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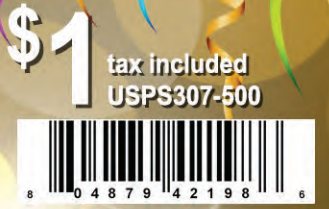
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City OKs Match for PrairieLand Highway Funding

BY BOB MORRIS
Managing Editor

The Kingman City Commission, at its Dec. 14 meeting, approved a match of \$25,000 to PrairieLand Partners for improvements to the stretch of U.S. Highway 54 west of Kingman as the company plans to relocate to a site there.

The city will pay for the match out of its economic development fund for 2024. City Manager Greg Graffman told the city commissioners that the city has the money available, but did not have the budgetary authority for 2023 to commit the funding. Thus, it will come out of the city's 2024 budget.

Drew Durst, who oversees facilities and marketing for PrairieLand, told the city commissioners that the company has completed a traffic impact study and submitted, through Kingman County, an application for funding through the Kansas Department of Transportation to create turning lanes on the stretch of highway.

However, Durst said, there are some matching funds that are required which typically amount to 25 percent of the cost. He said that PrairieLand has requested \$25,000 in matching funds from the county and made a request of the city to provide the same.

The company will then generate

the remainder of the match through private funding. The total match required is estimated to be \$1.5 million.

Durst said he was confident that PrairieLand Partners will get the grant approved but asked for support from the city.

Graffman said he favored granting the request, saying it will help improve the safety issues on the west side of the city.

The city has already agreed to provide water, sewer and electric service to the 50-acre property west of Kingman along the highway.

In other business, the city commission approved supporting a project through the National Fish

Passage Program for improvements to the Ninnescah River channels.

The project, for which the city would not have to put up any money, would involve improvements to the river to maintain or increase native fish populations in the river. The program is run through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Also at the meeting, the city approved donating old 800 megahertz radios to the Kingman County emergency manager for distribution to rural fire departments.

The city recently purchased new 800 radios for the police department and Kingman EMS. Police Chief David Lux suggested that the old radios be donated to the emer-

gency manager, as they are still in good condition. That would allow the emergency manager to provide the radios to rural fire departments, who may lack the financial resources to obtain radios.

Work was recently completed on the new 800 MHz radio tower that the county had installed at the landfill.

The city commission also approved the Kingman Area Chamber of Commerce leasing the armory for \$1 per year, as the chamber has done in the past. The only changes to the lease are to clarify who is responsible for maintenance.

The chamber has leased the armory from the city since 2016.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Kingman Elementary third-grade students prepare to deliver the jars of peanut butter to the Kingman food bank earlier this month. The third graders held their annual peanut butter drive for the fifth year and collected 490 pounds, which included the match made by Citizens Bank.

KES Third Graders Hold Annual Peanut Butter Drive

STAFF REPORT

Kingman Elementary third-graders once again collected jars of peanut butter to donate to the Kingman food bank.

The third-grade students partnered with Citizens Bank and, this year, collected 490 pounds of peanut butter, which included the match Citizens Bank made.

"The project is successful due to the help of our school, community and our partnership with Citizens Bank," said KES third-grade teacher Becky Pickett. "This is a great community effort."

The drive gets talked up before Thanksgiving break and Pickett said that the students return, excited to get

started. She said that the students did all the work and that she and fellow third-grade teacher Kelc Matthews give them support as needed.

The project includes lessons in math, social studies, speaking, listening and social emotional learning. The students create posters and decide what they want to say on video that are shared on social media.

"We visited our local businesses again this year to promote our peanut butter drive," Pickett said. "The students told them about our project and asked if they could put a flyer in their window."

"Ms. Matthews and I are so appreci-

ate of our local business owners. They were very supportive of our students and many of them went above and beyond to interact with them."

The students have held the peanut butter drive for five years. It has been held since 2018 but wasn't held in 2020 during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We look forward to the peanut butter drive every year," Pickett said. "We are thankful for the opportunity to help our community in such a positive way. Our students really enjoy giving back and learning more about the KAMI food bank and what they have to offer our community."

County Learns Stretch of SE 30th Has Been Closed Since 1883

BY BOB MORRIS
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The Kingman County commissioners, at their Monday, Dec. 18, meeting learned from Human Resources Director Stan Goetz that a stretch of SE 30th St, for which a resident requested it be closed, has actually been closed for a long time.

The stretch in question is located south of Kingman on Kansas Highway 14, then east about two miles to a dead end.

Goetz told the commissioners that he was prepared to bring a resolution to the commissioners to close the road, but learned that, back in 2004, there had been a vacation for the same stretch of road.

From there, Goetz said, he discovered that the section of road had been vacated back in 1883, meaning that the road is "already closed."

Goetz said that he believed the reason that proposed vacating of the road in 2004 did not move forward was because the commissioners at the time learned that it was already closed.

He said there was thus no need to bring a resolution forward for this request.

In another matter pertaining to county roads, the county commissioners decided not to rename a stretch of SE 10th Avenue near Rago, per a request from Mark Steffen, who owns property in the area.

County commission Chairman Jerry Henning said he wasn't in favor of doing the name change, to which Commissioner Pat Elpers agreed. Elpers said

he didn't want to make things confusing for emergency services.

Henning said he understood that stretch of SE 10th Avenue was a dead end but it's still an open, numbered road and the re-naming process would take a year to complete.

"In my opinion, if the road was closed and other property owners agreed (to rename), it would basically be a driveway," Henning said.

Also at the Dec. 18 meeting, Robert Casad updated the county commissioners about the status of the bio-methane plant he wants to build in the county.

