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Salaries Dominate Latest Discussion of County Budget

BY BOB MORRIS
Managing Editor

Budget discussion during the Kingman County commission's meeting Monday focused extensively on how raises should be handled.

County Financial Officer LaDawn Stegman presented the commissioners with an example of what expenditures would look like if county employees got a certain percentage raise, which prompted comments from County Commissioner Jack Thimesch about whether it would make more sense to give

raises based on a dollar amount. The discussion started after Stegman reviewed the total expenditures for non-exempt employees, meaning somebody who isn't in an elected or salaried position. She then gave examples of what a percentage increase would look like.

As an example, if the county did a 3 percent increase and rolled all over stipends into base pay, the county would be looking at a difference of \$167,000 compared to current salaries.

Thimesch said that, if the county were to give a 3 percent raise, that raise for a person making \$35 an

hour wouldn't be the same as the one for a person making \$15 an hour.

"They're both going to go to the grocery store and they're going to fill the bag up with groceries," Thimesch said. "But the one that gets the 3 percent at \$15.50 is not going to put in as much groceries. So how is that cost of living fair to that person when the one who makes the \$35, he can fill the bag up and I'm going to sell him an extra steak."

He said he wanted to get back to a system that was "more fair" to people on the lower end of salaries, just as much as to people with

higher salaries.

That led to discussion about the county's salary matrix, in which Stegman noted the factors that went into that, such as the type of job, experience, education and the complexity of duties.

Thimesch said he wasn't sold that the pay matrix was working as intended.

"We've got people who have been here since (19)82, and you can say their job title's the same, but that person trained that person for that job and they're both making the same dollar amount," Thimesch said.

Stegman said she didn't think any sort of change to the matrix can't be "a one-year fix. It needs to be a process of recognizing the issues with the matrix and payroll."

"And knowing we need to adjust things, I think it would just be extremely difficult to institute all those changes. You could do it, but then I think there would be so many factors going into somebody's pay of adjusting. It wouldn't be very transparent," Stegman said.

County Clerk Carol Noblit said that the question is when the county

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County's 2025 Audit Has No Major Issues

BY BOB MORRIS
Managing Editor

Kingman County received an unmodified opinion on its 2025 county audit, meaning no significant issues were found in a review of its budget figures.

Danielle Hollingshead of Adams Brown visited with the Kingman County commissioners Monday to talk to them about the audit. She reviewed the auditor's letter in the report, which stated that Adams Brown didn't have any difficulties encountered in performing the audit and had no significant findings.

She said the only issue cited was an "internal control of segregation of duties," which refers to dividing financial tasks among different employees.

"So we made mention of that in here, but otherwise we didn't have anything major that needed to be put in the letter," Hollingshead said.

She said the financials were presented fairly and that there were no issues found that needed attention.

In reviewing the financial statement, Hollingshead said that, while the county basically went up \$1.6 million in cash over the prior year, it had \$1.5 million in the "rainy day reserve" because of that. She said that wasn't necessarily a large increase from the prior year outside of that reserve, so the county was budgeting in line with its revenues and expenditures.

She added that there were no state statute violations found, that things checked out with the long-term debt schedule and there were no budget violations.

The county commissioners then approved acceptance of the audit.



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Vehicle Crash: Pickup Goes Through T Intersection

The wreckage of a pickup that went through the T intersection at Cedar and Sherman is removed by Drosselmeyer Towing following a crash Monday morning. Kingman Police Chief David Lux said that Michael Hubble, 61, of Kingman was driving the pickup southbound on Cedar Street when he went through the intersection and across the railroad track. Lux described the cause of the crash as a "medical contributing circumstance." Hubble was injured and taken by Kingman EMS to a Wichita hospital.

Buchanan, Thissen, Zoran Newest Inductees to Kingman Hall of Fame

STAFF REPORT

Gary Buchanan, Tim Thissen and Debra (Mueller) Zoran are the newest members of the Kingman Hall of Fame.

The three Class of 2026 members will be formally inducted Friday, Dec. 11 during the Nextera Energy Basketball Classic. The ceremony will take place following the Kingman girl's basketball game at about 7:30 p.m.

Buchanan, a 1975 graduate of Kingman High School, excelled in football, basketball and track. He was a member of the Eagles' State runner-up football team as a sophomore and earned all-league honors in football as a junior and senior, plus all-

league honors in basketball as a junior.

His greatest achievements were in track and field, winning multiple State titles in the shot put, discus and javelin. At the 1975 State track and field championships, he won State titles in the shot put and javelin, took fifth in the discus and was part of a State qualifying 4x200-meter relay team. His shot put throw of 63 feet, 10.5 inches in 1975 remains one of the best throws in State track meet history across all classifications. Buchanan still holds the KHS records for shot put and discus.

Buchanan was then invited to compete at the Golden West Invitational Track Meet in Sacramento, Calif., an in-

itation-only event for top high school seniors. He won the shot put at that event.

Buchanan then attended the University of Alabama on a track scholarship, where he threw the shot, discus and javelin. He was named SEC All-Conference all four years, placing second in the shot at the SEC indoor meet in 1976 and third in the SEC outdoor meet in 1977.

After graduating from Alabama, Buchanan worked in commercial real estate in Alabama and Colorado, managing large commercial properties and conducting training sessions for property managers in Amsterdam, London, Saudi Arabia and Beijing. Buchanan passed away in 2023.

Thissen, a 1970 graduate of Kingman High School, was one of the most accomplished football players in school history. As a senior, he rushed for 1,467 yards with 15 touchdowns and seven two-point conversions. He was a unanimous all-league selection on offense and defense, a second-team All-State (all classes) selection by the *Kansas City Star* and got All-State honorable mention from the *Wichita Eagle*.

Throughout his career, Thissen scored 25 touchdowns. As a junior, he rushed for 171 yards with three touchdowns and returned two kickoffs 85 yards for touchdowns, earning first team all-league honors.

Thissen also excelled in basketball, earning all-league honors as a senior and being part of an Eagles team that made two appearances in the State basketball tournament.

Thissen attended Wichita State University and was a member of the football team. In 1970, after a plane crash involving multiple players and coaches for WSU football, the NCAA temporarily waived freshman eligibility rules to allow first-year players to compete for the Shockers. Thissen scored the first touchdown for WSU following the tragedy.

After graduation, Thissen became a successful businessman and the owner of Thissen Construction Com-

pany in Greeley, Colo. He served in multiple organizations, including the Northern Colorado Medical Center Board, the Poudre River Trail Board, the Monfort Children's Clinic Board, and the Greeley Water Board. Thissen passed away in 2024.

Zoran, a 1978 graduate of Kingman High School, was a member of the girl's medley relay team that won the State championship, earning the first State gold medal for a KHS girl's relay team or individual athlete. She also finished second in the 110-yard hurdles.

In 1976, she became the first KHS athlete to win an

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Female Firefighters Camp Set for This Weekend

BY BOB MORRIS
Managing Editor

A Future Female Firefighters camp will take place Saturday and Sunday.

Kingman Fire Chief Shae Brooks said that she learned about the camp a few years ago when, while she worked in Reno County, she visited with a former fire chief in Topeka. He offered a firefighters camp called Camp Courage, which focused on offering lessons for women

in firefighting. Brooks said that fire chief was big on getting women involved in firefighting.

She then wanted to bring a camp to Hutchinson Community College and got with that fire chief, who had some people help her to start a camp there. The Future Female Firefighters camp grew from there.

"I wanted to move it around a bit and give this opportunity to women around the state," Brooks said.

In previous camps, Brooks had a Girl Scout troop from Hays make the trip to Hutchinson to take part, had another camp that had 22 girls signed up and has had instances of mothers asking her about the camp who wanted to have their daughters learn more.

"We're trying to get females to work with other professional females and ask questions they might be intimidated asking a man," Brooks said.

Brooks said the plan is to go to Cody Drosselmeyer's towing company for the attendees to learn about extrication on Saturday. There is already some rescue training scheduled that day and Brooks said that campers will get to learn those same things.

The plan on Sunday at the fire department is to learn from women in firefighting about topics such as rescue methods, how to use equipment and learn how the fire trucks operate.



STEPHANIE JUMP / Leader-Courier

River Rises: Heavy Rainfall Hits City, County

Kingman city work crews clear away debris that piled up along the dam on the Ninnescah River south branch on Sunday morning, a day after heavy rainfall hit the Kingman area late Saturday night. Storms also hit early in the afternoon on Thursday and caused power outages in portions of the city.

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gives a cost of living increase, how much it means to a particular employee. She also cited the difference in pay based on percentages, in which a 3 percent increase for \$35 an hour is \$1.05, whereas it's about 47 cents an hour for the employee who makes \$15 an hour.

County Commission Chairwoman Julie Lyon said that working stipends into the base salary makes sense, but as for the matrix, she likes having that in place.

"And even if the matrix needs to look different or something, I think that helps protect us and makes things easier and keeps things consistent," Lyon said.

She said it may be possible to work a specific dollar amount raise into the matrix, though it might take some time to figure out how it would work.

Noblit said that it has been done before, as one year the county gave a 25-cent raise to all employees and worked it into the pay matrix. She said that the percentages that consider factors such as experience and education still worked out.

In other budget discussion, Stegman noted that the county is still waiting to get the final figures for insurance for the coming year. Representatives from USI Services, who handles the county's insurance, plan to visit with the county commissioners this Monday.

But Stegman noted that the payroll will account for a significant part of the budget.

Stegman also reviewed the department requests and what the picture looks like when all revenues that are not ad valorem taxes (property taxes) are accounted. She did that to give the county commissioners an idea about what revenue they would need to generate from ad valorem taxes.

She said that there are \$3.8 million in anticipated revenues that are not ad valorem taxes, with \$18 million in department budget requests. That would leave a shortfall of about \$14 million.

Stegman added there would still need to be PILOT money transfers, plus a \$4 million bond payment. If those are accounted for, that

leaves the county with \$9 million in needed revenue from ad valorem taxes. If the county wants to stay within the revenue neutral rate, she said, they would have \$1.8 million in requests above anticipated revenues.

She said that the county could utilize reserves if they are healthy but the county should keep a certain percentage of reserves. Stegman said that some departments could have reserves that have become large, such as with public health getting a reduction in ad valorem taxes for expenditures to work their reserve fund balance down as it was high.

The county commissioners will continue to have more discussions about the budget at future meetings.

OBITUARIES

RALPH RICHARD DICK

Ralph Richard Dick, 90, died June 19, 2026, at Parkwood Village, Pratt.

He was born July 31, 1935, at Zenda, the son of Louis and Matilda Dick Burns. A longtime resident of the Isabel community, he was a farmer and stockman and had served as a Barber County commissioner.

Ralph was a member of the Holy Rosary Catholic Church, the Knights of Columbus, past member Isabel CO-OP board and the Valley Township board; a supporter of 4-H; and was a veteran of the United States Air Force.

On Jan. 31, 1959, he married Myra Gerdes at Zenda. Other survivors include a son Allen; daughter Cynthia Rogers and her husband Michael; brother Walter; nine grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Ralph was preceded in death by sons Steven and Eugene; brothers Wayne, Harold, Leo, Delbert and Norbert; and sisters Marcella, Grace, Rosallen, Beatrice and Virginia.

