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## County Discusses Status of Spivey Fire Department

BY BOB MORRIS  
Managing Editor

Questions surrounding the status of the Spivey Fire Department may lead to the county having to step in to ensure fire protection for the townships in the south central part of the county.

Kingman County Commission Chairwoman Julie Lyon and County Commissioner Jack Thimesch addressed the issue during Monday's county commission meeting. The two went to the most recent Spivey city council meeting.

Spivey Fire Chief Keith Baring-

er, who was present at Monday's meeting, told the *Leader-Courier* that funding has been an issue for the fire department and that the department has no reserve.

Those concerns led to multiple people showing up at the most recent Spivey city council meeting. Thimesch mentioned that, along with Lyon, representatives from Norwich and Zenda were in attendance, along with multiple townships.

"All the adjoining fire departments were there in support of

keeping this open because if you lose that, you lose that one support in that area, it becomes a bigger area for (Spivey), for Zenda, for Norwich," Thimesch said.

He said he believed it was time for the county to step in, noting that County Counselor Brandon Ritcha and Spivey City Attorney Greg Graffman have been in conversations about what may be involved. Ritcha confirmed that the two have each examined the issue.

"We both have looked at it separately and discussed and came up with the exact same scenario," Ritcha said.

Thimesch added, "It's pretty simple, I think, because the city wants out. The townships want fire protection."

Ritcha said he didn't know if the direction would ultimately be the county taking over, noting that some people on township boards have expressed interest. But that would require townships to take some type of action to indicate the direction they want to go.

Ritcha added that this would mean the first time that Kingman County would have a fire district. He addressed Kingman Fire Chief Shae Brooks, who was present at

Monday's meeting, and noted that she has experience with that, having previously worked in Hutchinson.

Brooks said, if the fire department went from being a city department a county fire district, it wouldn't change the department itself but just who the department reports to.

"You can either have the chief report to the county commissioners or you can create a fire board," she said. "And a fire board is usually people who will help to kind of

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## Tank Renewal: Preparation for Repainting Work Gets Started

Work on repainting the tank by the Kingman Army got underway this past week. LEFT: Last Thursday, work began with a pressure washing of the tank in preparation for the eventual repainting. RIGHT: Last Friday, Kingman High School students completed other tasks such as covering portions of the tank before the actual repainting gets underway. Aaron Parsons is the contractor for the repainting project, with the tank set to be painted with the official flat green color. Donations made the labor and supplies possible.

## City Commission Keeps Current Funding Level for Health Insurance on Split Vote

BY BOB MORRIS  
Managing Editor

The Kingman city commission Thursday opted to stick with the 85 percent funding for self-funded health insurance, the same percentage that it was last year, on a split vote.

The vote to go with the recom-

mended level of 85 percent funding passed 3-2, with city commissioners Jon Wollen, Mark Arensdorf and Merlin McFarland in favor and Mayor Tracy Winsor and Vice Mayor Travis Kaufman voting against.

Kaufman favored looking at 80 percent funding as a way to save more money in the city's general

fund budget. While sticking with 85 percent funding would result in a one percent decrease in the city's costs, Kaufman and Winsor indicated they would like to reduce it more.

Mike Minton presented four different proposals for insurance renewal, with funding levels of 75 percent, 85 percent, 90 percent and

100 percent. But in response to a question from Kaufman, Minton said that an 80 percent level would be possible, indicating that it would result in a four percent decrease in the city's costs.

The funding percentage refers to how much the city funds its insurance each year, with a lower percentage meaning more of the city's

reserve funds are put at risk to cover claims.

At the 85 percent level, the city's annual specific premium will be \$275,082.78, the annual stop loss premium will be \$10,498.73 and the annual attachment point will be \$419,321.29.

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## Engineer Discusses Armory Plans With City Commission

BY BOB MORRIS  
Managing Editor

Gerit Garman of Orazem and Scalora Engineering (OSE) visited with the Kingman City Commission Thursday night about the plans for work at the Kingman Armory to utilize it as a temporary location for the county courthouse offices while remodeling takes place at the Kingman County courthouse.

The Kingman County commissioners have visited with the city about utilizing the armory for that purpose and County Commissioner Jack Thimesch proposed the county covering the costs to add heating, ventilation and air conditioning to the armory. Thimesch was also present at Thursday's city commission meeting.

Garman said that Orazem and Scalora representatives have visited the armory and have drawings of a proposed layout for temporary offices, plus a proposal to install a new HVAC system.

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## Kudos Awards: Graffman, Deardoff Thanked

The former and interim city manager each received a Kudos Award during the Kingman city commission meeting last Thursday. LEFT: Commissioner Merlin McFarland presented a Kudos Award to former city manager Greg Graffman, who has since returned as Kingman city attorney. RIGHT: Commissioner Jon Wollen presented a Kudos Award to interim city manager John Deardoff for his service the past couple of months. New city manager Daniel Knoll will start his duties on Monday.

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# NEWS

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## April Red Cross Blood Drive Exceeds Goal

### STAFF REPORT

The most recent Kingman Community Red Cross Blood Drive was held Tuesday, April 7 at Cornerstone Fellowship. The day started with 96 appointments, but even with several cancellations, the drive collected 78 total units, exceeding the goal of 69.

The units will provide transfusions for 234 individuals needing blood. They included 22 units from 11 power red donors, with nine donors deferred.

Blood drive coordinator Sharon James said she appreciated all donors and volunteers who were involved with the drive.

“The meal was provided by Cornerstone Fellowship. Thank you to Gail Flickner for arranging the volunteers to prepare and serve the meal. We enjoyed pulled pork sandwiches,” James said. “Thank you, Greg Flickner for smoking the meat. Along with the sandwiches,

we had baked beans, potato salad, and veggies, as well, as different kinds of cake. We appreciate the church for the use of their facility. Debi Doherty is always a great help by scheduling appointments for the next drive.”

James added she appreciated those who were unable to attend and called directly to cancel. She said that helps a lot.

“Please, call me if you find that you cannot come,” James said. “Canceling on-line or by calling the Red Cross does not help me know I have open appointments to fill. I also appreciate those who came as walk-ins. We had open appointments they could fill. The wait time for the drive was almost non-existent.”

The next drive will be held at St. Pats hosted by the Altar Society on June 11. The hours will be from noon to 6 p.m.

“This is often a difficult drive to

schedule due to the uncertainty of wheat harvest,” James said. “Another concern as we approach the summer is the increased consumption of iced tea. The tannin in tea reduces the donor’s hemoglobin and increases a person’s chance of being deferred. For the best result, you need to not drink tea for several days or even a week before you plan to donate.”

James said she appreciates that many donors use RapidPass, which makes registration quicker. Donors are now able to do RapidPass on their cell phones. It must be done the day of the drive. Donors need to bring a paper copy or have an email copy on their cell phone to show at the drive.

“The increased use of RapidPass shows in our turn-around time,” James said. “Thanks again to our loyal donors. Please, mark your calendar and help make the goal at our June drive.”



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## KHS: Service Day Held

Kingman High School students paint the short poles along Don Lock Drive in Riverside Park Friday morning. This was one of multiple projects that the students did as part of Community Service Day, in which students complete projects in different locations through the city.

## Kingman County Wheat Plot Tour Set for May 13

### PRESS RELEASE

The 2026 Kingman County Wheat Plot Tour will take place Wednesday, May 13 at 11 a.m. at Bock Seeds at 7681 SW 80th Ave.

K-State specialists and speakers Kelsey Andersen Onofre (wheat and forage crops specialist and assistant

professor of plant pathology), Logan Simon (southwest area agronomist), and Allan Fritz (K-State wheat breeding professor) will share insights on this year’s crop and what to expect for future wheat production.

Participants will gain valuable perspective on

wheat variety performance, including disease resistance and adaptability to our local growing conditions. This tour provides a hands-on opportunity to observe how different wheat varieties have responded to the variable conditions we’ve experienced this season.

Lunch will follow. Event sponsors are Bock Seeds, Farmers Co-op Equity, Wheat Alliance, Scouler Grain, and White Star Machinery.

For more information, contact Grace Schneider and the Kingman County Extension Office at (620) 532-5131 or gschnei@ksu.edu

## FIRE

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oversee the operations, logistics, you know, everything going on with the fire department.”

In the Spivey department’s case, Brooks said, Baringer would report to the fire board or a fire board member about things, particularly if there were any large purchase.

