



Everyone is invited to The Independence Day Supper! Hotdogs and hamburgers will be served from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Monday, July 4th at the Cunningham Community Center. Chips and beverages will be provided. The Cunningham Women's Club will be serving ice cream and desserts and collecting money in a free-will offering to go to fund the various community projects and charities supported through our donations. Please give generously.

Approved Minutes from the May City Council Meeting

May 23, 2022

The Cunningham City Council met in regular session on Monday, May 23, 2022 at City Hall, 119 N. Main.

Present were: Mayor, Aaron Murphy; Council Members: Jason Ruckle, Bart Ricke, Craig Woodard, Tanner Newell and Tim Schultz (6:37); City Attorney, Greg Graffman; City Clerk, Molly Morgan; City Superintendent, Mesa Sallee.

Guests: Jackie Ruckle, Property Officer; Monte Rose, EMS; Roberta Kobbe, Carol Freund, and Jamie Hower and Scott Strong, Strong's Insurance.

Call to Order – Mayor Murphy called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Agenda – Motion by Ricke, second by Woodard, to approve the agenda as written. Motion carried, 4/0.

Minutes of April 25, 2022 meeting – Motion by Ruckle, second by Newell, to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2022 meeting as written. Motion carried, 4/0.

Public Comments – Carol Freund requested that the city consider having another limb pick up day. Monte Rose updated the Council on the cost for EMS students to take the Emergency Medical Technician training. The class will begin in August and conclude in December. Classes will be on Monday and Wednesday evenings during that time. A venue has not been decided, but the class will be held in Cunningham. Monte will research a KEMSA grant to help students pay for the cost of the class.

May Economic Development Report – Leslie Schrag was unable to attend. The report was included in the Council packet.

Strong's Insurance – Strong's Insurance presented a report on changes to the current policy at renewal time. He also discussed developing issues with cyber security in municipalities. Agent Jamie Hower will work with the

City Clerk to obtain a quote for a cyber security rider policy through EMC.

Library Appointments – Cunningham Public Library has received resignations from board members, Tricia Ruckle and Angela Glascock. Mayor Murphy appointed Liz Miller and Cecile Sterneker to the vacancies. Motion by Newell, second by Ricke, to approve Mayor Murphy's appointment of Liz Miller and Cecile Sterneker to the Library Board. Motion carried, 5/0.

Cunningham Recreation – The Rec Board has some vacancies that need to be filled. Mayor Murphy appointed Sheena Albers, Magan Becker, and Amy Miller to fill those vacancies. Motion by Ruckle, second by Woodard, to approve Mayor Murphy's appointment of Sheena Albers, Magan Becker, and Amy Miller to the Cunningham Recreation Board. Motion carried, 5/0.

Property Officer – Jackie reported that some properties had been served notices. She organized volunteers to help clean a property. She spoke with a landlord who was able to clean another property including removing a fence built with unapproved materials without a building permit. The City has received some written complaints, and Jackie has addressed those issues with property owners. Now that spring is here, she will be contacting property owners who have not yet mowed this season.

Planning & Zoning – Fence that was built at 225 S Douglas with unapproved materials without a permit was taken down. Other properties have been made aware of Zoning Regulations regarding fences built with unapproved materials. One of those properties is due in court on June 20, 2022. Building permit for a carport at 219 W Third Street has been approved. The Planning & Zoning Board would like to extend an invitation to the Council to attend Foster & Associates training and request June 27th Council meeting be rescheduled. Consensus of Council was that July 6th would be a better date for everyone involved in harvest.

Maintenance – *Bindweed on the football field. *Broken tree by Well Houses was removed. Stump remains. Consensus of Council to rent a stump grinder to completely remove stump. *Leak at pool seems to have slowed. *New lights at basketball/volleyball courts have been installed. Next project will be installing timers for them. *Windstorm broke a shade canopy at the playground benches. Repairs will be made. *Update on Well No. 2 project: concrete contractor is behind schedule and advises that it could be August before repairs to the floor could begin. KDHE has given a few extensions already due to waiting for the transfer switch to come in. *The number of gophers that have been trapped at the lagoon is now at 23. *Leiter Avenue: looking for oily millings to begin patching the holes. *Possible water main leak near Estella Avenue and Ohio Street. Mesa advises that it is very difficult to determine where the leak is at. It may be necessary to dig up the entire street to find the leak (if that is what is causing the weak spots in the street.)

Swimming Pool – Lifeguard Certification Class has been moved to June 6-10 for this season. A free swim has been scheduled for Friday, May 27th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. to provide an opportunity for individuals and families to purchase their season passes. Opening Day is Saturday, May 28th, but the water temperature must cooperate. On Sunday the water temperature was much too cold. (62°)

Motion by Ruckle, second by Ricke, to approve Molly Morgan's pool manager salary of \$4500.00 for the season. Motion carried, 5/0.

Financial Report and Payment of Bills – Motion by Ricke, second by Woodard to accept the financial report and pay the bills. Motion carried, 5/0.

Adjournment – Motion by Ricke, second by Schultz, to adjourn. Motion carried, 5/0.

Mayor Murphy adjourned the meeting at 7:58 pm.

Pride Yard of the Week



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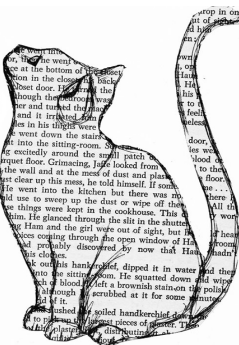
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Meanderings

Readers o’ mine, I am technologically frustrated this evening. It is 11:57 p.m. and I am just now getting my column started. I am not sure what happened, but I was within an hour of finishing this paper when my program quit. I had been saving, but for some reason only the tech gods knows, I still managed to lose about an hour’s worth of work.

Of course, I couldn’t remember exactly what went where and how, but I managed to put together the newspaper in a somewhat proper way.

I am tired, though. One of the these days I will learn that the ramifications of procrastinating can be severe. I will change my ways...for about one week, and then back to procrastinating I will go.

Now for this column: I had made some notes. three notes: back. Quin. Newspapers.

My cute little buddy, Quin, may get booted from the column this week. I’ll see how wordy I get.

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A few folks have asked about my neck/back. It is better. I just have to remember to take breaks frequently (i.e. procrastinate) and do a few stretches now and then.

It will get ALL all better. It HAS to get better. I had neck surgery 22 years ago, and I certainly don’t want another one. If they fuse a couple more little bones, I won’t be turning my head. I

guess though that means I wouldn’t be procrastinating as I’d have to stay focused on whatever is in front of me.

Oh! You need to read the column at the bottom of the page: Diagnosis Spuddle. It made me giggle. That is me. To a tea. Tee? T?

Next week I will have the ‘takeaways’ from the City council meeting.

You know, when I start a paper, I think, “Will I have enough articles/photos/information to fill the pages?” I usually run out of page before I’m done, and I end up cutting a bit here and there. This week, I cut out the ‘takeaways’ even though it was an interesting meeting. But it was long.... Three hours. I wasn’t sure I was up to writing it up this week.

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Last Friday afternoon, about 3 of the clock, the phone rang. It was Linda from the printing office. She was a bit

nervous about imparting some bad news. She was selected to call the publishers/ editors/owners of their newspaper customers and inform them the price of printing was going up. I wasn’t surprised. Everything is going up. However, I was surprised at the 12% raise she quoted me.

As I was reeling from the 12% stop-my-heart price, she told me she more bad news for me -- the new prices go into effect July 1st!! Wow! I was speechless. One week to prepare for a 12% increase.

I can’t imagine what this is going to do to all the little newspapers in our area. I am not sure all of us are going to survive this. I love contributing this little bit to the world of my friends and readers, and I dread to think of not being able to continue doing so. There are some newspapers that are smaller... I don’t know what is going to happen.

I have a few ideas for making up that 12%. I could get a part time job to support our newspaper habit. (ugh) I could go strictly to an on-line newspaper (double ugh). Does anyone know Bill Gates? Oprah Winfrey? Warren Buffett? If you do, I could use an introduction....

OR I could take my tin cup, Peter, my one-eyed kitty, and my cute little dog uptown and sit on the corner of First and Main and ... I don’t know... sing? Read? Folks would probably pay me NOT to sing. They might pay me to read out loud. I could change corners every hour. I think the bank would pay me to move across the street. Skyland Grain might pay a bit as well. The museum may be the safest corner, but the least busy. And there is the storage unit corner. That might work pretty well. It might take a while to fill that tin cup ... but then again, Peter

and Quin are pretty cute little beasts. Quin is a pretty good little barker, and in different keys. Peter sings in a beautiful kitty-baritone. He doesn’t have much of a range, but it is a loud and demanding voice.

Not sure, yet, exactly what I’ll do. I am sure a price hike for you all is in the future. I HAD planned on doing it the first of the year, and if the election campaign ads are good, I’d be able to put off the price increase until late spring. BUT it could very well be the first of September... I’ll let you know.

Always reading and currently reading, “The Anderson Tapes” by Lawrence Sanders Roberta

“There are strange things lost and forgotten in obscure corners of the newspaper.”
— Arthur Machen, *The White People and Other Stories*

Tallgrass and Tumbleweeds

by Gaille Pike

Dear Readers,

From our patio table at evening tide, I watched a mist rise. Fireflies appeared and the winking-yellow cloud transformed our yard into a fairyland. When an owl swooped down to feast in the grass, I chided myself that I, not elves nor pixies, must complete the task at hand---reviewing our shopping list, which this week includes every-

thing we think we’ll need to celebrate July 4th.

Growing up, I thought of Independence Day as “The Fireworks After Danny’s birthday.” From First Grade to Twelfth, there were six in my class, three girls and three boys, and Danny’s birth date is the only one (aside from my own). I still know. I don’t remember celebrating the rest of our birthdays though I’d

guess our Moms brought cupcakes to school. But for Danny’s July 3rd birthday, I remember parties with frosted animal cookies and Cool-Aid and ripping and tearing around Watts Park. And after Danny’s birthday came The Fireworks.

Before my brothers were old enough to work Harvest, July 4th began quietly at the Pike house. It was a rare opportunity for my Postmaster Dad to sleep in. Of course Farm Dads got no such break. In those days, wheat wasn’t ferried by semis. I remember waking up to the sounds of trucks and pickups on gravel as they

paraded to the Elevator. We knew Dad was awake when we smelled the bacon and my brothers would be outside blowing up anthills with fire crackers before breakfast was on the table. They had bottle rockets, too, that scared me as they hissed aloft from pale green Coke bottles. I lit black “snakes” and watched them curl on the sidewalk, and IF I was feeling brave, set off a smoke bomb or two.