Parish rosary will be 10 a.m., Saturday, June 27 at the Holy Rosary Catholic Church followed immediately by the Mass of Christian Burial. The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, June 26 at the Livingston Funeral Home, Kingman. Burial will be in the Isabel Cemetery.

Memorials may be made with the Holy Rosary Catholic Church or Rivercross Hospice and mailed to Livingston Funeral Home, 1830 N. Main, Kingman KS 67068.

MAKIKO 'MAKI' LANCASTER

Makiko "Maki" Lancaster, 79, passed away Thursday, June 18, 2026. She was born Jan. 5, 1947, to Mitsuo and Hatsumi (Gobaru) Tsukano in Tokyo.

Maki enjoyed riding on Thomas' motorcycle, traveling, camping, and dancing.

She was preceded in death by her parents and son Michael Thomas Hughes.

Makiko is survived by her husband of 22 years, Thomas Lancaster; children Angela Lancaster and Rob Lancaster; and grandchildren Ashlynn Kilgore, Claire Kilgore, George Lancaster and Nora Lancaster.

Maki will be laid to rest alongside her son Michael at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 11 at Fredonia City Cemetery, 8619 Cent Plant Rd., Fredonia, KS 66736.



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REQUEST FOR BIDS

Notice is hereby given that Kingman County, Kansas is soliciting bids for construction of KINGMAN COUNTY 2026 Pavement Improvements. The project consists of pavement repairs in Kingman County, KS along SW 90th Ave. from US Hwy 54/400 to 0.17 mi south of US Hwy 54/400 (0.17 miles), SW 50th St from SW 60th Ave. to 0.5 mi east of SW 60th Ave. (end of pavement) (0.5 miles), and SW 70th St at intersection with SW 40th Ave (50 feet). Total length is approximately 0.68 miles and will include a 2" hot mix asphalt (HMA) overlay, surface milling, tie-ins, shouldering, pavement markings to match existing, traffic control, HMA patching, and culvert pipe replacement along SW 50th St. Kingman County shall provide all of the funds required for this project. All Federal, State and County regulations must be complied with. Online Bids (vBids) for the proposed construction will be received by Kingman County via QuestCDN Virtubid until 2:00 pm local time July 16, 2026. Bids will be presented to the Kingman County Commissioners at their meeting in the Kingman County Courthouse Commission room at 10:00 a.m. local time July 20, 2026.

All Bidders are to be prequalified with the Kansas Department of Transportation, as outlined in Section 102 of the KDOT Standard Specifications or receive approval to bid the project from the owner.

All bids shall be accompanied by a Bid Bond or a Certified or Cashiers check in the amount of 5% of the total bid. Checks or bonds are to be made payable to Kingman County and serve as a guarantee of the sincerity and integrity of the bidder, and shall be forfeited to the County if said proposal or bid is accepted and the bidder fails to execute the contract and file the required statutory and performance bonds as required in the contract documents.

Work will commence no sooner than the date of the signed

contract (earliest start date) and no later than October 1, 2026 (late start date). All work shall be completed within 13 working days after the Notice to Proceed. Plans, Specifications and Contract Documents may be examined at the County Clerk's Office in the Kingman County Courthouse, County Public Works Office, and at the Engineer's Office at the following address:

Kirkham, Michael & Associates, Inc.
116 W. Iron Avenue
Salina, Kansas 67401

The contract documents are available at www.questcdn.com. This contract is QuestCDN project #10227170. A contractor may view the contract documents at no cost prior to deciding to become a Planholder. To be considered a Planholder for bids, a contractor must register with OuestCDN .com and purchase the contract documents in digital form at a cost of \$22.00. Registering as a Planholder is recommended for all prime contractors and subcontractors as Planholders will receive automatic notice of addenda and other contract document updates via QuestCDN. Contact QuestCDN Customer Support at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in membership registration, downloading digital project information and vBid online bid submittal questions. For this project, bids will ONLY be received and accepted via the online electronic bid service through QuestCDN.com. To access the electronic bid form, download the project documents and click on the online bid button at the top of the bid advertisement page. After the bid closes, bidders will be charged a fee of \$42.00 for successful bid submission. Prospective bidders must be on the Planholder list through QuestCDN for bids to be accepted. Questions regarding bids shall be directed in writing to Tanner Yost, tyost@kirkham.com a minimum of two (2) calendar days prior to the date of the bid opening.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Kingman Community,
With over 35 years of travel industry experience, I have seen many cities attempt to “build” their way to success. For a town of 2,700, a brick-and-mortar visitor center is not fiscally responsible. Beyond the renovation costs for sites like the old “Miller’s Gas Station,” the ongoing staffing and utility costs are unsustainable.
Kingman needs a hospitality strategy, not a building. An “Infrastructure-Lite” solution can provide information without a facility. Our current signage is disjointed and confusing. If we went with a professional wayfinding or modern interactive kiosks — such as HootBoard, Smart Kiosk, Acquire

Digital or simple weather-proof display cases from IDSignSystems — we can provide maps and event schedules around the clock to tourists. These act as a “concierge in your pocket,” directing travelers to the historic theater and golf course without the overhead. We could further personalize this through a volunteer-led “Community Ambassador Program.”
Our downtown is mostly filled with professional offices (insurance, dental, real estate), which is great for locals but offers little for tourists. In addition, downtown shops close by 2 p.m. on Saturdays and remain dark on Sunday. We are missing economic opportunity no doubt.

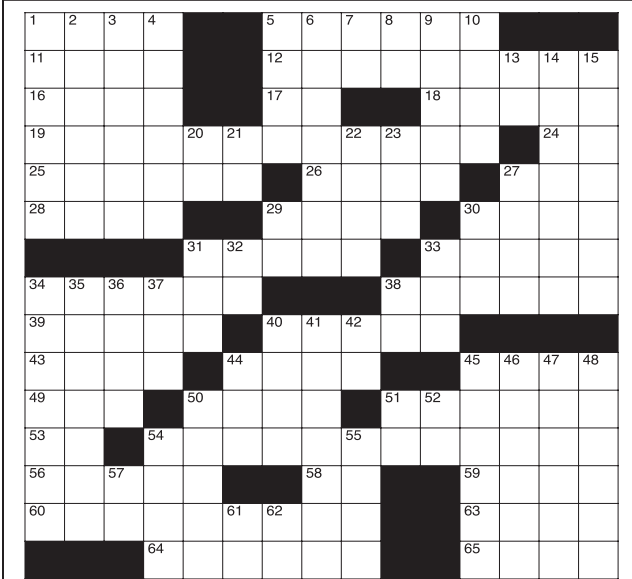
Our historic theater concerts are a great draw, yet they occur after most businesses close.
I would suggest an “Experience Packaging” — collaborating with local merchants and lodging to create all-inclusive concert weekend bundles. If visitors arrive Friday, shop Saturday morning, golf, grab a coffee and dine before the show, we grow local spending. Incentivizing overnight stays, we can transform a simple ticket purchase into a full experience. Let’s invest in strategies that ensure visitors stay, spend, and return.
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- Percussion instrument
- Popular computers
- Reduce light
- Asian mountain range
- Every one of two or more
- Absence of difficulty
- A public announcement of a proposed marriage
- Whittles
- Impact
- Service man
- A French river
- Prehistoric people
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- Atomic #93
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- Indigo bush
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- Off-Broadway theater award
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- Small Eurasian deer (pl.)
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- Arrange systematically

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- Wildebeests
- Equal to one quintillion bytes
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- Type of cat
- It cools your home
- The ancient Egyptian sun god
- Pouches
- German trigraph
- Form of Persian
- Measurement unit
- Body part
- Bridge building degree
- Indicates position
- Political action committee
- Snack food
- Front part of a quadruped
- Locate
- Pitching statistic
- ___, myself and I
- City in Utah
- They play in the trenches
- “Can’t Touch This” rapper ___ Hammer
- Type of tree
- Performers
- Slang for mistake
- More open
- Most slick
- Needles
- University of Dayton
- Atomic #11
- Large fish of the mackerel family
- Not any
- ___ and behold
- Popular sports highlight show (abbr.)
- “The Great Lakes State”

Father (Andy’s) Day

By Bernie Sheahan

Last Saturday, I went to church at 5 o’clock in the afternoon because I worried about staying up too late and accidentally becoming a Baptist Sunday morning. I mean worshipping at Bedside Baptist, Pastor Sheets presiding—when the alarm forgets to go off.
Come to find out, Catholics have a parish called “Our Lady of the Pillows,” which I will attend next time so I don’t have to switch denominations. I have done this before, and said so right here on these pages, which is a bold thing to do if church is mandatory in your faith tradition. Telling your truth (I overslept) leaves you open for public shaming (or good-natured laughing from your fellow believers). Also makes you a candidate for Confession with a capital “C.” Serious business, also a means of grace, as we say in the RCC.
Did I go to confession? No. I just typed the info right here on this keyboard and sent it away to be published and seen all over South Central Kansas (did you know I’m syndicated? Yep!),

and possibly the world, through the wonders of technology.
“There you go,” I said to myself. “You just told everybody that you skipped church, you heathen.” It’s possible that I could rat out a cousin or two who have also attended Bedside Baptist/Our Lady of the Pillows. Cousins who attended our local high school — go Eagles! — and are known by many in these parts. But I won’t. Rattling out myself, and me alone. You’re welcome, heathen cousins.
Turns out the public admission served me well. I was at church the week after my trip to Bedside/Our Lady, and there was a social event afterwards. Donuts, maybe, or lunch. Our church is loaded with good cooks, of which I am not one. And while standing in line, I see our beloved pastor, Father Andy. He says, out loud, “I read your column, Bernie. You skipped church, huh?” *Oh no oh no oh no*, methinks. *I’m in big trouble*. He laughed and said, “Well, we can call that a public confession. You told everybody in town and

then some.”
Whew. Apparently, Father Andy doesn’t mind being mentioned when I write about my life and its goings-on. He’s been in at least four columns out of the 40 I’ve written so far. That’s ten percent.
One was about leaving my phone in the pew and looking all over town for two days and then realizing maybe I’d left it in church, and then having to wait for Tuesday when the office was open. It was right there at the front desk, and so was Father Andy. “Here it is. Remember when you left your purse at the church picnic? You’re kind of forgetful, aren’t you?”
Yes. Sometimes I forget to set my alarm. So, this Saturday, in order to prevent that from happening Sunday morning, I went to church. On my way in, I spied the lost-and-found table. Hey! Someone lost a scarf just like mine, that one that I love and can’t find. Oh, could it be...*Yes*. It was.
After church, I shook hands with Father Andy and he said,

“You found your scarf!” (It was shoved under my arm.) “Maybe we should give you your own little corner.” Ha, ha. I guess I’m famous for losing and forgetting things. It’s kind of endearing, yes? Please say yes.
Then I stopped to chat with my cousin Janny’s cousin, Toots, who is practically my cousin, right? We talked long enough that Father Andy emerged from the rectory (priest’s house) in jeans, T-shirt, and St. Pat’s baseball cap. (Note to Fr. Andy: I want one.) He said, “Hey, come on over to the hall. We’re having a pitch party.” This strikes fear into the heart of me, speaking of shame. Why? Because I don’t know how to play pitch. (Pausing here for loud outcry from citizens. Go ahead. I know. It’s embarrassing.)
So here we go. I say I visit Bedside Baptist but a real Baptist pastor wouldn’t encourage me to go to a card game, right? Just so you know, dear Baptist readers, there’s no gambling involved. But maybe beer. Uh-oh. (To be continued.)

