would think that a bear would enjoy digging? I also like to watch huge machines moving on roadsides and digging on construction sites. I'd like to learn to operate all of them and be part of a team that builds roads, bridges and buildings.

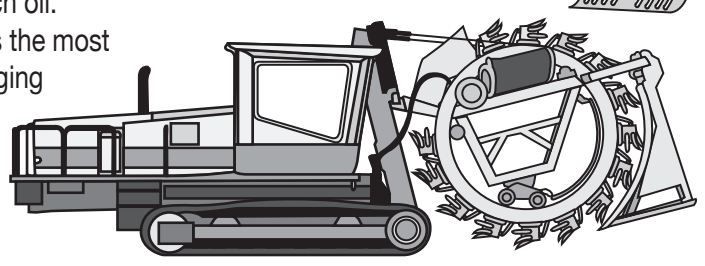
We Dig It!



Read the clues to fill in the puzzle with tools or machines that dig:

1. A _____ is a hand tool with a V-shaped blade used to break up soil or lumps when gardening.
2. One special machine, called a _____ excavator, digs by drawing the dirt from the earth like a vacuum.
3. A _____ is a machine used to dig long, narrow ditches for pipes.
4. The huge _____ can cut holes the entire width of a subway passage.
5. An _____ can be seen on many construction sites. It is the machine with the powerful tilting bucket to scoop up dirt.
6. The old style _____ was powered by boiling water. It was used to dig canals and basements for skyscrapers.
7. The _____ is a vehicle that has a bulldozer front and a strong scooping bucket in the back.
8. A _____ digs up dirt under the water.
9. A _____ is a hand tool used for chipping away rock and soil.
10. The _____ excavator is the largest vehicle in the world. Its rotating scoops shave away mountains in mining projects.
11. The _____ is a long-handled hand tool with a thin, flat blade used for breaking up or moving small amounts of soil.
12. A _____ can force metal poles deep into soil.
13. A _____ is used by farmers to dig up shallow areas of soil to plant crops.
14. The stationary _____ bores into the earth to reach oil.
15. A _____ is the most common digging hand tool people use.





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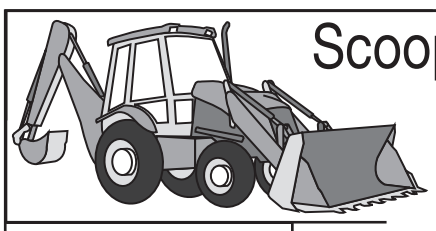
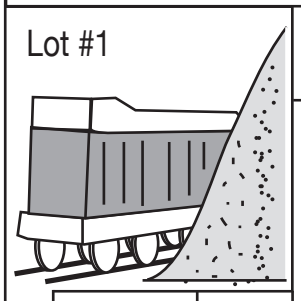
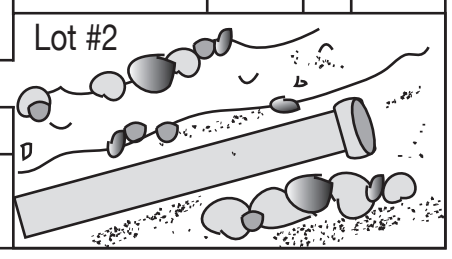


The operator of this backhoe has to dig and move earth into a railroad car at Lot #1. Then, he has to dig ditches to lay water pipes at Lot #2. **Can you help him find his way first to Lot #1 and then to Lot #2?**





Ground Breaking Fun

It's so fun to ***break ground*** to plant bulbs, plants or bushes that will bring us beautiful flowers, fruits or vegetables.

Here are some fun sayings that we "dig" using. **Can you match each one to its meaning?**

1. dig up some dirt on someone
2. dig deep
3. dig in
4. dig your heels in
5. dig your own grave

A. refuse to change your mind
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C. cause your own downfall
D. start eating
E. learn about someone's secrets

1. only digging yourself deeper
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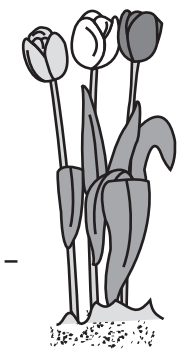

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Upcoming Beginner-Friendly Painting Class

Logan, KS. –

The Hansen Museum Continuing Education Program is pleased to welcome certified Bob Ross instructor Sandy Seamone to teach two Joy of Painting classes on June 10th and 11th. On Saturday, June 10th, the class will paint "Mountain Breeze," and on Sunday, June 11th, "Dancing Horse." Classes are held in the Hansen Museum Community Room, Logan, KS, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with an hour-long lunch break each day.

The Bob Ross method is designed to be a fun and simple way to paint. Sandy learned from the happy tree guy himself. Implementing the soft-spoken, supportive ways of her mentor, Sandy creates a classroom with a relaxing and light-hearted atmosphere. All painting supplies are provided, and no previous experience is necessary. Young and old alike will enjoy the camaraderie of these classes. Students need only bring a roll of paper towels.

Call the Museum to register or find the registration form on our website (hansenmuseum.org) under Classes & Workshops. Discounts are available for Patron and Sustaining Hansen Museum Members. This enjoyable learning opportunity is brought to you through the Hansen Museum Continuing Education Program, underwritten by the Dane G. Hansen Foundation. For more information, please call 785-689-4846.

The Museum is open weekdays 9-12 and 1-4; Saturdays 9-12 & 1-5; Sundays and holidays 1-5. We are closed Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day. The Museum is handicap-accessible and thanks to the generosity of the Dane G. Hansen Foundation, there is never an admission fee.