This would go on until late afternoon and the only break in the snap-crackle-pops came when my folks called us to take turns cranking ice

cream in the shade of the back porch. When my Grandma and Grandad arrived, we pulled out the lawn chairs. Dad would make hot dogs on a Hibachi. They came off that grill so crispy and so hot that to pass the time ‘til they cooled down, Mom would send me off to play a game of hopscotch. And I HAD to eat my dinner before I got any ice cream. After I’d waved all my sparklers, wide-eyed from Grandad’s lap, I’d watch our Good-As-Disney-Display of spinners, fountains and Roman Candles. When the show concluded, my brothers

would point out constellations in the night sky, and I’d squint, sulfur still stinging my eyes and nose, toward where they pointed...until my Grandad’s heartbeat lulled me to sleep.

I can’t buy another night like that.

But I can add hot dogs and ice cream to my list. And of course “MORE FIREWORKS” for after Danny’s birthday, which by the way my dear old friend, I hope is happy.

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

Diagnosis Spuddle

Early this morning, I received a text canceling an event I’d planned to attend. That would not only save me the two hours of the event, it would save me the time it takes to dress in my leaving-the-house-uniform—hair fixed, makeup on and something other than sweatpants.

There was one problem. I’d been planning to get groceries after the event. I work at home and I only do errands on days when I’m already out. Why waste valuable writing time getting dressed in my leaving-the-house-uniform if I don’t have to?

If I could put off groceries until the next time I had to be out, I’d only have to put on my working-at-home-uniform: sweatpants, no make-up, hair combed but not

fixed. Think of all the work I’d get done.

I went to the kitchen to plan a menu using available ingredients—mostly canned goods and dry cereal. At this point, I realized it would be helpful to know when I’d be out next, so I’d know how many meals I’d need to make. I found my cell-phone after looking in the bedroom, office, living room, family room and finally back in the kitchen where it had been lying on the counter next to my menu all along.

When I opened my calendar, I was reminded that a service person from our internet provider was coming. Uh-oh. Our house looked like the morning after a frat party—except no beer cans and no college boys sleeping on the couch.

I started picking up in that frantic way you do when you look out the window and see your

boss pulling into your driveway without calling first. But wait! If our internet was back, I could cancel the appointment. Then I wouldn’t need to pick up the house or put on my service-person-on-the-way uniform—makeup, hair fixed, nicest sweatpants. Think of all the work I could do with two appointments cancelled.

I logged onto Facebook, and it opened immediately. My internet was back! To make sure, I read my newsfeed for twenty minutes. Then I read 35 emails, answered two and went to Twitter. That’s where I saw the word of the day posted by a friend: Spuddle, a 17th century verb meaning to work ineffectively; to be extremely busy whilst achieving abso-

lutely nothing. I laughed, “liked” it and went on. Clearly, I didn’t see it for what it was: a sign from the universe.

I spuddled around on Twitter, read some news, then read some more news. A writer should be informed you know. Finally, I googled the nutritional value of artichokes because I’ve been wondering about that.

That reminded me of my barely started meal plan and the question of whether I could limp along for a few more days without putting on my leaving-the-house-uniform and going grocery shopping. I hoped so because then I could really get a lot of work done.

I hurried back to the kitchen, opened the refrigerator to inventory

the contents and decided to eat breakfast. I made a fried egg sandwich with the last egg. Then I started a grocery list, wrote eggs on it, crossed fried egg sandwiches off my meal plan and stacked the breakfast dishes on top of last night’s supper dishes. I couldn’t take the time to do them because I had something else to do. I just couldn’t remember what it was.

That’s when I noticed that if I moved the dirty dishes to the left of the sink, they wouldn’t be visible to a service person walking by. That reminded me it was really only necessary to straighten the parts of the house they’d see: entryway, hallway and one corner of the kitchen.

It wasn’t until I was picking up shoes in the entryway that I remembered. My internet was working! I needed to cancel the appointment—if I could find my phone.

To make sure, I went back to my computer. And I was almost relieved to find my internet down again because it was too late to cancel my appointment. And that’s when the word of day came back to me like the long-sought diagnosis of a mysterious illness. Spuddle: to be extremely busy whilst achieving absolutely nothing. I had spuddled away my morning.

It was nearly noon. I was still in my just-crawled-out-of-bed uniform—bathrobe, no make-up and hair looking like I’ve been out walking on a windy day. I was exhausted and all I had to show for it was a partial menu, two answered emails and a relatively neat entryway. Oh...and this post.

-Dorothy Rosby

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CPL program ages
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Fireworks Stand opens
(see classifieds
for more info)

12:00 p.m.

Water exercise class

Monday, July 4th

morning at
Lions Park

'Spark in the Park'

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Community Center

City Hamburger Feed

Friday, July 1st

3-5 p.m.

Family Friday at CPL

Saturday, July 2nd

9:30 - 11:30

CPL

Readers turn in reading
logs and get prizes

Tuesday, June 14th

12:00 p.m.

Water exercise class
at the pool

Sunday, July 10

Community Center

3:00 - 5:00

Monte Rose Retirement

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Monday, July 4th

in observance of

Independence Day.

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Memorial Day

Weekend Hours

Cozy's will be closed

on

Sunday, July 3rd

and Monday, July 4th.

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Zenda

Public Library

Monday

8:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.


Thursday:

4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Saturday:

8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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Monte Has Retired!

Help him celebrate!

A reception sponsored by the
City of Cunningham and the
EMS Board will be held on

Sunday,

July 10th at the
Community Center.

Come and go 3:00-5:00.

The Fifth Annual Spark in the Park
Will Be Monday, July 4!

This year's youth sand volleyball tournament will benefit the Cunningham High School German Exchange Program. The tournament will likely start at 9:00 and continue throughout the day until the bracket play is completed.


There will be two divisions: 8th grade and under (upcoming school year) or just finished high school and younger. Everyone on your team must be younger than the age limit.

In the high school division, teams must have at least 2 girls.

Entry fee is \$10 per player, which can be paid that morning.

To enter your team contact Shawna at 620-332-3948.

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of honor paid."*

— Alexandre
Dumas, The Count
of Monte Cristo



Activities at the Cunningham Public
Library

Thursday, June 30th, Story Time for 3-5 – year-olds – Exploring the ocean by boat!

We'll be building a kid-sized ocean habitat and sailing a juice-box-boat from island to island. What other materials in nature might make a good boat or raft? We'll also play a game of "Will it float?" –always a pre-k favorite!

Friday, July 1st, 3:00 – 500 p.m.- Family Friday & Hasbro® toy-recycling drive collection day (See June 17th)

Saturday, July 2, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m., Kids turn in reading logs, collect prize (Hint: just in time for the July 4th holiday!) and certificate.

TBA – Summer Reading 2.0

We welcome your feedback on any programming ideas! PLEASE LET US KNOW WHAT APPEALS TO YOU. There are "oceans of possibilities!"

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— Sidney Sheldon


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The Cunningham Clipper

W. A. BRADLEY, EDITOR

1932

July 1– A five-inch rain Wednesday afternoon northwest of town brought the river up and out of its banks for a few hours.

Three-cent postage on first class mail becomes effective July 6, according to official word received by Henry Gibbens, local Postmaster.

A huge gas well was brought in by the Skelly Oil Company at the Leisman No. 1, Monday of this week.

The “Grey Goose Inn” is no more. George Ellis, who is assisting Mrs. J. M. Ratcliff in settling up the J.M. Ratcliff estate, was in town this week and was successful in getting Mrs. McAdams to relinquish her lease of the hotel building and café.

1937

July 2—Fred Conley was seriously hurt in a combine accident last Friday, when his overalls caught in the shaft of the combine. His body was badly cut before the motor could be shut off, and forty stitches were required to close the wounds. He was rushed to the Pratt hospital for treatment.

Mrs. Walter Brown, accompanied by her grand-daughters, Elizabeth and Frances Wetherall, returned to her home in Joplin, Missouri, after being called here by the serious illness of her son-in-law, Roy Wetherall.

1942

July 3– A fire in one of the gasoline pumps at the K-T Oil Station Sunday noon caused no end of excitement for a time, but the fire was quickly extinguished with no great damage done.

The fire resulted when an out-of-state car hooked its bumper on the pump, tilting it and breaking the electric wires beneath the pump causing a short circuit. The pump fired up immediately, but quick action on the part of bystanders who threw dirt and sand on the fire, extinguished the blaze before it had time to reach the supply tanks beside the station.

Ben Albers lost thirty-five acres of wheat last Friday morning by fire when his wheat field caught fire from the exhaust pipe of a truck.

Six of the fourteen steel wheat bins located back of the Gano Grain Co. elevator have been filled with 1941 wheat. It is reported that the Commodity Credit Corporation will erect several wooden bins on the same site.

Private Marvin Shelman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Shelman, who has been stationed at Camp Harms, California, is now with United States troops in Alaska, according to recent word to his parents here.

It is now Corporal Elmer Steffen of the United States Overseas Army. In a letter to his mother, Mrs. John Steffen, this week, he tells of his advance in rank. He is stationed with the Quartermasters Corps at Bellows Field in Waimanalo, Hawaii.

1947

July 4– “Fireman” Don Huhman came in and put out a dangerously spreading fire set by Joey Theis and some Medicine Lodge batsmen in the last half of the ninth inning at Medicine Lodge, Friday evening, enabling the locals to win handly, 10 to 7.

Theis hurled a brilliant game until the final inning, buffaloeing and handcuffing the Medicine Lodge batters with four hits and eleven strikeouts. Joe lost his reliable control in the Medicine Lodge half of the ninth with Cunningham leading 10 to 6, walking the first three men to load the bases with nobody out when

Huhman was called in and forced the next three men to fly out.

Here an’ There From Everywhere

It seems the gate broke down between heaven and hell. St. Peter appeared at the broken part of the gate and called out to the devil, “Hey Satan, it’s your time to fix it this time.”

“Sorry,” replied the boss of the land beyond the Styx. “My men are too busy to worry about fixing a mere gate.”

“Well, then,” scowled St. Peter, “I’ll have to sue you for breaking an agreement.”

“Oh, yeah,” yelled the devil, “Where are you going to get a lawyer?”

Harvest activity began in earnest in this community on Monday of this week. Storms last week held up operations for the week end, but by Monday the ground was generally dry enough to start machinery rolling.

A hail, rain, wind, and electrical storm of terrific proportion struck this community at midnight Thursday just as the Clipper was going to press.

The storm struck as it started haling for perhaps 20 minutes. Rain and shifting winds kept the townspeople uneasy throughout the night. Lightning was sharp throughout the storm and struck several trees in the city. The storm halts three-day harvest activity.

This year as always there is the same old story concerning the railway car situation. Bowersock and Wallingford were full to the brim Tuesday evening and the Gano was full Wednesday evening.

The market price of wheat today, Wednesday, was \$1.95 per bushel.