A Mom’s Musing

By Stephanie Jump, Co-Owner, M⁹ Publishing LLC

I am probably about to ruffle some feathers this week, but please hear me out to the end. Last Friday our middle daughter fell on our stairs. I was home with our oldest, we heard her fall and didn’t think much about it to be honest. She is 20, we thought she would just pop back up. We were wrong.
After some “mom” assessment, I had our oldest make the call to the ambulance. Cue the rescue squad to come help lift her off the stairs. Long story short, two ambulance rides, two emergency rooms later we land

in a trauma bay in Wichita on a Friday night around midnight. That’s a story for another time, but let’s just say it was uncomfortable to say the least.
Here is where as a parent I have some major issues. Yes, she is 20, but she asked for us to be with her and was denied. She was alone in a trauma bay (and yes I understand the rules), was given pain meds and then more information about her condition was discussed along with another condition she didn’t even know about. All alone, all by herself, all while on painkillers.

As a society we like to think that magic number of adulthood is 18 or 21. We can send kids to war, but they legally can’t buy a beer. The second they turn 18 the world views them as adults when in reality, most of them are just kids in bigger clothes. Do they need to learn independence? Yes. Do they need to learn how to manage day to day life? Yes. But when a young “adult” is in a vulnerable position, common sense would say that they still need mom and dad, especially when they are asking for them.

Do I have answers to this issue? No. Unfortunately I do not know what to do to help alleviate this for the next family, but I think we need to have some common sense when it comes to helping our young adults making transitions into said adulthood.
We see it in colleges, health-care, finances. Everywhere they are trying to figure out how the world works, we are shutting out the voices that need to be heard the most. And after this weekend, I am really not OK with it anymore.

PUBLIC NOTICE - PRIMARY ELECTION NOTICE

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PRIMARY ELECTION NOTICE OF PLACES AND DATES OF REGISTRATION

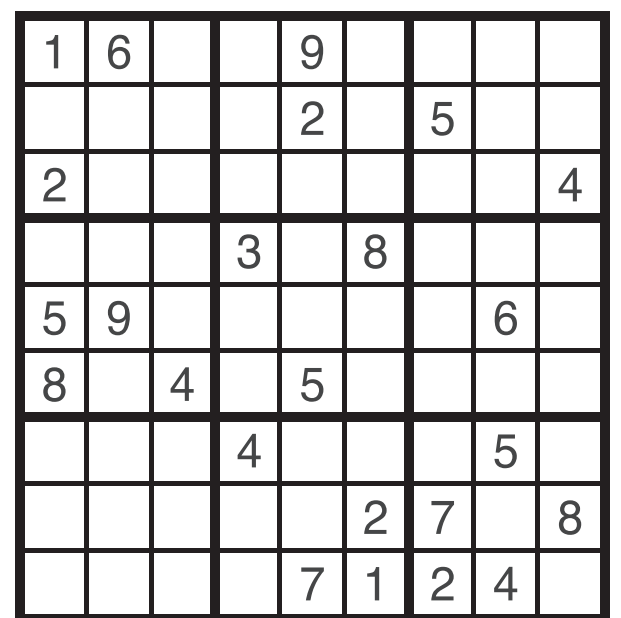
Pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 25-2311(c), notice is hereby given that the books for the registration of voters in Kingman County, Kansas will be closed from 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 14, 2026 and will remain closed until the day after the Primary Election which will be held in the County of Kingman, State of Kansas on the 4th day of August, 2026. Books will reopen on August 5th, 2026.

OFFICE HOURS:

The books will be open each day Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the County Clerk’s Office. At 5:00 p.m. on July 14th, 2026 the books will close and remain closed until August 5th, 2025, which is the day after the Primary Election.

To register you must be 18 years of age or older, or will have attained the age of 18 years before the next

election.
When a voter has been registered according to law, his or her registration shall continue to be valid until one of the following occurs:
1. The voter changes name by marriage, divorce or legal proceedings.
2. The voter changes residence in which he resided at the time he registered.
3. When a voter dies or is disqualified for voting, his or her registration will be pulled from the files after verified.
4. When a voter fails to vote in two consecutive General Elections after the NVRA process, such voter’s name may be removed from the registration books and party affiliation lists. Such voter must re-register in order to be able to vote.
In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 16th day of June, 2026.
(SEAL)
Carol D. Noblitt
Kingman County Election Officer



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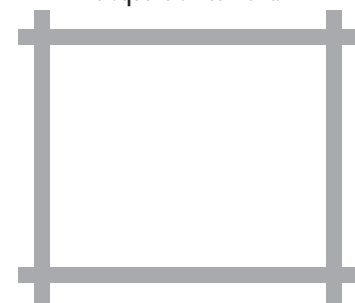
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Masking Tape Masterpiece

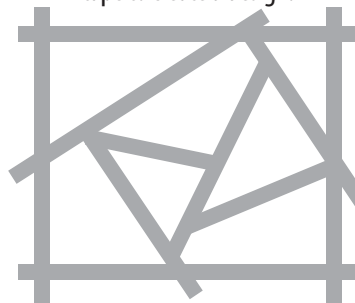
STEP 1

Use masking tape to create a square on cement.



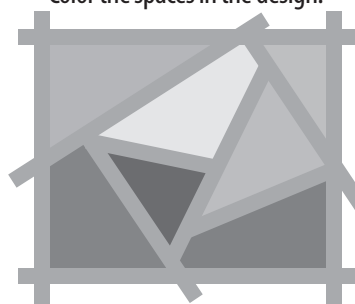
STEP 2

Add more strips of masking tape to create a design.



STEP 3

Color the spaces in the design.

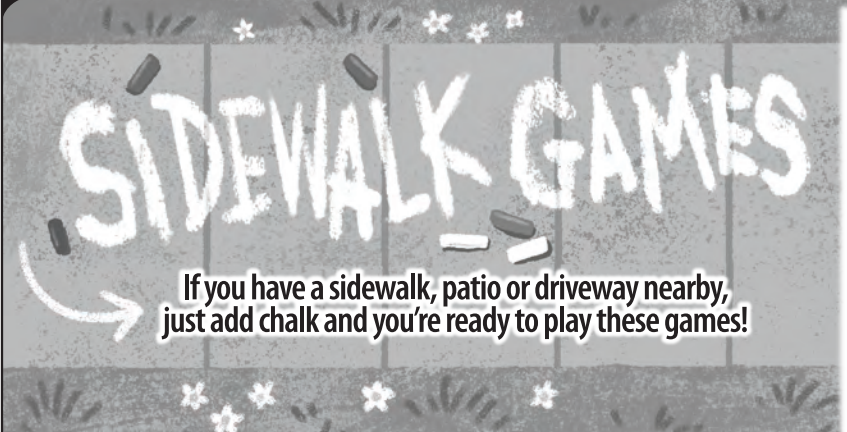


STEP 4

Carefully remove the tape.



Standards Link: Reading: Follow simple, written directions.



If you have a sidewalk, patio or driveway nearby, just add chalk and you're ready to play these games!

Make a Hopscotch Challenge!



Monster Word Game

1. Draw a large grid with squares that are large enough for you to stand in. The grid should have at least four squares on each side.
2. Write a letter inside each square on the grid. Be sure to include at least four vowels, but not in a row.
3. Take turns stepping from one letter to another to create a word. You can jump over a square if you need to. Write each word that is spelled out in chalk on the sidewalk. What is the largest word someone can make?



Standards Link: Spell grade-appropriate words correctly.

What can you draw starting with these chalk lines?

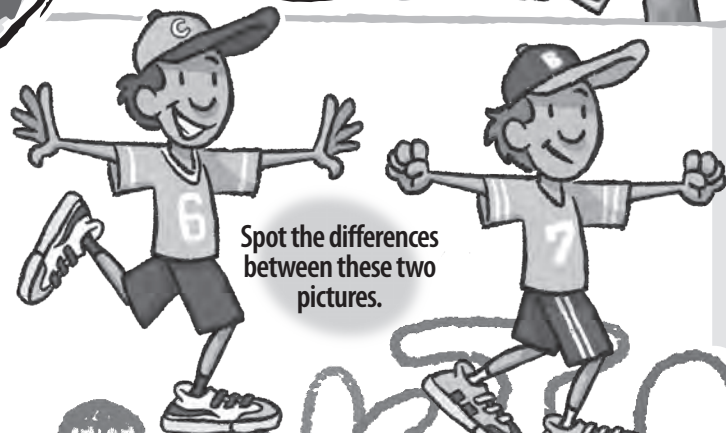


Maze Mix-Up!

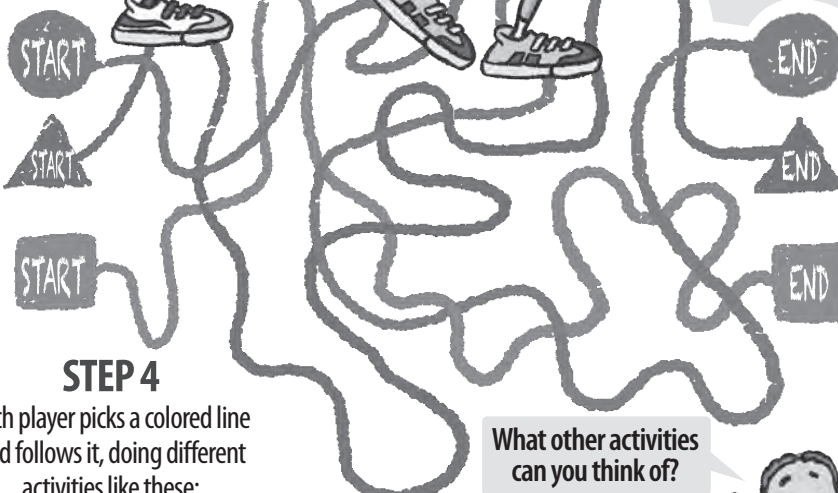
STEP 1
You need three different colors of chalk for this game. Start by making three shapes lined up in a row to be START spots.

STEP 2
Move forward at least 10 feet and make a matching-colored shape to be the END spot.

STEP 3
Draw a crooked line between each pair of START and END spots of the same color. Be sure to have some of the lines cross over each other.



Spot the differences between these two pictures.



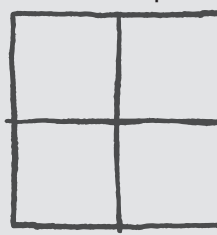
STEP 4
Each player picks a colored line and follows it, doing different activities like these:

- bouncing a ball
- twirling
- hopping on one foot
- walking backwards
- walking on tiptoes
- walk in slow motion

What other activities can you think of?

Play Four Square

- Find three friends. Draw a big square and then divide it into four smaller boxes of the same size.
- You and each friend stand in a different square.
- Find a bouncy ball and start serving and returning the ball from square to square.



