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City Votes to Exceed RNR, Approve Budget

BY BOB MORRIS
Managing Editor

The Kingman city commission Thursday voted to exceed the revenue neutral rate and approve the 2025 budget that sets the mill levy for 2025 at 69.818.

That mill levy, while lower than the 2024 mill levy of 71.957, is above the revenue neutral rate of 66.566. The revenue neutral rate is the mill levy at which an entity

would generate the same amount of money as it did the previous year.

The vote to exceed the RNR and approve the budget was 3-0, with Mayor Sean Wallace and City Commissioner Tracy Winsor absent. Vice Mayor Merlin McFarland attended the meeting via Zoom.

The city commission heard from two residents, Roseanne Mathis and Mike Romme, with questions and concerns.

Mathis said she was confused

about how the rates were determined, the impact on taxes and where the money would go.

City Commissioner Adrian Harrel explained that the state, city, county and school district all assess a mill levy, which goes into determining the amount of property tax each person pays.

He explained that the city didn't raise the mill levy but that the RNR notice must be approved because the mill levy exceeds the revenue

neutral rate.

In response to a question from Mathis, Harrel said that the city isn't setting the mill levy to add money to its reserves. Mathis said she had wondered if the city was putting any tax increase into reserves, rather than because of increased costs.

Romme's concern was that his property assessments have increased 12 to 15 percent a year and his income hasn't gone up the

same.

"I can't understand why I'm paying so much more," he said.

City Commissioner Jon Wollen and Harrel both noted that the city's mill levy could change depending on final assessments. Those will not be known until November.

The city's original motion to give notice to exceed the revenue neutral rate stated the city would have a mill levy not to exceed 72 mills.

City Adds Walker Park to Parks Master Plan, OKs Grant Application

BY BOB MORRIS
Managing Editor

The Kingman city commission Thursday approved adding Walker Park to the parks master plan and a grant application for the first phase of park amenities.

That application, if approved, would mean that the city would issue bonds in an amount not to exceed \$450,000 to cover matching funds. The city commission approved a resolution stating this intent.

Economic Development Director Leslie Schrag noted that the city had previously applied for a grant to go toward construction of a new swimming pool, which would be located at Walker Park. However, the grant was not approved.

This time, Schrag said, the plan is to seek improvements in a first phase to include amenities such as a disc golf course, a dog park, pickleball courts and a large field for different sports.

Schrag said that the land and water conservation grant application would first go to the state for review. She said that review would take about three months and, if approved, it would go to the federal government. From there, it would be another six months before the city would know if it was approved.

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Legacy Ride: Ritland Stops in Kingman

Larry Ritland, who is cycling a route from Iowa to Texas to honor the Women Airforce Service Pilots, arrived at Champion Ridge east of Kingman Monday afternoon. Ritland stopped there to complete another leg of his route and was to leave for Anthony Tuesday morning. He is riding to Sweetwater, Texas, to raise awareness about the Women Airforce Service Pilots, who flew military aircraft in the states during World War II. There were 38 women who died while serving in the program. Ritland had a custom jersey designed by Tony Burnett of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, which started with the centerpiece, added color, then the design was sent to Lisa Taylor, director of the National WASP World War II Museum in Sweetwater, who suggested adding the airplanes. On the sleeve of his jersey is Fifinella, a female gremlin designed by Walt Disney for a proposed film based on Roald Dahl's book *The Gremlins*. Disney gave permission to the WASP members to use the image as their official mascot. Ritland's route started in Sharon Center, Iowa, at the grave of one of the pilots, Glenna Roberts, and will end at the museum in Sweetwater. People may follow his journey at the Facebook page "The Old Cycling Veteran."

City Updated on Highway 54 Project Change

BY BOB MORRIS
Managing Editor

The Kingman City Commission last Thursday night learned about another change to the City Connecting Link Improvement Program project on U.S. Highway 54 because of the need to address sewer drainage along the highway.

The city plans to repave a portion of U.S. Highway 54 from Main Street to Broadway, in which the city has received a total of \$2.25 million, with the city required to put up a 5 percent

match.

Michael Kramer with Wilson and Company, the engineering firm for the project, told the commissioners that there were concerns about the storm sewer along the highway and that they drains would need to be replaced.

City Manager Greg Graffman said that they tried to figure a way to make the project work with the existing storm system, but it's "old and out of shape" and there wasn't a way to make it work.

While adding work on the storm system would add costs, Graffman said that the city has the money to cover

its match for 2025 and might be able to spread some of the costs into 2026. If so, that would give the city another year to put aside money for street improvements.

The issue is that the city wouldn't have money available in 2025 to address other street improvements, Graffman said.

The city commission took no action as Graffman said that this was about letting the commissioners know the direction the city is going with the project.

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Wichita Police Donate Used 800 MHz Radios to County

STAFF REPORT

Kingman County received a donation of 50 used 800 MHz radios to distribute to volunteer fire departments in the county.

Kingman County Emergency Manager Macay Ewy and law enforcement center Communications Director Heather Kinsler told the Kingman County commissioners about the donation at Monday's meeting. Wichita Police Department donated the radios.

Ewy said that the donation was possible because they would be given to volunteer departments. He said that the cheapest price he has been able to find used radios is \$375 apiece. Ewy estimated that the cost of the 50 radios would be about \$20,000.

Kinsler said that the radios will allow the dispatch center a quicker means to page

volunteer firefighters when there is a fire call. While the center does have a way to communicate with them via a cellphone. Kinsler said that requires dispatchers to take time to log into the software that allows them to send out a message to cellphones, in addition to paging out the call via radios.

Ewy said he wants to ensure fire departments within the county have access to the 800 MHz radios. He noted that departments who responded to one recent fire call were in areas in which radio communications weren't good.

The county recently installed an 800 MHz radio tower at the county landfill. The cost of the tower was a little more than \$1.6 million, with \$1.4 million of that coming from federal funding received through the American Rescue Plan Act.

City Approves Resolution Regarding B Avenue House

STAFF REPORT

The Kingman city commission approved a formal resolution declaring a house at 225 E. B Ave. to be unsafe and dangerous and directed the owner to remove the property.

The resolution states that work is to begin on removal of the house within six days of publication of the resolu-

tion, or no later than Sept. 25, and work is to be completed within 30 days, or no later than Oct. 25.

Should demolition work not be completed, the city will complete the work and assess the costs to the owner's property taxes.

The city conducted a hearing on the property July 25, at which time the owner, Ted

Osborne, asked for time to provide quotes from a contractor to repair the house. The hearing was continued to Aug. 22, but Osborne was not present at that meeting and had not submitted any quotes.

During the July 25 meeting, Osborne told the commissioners he had been in the hospital and was unable

to get work completed. At the Aug. 22 meeting, the commissioners learned that Osborne was back in the hospital and, while they agreed it was unfortunate, they had to move forward with declaring the house dangerous and unsafe.

There had been two fires at the house in back-to-back weeks earlier this year.

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JOYCE MARIE WATKINS MCCHRISTIAN

Joyce Marie Watkins McChristian was called home on Sept. 7, 2024.



She was born on June 4, 1935, to Ross and Gladys Watkins. Joyce was the oldest of seven children. She was preceded in death by her brothers Thomas Watkins, Marland Watkins and Melvin Watkins and his wife Pam. She was also preceded in death by her sister Charlotte Darehshori and her husband Turk. She is survived by her

sister Lana Nunnally of Denison, Texas, and her sister Cathy Brown along with husband Pete Brown of Seattle.

She married John McChristian Sr. on July 25, 1952. Joyce then became the connection between two large and loving families, the Watkins clan and the McChristians. Large, joyful celebrations were frequent with both. Joyce was preceded in death by husband John Sr. and by grandson Curtis John Seiwert.

Joyce and John began a life together in Big Spring, Texas. She was barely 17 and he was just 18 when they married. Joyce loved to tell the story of meeting at the courthouse with her mother and John's father so their parents could sign the application for marriage license. They celebrated their 70th anniversary in 2022. With small children at home, she completed the nursing program at Howard College in Big Spring and began a career as a nurse. She worked as a nurse in Big Spring and later as an Emergency Room Nurse at Susan B. Anthony hospital in El Dorado.

Joyce was so positive and hospitable that she made friends everywhere she and John lived. During their seven decades together, they lived across the country. Quite literally from Texas to middle America in Kansas and from California to North Carolina. In every home two things were present: her open arms and her open Bible. Joyce was a faithful and devoted follower of the Lord her whole life. Her personality complemented her faith and made her a joyful and enthusiastic servant.

Joyce inspired her children, grandchildren, friends and extended family with an ever-present smile and infectious laughter. In a fitting tribute to a loving and hospitable mother, for the final year and a half of her life, Joyce was lovingly cared for by her daughters Debbie Winter and Connie Seiwert.

She is survived by three children, Debbie Winter of Kingman, John McChristian Jr. and wife Lee Ann of Athens, Texas, and Connie Seiwert and husband Steve of Kingman. She is also survived by 11 grandchildren, 19 great grandchildren and four great great grandchildren.

A funeral service took place on Saturday, Sept. 14 at Waldo Funeral Home, 619 North Travis Street, Sherman, Texas 75090. Interment followed at Cedarlawn Memorial Park. After the interment, a reception was held at Waldo Funeral Home Family Center.

CATHERINE 'CATHY' HERL

Catherine "Cathy" Herl, 69, beloved mother, grandmother, and friend, of Kingman, formerly of Hays, passed away at the Prairie Home in Pretty Prairie on Sept. 13, 2024.



She was born on Oct. 11, 1954, in Hays to Peter and Cora (Zimmerman) Arnold.