1952

July 4 – Private Robert Stillwell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Stillwell of Cunningham, is spending a furlough visiting his parents and family, and other relatives. He is stationed at an Army Ordinance School at Atlanta, Georgia.

Off the Record

Screen doors have been put up and the children are getting a bang out of it.

Lying may be a weakness but it is some folks’ strong point.

We are constantly urged to keep an open mind and there may be some virtue in it if there’s a safety catch. Too many persons have minds so open that nothing ever stays there.

There seems to be more room for laughter in a cottage than in a mansion.

When some people wrestle with their conscience, it’s a featherweight match.

1957

July 4 – Harvesting of the 1957 wheat crop is underway this week after a great deal of delay due to rain.

This year’s harvest is much on the salvage basis, with farmers cutting what wheat they can get out of the fields, but with much of the grain down it’s making about half of what prospects were a month ago.

Plans are completed this week for the 23rd annual St. Leo Picnic and Dance, Tuesday, July 30.

Dinner will be served from 5:00 to 8:00 o’clock that evening, featuring fried chicken and fresh country sausage.

Jimmy Morrison’s Orchestra will play for dancing on an outdoor platform following the dinner.

1962

July 5 – Stevie Long, six-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Long, “showed” Cunningham fishermen how to catch a fish, Fourth of July morning.

Steve, who weighs 32 pounds dripping wet, pulled in a two-pound, 14-ounce catfish.

“He almost pulled me in,” Steve admits, and taking his cue from Roy McNamee, Steven says he caught his big one “in the backwater.”

A state highway official said in an interview in Wichita last week that four-lane US-54 would reach Cunningham by 1968. A four-lane extension of the highway from the western edge of Wichita to the Andale road is expected to be completed by 1963.

John Kaster, Cunningham attorney and resident of this city since the close of World War II, passed away at Wesley Hospital in Wichita, Wednesday morning, at 5:30 o’clock, after several weeks illness.

1967

July 6– The first load of 1967 wheat was delivered to the Farmers Co-op in Cunningham, Wednesday, June 7. Tomorrow, July 7, will be the 30th day since harvest opened, and many farmers haven’t finished yet.

The harvest situation continued its on-again off-again status during the past week, with rains coming almost evenly spaced to keep harvesters out of the fields.

Preliminary plans have been completed for the first annual District Slo-pitch Softball Tournament to be held in Cunningham, according to Milton Brooks, President of the Cunningham Lions Club, sponsors of the event.

The tournament will be held at the local ball park, beginning Sunday evening, July 16.

Virginia Ellis and Stephan Galliard were united in marriage, Saturday evening, May 27, at the Sacred Heart Church in Pratt, with Fr. John Jordan officiating the seven o’clock rites.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ellis of Cunningham, and Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Galliard of Pratt.

Cunningham’s annual aerial fireworks display at the ball park, Fourth of July evening, was enjoyed by a large crowd, who witnessed a fine show. Dean Mantooth and Ivan Cain were the “shooters.”

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June 29– The Cunningham Clipper Signs “30”

After 55 continuous years of service to Cunningham and surrounding communities, the Cunningham Clipper and the Bradley family bids a fond farewell to our many subscribers and friends.

It is with deep regret that we make this announcement, but with Bill’s death the problem of running a newspaper becomes an impossible task for those of us who are left.

Bill, and his father before him, were the Cunningham Clipper, so to speak, and made the paper the enterprising business that it was.

We are suspending publication, with all mailing rights intact, and our subscribers will be protected, either in the sale of the newspaper, or by the sale of the subscription list to interested parties.

Our years of work in the newspaper business have been pleasurable ones, and we will miss our contact with people, and although we have suffered our ups and downs, yet our paper has survived and prospered. Small newspapers throughout the state and nation have suffered greatly, and many have been forced to close, but still the Cunningham Clipper weathered the storm.

We regret, so much, the closing of another Cunningham landmark, and are conscious of the fact that the newspaper will be missed by so many good people.

Bill, to us, was the newspaper, and with his passing it seems only appropriate that the Clipper should pass away too.

The Clipper Family
Arlene and Kandi
LaVerna
Jack and Rosalie Bradley
Virginia and Marty Williams

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Consider this...

Eagle Eye

The sun spotlighted his white head from 200 yards away.

Perched on our neighborhood power pole, just like every other morning or late afternoon, the bald eagle elicited a long ooooh from Margie when I pointed it out. “Good eye,” she replied, her way of saying thanks for the momentary picture.

Meanwhile, as we admired the magnificent bird, half a dozen turkey vultures circled in the distance, hardly receiving notice, let alone accolades.

Both miraculous creations, yet why is one

held in such high esteem and the other so low?

Both can soar. In fact, without a tremendous pair of binoculars, its almost impossible to distinguish the two birds as they ride the same circular updrafts thousands of feet in the air.

Both are huge. Their wing spans can each reach to seven feet wide and both can stand over three feet tall.

Both are cousins in the same “Birds of Prey” designation, and members of the vultures, hawks and falcon family.

Both eat carrion - the flesh of already dead animals. Although eagles are most often pictured swooping down for a mullet or field mouse, they too, stoop to eat the occasional road kill.

And of the two, turkey vultures actually have friendlier dispositions, rarely killing other animals for dinner. Their eagle cousins on the other hand, are murderous by nature.

Yet, it was the Haliaetus leucocephalus, the bald eagle, that was chosen from the 30,000 bird varieties, to become the emblem of the United States back in 1782.

The bald eagle has always gotten better press. Hence we perceive it in a better light.

In other words, the bald eagle has an image - a preconception that we surround it with whenever we look upon it.

We don’t see it as it really is - we see it as we think it is.

I used to also admire a

huge red-tailed hawk that soared throughout our neighborhood, a swift, powerful bird with a shrill scream that made you feel like you lived in the wild. He was a treat to see - right up to the moment he swooped onto our deck and picked apart one of our daughter’s pet rabbits.

Now I see him quite differently then the way I saw him then.

The truth is, he was always a killer. Only by wrapping my own perception of beauty around him, did I once see him as “good.” I never saw him as he was, but how I thought he was.

And so it is with us.

For every single thing we ever lay our eyes on.

What we think we see is almost always

inaccurate.

We constantly classify what we see into categories. That’s good - that’s bad. I like this - I hate this. He’s smart - she’s dumb. She’s attractive - he’s ugly.

We go through life unaware we’re painting every vision with past experience, parents and television’s conditioning or just plain old wishful thinking.

The truth is, we’re too attached to ourselves to ever see anything - or anyone - clearly!

And then when things or people don’t match these wrong visions we’ve painted for ourselves about them, we get upset at them.

You didn’t match my picture of you! is the real message behind every

upset we feel. Yet, the error lies within ourselves from our own original wrong seeing.

That’s why it makes no sense to fight circumstances or people. They are what they are. Only our own wrong thinking of what we thought they were - what we want them to be - causes the conflict that makes us want to lash out against them.

The bald eagle is a beautiful creature. And given the chance, that same bald eagle would also eat my daughter’s rabbit. The clearer I see the bald eagle for what it is, the less conflict I’ll find in my life.

I think for practice, next time I’ll point out those turkey vultures instead.

Pass It On®...

How One Life Can Change a World

On the choppy waters of the Bay of Bengal, somewhere between Rangoon and the north-east coast of India, a ship packed with migrant workers returns to Andhra Pradesh. One of the workers stares out at the waves and has a dream about the 2-year-old son he hasn’t seen since birth. The dream is filled with colors—and promise.

When he returns to his village, the man requests a meeting with the elders. Although he is low

in the caste system, the father declares his son to be the chosen one of the village. After much time in the small Hindu temple, the elders agree, and the young son, Sam (as he would come to be known), becomes the only child in the village chosen to go to school. They christen him in the river with rose petals and perfumes, and in a few years, they buy his school uniform and books. At 5 years old, Sam walks through the jungle to another village a few miles away.

“I cried every morning because I was afraid,” Sam remembers. “And I cried on the way home because I couldn’t be

with my friends, only with my books, until late in the evening.”

Callings come in many ways—that inner voice that touches your passion and ignites your soul. For Sam, his calling was education, even as he learned English by scratching out sentences on a cracked slate.

“I talked to the monks when I walked home alone until I wasn’t afraid anymore,” he says. “I taught them English grammar.”

As he grew older, the next school was even farther away, a two-hour walk each way.

“Even though many in my village resented me, and I often felt

alone, I kept going,” says Sam, who continued his schooling even when his father died, leaving the family to fend for themselves for survival. “I knew that I was chosen to do something for them, even if they didn’t understand it at the time.”

When Sam finished public school, he was accepted to a small junior college. It meant he would have to leave his mother and brother living at the lowest level of poverty in the village. He wouldn’t see them for two years. But his soul was good, and he was patient, even as his heart hurt. After a year of college, one of his professors pressed Sam to apply to American universities. A year later, Sam boarded an airplane for the first time with a National Scholarship under his arm and headed to Oklahoma.

In college, his soul lit up, and he reveled in



learning all he could absorb. From there, it was on to Washington, D.C., for a doctoral degree and a career in the Education Department.

Finally, Sam could fulfill the dream his father had for him: to bring education to the village. For years, the students had gathered on a hard-packed dirt lot and traced the alphabet in the dust. Sam never bought a house but, instead, lived in apartments and sent most of his money back to the village to build a new school and pay for teachers. A brick building went up on the dirt lot. Computers arrived, along with electricity

and the internet. Sam returned every summer to work with the minister of education and invite every child to school, regardless of their place in the caste system.

“I have much,” he says. “So I give much.”

His father would be proud.

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

St. Leo
Sundays 10:00 a.m.

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

Father Roger Lumbré
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620-246-5370

Lutheran Churches

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

Trinity, Medicine Lodge
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9:45 a.m.
Worship Service
8:30 a.m.

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Cell: 620-886-0911

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First Christian Church

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

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Worship 9:15 a.m.

Cunningham
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Pastor Mathew Ndambuki Musyoki
620-298-2090

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West Kingman County Education Foundation
Use your Dillon's Card! Shop smile.amazon.com (to donte contaceJanet 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)

Cunningham Public Library (to donate, contact Kerri Steffen)

Results of Cunningham Swimmers from the Semi-Finals Contest

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Ty Schultz



Anne Marie Kerschen



Andrew Schultz



Kingston Huffman



Lane 4 Mackley Glenn
Lane 3 Alyssa Osner
Lane 2 Mailyn Jump



Lane 6 Tyler Osner Lane 4 Liam McGuire Lane 3 Andrew Kerschen
Lane 2 John Paul Kerschen



The old fuel tanks at the corner of Valley and Santa Fe Streets have been taken down. Those tanks have been there for as long as I can remember... I don't think I'll miss them, though.