Saturday: Mountain Breeze

Sunday: Dancing Horse

Upcoming Floral Oil Pastel Workshop

Logan, KS. Join the two-day Floral Oil Pastel Workshop instructed by experienced artist Laurie Albin. Laurie will introduce the basic characteristics of oil pastels and teach application techniques including, but not limited to mixing, layering, and blending. The workshop will be held in the Hansen Museum Community Room, Logan, KS, on May 25th & 26th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Pastels offer it all: rich color, direct mark making, control, a forgiving process, and immediate gratification. In this workshop you will learn, best practices for working with pastels, various ways to approach underpainting techniques, tips and tricks, and how to protect your finished work.

The registration fee is $140.00 for this two-day workshop and includes all supplies needed. Discounts are available to Sustaining and Patron Hansen Museum Members. Download registration forms on our website at www.hansenmuseum.org under Classes & Workshops.

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KCHS Donation Wish List

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

13-gal. kitchen trash bags
dry cat and kitten food
clumping cat litter
canned dog food
Purina Puppy Chow
long-lasting chews
stainless steel flat-sided water buckets
paper towels
bleach
liquid laundry detergent
poop bag rolls
disposable gloves (large)

The items can be brought to KCHS at 811 East C Avenue in Kingman

Monetary donations can be sent to KCHS
P.O. Box 103
Kingman KS 67068

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

Swaney Veterinary Clinic
Stacie Swaney DVM
620-532-5544

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday,
from 8:00 - 5:30
(except during lunch 12-1)
on Wed., from 8:00 - 12:00
Call for Saturday hours.

1015 East U.S. 54, Kingman, KS

Kingman County Humane Society Pets Ready for Adoption

Silver

Sponsored by The Cunningham Courier

Female Domestic Shorthair
9 pounds
2 years +
Adoption Fee: $40.00
Intake Date: April 19, 2023
Prefers to be an only cat.

Glinda

Sponsored by The Cunningham Courier

Female Terrier/Pit Bull
42 pounds
2+ years
$180.00
Intake Date: May 9, 2023

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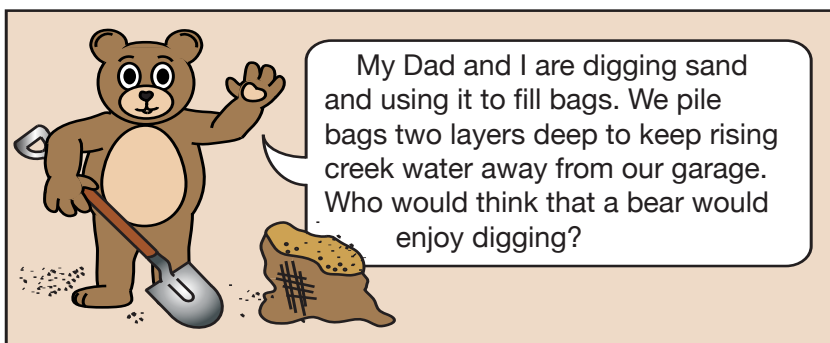

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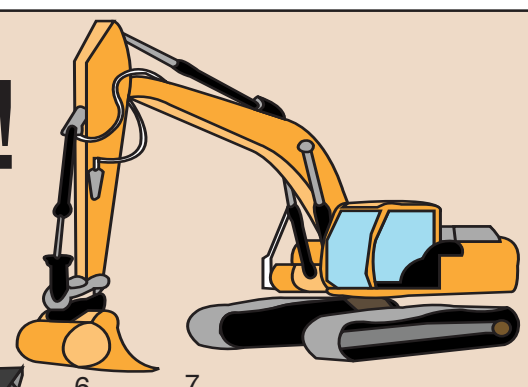