Casad said he has been in conversations with a French "green energy" company which has been involved with other bio-methane projects and was interested in his proposal, because it would be the first such plant in the United States.

However, Casad said he is still talking with the company given what it wants to do in a bid process. He said that the proposal is that the company would agree to bid zero and take on the construction costs, but there are questions about including an addendum with the bid that's required.

Casad said he was to meet with company representatives in Overland Park to see where things stand. That meeting was set to take place last Thursday.

The county commissioners did not meet the week of Dec. 25 because of Christmas. Their next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, Jan. 2, because their regular meeting date on Monday will be New Year's Day.



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Christmas Caroling: 4-H Members Bring Cheer

Kingman County 4-H extension agent Melissa Thimesch took multiple 4-H members around downtown for Christmas caroling on Thursday afternoon. The activity came after the members gathered that day for Christmas crafts and cookie decorating.

The Most Common New Year's Resolution is "Better Health"

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City of Zenda Among Recipients of State SEED Grant

PRESS RELEASE

TOPEKA – Lieutenant Governor and Secretary of Commerce David Toland today announced the newest award recipients for the Strategic Economic Expansion and Development (SEED) grant program. In total, 13 recipients will receive nearly \$275,000 to invest in small communities across the state.

Among the recipients was the city of Zenda, which received a \$24,512 grant for community vibrancy.

“Our state’s smallest communities are finding new and effective ways to become more economically viable and productive,” Toland said. “The quality-of-life investments being made through this program will generate economic development success and prosperity for Kansans now and in the future.”

Awardees are located in communities with a population of 5,000 or less, as required by state statute (KS Stat 9-2324 (2021)). They are

also required to provide a minimum 10-percent match as well as complete the projects within 12 months. Projects must be focused on economic development and revitalization efforts through one of the following quality-of-life categories:

- Childcare and senior programming : projects that support or enhance these services, such as building improvements, educational materials, supplies and equipment

- Community vibrancy : projects that refresh, re-energize and unlock the attractiveness of rural communities, such as art installations, murals and signage;

- Food retail : projects that support access to food retail establishments, including development, renovation and/or expansion;

- Libraries : projects that support providing free and open access to a broad range of materials and services, including reading materials,

technology, furniture and building improvements.

Funding for the SEED program, which is administered by the Kansas Department of Commerce, is provided through the Technology Enabled Fiduciary Financial Institutions (TEFFI) Development and Expansion Fund. The TEFFI Act was enacted in 2021 through bipartisan legislation to promote economic development throughout the state.

OBITUARIES

PATRICIA L. WALTON

Patricia L. Walton, 87, a spirited and no-nonsense woman, passed away on Nov. 26, 2023, at Residence Begonia in Wichita.



She was born on Feb. 5, 1936, in Erie, Pa., and leaves behind a legacy of love, honesty, and a zest for life.

Patricia was a force to be reckoned with, known for her feisty personality and unwavering honesty. She dedicated a significant part of her life to working as the head cocktail waitress at MGM Grand in Las Vegas, where she not only excelled at her

job but also formed lasting bonds with her coworkers. Her love for people extended to the celebrities she encountered, making her a cherished member of the MGM Grand family.

Born to be a mother, Patricia raised five children: Mary Ellen, Teri, Tina, Gino, and John. As the years passed and grandchildren came into her life, Patricia and her family found their home in Cherry Valley, Calif., before eventually settling in Kingman. There, she devoted herself to the care and upbringing of her grandchildren, Ashley and Gino, creating a warm and loving home for the generations that followed.

Patricia’s indomitable spirit was matched by her passion for crossword puzzles, reading the STAR magazine, and indulging in her favorite soap operas and Judge Judy on television. Her sharp wit and love for lively conversation endeared her to friends and family alike.

She is survived by her children Mary Ellen, Teri, and John; grandchildren Gina, Ashley, and Gino; and numerous other family and friends who will forever cherish the memories they shared.

Patricia was preceded in death by her two children Tina, Gino, and beloved husband John, with whom she shared a lifetime of joys and challenges.

In celebrating Patricia’s life, let us remember her as the candid, vibrant, and loving woman she was – a devoted mother, grandmother, and friend. May she rest in peace, surrounded by the everlasting love she gave so freely during her time on this earth.

BILLY JOE ‘BJ’ REIDA

Billy Joe “BJ” Reida passed away on Dec. 10, 2023, at Wheatland Nursing Home, Kingman. He was 81 years, 6 months and 9 days old.

He was born June 2, 1942 in Harper to Arlo and Bernice (Culver) Reida. He grew up on his Grandpa Rudolph Reida’s farm 10 miles north of Harper. He went to school in a one room schoolhouse until it closed in 1954. BJ finished school at Adams, graduating in 1960. He attended Emporia State one year then went to work for a veterinarian before moving to California in 1963. While there, he was drafted into the Army. After serving his two years, he returned to California and back to work for General Motors. He met Paula and they were married in 1967. BJ worked there for GM for 20 years. When GM built a factory in Oklahoma, he transferred to that plant. He met Velma while both were working there. After teasing her and

pulling pranks on her, who knows how long, they were married in 1984. After their divorce, they remained friends.

BJ worked at GM until his retirement. This is when he moved to Spivey. He opened the Antique Depot in the neighboring town of Harper and sold the treasures he found on his weekly adventures to estate sales and auctions. For 21 years he ran his antique shoppe, not for profit, but for the joy of creating smiles and friendships – and likely so he could shop and call it work. Mitch, his son, would always say, “If my dad had a dime, he would spend a quarter,” but it was always for the purpose of bringing joy to others. He had a talent for finding just the right item for anyone, devoting hours, days and months to this pursuit. His joy was telling his customers the history and significance of the antique they were buying.