Dan Dan the Magic Man Entertains at Library Summer Reading Program

Storytelling can be great fun, but if you really want to engage an audience, bring the audience into your story. That's just what storyteller and magician, Dan Dan the Magic Man (Dan Heath) does so well. Monday morning summer readers Harrison, Bentley, Ty, Maverick, and Avery volunteered to help Dan Dan, and his assistant (son, Quinton), weave a swashbuckling adventure story about Jack-the-Rabbit lost in the ocean. They helped illuminate dark, undersea caves, restore the color to the story book pages, feed the hungry fish, and defend against a plundering pirate. Judging by the laughter in the room, the audience was highly entertained by both the storytelling and the magic. We'd all like to know how Dan Dan made Avery float in mid-air. The dove that flew out of the portrait caused quite a stir, too!

Dan Dan the Magic Man has been perform-

ing for over 20 years. During those 20+ years, he has made many visits to Cunningham. We hope to see him and Quinton again next summer.

Monday's program was sponsored in part by the Cunningham Women's Club and the local Lions Club. To those organizations, we say a hearty, "Yo, ho, ho!" (That's pirate-speak for expressing great joy.) And, we wish you a fair wind every day and always.

This week's Summer Reading activities will close the chapter on the library's Summer Reading Program, Oceans of Possibilities. Wednesday at 2:30, kids 6 + up are invited to construct boats and test how well they stay afloat. On Thursday morning at 9:30, the pre-K group is invited to an island habitat activity. Friday afternoon from 3-5 p.m. we'll offer *Family Friday*. This is a self-directed program of sorts where kids bring their caregiv-

ers/parents to the library to work on crafts, play games, and read together. Saturday morning kids can return their reading logs and pick up a prize (until they run out!).

Later in the summer, we hope to launch what we're calling Summer Reading, Chapter 2. Watch for announcements in this publication, follow us on Facebook and check out our website at cunninghamlibrary.com.

Until then, we weigh anchor and unfurl the sails. Ahoy mateys!



One of The Magic Man's tricks was to 'float' Avery.



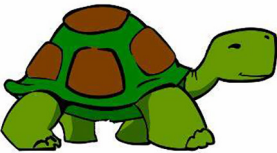
Big brother Ty and little brother Maverick help The Magic Man in a trick.



Above: Aspen visits with her new friend.

Left: The audience reacts to one of the magic tricks.

Turtles Ahoy! At Cunningham Public Library



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Day 6, Kansas Wheat Harvest Report

This is day 6 of the Kansas Wheat Harvest Reports, brought to you by the Kansas Wheat Commission, Kansas Association of Wheat Growers and the Kansas Grain and Feed Association.

Monday’s harvest report is a tale of the widely-varying growing conditions across the state, from abandoned acres in drought-afflicted southwest Kansas to ample moisture and good yields in the southeast.

Harvest is languishing in Meade County, where the quality of harvested wheat is good, but the bushels just aren’t there, according to Mike Schlochtermeier, general manager of Meade Coop Elevator & Supply Co.

“In a word, slow,” Schlochtermeier said. “We started on June 9, when we took in our first

load, and this is the slowest — volume-wise — I’ve ever seen it.”

Dryland wheat was too far gone by the time the area did catch some raindrops, but did help out irrigated wheat — a little — since it was further behind in development. He’s had several producers pull into a field, do a test cut to verify yields and then call the insurance adjuster because the field only pencils out to three or seven bushels an acre. Then the harvest crew pulls out and moves on, to try to find a field that will be worth cutting.

Schlochtermeier’s fears going into harvest were shriveled kernels and low test weights, but the quality is a bright spot. Between all of the Meade Coop locations, test weight is averaging just under 62 pounds per bushel, moisture at 9 to 10 percent and protein at 12 to 12.5 percent. For fields that are being harvested, many producers are making 10 to 20 bushels per acre with top yields coming in the 40

bushel-per-acre range.

Schlochtermeier expects most area growers to finish up by the weekend.

“By then, they’ll have cut what they are going to cut,” he said.

In central Kansas, yields are coming in a little better, ranging from 25 to 55 bushels per acre.

Derek Sawyer, who farms in McPherson County, reported yields in the mid 50s and test weights of 60 pounds and above. Since he has only delivered four loads to the elevator, he didn’t have proteins to report; however, he has also harvested the AgriPro variety SY Monument and delivered that to Grain Craft, as it is on the Preferred Variety List.

Tony Andrews from Lyons in Rice County reported test weights of 60 pounds per bushel and above. He expects his farm to average 25 to 30 bushels per acre. Andrews said the rains didn’t come into the area until too late. At that point, it just kept them out of the fields. They

expect harvest to wrap up for their operation on Wednesday. Andrews farms with his in-laws, and they hired a custom harvester crew from Nebraska, who is looking for another job starting on Thursday. With lower yields across the region and increased price of fuel, many custom harvest crews have been on the lookout for acres to cut.

Brian Sieker from Chase in Rice County reported test weights ranging from 59 to 64 pounds per bushel. He reports that the AgriPro variety Bob Dole held on pretty well in his sandy soil. Since Sieker has an after-market parts sales business, he tests out products before he sells them. To help his customers make good choices on things they might use or need based on their unique situation, he is trying out a feature for grain headers to help harvest short wheat.

Soft red winter (SRW) wheat harvest is just getting started in Crawford County with combines

starting to roll in the middle of last week. It’s too early to report many yields and quality, thus far is a bit hit-and-miss, according to Brice Elnicki, general manager/CEO of Producers Coop Association in Girard.

The growing season in this far southeastern part of the state differs greatly from wheat production further west. Here, the area typically receives adequate moisture over the winter and doesn’t have winterkill issues. Generally, the local SRW wheat crop receives adequate rainfall — which is why producers plant soft wheat varieties with disease tolerance packages, rather than the drought-tolerant hard wheat varieties planted further west. Elnicki explained producers want a dry end of May and start of June to head off quality concerns like sprouting. Good yields come in at 80 bushels per acre, 100-bushel wheat is very good and 110 to 120 bushels per acre is “damn good.” Harvested SRW wheat will be marketed

to domestic flour mills in the Kansas City area.

This year’s growing season was good, but a little wetter than producers would prefer. The weather dried out in the last two to three weeks, which removed pre-harvest quality concerns. Early yields are coming in between 80 to 100 bushels an acre, not a chart-topper, but good results. Average test weight is 60.8 pounds per bushel and moisture is 12.3 percent.

While the majority of wheat growers in the area did spray fungicide, the ones that did not are seeing low incidence of vomitoxin, with less than 15 percent of fields affected, Elnicki reported.

Nearly all of the SRW wheat acres in the area will be double-cropped to soybeans, but Elnicki said area producers are waiting for rain later on this week before they get started.

Written by Julia Debes for Kansas Wheat



Dan Frick photos



“When considering a man's motives, remember you must not measure his wheat with your bushel. He may not be using the same standard at all.”
— Robin Hobb, *Assassin's Apprentice*



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With an eye to the sky, Kansas producers are maintaining the rapid pace of the 2022 wheat harvest. In the weekly Crop Progress and Condition report, USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service noted that 27 percent of the wheat crop was harvested as of June 19, ahead of 11 percent last year and 18 percent for the five-year average. Statewide, the agency rated the wheat

crop’s condition at 27 percent good to excellent, 33 percent fair and 40 percent poor to very poor.

Harvest is more than two-thirds complete in Cowley County, where the sun has been shining — keeping moisture levels low and combines moving quickly. Yields in the area are at 80 to 85 percent of the five-year average, according to Kevin Kelly, general manager of Two Rivers Coop in Arkansas City. Quality is decent, with test weights running close to normal at 60 to 61 pounds per bushel.

This growing season ping-ponged between adequate moisture in the fall, a dry spell in late winter and then almost too much rain starting in late March before drying off just in time for wheat harvest.

“We’re very thankful for what we’ve re-

ceived,” he said.

Moisture received dried quickly, meaning no disease pressure in the area, but farmers looking to double-plant soybeans or with corn tasseling in the fields are watching the forecast for the next showers to arrive. The crop mixture in Cowley County has switched in the last few years, resulting in Two Rivers Coop taking in more soybeans than wheat. The dry weather means they can hold onto this year’s wheat harvest a bit longer than normal before cleaning out the bins to make way for the fall harvest.

Further north and west, harvest kicked off quickly in Ellis County late last week. Daren Fischer, general manager of Golden Belt Coop Association in Ellis, reported the wheat harvest is about a third complete, having taken in 350,000

to 400,000 bushels since the first load last Friday.

While the wheat is plenty dry — moisture between nine and 10 percent — and test weights good, Fischer is seeing a mix of poor wheat and better-than-expected wheat. Yields range from 20 bushels per acre to 50 bushels per acre, depending on variety, farming practices and whether or not folks caught spotty rains.

“The wheat has been pretty surprising because of the lack of rain,” Fischer said. “We just had some timely rains and wet snow that saved us. It’s just a luck thing.”

Not all farmers have been so lucky. The great white combine — hail — took out a substantial portion of the draw area for Coop Grain & Supply in Bazine, according to general manager Michael Kempke. The coop pulls

from about a 10-mile radius, and the last two hailstorms affected almost 5,000 acres in that zone.

Despite the storms that zero’d out some fields, Kempke reported harvest is better than expected for such a dry year. Continuous wheat fields are yielding between 25 to 35 bushels per acre, whereas summer fallow fields are yielding around 45 bushels per acre. Test weights are good at 62 pounds per bushel and protein is averaging 11.3 percent.

Harvest is progressing rapidly, about 40 percent complete after starting around June 13. Kempke noted the first few fields caught folks off guard by being so dry; moisture is averaging 10.8 percent. Harvest moves in the area from the southwest to the northeast, so he expects combines to run for an-

other week as the more eastern fields continue to dry down.

Acres were already down in the area with producers rotating to more sorghum, driven by international demand. Kempke expects that trend to correct this fall with more folks returning to their normal crop rotations.

The 2022 Harvest Report is brought to you by the Kansas Wheat Commission, Kansas Association of Wheat Growers and the Kansas Grain and Feed Association. To follow along with harvest updates on Twitter, use #wheat harvest22. Tag us at @kansaswheat on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter to share your harvest story and photos.

Written by Julia Debes for Kansas Wheat



Joyce Deppenbusch photos



Minutes from Kingman County Commission for June 20th, 2022

Chairman Foley called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on June 20th in the County Commissioners room at the Kingman County Courthouse. Present: Fred Foley, Chairman; Jerry Henning, Commissioner; Jack Thimesch, Commissioner; Carol Noblit, County Clerk; Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor

Visitors: Bob Morris, Kingman Leader-Courier; Larry Landwehr;

Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director; Aaron Corcoran, Motorola

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

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

Chairman Foley asked if there were any addi-

tions to the agenda.