Brooks noted that departments being run by fire districts, rather than small towns, is a trend happening throughout the United States.

“Small townships are hav-

ing a hard time keeping hold of the fire departments because of cost, training, just moving forward,” Brooks said. “So this has become actually a very common thing.”

Thimesch raised one question about the fire trucks being “owned” by the city, but said that it’s the taxpayers who own the trucks because “taxpayers bought all this equipment.”

Brooks said ownership would come down to discussion with attorneys, finding out who purchased what and where money came from.

Ritcha said the issue is,

when a city operates a department, the city owns trucks and equipment from a legal standpoint.

“And so it’s a different kind of scenario than when you have fire districts who have their own levy and things of that nature,” he said.

Lyon said it’s something that will need to be addressed to ensure the townships have fire protection, but believes a solution will be determined, once everyone goes through the state statutes and figures out what is involved.

Baringer asked the com-

missioners if the titles for trucks equipment have been checked to see if they have been registered. Thimesch said he hoped that was the case.

Lyon added that she has spoken to township representatives and, despite some issues to address, “it all sounded positive.”

Ritcha said that, whatever happens, there would be resolutions ultimately brought before the county commissioners and there would need to be a time period in which people could give public input.

## HEALTH

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But Minton told the commissioners that “I am not uncomfortable going to the 75 (percent) for your plan right now. I probably would use all of it and use a little bit of reserves if we had the same type of year we’ve had the last couple of years.”

In discussing the city’s health insurance renewal, Minton said that the city has nice reserves in place, allowing the city to weather years in which claims are high.

“I always tell people you’re going to have this five-year cycle,” Minton said. “You’re going to have one year so good, you can’t believe it, one year so bad, and three pretty average

years. And we’ve had those the last couple of years. We’ve had pretty average years. They haven’t been fantastic by any means.

“I think we’ve grown our reserves just a little bit in the last couple of years. But it’s in a good place. It’s in a very good place.”

Minton noted that a city the size of Kingman could have difficulty finding a stop-loss carrier if it was presently fully insured, meaning the city just sends premiums to a carrier and the carrier pays claims.

“When you’re as small as you are, if you try to start this now, it’d be virtually impossible to do,” Minton said. “And it’s harder and harder each year to find stop-loss carriers for groups that are under 50 employees.”

As for the city’s costs, Minton said that it didn’t appear that the city would have to dip too much into its reserves to cover claims this year, to the point that he was fine with the city going with whatever level of funding it wanted.

“I mean, we’ve got about one and a half to two years of claims in reserves, which I know there’s always a question, why do we do that?” Minton said.

He then explained that the stop-loss carrier will look at each person on the plan and ask whether or not it will accept the risk of covering that individual at a certain amount, using the example of covering \$35,000 in claims.

“We had an ongoing cancer situation, and it looked

like that person was going to spend about \$150,000 the next year,” Minton said. “And so that meant that they could have done one of two things. They could either put that entire, what they risk, into the premiums, or they could say to the city, we won’t accept them at \$35,000, but if they’re going to spend, you’ll have to pay up to \$150,000 on them, if it happens.”

Thus, Minton said, it was important to have a strong reserve that can be used to cover claims if something like that happens.

As for the 85 percent funding level, Minton noted that the city has been running at that level for the past couple of years and hasn’t had to go into the reserves to pay claims.

## ARMORY

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He said that the planned work would be to add HVAC improvements to the gym portion of the armory to accommodate the county. Garman said that such a system would be installed with a “supply and return duct” brought into the building. It would then go into the gym space with a supply duct running on the north and south walls.

“But it would be laid out so that if you wanted to add additional air conditioning to the gym, you could,” Garman said. “The county’s only got about 35 people or so that they want to (have) in the gym. But if you’re having a dance there, you’re probably looking at maybe

300 people.”

He said the preliminary proposal is that the unit installed would be a 25-ton rooftop unit that would sit at grade more toward the south end with the ducts running in.

Garman said that the county would only need “20 to 25 tons of cooling” but a larger crowd would require more, based on peak times for when temperatures are hottest during the summer.

He added that lighting fixtures could be addressed to meet the county’s needs as well.

The plan would be for OSE to advertise it for bids or help the city with that process, then once a contractor is selected, to work with the city in getting those contracts in place.

City Clerk Zach Bieghler

asked how the HVAC system would impact electrical demand, noting that there aren’t any outlets on the floor. Garman said that there is a distribution panel in the armory that may accommodate the planned unit.

However, if the need arose to modify existing electrical services, Garman said, the plan would be to run a new electrical feeder over to the rooftop unit from the main distribution panel that currently exists.

As for what to do with the planned office space, Garman said there would be receptacles and data boxes on the north wall of the gym, to which they could route cables and power over to desks.

“There’s other things that we’ll discuss, potentially doing drops, temporary drops,

but that can evolve as the design of the project moves forward,” Garman said.

As for what would be done with currently existing rooms alongside the gym area, Thimesch said that the bathrooms in the armory were adequate, the kitchen might get used as a break room and one of the meeting rooms will likely be used for county commission meetings.

Thimesch added that district court will likely not be relocated to the armory and the county might have to use another building.

He said he only needed a consensus from the city commission to allow OSE to move forward and, when Mayor Tracy Winsor asked for that, the commissioners indicated they were in agreement.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### SECOND HALF OF TAXES DUE ON MAY 11

The tax deadline this year for the second half property taxes is Monday, May 11. If you are in the NRP (Neighborhood Revitalization Program), your payment must be received in person by this due date to stay in the program. Please mail your payment coupon in with your check or please bring the coupon with you if you are paying in person. If you have any questions, please call the Kingman County Treasurer’s Office at (620) 532-3461.

### HEALTH DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES MAY DATES

Kingman County Health Department will be doing its monthly outreach clinics in May on the following dates. The clinic will be in Cunningham on Wednesday, May 6 from 9:30 a.m. to noon and then in Zenda from 1:30 to 4 p.m. The clinic will be in Norwich on Thursday, May 7 from 1:30 to 4 p.m. The clinic will be at the Kingman Senior Center on Wednesday, May 13 from 11 a.m. to noon for free blood pressure checks.

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# OPINION

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## Going Postal

By Bernie Sheahan

In the last couple of years, I've mailed probably 200 or so postcards. Not from anywhere in particular. Most of the time, I'm sitting at my kitchen table or the coffee shop, writing postcards I got from the thrift store, or eBay, or the middle of a pile at my mom's house—from trips to Portugal or Kansas or Laguna Beach, postcards my mom didn't send because she forgot to. (Like mother, like daughter.)

Mom's cards are all pretty and scenic, the kind you'd send to folks who didn't have 500 TV channels and the world on their phone in 1972. Now you can see pictures of Portugal or Kansas or Laguna Beach with the flick of a thumb or by asking your imaginary friend (and total snooper) Siri, or Alexa to show you one.

Did you get a Portugal

postcard from me yet? Beautiful, yes? I mailed out 16 postcards today. My favorites are the dull, boring ones, featuring, for example, the 1964 Joe Schmo Memorial Library at Wossamotta U in Frostbite Falls, Minnesota. (Rocky and Bullwinkle cartoon, remember? No? Then you're too young. Check YouTube. You'll thank me later.) Or one picturing the rail lines at the John Deere manufacturing compound in Moline, Illinois.

Boring, unless you're my dear uncle, Dan Hageman, who's been a John Deere superstar for 50 years. Fifty! I sent him that postcard and he was quite tickled.

It's not the front of the postcard that matters. It's the back. I'm now a famous postcard artist, if "famous" means at least 200 people like them—although when I

said I'd done about 200 my brother said, "Two hundred a week, you mean. Maybe 2000, total."

Sure, I drop a load of dough on stamps, but my postcard habit is healthier than smokes and booze, isn't it? (It's possible to indulge in all three simultaneously. So I've heard.)

I can blame or thank my friends at our local art gallery and studio, because two years ago, at my first art class, I was sad that my painting was done and I had paint leftover. What a waste. Oh, but I had postcards in my backpack!

So I took a postcard and the leftover paint and brushed up a little man with a hat and a beard. No man in particular, then I sent it to my friend Deena who was so excited because it was Post Malone, her favorite pop

star! Really? Didn't mean it to be.

That's what got me started, on Nov. 20, 2024, with Crayolas and felt markers and whatnot, doodling and drawing in bright colors on the blank side of the card, adding a message right on top of the artwork, writing whatever comes to my head about anything.