BJ was a character like no other – ornery in the most endearing way. His mischievous smile, especially noticeable when he was caught in the midst of a joke or teasing, will be remembered fondly. His niece Regina, frequently finding him in the midst of playful shenanigans or playfully calling him out for omitting details during their time together, was affectionately known as his “tattle tale,” a title that mirrored the deep and caring bond they shared; that and his love for her homemade applesauce.

BJ’s passion for antiquing, shared with his beloved Aunt Barbara, was more than a hobby; it was his way of life. He was exceptional in many arts: crafting, painting, making macrame, gourmet cooking, baking and sewing – like sewing his “Jeanie Bears” from old blue jeans, and various other works which sometimes he sold or gifted to family members.

BJ loved to collect antique glassware the most. Let’s not forget his love for Bingo! Among cherished mementoes found in his house was a framed Bingo card, a testament to a lucky \$800 win. He had a special admiration for Marilyn Monroe and collected an eclectic range of memorabilia from wine bottles to cross stitch to framed pictures. Another of his antique passions was collecting Pickle Casters and spooner jars.

BJ’s knowledge of antiques was also a passion he loved to share. Most of all he loved visiting with friends he made during his time at the Antique Depot.

BJ was a fan of crime series and a master at Solitaire. He always found joy in the simple pleasures. He shared stories only he could tell. He never met a stranger and always had a story to share, with a smile that accompanied those stories to highlight his personality, shenanigans and tomfoolery.

BJ lived life on his own terms, independently and with a generous spirit. He blessed this world during his lifetime.

BJ taught us to make the best of every situation, to live life fully and joyfully. As we remember him, let’s celebrate the countless smiles he brought into our lives.

BJ was preceded in death by his parents, his stepmother, his beloved honorary mother Aunt Barbara, his sister Norma Jean Ratcliff, brother Ernie, four nephews – Joshua, Lee, William and WillSun. He is survived by sons Mitchel Reida (Susan), Michael (Melody) all of Oklahoma, two grandchildren, his sister Ann Mock, Harper, brother Jim (Audrey) Reida, Arivaca, sisters Marilyn Smiley, Oklahoma, Lida Minton, Wichita, brother-in-law Rex Ratcliff, Cunningham, numerous nieces, nephews and a wide circle of friends.

BJ, your legacy of laughter, friendship and love will live on in our hearts. There will be no services by BJ’s request. A private family service will be organized at a later date. Donations can be given to your favorite charity in his memory.

News Brief

LEADER-COURIER HOLIDAY HOURS ANNOUNCED

The Kingman Leader-Courier office will also be closed on Jan. 1, 2024 in observance of New Year’s Day. Deadline for the Jan. 4, 2024, edition will be Friday, Dec. 29, at noon.

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KINGMAN COUNTY SHERIFF BLOTTER

Sunday, Dec. 10

Alarm / Burglary 300 N Main St, Zenda
 Miscellaneous 200 N Main St, Zenda
 Disturbance 120 N Spruce, Kingman
 Follow Up 300 N Main St, Zenda
 Suspicious Vehicle 9000 E Hwy 54, Murdock
 911 Accidental Dial SW 170 & W Hwy 54, Cunningham
 Miscellaneous 120 N Spruce, Kingman
 911 Accidental Dial 400 E A Ave, Kingman

Monday, Dec. 11

Traffic Stop 7
 Traffic Complaint SE 170 St & E Hwy 2, Norwich
 Suspicious Activity 100 Blk Avenue D, Zenda
 Follow Up 200 Blk N Main, Zenda
 Animal Complaint 1300 Blk E Hwy 54, Kingman
 Fire / Grass / Small Structure 16000 Blk W Hwy 42, Nashville
 Traffic Complaint 400 Blk W Stanley, Spivey
 Unlock Vehicle 11000 Blk NE 20 St, Murdock
 Non-Injury Accident SW 170 & SW 30 St, Cunningham
 Fire / Combine NW 60 Ave & NW 10 St, Kingman
 Medical 700 Blk W Washington, Kingman
 Miscellaneous 700 Blk W Washington, Kingman
 Smoke Investigation 300 E C Ave, Kingman

Tuesday, Dec. 12

Traffic Stop 1
 Miscellaneous 200 Blk S Parkway St, Norwich
 Traffic Complaint E Hwy 2 & SE 150 Ave, Norwich
 Agency Assist 2200 Blk NE 10 St, Kingman
 Transport Prisoner 120 N Spruce, Kingman
 Harassment 300 Blk E Dave, Kingman
 Check Welfare 1600 Blk NE 50 St, Kingman

Burglary 8600 Blk SE Burns Ave, Kingman
 Traffic Complaint 400 Blk E D Ave, Kingman
 Theft SW 110 St & SW 160 Av, Nashville
 Suspicious Activity NE 40 Ave & NE 35 St, Kingman
 Warrant Service 120 N Spruce, Kingman

Wednesday, Dec. 13

Traffic Stop 3
 Miscellaneous 100 Blk N Main St, Zenda
 Miscellaneous 120 N Spruce, Kingman
 Disabled Vehicle 8700 Blk W Hwy 54, Kingman

Thursday, Dec. 14

Traffic Stop 1
 Civil Paper Process 1
 Domestic 5000 Blk NE 10 St, Kingman
 Follow Up Goddard
 Traffic Complaint 3000 Blk E Hwy 54, Kingman
 Traffic Complaint 13000 Blk E Hwy 54, Kingman