From her earliest years, Cathy embodied the spirit of hard work, taking on responsibilities at her father's cafe, Pete's Cafe in downtown Hays. This foundation of dedication served her well as she later took on roles such as Food Service Manager at the Good Samaritan Society and worked at South McD-

nald's in Hays. Her unwavering commitment to her work was always evident, but it never overshadowed her love for people. Cathy was truly a conversationalist at heart; she had an innate ability to connect with others, always eager to lend an ear or share a story.

A proud graduate of Hays High School, Class of 1972, Cathy carried the values of her early life into her adulthood. She shared her life with her husband, Kenneth Herl of Kingman, and cherished her role as a mother to her two daughters, Shelly Herl Dreher (Ryan) of Hays and Amy Herl Bell (Marty) of Kingman. The family was the focal point of Cathy's life, and she found no greater joy than being a devoted grandmother of Austin Bell (CeCe), Mackenzie Bell, Parker Dreher, Brody Bell, Mason Dreher, and Presley Dreher who lit up her life with their laughter and achievements, and Cathy loved attending their sporting events to cheer them on.

Cathy was passionate about life and enriched it with her hobbies: camping, fishing, and shopping were activities she relished, but nothing compared to her love for talking on the phone, where she could keep in touch with her many friends and family members. Her warm personality and caring nature endeared her to all.

Though Cathy is preceded in death by her parents and her brother, Ken Arnold, her spirit will continue to live on through the loving memories she created with her family and friends. The legacy of her kindness, hard work, and love for life will forever be remembered by those she touched.

A funeral mass was held Wednesday, Sept. 18 at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Munjor. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Cathy Herl leaves behind a legacy of love, and she will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege to know her.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Prairie Sunset Home in Pretty Prairie or to Kingman USD 331 where a scholarship will be awarded for a student entering healthcare.

Memories and words of comfort may be shared on Cathy's tribute page at keithleyfuneralchapels.com

VIRGINIA M. GRABER

Virginia M. Graber, 87, died Sept. 9, 2024, at the Prairie Sunset Home, Pretty Prairie.

She was born July 26, 1937, in Kingman, the daughter of Roscoe and Frieda Albrecht Holladay. A longtime resident of the Pretty Prairie and Kingman communities, she was a farm wife and homemaker. She also enjoyed her time working with her husband Reed at Graber Therapy in South Hutchinson.

Virginia was a member of the First Mennonite Church in Pretty Prairie where she was involved with the Vespers; and was a longtime contributor to the MCC.

On June 6, 1961, she married Curtis D. Stucky; he died Feb. 27, 1987. She married M.R. "Reed" Graber on July 24, 1999. Other survivors include son Terry Stucky and wife Tonya; six grandchildren Maegan (Cody), Bryce (Heather), Chandler (Mark), Tyler, Tanner and Taylor; and six great-grandchildren Keller, Jace, Emmitt, Elliot, Maddox and Madden. She was also preceded in death by her parents and step-mother Tillie Holladay; brother Richard; step-brother Virgil Ewy; and step-sister Kerren Krehbiel.

Funeral services were Tuesday, Sept. 17 at the First Mennonite Church, Pretty Prairie. Burial was in the First Mennonite Church Cemetery.

Memorials may be made with the First Mennonite Church Vacation Bible School fund in care of Livingston Funeral Home, 1830 N. Main, Kingman, KS 67068.

LOIS ANN BECKER

Lois Ann Becker, 85, died Sept. 13, 2024, at Colwich Gardens, Colwich.

She was born Dec. 14, 1938, at Nashville, the daughter of Harol and Loretta Spade Baker. A longtime resident of Maize, she was an LPN.

Lois was a member of St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, Wichita.

On Sept. 28, 1957, she married Victor Becker at Cunningham. Other survivors include sons Larry (Cherise), Dennis (Karen) and Tim (Brianna); daughter Michele (Jared) Gorges; brother George Baker; sister Carolyn Becker; 12 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a brother Richard Baker.

Family and faith were the cornerstones of Lois's life. She felt such joy helping others.

Parish Rosary will be 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 19 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Colwich. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 20 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Cunningham. Interment will be at Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery, Cunningham.

Memorials may be made with Enhabit Hospice in care of Livingston Funeral Home.

MYRTLE M. 'MYRT' GOETZ

Myrtle M. "Myrt" Goetz, 81, died Sept. 14, 2024, at Wheatlands Healthcare Center, Kingman.

She was born July 17, 1943, at Garden City, the daughter of Earl "Bud" and Bessie Wells Tackett. A longtime resident of the Willowdale and Kingman communities, she was employed by Kingman Community Hospital for many years.

Myrt was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church, the Altar Society and Daughters of Isabella, all of Kingman.

On Feb. 11, 1972, she married Sylvester "Gus" Goetz at Lakin. Other survivors include daughter Sarah Smith and her husband Chad; grandchildren Katlyn, Taylor, Garrett and Harley; and great-grandchildren Evelyn, Lila and Noah.

She was preceded in death by her parents; son Earl; brothers Earl "Hop", Doug and Bob.

The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 20 at the Livingston Funeral Home, Kingman with a parish rosary being recited at 7 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 21 at the St. Peter Catholic Church, Willowdale. Burial will be in the St. Peter Cemetery.

Memorials may be made with Kingman Healthcare Services and Wheatland Healthcare Center both in care of Livingston Funeral Home, 1830 N. Main, Kingman, KS 67068.

News Brief

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE TO BE HELD SEPT. 27

The Kingman Community Red Cross blood drive will be held at the Kingman Christian Church Friday, Sept. 27, from noon to 6 p.m. You may go online to make an appointment or call Sharon James at (620) 532-1691. Please use Rapid-Pass before you come to donate.

KHS CLASS OF 1969 TO HOLD REUNION SEPT. 21

The 1969 graduating class of Kingman High School will be hosting its 55th class reunion on Saturday, Sept. 21 at Eagles Pub and Golf Course. Friends of the class are invited to come from 5 to 7 p.m. to enjoy a time of fellowship and reminiscing.

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OPINION

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor and Kingman County Core Supporters,

This letter is to update you about our Core Community Program. We appreciate the support we are continually given by the community. We are meeting with two classes each week. It is our pleasure to share our successes with the community.

Community members often ask how they can be involved. Here are several possible ways. We are in need of more volunteers to prepare meals for our Monday night meetings. This can be done in a couple of different ways. Some volunteers have assembled a group of friends, usually three to four individuals or couples that share the work and expenses to prepare a meal.

These volunteers come and serve the meal from 5:30-6:00. These volunteers work on a rotation of serving every three months. Others have given gift certificates for pizza or groceries, and the staff prepared and served the meal. Some have given cash donations to cover the expenses of a meal. Any of these options work well and are very much appreciated. We have individuals and organizations that have prepared meals several times a year since we started in April of 2019. We would like to broaden our volunteer base so we do not overburden anyone.

Those who give or have given financial donations will receive regularly mailed updates from Greensburg. I, also, send notes and information to our

donors. I would like to invite the Kingman community to the graduation of our 6th class. It will be September 30, 2024 at the Church of Christ, 133 W Washington, at 6:30 p.m. We will have 3 members of the graduating class share their stories. There will be a reception following the graduation.

If you have questions or want to know more about the program, please call me. I will be happy to give updates in person or over the phone.

Thank you for your continued support,
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What Matters Is Voting for Who You Believe In

By Bob Morris, Managing Editor

We recently received a question about the electoral college and whether or not it matters if you vote in a state that doesn't come into play.

I previously wrote about the process by which delegates at the Constitutional Convention settled upon electors to vote for the President. But one thing the delegates didn't anticipate was the rise of political parties.

Political parties are not mentioned in the Constitution. That doesn't mean they are unconstitutional, only that they are not specifically mentioned.

The parties (called factions at the time) formed because the leaders back then — like the leaders of today — often disagreed on issues, to the point that they formed groups that would select candidates who would back their political views.

The formation of political parties would play a role in the eventual adoption of the 12th Amendment, which required electors to cast separate votes for president and vice president. Before that, the process was the candidate getting the most electoral voters became president, with the candidate who finished second becoming the vice president.

Along with political par-

ties, the decision of most states to use the “winner take all” method for determining how electors vote comes into play.

The Constitution says that states determine how electors are selected, so the “winner take all” method isn't one to which states are bound. In fact, it wasn't always the case that states allowed voters to pick their favorites for the presidential ticket, but merely named electors who proceeded to make their selections.

But over time, more states allowed voters to make their choices and electors honored them. In 48 of the 50 states, the “winner take all” method is used. The two that don't — Maine and Nebraska — give two electors to the ticket that gets the most votes in the state, then the remaining votes go to the ticket that gets the most votes in each Congressional district.

It's the formation of political parties, combined with the “winner take all” method for determining electors that has led to the issue with certain states being locked for a particular Presidential ticket. It's not an effect of the electoral college itself.

In the 2024 Presidential race, the states that are considered to be most in play are

Arizona, Georgia, Michigan, Nevada, North Carolina, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin. That's because polling within each of these states shows there isn't a clear choice as to who state voters favor for the Presidency.

Kansas has been pretty consistent in backing the Republican candidate for President — the last time a Democrat won the electoral votes from Kansas was 1964 when Lyndon Johnson won the Presidency.

One factor that definitely comes into play is that states with fewer major cities tend to go to the Republican candidate for the Presidency, while states with many large cities tend to go to the Democrat candidate.

Furthermore, the trend of rural voters being more likely to vote Republican than Democrat is evident from voting patterns across the country, even in the states that the Democratic Presidential ticket wins most of the time. As one person put it, we don't really have red, blue and swing states, but blue islands (the major cities) in an ocean of red (rural areas).