I sent a fun postcard to my favorite four-year-old from a California pub called "ManyFriends" which has bright balloon faces painted on their window. You'd think it was a preschool, but it's a beer hall. A nice one, with chess sets and board games instead of pool tables.

So the ManyFriends pub postcard looked just like the window, with the cartoony-balloony happy faces, holding teeny, tiny mugs of beer, which you can hardly notice. I wrote a sweet little thing about missing this four-year-old and I hope she will keep it for another 17 years because in teeny, tiny print on the bottom I wrote a note to her mother. "Can't wait to buy Sally her first beer."

Her mama, my beloved third cousin once removed, loved that. Turns out Sally did notice the teeny, tiny mugs. "Look! People drinking lemonade!" That's right, baby girl, lemonade. For now.

Why would I send a four-year-old a souvenir from a brewery? Because I love her, that's why. Shoot, I got a tiny Coors mug when we took Grandma, Grandpa and Aunt Julia to Colorado. Of course I was at least five by then, so I could hold my liquor. In my Barbie-size beer stein.

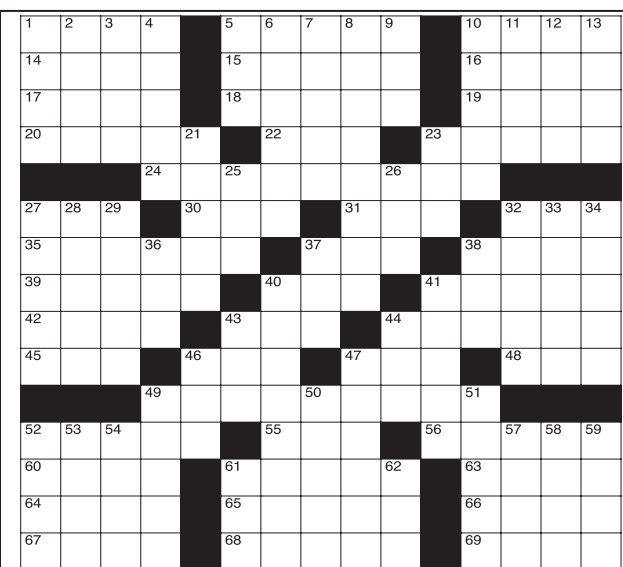
I think I still have that tiny Coors mug. It's ceramic, so you can't see through it. It can hold about a thimbleful of Coors beer. Or lemonade. For now.

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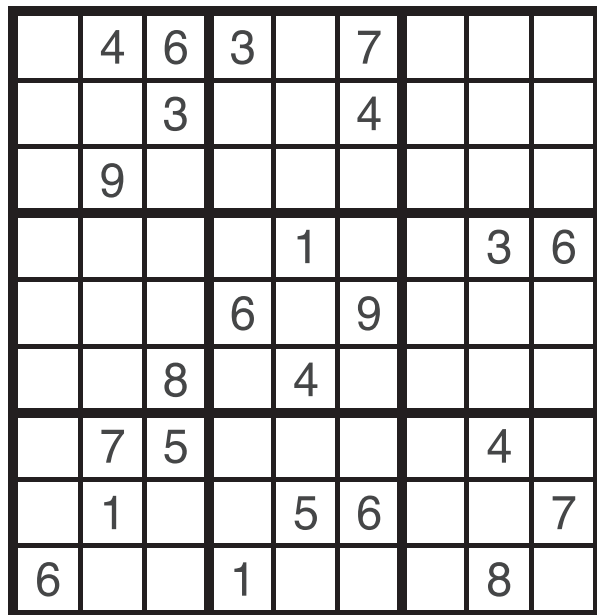


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- 5. Ancient Korean chiefdoms
- 10. Not soft
- 14. Jai \_\_\_ sport
- 15. Philosophy
- 16. Do what you're told
- 17. Gaffe
- 18. Widely known and esteemed
- 19. Amusement park attraction
- 20. Popular comic strip Viking
- 22. Usually has a lid
- 23. American sportscaster
- 24. Lung fibrosis
- 27. General's assistant (abbr.)
- 30. Pouch
- 31. Upset
- 32. Partner to hem
- 35. Astronomy unit of distance
- 37. Witch
- 38. Gradually disappear
- 39. Regions
- 40. Possesses
- 41. Body parts
- 42. A way to comprehend
- 43. Defraud
- 44. Sandwich type
- 45. Expression of disappointment
- 46. Popular Dodge truck model
- 47. The 17th letter of the Greek alphabet
- 48. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 49. Songs to a beloved
- 52. Custom
- 55. Partner to cheese
- 56. West Indies trees
- 60. Member of a Semitic people
- 61. Plant that originated vegetatively
- 63. Squandered one's money
- 64. Ethiopian river
- 65. Excessive fluid accumulation in tissues
- 66. Acquire by one's efforts
- 67. Irish goddess
- 68. Hungarian village
- 69. Cereal grasses

### CLUES DOWN

- 1. Currency
- 2. Ceramic jar
- 3. Reagan's Secretary of State
- 4. God worshipped in Kanesh
- 5. One thousand cubic feet (abbr.)
- 6. Semitic
- 7. About blood
- 8. Benign tumors
- 9. Move one's head
- 10. Hours (Spanish)
- 11. Hebrew calendar month
- 12. Advise someone
- 13. Colors clothes
- 21. The sun does it
- 23. Concealed
- 25. City of Angels hoops team (abbr.)
- 26. Droop
- 27. Away from one another
- 28. Challenges
- 29. A harsh scraping sound
- 32. Attaches to a wall
- 33. Capital of Ethiopia: \_\_\_ Ababa
- 34. German river
- 36. Disappointed
- 37. Star Wars character Solo
- 38. Supervises flying
- 40. Not mass-produced
- 41. Nonsense
- 43. Automobile
- 44. Hoghead (abbr.)
- 46. Soak in water
- 47. Flower cluster
- 49. Romanian city
- 50. A parent is often one
- 51. Fencing sword
- 52. Body part
- 53. Region
- 54. Farm building
- 57. Ali's surname at birth
- 58. Waxy bird beak covering
- 59. Stiff bristles
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Notice of election of two (2) members of the Board of Directors of Hospital District No. 6 of Harper County, Kansas and Annual Meeting. Notice is hereby given by the Board of Directors of the Hospital District No. 6 Harper County, Kansas pursuant to K.S.A. 80-2184 and 80-2185 that the annual meeting of the qualified voters of such Hospital District shall be held on Thursday, May 14, 2026 at 5:15 p.m. at Chaparral High School, 467 North State Road 14, Anthony, Kansas for the purpose of electing two (2) members to the Board of Directors for a term of three (3) years and for such other purposes that may come before the board.

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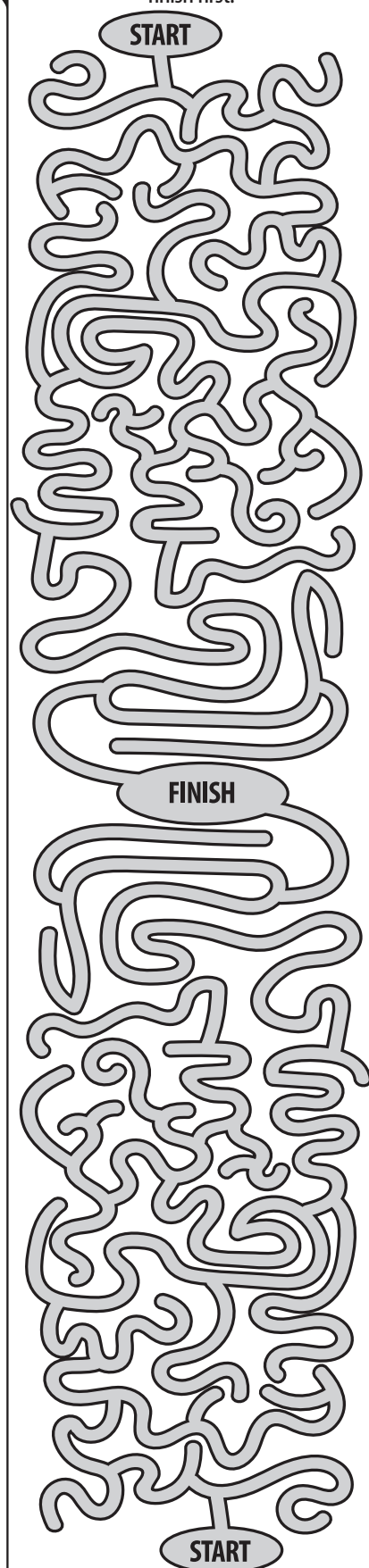
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## Double Maze

Race a friend to see who can reach the finish first!