Friday, Dec. 15

Traffic Stop 2
 Traffic Complaint 13000 Blk E Hwy 54, Cheney
 Fire / Structure 300 Blk E D Ave, Kingman
 Follow Up 5000 Blk NE 10 St, Kingman
 Traffic Complaint 9000 E Hwy 54, Murdock

Saturday, Dec. 16

Traffic Stop 2
 Miscellaneous 1500 Blk SW 20 St, Kingman
 Traffic Complaint 11000 Blk W Hwy 54, Cunningham
 Miscellaneous 120 N Spruce, Kingman
 Non-Injury Accident 7000 Blk SE 150 Ave, Norwich

KINGMAN COUNTY ACCIDENTS

Nov. 9: The Kingman County Sheriff's Office investigated a one-vehicle crash in which Michael E. Osner, 59, of Kingman was driving a 2014 Mercedes-Benz westbound on U.S. Highway 54 when, about one-and-one-fourth miles east of NE 100th Avenue, he struck a deer that came from the median. Osner was not injured nor were passengers Leann M. Osner, 59, and Dwight Leroy Meisenheimer, 92, both of Kingman.

Nov. 11: The Kingman County Sheriff's Office investigated a one-vehicle crash in which Jennifer Annette Landreth, 41, of Garden Plain was driving a 2011 Chevy Traverse southbound on SE 60th Avenue when, at the intersection with SE 20th Street, she struck a cow that came out of the east ditch. Landreth was not injured nor was passenger Benjamin L. Bough, 48, of Kingman.

Nov. 12: The Kingman County Sheriff's Office investigated a one-vehicle crash in which Brandon James Petrie, 17, of Kingman was driving a 2006 Chevy Silverado eastbound on NW 20th Street when, about one-fourth of a mile west of NW 70th Avenue, he struck a deer that came from the north ditch. Petrie was not injured.

Nov. 14: The Kingman County Sheriff's Office investigated a one-vehicle crash in which Christopher Alan Swope, 42, of Zenda was driving a 2005 Buick Century eastbound on SW 80th Street when, just west of SW 110th Avenue, he struck a deer that came from the south side of the roadway. Swope was not injured nor was passenger Blake Shane Swope, 16, of Zenda.

Nov. 18: The Kingman County Sheriff's Office investigated a one-vehicle

crash in which Terry J. Marx, 71, of Wichita was driving a 2013 Ford F15 westbound on U.S. Highway 54 when, about a mile east of Kingman, he struck a deer that came from the north side of the roadway. Marx was not injured nor was passenger John Henry Marx, 24, of Wichita.

Nov. 14: The Kingman County Sheriff's Office investigated a one-vehicle crash in which Rebecca Lynn Pribil, 65, of Pratt was driving a 2020 Subaru Ascent westbound on U.S. Highway 54 when, about half a mile west of NE 120th Avenue, she struck a deer that came from the median. Pribil was not injured.

Nov. 14: The Kingman County Sheriff's Office investigated a one-vehicle crash in which Joshalin Danae Smith, 23, of Medicine Lodge was driving a 2016 Jeep Renegade eastbound on Kansas Highway 42 when, just east of SW 160th Avenue, she struck a deer that came from the south field. Smith was not injured nor were passengers Zane Sebastian Poindexter, 35, of Nashville and Joseph Raymond Corbally, 33, of Coats.

Nov. 18: The Kingman County Sheriff's Office investigated a two-vehicle crash in which Teymuraz T. Sipkiy, 53, of Roswell, Ga., was driving a 2022 Freightliner westbound on U.S. Highway 54 in the right-hand lane and Kevin Anthony Rout-Mayo, 39, of Las Vegas, Nev., was driving a 2022 Peterbilt westbound on U.S. Highway 54 in the left-hand lane. Sipkiy changed into the left lane and failed to yield to Rout-Mayo, striking the right front fender of the Peterbilt, then left the scene. Sipkiy was later stopped in Pratt County. Neither driv-

er was injured. Sipkiy was cited for failure to stop at an accident.

Nov. 18: The Kingman County Sheriff's Office investigated a one-vehicle crash in which Grace Rose Pool, 18, of Hutchinson was driving a 2004 Toyota Corolla northbound on SE 160th Avenue when, about half a mile north of SE 70th Street, she lost control, over-corrected and the vehicle rolled once. Pool and passenger December Rose Pool, 19, of Hutchinson had reported injuries but refused transport by EMS. Both were cited for not wearing their seat belts.

Nov. 20: The Kingman County Sheriff's Office investigated a one-vehicle crash in which Tammy Jo Hulett, 65, of Anthony was driving a 2014 GMC Terrain eastbound on Kansas Highway 42 when, at mile marker 57, the vehicle went off the south side of the roadway, went into the ditch, struck a culvert, then landed in the ditch east of a field entrance and rolled. Hulett was taken by Norwich EMS to St. Francis Hospital with possible injuries.

Nov. 20: The Kingman County Sheriff's Office investigated a one-vehicle crash in which Chet Joseph Hartley, 37, of Kingman was driving a 2022 Ford F25 eastbound on U.S. Highway 54 when, just east of SW 50th Avenue, he struck a deer that came from the north ditch. Hartley was not injured.

Nov. 23: The Kingman County Sheriff's Office investigated a one-vehicle crash in which Benjamin Lee Siemer, 42, of Wichita was driving a 2014 Toyota Prius eastbound on U.S. Highway 54 when, just west of SW 70th Avenue, he struck a deer that came from the south side of the roadway. Siemer was not injured.