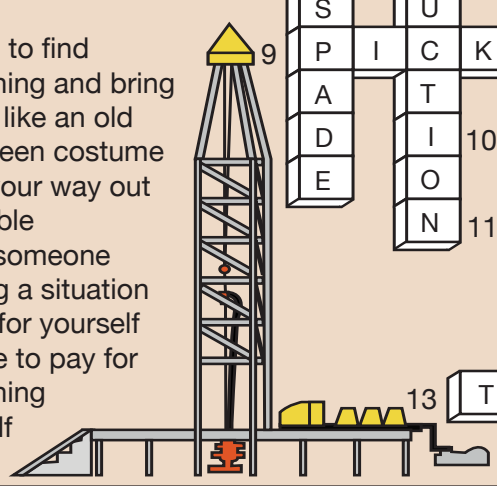

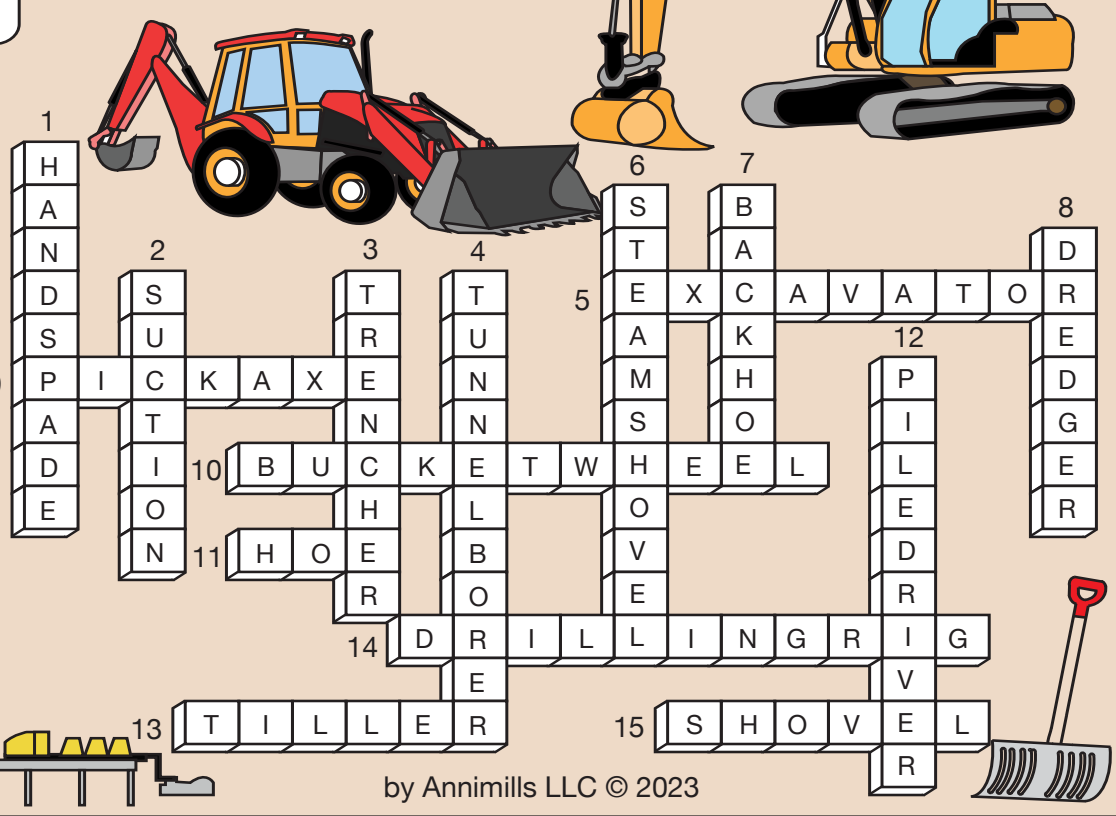

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Kingman County Sheriff's Report

Sunday, May 7

Traffic Stop	1
Civil Paper Service	4
Disabled Vehicle	6000 E Hwy 54, Kingman
Disabled Vehicle	S Marquette & SE 10 St, Kingman
Traffic Complaint	8000 E Hwy 54, Murdock
Medical	15000 NE 50 St, Cheney
Traffic Complaint	NW 90 Ave & W Hwy 54, Kingman

Monday, May 8

Traffic Stop	2
Civil Paper Serviced	1
Fire / Farm Implement	12000 SE 150 St, Norwich
Search Warrant	300 block S Oak St, Pratt
Miscellaneous	130 N Spruce, Kingman
Transport Prisoner	120 N Spruce, Kingman
Miscellaneous	300 block N Main, Kingman
Warrant Service	600 block W C Ave, Kingman
Traffic Complaint	10000 W Hwy 54, Cunningham
Disturbance	1100 block E Hwy 54, Kingman
Traffic Complaint	E Hwy 42 & SE 160 Ave, Norwich
Alarm	13000 SW 30 Ave, Spivey
911 Accidental Dial	14000 SE 10 St, Cheney
911 Accidental Dial	4000 SE 10 Ave, Kingman
911 Accidental Dial	9000 E Hwy 54, Murdock

Tuesday, May 9

Traffic Stop 1	
Civil Paper Service	1
Driving Complaint	13000 E Hwy 42, Norwich
Follow Up	100 block N Main St, Kingman
Suspicious Person	10000 NE 10 St, Murdock
911 Accidental Dial	200 block W Burns Ave, Norwich

Wednesday, May 10

Traffic Stop	2
Traffic Complaint	14000 E Hwy 2, Norwich
Miscellaneous	400 block N Broadway, Kingman

Thursday, May 11

Traffic Stop	2
Civil Paper Service	12
Agency Assist	18000 W Hwy 54, Cunningham
Fire / House	N Spruce St & E Logan Ave, Kingman
Transport Prisoner	120 N Spruce, Kingman
Miscellaneous	120 N Spruce, Kingman
Check Welfare	13000 SE 140 Ave, Norwich
Medical	4000 block NE Sunset Ln, Cheney
911 Accidental Dial	800 block 8th St, Kingman

Friday, May 12

Traffic Stop	7
Civil Paper Service	3
Warrant Service	120 N Spruce, Kingman
Suspicious Person	17000 NE 20 St, Cheney
Medical	1000 NE 130 Ave, Cheney
Check Welfare	2000 NE 50 St, Cheney
Suspicious Activity	700 Kgm State Lake Rd, Kingman

Saturday, May 13

Traffic Stop	13
Civil Paper Service	3
Disabled Vehicle	NE 40 Ave & E Hwy 54, Kingman
Animal Complaint	SE 60 St & SE 30 Ave, Kingman
Animal Complaint	E Hwy 54 & NE 70 Ave, Kingman
911 Accidental Dial	1000 NE 70 Ave, Kingman

Minutes from the Kingman County Commission Meeting

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Township 28, Range 7 (East Ninnescah).

Mr. Arensdorf gave an update on W.3-8.0 guardrail damage and the individual has been identified for the damage and bids for the repair should be received by Friday.

Mr. Arensdorf gave an update on utilities being placed for tower.

Commissioner Thimesch let Mr. Arensdorf know that the beavers are back at Murphy's and plugging up the drainage.

Mr. Bachenberg let the Commissioners know that he has received the Local Road Safety Plan for Kingman County.