# Things You Can't Do Alone

There are plenty of things you can do all by yourself. You can write a story or draw a picture. You can do 20 push ups. And you can look for animal shapes in the clouds.

But there are a whole bunch of things that you really can't do by yourself. Look at all of the examples on this page. Can you think of more?



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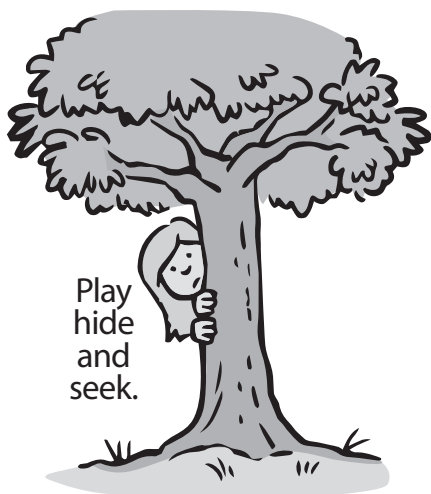
Tell a joke.



Play rock, paper, scissors.



Perform in a marching band.



Play hide and seek.



Play musical chairs.



Share a popsicle.



Run a relay race.



Play tic-tac-toe.



Have a staring contest.



Have a tug of war.



Play on a baseball team.



Have a snowball fight.



Ride a teeter-totter.

List at least three more things you can't do alone:

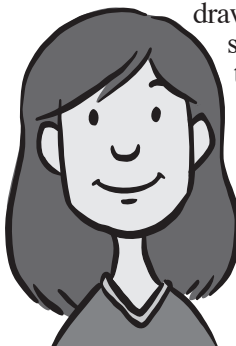
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## Help Wanted

Avery is decorating for her little sister's birthday party. She's doing a great job by herself, but she would appreciate your help. Color this picture and use your drawing skills to add more colorful decorations. Can you draw a birthday cake?



## How Many People Does It Take?

Look through the newspaper and find an activity that needs more than one person. How many people does it need? Repeat with two more activities.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Spell grade-level words correctly.

## Kid Scoop Puzzler

It takes more than one person to get *Kid Scoop* to you.

Look carefully at this page. Can you find the names of two people who are part of the *Kid Scoop* team?

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Look through this newspaper to find the names of other people who make this entire newspaper!

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## Double Double Word Search

- ALONE
- BAND
- BUNCH
- HIDE
- JOKE
- ONE
- PERSON
- PLAY
- RIDE
- ROCK
- RUN
- SEEK
- SHARE
- TEAM
- THINK
- YOURSELF

Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.

K G Y H T R N S V B  
 I B U N C H U E A W  
 L Q W S Y L B N C P  
 E D I H B P D O U E  
 T S M A E T L L P R  
 H U E R O C K A K S  
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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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## Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **APPRECIATE**

The word **appreciate** means to be thankful or grateful for something or someone.

I **appreciate** when my dad helps me with my homework.

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

## FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

### Working Together

Look through the newspaper and find some examples of people working together. Write a paragraph explaining why a person shouldn't do this type of work alone.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Write an opinion supported by facts.



Why are crayons always welcome at parties?

ANSWER: They brighten the room and blend right in with guests.

## Write On!

### A Little "Me" Time

What are some things you like to do by yourself? Write about a few of them.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Write descriptively using supporting details.



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# DOCKET

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## KINGMAN CITY POLICE BLOTTER *By Officer Kyle Mandeville*

<b>Sunday, April 20</b>					
Traffic Stops	1				
Animal Complaint	700 Blk W Washington Ave	Medical Assist	200 Blk N Sunflower Dr	Electrical Hazard	1100 Blk E Hwy 54
911 Hang-Up	700 Blk W Washington Ave	Medical Assist	400 Blk W Sunset Dr	Citizen Assist	400 Blk E D Ave
Trespassing	200 Blk N Douglas St	Harassment	500 Blk N Thompson St	Harassment	2100 Blk N Koch Industrial
Violating Protection Order	100 Blk N Spruce St	Harassment	700 Blk N Spruce St	Theft	500 Blk S Edwards St
		Harassment	Riverside Park	<b>Friday, April 25</b>	
<b>Monday, April 21</b>		Violating Protection Order	200 Blk N Main St	Traffic Stops	6
Traffic Stops	3	Suicidal Subject	300 Blk W C Ave	Found Property	2100 Blk N Koch Industrial
Animal Complaint	N Spruce St and E F Ave	<b>Wednesday, April 23</b>		Found Property	100 Blk N Spruce St
Suspicious Person	400 Blk W Sunset Dr	Traffic Stops	1	Agency Assist	E Hwy 54 @MM181
Agency Assist	100 Blk N Spruce St	Harassment	200 Blk E H Ave	Traffic Complaint	200 Blk W Kansas Ave
Building Secure	Riverside Park	Citizen Assist	400 Blk N Ninescah St		
Suspicious Person	Riverside Park	Animal Complaint	700 Blk W D Ave	<b>Saturday, April 26</b>	
Suspicious Person	300 Blk E D Ave			Traffic Stops	6
<b>Tuesday, April 22</b>				Animal Complaint	700 Blk N Main St
Traffic Stops	2			Agency Assist	200 Blk NE 150, Cheney
				Fire Investigation	400 Blk E F Ave
				Harassment	400 Blk N Lincoln St
				Traffic Complaint	1800 Blk N Whetzel St

## KINGMAN COUNTY SHERIFF BLOTTER

<b>Sunday, April 19</b>					
Check Welfare	1200 Blk NE 150 Ave, Cheney	Fraud	4700 Blk NE 130 Ave, Cheney	Traffic Control	3000 Blk W Hwy 54, Kingman
Miscellaneous	E Hwy 42 & SE 40 Ave, Rago	Miscellaneous	400 Blk E C Ave, Kingman	Fire/Ditch	NE 60 & NE 120, Pretty Prairie
Miscellaneous	1200 Blk NE 150 Ave, Cheney	Suspicious Vehicle	1200 Blk E Hwy 54, Kingman	Warrant Service	120 N Spruce St, Kingman
Animal Complaint	5000 Blk E Hwy 42, Rago	Traffic Complaint	18000 Blk W Hwy 42, Nashville	Follow Up	120 N Spruce St, Kingman
Traffic Complaint	18000 Blk W Hwy 54, Cunningham	Miscellaneous	400 Blk N Ninescah, Kingman	Traffic Complaint	1000 Blk W Hwy 54, Kingman
Miscellaneous	120 N Spruce St, Kingman	Traffic Complaint	11000 E Hwy 54, Cheney		
Agency Assist/KMPD	200 Blk N Douglas St, Kingman	Follow Up	N Chariton & NE 20, Kingman	<b>Friday, April 24</b>	
		Trespassing	N Somerset & W 2nd, Norwich	Traffic Stops	2
<b>Monday, April 20</b>		Trespassing	300 Blk W 2nd Ave, Norwich	Alarm	13000 Blk SW 140, Cunningham
Traffic Stops	2	Agency Assist/KMPD	300 Blk W C Ave, Kingman	Disabled Vehicle	10000 Blk E Hwy 54, Murdock
Civil Paper Service	1	Miscellaneous	200 Blk E Don Lock, Kingman	Trespassing	302 E D Ave, Kingman
Court/Inmates	130 N Spruce St, Kingman			Fraud	15000 Blk NE Paint Pony, Cheney
Traffic Complaint	E A Ave & N Main St, Kingman	<b>Wednesday, April 22</b>		Miscellaneous	120 N Spruce St, Kingman
Disabled Vehicle	E Hwy 54 & NE 40 Ave, Kingman	Traffic Stops	6	Agency Assist/KHP	8000 Blk E Hwy 54, Murdock
Miscellaneous	120 N Spruce St, Kingman	Disabled Vehicle	5000 Blk E Hwy 54, Kingman	Agency Assist/KHP	400 Blk E Leiter, Cunningham
Agency Assist/Reno Co	11000 Blk S Hwy 14, Kingman	Miscellaneous	6900 Blk NW 10 St, Kingman		
Alarm	2100 Blk N Koch Industrial, Kingman	Agency Assist/KHP	E Hwy 54 & N Hwy 14, Kingman	<b>Saturday, April 25</b>	
		Traffic Complaint	2000 Blk E Hwy 54, Kingman	Traffic Complaint	2
<b>Tuesday, April 21</b>				Suspicious Vehicle	400 Blk E Leiter, Cunningham
Traffic Stops	8	<b>Thursday, April 23</b>		Non-Injury Accident	15000 W Hwy 54, Cunningham
Traffic Stop/Arrest	16000 E Hwy 54, Cheney	Traffic Stop	1	Animal Complaint	SW 70 St & S Berry Ave, Spivey
Transport Inmate	120 N Spruce St, Kingman	Civil Paper Service	1	Miscellaneous	N Coronado St & E A Ave, Kingman
Accidental 911 Dial	100 Blk N Main St, Norwich	Miscellaneous/Jail	120 N Spruce St, Kingman	Disturbance/Arrest	1200 Blk NE 150 Ave, Cheney
Welfare Check	13000 Blk SE 100 Ave, Rago	Non-Injury Accident	400 Blk N Sugar St, Kingman	Miscellaneous	200 Blk E Grover Ave, Spivey
		Traffic Complaint	12000 Blk W Hwy 54, Cunningham	Disabled Vehicle	E Hwy 42 & SE 30 Ave, Rago
		Traffic Complaint	7000 Blk W Hwy 54, Kingman	Miscellaneous	4300 Blk NE 20 St, Kingman
		Transport Inmate/Court	130 N Spruce St, Kingman	Agency Assist/KHP/Arrest	E Hwy 54 & NE 150 Ave, Cheney
		Transport Inmate	700 Blk W D Ave, Kingman	Non-Injury Accident	SW 150 St & SW 90 Ave, Zenda