REQUEST FOR BIDS

(First published in the Kingman Leader-Courier on Thursday, Dec. 21, 2023)4t

CITY OF HARPER REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

PROJECT: Library Awning
 RFP ID: 2023-06 ISSUED: December 19, 2023

I. PROJECT BACKGROUND

The City of Harper is seeking bids to construct a 82'8" x 6' upper and lower awning on the north side of the Harper Municipal Library located at 708 W. 14th St. Harper, Kansas.

II. SCOPE OF WORK

The contractor shall supply all labor, material, supervision and equipment necessary to complete the project. All work shall be in accordance with contract documents, specifications and drawings, and all relevant codes, regulations and requirements as deemed necessary by the City.

III. PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS

- Remove existing gutter and door awning.
- Post may be 3" square tubing, post to center on 8'2" centers #10 post, fasten to concrete.
- Roof and soffit sheet must be 3' x 6'; brown to match existing building.
- Framing inside of awning can be steel or wood. Be sure to specify in the bid.
 - For steel – must be supported with 3" angle iron; 2" square tubing welded in place with C-purlin to support sheeting. Each end must also be covered with wood. 2x6 beams to support front main beam, 2x4 on truss, 1x4 for purlin; each end must be covered.
 - The north wall is 10' tall. Bottom end of awning must have an 8" clearance. Approximate 2' slope. Roof must be sealed to the north wall to stop any water.
 - All 3" posts must be painted to match roof.
 - Must have trim on corners and rate to match building.

Alternate design solutions may be presented for consideration.

IV. CONTENT AND FORMAT OF PROPOSALS

The submittal shall include the following:

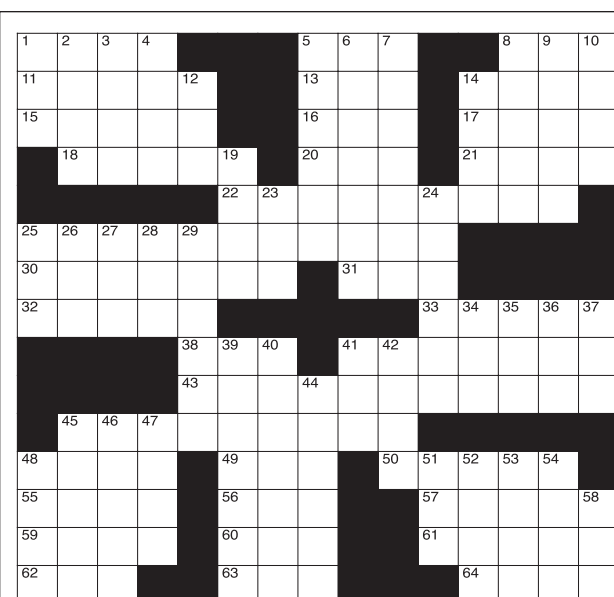
- Company profile including but not limited to
 - Firm name, business address, telephone number and email address
 - Experience similar in nature to the requested service
- Project Proposal
 - Cost
 - Design Drawing with Measurements.
 - Projected Date of Commencement
 - Days to Completion
 - Project Schedule
 - Warranties – labor and materials
- Submit a certificate of liability insurance.
 - The Contractor will need to name the City as additional insured and meet the following liability limits if awarded the service contract: \$1,000,000 personal injury; \$1,000,000 aggregate coverage.
 - Workers Compensation – Statutory Limits (If Applicable)
 - If there are no employees, must complete the Workers Compensation Waiver.
- It is recommended, but not required, for contractor to do a site visit to the project location, 708 W. 14th St. To schedule a site visit please contact Harper Library 620-896-2959.
- All bids should be submitted to City Hall 201 W. Main Street Harper, KS 67058 in a sealed envelope clearly marked "Library Awning".
- Bids are to be submitted by January 22, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. to be opened and read publicly at City Hall on January 22, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. at the regularly scheduled council meeting.

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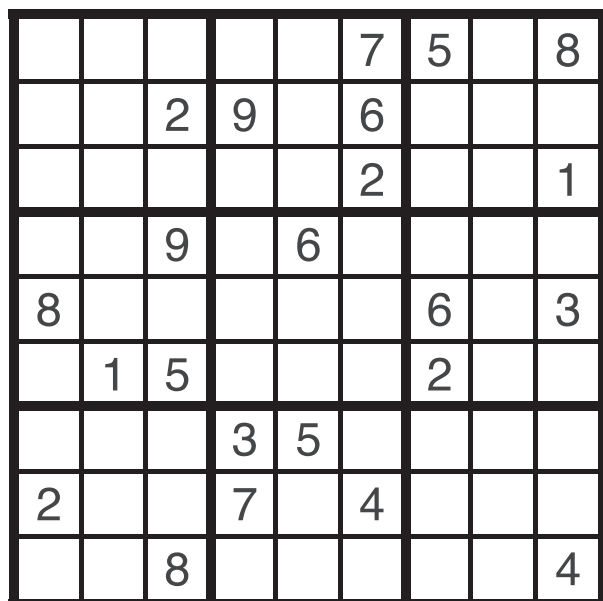


CLUES ACROSS

- A way to injure
- Mutual savings bank
- Rock TV channel
- Large number of fish swimming together
- Military mailbox
- Female of a horse
- Category
- City
- Breezed through
- Officer who bears a mace
- Tax collector
- "Cheers" actress Perlman
- Pauses before acting
- Extracted information from a wave
- Tendency to revert to something ancestral
- No seats available
- Nocturnal rodents
- Moves gently to and fro
- Not good
- A way to ready
- One who makes something better
- Things associated with American history
- Ancient Phoenician fertility god
- A continuous portion of a circle
- Volcanic craters
- Units of electrical resistance
- Gamble on
- Ethiopian town
- One point east of northeast
- Polynesian garland of flowers
- Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
- State of fuss
- Keyboard key
- Partner to relaxation