If you believe it matters not who you vote for because you live in a particular state, you may want to focus less on the electors issue and more

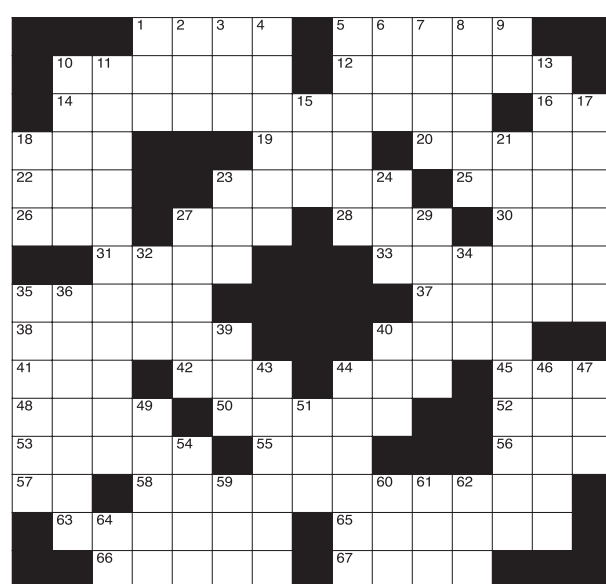
on the “winner take all” approach that 48 states utilize. More states going the direction of Nebraska and Maine, for example, would result in a different playing field than what we have now.

Another focus would be on the fact that Democrats and Republicans dominate elections and third-party and independent candidates almost never win a race. Ranked choice voting has been tried in a couple of states to see if that helps more independent candidates in elections.

Switching to a national popular vote is more likely to ensure that the largest cities dominate elections — and when you consider that urban voters tend to vote Democrat, what does that mean for any Republican candidate?

Ultimately, though, it comes down to this: If you truly believe in a candidate, vote for that candidate. Don't think too much about whether or not your candidate will win and think more about whether you believe in that candidate.

Your candidate may not always win, but what matters is that you believe the candidate you voted for is the best person for the job. If you believe in a candidate, vote for that candidate and let the chips fall where they may.

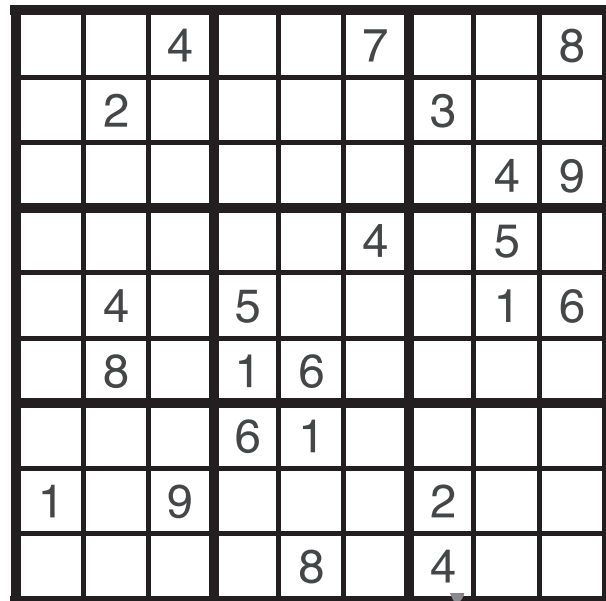


CLUES ACROSS

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- 5. Russian river
- 10. Grupo Montparnasse founder
- 12. One who quits prematurely
- 14. Related to the nature of being
- 16. Early multimedia
- 18. Indigenous Tibetan religion
- 19. Tease
- 20. J.M. __, Irish dramatist
- 22. Pounds per square inch
- 23. Surrendered
- 25. Notable Dallas Cowboy
- 26. Dash
- 27. Man who behaves dishonorably
- 28. British Air Aces
- 30. Data executive
- 31. Spiritual leader
- 33. Flower cluster
- 35. Of the cheek
- 37. Tears down
- 38. Uncoordinated
- 40. Touches lightly
- 41. Soak
- 42. Founder of Babism
- 44. Not good
- 45. Inches per minute (abbr.)
- 48. Type of casino game
- 50. Skills assessments for adults
- 52. Check
- 53. Gives a job
- 55. Fifth note of a major scale
- 56. Small, faint constellation
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- 63. Another recording
- 65. Removes for good
- 66. Jill and Catherine are two
- 67. Cruise

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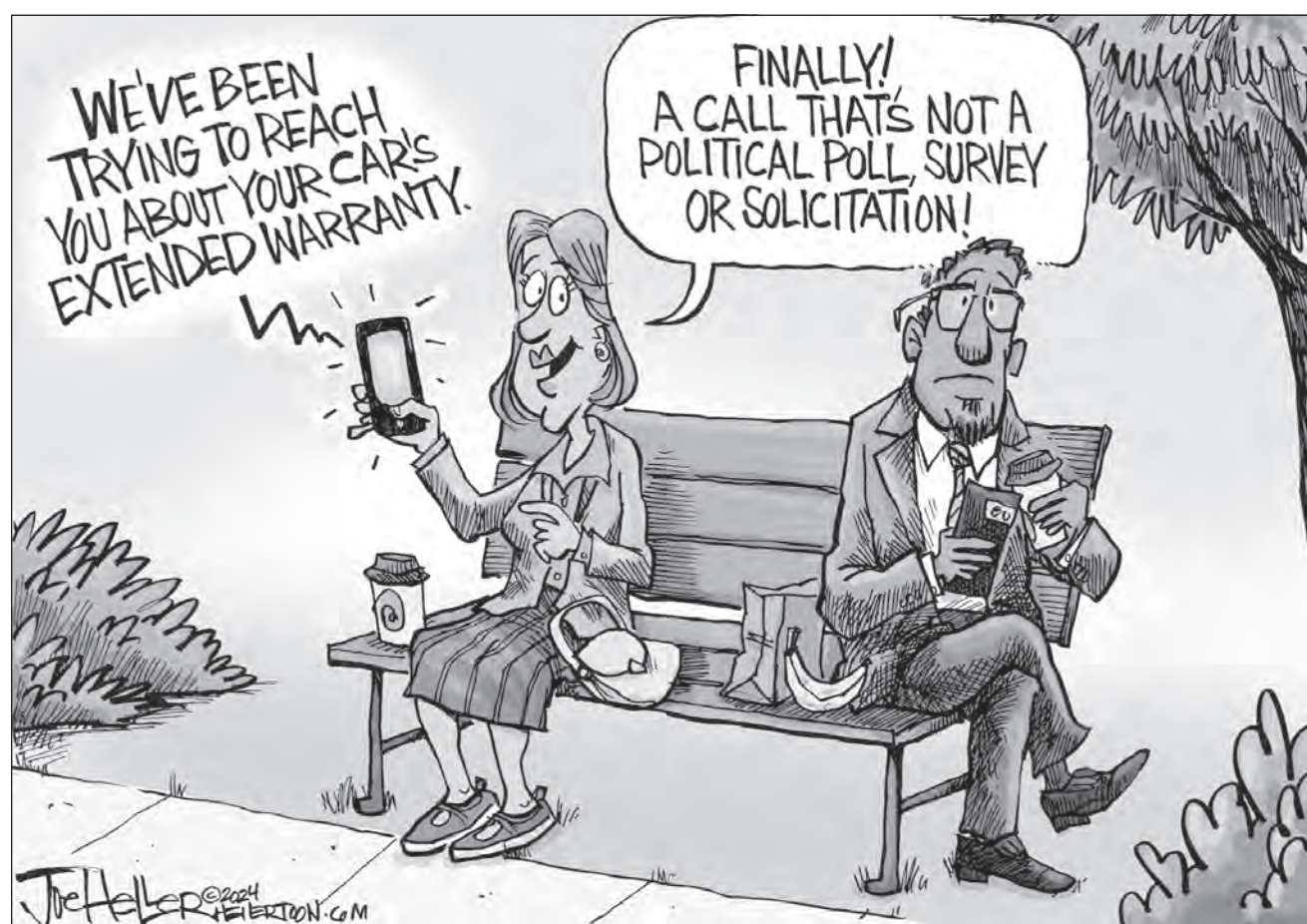
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- 2. Metropolis
- 3. Complete
- 4. Scheduled
- 5. One who obeys
- 6. Resinlike substance secreted by certain lac insects
- 7. Days (Spanish)
- 8. Unsaturated hydrocarbon radical
- 9. Region of the U.S. (abbr.)
- 10. Tributary of the Alabama River
- 11. One who eliminates
- 13. Ballroom music
- 15. Officer in the Book of Mormon
- 17. Denies
- 18. Barrels per day (abbr.)
- 21. Make vital
- 23. Former NFLer Newton
- 24. Kashmiri tribe
- 27. Indigenous S. American person
- 29. Capacitance unit
- 32. MLB great Scherzer
- 34. Taxi
- 35. Boggy
- 36. Artist's workshop
- 39. Feline
- 40. Prosecutors
- 43. Freshwater perches
- 44. Young ladies
- 46. Whittles
- 47. Licensed for Wall Street
- 49. Type of gene
- 51. Express displeasure
- 54. Fly high
- 59. Norwegian krone
- 60. Investment account
- 61. Chinese surname
- 62. Language
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Eagles Can't Get Offense Going Against Cheney

BY BOB MORRIS
Managing Editor

The Kingman football team had a daunting task Friday night when the Eagles faced defending Class 3A State champion Cheney for the home opener.

The Eagles couldn't get much going on offense and the Cardinals took advantage. It led to a 40-8 loss for the Eagles.

Head coach Tanner Hageman said he thought the loss came down to both things that Cheney did well and things that the Eagles could have done better.