## LEGAL NOTICE

(First published in the Kingman Leader-Courier on Thursday, April 16, 2026) 3t

### IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT, KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS PROBATE DIVISION

In the matter of the Estate of RICHARD L. MCDONALD, Deceased.  
Case No. KM-2025-PR-15  
(Filed Pursuant to K.S.A. Ch. 59)

#### NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition for Final Settlement has been filed in this Court by Regan McDonald, duly appointed, qualified and acting Executor of the Estate of Richard L. McDonald, deceased, praying Petitioner's act be approved; account be settled and allowed; the heirs be determined; and the Estate be assigned to the persons entitled to it pursuant to the laws of intestate succession; the Court find the allowances requested for attorneys' fees and expenses are reasonable and should be allowed; the costs be determined and ordered paid; the administration of the Estate be closed; upon the filing of receipts, the Petitioner be finally discharged as Executor of the Estate of Richard L. McDonald, deceased, and the Petitioner be released from further liability.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before May 11, 2026 at 9:30 a.m. in the District Court in Kingman, Kingman County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said petition.

Regan McDonald  
Petitioner

JOHNSTON, EISENHAUER, EISENHAUER & LYNCH, LLC  
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Pratt, KS 67124  
620/672-5533  
Attorneys for Petitioner

## PUBLIC NOTICE

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### 2026 SUMMER SCHEDULE FOR THE KINGMAN COUNTY CONSTRUCTION/DEMOLITION LANDFILL

The Kingman County Landfill will begin summer hours the week of May 4, 2026. Summer schedule is as follows, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday from 8:00 am to 9:00 am and the first Saturday of the month from 8:00 am to noon. \*CLOSED WEDNESDAYS\*



## KINGMAN COUNTY JAIL BOOKINGS

<b>April 21:</b> Angel Gonzalez Diaz, 39, reckless driving, speeding, violating restrictions on drivers license and no proof of insurance, \$3,000 bond.	<b>April 21:</b> Travis Allen Wells, 28, failure to appear, court-ordered release.	<b>April 25:</b> Curtis Howard Butterfield, 65, domestic battery, \$2,500 bond.	<b>April 26:</b> Joseph Roy Ivan Greenhouse, 35, violation of protection order, \$5,000 OR bond.
<b>April 22:</b> Anthony Scott Mills, 25, served two days.	<b>April 24:</b> Alicia Deanne Shoffner, 48, driving with suspended license and habitual	<b>April 25:</b> Casey Jordan Williams, 32, DUI, \$1,000 bond.	<b>April 27:</b> Aaron Tracer Buie, 24, failure to appear, \$1,500 bond.

## LEGAL NOTICE

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### IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LLOYD D. VENARD, Deceased.

Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The State of Kansas to all persons concerned:

You are hereby notified that on April 7, 2026, a Petition was filed in this Court by Donald Venard, praying for the appointment of a personal representative of the Estate of Lloyd D. Venard, Deceased.

All creditors of the decedent are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate within the later of four months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within 30 days after the receipt of actual notice by a known or reasonably ascertainable creditor, as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

Donald Venard  
Petitioner

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Kansas 67801  
Attorney for Petitioner

## PUBLIC NOTICE PRIMARY ELECTION

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### PRIMARY ELECTION NOTICE STATE OF KANSAS COUNTY OF KINGMAN

I, Carol D. Noblit, County Election Officer of Kingman County, Kansas, do hereby inform Registered Voters of Kingman County that a Primary Election will be held August 4, 2026, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The filing deadline will be June 1st, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. noon. Candidates for the following offices will be nominated by each political party which has qualified to participate in the Primary Election:

- One candidate for United States Senate
- One candidate for United States House of Representatives, 4th District
- One pair of candidates for GOVERNOR/ LT GOVERNOR
- One candidate for SECRETARY OF STATE
- One candidate for ATTORNEY GENERAL
- One candidate for STATE TREASURER
- One candidate for COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE
- One candidate for STATE REPRESENTATIVE, 114TH DISTRICT
- One candidate for MEMBER, STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, 7TH DISTRICT
- One candidate for COUNTY COMMISSIONER 1st DISTRICT
- One candidate for TOWNSHIP CLERK in each Township (Precinct)

The following officers will be elected in each political party which has qualified to participate in the Primary Election:

- One candidate for PRECINCT COMMITTEEMAN in each Precinct
- One candidate for PRECINCT COMMITTEEWOMAN in each Precinct
- Voting Places and the Township each voting place will serve, will be as follows:  
VOTING PLACE  
KINGMAN EXPO CENTER NORTH ROOM  
TOWNSHIPS  
Hoosier Township, Ninescah Township, White Township, Belmont Township & Richland Township  
KINGMAN CITY 1, 2, 3 & 4th WARD  
Norwich City, Bennett Township, Allen Township, Eagle Township, Canton Township  
Galesburg Township, Evan Township, Dale Township, Vinita Township  
Liberty Township, Nashville City, Zenda City, Rochester Township, Chikaskia Township, Spivey City, Valley Township, Kingman Township, Peters Township  
Cunningham City, Dresden Township, Rural Township, Eureka Township, Penalosa City, Union Township

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereto set my hand and cause to be affixed my official seal. Done at the County Clerk's Office this 14th day of April, 2026.

Carol D. Noblit  
Kingman County Election Officer  
(SEAL)

## SPORTS

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? Contact Bob Morris at (620) 532-3151 or email bmmorris@kcnonline.com

## Pitching Key to Eagles' Doubleheader Sweep of Haven

BY BOB MORRIS  
Managing Editor

The Kingman baseball team's pitching staff was key to the Eagles completing a doubleheader sweep at home against Haven Monday.

The Eagles won the first game 3-2 and the second game 3-1. In the first game, pitchers Jaxson Campbell, Drew Kelly and Brian Fairchild combined for a four-hitter, while in the second game, pitchers Noah Manthe and Chaz Snyder combined for a no-hitter in which Haven's only run came on an error in the seventh inning.

"We do have a really good group of pitching staff," said head coach Toby Munz. "The foundation of Noah Manthe taking a no-hitter into the fifth inning and having to make a tough decision whether or not to keep going with him or get him out of there and get him ready for Thursday.

"But I knew we had the guys in the dugout that could get us through the sixth and seventh. And so Chaz came in and did a fine job. Those two combined for a no-hitter, one of the first ones we've had."

In the first game, the Eagles trailed 2-1 going into the bottom of the fifth, but got on the board, then added two more runs in the sixth.

"We need a little check to see where we're at with the

coaching staff, with the players, and they responded well to this," Munz said. "A little adversity, a good ball club in Haven, and now our guys pitched really well tonight, had some good timely hits."