CLUES DOWN

- "The world's most famous arena"
- Polite interruption sound
- Private school in New York
- Refuse of grapes
- ___ Tomei, actress
- Adult beverages
- Supporter
- Paper-___, art material
- Forests have them
- Most ancient Hindu scriptures
- Downwind
- Marketplace
- Flowering plant genus
- Street where nightmares happen
- Admirer
- Dip lightly into water
- When you hope to get there
- Partner to cheese
- Eggs
- A way to disqualify
- South American plant
- Fold-away bed
- Debbie Harry album "___ Koo"
- Swedish krona
- Displaying warmth and friendliness
- Official orders
- Bowling alley necessity
- Stray
- About milk
- Expressed pleasure
- Caribbean dance
- If not
- ___ fide (Latin)
- Swiss river
- Hebrew calendar month
- One easily swindled
- Point that is one point south of southwest
- Small island (British)



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Eagles Defense Doesn't Hold Up in Loss to Pratt



BOB MORRIS / Leader-Courier

Kingman's Tristen Davidson makes a move in the paint for a jumper attempt during the Dec. 19 boy's basketball game at Pratt. The Eagles lost 69-39.

BY BOB MORRIS
Managing Editor

The Kingman boy's basketball team gave up 37 points in the first half of the Tuesday, Dec. 19, game at Pratt, leading to a 69-39 loss in the team's final game before the holiday break.

Head coach Drew Kraxner said the Eagles didn't play defense well throughout the game.

"We just kind of got off script as far as what our game plan was and we became five individuals on the floor at any given time," Kraxner said.

"Then there were flashes of us playing together as a

team, but for the most part, I feel like it was too many individual plays, whether that's on offense or defense or through transition or anything like that."

He said, when the boys play together as a team, they can be strong, but they have been inconsistent in that regard.

"We don't take enough pride defensively to get the stops we need when we need them," Kraxner said. "We follow up an empty possession by playing mediocre defense."

"Against a team like that, they're going to make you pay. That's what they did repeatedly tonight. A lot of failures on our part, starting

with me."

The Eagles were led by Chase Webster in scoring with 27 points. Tristen Davidson added 6, Bo Watkins had 4 and Donovan Cress had 2.

Kraxner said that the Eagles (2-5) will need to move forward and figure out things during the holiday break, particularly what type of team they want to be.

"Do we want to reach the goals we actually set for ourselves or is it just face talk where, hey, this sounds good, so let's say that," he said. "We've got a lot of reflection to do and a lot of soul searching to do to see if we are going to be the team we want to be."

The Eagles' next game after Christmas break will be Friday, Jan. 5, at home against Nickerson. Kraxner noted that the Panthers have played a tough schedule and return many players from last year.

"They're going to be tough, they're going to be hungry, especially with the way we played tonight and the way we've played so far before break," Kraxner said. "They're going to be hungry to come out and see us, especially with us beating them on their home floor last year."

After the Nickerson game, the Eagles open Central Plains League play Jan. 9 at Medicine Lodge.

Lady Eagles Can't Get Shots to Fall in Loss to Lady Greenbacks

BY BOB MORRIS
Managing Editor

The Kingman girl's basketball team struggled to hit shots in the first quarter of the Tuesday, Dec. 19, game at Pratt and fell into an early hole that led to a 52-21 loss.

Head coach Craig Zoeller said that the girls were getting good looks but the shots weren't falling.

"I told the girls in the locker room that we've just got to buckle down on the defensive end," Zoeller said. "There's going to be nights that calls don't go your way and shots don't fall. If you play defense, it won't get you down and keep you in

ball games."

He said the focus over break will be to work on shooting, saying that the holiday break will give the Lady Eagles more time to work on things like that.

"We haven't shot the ball well all year," Zoeller said. "We've seen the girls in the past be able to knock down shots. Sometimes you go into slumps, but you've got to keep shooting. I was proud of a couple of them — they kept shooting and kept firing."

The Lady Eagles held Pratt to eight points in the second quarter and were down 24-11 at halftime. Zoeller said he was glad to see that defense in the second quarter, but in

the third quarter, the Lady Greenbacks broke it open, outscoring Kingman 14-4.

"When things are unraveling, you break down even more and it kind of snowballs on you," Zoeller said. "One mistake was leading to two or three. We'll clean it up."

Laney Wood led the Lady Eagles in scoring with 12 points, Mary Pearce had 5 and Claire Meng and Grace Parsons each had 2.

Zoeller said, along with shooting, the Lady Eagles will work on defense, rebounding and other fundamentals. He said that having more practices in between games will help.

"It will be nice to get a

long stretch during Christmas break where we can just repeatedly work on it, get some reps in and see if we can't knock some shots down," Zoeller said.

Kingman (1-6) hosts Nickerson Friday, Jan. 5, in its first game back from Christmas break. Zoeller said he hopes things will come together at that point.

"That will be a good one coming out of the holidays and going into the new year to try to get a W and test out what we work on throughout the break," he said.

After facing the Lady Panthers, the Lady Eagles open Central Plains League play Jan. 9 on the road at Medicine Lodge.



BOB MORRIS / Leader-Courier

Kingman's Mary Pearce, right, tries to get the shot off against Pratt's Jaycie Theis during the Dec. 19 girl's basketball game at Pratt. The Lady Eagles lost 52-21.

Wildcats Lose at Home to Macksville

STAFF REPORT

The Cunningham boy's basketball team lost at home to Macksville 65-47 on Tuesday, Dec. 19.