Standards Link: Follow basic written directions.

Extra! Extra! Number Words

Look through the newspaper for five numbers under 100. Rewrite each spelled out with letters of the alphabet. Use chalk if you have it!

Standards Link: Spell out whole numbers from zero up to ninety-nine.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

In the morning or late afternoon, have a friend stand in a pose while you trace their shadow's outline with sidewalk chalk. Then, have your friend trace your shadow. Decorate your shadows in colorful and creative ways.

Draw lines to connect each hand to its shadow.



Standards Link: Reading: Follow simple, written instructions.

Double Double Word Search

- ART
- CHALK
- COLOR
- DRAW
- FOUR
- FROG
- GRID
- HOP
- JUMP
- LINE
- PLAY
- RED
- SHAPES
- SPIN
- SQUARE
- TRACE

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



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: **DRIVEWAY**

The noun **driveway** means a road that leads from a street to a building, such as a house or a garage.

We can fit two cars on the **driveway** at my aunt's house.

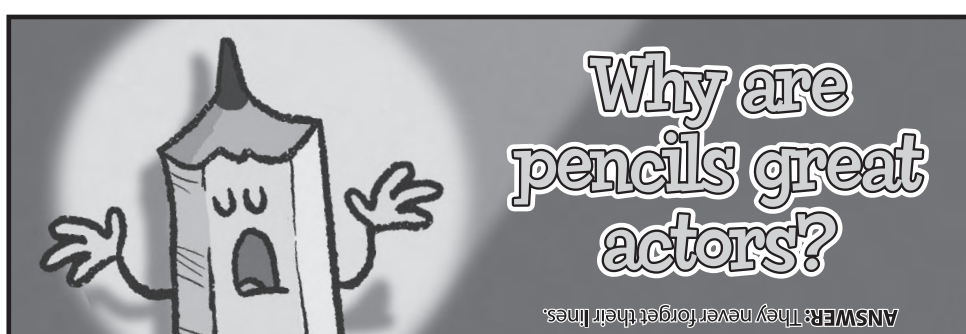
Try to use the word **driveway** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Places to Play

Look through your newspaper for places in your community where it is safe for children to play. Write a letter to the editor with your opinions about these places and whether or not your community needs more like them.

Standards Link: Write letters that link opinions to factual evidence.



Why are pencils great actors?

ANSWER: They never forget their lines.

Write On!

What Makes You Smile?

Write two or three sentences about one or more things that make you smile.

Standards Link: Self-reflect to identify personal sources of joy (SEL).



What's in your future?

Home ownership? Children? Owning a chain of car washes? Whatever may happen in your future, **we can work together to make sure you're covered.**



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DOCKET

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KINGMAN CITY POLICE BLOTTER *By Officer Kyle Mandeville*

Sunday, June 14

Traffic Stops 1
 400 Blk W G Ave
 Trespassing 200 Blk E H Ave
 Trespassing 700 Blk E C Ave
 Theft 300 Blk N Pine St
 Animal Complaint 14400 Blk NE 50 St, Cheney
 Agency Assist

Monday, June 15

Traffic Stops 2
 Disabled Vehicle 100 Blk N Main St
 Harassment 300 Blk E A Ave
 Animal Bite 700 Blk W D Ave
 Traffic Complaint W C Ave and N Main St
 Animal Complaint 600 Blk E D Ave
 Suspicious Person N Pine St and E C Ave

Tuesday, June 16

Traffic Stops 2

Prisoner Transport Sedgwick County Jail
 Disturbance 300 Blk W A Ave
 Medical Assist (Fall) 1100 Blk E Hwy 54
Wednesday, June 17
 Traffic Stops 3
 Suspicious Person 300 Blk W D Ave

Thursday, June 18

Traffic Stops 7
 Burglary 1200 Blk N Main St
 Disabled Vehicle N Main St and W Hwy 54
 Disabled Vehicle 200 Blk W Kansas Ave
 Animal Complaint 1800 Blk N Main St
 Animal Complaint 700 Blk N Broadway St
 Animal Complaint W F Ave and N Main St
 Agency Assist 13000 Blk E H 54, Cheney
 Disturbance 300 Blk W A Ave

Friday, June 19

Traffic Stops 6
 Suicidal Subject 100 Blk N Spruce St
 Civilian Transport 700 Blk W D Ave
 911 Hang-Up 800 Blk E C Ave
 Parking Complaint N Golf St
 Parking Complaint 200 Blk N Douglas St
 Bar Check Taphouse 54

Saturday, June 20

Traffic Stops 1
 Domestic Disturbance 400 Blk N Ninnescah St
 Found Property 200 Blk W B Ave
 Suspicious Person N Pine St and E F Ave
 Agency Assist 100 Blk N Spruce St
 Agency Assist 100 Blk N Spruce St
 Agency Assist 100 Blk N Spruce St
 Harassment 100 Blok W Copeland Ave
 Animal Complaint 800 Blk E D Ave
 Bar Check Taphouse 54

KINGMAN COUNTY SHERIFF BLOTTER

Sunday, June 14

Traffic Stops 1
 Check Welfare 3700 Blk E Bluff St, Kingman
 Traffic Complaint SW 90 & W Hwy 54, Kingman
 Theft 700 Blk E C Ave, Kingman
 Miscellaneous 4700 Blk SE 150 Ave, Cheney
 Non-Injury Accident 15000 Blk NE 50 St, Cheney
 Trespassing 14000 Blk NE 50 St, Cheney

Monday, June 15

Civil Paper Service 5
 Follow Up NE 10 St & NE 100, Murdock
 Miscellaneous 15000 Blk NE 10 St, Cheney
 Court/Inmates 130 N Spruce St, Kingman
 Miscellaneous SE 70 St & SE 50 Ave, Kingman
 Disabled Vehicle 1200 Blk E Hwy 54, Kingman
 Fire/Pasture SW 120 St & SW 50 Ave, Spivey
 Traffic Complaint N Hwy 14 & E H 54, Murdock
 Animal Complaint 600 Blk E D Ave, Kingman
 Fir/Vehicle SW 50 & SW 90, Cunningham

Tuesday, June 16

Traffic Stops 3
 Civil Paper Service 2

Animal Complaint 8000 Blk W H 54, Cunningham
 Follow Up NE 10 St & NE 100, Murdock
 Traffic Complaint 7000 Blk W Hwy 54, Kingman
 Miscellaneous 300 Blk N Dresden, Cunningham
 Traffic Complaint 1200 Blk E Hwy 54, Kingman
 Disabled Vehicle 5000 Blk E Hwy 54, Kingman
 Suspicious Vehicle/Arrest NE 20 & E Hwy 54, Kingman

Wednesday, June 17

Traffic Stops 3
 Civil Paper Service 1
 Agency Assist/KHP 10000 Blk E Hwy 54, Cheney
 Follow Up 600 Blk NE 20 Ave, Kingman
 Animal Complaint SE 20 St & SE 120, Murdock
 Miscellaneous 120 N Spruce St, Kingman

Thursday, June 18

Traffic Stops 5
 Civil Paper Service 3
 Motorist Assist 16000 Blk E Hwy 54, Cheney
 Miscellaneous 700 Blk W D Ave, Kingman
 Disabled Vehicle 6000 Blk E Hwy 54, Kingman
 Disabled Vehicle 4000 Blk W Hwy 54, Kingman
 Disabled Vehicle NW 170 & NW 20, Cunningham

Accidental 911 Dial 13000 Blk E Hwy 54, Cheney
 Theft 3900 Blk SW 30 St, Kingman
 Accidental 911 Dial SE 80 St & SE 150 Ave, Norwich
 Warrant Arrest 120 N Spruce St, Kingman

Friday, June 19

Traffic Stops 2
 Theft 4900 Blk SW 30 St, Kingman
 Traffic Complaint 7400 Blk E Hwy 42, Rago
 Miscellaneous NW 180 & W 1st, Cunningham
 Found Property E Bluff St & SE 60, Kingman
 Miscellaneous 400 Blk E D Ave, Kingman

Saturday, June 20

Traffic Stops 2
 Check Welfare 15000 Blk SE 20 St, Cheney
 Abandoned Vehicle NE 40 & E Hwy 54, Kingman
 Miscellaneous 2500 Blk SE Murdock, Murdock
 Disabled Vehicle 9000 Blk E Hwy 54, Murdock
 Agency Assist/KHP 1000 Blk W D Ave, Kingman
 Misc./Jail Incident 120 N Spruce St, Kingman
 Theft NE 30 St & NE 70, Kingman
 Non-Injury Accident NW 50 St & NW 90, Penalosa
 Traffic Complaint SE 160 & SE 60 St, Kingman

KINGMAN COUNTY DISTRICT COURT

Judge Roseanna Mathis Thursday, June 25

2026: State of Kansas vs. Antonio F. Sweetwater, hearing.
2026: State of Kansas vs. John D. Smalling, hearing.
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2026: State of Kansas vs. Michael N. Gustamantes Jr., first appearance.
2026: State of Kansas vs. Roberto C. Gonzales, first appearance.
2025: State of Kansas vs. Aaron Tracer Bice, hearing.
2025: State of Kansas vs. Toby C. Eshelman, hearing.
2025: State of Kansas vs. Shkelqim Fans, hearing.
2025: State of Kansas vs. Emily L. Wenke, hearing.

2026: State of Kansas vs. Jason Keith Stewart, hearing.
2026: State of Kansas vs. Savannah Jean McElwain, hearing.
2026: State of Kansas vs. Harley Rose Evans, first appearance.
2026: State of Kansas vs. Maxie Ann Eckhart-Havens, hearing.
2026: State of Kansas vs. Andy Argudin Leon, hearing.
2026: State of Kansas vs. Weston Quinn Walton, hearing.
2026: State of Kansas vs. Robert Samuel Gladwell, hearing.
2026: State of Kansas vs. Enyiona Armstrong Alex,

diversion.
2026: State of Kansas vs. Oscar Alberto Valdez Rodriguez, hearing.
2026: State of Kansas vs. Brodrick Tyrone Brown, sentencing.
2026: State of Kansas vs. Colton T. Johnson, first appearance.
2026: State of Kansas vs. James Sowter, hearing.
2026: State of Kansas vs. Gabriel Salvador Heredia Alegria, hearing.
2026: State of Kansas vs. Miriam Ntuyenabo, hearing.
2026: State of Kansas vs. James D. Lane, hearing.
2026: State of Kansas vs. Anthony Scott Mills, hearing.
2026: State of Kansas vs. Justice Thomas Drake Hammond, hearing.

2026: State of Kansas vs. Raquel Munoz, first appearance.
2026: State of Kansas vs. Nathan D. Grusing, hearing.
2026: State of Kansas vs. Jeffrey A. Hawkins, hearing.
2026: State of Kansas vs. Jackson Alan Lee Korbe, diversion.
2026: State of Kansas vs. Torie Joan Thrash, hearing.
2026: State of Kansas vs. Wesley Douglas Dossdall, hearing.
2026: State of Kansas vs. Adan Eduardo Rivas Aguilera, first appearance.
2026: State of Kansas vs. Jacob Michael Clover, first appearance.
2026: State of Kansas vs. Kael Wyatt McBeth, diversion.