Mr. Bachenberg submitted an agreement for his services with Kingman County as his current contract ends the end of May. The agreement will start June 1, 2023.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the agreement between Steve Bachenberg and Kingman County for Professional Engineering services to start June 1, 2023. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Henning discussed that he would like to have Department Heads to come in at least once a month to give an update.

Commissioners agreed that they would like all Department Heads to come in once a month to give an update.

Chairman Henning heard that the AEP windfarm was selling and asked Mr. Goetz to look into who they are selling to so they can renegotiate the decommissioning agreement.

Chairman Henning moved to recess the Board meeting at 11:48 a.m. to view the front steps of the Courthouse.

Chairman Henning called meeting back to order at 12:14 p.m.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 12:16 p.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

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EPA Fulfills Governor's Request to Save Kansans Money at the Gas Pump This Summer

TOPEKA – Governor Laura Kelly announced today that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has granted her request to allow the sale of E15 products – gasoline blended with 15% ethanol – during the summer months through an emergency waiver. This action will help prevent potential fuel shortages and save Kansans money at the gas pump.

"I am pleased that the EPA has taken the necessary steps to lower costs for Kansas families at the pump this summer and to protect our fuel supply," said Governor Laura Kelly. "With inflation still burdening our families and workers, it is essential that Kansans have a less expensive alternative fuel option to get to work, drive their kids to school, or travel across our great state."

"We appreciate Governor Kelly's commitment to allowing Kansans access to E15 during the summer 2023 driving season," Renew Kansas Biofuels Association President and CEO Ron Seeber said. "Our association appreciates her support of the renewable fuels industry."

Current estimates indicate that, on average, E15 is about 25 cents a gallon cheaper than E10. The EPA allowed for E15 sales during the summer of 2022 amid record-breaking inflation at the pumps and fuel supplies put at risk by the Russia-Ukraine War. This saved Americans at least $57 million in fuel costs and helped prevent potential fuel shortages across the country.

"Folks are already dealing with high costs right now, and this emergency waiver lowers the cost of gas while also supporting local agricultural producers and reducing our country's dependence on foreign oil supply," Representative Sharice Davids (KS-03) said. "This is the right move in the short term, but I'll continue focusing on lowering costs in the long term as well."

The EPA's emergency waiver for E15 went into effect on May 1.

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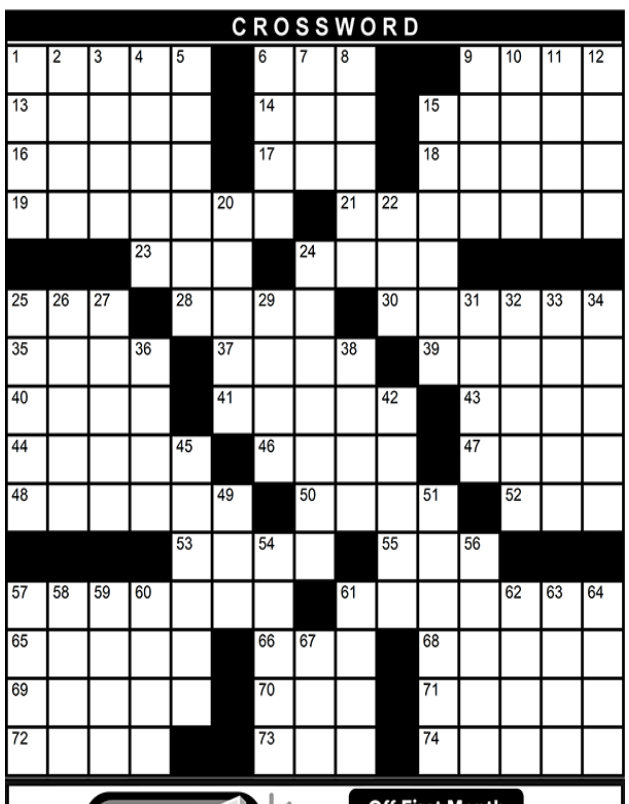

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ACROSS
1. Deep cavity
6. Weasel-related onomatopoeia
9. Supernatural life force
13. French treat
14. Snake-like fish
15. Major Italian city
16. Ring around the sun, pl.
17. Pitcher's stat
18. Donated part
19. *Russian President
21. *"Nevermind" band
23. *"Walkin' on the ____" by Smash Mouth
24. Google search tool
25. Took the bait
28. Between larva and adult
30. Data input device
35. U in I.C.U.
37. Dems' opponents
39. One of Florida Keys
40. Be furious
41. *Canada/Mexico/U.S. trade agreement acronym
43. Agitate
44. Between free and freest
46. Molokai party
47. *Telephone Tammy or Sky Dancer
48. Unquestioning ones
50. Greek muse's strings
52. Slightly insane
53. Messy substances
55. Santa ____ winds, CA
57. *TV show with Central Perk
61. *Popular Disney movie with a genie
65. Caterpillar precursor
66. Accompanies wisdom?
68. *Pinky or The Brain
69. Architectural projection
70. Crème de cassis plus wine
71. Un-written exams
72. ____pool or ____pit
73. One or some or all
74. Find new tenant