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

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

Chairman Foley asked if there was any public comment.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the purchase of the Battery Backup from Iconic It in the amount of \$1,033.67.

Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer was in to request an executive session for non-elect personnel matters.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session with Becky Luntsford, County Treasurer and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor to discuss an employee's evaluation at 8:43 a.m. pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act for discussion of non-elected personnel matters of nonelected personnel

matters of nonelected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed, and they will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 8:53 a.m.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 8:53 a.m. with no decision made.

Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director was in to ask about Zenda joining the Façade program.

Commissioners asked Ms. Schrag to verify with Zenda City if they have the funding for the Façade program.

Ms. Schrag let the Commissioners know that Aaron Murphy has resigned from the board

and she would like to have a replacement also from the Cunningham area.

Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director was in and discussed the flower pots that were by the steps.

Commissioners let Mr. Goetz know that they will be placed back by the steps when they are repaired.


Mr. Goetz discussed BP and the talks that they had.


Mr. Goetz submitted a vacation pay in lieu of time form for a Sheriff's office employee.


Commissioners agreed to the pay in lieu of time for the employee.


Mr. Goetz submitted (con't on page 10)

We're going to decorate our bikes in...











...red, white and blue and join in the parade.




Kids: color stuff in!



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The Liberty Bell is a symbol of the United States. For many years, it rang for freedom. The bell no longer tolls, but the ideals for which it stands still ring true. Do you know other symbols of America?

Read the clues to fill in the crossword:

1. our national bird; white feathers on its head; lives near bodies of water

2. Archibald Willard's dad was model for The _____ of '76 painting

3. South Dakota mountain with carved faces of four U.S. Presidents

4. first President; Commander-in Chief of the Continental Army during war

5. describes basic U.S. laws and rights

6. Pledge of _____; to show devotion to country

7. _____; credited with sewing the first American flag after George Washington visit (according to legend)

8. national anthem, The _____ - _____ Banner; based on poem written about a British attack on Fort McHenry

9. _____ is a symbol of the U.S. in human form; wears a red, white and blue suit and a top hat

10. Statue of _____; a giant, copper gift from France; has greeted millions of people coming to America

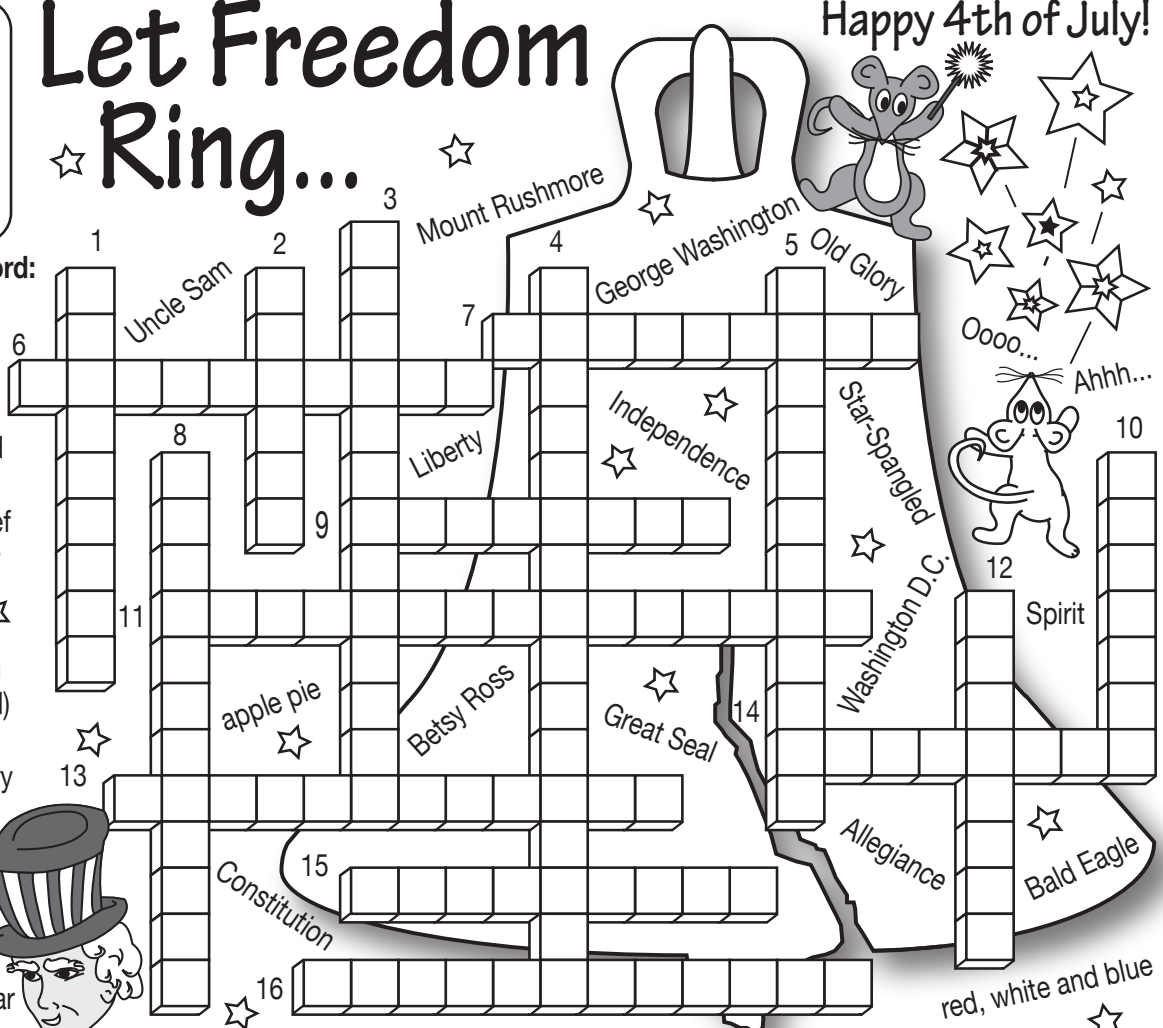
11. colors on U.S. flag and many symbols of patriotism

12. classic American pastry with fruit, cinnamon and sugar

13. Declaration of _____; declared that the 13 colonies were now a new nation no longer controlled by British

14. nickname given to U.S. flag

Let Freedom Ring...



1. Uncle Sam

2. Mount Rushmore

3. George Washington

4. Old Glory

5. Liberty

6. Independence

7. Star-Spangled

8. Washington D.C.

9. Spirit

10. Bald Eagle

11. apple pie

12. Betsy Ross


13. Great Seal

14. Constitution


15. Allegiance

16. red, white and blue

Happy 4th of July!

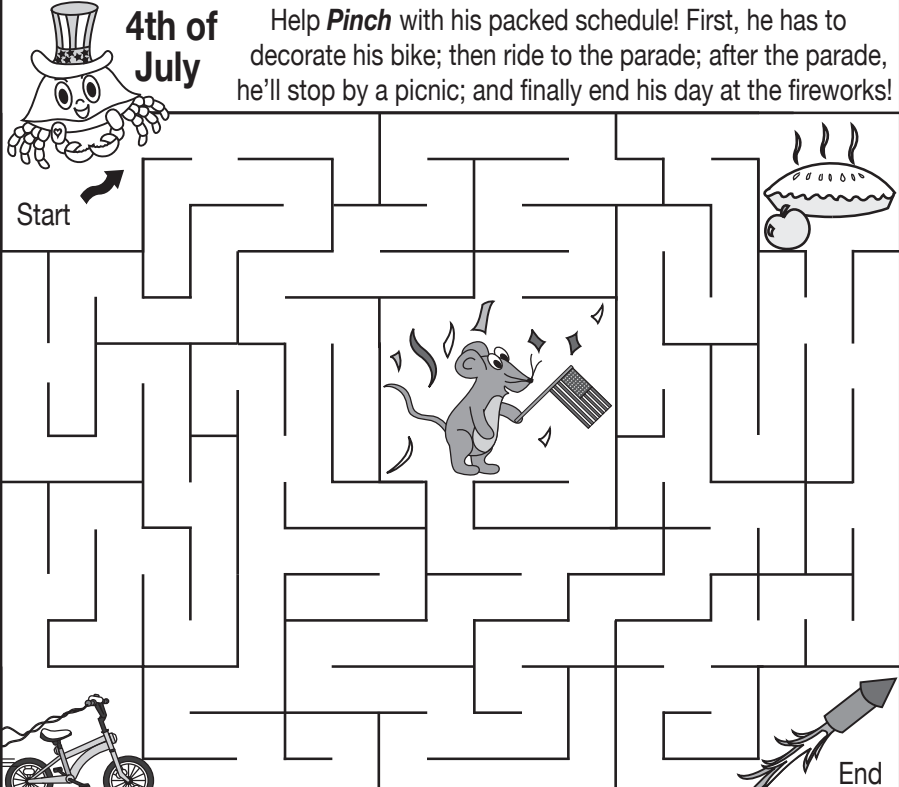


Oooo... Ahhh...




4th of July

Help **Pinch** with his packed schedule! First, he has to decorate his bike; then ride to the parade; after the parade, he'll stop by a picnic; and finally end his day at the fireworks!



Start

End



THE GREAT SEAL OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The Great Seal

Ask a grownup to help you use your computer to find "The Great Seal of the United States of America" so you can see the details of our government's seal. The seal, which has two sides, is stamped onto very important papers and items to show that they are approved by the government.

Circle the correct answer: T = True F = False

The Great Seal of the United States of America:

1. assures people that the U.S. stands by items it is printed on

T F

2. is on the one-dollar bill

T F

3. is on our country's flag

T F

4. has 13 stripes (up and down), olives, leaves and arrows


T F

5. has the Liberty Bell hanging from one wing of the eagle

T F

Pop Quiz!

Patriotic Music



How much do you know about the music played on the Fourth of July? (Ask Mom or Dad to help with this puzzle!) **Match each clue to the person or song it is describing.**

1. This is our National Anthem. The words were written by Francis Scott Key during the War of 1812.

2. This man was known as the "March King." He loved marches and wrote over 100 of them.

3. This is a song that the British made up to poke fun at the poorly dressed American soldiers. It is our oldest patriotic song.

4. This man claimed to have been "born on the Fourth of July" and to be "... A real live nephew of my Uncle Sam..." He is famous for patriotic songs: "Yankee Doodle Boy," "You're a Grand Old Flag" and "Over There."

A. John Philip Sousa

B. George M. Cohan

C. "Yankee Doodle"

D. "Star-Spangled Banner"

(Answers on page 10)

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Minutes from Kingman County Commission for June 20th, 2022

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the following building permits:

Chad Pipkin for a shed/living quarters in Section 2, Township 28, Range 05.