KINGMAN COUNTY JAIL BOOKINGS

June 16: Marilyn Susan Thiel, 75, speeding, driving without a license and no proof of insurance, \$1,000 bond.
June 16: Shawn Paul Schouten, 49, failure to appear, \$1,000 bond.
June 16: David Alan Barrios 31, housed for Kiowa County, served five days.
June 16: Jonathan Michael Ford, 41, driving without a license and no proof of insurance, \$1,500 bond.
June 18: Mitchell David Bowen, 38, failure to appear and driving vehicle with no registration or expired tag, \$3,000 bond.
June 19: Kenedy Mugisha, 27, served 60 hours of 120-hour sanction.
June 19: John Anthony Kennington, 37, failure to appear, \$5,000 bond.
June 20: Cody Lee Lane, 41, criminal trespass, domestic battery and violating protection order, \$7,000 OR bond.
June 21: Esggar Noe Lopez, 41, driving with suspended license, no proof of insurance and possession of drug paraphernalia, \$3,000 bond.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

(First published in the Kingman Leader-Courier on Thursday, June 18, 2026) 3t

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-R-18

A RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO K.S.A. 19-3602, PROPOSING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A FIRE DISTRICT WITHIN KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS HEREIN REFERRED TO AS THE "RURAL FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1."

WHEREAS, The Board of County Commissioners has received a request from (the 4 townships) to establish a fire district pursuant to K.S.A. 19-3601, et. al.

WHEREAS, the city of Spivey, Kansas, an incorporated City of the Third Class, has requested to disband a City owned fire depaiiment and join a proposed Rural Fire District No. 1.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the powers established in K.S.A. 19-3602, the Board desires to establish a fire district encompassing the following areas:

Richland Township, Kingman County, KS Chikaskia Township, Kingman County, KS Valley Township, Kingman County, KS Belmont Township, Kingman County, KS City of Spivey, KS

WHEREAS, a request for inclusion into a new fire district was approved by Richland Township on April 24, 2026;

WHEREAS, a request for inclusion into a new fire district was approved by Chikaskia Township on April 27, 2026;

WHEREAS, a request for inclusion into a new fire district was approved by Valley Township on April 22, 2026;

WHEREAS, a request for inclusion into a new fire district was approved by Belmont Township on April 21, 2026;

WHEREAS, a request for inclusion into a new fire district was approved by the City of Spivey, Kansas on June 12, 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD

OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS that:

1) The Board proposes a fire district be established encompassing the townships of Richland, Chikaskia, Valley, Belmont and the City of Spivey, all in Kingman County, Kansas.

2) The fire district shall be known as the Rural Fire District No. 1 and the Board of County Commissioners shall initially be the governing body of the fire district, pending fmther action.

3) This Resolution shall be published once a week, for three (3) consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the area of the proposed district or official county newspaper. A map of the proposed district is incorporated into this resolution by reference and is available for public viewing at the Kingman County Clerk's Office. final publication.

4) There shall be a public hearing on the proposed Rural Fire District No. 1, on,13 July, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.This hearing will be at least 10 days after the final publication paper. Adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Kingman County, Kansas this 15th day of June 2026.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS

Julie Lyon, Chairperson and Commissioner

Jack Thimesch, Commissioner

Jeff Young, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Carol D. Noblit,
County Clerk

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SPORTS

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Family Friend of Meyers Holds Basketball Camp at KHS

BY BOB MORRIS

Managing Editor

New Kingman head girl's basketball coach Morgan Meyers had family friend Craig Nicholson come to Kingman High School to hold a basketball camp.

The camp mostly featured girl's basketball players but boys were allowed to participate in the camp as well.

Nicholson met Meyers when she was a junior at Cunningham High School and she played for his club team in AAU.

"I got close with her and her family and I used to come out to Cunningham and train her," Nicholson said, "so we kind of built that relationship and it's kind of, she's been family ever since I met her, since she was in high school, so we always had that relationship."

Nicholson did some camps a couple of years ago and Meyers asked Nicholson about doing a camp in Cunningham. This was the first year Nicholson held a camp in Kingman, which took place the week of June 15. Two weeks earlier, Nicholson held a camp in Cunningham.

Meyers said that Nicholson had an impact on her play during her time with the Lady Wildcats and wanted the same for others. She added that she likes to give to back to her hometown of Cunningham but is glad to do the same for Kingman.

"(For) me personally, he changed my game completely and helped me get to the college level and so bringing him out here, his skill level and IQ is just amazing," Meyers said "So I want to have him share with my girls and get them there as well."

Nicholson was happy to get the chance to work with the Kingman athletes for the

first time.

"I'll always love finding new areas to work with," he said. "I had a great turnout with this camp. The first day, I think we showed them a lot of new stuff they probably have never been taught before, but going in like 10 minutes into the whole camp, they started getting it, figuring it out."

"They learn very fast and they work hard, so I enjoyed my experience being out here so far."

The camp included a session for middle and high school players and a session for players in second through sixth grades. There were nearly 50 players in the combined sessions.

Nicholson said working with the younger players is what he enjoys the most, as they are new to everything and get to learn a lot.

"I like to teach them the foundation of the footwork and all the important stuff when they get older," he said. "I feel like it builds them up for a lot more success when I get them that young."

Meyers said it's important for the younger players to learn those skills.

"I believe that you start at a young age," she said. "You know, some of these girls maybe didn't, but if you're young I think they need to be starting basketball in second, third grade. So getting that skill level and all the basketball knowledge at that age helps."

As for the Kingman girl's basketball team, Meyers said that they need more skill work than what they have thus far.

"I'm taking it as my job to show them growth, have them all grow in some way in the game and so we're doing a lot of skill work this summer, a lot of physical



BOB MORRIS / Leader-Courier

TOP: Kingman's Addy Giefer, left, and Parker Beam run through a drill during the basketball camp that Craig Nicholson held for new Kingman girl's basketball coach Morgan Meyers. Nicholson is a friend of Meyers and her family and previously worked with her when she was in high school. BOTTOM LEFT: Sisters Jayda, left, and Jymma DeWeese go through a drill during the camp. BOTTOM RIGHT: Nicholson visits with one of the campers.

contact," Meyers said. "So when they go to the rim, they're bumping and making contact instead of shying away from contact."

She said her goal is to get the players to be more confident and feel better about themselves on the court.

Nicholson said the high school players showed him a lot.

"I'm very impressed with what the high school group looks like," he said. "Hon-

estly, they have a lot of skill. They work hard, they listen, so I think they have a lot of upside, and there should be a lot to look forward to going into the next season."

Nicholson said, as long as Meyers wants him to hold the camps, he will continue to come.

The Lady Eagles also played in a tournament the weekend of June 13 and got six games, winning two and losing four but two losses

were close. Meyers said she put in some plays and fast breaks and thought the girls looked good, enjoyed it and had fun.

She added that she plans to have the girls do some scrimmages with other schools in the area. Meyers had the chance to see what the girls had to offer as she served as an assistant coach this past season and sees the potential in the players.

"I'm trying to tell them

that they have a lot of potential," Meyers said. "They don't believe it, but they do. And we're putting a lot in and what I appreciate about them is they're willing to work hard and I've thrown a lot at them."

"We've only had four days of (summer) practice so far. And in those four practices, we've done a lot and they're listening and they're picking up on it. So I'm very appreciative of that."

Islanders Come Away With Split Against Haysville Aviators

STAFF REPORT

The Kingman Islanders are 2-13 for the season and are coming off a doubleheader split against the Haysville Aviators at home last Friday.

The Islanders lost the first game to the Aviators 7-4. The Islanders had three hits while the Aviators had five. John Spoto was 1-for-3 with a double and two runs batted

in, Joe Fenlon and Preston Gajewski each went 1-for-3 and Logan Hicks was 1-for-2 with one RBI.

On the mound, Jorge Rico pitched five innings and gave up one hit with one walk and four strikeouts. Maddux Stivey pitched to four batters in the sixth inning and gave up three earned runs off one hit with three walks. Jacob Foudree pitched two innings and

gave up one unearned run off one hit with one walk and one strikeout.

In the second game, the Islanders won 5-4. The Islanders had eight hits and the Aviators had nine. Kingman trailed 4-2 in the bottom of the sixth but rallied for three runs, then closed it out in the seventh.

Ramon Corona and Landon

Parks each went 2-for-3 with a double, Parks had one RBI and Creston Pore had two RBIs. Jack Jewell and Zack Moore had one RBI apiece.

Ethan Reese pitched four innings and gave up three runs off six hits with one walk and four strikeouts. Logan Snyder pitched three innings and gave up one run off three hits with two walks and

two strikeouts.

The Islanders are set to head to Newton on Thursday for a doubleheader. They will host the Hutchinson Monarchs Friday, then head to Hutchinson to face the Monarchs Saturday. On Monday, the Islanders host the Performance Factory Phenoms, then head to Wichita to face the Phenoms Wednesday.



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LEFT: Kingman Islanders pitcher Jake Bumgardner takes the mound during the June 15 game at home against the Derby Twins. MIDDLE: Kingman Islanders shortstop Karston Wall makes the throw to first base in the June 15 game against Derby. RIGHT: Kingman Islanders player Jesus Yanez slides into home plate for a run during the game against Derby. The Islanders are 2-13 for the season, with their most recent games last Friday in a doubleheader against the Haysville Aviators.

State Trapshooting Tournament Sees Multiple County Students Compete

STAFF REPORT

Two Kingman High School students competed at the state trapshooting tournament Saturday in Wichita in the Class 1A division.

Michael Harbert shot 85 and Wyatt Grilliot shot 70. Both competed in the junior varsity division.

Norwich had multiple students who were part of the

Chaparral trapshooting team, which competed in the Class 2A division held Sunday.

In the varsity division, the team finished 11th overall. Top performers were Levi Longbine with 97, Mason Mans with 96, Liam Vavra with 95, Mekoy Baier with 94, Lucas Fisher with 93, Marshall Eslinger with 92, Spencer Beck and Ken-

li Rucker with 91 each and Reed Hedstrom and Brayden Webster with 90 each.

Others who competed in the varsity division were Ethan Waldschmidt with 89, Aaron Scroggins with 87, Jackson Longbine with 84, Easton Wood with 76, Slade Allen with 75 and Brantley Ring with 74.

In the junior varsity divi-

sion, Chaparral team members who competed were Case Warner with 82, Kamden Gee with 76, Timber Hall with 69, Cassidy Gee and Kyndel Moore with 68 each and Maddy Brace with 55.

In the novice division, Chaparral team members who competed were Brooklynn Harger with 65, Chance Mark with 50 and Autumn

Stivers with 44.

Cunningham had a team compete in the Class 1A division. In the varsity competition, Jace Oldham, Kendall Rogers and Adam Sterneker competed for Cunningham. Sterneker scored 86, Rogers scored 83 and Oldham scored 72.

In the junior varsity competition, those competing for

the boys were Gage Dunn, who scored 71 and Cole Gridley, who scored 64, while Jannessa Schnittker competed for the girls and scored 73.

In the novice competition, Will Halderson scored 87 and Kane Reid scored 59. Halderson placed fourth overall among the boys and fifth overall among all novice competitors.