The Wildcats trailed 17-11 after the first quarter and 32-20 at halftime. Though the Wildcats managed to out-

score Macksville 16-15 in the third quarter, they were unable to cut the deficit further.

Will Wegerer led scoring with 20 points, Luke Albers scored 13, Luke McGuire had 6, Dylan Halderson had 5, Nate Sterneker had 2 and Kendall Rogers had 1.

The Wildcats are now 5-2 for the season.

The Cunningham girl's basketball team lost to Macksville 54-46. The CHS girls are 2-5 for the season.

The CHS teams are off until Friday, Jan. 5, when they play at Kinsley.

Norwich Girls 7-0 to Start Season

STAFF REPORT

The Norwich girl's basketball team improved to 7-0 after beating Caldwell 42-7 at home Tuesday night.

The Lady Eagles took a 13-4 lead in the first quarter, then shut out Caldwell in the second quarter and led 19-4 at half. In the third quarter, Norwich outscored Caldwell 18-2.

Reagan Smith led scoring with 10 points,

Kierstin Adams had 8, Addy Pauly and Marisa Brewster each had 6, Braylin Kelly had 5, Brooklyn Sheetz had 3 and Leighton Durr and Maddi Hilger each had 1.

The boys also won Tuesday, beating Caldwell 39-18. The Eagles are 5-2 for the season.

The Norwich teams are off until Friday, Jan. 5, when they play at Stafford

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Fill in The Blanks!

Ask a friend to come up with three nouns (person, place or thing) and three verbs (action words like swim and walk). Use them to fill in the blanks in this story. Read it aloud to share some holiday humor!

NOUN 1: _____
NOUN 2: _____
NOUN 3: _____
VERB 1: _____
VERB 2: _____
VERB 3: _____

Ricky Reindeer wanted to get a special gift for his friend Sadie Squirrel. He walked deep into the forest, and was surprised to find a shiny, new _____ in the snow.

He picked it up and started to _____ back home. He wrapped the gift in _____ and put a nice big _____ on top.

Sadie was thrilled with the gift. She was so happy, she began to _____ around in the snow. Ricky was happy, too. So he began to _____ merrily while jumping for joy.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Understand text from context clues.

A HOLIDAY FAMILY CRAFT! GRAHAM CRACKER GINGERBREAD HOUSES

STUFF YOU'LL NEED:



INSTRUCTIONS:

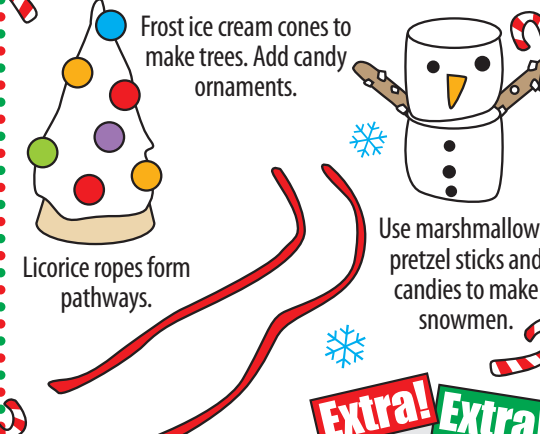
- 1. Make icing by mixing 2 cups powdered sugar with 3 to 4 tablespoons milk. Whip until it is the consistency of toothpaste.
- 2. Using a gentle sawing motion, carefully cut the corners of two graham crackers with a bread knife.
- 3. Next, carefully cut a full size graham cracker in half.
- 4. Put icing in zipper plastic bag. Snip a tiny hole in a bottom corner of the bag.
- 5. Squeeze a line of icing from bag along edge of graham cracker wall.
- 6. Attach graham cracker wall as shown.
- 7. Frost roof and sprinkle with coconut flakes.
- 8. Keep attaching walls and roof panels with icing.
- 9. Use icing and pretzel sticks to make a fence for your house.

Seeing Double

Gingerbread houses come in an endless variety of shapes and sizes. Can you find the two gingerbread houses that look exactly alike?



More decorating ideas!



Extra! Extra!

Holiday Cards
Make your own holiday cards or gift tags by clipping out words and pictures from your newspaper or printing them from the online edition. Paste these onto paper to make into a card or gift tag.
Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.



Use the code to discover the two most important ingredients in making a gingerbread house.
■ = A ■ = E ■ = I ■ = N ■ = P
■ = C ■ = G ■ = M ■ = O ■ = T

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Kid Scoop Puzzler
How many candy canes can you find in this box?

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search
Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

SPRINKLE
CRACKER
PRETZEL
COCONUT
GRAHAM
ZIPPER
HOUSES
DOUBLE
SAWING
IDEAS
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SUGAR
CANDY
MILK
WHIP

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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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This week's word: **CONSISTENCY**
One meaning of the noun **consistency** is the degree of firmness or stickiness.
The mud was the **consistency** of bread dough.

Try to use the word **consistency** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY
Winter Clues
Look through the newspaper for ten or more clues that it is winter in your town. Write a paragraph describing the winter holidays in your town. Incorporate words that you found in the newspaper.
Standards Link: Writing Applications: Use descriptive language that clarifies and enhances ideas.

Who delivers Christmas presents to gingerbread men?
ANSWER: Crisp Kringle!

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The Many Benefits of Reading

METRO CONTENT

There has never been a better time to be a reader. Self-proclaimed book nerds and those who look forward to the next book club gathering can rejoice knowing that a good story isn't the only benefit associated with reading. In fact, there are numerous health benefits to cracking a book.

Reading slows cognitive decline. Natural aging results in a decline in memory and brain function over time, but reading can help. According to research published in the journal *Neurology*, reading may help slow that process and keep minds sharp.