"They're obviously really talented," Hageman said. "They're not going to beat themselves, so when you play them, you kind of really have to go out, execute at a high level and kind of take it from them, if that makes sense."

Hageman noted that the Eagles couldn't get first downs and sustain drives on offense. The Eagles went three-and-out on their first three drives of the game and didn't gain a first down until the final minutes of the first quarter. For the first half, the Eagles gained just two first downs.

Meanwhile, Cheney put together multiple drives, two from midfield and two sus-

tained drives starting deep in their own territory. The Cardinals also intercepted a Ben Bradshaw pass attempt and returned it for a touchdown.

The Eagles found themselves trailing 32-0 at half-time.

"We struggled early to get first downs and sustain drives," Hageman said. "I thought our defense played really well. We were just doing nothing offensively to kind of help them. Time of possession and first downs, we just really struggled."

"That's on me as the head coach and the play caller. I got to figure out a way to get our guys more successful and go back to the drawing board."

The head coach said there were some good things he saw, particularly from the younger players. Sophomore Trenton Clark, who started his first varsity game at defensive back, made an interception in the first quarter after a Cheney pass attempt bounced off the hands of a receiver.

Hageman said that Cardinals quarterback Josh Burdick may be the best small-school quarterback in the state, and for Clark to get an interception off him in his first varsity start was impressive.

The head coach added that



LEFT: Kingman's Garrett Gattis gets the reception and tries to escape a pair of Cheney defenders during Friday's home football game against the Cardinals. RIGHT: Kingman's Trenton Clark comes away with an interception during Cheney's first offensive drive of the game. The Eagles couldn't get much going on offense and lost to the defending Class 3A State champions 40-8.



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freshmen Logan Birkenbaugh and Jaxson Campbell did some good things as well on defense. Campbell came up with a key defensive stop early in the fourth quarter on fourth down, which gave the Eagles the ball at midfield.

The Eagles took advantage of that opportunity and scored with three minutes left in the game, with the

running clock in effect the second half. They drove 55 yards and, on fourth and goal at the 8-yard line, scored after Bradshaw faked the handoff to Gabe Andersen, then ran to the left side and found the end zone. Andersen then ran the two-point conversion.

"Regardless of who was out there, whether it's the

varsity or JV, that's a confidence builder for us, being able to move the football and executing plays," Hageman said. "We also thought that play would have worked in the first half and we weren't kind of just seeing it right away."

The Eagles (1-1) will head to Wichita Trinity this Friday. The Knights are 0-2 for

the season, having lost to Garden Plain 49-14 to open the season and are coming off a 25-6 loss to Inman.

Hageman said that the Knights are likely to throw the ball a lot because of the talent their quarterback and receivers have. He said the game will test the Eagles' defensive backs and how well they cover.

Lady Eagles Face Tough Teams at Haven Tourney

BY BOB MORRIS
Managing Editor

The Kingman volleyball went 1-4 at the Haven tournament Saturday, but head coach Hanna Hageman said she saw some good things from the girls.

The Lady Eagles faced some tough teams, with Cheney, Garden Plain and Inman among the opponents. All three teams have advanced to the State tournament in recent seasons.

"I think we started off pretty slow, but honestly, we saw a lot of the top teams in the state today and we competed really well," Hageman said. "I don't think we really got our butts kicked at all. Throughout the day, we got better and my goal this season is for them to compete and, if we lose, we are going to lose competing and I think we did that today."

Kingman lost its opening match to Haven 25-15, 25-15, then beat Hutchinson Trinity 25-20, 25-16. The Lady Eagles then faced Garden Plain and took the Lady Owls to three before losing, 27-25, 19-25, 14-25. Kingman then lost to Cheney 25-19, 25-19, and lost to Inman 25-20, 25-18.

It was the first time Hageman got to see the Lady Eagles in person because she recently had a baby. Hageman did watch a livestream of the Lady Eagles' first four matches.

"I obviously prefer being here in person but I think that, compared to the last couple of games, we've already seen a ton of growth, especially from our first games against Hesston and

Minneapolis," she said. "So far, I've been proud of them. They are getting better each time, each game. We still have some kinks we need to work through but, for the most part, we are going in the right direction."

Against Haven, Victoria Hepburn had four kills, Shay Watkins had two blocks and Kinslie McDorman served two aces.

Against Trinity, Hepburn had five kills and three aces, Watkins had three kills and two blocks, Jayda DeWeese had two kills and McDorman had two aces.

Against Garden Plain, Hepburn had 11 kills, Watkins had four kills and four blocks and Caylor Helm served two aces.

Against Cheney, Hepburn had three kills and Watkins, DeWeese, Grace Parsons and Elizabeth Smith each had two kills. Watkins also served two aces.

Against Inman, Hepburn had seven kills, DeWeese had three blocks, Smith had two kills and Watkins had two kills and two aces.

Hageman said she had talked to her assistants the past week and they noted that the Lady Eagles have seen a lot of the top teams in the state. The Lady Eagles opened against Hesston and Minneapolis and were coming off a triangular against Halstead, in which Kingman lost to the host team 25-12, 25-12, then beat Pratt 13-25, 25-21, 25-18.

"It's making us adjust quickly and it's showing us what we need to work on really quick," Hageman said.

The Lady Eagles (2-7) will head to St. John's Thursday



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TOP: Kingman's Jayda DeWeese looks to hit the ball past a Hutchinson Trinity blocker during the Haven volleyball tournament Saturday. BOTTOM: Kingman's Kinslie McDorman sets the ball for a teammate. The Lady Eagles faced some tough teams at the tournament and went 1-4 for the day.



to face the host team and Nickerson Thursday. They will then head to Chaparral this Tuesday to face the Lady Roadrunners in the Cowboy Challenge.

Schreiner Wins No. 1 Singles at Pratt Meet

STAFF REPORT

Kingman's Ryan Schreiner took first in No. 1 singles at the Pratt girl's tennis tournament Saturday.

In pool play, Schreiner beat Pratt's Kate Jackson 8-2, then beat South Central's Ellesha Leterie 8-1. In the championship pool, Schreiner beat Scott City's Kaylee Feller 8-0 and Ashland's Jaya Milburn 8-0.

Claire Birkenbaugh played No. 2 singles and took third. In pool play, she beat South Central's Mia Napierala 8-2 and lost to Pratt's Sydney Riley 8-5. In the third-place match, Birkenbaugh beat South Barber's Tanith Erickson 8-2 and Ashland's Katy Baker 8-0.

In No. 2 doubles, MaKenzie Schoenhofer and Courtney Schoenhofer took second. In pool play, they beat South Central's Katie Leterie and Fabiola Rivero 8-6, then beat Pratt's Adreanna Garcia and Pedroza and Brenna Stegman. In the championship pool, they lost to Chaparral's Cassidy Misak and Avery Blubaugh 8-6 and beat Ashland's Addi Landis and Hayden Garner 8-6.

The Lady Eagles competed at the Wellington tournament last Tuesday, Sept. 10, at which Schreiner took second in No. 1 singles.

Schreiner lost to Sterling's Chelsie Brown 8-2, beat

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SUBMITTED PHOTO

Kingman's Ryan Schreiner stretches to get the ball during the Pratt girl's tennis tournament Saturday. Schreiner took first at No. 1 singles.

Eagles Cross Country Attends Skyline Meet

STAFF REPORT

The Kingman cross country runners competed at the Pratt Skyline meet Saturday.

In the boy's varsity race, Marlon Black placed 36th with a time of 21:28.20.

In the boy's JV race, Braxton Larcade was fifth with a time of 21:42.01. In the girl's JV race, Riley Smith was second with a time of 24:04.61. All three runners posted personal best times.

In the eight-grade two mile race, Georgia Huse ran a personal-best time of 14:54.46 to place seventh.

In the boy's race, Grayson Andersen was second with a time of 13:00.68, Sam Black was third with a time of 13:13.06 and Hayden Wood was 10th with a time of 15:10.79. All three boys had personal bests.

In the 7th-grade boy's race, all four runners posted personal-best times. Xavier Arnold was first in 5:33, Owen Archer was 21st in 7:01, Aiden Wooten was 36th in 7:49 and Nick Valentine was 48th in 9:41.

The Eagles will head to the Chaparral meet Thursday.

Girl's Golfers Attend Medicine Lodge, Pratt Tourneys

STAFF REPORT

The Kingman girl's golfers attended a pair of tournaments this past week.

Last Tuesday, Sept. 10, the Lady Eagles attended the Medicine Lodge tournament.

Teagan Dick shot 56 and placed 10th overall in the varsity tournament. Leah White and Haidyn Hartley each shot 61 and tied for 16th place and Lizzy Wallace shot 69 and placed 29th. There were 32 girls who competed.

The varsity girls shot 247 as a team and placed fifth.

Head coach Kyle Meireis said some of the girls played really well, while others had jitters because it was the first tournament of the season for them. He added that Wallace was sick and unable to practice the day before.

For the junior varsity, Peyton Boos shot 58 and placed third and Avery Mertens shot 62 and placed eighth. Audrey Tetrick shot 65 and placed 13th and

Halle Robinson shot 81 and placed 37th. There were 39 girls who competed.

The junior varsity team shot 266 and placed third.

On Monday, the Lady Eagles attended the Pratt tournament. Teagan Dick shot 54 and placed 10th, Leah White and Peyton Boos each shot 59 and tied for 18th, Haidyn Hartley shot 62 and placed 24th and Avery Mertens shot 70

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Wildcats Roll Past Peabody-Burns 54-6

STAFF REPORT

The Cunningham football team rolled past Peabody Burns 54-6 in the home opener Friday night.