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

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individual State title after she took first in the 110-yard hurdles. She won the event again in 1978, setting a record that stood for several years.

Zoran also competed in

basketball and tennis in high school, qualifying for the State tennis tournament as a sophomore.

After graduating high school, Zoran attended Kansas State University and competed on the track team as a freshman, before pursuing veterinary medicine.

At the time, athletic scholarships were not available to freshmen and sophomores competing in “minor sports,” but her academic success led to a distinguished career in veterinary medicine.

Zoran spent more than 20 years as a clinician and ed-

ucator at Texas A&M University, where she taught future veterinarians while providing specialized care. In 2014, she helped launch Texas A&M’s veterinary disaster response program, which prepares veterinary professionals to respond during natural disasters and

emergency situations. Texas A&M remains the only veterinary school in the nation with such a program as part of its curriculum.

Zoran was appointed director of the university’s Veterinary Emergency Team (VET) in 2022, where she oversees emergency re-

sponse efforts and coordinates assistance for animals affected by disasters. She played a key leadership role in animal evacuation and response efforts during Hurricane Harvey. Zoran has also served as President of the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine.

PUBLIC NOTICE - PRIMARY ELECTION NOTICE

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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 certify that in accordance with the petitions and declarations of intentions to become candidates on file in the County Clerk’s Office, that the following named persons for the respective offices as indicated below are entitled to a place on the official ballot in the Primary Election to be held on the 4th day of August, 2026.

REPUBLICAN TICKET:

NATIONAL OFFICES

UNITED STATES SENATE:

ROGER MARSHALL, 1420 NW 10th Ave, ST. JOHN, 67576
POND NARAMORE, 1339 MAPLE LN, LAWRENCE, 66044

UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, 4TH DISTRICT:

FRANK A. MCCOLLUM, 465 W RD, FALL RIVER, 67047
RON ESTES, P.O. Box 782952, WICHITA, 67278

STATE OFFICES

FOR GOVERNOR/ LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR:

STACY L ROGERS/ MICHAEL W. SMITH, 3801 W 13th ST, WICHITA, 67203

PHILIP SARNECKI/ JOY EAKINS, PO BOX 12081, OVERLAND PARK, 66282

VICKI SCHMIDT/ JOE NEWLAND, PO BOX 3801, TOPEKA, 66604

SCOTT SCHWAB/ KEN RAHJES, PO BOX 2818, OLATHE, 66063

TY MASTERSON/ JEFFREY KLEMP, 1539 PHYLLIS LN, ANDOVER, 67002

CHARLOTTE O’HARA/ MICHELLE DOMBROSKY, 15712 WINDSOR ST, OVERLAND PARK, 66224

NICK REINECKER/ KATY REINECKER, 504 S MAPLE, INMAN, 67546

FOR SECRETARY OF STATE:

PAT PROCTOR, 624 KICKAPOO ST, LEAVENWORTH, 66048

FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL:

KRIS KOBACH, P.O. Box 155, LECOMPTON, 66050

FOR STATE TREASURER:

STEVEN JOHNSON, 10197 S HOPKINS ROAD, ASSARIA, 67416

FOR COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE:

DANIEL HAWKINS, 9406 W HARVEST LN, WICHITA, 67212

FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE, 114TH DISTRICT:

KEVIN D. SCHWERTFEGER, 34918 WEST SILVER LK RD, TURON, 67583

FOR MEMBER, STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, 7TH DISTRICT:

ALANA MCWILLIAMS, 601 N MAPLE ST, ABILENE, 67410

COUNTY OFFICES

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER 1ST DISTRICT:

BONNIE KOPPER, 580 NE 120 AVE, MURDOCK, 67111
MICHELE KYLE, 136 N BRIARWOOD, NORWICH, 67118
RENEE ELPERS, 15371 NE 50TH ST, CHENEY, 67025

TOWNSHIP OFFICES:

ALLEN TOWNSHIP CLERK:
THEODORE HALL, 16155 SE 110 St., Norwich, 67118

BELMONT TOWNSHIP CLERK: NO FILINGS
BENNETT TOWNSHIP CLERK:

K. TODD TURNER, 13216 SE 160 St., Norwich 67118
CANTON TOWNSHIP CLERK:

TIM ALLENDER, 13565 SE 90th Ave, Spivey, 67142
CHIKASKIA TOWNSHIP CLERK:

KEVIN MILLER, 5896 W ST RD 42, Spivey, 67142
DALE TOWNSHIP CLERK:

JAMIE FLUSCHE, 8496 SE 20th St., Murdock, 67111
JOHN E PEARSON IV, 4516 SE 60 Ave., Murdock, 67111

DRESDEN TOWNSHIP CLERK: NO FILINGS
EAGLE TOWNSHIP CLERK:

JAMES F. COON, 6254 SE 60 Ave, Murdock, 67111
EUREKA TOWNSHIP CLERK: NO FILINGS

EVAN TOWNSHIP CLERK:
MATTHEW HAUKAP, 15242 NE 30th, Cheney, 67025

GALESBURG TOWNSHIP CLERK:
DAVID LAMPE, 7337 NE 40 St, Kingman, 67068

HOOSIER TOWNSHIP CLERK: NO FILINGS
KINGMAN TOWNSHIP CLERK: NO FILINGS

LIBERTY TOWNSHIP CLERK: NO FILINGS
NINNESCAH TOWNSHIP CLERK:

MIKE ROWLEY, 4550 SE 10 St., Kingman, 67068
PETERS TOWNSHIP CLERK: NO FILINGS

RICHLAND TOWNSHIP CLERK:
RYAN MILLER, 3749 SE 70 St., Kingman, 67068

ROCHESTER TOWNSHIP CLERK: NO FILINGS
RURAL TOWNSHIP CLERK:

BOB RENNER, 5089 SW 170 Ave., Cunningham, 67035
UNION TOWNSHIP CLERK: NO FILINGS

VALLEY TOWNSHIP CLERK: NO FILINGS
VINITA TOWNSHIP CLERK: NO FILINGS

WHITE TOWNSHIP CLERK: NO FILINGS
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ALLEN COMMITTEEMAN:
THOMAS D. KOSTNER, 11597 SE 60 St, Murdock, 67111

ALLEN COMMITTEEWOMAN:
SHARON L. KOSTNER, 11597 SE 60 St, Murdock, 67111

BELMONT COMMITTEEMAN & COMMITTEEWOMAN:
NO FILINGS

BENNETT COMMITTEEMAN:
DOUG BATES, 11710 SE 150th St, Norwich, 67118

BENNETT COMMITTEEWOMAN:
MICOLI BATES, 11710 SE 150th St, Norwich, 67118

CANTON COMMITTEEMAN & COMMITTEEWOMAN:
NO FILINGS

CHIKASKIA COMMITTEEMAN:
MATTHEW W. RICKE, 3386 SW 150 St., Spivey, 67142

CHIKASKIA COMMITTEEWOMAN: NO FILINGS
DALE COMMITTEEMAN: NO FILINGS

DALE COMMITTEEWOMAN:
JAMIE NICHOLS, 3244 SE 70 Ave., Murdock, KS 67111

DRESDEN COMMITTEEMAN:
RUSSELL SMITH, 13138 NW 20 St., Cunningham, 67035

DRESDEN COMMITTEEWOMAN: NO FILINGS
EAGLE COMMITTEEMAN NO FILINGS

EAGLE COMMITTEEWOMAN: NO FILINGS
EUREKA COMMITTEEMAN & COMMITTEEWOMAN: NO

FILINGS
EVAN COMMITTEEMAN:
CHRIS SALES, 15853 NE 50 St., Cheney, 67025

EVAN COMMITTEEWOMAN:
SARAH SALES, 15853 NE 50 St., Cheney, 67025

GALESBURG COMMITTEEMAN:
MARK BECKER, 9693 NE 10th St, Murdock, 67111

KACEY SMARSH, 8800 NE 30th St., Murdock, KS 67111
GALESBURG COMMITTEEWOMAN:

DIANA MCDANIEL, 5408 NE 50 Ave., Kingman, 67068
HOOSIER COMMITTEEMAN:

STANLEY ZIEGLER, 865 NW 10 Ave, Kingman, 67068
HOOSIER COMMITTEEWOMAN:

JULIE ZIEGLER, 865 NW 10 Ave, Kingman, 67068
TRISH DEDAMOS, 1685 NW 10 AVE, Kingman, 67068

KINGMAN COMMITTEEMAN:
BRANDEN BOCK, 14862 SW 110th St, Nashville, 67112

KINGMAN COMMITTEEWOMAN:
ABBY BOCK, 14862 SW 110th St, Nashville, 67112

LIBERTY COMMITTEEMAN & COMMITTEEWOMAN: NO
FILINGS

NINNESCAH COMMITTEEMAN:
TAD E. HACKER, 827 W A Ave, Kingman, 67068

DOUGLAS RICHARDSON, 2174 SE 40 St, Kingman,
67068

NINNESCAH COMMITTEEWOMAN:
JAMIE SMITH, 915 W A Ave., Kingman, KS 67068

PETERS COMMITTEEMAN:
GREG MOLITOR, 9517 SW 80 Ave, Spivey, 67142

PETERS COMMITTEEWOMAN: NO FILINGS
RICHLAND COMMITTEEMAN:

RYAN MILLER, 3749 SE 70 St, Kingman, 67068
RICHLAND COMMITTEEWOMAN:

HEATHER MILLER, 3749 SE 70 St, Kingman, 67068
ROCHESTER COMMITTEEMAN & COMMITTEEWOMAN:

NO FILINGS
RURAL COMMITTEEMAN:

ERIC RUCKLE, 17679 SW 10 St, Cunningham, 67035
RURAL COMMITTEEWOMAN:

JACKIE RUCKLE, 17679 SW 10 St, Cunningham, 67035
UNION COMMITTEEMAN:

DAVID HARBERT, 550 SW 90 Ave, Cunningham, 67035
UNION COMMITTEEWOMAN:

VICKI HARBERT, 550 SW 90 Ave, Cunningham, 67035
VALLEY COMMITTEEMAN:

MARK STEFFEN, 14461 SE 10 Ave, Rago, 67142
VALLEY COMMITTEEWOMAN:

DEANNA STEFFEN, 14461 SE 10 Ave, Rago, 67142
VINITA COMMITTEEMAN:

LEON SOWERS, 13103 SE 40 St, Murdock, 67111
VINITA COMMITTEEWOMAN:

CARMEN SOWERS, 13103 SE 40 St, Murdock, 67111
WHITE COMMITTEEMAN:

MIKE SWIGART, 1848 E US HWY 54, Kingman, 67068
WHITE COMMITTEEWOMAN: NO FILINGS

1ST WARD COMMITTEEMAN: NO FILINGS
1st WARD COMMITTEEWOMAN:

TERI SCHMITZ, 411 East Grant, Kingman, 67068
2ND WARD COMMITTEEMAN:

IRA M. HART, 241 W F Ave, Kingman, 67068
2ND WARD COMMITTEEWOMAN:

JOYCE HART, 241 W F Ave, Kingman, 67068
3RD WARD COMMITTEEMAN:

ERIC ANDERSEN, 343 E C Ave, Kingman, 67068
3RD WARD COMMITTEEWOMAN:

CONNIE S. BESTE, 730 S Main St., Kingman, 67068
4TH WARD COMMITTEEMAN:

TIMOTHY ELLIOTT, 329 N Broadway Ave., Kingman, KS
67068

4TH WARD COMMITTEEWOMAN: NO FILINGS

DEMOCRAT TICKET:
FEDERAL OFFICES

UNITED STATES SENATE:
KEVIN LATZ, 6341 BELINDER AVE, MISSION HILLS,

66208
ERIK MURRAY, P.O. BOX 3032, KANSAS CITY, 66103

SANDY SPIDEL NEUMANN, PO BOX 2159, MISSION,
66201

ANNE PARELKAR, PO BOX 25174, OVERLAND PARK,
66225

PATRICK C. SCHMIDT, 303 SW WOODLAWN, TOPEKA,
66606

MICHAEL “MIKE” SOETAERT, 815 N WOODLAWN AVE,
APT 127, WELLINGTON, 67152-2837

NOAH TAYLOR, 7130 W MAPLE ST., SUITE 230, BOX
329, WICHITA, 67209

DAMON ANDERSON, P.O. BOX 860010, SHAWNEE,
66226

CHRISTY DAVIS, 715 1st ST, COTTONWOOD FALLS,
66845

ADAM HAMILTON, PO BOX 6, STILWELL, 66208
JASON HART, 302 N PERSHING, WICHITA, 67208

UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, 4th
DISTRICT:

CHRIS CARMICHAEL, 2634 N BLUESTONE CT, ANDOVER, 67002

COLE EPLEY, 5711 E 45th ST N, BEL AIRE, 67220
RYAN GILBERT, 946 LONG PATH CIR, GODDARD,

67052
KATY TYNDELL, PO BOX 781004, WICHITA, 67207

STATE OFFICES
FOR GOVERNOR/ LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR:

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OLATHE, 66063

CURT SKOOG/ JENNIFER BACANI MCKENNEY, P.O.
BOX 7053, OVERLAND PARK, 66207

ETHAN CORSON/ RENEE DUXLER, P.O. BOX 4513,
OVERLAND PARK, 66204

FOR SECRETARY OF STATE:
JENNIFER DAY, P.O. BOX 104, MISSION, 66202-9810

SAMUEL LANE, 6302 HALLET ST, SHAWNEE, 66216
FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL:

CHRIS MANN, 3514 Clinton Pkwy Ste 108, Lawrence, KS
66047

FOR STATE TREASURER:
JUAN C. LUENGO, 14904 S SUMMIT ST, OLATHE, 66062

FOR COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE:
DINAH SYKES, 10227 THEDEN CIR, LENEXA, 66220

FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE, 114th DISTRICT:
ALAN ALBERS, 606 E 1ST ST, CUNNINGHAM, 67035

FOR MEMBER, STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, 7TH
DISTRICT:

ANN ZIMMERMAN, 3904 N OHIO, SALINA, 67401
All Townships not listed had no filings on that ticket.

TOWNSHIP OFFICES
COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT #1: NO FILINGS

TOWNSHIP CLERK: NO FILINGS
All Townships and Kingman City Wards not listed had no

filings on that ticket.
ALLEN COMMITTEEMAN:

STEVEN R. HEWITT, 7231 SE 150 Ave, Norwich, 67118
BENNETT COMMITTEEMAN:

MICHAEL O’GORMAN, 133 S Somerset St, Norwich,
67118

BENNETT COMMITTEEWOMAN:
MACKENZIE KLAVER O’GORMAN, 133 S Somerset St,

Norwich, 67118
DRESDEN COMMITTEEMAN:

ALAN ALBERS, 606 E 1st St, Cunningham, 670035
DRESDEN COMMITTEEWOMAN:

KATHLEEN ALBERS, 606 E 1st St, Cunningham, 67035
EAGLE COMMITTEEWOMAN:

ANGELA KLAVER, 7163 SE 70 Ave, Kingman, 67068
EAGLE COMMITTEEMAN:

THOMAS ELWIN BELL, 11029 NW 20 St, Cunningham,
67035

GALESBURG COMMITTEEMAN:
DANNEY BARR, 875 NE 110 Ave, Murdock, 67111

GALESBURG COMMITTEEWOMAN:
DONNA S. BARR, 875 NE 110 Ave, Murdock, 67111

PETERS COMMITTEEMAN:
EDWIN L. HUELSKAMP, 9483 SW 120 Ave, Zenda, 67159

PETERS COMMITTEEWOMAN:
LAMONA HUELSKAMP, 10057 SW 90 St, Spivey, 67142

WHITE COMMITTEEMAN:
STANLEY H. CAMPBELL, 1520 W Kansas Ave, Kingman,

67068
WHITE COMMITTEEWOMAN:

BETTY CAMPBELL, 1520 W Kansas Ave, Kingman, 67068
KINGMAN CITY 1ST WARD COMMITTEEMAN:

MARK F. SCHNITTKER, 225 E F Ave, KINGMAN, KS
67068

KINGMAN CITY 1st WARD COMMITTEEWOMAN:
JANICE L. LAM, 1011 N Spruce St, Kingman 67068

KINGMAN CITY 2nd WARD COMMITTEEMAN:
AMO BEAL, 412 W D Ave, Kingman, 67068

KINGMAN CITY 2nd WARD COMMITTEEWOMAN:
VONDA MCKENNA, 301 W E Ave, Kingman, 67068

KINGMAN CITY 3rd WARD COMMITTEEWOMAN:
MONICA ARCE, 545 W C Ave, Kingman, 67068

Voting Places and the Township each voting place will

serve, will be as follows:
VOTING PLACE/TOWNSHIPS

KINGMAN EXPO CENTER NORTH ROOM
Hoosier Township, Ninnescah Township, White Township

Belmont Township & Richland Township
KINGMAN EXPO CENTER SOUTH ROOM

KINGMAN CITY 1, 2, 3 & 4th WARD
DOUTZER COMMUNITY CENTER

Norwich City, Bennett Township, Allen Township, Eagle
Township, Canton Township

MURDOCK METHODIST CHURCH
Galesburg Township, Evan Township, Dale Township, Vin-

ita Township
ZENDA COMMUNITY CENTER

Liberty Township, Nashville City, Zenda City, Rochester
Township, Chikaskia Township, Spivey City, Valley Township,

Kingman Township, Peters Township
CUNNINGHAM COMMUNITY CENTER

Cunningham City, Dresden Township, Rural Township, Eu-
reka Township, Penalosa City, Union Township

All persons must be registered to vote in the Primary Elec-
tion. A person may declare his or her party affiliation for the

first time at the polls, but they cannot change party affiliation
at the polls. Any party change had to be done before noon

on June 1st, 2026. The polls will be open from 7:00a.m. un-
til 7:00p.m. on the day of the Primary Election, August 4th,

2026.
In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal

this 30th day of June, 2026.
Carol D. Noblit

Kingman County Election Officer

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KINGMAN COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES *June 15, 2026, Regular Meeting*

Chairwoman Lyon called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. June 15, 2026, in the County Commissioners room at the Kingman County Courthouse.

Julie Lyon, Chairwoman
Jack Thimesch, Commissioner
Jeff Young, Commissioner
Carol Noblit, County Clerk
Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor

Visitors: Dale Enyart; Bob Morris, Kingman Leader-Courier; Shae Brooks, Kingman Fire Chief; Julie Early; Renee Elpers; Keith Baringer

Online Visitors: DH; Caller 01; Caller 1; B; Spivey Clerk

Staff: Ron Leroux, Noxious Weed Director; Amanda Stucky, Field Appraiser/Zoning Director; LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer; Sheriff Wood; Undersheriff Sowers; Jeremy Webb, Emergency Manager; Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director.

Chairwoman Lyon gave the invocation.

Chairwoman Lyon asked if there were any additions to the agenda.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the agen-

da. Commissioner Young seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 3-0 vote.

Chairwoman Lyon asked for public comments.

Dale Enyart wanted to remind the Commissioners of the Republican Committee meeting this Thursday evening at the Kingman Expo Center North Room.

8:33 a.m. Ron Leroux, Noxious Weed Director was in to give the County Commissioners a department update.

Mr. Leroux discussed the spraying that has been done.

Mr. Leroux left the meeting at 8:40 a.m.

8:42 a.m. Amanda Stucky, Field Appraiser/Zoning Director was in to discuss a property that is overgrown and items in the yard.

Ms. Stucky discussed the current owner has passed away and there is no contact information available at this time.

Ms. Stucky reminded the County Commissioners of the Zoning meeting next Monday.

Ms. Stucky left the meeting at 8:52 a.m.

8:52 a.m. Chrissy Bartel, Nor-

wich EMS Director was in to discuss that she is applying for the AFG grant for an Ambulance to replace the 1995 ambulance that they have.

There is a 5% match which would be \$21565.44 and asked if the Commissioners would be in favor of paying half of the match funds.

Ms. Bartel let the Commissioners know some of the things that they have purchased with current grant funds.

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Estes Visits: Congressman Fields Questions

U.S. House of Representatives District Four Congressman Ron Estes visited with the Kingman County Republican Party during last Thursday's meeting at the Kingman Expo Center. Estes talked about issues that Congress is facing and answered questions from those in attendance.

LEGAL NOTICE

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IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:
CARSON T. WILLISIE,

Case No. KM 2026 PR 17

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

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Martha Janette Kitchens Willisie, an heir of Carson T. Willisie, deceased, praying:

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

Lots 238, 240, 242 and 244 on Main Street North, in North Addition to the City of Kingman, Kingman County, Kansas AND

All that part of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NW/4 SW/4) of Section Thirty-two (32), Township Twenty-seven (27) South, Range Seven (7) West of the 6th P.M., Kingman County, Kansas, that lies and is situated East of Main Street North, in the City of Kingman, Kansas, as shown by the recorded plat thereof, and West of Lots 238, 240, 242 and 244 on Main Street North, North Addition to the City of Kingman, Kansas, as shown by the recorded plat thereof and more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest corner of Lot 238, Main

Street North, in North Addition to the City of Kingman, Kansas; thence West on the extended South line of Lot 238 Main Street in North Addition to the City of Kingman to the East line of Main Street, as condemned and laid out by Ordinance No. 125 of the City of Kingman, Kansas; thence North adjacent to the East side of Main Street as aforesaid to the extended North line of Lot 244, Main Street in North Addition to the City of Kingman, Kansas; thence East to Northwest corner of Lot 244 Main Street in North Addition to Kingman, Kansas, as shown by the recorded plat thereof; thence South on the West line of said Lots 244, 242, 240 and 238 to the place of beginning.

and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by decedent at the time of death. And that such property and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by the decedent at the time of death be assigned pursuant to the laws of intestate succession.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before July 20, 2026 at 10:00 o'clock a.m. in the city of Kingman, in Kingman County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

Martha Janette Kitchens Willisie
Petitioner

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

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Millsap & Singer, LLC
8900 Indian Creek Parkway, Suite 180
Overland Park, KS 66210
(913) 339-9132
(913) 339-9045 (fax)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF Kingman County, KANSAS CIVIL DEPARTMENT

Freedom Mortgage Corporation
Plaintiff,
vs.