DOWN
1. *"____ Breaky Heart" by Billy Ray Cyrus
2. Highlands hillside
3. Raise the roof
4. Leopard marks
5. Bungle (2 words)
6. Part of a hammer
7. "____ the land of the free..."
8. Heathrow craft
9. Type of missile, accr.
10. Aquarium organism
11. Indian bread
12. "____ Kerenina" by Tolstoy
15. Breadcrumb, e.g.
20. Contain the ashes
22. Pen juice
24. Amount in one's lap, pl.
25. *The Vampire Slayer
26. Accustom
27. *"A ____ to Kill" and "Nick of ____"
29. Bell sound
31. Front or back one
32. Factual evidence
33. Quick and nimble
34. *First cloned mammal's name
36. Swarm like bees
38. Don't go
42. Pertaining to the ear
45. Pertaining to reign
49. Motion of assent
51. Bewitch
54. Port city in Japan
56. *Christian Dior's "J'____"
57. Mass of particles
58. Of low density
59. Pupil controller
60. December 24 and 31
61. Bald eagle's nest
62. Two-fold
63. Same as island
64. *TV show "Empty ____"
67. *"____ and Juice" by Snoop Dogg

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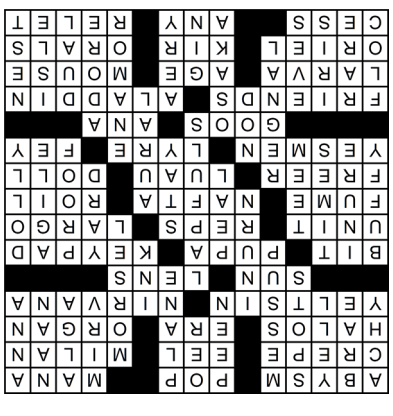

Minutes from Pratt County Commission

The Pratt County commissioners met in regular session Monday, May 8, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. in the commissioner room, 1st floor of the courthouse. The following members were present: Thomas W. Jones III, Rick Shriver, Dwight Adams, Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor, Lori Voss, clerk, and Mark Graber, IT director.

Heather Morgan, economic development/ COVID consultant, reported she is assisting small cities with the ARPA filing. She stated she assisted Pratt County and the city of Pratt co-applying for the EV charging station. They applied for the six port high speed and the four medium speed stations. They would be owned by private companies. KDOTshould notify them in 30-60 days. Pratt Economic Development approved façade grants for Pratt Glass and Blasi's Car Wash. There is still some money left to improve the exterior of the building if anyone is interested.

Commissioner Shriver stated he had talked to Kirkham Michael on the survey of the land by the public safety building. They will be sending a new contract.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the minutes from May 1, 2023, and the recessed meeting May 5, 2023. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Tyson reported he had filed the tax foreclosure documents in district court.Tara Pagenkopf, RSVP director, presented checks for signatures.

BJ Hayes, emergency manager/zoning director, presented the forms for a zoning permit for Trenton Wray, Offshoot, LLC. He handed out the special use report, the check list for conducting a public hearing on a special use case, copy of the unapproved minutes, and the checklist for the board of commissioners for consideration of a special use case.

Chairman Jones read the call agenda item agenda #1 which is on case # SU-2023-01. No one disqualifies of disassociates himself from the board. The clerk did not receive any comments on this case. The planning board did not receive any comments on this case.

He asked if there were any questions received by the zoning administrator, he has not.

Trenton Wray gave a short presentation on the use of the permit. He has been using regenerative ag for his farm and has decided to open a retail location. It is a natural fertilizer for soil health and biology. He stated it is a franchise from Soil Craft. He has purchased the land and container buildings to store the bulk tanks for the fertilizer. Commissioner Adams asked what kind of natural fertilizer. Trenton stated fish fertilizer and molasses mixes. Some of it is liquid and some powder. He is trying to get away from the well-known chemicals commonly used in ag. BJ went over the special use rReport. The zoning board gave their approval for this project. Trenton has his pesticide/ fertilizer/mixing permits from the state of Kansas. Commissioner Shriver made the motion to adopt the planning boards recommendations on case # SU-2023-01 and to approve Resolution 05-08-23. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

BJ reported Ross Schieffelin will be moving and will not be on the zoning board and would like to replace him with Gary Smith. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to approve the replacement of Gary Smith to the zoning board. Chairman Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Catherine Rohrer, SCKCCA director, would like to hire a part time juvenile intake employee. She is looking for input rather part time or contract. Commissioner Adams made a motion to recess into executive session for twenty-five minutes at 2:41 p.m. to discuss attorney/client matter concerning employees. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to return from executive session at 2:59 p.m. with no action taken. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the payment vouchers for May 8, 2023. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Chairman Jones stated that Gary Barker contacted him about spraying around the public safety building. The commissioners approved him spraying and will pay him to spray.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to adjourn at 3:04 p.m. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

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NOTICE OF HEARING ON AMENDING THE 2022-23 BUDGET

The governing body of Unified School District 332 will meet on the 12th day of June, 2023 at 6:50 PM, at 104 W 4th Street, Cunningham, KS, 67035 for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed amended use of funds. Detailed budget information is available at the District Office and will be available at this hearing.

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS

	Adopted Budget 2022-23			Proposed Amendment 2022-23 Budget
Fund	Actual Tax Rate	Amount of Tax to be Levied	Expenditures & Transfers	Expenditures & Transfers
General Fund	20.0000	1,559,254	2,360,971	2,402,647
Preschool-Aged At-Risk			19,500	24,230

Stacy Webster
Board Clerk

Public Notice

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ELECTION NOTICE:

TO ALL RESIDENTS OF ALL INCORPORATED CITIES IN KINGMAN COUNTY BEING:

Cunningham City, Kingman City, Nashville City, Norwich City, Penalosa City, Spivey City and Zenda City.

To those persons living in these cities, there will be a General Election for mayors and city councilmen on Tuesday, November 7, 2023, for persons to be elected to fill such offices. A Primary Election, if needed, for any positions will be held on August 1, 2023.