Reading improves concentration and focus. Technology draws a lot of attention, and those fast processing times and almost instant gratification can shorten attention spans. Reading requires undivided attention and focus, which can improve one's ability to concentrate.

Reading produces a sense of accomplishment. Reading anything from a newspaper article to a novel helps people check off measurable goals. When done reading a given piece, the mental boost from finishing can enhance your mood.

Reading is free entertainment. Provided a person gets books from a library or a loaner from a friend, reading is free. It's possible to educate oneself, travel to far off lands or even solve mysteries having making a major financial investment.

Reading enhances literacy. Frequent reading introduces the reader to new vocabulary and information. This enhances both literacy and intelligence.

Reading leads to higher intelligence later on. A study of 1,890 identical twins in the United Kingdom found that the twins who had early reading skills seemingly had more positive results for higher intelligence later in life.

Reading can help a person relax. Reading may help reduce stress and even induce relaxing feelings so that a person can drift off to sleep. A 2009 study by Sussex University researchers showed that reading may reduce stress by as much as 68 percent. Furthermore, reading takes a person away from screens (provided they're reading paper books and not e-books), which can contribute to losing 20 minutes of sleep on average, according to research published in *Pediatrics*.

There are many reasons to curl up with a good book, as reading is beneficial to both mind and body.

Friendship Meals

Call (620) 532-5562 for reservations

Monday, Jan. 1:

Closed for holiday.

Tuesday, Jan. 2:

Beef cutlet with Spanish rice, broccoli, peaches, wheat bread with margarine and milk.

Wednesday, Jan. 3:

Ham and beans, potatoes and onions, parslid carrots, apple, cornbread with margarine and milk.

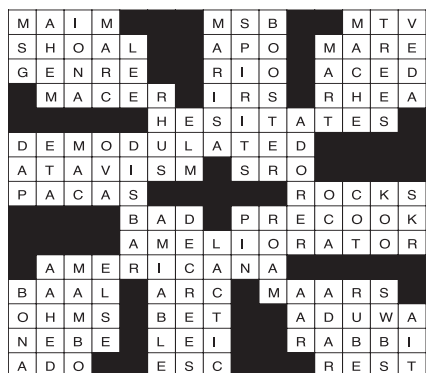
Thursday, Jan. 4:

Fish sticks with tartar sauce, macaroni and cheese, spinach, strawberries and milk.

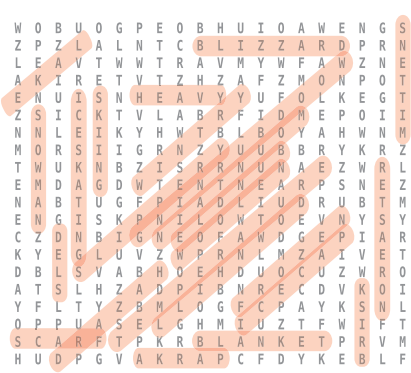
Friday, Jan. 5:

Turkey pot pie, chilled tomatoes, pears, chocolate pudding and milk.

PUZZLE ANSWERS



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JANUARY SCHEDULE	Jan. 10 Blood pressure check: from 11 a.m. to noon.	JANUARY TRANSPORTATION	Transportation van available: Jan. 8, 12, 15, 19, 26, 29.
Friendship meals: Every weekday at noon.	Nutrition Council Meeting: Jan. 17 at 10:30 a.m.	Transportation to Wichita: Jan. 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25, 31.	Transportation to Hutchinson: Jan. 22.
Card Group: Every Monday from 10 a.m. to noon.	Bingo: Jan. 17 from 1 to 2:30 p.m.	Transportation to Pratt: Jan. 2,	Trip to Nifty Nut House: KCCOA Offices and transporation closed on Jan. 1.
Monthly Commodities:	KCCOA Board Meeting: Jan.		

LEGAL NOTICE

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS

(Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DOROTHY J. SLOAN, DECEASED.

Case No. KM-2023-PR-300007

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS, TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Donna Willard, the sole heir of Dorothy J. Sloan, deceased, requesting:

Descent be determined of the following one-half (1/2) undivided interest in the mineral interests under the following-described real estate in Kingman County, Kansas:
Southeast Quarter (SE/4) of Section Twenty-eight (28), Township Twenty-Nine (29) South, Range Seven (7) West of the 6" P.M. and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by decedent at the time of death. And that said 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 to the Petition on or before January 16, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., in the city of Kingman in Kingman County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

Donna Willard
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BID NOTICE

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Kansas Sustainable Agriculture District #001 - Bid Notice
Notice is hereby given that Kansas Sustainable Agriculture District #001, Kingman County, will receive sealed bids by email at robert.casad@blueflamebio.com until 5 pm CST on Jan. 18 2024 from Qualified Providers for an engineer's report as described in K.S.A. 19-2767 (which requires project development and engineering sufficient to determine a guaranteed maximum price) to inform the Board of Directors' decision concerning a revenue bond as described in K.S.A. 19-2775 and 19-2776 to finance a fully costed biomethane plant with on-site pipeline injection which processes annually (in metric tons) 117,971 grass silage @ 35% dry matter, 5,444 cow manure from wintering stands @ 38% dry matter, and 18,144 slaughterhouse and/or meat-rich food wastes @ ca 33% dry matter with digestate comprising screw press solids to be stored as compost until spread and 1/2 of liquid not recirculated to be stored in a covered lagoon until spread. A detailed explanation of the background context, the District's plan of action and the criteria for selection is available for download here: <https://kingmancountyks.com/> See folder: What's New - December 28, 2023.

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