Head coach Luke McGuire said that the boys are clicking on offense a few weeks ahead of expectations, but there are some things to clean up.

He said those things include penalties, discipline and some open-field tackling. At the same time, McGuire said, it's still early in the season.

As for the Warriors, McGuire said. "They have a very young team. They are not intimidated and the players asked to play us. They will be better at the end of the year than they were week two and even better next year."

On offense, McGuire said, the Wildcats did a good job of taking care of the football and hitting open receivers. On defense, the head coach said there are some issues with being too aggressive.

"But in two weeks, we have only allowed two touchdowns have taken the ball away eight times," McGuire said.

He added that it's good to start fast, noting that some guys are growing into new positions, but the Wildcats are still winning.

Cunningham (2-0) heads to Chetopa this Thursday. The Hornets are 1-1 for the season and lost a close game to Marais des Cygnes Valley 26-20 this past Friday. To open the season, the Hornets beat Altoona-Midway 50-23.

"They are tough to get an evaluation," McGuire said. "They played and beat a struggling team to open the year and then played a team that is very new to 6-man. I have heard they like to play mind games and try to intimidate their opponents. They like to run the ball and have a big strong fullback and a quick tailback."

The focus for the Wildcats will be on getting better, the head coach said.

"I want to see us be disciplined and play our game," McGuire said. "I want us to roll with a long trip and the young guys to observe how we travel. I want to see us take care of business regardless of what mental games they throw at us."



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Cunningham's Will Wegerer runs to the left side and looks to gain yardage during Friday's home football game against Peabody-Burns. The Wildcats won 54-6.

Norwich Football Falls Short in Home Opener

STAFF REPORT

The Norwich football team lost its home opener against Reno County Home-school 66-44 Friday night.

Head coach Ross Foley said that the Sabres executed better overall. He said that the

Sabres executed their game plan well and the issue came down to the Eagles' defense.

"Our offense played decently and moved the ball well," Foley said. "(On defense) we got flustered and forgot to execute the basics."

The Eagles (1-1) will face Ell-Saline on the road this Friday. The Cardinals are 1-1 for the season, having lost their opener to Hanover 34-16, then beating Osborne 38-20 this past Friday.

"They are big and physical

and run an offense similar to ours," Foley said. "We have to raise our game, especially our physicality."

He said that he wants to see tenacity, discipline and consistency from the players this week.

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and placed 31st.

The Lady Eagles shot 234 as a team and placed fourth.

"As a team we scored 26 strokes better today at Pratt than we did last year," said

head coach Kyle Meireis. "All five girls that played

shot better than they did last year.

"The course was in much better shape and the greens were quick. It didn't help that the wind blew out of the south so hard, but it did help to keep the girls cooled down."

The Lady Eagles will host their own tournament Thursday.

Norwich Volleyball Third at Home Tournament

STAFF REPORT

The Norwich volleyball team took third at its home tournament Saturday.

The Lady Eagles lost to Sunrise Christian Academy 25-15, 25-20, beat Udall 25-9, 16-25, 25-12, beat South Barber 25-19, 25-8, beat Caldwell 25-18, 20-25, 25-20, and lost to Argonia 17-25, 25-21, 11-25.

Before Saturday's tournament, the Lady Eagles lost a triangular at Chaparral. They lost to the host Lady Road-runners 25-13, 25-18 and to Douglass 21-25, 25-20, 18-25.

Reagan Smith had 10 kills for the Lady Eagles Thursday night.

"We are still trying to find what works for us," said head coach Rose

Benge. "We are a young team with little varsity experience. However, we leave it all on the court and never give up."

Norwich (4-6) was scheduled to play at Medicine Lodge in a triangular that includes Pratt Skyline Tuesday. They will then head to Attica Thursday to face the host team and Argonia.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Kingman's Teagan Dick, right, receives her medal after placing 10th at the Pratt girls' golf tournament Monday.

Lady Wildcats Split Triangular, Go 1-2 at Tournament

STAFF REPORT

The Cunningham volleyball team is now 3-4 for the season after its most recent matches.

The Lady Wildcats split a triangular at Caldwell Tues-

day night.

The Lady Wildcats faced Caldwell in the first match and won in two close games, 25-21, 25-20. Against Pretty Prairie, the Lady Wildcats lost a close match, 25-19, 25-17.

Cunningham then went to Sylvan-Lucas for a tournament Saturday. The Lady Wildcats lost to the host Lady Mustangs 25-23, 25-19, beat Logan 25-21, 25-27, 25-16 and lost to Minneapo-

lis 25-10, 29-27.

The Lady Wildcats were scheduled to play at Fairfield against the host team and South Barber Tuesday in Heart of the Plains League action.

Wildcat Runners Have Good Showing at Skyline Meet

STAFF REPORT

The Cunningham cross country runners attended the Pratt Skyline meet Saturday.

In the varsity girl's race, Ada Adams

finished 17th with a time of 25:45 and earned a medal.

In the junior varsity boy's race, Will Halderson placed fourth with a time of 21:35 and Sean Kostner placed 12th

with a time of 23:31.

In the one-mile race for junior high runners, Gage Dunn finished with a time of 9:49

The Wildcats head to Stafford Thursday.

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Thimesch Visits More With City on Expo Center

BY BOB MORRIS

Managing Editor

Kingman County commissioner Jack Thimesch visited with the city commission Thursday to talk more about his ideas about the city and county working together regarding the expo center.

Thimesch said that County Financial Officer LaDawn Stegman provided numbers to the county about expo center expenditures and asked that she share them with city commissioners. He noted that, even after the county raised rental fees for the expo center, the county still lost money.

Thimesch asked the city for feedback on whether the city would be willing to partner with the county on the costs of the expo center. He has previously suggested a 50-50 split, but said it might not need to be 50-50.

Thimesch brought his idea to make the city aware about the costs of running the expo center and because the city already owns the outdoor arena, though expo center director Mendy Frampton is responsible for booking events there. The city also owns the armory building that is adjacent to the expo center.

City commissioner Adrian Harrel said he was open to further discussions with the county, but he would like to see more numbers. He added that he had talked to a couple of people whose concerns seemed to be about the rent going up and that maybe it's about find-

ing a "happy medium."

Thimesch said that the county has offered to make deals with people who want to use the center, such as doing some cleanup work or painting instead of charging a fee. He noted that the county used to get people assigned community service by the courts, but fewer of them have shown up to do that work.

Thimesch added that the county "caught flack" from people who noted that 4-H clubs were being charged to use the center. He said that raises the question about where the line is drawn, what is fair and not, and what is being taught to kids.

Harrel said he understood Thimesch's point and said there's a balance between dealing with the costs to run the expo center and what service organizations are charged to use it.

He said a place like the expo center is "never going to make a profit" and that taxpayer money is what keeps it open.

But Harrel added that the center brings a positive aspect in that it has an economic impact on the community because of organizations from outside of Kingman who use the center, which means those people are likely to visit local businesses.

Thimesch noted that the facility was built in the 1970s and that it's important for both entities to figure out how to maintain it and make it a facility that is useful for everyone.

City Commissioner Jon Wollen said

he recognized the economic impact of the expo center and that an agreement between the city and county would be "an economic winner for the most part."

Wollen noted that revenue from outdoor arena events could help with expenses, but that it would be difficult for the expo center to make money. He noted that the armory doesn't make money, either.

Thimesch also brought up the city possibly giving a discounted rate to the county for its electric bill. Wollen asked City Manager Greg Graffman about that, wondering what the rate the city charges and if there was anything that Kansas Power Pool provided input regarding rates.

Graffman said that the city charges different rates for residential and commercial and there are two different categories for commercial. The city has also entered into contractual agreements, such as the one with Fabpro, to pay a certain amount per year.

He said the county is considered a commercial entity and, if the city charged a lower rate to the county, other electrical users would have to make up for it.

Thimesch noted that, because county taxpayer money is used to pay for the electric bill, that means the taxpayers are effectively paying for that electric usage. He added that he wondered if other members of KPP charged a government entity rate.

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Thus, Schrag said, it would be June 2025 at the earliest before the city would know if it has received the grant.

City Manager Greg Graffman added that, if the state approves the application to pass on to the federal government, chances are "pretty good" that the city will receive it.

The resolution that would call for the issuance

of bonds would only move forward if the city receives the grant. The Walker Park project is estimated to cost \$1.3 million and the \$450,000 in bonds would represent the maximum amount of the city's share, should a grant be approved.

Walker Park would be located on North Main Street and Jewell Street, north of Kingman Middle-High School. A family donated the land to the city with the intent that it be utilized for parks and recreation.

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In other business, the city commission approved a quote from Gades Sales Company for a detection system at the traffic signal at Main Street and A Avenue in downtown Kingman.

The detection system would be a "try and buy" system that would be tested in multiple cities. The city would test the system for 90 days.

Per the terms of the agreement, the city would be billed at the end of the 90-day test at a total cost of \$13,950. If the system does not work as expected,

Gades Sales would install additional components for a functional detection system at no cost to the city.

The technicians would conduct necessary programming for the controller while the city crew would install cables and brackets on the traffic lights.

Graffman said that the detection system would be useful because the current system is on a timer, which often leads to people waiting for the traffic light to change when there is no cross traffic. This system would detect when traffic is stopped at the light and change the lights more quickly.