David Young for a shed in Section 4, Township 30, Range 07.

Roger Powell for a roof over deck in Section 11, Township 27, Range 05.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session with Stan Goetz, HR and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor to discuss an employee's evaluation at 9:35 a.m. pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act for discussion of non-elected personnel matters of nonelected personnel matters of nonelected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed, and they will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 9:50 a.m.

Commissioners re-

turned to regular session at 9:50 a.m. and decision was made to change two employee statuses.

Aaron Corcoran, Motorola representative was in with a contract for a self-standing tower, 800 radio system, building and maintenance for seven years.

MOTION: Commissioner moved to approve the purchase of the self-standing tower and 800 radio system in the amount of \$1,391,700.00. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the

County Commissioners. Thimesch.

Commissioners discussed the destruction of election records and a resolution.

Commissioners discussed the KCAMP correspondence received on the County property insurance going up 6 to 8 % for 2023.

Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in with a permit for the following:

Northern Natural Gas Company -Observation Well- SW4 section 16, township 27, Range 10 (Dresden).

Mr. Arensdorf dis-

cussed the pavement repairs on FAS 13 Bridge and that he has talked with Reece Construction about the damage. Reece Construction let Mr. Arensdorf know that they would share in the cost at 50/50 in the amount of \$9,271.00.

Mr. Arensdorf would like to place that amount into the .75% sales tax fund until the FAS 11 & FAS 12 are done.

Mr. Arensdorf let the Commissioners know that the Hall Brothers plan to start Onyx Seal Coat Project they week of June 27th.

Commissioners asked

Mr. Arensdorf if he could have staff help with hauling boxes to be shredded.

Mr. Arensdorf that the staff are busy right now but just let him know when we have it scheduled and he will see what can be done.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to adjourn the regular meeting at 11:08 a.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon a unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.



Diving In

Glenn Brunkow, Pottawatomie County farmer and rancher

How many old west-erns have we seen the hero crawling across the desert, desperate to find a drink of water? He turns his canteen upside down and only sand runs out. Or the cattle baron uses unscrupulous methods to gain the water rights of the small ranches.

Water has been the source of conflict since the dawn of mankind. It is the one thing that sustains

life, the one thing without which we can't live. That is one absolute that we cannot change, and conflict over water will only become more serious in the future.

Water is absolutely critical to those of us in agriculture. It is necessary for our crops and livestock. I am not telling you anything you do not know. However, we need to have a serious discussion about water and water rights.

Kansas Farm Bureau's (KFB) water policy has grown over the years,

but it is something we need to take a deep dive into. Maybe the policy we have is good enough, but I suspect we need to make some changes. Those changes might be small tweaks, or they might be major overhauls. It is up to you, the grassroots Farm Bureau member.

That is why we are hosting a series of meetings around the state, and I am imploring you to attend one and add your opinion to the process. This may be the biggest issue we have ever faced and one that will shape agriculture in Kansas for a long time. If we are not at the table, decisions will be made without our input that could have catastrophic consequences.

I don't know how to

make this any clearer or any more urgent. There are parties involved are pulling from every direction: municipal, agricultural and industry. We must make sure any policy adopted allows us to continue to produce food and fiber.

KFB will host a series of 2-hour moderated discussions around the state to gather feedback on possible policy changes. All meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. and are scheduled for the following locations:

- * June 28, Manhattan
- * June 29, Hoxie
- * July 6, Hutchinson
- * July 7, Dodge City
- * July 14, Burlington

For those unable to attend one of the in-person meetings, a virtual session will take place

July 19. Participants are encouraged to register at www.kfb.org/advocacy.

We know your time now is precious and this is not an easy time of year to get away, but we must get moving on this now, so we have policy ready to be voted on at KFB's annual meeting in December.

I cannot emphasize enough how much we need everyone to participate. I would also ask that you do some research and education and become acquainted with water policy from all across the state and not just your own area. Our water issues are many and varied and we must produce a unified policy that will best represent our varied needs. Again, I cannot say strongly enough how

important this issue is or how much your ideas and opinions are needed. Please plan to attend one of these meetings.

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Kingman County Humane Society

Pets Ready for Adoption

Josie

Sponsored by Baker Accounting



Female Domestic Shorthair
Weight: 3.4 lbs
Age: 4 months
Adoption Fee: \$75
Intake Date: March 2, 2022

Connor

Sponsored by Karla Westerman



Male Yorkshire Terrier/Toy Poodle
Weight: 5 pounds
Age: 3 Years/2 months
Intake Date: February May 26, 2022
Adoption Fee: \$250.00
Housetrained
People friendly
What a GEM! This tiny tyke is ready for his new home. He's very energetic and loves to play. After a slow start, he warms up to other dogs and we think he will be good with kids.

KCHS Donation Wish List

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

- dry cat and kitten food
- clumping cat litter
- canned dog food
- Purina Puppy Chow
- long-lasting chews
- 8-quart 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







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

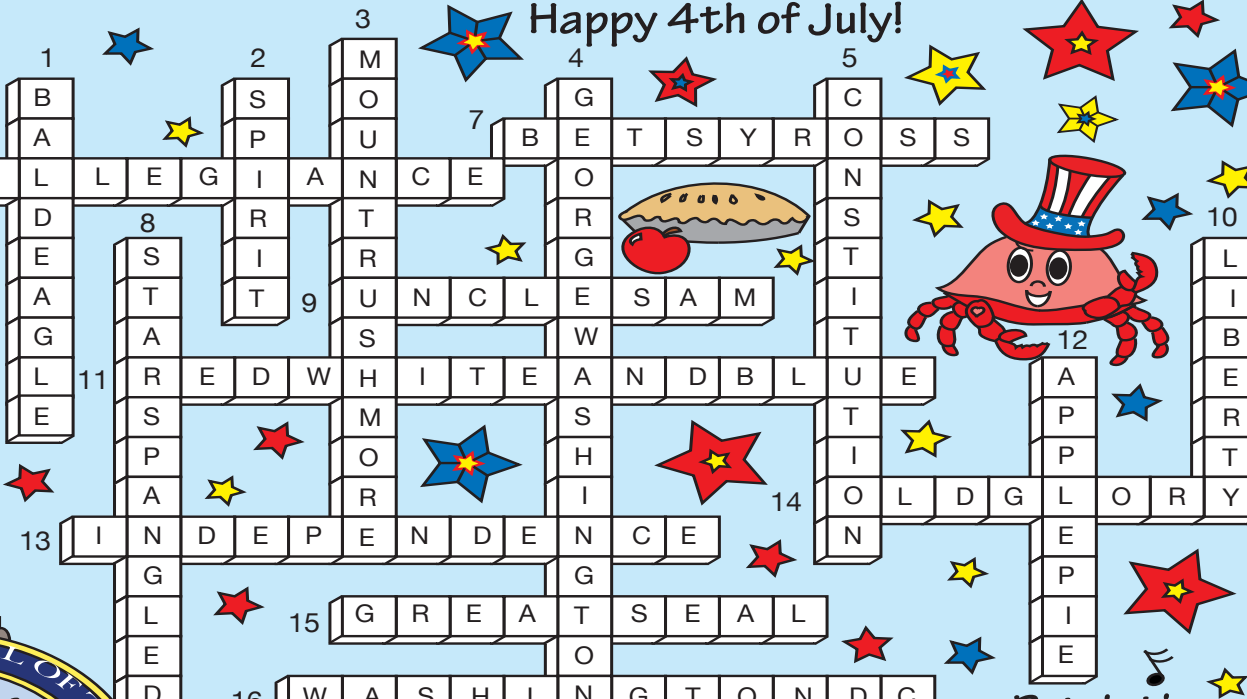
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Happy 4th of July!



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3. Our oldest patriotic song.
4. Famous for song - "You're a Grand Old Flag"

A. John Philip Sousa
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C. "Yankee Doodle"
D. "Star-Spangled Banner"

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Minutes from Pratt County Commission for June 13, 2022

The Pratt County commissioners met in regular session, Monday, June 13, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. in the commissioner room, 1st floor of the courthouse. The following members were present: Rick M. Shriver, Thomas W. Jones III, Dwight Adams, Tyson Eisenhower, county counselor, Lori Voss, county clerk and Mark Graber, IT director.

Heather Morgan, economic development/ COVID consultant, reported that the city of Iuka ARPA report has been filed. She will now help the small cities with their next ARPA pPayments. Pratt County did receive the second installment of the ARPA funds. She stated that purchase of fire extinguisher could be paid out of ARPA. Mileage rate July 1, 2022. 62.5 per mile. Economic development met last week and awarded the façade grants to Skaggs, Memories, Mid Kansas Auto, Taylor Printing, Waddle Insurance Company and Club D’Est were the recipients. There is \$25,000 remaining so other businesses can still apply.

She reported the City of Pratt is placing a question on the ballot to fund the new pool with a .5% increase in sales tax.

Tara Pagenkopf, RSVP director, presented checks for signatures. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to recess into executive session for ten minutes at 2:11 pm to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to return from executive session at 2:21 p.m. with no action taken. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Tim Branscom, EP/zoning and Mke Tibbetts, communications, reported

ed on equipment needed for the new building. Mike presented quotes on radios from Pierce Electronics at \$14,021.00, CDs at \$12,189.84 and Bucklin communications at \$11,334.75. Chairman Adams made a motion to purchase the Kenwood radios from CDs for \$12,189.84 to be paid out of the ARPA funds. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Also, a list of other items needed for communications in the amount of \$9,242.73, CDs was the only one to bid. Commissioner Jones made a motion to purchase the other items listed from CDs in the amount of \$9,242.73 to be paid out of the ARPA funds. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Amplifiers and PA System, no one bid, Mike went online to find the equipment from Fiplex Communications in the amount of \$23,311.23. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to purchase Filplex for \$21814.43 to be paid out of ARPA funds. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to purchase the remaining items at a cost of \$1,496.80 to be paid out of ARPA funds. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Tim reported he checked on the trash pickup for the new building. City will not pick up, Nisley is \$213.00 per month for pickup. The dumpster will be delivered June 23, 2022. Mike reported the tower base could be installed this week.

Darcie Vander Vyver, health director, reported on COVID cases. Finishing up their fourth quarter spending.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the minutes from June 6, 2022. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Jimmy White, sheriff, presented a new employee pay slip for Wesley Vanover at \$15.50. Commissioner Jones made a motion

to hire Wesley Vanover for \$15.50 for detention officer. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to approve the raise for Devon Willard in the amount of \$.30. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to approve the raise for Buford Johnson in the amount of \$.64.

Commissioner Jones seconded. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to approve raises for Joshua Nelson and Cody Kibel in the amount of \$.80. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the contract with Redrock Protection in the amount of \$275.00 for the termite contract.