The filing deadline for said positions will be at 12:00 NOON on Thursday, June 1, 2023. The place of filing will be with the County Clerk located in the Kingman County Courthouse at 130 N Spruce St., Kingman, Kansas 67068. Filing fee for these positions will be $20.00 per candidate.

Dated this 8th day of May, 2023.

Carol D. Noblit

Kingman County Election Officer

ELECTION NOTICE:

TO ALL RESIDENTS OF USD #331 AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

According to K.S.A. 25-2018(b):

There shall be a General Election on November 7, 2023, for the purpose of electing USD #331 Board Members to the position of #2, #3, #4 & #7. A Primary election, if any is needed, for all positions will be held on August 1, 2023. The filing deadline for these positions will be at 12:00 NOON on June 1st, 2023. The place for filing will be in the office of the Kingman County Clerk located in the Kingman County Courthouse, 130 N Spruce St., Kingman, Kansas. Filing fee is $20.00 per candidate.

Dated this 8th day of May, 2023.

Carol D. Noblit

Kingman County Election Officer

ELECTION NOTICE:

TO ALL RESIDENTS OF USD #332 AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

According to K.S.A. 25-2018(b):

There shall be a General Election on Tuesday, November 7th, 2023, for the purpose of electing USD #332 Board Members to the (4) At-Large positions up for election. A Primary Election, if any is needed for all positions will be held on August 1st, 2023. The filing deadline for these positions will be at 12:00 NOON on June 1st, 2023. The place for filing will be in the office of the Kingman County Clerk located in the Kingman County Courthouse, 130 N Spruce St., Kingman, KS. Filing fee is $20.00 per candidate.

Dated this 8th day of May, 2023.

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IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:

ROBERT M. DEFORE, Deceased.

CASE NO. 2020 PR 44

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

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Norma "Charlene" Campbell, duly appointed, qualified and acting Administrator of the Estate of Robert M. DeFore, deceased, praying that the Petitioner be allowed to abandon any and all assets of the estate and close the estate as it is insolvent; the Administrator be discharged and Petitioner be released from further liability.

You are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before may 30, 2023, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., in the District Court, 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.

Norma "Charlene" Campbell, Petitioner
Matthew W. Ricke
Ricke Law Office
349 N. Main, PO Box 113
Kingman, KS 67068
Attorney for Petitioner

Public Notice

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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

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on May 2, 2023, a Petition was filed in this Court by Timothy Orth and Lisa Ravens, duly appointed, qualified and acting Co-Executors of the Estate of Lucy Orth, deceased, praying Petitioners acts be approved; account be settled and allowed; the heirs be determined; the Will be construed and the Estate be assigned to the persons entitled thereto; the Court find the allowances requested for attorneys' fees and expenses are reasonable and should be allowed; the costs be determined and ordered paid; the administration of the Estate be closed; upon the filing of receipts the Petitioners be finally discharged as the Co-Executors of the Estate of Lucy Orth, deceased, and the Petitioners be released from further liability.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before May 23, 2023, 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.

Timothy Orth and Lisa Ravens, Co-Executors

Matthew W. Ricke, #20995
ATTORNEY AT LAW, LLC
349 North Main, P. O. Box 113
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Attorney for Petitioners

Public Notice

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS

CIVIL DEPARTMENT

Gateway Mortgage Group LLC, a division of Gateway First Bank

Plaintiff,

vs.

Kenneth E. Liddeke; Unknown Spouse, if any, of Kenneth E. Liddeke; Kathryn E. Gill

Defendants.

Case No. KM-2022-CV-000030

Court Number:

Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 60

Notice Of Sale

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Attorneys for Plaintiff
(236443)

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IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:

DOUGLAS W. HENSIEK, Deceased.

CASE NO. KM-2023-PR- 20

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on May 2, 2023, a Petition for Issuance of Letters of Administration was filed in this Court by Steven V. Hensiek.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before May 30, 2023, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. in the District Court, 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 of the decedent are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate within the latter of four months from the date of first publication of notice under K.S.A. 59-2236 and amendments thereto, or if the identity of the creditor is known or reasonably ascertainable, 30 days after actual notice was given as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

Steven V. Hensiek, Petitioner
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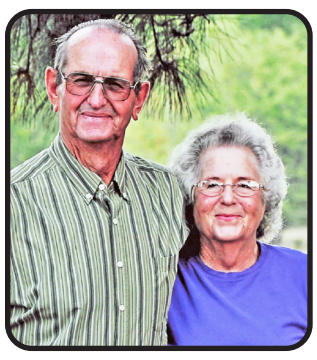

JT Deviney of Durant passed peacefully into Heaven on Monday, May 8, 2023 at the age of 88. He was born on July 4, 1934 in Dimple, Texas to Jack and Julia (Delese) Deviney. He married the love of his life Alice Pearl Helvey on May 26, 1953 in Portales, New Mexico.

JT was a logger before his retirement. He enjoyed outdoor activities such as fishing, as well as working outside. JT enjoyed dancing also. He was a resident of Bromide, Oklahoma for many years and attended Bromide Baptist Church. In his later years, as a resident of Durant, he enjoyed going to church at Mead Baptist Church. JT loved his family and looked forward to spending time with them.