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DRESDEN TOWNSHIP TREASURER:
JOHN HUFFMAN (Republican) 15354 NW 5 St., Cunningham, KS 67035

DRESDEN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE:
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EUREKA TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE:
NO CANDIDATE

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TROY D. MAY (Republican) 5858 NE 140 Ave, Pretty Prairie, KS 67570

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HOOSIER TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE:
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KINGMAN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE:
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LIBERTY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE:
RICHARD KELLER (Republican) 536 S Gregory, Nashville, KS 67112

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NINNESCAH TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE:
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RANDY THIMESCH (Republican) 9205 SW 100 Ave, Spivey, KS 67142

PETERS TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE:
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NORBERT BLASI (Republican) 16997 SW 100 Ave, Zenda, KS 67159

ROCHESTER TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE:

GEORGE WESTERMAN (Republican) 11445 SW 170 St., Zenda, KS 67159

RURAL TOWNSHIP TREASURER:
ROBERT STERNEKER (Republican) 2118 SW 170 Ave, Cunningham, KS 67035

RURAL TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE:
GARY STERNEKER (Republican) 1199 SW 160 Ave, Cunningham, KS 67035

UNION TOWNSHIP TREASURER:
NO CANDIDATE

UNION TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE:
NO CANDIDATE

VALLEY TOWNSHIP TREASURER:
GLENN E. TROYER (Republican) 1790 SE 180 St., Harper, KS 67058

VALLEY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE:
VICTOR MILLER (Republican) 2059 SE 150 Ave, Rago, KS 67142

VINITA TOWNSHIP TREASURER:
CHRIS TUCKER (Republican) 4550 SE 140th Ave, Cheney, KS 67025

VINITA TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE:
DOUGLAS J. TWIETMEYER (Republican) 14821 SE 10 St., Cheney, KS 67025

WHITE TOWNSHIP TREASURER:
ROY WAITE (Republican) 4214 NE 10 Ave, Kingman, KS 67068

WHITE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE:
LIAL DODGE (Republican) 5614 NW 10 Ave, Kingman, KS 67068

COURT OF APPEALS FOR JUDGE:
Shall the following Court of Appeal Judges be retained in office?

SARAH E. WARNER, Lenexa, Position #4, Kansas Court of Appeals

DAVID E. BRUNS, Olathe, Position #6, Kansas Court of Appeals

G. GORDON ATCHESON, Overland Park, Position #8, Kansas Court of Appeals

KAREN ARNOLD-BURGER, Olathe, Position #9, Kansas Court of Appeals

RACHEL L. PICKERING, Topeka, Position #10, Kansas Court of Appeals

ANGELA D. COBLE, Salina, Position #12, Kansas Court of Appeals

KATHRYN GARDNER, Topeka, Position #14, Kansas Court of Appeals

DISTRICT COURT FOR DISTRICT JUDGE:
Shall the following District Court Judges be retained in office?

WILLIAM R. MOTT, Wellington, District 30, Division 2

FOR DISTRICT MAGISTRATE JUDGE:
Shall the following District Magistrate Judge be retained in office?

RONALD SYLVESTER, Kingman, District 30, Position No. 4

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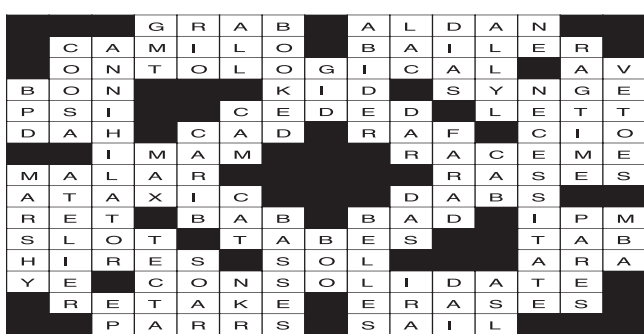
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereto set my hand and cause to be affixed my official seal. Done at the County Clerk's Office this 10th day of September, 2024.

Carol D. Noblit
Kingman County Election Officer
(SEAL)

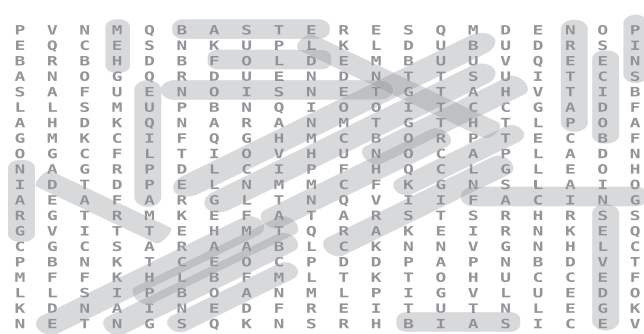
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RESOLUTION NO. 2024-9

A RESOLUTION FINDING THAT THE STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 225 EAST B AVENUE, IN THE EAST HALF OF LOT NINETEEN (19) AND ALL OF LOT TWENTY-ONE (21) ON AVENUE B EAST, ORIGINAL TOWN OF KINGMAN, KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS, IS UNSAFE OR DANGEROUS AND DIRECTING THAT THE STRUCTURE BE REMOVED AND THE PREMISES MADE SAFE AND SECURE.

WHEREAS, the Enforcing Officer of the City of Kingman, Kansas did on the 30th day of April, 2024, file with the governing body of said City a statement in writing that a certain structure, hereinafter described, was unsafe and dangerous; and,

WHEREAS, the governing body did by Resolution No. 2024-6 dated the 23rd day of May, 2024, fix the time and place of a hearing at which the owner, his or her agent, and lienholders, any occupants and all other parties of interest of such structure could appear and show cause why such structure should not be condemned and ordered repaired or demolished, and provided for giving notice thereof as provided by law; and,

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 2024-6 was published in the official city paper and a copy of said resolution was served upon all persons entitled thereto as provided by law; and,

WHEREAS, on the 25th day of July, 2024, the governing body did conduct the hearing scheduled in Resolution No. 2024-6 and took evidence from the enforcing officer on behalf of the city and took evidence from the owner of record, Theodore Osborne. The hearing was continued at the request of the owner of record to August 22, 2024, to provide information to the Commission including a quote from a licensed contractor to show the cost and time it would take to make the property safe and secure.

WHEREAS, on the 22nd day of August, 2024, the owner of record failed to appear at the hearing. The Enforcing Officer confirmed that he nor the City had received any information from the owner of record, and that no improvements had been made to the property at issue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF KINGMAN, KANSAS, THAT:

1. The governing body hereby finds that the structure located at: The East half of Lot Nineteen (19) and all of Lot Twenty-one

(21) on Avenue B East, Original Town of Kingman, Kingman County, Kansas, more commonly known as 225 E B Avenue, Kingman, KS 67068,

is unsafe and dangerous and directs that such structure is to be removed and the premises made safe and secure.

2. The owner of such structure is hereby directed to commence the removal of the property within 6 days from the date of publication of this resolution (not later than the 25th day of September, 2024,) and if started by said date, to have the removal completed within 30 days of the date of commencement (not later than the 25th day of October, 2024). Provided that upon due application by the owner and for good cause shown, the governing body, in its sole discretion, may grant the owner additional time to complete the removal of the property.

3. If the owner fails to commence the removal of the structure within the time stated herein, or any additional time granted by the governing body, or fails to diligently prosecute the same until the work is completed, the governing body will cause the structure to be razed and removed and the costs of razing and removing, less salvage if any, shall be collected in the manner provided by K.S.A. 12-1,1115, and amendments thereto or shall be assessed as a special assessment against the lot or parcel of land upon which the structure is located or by both, all as provided by law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if the owner fails to commence the repair or removal of the structure within the time provided herein or fails to diligently prosecute the same, the governing body may take such further action as it deems necessary to raze and remove the structure without further notice to the owner or other parties in interest.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk shall cause this Resolution to be published once in the official city paper and mail a copy to the owners, agents, lienholders, occupants, and other parties in interest.

Adopted this 12th day of September, 2024.

The Governing Body of
The City of Kingman, Kansas
Sean Wallace, Mayor
(SEAL)
Attest:
Zachary Biegler,
City Clerk

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RESOLUTION NO. 2024-R14

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A POLICY FOR THE USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA AFFILIATED WITH THE KINGMAN COUNTY GOVERNMENT

WHEREAS, the Kingman County Commission recognizes that social media has become a significant method of communication and interactions with constituents. The Commission wishes to better utilize existing and new social media platforms to educate and communicate with constituents. However, the Commission recognizes that appropriate policies should be established for the appropriate use of social media by government affiliated accounts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Kingman County Commission adopts the following Social Media Policy for all Kingman County Government affiliated social media accounts:

I. Purpose. This policy establishes policies and procedures for the appropriate use of social media accounts directly and officially connected to Kingman County, Kansas government entities.

2. Scope. This policy applies to all Kingman County Divisions and Departments except those operated solely by elected officials.

3. Definitions.

a. Social Media-Websites and applications that enable users to create and share content and media or, to participate in social networking and communication.

b. Communication Liaisons-Employees within County departments who have been charged with the responsibility of providing or posting content within the context of this policy.

c. Commenter- An individual who uses a social media profile and makes remarks regarding content posted on a social media platform.

d. Comments- A statement or question made by an individual who has consumed content on a social media profile.

e. Hashtags- Special keywords used to highlight posts; these keywords do not include punctuation marks or spaces and should begin with a #symbol.

f. Terms of Services- Policies on social media websites that govern how the site can be used by members.

g. Kingman County- The Government of Kingman County, Kansas and affiliated entities.

h. Commission- The Kingman County, Kansas Board of County Commissioners.