Munz said the defense does need to tighten up a bit, but he was happy with how the Eagles responded after losing a doubleheader at home against Chaparral Thursday.

"I'm real proud of our response that we had after having some adversity early in the midseason," he said.

Haven got on the board in the first inning of the first game, then the game remained 1-0 until the fifth when the Wildcats added another run.

Kingman then got on the board after Levi Gattis doubled, then scored on an error with two outs in the bottom of the fifth.

In the sixth inning, Campbell was hit by a pitch, stole second, advanced to third on an error, then scored on Grayson Smith's single to right field. Smith would then advance to second on a sacrifice bunt by Drew Kelly, then advanced to third on Malachi Graber's fly out to centerfield. He then scored on the throw to the infield.

Kingman had seven hits in the first game, while Haven had four hits and four errors. Gattis was 3-for-4 with a double.

Campbell pitched three-

and-one-third innings and gave up one run off one hit with three walks and seven strikeouts. Kelly pitched two innings and gave up one run off two hits with four walks and five strikeouts. Fairchild pitched one-and-two-third innings and gave up one hit with three strikeouts.

In the second game, Kingman got up 2-0 in the third inning after Garrett Gattis doubled to left field to score Graber, then Campbell reached first base on an error and Gattis scored.

The Eagles scored again in the fourth inning as Haven had the chance at a double play, but after getting one out, a throwing error allowed Smith to score.

Manthe pitched four-and-two-third innings, walking two batters and striking out seven. Snyder pitched two-and-one-third innings and struck out two.

Kelly was 2-for-3 to lead the Eagles at the plate in the second game.

Munz said that multiple players are stepping up, noting that Smith has done a good job at catcher after the Eagles lost Andrew Ziegler for the season. Ziegler ran into a fence during practice and injured his knee.

The head coach said he is looking forward to what the Eagles (12-6) can do in their remaining games.

"We just had a little check right there to see if we were gonna lay down or if we



BOB MORRIS / Leader-Courier

Kingman assistant baseball coach Jake Graber, right, bumps fists with Garrett Gattis (8) after the KHS senior got on base in the third inning of the first game of Monday's home doubleheader against Haven. Gattis had an RBI double in the second game as the Eagles completed the sweep of the Wildcats, 3-2 and 3-1.

were gonna get up and fight," Munz said. "And I think we decided to get up and finish off this season off in a good fashion.

"So I'm really excited about this last little grind and see what these guys can do, which is a possibility of something really special. It's a special group. No matter what adversity we've gotten, we've had it all this year."

**KHS vs. Chaparral**

In last Thursday's doubleheader against Chaparral, the Eagles lost a low-scoring game, 3-2, in the opener,

then lost 9-3 in the nightcap.

The Roadrunners had 12 hits and two errors in the first game while the Eagles had eight hits and one error. For Kingman, Garrett Gattis was 2-for-4 with one RBI, Grady McBeth was 2-for-4, Joey Brannan was 2-for-5 and Grayson Smith doubled.

Jaxson Campbell pitched four innings and gave up two earned runs off five hits with one walk and four strikeouts. Drew Kelly pitched three innings and gave up no runs off two hits with one walk and four strikeouts. Noah Manthe pitched four innings

and gave up one earned run off five hits with one walk and four strikeouts.

In the second game, Chaparral had 11 hits and two errors while Kingman had six hits and five errors. For Kingman, Campbell was 1-for-3 with one RBI and Jace Sasina was 1-for-3 with a double.

Brian Fairchild pitched five innings and gave up five runs, three earned, off six hits with two walks and two strikeouts. Donald Romme pitched two innings and gave up four runs, one earned, off five hits with two strikeouts.

## Errors Plague Lady Eagles in Doubleheader Loss to Lady Wildcats



BOB MORRIS / Leader-Courier

Kingman's Lizzy Wallace puts the ball into play in the fourth inning of the first game of Monday's home doubleheader against Haven. The Lady Eagles lost both games, with errors being crucial to the second game's outcome. Kingman lost the first game 10-3 and the second 14-12.

BY BOB MORRIS  
Managing Editor

Fielding errors were crucial to the Kingman softball team losing a home doubleheader against Haven Monday.

The Lady Eagles had one error and just four hits in the first game, an 8-2 loss. In the second game, Kingman trailed 10-3 going into the sixth inning, rallied for nine runs, but couldn't close out and lost 14-12.

In the second game, the Eagles had five errors, which proved costly.

"I felt like we kicked ourselves in the foot tonight," said head coach Ashley Podschun. "We made uncharacteristic errors that were not normal. My outfield dropped a lot of balls that are normally a sure out."

She said it appeared some players had hesitation when

going for fly balls or grounders, thinking somebody else was going to get the ball. Podschun said some of that fell on her as far as preparing the girls for the games.

Podschun added she wondered if she should have pulled Haidyn Hartley from the second game sooner, after Haven got multiple hits off Hartley in the top of the seventh.

"We fought back," Podschun said. "We were down, I think, six or something like that, and ended up taking the lead, so I was pleased with that. We came back and did that, and then we just couldn't put it away."

In the first game, the Lady Wildcats took a 5-0 lead in the top of the sixth before Kingman finally scored in the bottom of the sixth. Taylor Creadick singled to right field, reached second on a passed ball, then scored on

Parker Beam's line drive to center. Hartley then drew a walk, followed by Teagan Dick with a double to left field that scored Beam.

But Kingman was unable to bring in any more runs, then Haven responded with a three-run inning in the top of the seventh.

Caylor Helm pitched six innings and gave up eight runs, five earned, off 12 hits with seven walks and 10 strikeouts. Addyson Belt pitched the seventh inning and gave up one hit.

In the second game, the Wildcats led 5-0 going into the bottom of the third, when Kingman got on the board after Creadick singled to right field, advanced to second and third on passed balls, then scored on Beam's sacrifice fly to centerfield.

Haven extended the lead to 6-1 in the top of the fourth, then Kingman scored again

in the bottom of the fourth after Helm's single to right field scored Lizzy Wallace.

The Lady Wildcats then went up 10-2 in the top of the fifth, with Kingman scoring again in the bottom of the fifth after Beam singled to left, then Dick hit a fly ball that Haven couldn't get to and Beam advanced to third. Beam then scored on a fielder's choice.

In the sixth inning, Helm singled to right, Belt drew a walk and Creadick reached on an error to load the bases. Helm and Belt then each scored on passed balls and Beam drew a walk to put runners on first and third.

Hartley then singled to right field to bring in Creadick, after which Raegan Thimesch came in to courtesy run for Hartley. She and Beam then scored on Dick's line drive to centerfield.

Wallace drew a walk and Ava Ziegler was hit by a pitch, then Helm's double to left field scored Dick and Wallace. Ziegler and Helm then each scored on passed balls.

But Haven got four straight hits with one out in the top of the seventh, including a triple from Paige O'Neal for two runs, that allowed Haven to retake the lead. Kingman was unable to come back in the bottom of the seventh.

Kingman had 11 hits in the second game while Haven had 15. Leading hitters for Kingman were Helm, 4-for-4 with a double and three runs batted in; Dick, 2-for-4 with two RBIs; and Hartley, 2-for-5.

Hartley pitched six-and-one-third innings and gave

up 14 runs, eight earned, off 15 hits with one walk. Belt pitched two-thirds of an inning and struck out one.

Podschun said that she thinks the Lady Eagles (9-7) are doing all right despite the losses on Monday. She noted that they just got Creadick back into the lineup after she hurt her thumb. Creadick has played the infield since returning when she previously played catcher.

"I'd like to get her behind the dish, but we're still nursing her thumb for just a little bit longer, so I'll be happy when I get her back, I can leave Tangi (Mertens) at first," Podschun said, but added that Mertens did a good job as catcher in the second game. Dick has worked multiple games behind the plate when Creadick was unable to play.

"I'm not mad about where we're at," Podschun said. "I've seen what we're capable of. Obviously, tonight wasn't what we were capable of, so we'll get after it tomorrow with a little bit of reminders on being a little bit lackadaisical when we're going after balls if we make errors, so just tighten things up a little bit at practice and get a little bit more focus in during the game."

She said that the Lady Eagles will have some tough games coming up against Pratt and Cheney. What Podschun wants to see is the Lady Eagles taking care of business in the field.