Mark Graber, IT, presented a quote from SC Telecom for internet services for the new building. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the contract with SC Telecom for internet services for \$99.00 per month for a one-year contract. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Shriver presented a quote for fourteen fire extinguishers, for the new building from Superior Fire Equipment \$2,048.50. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the purchase of fourteen fire extinguishers from Superior Fire Equipment in the amount of \$2,048.50. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Five-minute break 3:00 p.m.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to recess into executive session for thirty minutes at 3:04 p.m. to discuss an attorney/client matter. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Jones made a motion to return from executive session at 3:34 p.m. with no action taken. Commissioner

Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones asked if Commissioner Shriver had contacted Kirkham Michael about an emergency vehicle sign on Highway 54 by the new safety building. Commissioner Jones expressed his desire to walk through the new building. Commissioner Shriver said they would do a final walk through Thursday, June 16. Commissioner Jones stated citizens wanted to go to an open house. Commissioner Shriver stated there would be an open house.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the payment vouchers for June 13, 2022. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to recess the meeting at 3:47 p.m. until Wednesday, June 15, 2022 at 9:00 am to attend the budget workshop meeting. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting recessed until Wednesday, June 15, 2022 at 9:00 am.

Chairman Adams called the recessed meeting to order, June 15, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present: Rick N Shriver, Thomas W. Jones III, Dwight Adams, Tyson Eisenhower and Mark Graber for the department heads budget workshop with Scot Loyd, Loyd Group, LLC.

Scot loyd, went over the budget process.

Jimmy White, sheriff, went over the 2022 and 2023 budget.

Brian Atteberry, EMS director, discussed his 2022 and 2023 budget.

DJ McMurry, appraiser, presented his projected 2023 budget and discussed the 2022 budget.

Tracey Beverlin, county attorney, presented her projected 2023 budget and went over her 2022 budget.

Jon Roach, noxious weed, presented his 2023 budget and discussed the 2022 budget.

Mike Tibbetts, communications, presented his 2023 budget and discussed the 2022 budget.

Mark Graber, IT, presented his 2023 budget and discussed the 2022 budget.

Tim Branscom, emergency manager/zoning, presented his 2023 budget and discussed the 2022 budget.

Nancy Smith, community service coordinator, presented her 2023 budget and discussed the 2022 budget.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to recess the meeting for lunch from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting recessed.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to return from recess at 1:30 p.m. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Jones made a motion to return from recess at 1:00 p.m. Commissioner seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Amy Jones, treasurer, presented her 2023 budget and discussed the 2022 budget.

Jason Winkel, landfill/recycling, presented his 2023 budget and discussed the 2022 budget. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to recess into executive session at 1:49 p.m.

For fifteen minutes to discuss an attorney-client matter. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Jones made a motion to return from executive session 2:01 p.m. with no action taken. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Doug Freund, road/lake, presented his 2023 budget and discussed the 2022 budget.

Darcie Vandervyer, health, presented her 2023 budget and discussed the 2022 budget.

Tara Pagenkopf, RSVP, presented her 2023 budget and discussed the 2022 budget.

Crystal Gossett, district court clerk, presented her 2023 budget and discussed the 2022 budget.

Billy Hampton, fire/rescue, presented her 2023 budget and dis-

cussed the 2022 budget.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to recess at 3:58 p.m. to meet at the new public safety building at 1:00 p.m., June 20, 2022. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Chairman Adams called the recessed meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. at the new public safety building with Dwight Adams, Tom Jones, Rick Shriver, Tyson Eisenhower, Lori Voss, and Mark Graber present. A walk through of the building was done.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to adjourn at 1:44 p.m. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Minutes from Pratt County Commission for June 20, 2022

The Pratt County commissioners met in regular session, Monday June 20, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. in the commissioner room, 1st floor of the courthouse. The following members were present: Rick N. Shriver, Thomas W. Jones III, Dwight Adams, Tyson Eisenhower, county counselor, Lori Voss, county clerk and Mark Graber, IT director.

Heather Morgan, economic development/ COVID consultant, reported she has emailed the small cities to notify them the state has sent their second half of ARPA funding. She will assist them. She attended a webinar concerning reporting the ARPA funds.

Department of commerce released the reported wages for last year. Median wage for Pratt County was \$17.33, the median wage for the previous year was \$18.63, the difference depends on the mix of jobs county wide.

Brian Atteberry, EMS director, reported HAYS Medical has checked

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Public Notice

First published in The Cunningham Courier on Thursday, June 23, 2022 (3t)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS

CIVIL DEPARTMENT

JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association

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Plaintiff,

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vs.

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Thomas McClanahan a/k/a Thomas M. McClanahan; Unknown Spouse, if any, of Thomas McClanahan a/k/a Thomas M. McClanahan; John Doe (Tenant/ Occupant); Mary Doe (Tenant/ Occupant)

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Defendants.

Case No. 2021-CV-000025

Court Number:

Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 60

Notice Of Sale

Under and by virtue of an Order of Sale issued to me by the Clerk of the District Court of Kingman County, Kansas, the undersigned Sheriff of Kingman County, Kansas, will offer for sale at public auction and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand, at the Front Door of the Courthouse at Kingman, Kingman County, Kansas, on July 14, 2022, at 10:00 AM, the following real estate:

East Fifty feet (E50') of Lots One (1), Two (2), and Three (3) in Block One (1) in Scott's Addition to the Town of Cunningham, in Kingman County, Kansas, as shown by the recorded plat thereof, commonly known as 214 E 4th St, Cunningham, KS 67035-8759 (the "Property")

to satisfy the judgment in the above-entitled case. The sale is to be made without appraisalment and subject to the redemption period as provided by law, and further subject to the approval of the Court. For more information, visit www.Southlaw.com

Randy L. Hill, Sheriff

Kingman County, Kansas

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Lahoma S. Wiens; Unknown Spouse, if any, of Lahoma S. Wiens; John Doe (Tenant/ Occupant); Mary Doe (Tenant/ Occupant)

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Defendants.

Case No. 2021-CV-000024

Court Number:

Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 60

Notice Of Sale

Under and by virtue of an Order of Sale issued to me by the Clerk of the District Court of Kingman County, Kansas, the undersigned Sheriff of Kingman County, Kansas, will offer for sale at public auction and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand, at the Front Door of the Courthouse at Kingman, Kingman County, Kansas, on July 14, 2022, at 10:00 AM, the following real estate:

THE WEST TWENTY FEET (W 20') OF LOT ELEVEN (11) AND ALL OF LOT THIRTEEN (13), ON AVENUE A WEST IN THE ORIGINAL TOWN OF KINGMAN, KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS, commonly known as 209 W A Ave, Kingman, KS 67068 (the "Property")

to satisfy the judgment in the above-entitled case. The sale is to be made without appraisalment and subject to the redemption period as provided by law, and further subject to the approval of the Court. For more information, visit www.Southlaw.com

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Pratt County Commission Minutes for June 20, 2022

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monitors and done preventive maintenance in the past. They will be sending a contract for signatures and will start checking equipment again. EMT class will be tonight, this is day three. He reported there will be an invoice from Kara Lawrence, EMT instructor along with the receipt of grant money. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to recess into executive session under the non-elected personnel exception to discuss personnel policies for fifteen minutes at 2:18 p.m. to return at 2:33 p.m. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Jones made a motion to return from executive session

at 2:33 p.m. with no action taken. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Jones made a motion to recess into executive session under the non-elected personnel exception to discuss personnel policies for ten minutes and to return at 2:45 p.m. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Jones made a motion to return from executive at 2:43 p.m. with no action taken. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Rachel Haper, DCCA director, presented her 2023 budget request, it is the same as last year at \$55,368. She reported they had hired a full-time counselor. Dewayne Bryan, Pratt health foundation director, reported he had received grant money to purchase new signage for PRMC. He is wanting permission to annex the small piece of land at

hwy 54 and Stout from the City of Pratt. He will be meeting with the City of Pratt this afternoon. They would also like to put a sign at the corner of Highway 54 and Howard street which is on county property. The commissioners gave their approval. Tara Pagenkopf, RSVP director, presented a new hire pay slip. Commissioner Jones made a motion to hire Kenneth Coley as a part time driver for RSVP at \$10.00. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Tim Branscom, emergency manager/zoning, presented repairs for the generator at the health department from Central Power Wystems & Service in the amount of \$1,147.64. It has been repaired and is running correctly at this time. Jason Winkel, landfill/recycling supervisor, reported on possible new hires for the recycling center. He reported on materials shipped out at

recycling. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to recess into executive session under the attorney-client privilege exception to seek counsel on certain statutes for fifteen minutes to return at 3:23 p.m. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Jones made a motion to return from executive session at 3:20 pm with no action taken. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. He asked if any decision had been made on his raise. The commissioners stated they had not made any decisions. Commissioner Jones made a motion to hire Kevin Newman for the road department at \$15.00 per hour. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Chairman Adams presented a road crossing for the road department. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to approve the road crossing

at SE corner of SW 50th Avenue and SW 50th Street for Southern Pioneer Electric, Medicine Lodge, KS for a new overhead power line. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Tyson discussed a division order and W-9 sent to Pratt County by Dixon Operating. The division order relates to a mineral interest that Pratt County obtained by way of tax foreclosure and an oil and gas lease executed several years ago. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to approve signing the division order and W-9. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Shriver discussed the landscaping at the new public safety building. They decided on rock. He will get prices and report back. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to recess into executive session under the attorney-client privilege exception to seek counsel regard-

ing the public safety building at 3:29 p.m. for ten minutes to return at 3:39 p.m. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Jones made a motion to return from executive session at 3:35 pm with no action taken. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the payment vouchers for June 20, 2022. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Chairman Adams stated he had toured the public safety building and he feels it is an injustice to the citizens of the county, there are many unnecessary expenditures. Commissioner Jones made a motion to adjourn at 3:41 p.m. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned.

USDA Reminds Producers of 2022 Acreage Reporting Requirement

The Kingman County Farm Service Agency reminds agriculture producers that July 15, 2022, is the deadline to file an acreage report for spring seeded crops, CRP, and grass. Planted acres must be reported to FSA by July 15, 2022. The Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018 (2018 Farm Bill) requires producers on a

farm to submit annual acreage reports on all cropland. Timely acreage reports for all crops and land uses, including prevented and failed acreage that producers submit to their local FSA office, are important to ensure program eligibility for all farm programs.” Acreage reports to FSA are considered timely filed when completed by the applicable final crop reporting deadline, which may vary from state to state. Producers who do not enroll by the July 15 deadline are subject to late-filing re-

quirements. Producers should contact their local office for an appointment to provide an accurate acreage report of their spring-seeded crops. For questions on this or any FSA program, including specific crop reporting deadlines and planting dates, producers should contact their county FSA office or seek information online at www.fsa.usda.gov.