4. Procedures

a. Identification. Social media platforms will clearly identify the account as representing Kingman County. The profile image will properly represent the organization prominently display County's contact information and website,

and be readily recognizable. County departments, employee organizations, and/or individual employees shall not use the County's profile image on any social media account without written permission from the Commission.

b. Monitoring. Kingman County social media platforms will be monitored by the head of the department the account represents. The Commission shall ensure department heads appropriately monitor social media platforms and are in compliance with this policy.

c. Commenting. Rules for commenting will be made available on all Kingman County social media platforms. They are as follows:

i. The purpose of this page is to present matters of public interest for the Kingman County government. We encourage you to submit your questions, comments, and concerns, but please note that this is a moderated page and not an open public forum.

ii. The public is welcome to share opinions and feedback on social media platforms managed by the county. Public comments expressed on Kingman County social media platforms do

not necessarily reflect the opinions or positions of Kingman County, its officers, or its employees. Persons posting comments give the County the express right to reproduce, use, and distribute the content of their comments. Be aware that these sites are limited public forums and moderated by county staff.

iii. Users understand and agree that unless specifically identified as a resource for receiving requests for information under the Kansas Open Records Act (KORA), County social media platforms are not proper vehicles for making requests for public information or public records under state law and any such requests must be made to the appropriate custodian of the records.

iv. User-generated posts or comments/hashtags may be deleted or temporarily hidden if content:

1. Contains obscene, profane, threatening, or harassing language, pictures, GIF's, videos, or other media;

2. Contains sexually explicit media, including images, cartoons,

jokes, or links to sexual content;

3. Contains personal attacks, hate speech, or offensive comments that advocate unlawful discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability, genetic information, or other circumstances prohibited by federal, state, or local law, rule or regulation, including Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act;

4. Constitutes sexual harassment;

5. Contains commercial messages, including advertisements, endorsements, solicitations, and spam;

6. Promotes or endorses political campaigns, candidates for election to a political office, or ballot measures;

7. Contains suggestions or encouragement of illegal activity;

8. Contains information that may compromise the safety or security of the public, public systems, the county, its employees, or public officials;

9. Violates a legal ownership interest of any other party, such as trademark or copyright infringement;

10. Makes or publishes false, vicious, or malicious statements concerning any county employee or officials;

11. Openly advocates for violence or the threat of violence to persons or sharing about illegal activity;

12. Discloses confidential or proprietary information or personally identifiable information, such as an address, phone number, social security number, or other sensitive information, or

13. Contains multiple successive off-topic posts by a single user or repetitive posts copied and pasted by multiple users, or spam.

v. Kingman County retains full editorial control over all content of its social media platforms and, when possible, will edit, hide, or delete materials if deemed by the County or its representatives to be in violation of any County policy, procedure, state, or federal law.

d. Posting in an Official Capacity.

i. Posting to social media on behalf of Kingman County should focus on messaging aligned with the County's general interests, specific programmatic interests, and policy information. County social media platforms will not contain any political information or be used for political activity. No post shall include material that is:

1. Prohibited by federal, state, or local law, or County policies, specifically including this policy, Humane Resource policies, and policies designed to maintain information security;

2. Threatening, obscene, vulgar, offensive, abusive, derogatory, discriminatory, disparaging, defamatory, harassing or that which constitutes personal attack of any kind;

3. Involving sales, solicitation, or facilitates any for-profit non County business activity, including the sale of personal goods and services or any charitable fundraising campaigns that are not

sanctioned by the County;

ii. Sharing or posting content that is owned by others or copyrighted shall be performed in accordance with copyright, fair-use and established laws pertaining to materials owned by others. This includes, but is not limited to, quotes, images, documents, links, etc.

iii. All usernames and passwords must be retained by each department and

available so that no single person is solely responsible for social media activity in that department.

iv. All Posts done in an official capacity shall:

1. Use all reasonable efforts to keep social media interactions factual and accurate, providing only verifiable facts;

2. Strive for transparency and openness and never seek to use information for personal gain;

3. Provide links to credible sources of information when possible

to support interactions;

4. Whenever possible, links for more information should direct users to the official government websites of Kingman County, the State of Kansas and applicable Federal Agencies;

5. Publicly correct any information communicated that is later found to be in error;

6. Be honest about relationships, opinions, and identity;

7. Protect privacy and not share confidential or non-public information;

8. Respect the public's opinion, whether positive or negative, provided it is topical and not offensive, denigrating or completely out of context.

e. Additional Obligations

i. No Department utilizing social media shall make information available on the public internet without appropriate authorization. Information placed on the internet should have legitimate business purpose and the prior approval of a relevant department head of the County Commission.

ii. Department's utilizing social media should be aware of the Terms of

Service of any media platform they choose to utilize. No social media platform shall be used in the capacity discussed herein if the Terms of Service conflict with County policy.

iii. Departments shall make all social media accounts known to the

Commission upon creation.

5. Other Policies. To the extent this policy conflicts with any other policy previously passed by the Commission, that policy is considered null and void.

6. Social Media Coordinator. The Commission may choose to employ an individual, group or, company to act as a social media coordinator to manage the social media accounts affiliated with Kingman County. The Commission shall then delegate its duties under this policy to the social media coordinator who will oversee and assist all departments in their use of Kingman County social media accounts.

Adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Kingman County, Kansas this 16th day of September 2024.

Approved as to Form:
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS

Jerry Henning Chairman and Commissioner

Jack Timesch, Commissioner

Patrick Elpers, Commissioner

SEAL

ATTEST:

Carol Noblit, County Clerk

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DOCKET

KINGMAN CITY POLICE BLOTTER *By Sgt. Casey Goble*

Sunday, Sept. 8					
Traffic Stops	1	Check Welfare	1100 Blk E Highway 54	Traffic Stops	5
Trespassing	400 Blk N Lincoln St.	Animal Complaint	900 Blk N Coronado St.	Juvenile Matters	3
Monday, Sept. 9		Animal Complaint	1100 Blk N Elm St.	Burglary	300 Blk E Washington Ave.
Traffic Stops	9	Disturbance	400 Blk E B Ave.	Lockout	800 Blk E D Ave.
Suspicious Activity	1200 Blk E Highway 54	Disturbance	400 Blk E B Ave.	Harassment	400 Blk E Washington Ave.
Suspicious Activity	700 Blk E A Ave.	Wednesday, Sept. 11		Friday, Sept. 13	
Fraud	100 Blk E A Ave.	Traffic Stops	4	Warrant Services	1
Tuesday, Sept. 10		Animal Complaint	200 Blk W H Ave.	Fraud	100 Blk N Spruce St.
Traffic Stops	3	Animal Complaint	400 Blk N Ninescah St.	Suspicious Activity	600 Blk N Spruce St.
Traffic Complaints	1	Theft	200 Blk N Cedar St.	Saturday, Sept. 14	
Warrant Arrests	2	Lockout	200 Blk E D Ave.	Traffic Complaints	1
Lockout	700 Blk N Broadway St.	Harassment	200 Blk N Sunflower Dr.	Suspicious Activity	500 Blk N Cedar St.
		Thursday, Sept. 12		Check Welfare	600 Blk W D Ave.

KINGMAN COUNTY SHERIFF BLOTTER

Sunday, Sept. 8					
Traffic Stop	1	Wednesday, Sept. 11		Friday, Sept. 13	
Injury Accident	5000 Blk N Hwy 14, Pretty Prairie	Traffic Stops	3	Traffic Stops	6
Miscellaneous	300 Blk N Ninescah, Kingman	Miscellaneous	8700 Blk SE Burns, Kingman	Miscellaneous	16000 Blk SE 90 St, Norwich
Monday, Sept. 9		Non-Injury Accident	NE 10 & NE 100 Ave, Murdock	Traffic Complaint	SE 90 St & SE 50 Ave, Kingman
Traffic Stops	8	Fire / Pasture	12000 Blk SE 70 Ave, Spivey	Miscellaneous	120 N Spruce, Kingman
Civil Paper Service	6	Disabled Vehicle	2000 Blk E Hwy 54, Kingman	Warrant Service / Arrest	7400 Blk SW 100 Ave, Spivey
Found Property	120 N Spruce, Kingman	Traffic Complaint	SE 60 St & S Hwy 14, Kingman	Disabled Vehicle	4000 S Hwy 14, Kingman
Disabled Vehicle	NE 50 & N Hwy 14, Pretty Prairie	Miscellaneous	120 N Spruce, Kingman	Suspicious Person	15000 Blk NE Countryside Dr
Parking Complaint	E 1st & N Valley, Cunningham	Follow Up	1900 Blk E Hwy 54, Kingman	Non-Injury Accident	800 Blk W D Ave, Kingman
Follow Up	400 Blk E Leiter, Cunningham	Suspicious Vehicle	NE 110 Ave & NE 10, Kingman	Suspicious Person	E Hwy 54 & NE 160, Cheney
Tuesday, Sept. 10		Fire / Pasture	12000 Blk SE 70 Ave, Spivey	Saturday, Sept. 14	
Traffic Stops	3	Thursday, Sept. 12		Traffic Stops	6
Transport Prisoner	120 N Spruce, Kingman	Traffic Stops	6	Traffic Complaint	12000 Blk W H 54, Cunningham
Animal Complaint	NE 50 St & NE 10 Ave, Kingman	Civil Paper Service	4	Traffic / Arrest	SW 80 & SW 90 Ave, Kingman
Fire / Vehicle	6700 Blk SW 80 Ave, Kingman	Fraud	120 N Spruce, Kingman	Miscellaneous	200 Blk S Main St, Nashville
Miscellaneous	15000 Blk NE Paint Pony Trl	Check Welfare	12000 Blk SE 80 Ave, Rago	Traffic Complaint	8000 Blk W H 54, Cunningham
Disturbance	15000 Blk NE Paint Pony Trl	Follow Up	12000 Blk SW 70 Ave, Zenda	Disabled Vehicle	NE 30 Ave & NE 50 St, Kingman
Miscellaneous	400 Blk East B Ave, Kingman	Disabled Vehicle	E Hwy 54 & NE 150, Cheney	Check Welfare	SE 50 St & S Hwy 14, Kingman
Traffic Complaint	18000 W Hwy 42, Nashville	Agency Assist	200 Blk E H Ave, Kingman	Traffic Complaint	14000 Blk E Hwy 54, Cheney
				Animal Complaint	18000 S Hwy 14, Rago
				Unlock Vehicle	12000 Blk NE 50 St, Cheney

JAIL BOOKINGS

Sept. 10: Julian Armand Lopez-Stark, 24, failure to appear warrant.
Sept. 10: Tina Nicole Barkley, 28, two failure to appear warrants.
Sept. 13: Aliasha Nicole Helm, 42, driving with suspended license, \$500 bond.
Sept. 14: Julia Rebecca Mead, 52, failure to appear warrant, \$240 bond.
Sept. 15: Colton Tuff Johnson, 24, DUI, \$500 bond.
Sept. 16: Preston Michael Pierce, 43, \$2,500 bond.