"I feel like some of our losses have gotten a little out of hand, a little by our fault, I guess," Podschun said. "We had a lot of errors during those losses, so I think if we can clean those up — and

we're making the errors on the good teams, and they're going to take advantage of it — so if we can clean those up on the good teams, we'll be sitting fine."

**KHS vs. Chaparral**

The Lady Eagles completed a doubleheader sweep at home last Thursday against Chaparral.

They won big in the first game 13-2, then had a close outing in the nightcap but pulled out a 9-7 win.

In the first game, Kingman had 16 hits and no errors while Chaparral had six hits and one error. For Kingman, Addyson Belt was 3-for-4 with two runs batted in, Haidyn Hartley was 3-for-3 with one RBI; Teagan Dick was 3-for-4 with one RBI; Parker Beam was 2-for-4 with a triple and three RBIs and Ava Ziegler was 2-for-4 with two RBIs.

Caylor Helm pitched a complete game for the Lady Eagles, giving up one earned run off six hits in six innings with two walks and six strikeouts.

In the second game, Kingman had 11 hits and three errors while Chaparral had 10 hits and two errors. For Kingman, Lizzy Wallace was 3-for-4 with a double and two RBIs, Helm was 3-for-3 with a triple and one RBI and Dick was 2-for-4 with two doubles and one RBI.

Hartley started in the circle for Kingman and pitched four-and-one-third innings, giving up seven runs, one earned, off seven hits with three strikeouts. Belt pitched two-and-two-third innings and gave up three hits with three strikeouts.

## Birkenbaugh Sets New School Record in Boy's Javelin at Halstead Invitational

## STAFF REPORT

The Kingman track athletes competed at the Halstead meet on Friday.

Logan Birkenbaugh set a new school record in the boy's javelin with his throw

of 174 feet, five inches.

Complete results for the girls were:

100-meter dash: Marianna Gutierrez, sixth, 13.10; Michelle Swope, 13.81.

200-meter dash: Marianna

Gutierrez, third, 26.27; Michelle Swope, 29.04.

400-meter dash: Shay Watkins, 1:10.73.

800-meter run: Rylie Smith, 2:42.87.

1600-meter run: Georgia

Huse, 6:13.37.

3200-meter run: Georgia Huse, 13:49.43.

100-meter hurdles: Addi Giefer, fifth, 17.49; Lexi Winsor, 18.49.

300-meter hurdles: Addi

Giefer, 53.28; Olivia Huhman, 57.35.

4x100-meter relay: Kingman, 52.75.

High jump: Jayda DeWeese, 4-10.

Triple jump: Lexi Winsor,

31-8.5.

Discus: Shay Watkins, 87-3; Jenna Parsons, 75-3.

Javelin: Jayda DeWeese, 95-6; Shay Watkins, 88-0.

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# SPORTS

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## Kingman Boy's Tennis Wins Home Triangular

### STAFF REPORT

The Kingman boy's tennis team hosted a triangular against Chaparral and Haven Thursday, at which the Eagles took first as a team. At No. 1 doubles, Michael Harbert and Aljhon Young took first, beating Chaparral's Grayson Hill and Ben Swingle 8-7 (7-1) and Haven's Koby Retzlaff and Braedyn Stieben 8-4. At No. 2 doubles, Oliver Redmond and Zachary Elliott took first, beating Chaparral's Patrick Pineda and Scott Weston 8-5 and Haven's Noah Petersheim and Dax McAddo 8-2. At No. 1 singles, Braden

Harbert went 1-1, beating Haven's Kaidence Carlson 8-0 and losing to Chaparral's Mason Stitt 8-2. Harbert took second. "We played great," said head coach Dylan Welch. "Our No. 1 doubles team showed incredible resilience, battling back after being down 5-7 to win their match in an exciting tie-breaker." "Our No. 2 doubles team also played fantastic tennis, winning both of their matches against tough competition." Kingman is scheduled to attend the Central Plains League tournament May 4.



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Kingman's Braden Harbert returns a serve during singles competition at the Eagles home tennis triangular last Thursday.

## MEET

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Shot put: Jenna Parsons, 25-5.25. Complete results for the boys were: 100-meter dash: Chris Hepburn, 12.05; Boston Beck, 12.33. 200-meter dash: Trent Clark, 23.39; Gabe Andersen, 24.04. 400-meter dash: Gabe Andersen, 54.56; Boston Beck, 59.48. 110-meter hurdles: Trent Clark, third, 15.67; Logan Birkenbaugh, 16.90.

300-meter hurdles: Trent Clark, third, 41.00; Logan Birkenbaugh, sixth, 42.65. 4x100-meter relay: Kingman, 46.30. High jump: Dawson Wood, 5-8. Long jump: Boston Beck, 18-5.25; Dawson Wood, 17-6. Triple jump: Dawson Wood, 37-0.5. Discus: Jon Silba, 117-10; Gabriel Dalton, 102-10. Javelin: Logan Birkenbaugh, second, 174-5; Gabriel Dalton, 121-1. Shot put: Jon Silba, 38-4; Chris Hepburn, 36-7.25.

## KHS Boy's Golfers Fourth at Clearwater Tournament

### STAFF REPORT

The Kingman boy's golf team took fourth at the Clearwater tournament Tuesday at Pine Bay Golf Course. The Eagles shot 392 as a team. Chaz Snyder and Drew Kelly each shot 94 and finished in a four-way tie for 14th place. Kelly had his best round of the season.

Noah Manthe and Jace Sasina each shot 102 and finished in a three-way tie for 24th place, while Malachi Graber shot 108 and placed 33rd and Grant Clouse shot 114 and placed 39th. "I thought that the boys learned a lot about risk and reward today," said head coach Kyle Meireis. "They were forced

to make many decisions that were not easy. Although we didn't have our best day, we matured mentally. This should help us in the future." The Eagles are set to play at a junior varsity tournament at Pretty Prairie this Monday, then the varsity will play at Cheney this Tuesday.

## Norwich Track Athletes Fare Well at Home Invitational

### STAFF REPORT

The Norwich track athletes hosted their own invitational Thursday. Complete results for the boys were: 100-meter dash: Easton Schroeder, second, 11.85; Jeremiah Adelhardt, 13.58. 200-meter dash: Easton Schroeder, third, 25.05; Lucas Fisher, 25.90; Easton Wohlgenuth, 26.88. 400-meter dash: Kyedon Schroeder, 1:00.61; Zane Wohlgenuth, 1:04.27. 800-meter run: Harry Schlickau, 2:29.43. 1600-meter run: Marshall Eslinger, third, 5:08.67; Grayson Wohlgenuth, 6:01.96. 3200-meter run: Nolan Reese, second, 12:17.95; Ty-

ler Hill, 14:04.09. 110-meter hurdles: Trevor Bice, 17.80. 300-meter hurdles: Trevor Bice, second, 42.61. 4x100-meter relay: Norwich, first, 45.45. 4x400-meter relay: Norwich, fourth, 4:06.07. 4x800-meter relay: Norwich, fifth, 12:12.03. Long jump: Harry Schlickau, 17-4.75; Jeremiah Adelhardt, 15-8. Triple jump: Jayden Bengel, first, 43-11; Kyedon Schroeder, 34-10. Pole vault: Marshall Eslinger, second, 11-0; Nolan Reese, fourth, 10-0; Tyler Hill, sixth, 9-0. Discus: Lucas Adams, second, 137-8; Bishop Trimble, 103-8; Lucas Fisher, 97-4.5.

Javelin: Reid Brewster, 112-3; Rylan Poe, 104-7.5; Kyedon Schroeder, 103-9. Shot put: Lucas Adams, third, 42-5.25; Lucas Fisher, sixth, 39-7.5; Bishop Trimble, 36-2.25. Complete results for the girls were: 100-meter dash: Madison Lee, second, 14.15; Alex Robinson, third, 14.30; Lettie McIntire, fourth, 14.64. 200-meter dash: Madison Lee, second, 28.72; Indigo Nichols, sixth, 32.16. 400-meter dash: Alex Robinson, 1:11.50; Leighton Durr, 1:12.61. 800-meter run: Jate Samuelson, fifth, 3:21.53. 100-meter hurdles: Reagan Smith, second, 17.95. 4x100-meter relay: Nor-

wich, first, 52.62. 4x800-meter relay: Norwich, first, 14:48.23. High jump: Lettie McIntire, 4-2. Long jump: Alex Robinson, fourth, 14-2.25; Jate Samuelson, 12-9.75; Lettie McIntire, 12-7. Triple jump: Indigo Nichols, 29-3.5. Pole vault: Rachel Balzer, second, 7-6. Discus: Reagan Smith, first, 112-1; Lena Schlickau, sixth, 94-9.5; Kori Murphy, 94-5. Javelin: Kori Murphy, third, 106-3; Leighton Durr, 76-5.5. Shot put: Kori Murphy, third, 32-7; Reagan Smith, sixth, 30-5; Lena Schlickau, 25-3.25.