Those left to cherish the memory of JT are his son Ronald Lee Deviney, and daughters Tresea Ann Schittker and husband Brian, Patricia Lynn Fischer, and Kimberley Sue Wall and husband John. His legacy lives on with his 22 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death are his parents Jack and Julila Deviney, his loving wife Alice Pearl Deviney, daughter Juanita Jiminez and husband Joe, daughter-in-law Lynn Deviney, and son-in-law Anthony Fischer, sisters Helen Potts and husband Oval, and Sybil Deviney, brothers Carl Deviney and wife Ruth, Albert Deviney, and Charles Deviney and wife Frances, as well as two great-grandsons.

A funeral service was held on May 15, 2023 at The Foundation Church of Maysville in Maysville, Oklahoma. JT was laid to rest in the Maysville Cemetery following his funeral service.

Those serving as pallbearers are Ray Deviney, David Deviney, Tony Potts, Chuck Deviney, Jerry Deviney, Larry Deviney, Danny Deviney, and Roy Deviney. Joey Potts, Jimmy Crisp, and Billy Frank Helvey will serve as honorary pallbearers.

Arrangements are under the direction of Holmes-Coffey-Murray Funeral Home, 121 North 5th Street, Durant, Oklahoma 74701. www.holmescoffeymurray.com

Bret Lambert

Bret Douglas Lambert, 58, passed away Friday, May 5, 2023 at his home. He was born on October 7, 1964 in Pratt to Eddie and Karen (Atchison) Lambert.

Bret attended and graduated from the Catholic Church School in Cunningham. After graduating he moved to Hutchinson and became a part of the TECH Program. Bret had Down's Syndrome and always the life of the party. He enjoyed following sports teams, country music, and WWF Wrestling. Bret was loved and adored by many uncles, aunts and cousins. He was the Lambert Family Treasure.

He is survived by his brother, Rick (Terah) Lambert of Sun City; sister, Lyn (Rafael) Ordenez of Pennsylvania; nephew, Britt (Whitnee) Lambert; nieces, Kaity (Brian) Sparrow, Ricci (Alex) Buckingham; great-nephew, Kaiden Sparrow; and great-niece, Lillea Sparrow.

Bret is preceded in death by his parents; grandparents, Ernest and Bea Atchison; and sister, Sheryl Wasson.

Cremation has taken place. A Memorial service will be held at a later date to be announced.

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

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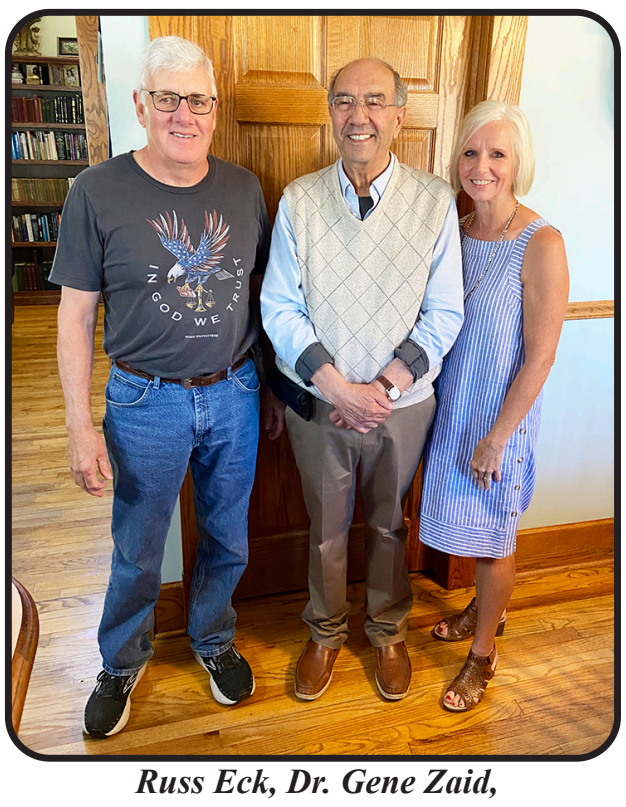
Dr. Gene Zaid Will Present in Cunningham

What does a hero look like? In my estimation, he is in his early seventies, dark skin, hair, and eyes, contagious smile, and brilliant beyond belief! He has a heart of gold and is the epitome of generosity! His life goal is to rid the world of cancer and other diseases…and he lives in Sterling Kansas!

A year ago I attended my grandson Crew's state wrestling tournament in Mulvane. Sitting next to me was a lady that for no particular reason shared with me that her mother had stage four cancer. She had gone through chemotherapy and radiation and was not getting better. Somehow she heard about the natural supplements that Dr. Gene Zaid was producing, started taking them, and her cancer numbers were going down! Of course my antennae were up and I immediately started asking questions! Could this really be true? I have lost a dozen or more very dear friends and family members to cancer. I have been interested in health and wellness since high school, which was 45 plus years ago! The lady seated next to me gave me key words, which I entered in my notes in my phone to look up later. I stored the information in my phone and in my mind, for future use. It was just a matter of time until someone else would be diagnosed… That was March of 2022. In August of that year, my dear friend was diagnosed with stage four breast cancer. The recommended treatment was $1,000 per pill, which her insurance did not cover. I told her to look into Hyatt Life Sciences, Dr. Zaid's company. She had nothing to lose and so much to gain! The next month she went by Dr. Zaid's booth at the state fair and started taking his cancer fighting supplement, Afaya Plus. Her cancer numbers went down and down and down!!! Our dear friend, Kevin, was diagnosed with cancer after the first of this year. Our hearts were deeply touched and saddened. My husband and I shared information about Afaya Plus with Kevin, and he immediately started taking it.