KINGMAN COUNTY ACCIDENTS

Aug. 12: The Kingman County Sheriff's Department investigated a one-vehicle crash in which Heather Dawn Miller, 33, of Kingman was driving a 2008 GMC Acadia westbound on SE 60th Street when, just west of SE 100th Avenue, she struck a deer that came from the north side of the roadway. Miller was not injured.
Aug. 24: The Kingman County Sheriff's Department investigated a one-vehicle crash in which Ethan James Stimatz, 18, of Pratt was driving a 2023 Chevy Silverado southbound on SW 170th Avenue when, just north of Kansas Highway 42, he swerved to avoid a deer and his vehicle went into the east ditch and rolled. Stimatz was wearing a seat belt and not injured.

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

(Pursuant to Chap. 59, K.S.A.)
 In the Matter of the Estate of
 CAROL FREUND,
 Deceased
 Case No. KM-2024-PR-34

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 Todd Hoffman, as an heir of Carol Freund, deceased, requesting:
 Descent be determined of the following described real estate situated in Kingman County, Kansas:

The North Thirty-six (36) feet of Lot Five (5) and all of Lot Six (6) in Block Eleven (11) of the City of Cunningham, 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 to the Petition on or before October 18, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. of said day, in said Court, in the City of Kingman in Kingman County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said Petitioner.

Todd Hoffman
 Petitioner

JULIE M. HAAS
 STULL, BEVERLIN, NICOLAY & HAAS, LLC
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ESTATE SALES

Sweetest Estate Sales by Candy
 Living Estate Sale of Helen Hewitt
 226 S. Morningside, Norwich
 Thursday, Sept. 26 from 9 to 6, Friday, Sept. 27 from 9 to 6, Saturday, Sept. 28 from 9-3.
 Upright freezer, refrigerator, dining table and chairs, sofa, entertainment center, bedroom set, lots of nice jewelry and lots of household goods and home decor. All in mint condition and so much more.

Pre-Estate Sale
 Fri. Sept. 20, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
 Sat. Sept. 21, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 Alley behind 1809 N. Main/Annadale
 5 drawer chest, young boys clothes, HH items, garden items and tools.

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE MEET AND GREET

Saturday, Sept. 21 from 4 - 6 p.m.
 Meet and Greet with Democratic Candidates Esau Freeman running for U.S. House Rep. 4th Congressional District and Shanna Henry running for Kansas Senate District 34.
 Gather at the former Erin's store, 241 N. Main St. Kingman

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QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? Contact Stephanie Jump at (620) 532-3151 or email sjump@kcnonline.com

Whispering Willow 4-H Club Elects New Officers



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Whispering Willow 4-H Club elected new officers for the upcoming year during a recent meeting held on Sept. 2.

ORGANIZATION REPORT

The Whispering Willow 4-H Club met on Sept. 2 for our monthly meeting. The Club Leaders gave the club information about things coming up including the county fundraiser, record book due dates and the Haunted Forest.

The club also welcomed two new members, Tripp Tetric and Westyn Giefer.

Election of officers for the new 4-H year was held. Officers are: President, Dawson Wood, Vice President, Hayden Gehring, Secretary, Paisley Gonzales, Treasurer, Joe Thimesch, Reporter, Sam Thimesch, Junior President, Kylee Piester, Junior Vice President, Braelyn Baringer, Junior Secretary, Harper Gonzales, Historians, Ethan Kostner, Ethan Wood, Hayden Wood, Parliamentarian, Sean Kostner, Recreation Leader, Morgan Freund, Council Representatives, Addison Belt, Ethan Kostner.

Our next meeting will be Oct. 7. Please contact the Extension Office if your family is interested in joining.

Sam Thimesch,
Reporter

Gartland Receives Degree from WSU

PRESS RELEASE

Wichita State University conferred 524 degrees to 493 students in summer 2024.

Christian Gartland of Norwich was among 493 students to be conferred a degree for summer 2024.

Gartland received a bachelor of business admin., info tech and mgt infor systems and graduated Magna Cum Laude.

Undergraduate students who have attained a grade point average of 3.9 out of a possible 4.0 received the summa cum laude award; those with an average of 3.55 received the magna cum laude award; and those with an average of 3.25 received the cum laude.

At the undergraduate level, there were 305 degrees and certificates conferred. At the graduate level, there were 219 degrees and certificates conferred.

And of those earning a bachelor's degree, 55 were cum laude, 61 were magna cum laude, and 19 summa cum laude.



STEPHANIE JUMP / Leader-Courier

Exhibits: 4-Hers Show at State Fair

Kingman County 4-Hers sent several projects to the Kansas State Fair this past week to be exhibited and judging among projects from 4-Hers across the state. Rocketry was a popular project sent by the Kingman Co. 4-Hers, along with other projects judged at the state level.

Friendship Meals

Call (620) 532-5562 for reservations

Monday, Sept. 23: Fajita chicken, garden salad, apricots, crackers and milk.

Tuesday, Sept. 24: Beef chili, cole slaw, banana, cinnamon roll and milk.

Wednesday, Sept. 25: Creamy chicken casserole, peas, pear, white roll and milk.

Thursday, Sept. 26: Liver and onions or beef, carrots, mashed potatoes, mixed fruit and milk.

Friday, Sept. 27: Fish sticks, cole slaw, orange, wheat roll and milk.

Let the Good Times Rear!
HOMECOMING

OCTOBER 4, 2024

UNOFFICIAL

30 Year KHS Reunion

- Meet at Cancun Mexican Grill around 5pm for dinner before the game
- **7:00 pm game starts GO EAGLES!**
- Gather at The Backyard of the Polished Coupe downtown to visit and catch up (beer & seltzer will be for sale)

We know this is short notice. Please join us on fb for more details and share with any classmates whose info you have so no one is left out. Thanks!



SEE YOU SOON!

(Saturday events TBD)

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1 Mile Walk 5K Run

SATURDAY, SEPT. 21

Come out to Riverside Park in Kingman, KS for a colorful morning!

We will have great speakers, community resource info, and fun activities for all ages!

7:00am: Check-in begins
8:00am: Speakers & Countdown Starts
Early t-shirt pick-up: Friday 4pm-6pm at Kingman Healthcare Center

Ross Janssen, KWCH Chief Meteorologist, is the emcee!

PRIME RIB CATERING will be in the park selling biscuits & gravy, cinnamon rolls, & coffee.

SURVIVORS' GATHERING
There will be a time after the race to reflect and process with other suicide loss survivors, led by a grief counselor, in the gazebo.

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Tract 1

Tract 2

Selling: The Southeast Quarter (SE/4) of Section Eighteen (18), Township Twenty-eight (28) South, Range Five (5) West of the 6th P.M., Kingman County, Kansas.

Selling: The Southwest Quarter (SW/4) of Section Seventeen (17), Township Twenty-eight (28) South, Range Five (5) West of the 6th P.M., Kingman County, Kansas.

SELLER: Richard Lee Viney

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- If the property is purchased ONLINE, the Buyer acknowledges there will be a 2% Buyers Premium added to the contract price. (There is NO Buyers Premium for on-site Buyers.)
- **Registration deadline is September 20, 2024 at 5:00 P.M. CST**
- To register visit www.floydsells.com and click on the link in the Auctions tab or scan the QR code.

Terms: The successful bidder will be required to sign a purchase contract and deposit 10% down day of sale with Security 1st Title Co. with the balance due the day of closing. Closing shall be held on or before October 25, 2024. Possession shall be the day of Closing. Property taxes shall be prorated to the date of closing. Title insurance and escrow closing costs, with Security 1st Title, shall be shared 50% Buyer and 50% Seller. Property sells AS-IS in its current condition with no warranties, either expressed or implied. **Subject to current tenant's rights. Seller to retain all of the 2024 rent for the cropland as well as pasture.** Possession of the cropland following the 2025 wheat harvest or August 1, 2025, whichever comes first. Buyer to receive 1/3 of the 2025 wheat crop and be responsible for fall and spring fertilizer associated with said crop. Possession of the pasture November 1, 2024. Sells subject to a mineral reservation ending on April 6, 2044. **When said mineral reservation ends, all of Seller's mineral interest and production will revert to the surface owner of record.** This property sells subject to Seller confirmation. Sells Non Contingent on financing. Sells subject to any easements, leases and right of ways of record. It is the Buyer's responsibility to have all inspections completed prior to auction day. Floyd Auction and Real Estate LLC will make the property available at reasonable times to accommodate any inspections. Buyer has had the opportunity to do his due diligence regarding FS records (Tract 1). Buyer has received all information and is bidding accordingly. Floyd Auction and Real Estate LLC and its Agents/Auctioneers are acting as Agents of the Seller. Any announcements made the day of sale will take precedence over printed materials.

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Additional photos!