## Wildcats Have Strong Showing at Norwich Track Meet

### STAFF REPORT

The Cunningham track athletes had a strong showing at the Norwich Invitational Thursday. Complete results for the boys were: 100-meter dash: Stephen Kerschen, first, 11.81; Kaiden Keasling, sixth, 12.66. 200-meter dash: Skyler Thimesch, first, 23.45; Kaiden Keasling, fifth, 25.62; Logan Kinsler, 26.02. 400-meter dash: Jack Harden, fourth, 55.36; Myles Thimesch, 1:05.25; Kane Reid, 1:28.65. 800-meter run: Newt Heatherman, third, 2:13.59; Will Halderson, 2:32.81; Kane Reid, 3:50.56. 1600-meter run: Will Halderson, 5:38.24; Larry Heatherman, 6:00.20; Sean Kostner, 6:25.82.

3200-meter run: Brody Bock, fifth, 13:21.89; Sean Kostner, 16:04.84. 110-meter hurdles: Liam McGuire, second, 17.18; Weston Rogers, 19.56. 300-meter hurdles: Weston Rogers, third, 43.76; Liam McGuire, fourth, 44.26. 4x100-meter relay: Cunningham, second, 45.77. 4x400-meter relay: Cunningham, first, 3:41.24. 4x800-meter relay: Cunningham, first, 9:31.17. High jump: Cole Hageman, first, 5-10; Newt Heatherman, second, 5-6; Logan Kinsler, fifth, 5-4. Long jump: Kaiden Keasling, first, 19-10.5. Triple jump: Liam McGuire, third, 41-2; Brody Bock, fourth, 38-6; Kendall Rogers, fifth, 36-5. Pole vault: Skyler Thimesch,

first, 13-10; Weston Rogers, 11-0. Discus: Stephen Kerschen, first, 158-6; Dylan Halderson, 116-1; John Paul Kerschen, 105-6. Javelin: Andrew Kerschen, fifth, 145-1; Jack Harden, 97-0. Shot put: Dylan Halderson, fourth, 40-6.5; Caden Johnson, 32-2.5. Complete results for the girls were: 100-meter dash: Emily Ogg, first, 14.13; Aina Tortajada, 15.17. 200-meter dash: Emily Ogg, first, 28.62; Aina Tortajada, 32.60; Keyonna Raney, 33.72. 400-meter dash: Kaitlyn Ogg, 1:11.28. 800-meter run: Raven Koester, 4:33.39. 100-meter hurdles: Sage Thimesch, 20.36. 4x100-meter relay: Cun-

ningham, third, 54.69. 4x400-meter relay: Cunningham, second, 4:51.25. 4x800-meter relay: Cunningham, second, 15:30.75. High jump: Emily Ogg, third, 4-4. Long jump: Grace Hageman, first, 15-7; Kaitlyn Ogg, second, 14-10; Raven Koester, 9-9. Triple jump: Sage Thimesch, fifth, 29-9.5. Pole vault: Sage Thimesch, first, 8-0; Grayci McCurry, fifth, 7-0; Aina Tortajada, 6-0. Discus: Kyra Morgan, third, 100-4.5; Andi Young, 70-3; Kourtnei Fischer, 64-0. Javelin: Kyra Morgan, fourth, 102-5.25; Keyonna Raney, 76-8; Maelyn Jump, 75-6. Shot put: Kyra Morgan, first, 37-1.5; Kourtnei Fischer, 32-4.5.

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## Days of Yore

### 11 Years Ago

Charlus Bishop was appointed mayor after he and new commissioners Mark Arensdorf and Merlin McFarland were sworn in for their new terms. Two bids received for work at the Kingman County Activity Center came in more than \$100,000 higher than anticipated and the Kingman County Commission rejected bot bids. Kingman Middle School Principal Brent Garrison was named an Exemplary Principal by the Kansas Association of Middle School Administrators. Kingman Elementary School Principal Adrian Howie stepped down after three years when he accepted the school superintendent job at USD 301 in Hugoton. Kingman post office staff honored postal carrier Jane Patterson, who retired after 29 years of service. The Kingman baseball team swept a doubleheader against Haven while the Kingman softball team did the same against Halstead. The Kingman boy's tennis team won its own invitational, winning by a two-point margin over second-place Pratt.

### 35 Years Ago

Kingman escaped the worst of violent thunderstorms in the county, but a few farmers reported minor damage to wheat crops from hail. Bill Near was appointed the new Kingman mayor and the Kingman City Commissioners signed contracts for a new engine, generator and control panel to increase the

electrical output of the municipal power plant. Kingman High School students Bob Zwierzychowski, Tina Tatro and Tonya Patterson were the 4-H team at the National Land, Pasture and Range Judging Contest in Oklahoma City. The Kingman boy's track team won the Medicine Lodge track meet and Justin Watkins received first-place finishes in the 100-, 200 and 400-meter dashes, while joining teammates to win the 1600-meter relay. The Kingman Community Hospital hosted a reception to recognize its many volunteers during National Volunteer Week. Gale Mack, pastor at First Baptist Church, resigned to accept a position at the Atlas Community Baptist Church in Atlas, Mich. Blaine Jones and Paula O'Neill each won gold medals during the State Speech Contest held at Pratt Community College. The theme of the Kingman High School prom was Stairway to Heaven.

### 60 Years Ago

Merle and Ruth Butcher gave their thanks to the residents of Kingman County for their support through the years as they turned over the editorship of the Leader-Courier to Robert McQuin. Parents of elementary students in Unified School District 331 were reminded that pre-enrollment for all elementary students not currently attending USD 331 schools was set for May 3. The Norwich Methodist

Church pledged \$55,000 toward its building fund as members completed the final stages of a stewardship drive. Mayor A.T. Heywood signed a proclamation declaring May 1-8 National Music Week in Kingman. The N.E. Hobson and Son automobile dealership was sold to Robert T. Gorham, who renamed the business Bob Gorham Motor Inc. Sandie Mall, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A.I. Mall of Kingman, was one of 12 finalists for the 1966 Miss K-State Manhattan contest. Shirley Cushenberry was elected the president of the Kingman High School student council. Curtis Settle received a \$1,000 four-year Moundbuild scholarship to attend Southwestern College.

### 85 Years Ago

Ronald Benjamin, an 18-year-old Penalosa youth, was recovering from a bullet wound to the stomach after an accidental shooting when he and his friend were handling a firearm. The full scheduled for the Pioneer Days was released, featuring a chuck-wagon style dinner, amateur hour performances from multiple acts from Wichita, Kingman and other communities and multiple carnival rides. Plans got underway to organize a summer baseball team in Kingman; the team would compete in a league alongside teams from Hutchinson, Haven, Colwich, Mt. Hope and Cheney. Ministers in the Hutchinson Methodist church district

were scheduled to meet in Kingman May 16. Pay Day Market advertised three pounds of fresh spinach for 19 cents.

### 110 Years Ago

The Kingman City Commission announced it was strictly enforcing a law that no business could be open on Sundays except those furnishing necessities. Clyde Murphy was elected the new Kingman mayor and two school bonds passed by a narrow margin. The Greenleaf building was being converted into a café and rooming house. A brick livery barn on Sherman East served as the headquarters for veterinarians Drs. Hayes and Duffin. More than 30 Kingman County farmers attended a seminar at the Farmers Institute to learn about power farming; there was also a tractor demonstration at the Robert Smith farm north of Kingman. The first Post Office clock, a gift from pioneer jeweler Peter Miller, was taken down to make way for an electric clock. Bert Walters announced he was forming a rifle club and almost all of the post office force joined. Mrs. Ed Palmer was appointed by Gov. Capper as a delegate to the National Conservation Congress in Washington, D.C., but she was unable to attend because she had a batch of chickens due from the incubator at the time of the meeting. Penalosa organized a band and Alvin Charpie was named the director.

## PUZZLE ANSWERS

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