This past March 7th, I had an appointment in Hutchinson and felt led to stop by Dr. Zaid's office afterwards. It was a cold day, a cold call and I had a long-shot idea to stop and ask Dr. Zaid if he would come to my home outside of Pratt, to speak with about 20 of my friends and family, many of whom have active cancer. Tara, his receptionist, told me that he might speak to my friends if we came to Sterling. I nodded and was a little disappointed, but tried not to show it. She immediately asked me to wait at the front counter, while she went to the back of the building. When she came back up to the front counter, walking beside her was the remarkable Dr. Zaid! He invited me to sit at his beautiful table and listened to me as I voiced our shared passion for helping people with cancer, and the fact that over the course of the last year, I had anonymously been his biggest fan and promoter. What a thrill to be able to meet him in person! We set a date for him to indeed meet with my friends and family to share his story and take questions and give answers. On April 29th, around my dining room table, he did that very thing with excellency. Tara and Beth, a chemist, were also with him, it was a wonderful morning!



Russ Eck, Dr. Gene Zaid, and Karen Eck

Because I love to write, I asked him if I could interview him and help promote his work. He immediately and enthusiastically agreed! On Monday, May 8th, my dear friend, Suzanne Stange, from Sterling, as well as three of my sons, Colton, Justin, and Carson, toured Dr. Zaid's green houses and lab. It was an incredible experience! My admiration and amazement multiplied exponentially after seeing the production of Arum palaestinum, the main ingredient in the cancer fighting supplement, Afaya Plus. By the way, Afaya means LIFE! This fascinating plant has been cultivated for its beauty and more importantly its medicinal properties, in the Middle East for thousands of years. Dr. Zaid made mention that King David could have used it.

As a young man growing up in Palestine, Dr. Zaid had aspirations of becoming a medical doctor. Even though he could have gone to the Soviet Union for college at no cost, Dr. Zaid set his sights on America, the land of opportunity! He graduated from WSU with PhD.s in chemistry and business. He is currently on prestigious boards and is an avid supporter of the university. After college, Dr. Zaid worked for Boeing, Farmland Industries, the local salt industry, and was owner of JaCam, an oil and gas company. All of these avenues helped Dr. Zaid to expand his horizons and in his own words he voiced the fact that it was as if there was a Providential Hand guiding his life to where it is today! Every one of those businesses were a piece of the puzzle to help him understand and orchestrate the various aspects of his life work.

The tour of the green houses was fascinating! We met many more of his competent staff of horticulturalists, chemists and managers, Tasha, Rebecca and Brett. His husband/wife team of chemists at GenZada Lab, Krishna and Rajni, also hold PhD.s in chemistry from WSU and were a delight to speak to! A special treat for me was getting to hold their newborn daughter, Geeti. The tour of the lab was extremely informative and educational for all of us even though definitely "over my head!" One of the facts that I remembered was that a strong cancer cell is a few thousand dollars to purchase, whereas a bacteria cell costs a "mere" couple hundred dollars.

I never in my wildest dreams could have anticipated the sophisticated level of productivity, testing, more testing, and yet more testing for efficacy, safety and a purity level of between 99.5 and 99.9 percent, packaging, and shipping, all from Sterling Kansas!

Dr. Zaid has been able to help so many people! He has goals of finding cures for Alzheimer's and Parkinson's diseases and getting antibiotics approved for MRSA and E. Coli and is working with Walter Reed Army Hospital currently for that purpose. He holds over 75 patents, and his products are FDA approved.

When he is not working or talking with people, he delights especially in his grandchildren! Dr. Zaid also enjoys flying immensely; he is licensed to fly single and dual engine planes and also is a jet pilot. His advice to young people is this: "Learn all that you can, find your passion, work hard, and it will not seem like a job!" I asked him what the most fulfilling part of his work is. He replied , "When someone tells me that their cancer is gone, that is PRICELESS!" All of Dr. Zaid's family works for and with him, which is such a wonderful benefit! We had the privilege of meeting his son, Jason, on Monday, who happens to be a lawyer, and works with his dad in Geo Chem. He commented to me that it was very inspirational to work with his father. Son, Cameron, is a medical doctor, and works with the GenZada pharmaceutical side of the business. Daughter, Jenni, is a homemaker and is proficient at marketing. The children's mother, Miki, is also very involved in the business and takes care of the payroll and other important responsibilities. The Zaid family has a vision to continue to grow, flourish, and help people for generations to come!

Even though I have only known Dr. Zaid for two months, I feel as if I have known him my whole life and feel incredibly blessed to help him promote his vision and goals of health and wellness, the natural way.

When Dr. Zaid was just a very young boy in Palestine, an American lady got lost and needed his help to find her way back to her hotel. Because it was so close to his school, he knew how to direct her. On the way, she told him that she hoped he would come to America someday.

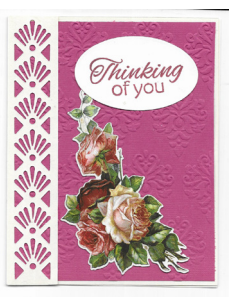
I am so grateful that he did! Success has not spoiled him. The dichotomy is this: wealth and prominence for Dr. Gene Zaid has not made him selfish and arrogant, but his underprivileged past has given him an undying passion to help those in need! I am so thankful to call him my hero and friend!

Blessings,

Karen Cornelius Eck

P.S. For more information about Dr. Gene Zaid and his products go to hyattlifesciences.com.

P.P.S. Dr. Gene Zaid will be speaking at the Cunningham Community Center on Saturday, June 3rd., from 10:00a.m. until noon. He will have an informational session followed by a time of questions and answers. Free to the public!



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