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First published in the Cunningham-Courier, Thursday, June 16, 2022.

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: NANCY ANN HAWKINS, Deceased. Case No. 2022 PR 27

(Petition 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 Rosalind "Gwen" Drosselmeyer and Byron "Roy" Hawkins, heirs of Nancy Ann Hawkins, deceased, praying:

Descent be determined of the following described real estate situated in Kingman County, Kansas:

Lots Forty-five (45), Forty-six (46), Forty-seven (47), Forty-eight (48), Forty-nine (49), Fifty (50), Fifty-one (51), Fifty-two (52), Fifty-three (53), Fifty-four

(54), Fifty-five (55) and Fifty-six (56), inclusive, Smith's Addition to the City of Kingman, Kingman County, Kansas, and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by decedent at the time of death. And that such property and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by the decedent at the time of death be assigned pursuant to the laws of intestate succession.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before July 5, 2022 at 10:00 o'clock a.m. in the city of Kingman, in 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.

Rosalind "Gwen" Drosselmeyer and Byron "Roy" Hawkins

Co-Petitioners

BY: Matthew W. Ricke 349 N. Main, PO Box 113 Kingman, KS 67068 (620) 532-3103

Attorney for Petitioners

Kingman County Sheriff's Report

Sunday, June 19th	
Traffic stop	9
Traffic complaint	NE 40 Ave & NE 40 St area Kingman
Traffic complaint	14000 block W Hwy 54 Cunningham
Traffic complaint	13000 block E Hwy 54 Cheney
Debris in road	NE 50 St & NE 170 Ave area, Cheeny
Harassment	400 block E Leiter St Cunningham
Sign down	SE 20 St & SE 160 Ave area Cheney
Suspicious person	13000 block W Hwy 54 Cunningham
Vehicle abandoned	N Hwy 14 & E Hwy 54 area, Kingman
Welfare check	5000 block W Hwy 54 Kingman
Monday, June 20th	
Traffic stop	1
Traffic complaint	3000 block E Hwy 54 Kingman
Traffic complaint	SW 70 St & 170 Ave area, Cunningham
Check welfare	4000 block E Hwy 54 area, Kingman
Fire vehicle	NE 50 St & N Hwy 14 area Pretty Prairie
Tuesday, June 21st	
Traffic stops	2
Traffic complaint	NE 50 St & NE 70 Ave area Kingman
Animal	NW 50 St & NW 110 Ave area Penalosa
Animal	11000 block NW 50 St Cunningham
Suspicious person	12000 block W Hwy 54 Cunningham
Vehicle disabled	NE 10 Ave & E Hwy 54 area Kingman
Wednesday, June 22nd	
Traffic complaint	E Hwy 54 & NE 100 Ave area Kingman

Traffic complaint
Citizen assist
Road closure
Suspicious vehicle
Vehicle abandoned
Vehicle abandoned
Welfar Check
Thursday, June 23rd
Traffic stop
Suspicious person
Suspicious person
Trespassing
Friday, June 24th
Traffic stops
Traffic complaint
Traffic complaint
Unlock vehicle
Vehicle abandoned
Vehicle disabled
Saturday, June 18th
Traffic stops
Traffic complaint
Traffic complaint
Traffic complaint
Fire vehicle
Motorist assist
Vehicle disabled
Vehicle disabled
Welfare check

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400 block E Leiter Ave Cunningham
SW 120 St & SW 30 Ave area Spivey
18000 block W Hwy 54 Cunningham
SE 110 St & S Hwy 14 area Rago
SE 120 St & S Hwy 14 area Rago
4000 block E Hwy 54 Kingman

1
800 block N Coronado St Kingman
100 block N Spruce St Kingman
300 block S Douglas St Cunningham

2
N Hwy 11 & NW 30 St area Kingman
3000 block E Hwy 54 Kingman
15000 block NE 50 St Cheney
N Pine St & E. D Ave area Kingman
N Hwy 11 & W Hwy 54 area Kingman

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NE 10 St & NE 120 Ave area Murdock
100 block E Don Lock Dr Kingman
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SW 90 Ave & W Hwy 54 area Kingman
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Kathy Ziegler

Kathleen Ann Cunningham Ziegler, 85, passed away Tuesday, June 21, 2022.

She was born June 8, 1937, in Zenda, Kansas the daughter of William and Rose Mary Thissen Cunningham. A life-time resident of Kingman County, she worked at the Copa Kitchen until she retired.

Kathy was a member of the St. Patrick Catholic Church and the Altar Society, both of Kingman; and was a volunteer for the NU-2-U store for many years. She loved baking, garage sales, auctions, puzzles and her family.

On March 2, 1957, she married Lester Ziegler at Zenda. Other survivors include sons Don (Deb), Terry (Terri), Mike (Kim); daughters Marilyn (Doug) Rodman, Nancy (Greg) Burnett; brother Jimmy; sisters Wilma, Judy and Alicia; grandchildren Megan Rucker, Claire Ziegler, Brandon Ziegler, Christopher Ziegler, Trevor Ziegler, Hannah Alexander, Dillon Burnett and Kayla Burnett; great grandchildren Audrey, Brooke, Miah, Nova, Brooks, Briggs, Maisyn, Brinlee, Saylor and Allison; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her sisters Joan, Dorothy, Mary, Eileen and Patricia; and a grandson Garrett Rodman.

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

Memorials may be made to the Kingman Community Hospital Auxiliary or the Kingman County Humane Society, both in care of the funeral home.

Curtis Lofton

Turon - Curtis Clyde Lofton, 67, passed away Thursday, June 16, 2022 at his home in Turon. He was born on August 13, 1954 in Yakima, Washington to Nina L (Barrett) and William L. Lofton.

Curtis married Gladys (Page) Lofton . They were married for years 50 years. They lived in Turon for 13 years after moving from New Mexico.

He worked as a paint and Body Service technician. .

He is survived by his wife, Gladys; sons, Clayton (Heather) Lofton of Turon, Roscoe Lee Lofton of Montrose, Colorado, Clyde Lofton of West Virginia and Lawrence Lofton of Salina; daughters, Susan (Verny) Wood of Turon and Theresa Lofton of Pratt; 16 grandchildren; and 4 great-grandchildren.

Curtis is preceded in death by his parents.

Cremation has taken place and memorial services will be held at a later date.

Gary Stauffer

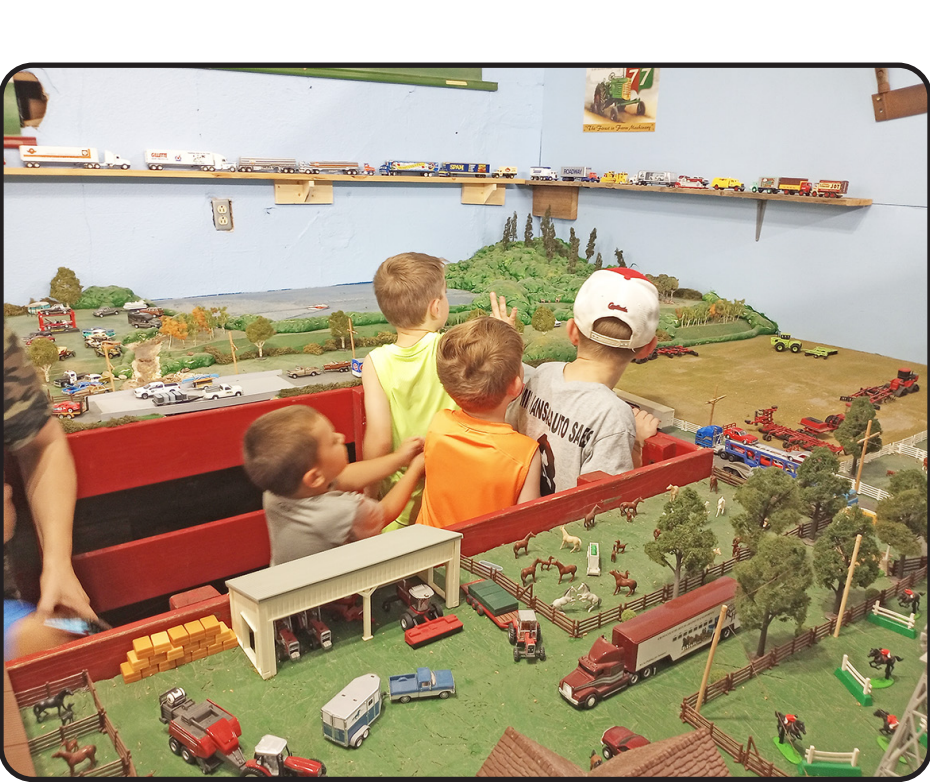
Gary Louis Stauffer, 87, of Chandler, Ariz., passed away peacefully on April 13 of this year. Gary was born in Omaha, Neb., to Frank L and Cleota Grace (Correll) Funk. After his parent's divorce, he moved with his mom and two sisters, Betty (Funk) Hilleren and Jean (Funk) Keller, to St. John, Kan., where Cleo married Emmett Stauffer. They added three more children, Michael Stauffer, Byron Stauffer and Sharon (Stauffer) Bowman to the family.

Gary served in the Army for a short period, before marrying Linda Lou Johnson in 1959. Together they raised two children, Gerald Lee Stauffer and Larisa Lynn (Stauffer) Schmidt, in Pratt, Kan. Gary was a self-employed construction engineer, providing essential services to Pratt and surrounding communities. An avid reader and traveler, Gary shared his love of life and adventure with his family through many fondly remembered family trips.

He is survived only by his brother, Michael, and daughter, Larisa.

The graveside service will be held at 1:30 pm, June 28 at the Greenlawn Cemetery in Pratt, Kan. An informal gathering and celebration of Gary's life will be held in St. John afterwards. For details email, lori.schmidt@rocketmail.com.

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Some very enthusiastic preschoolers recently visited the Cunningham Historical Museum. If you haven't been recently, you need to plan a visit. It is a great learning experience. Take the kids and grandkids and enjoy some time in Cunningham of yesteryear.

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MON, JULY 4th 2022

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Cornhole Tournament
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9:30 am
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9:30 am
Football Fling
Hosted by Citizens Bank of Kansas

9:30 am - 11:30 am
3:3 Basketball Tournament
Hosted by KMS/KHS Girls Basketball

9:30 am - 12:00 pm
Kids Fun Zone
Hosted by Park Board, Fair Board, & Kingman Area Chamber of Commerce

10:00 am - 1:00 pm
Dunk Tank
Hosted by Kingman Area Chamber of Commerce

10:30 am - 1:30 pm
Community Karaoke at Gazebo
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11:00 am
Championship Softball Tournament
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11:00 am
Duck Race located at Mill Race
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