Cynthia Lea Ann Miller, Isaac Miller, Jane Doe, John Doe, and Kansas Housing Resources Corporation, et al.,
Defendants

Case No. KM-2026-CV-000017

Court No.
Title to Real Estate Involved
Pursuant to K.S.A. §60

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF KANSAS to the above named Defendants and The Unknown Heirs, executors, devisees, trustees, creditors, and assigns of any deceased defendants; the unknown spouses of any defendants; the unknown officers, successors, trustees, creditors and assigns of any defendants that are existing, dissolved or dormant corporations; the unknown executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors, successors and assigns of any defendants that are or were partners or in partnership; and the unknown guardians, conservators and trustees of any defendants that are minors or are under any legal disability and all other

person who are or may be concerned:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in the District Court of Kingman County, Kansas by Freedom Mortgage Corporation, praying to foreclose a mortgage on the following described real estate:

LOT THIRTY-ONE (31) EXCEPTING THE EAST TEN FEET (E10') THEREOF; ALL OF LOT THIRTY-THREE (33) AND LOT THIRTY-FIVE (35) EXCEPTING THE WEST TWELVE AND ONE-HALF FEET (W12 1/2') THEREOF, ALL ON AVENUE "B" WEST IN THE ORIGINAL TOWN OF KINGMAN, KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS. Parcel ID No. 048-103-05-0-20-17-009.00-0. Commonly known as 245 W B Ave, Kingman, KS 67068 ("the Property") MS 225389

and all those defendants who have not otherwise been served are required to plead to the Petition on or before July 29, 2026 in the District Court of Kingman County, Kansas. If you fail to plead, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the request of plaintiff.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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BEFORE THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

In the matter of the Application of SandRidge Docket No.: 26-CONS-3318-CEXC

Exploration and Production LLC for an exception to the 10-year time limitation of K.A.R. 82-3-111 CONSERVATION DIVISION for its Kylie Rose SWD (API No. 15-077-21870) well located in the NW/4 of Section 28, Township License No. 34192 33 South, Range 5 West, Harper County, Kansas.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION
TO: ALL OIL AND GAS OPERATORS, PRODUCERS AND LESSEES, UNLEASED MINERAL OWNERS, AND ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that SandRidge Exploration and Production LLC ("Applicant") has filed an application with the Kansas Corporation Commission ("Commission") requesting an exception to the ten-year temporary abandonment time limitation of K.A.R. 82-3-111(b) for its Kylie Rose SWD (API No. 15-077-21870) well located in the NW/4 of Section 28, Township 33 South, Range 5 West, Harper County, Kansas. The application is pending with the Commission. Any persons who object to or protest such application shall be required to file their objections or protests with the Commission within 15 days from the date of this publication. If a written protest is not timely filed, the application may be granted by the Commission without hearing or farther notice to any interested party. All objections and protests shall clearly state the reasons why granting the application will violate correlative rights, cause waste or pollution. Objections or protests shall be mailed to the Kansas Corporation Commission, Conservation Division, 266 N Main St., Ste. 220, Wichita, KS 67202, with a copy to Applicant's attorneys listed below. All parties in any way interested or concerned shall take notice of the foregoing and govern themselves accordingly.

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LEGAL NOTICE

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MYRNA JOYCE HENSIEK, Deceased

CASE NO. 2026 PR 15

Title to Real Estate Involved
Pursuant to Chapter 59

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in this Court by Delbert Hensiek, as an heir of Myrna Joyce Hensiek, deceased, praying for the determination of the descent of the following described real estate situated in Kingman County, Kansas, to-wit:

Lots Sixteen (16), Seventeen (17), and Eighteen (18), in Block Eleven (11), the new Nashville Subdivision, town of Nashville, Kingman County, Kansas,

and all other property, real and personal, or interests therein in the State of Kansas, owned by the decedent at the time of death; and you are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 13th day of July, 2026, at 1:30 p.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 petition.

DELBERT HENSIEK
Petitioner

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Roseanna K. Mathis
District Magistrate Judge

NEWS/COMMUNITY

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

Pearce Named to Dean's List

PRESS RELEASE

HENDERSON — Mary Pearce of Kingman was among the list of students at Freed-Hardeman University who have made the President's and Dean's list for the Spring 2026 semester. To be on the President's List, a student must be full-time and have a 4.0 grade point average. Students on the Dean's List have earned a minimum 3.4 grade point average for the semester.

Pearce, a junior, is on the Dean's list and is a Secondary Education major.

BIRTHDAY CARD SHOWER ANNOUNCEMENT

The family of Warren Kinsler would like to invite the community to help celebrate his 103 birthday on Tuesday, June 30, 2026.

Birthday greetings can be mailed to 750 W. D Ave., Kingman, KS 67068. If you would like to say happy birthday in person, Wheatlands Health Care Center will be having a cake on June 30 from 2 to 4 p.m. in honor of Kinsler.

SCKAA MEALS

Please call 620-553-4177 for meal reservations

Monday, June 29: Sloppy joe, garden salad, corn relish, peaches, milk

Tuesday, June 30: Chicken pot pie, butter beans, mixed fruit, cookie, milk

Wednesday, July 1: Beef soft tacos, corn o' brien, blushing pears, no bake cookies, milk

Thursday, July 2: Hamburger, baked beans, potato salad, watermelon, milk

Friday, July 3: Closed for July 4th

MINUTES

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Ms. Bartel discussed all the grants that they are applying for to help with purchases.

Ms. Bartel let the Commissioners know that they will now be able to bill Medicaid starting July 1, 2026 to Treat in place (TIP) an amount of \$250.00 per individual that services are provided for.

MOTION: Commissioner Young moved to pay \$11,000.00 of the 5% match for the Norwich application for the AFG Grant out of the Kingman County Economic Budget Fund. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 3-0 vote.

Ms. Bartel left the meeting at 9:10 a.m.

9:10 a.m. LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer was in to discuss budget information with the County Commissioners.

Ms. Stegman let the Commissioners know that the 2025 Audit will be presented next week by AdamsBrown.

Ms. Stegman left the meeting at 9:49 a.m.

County Commissioners discussed Resolution 2026-R18, A RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO K.S.A. 19-3602, PROPOSING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A FIRE DISTRICT WITHIN KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS HEREIN REFERRED TO AS THE "RURAL FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1".

County Commissioners will have a public hearing on July 13, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. for the Rural Fire District #1.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve Resolution 2026-R18. Commissioner Young seconded the motion. The motion was approved 3-0 vote.

Commissioners discussed that Commissioner Thimesch had purchased an old fire truck at a live auction and was later sold to the Township.

MOTION: Chairwoman Lyon moved to approve the June 8, 2026, Commission meeting minutes with the corrections. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 3-0 vote.

10:07 a.m. Jeremy Webb, Emergency Manager, Sheriff Wood and Undersheriff Sowers were in with updates.

Mr. Webb was in to dis-

cuss what he has been doing and the communications he has had with individuals and departments.

Mr. Webb let the Commissioners know that he will have the Command Trailer down at Norwich Days to show it and to use for cooling people off.

Mr. Webb and Undersheriff Sowers discussed the old 800 radios that weren't able to be upgraded with encryption. 20 portables and 14 mobiles were distributed to fire departments in the County.

Mr. Webb left the meeting at 10:16 a.m.

Sheriff Wood discussed an error on an overtime spreadsheet that had been presented to the County Commissioners and the figures were incorrectly reported by the Financial Officer.

Sheriff Wood discussed replacing three vehicles this year because four were replaced last year.

Sheriff and Undersheriff were in to discuss budgeting for two more deputies to be hired for 2027.

Sheriff Wood and Undersheriff Sowers left the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

10:40 a.m. Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in with the Hot Mix Overlay RS 359-SW 170th Ave contract from Schwab Eaton for Commissioners signatures.

Mr. Arensdorf left the meeting at 10:49 a.m.

Chairwoman Lyon discussed that they received Resolution 2026-01 from Spivey City, A RESOLUTION PETITIONING THE KINGMAN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO CREATE A NEW FIRE DISTRICT THAT WOULD INCLUDE THE CITY OF SPIVEY.

Commissioner Thimesch discussed a call received from Carol Voran about the spraying being done in the County and let the Board know that he mentioned that she call her District Commissioner.

Commissioners discussed that they all work together to support the County and all its individuals.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 11:06 a.m. Commissioner Young seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 3-0 vote.



STEPHANIE JUMP / Leader-Courier

Still Smiling: Officer Ontiveros Directs Traffic

Officer George Ontiveros directs traffic last Thursday afternoon in the middle of a downpour. Traffic lights were out when the city lost electric service. The Kingman area saw more five inches of rain this last weekend with more expected later in the week.



11 Years Ago

Jake Brown, aka Barefoot Jake, made a stop in Kingman as he completed a barefoot run across America, starting in Los Angeles and ending in New York City, to raise money for the Semper Fi Fund and the Charity Miles smart phone app. The annual Kingman Fly-in drew about 400 people, despite temperatures approaching 100 degrees; airport manager Bob Crow received the 2015 Kingman Clyde Cessna Most Valuable Aviator Award during the event. Lacey Thimesch talked with the *Leader-Courier* about her efforts with The Wild Things, in which she took in small animals that had been orphaned, injured or abandoned and rehabilitated them. Kingman police officer Brent Wood was one of 55 graduates from the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center's basic training program. Students from St. Patrick School were to be featured on an episode of the game show "Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader." Sterling College was set to bring a football camp to Kingman High School, at which the Eagles, Cheney, Haven and Smoky Valley were scheduled to attend. The Kingman swim team hosted the first of two home meets at the city pool.

35 Years Ago

District Magistrate Judge Gene Shaw chatted with the *Leader-Courier* about his 21 years serving on the bench and his insights regarding how the judicial system operates. Maggie Boyce, a Kingman High School student, was named an All-American Scholar by the United States Achievement Academy. KHS girls golfers Jennifer Hageman, Jennifer Luntsford and Stacy Foulk attended the 31st Annual Kansas State Junior Girls Golf Tournament in Lawrence. Lillian Sterling was elected the new president of the Kingman VFW Ladies Auxiliary. The American Railway Corporation, also known as Am-rail, was announced as the top bidder

for about 800 miles of track owned by the Santa Fe Railway; some of the tracks ran through Kingman County. The Kingman County Commission voted to close the courthouse July 5, along with the usual July 4 closure, following suit with the Kansas Supreme Court's order to have all judicial offices in the state closed to honor military personnel. Kindra Boswell of Kingman attended the fifth annual Entrepreneurship Camp held at Wichita State University.

60 Years Ago

Earl J. Fieser, Democrat from Norwich, became the fourth person to file for the county commissioner office for the first district; Republican John Raup was seeking re-election and John Wimer and Robert Sheetz had also filed for the seat. Steven Kent Hundley, who graduated from the Kansas State Teachers College in Emporia, accepted a special education teaching position in Topeka. Kingman County received a 1967 wheat allotment acreage of 176,709 acres, which would allow the county a potential to raise more wheat that year. Alan Daffron, son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Daffron of Cunningham, received cum laude honors upon graduation from Harvard University. A group of Cunningham residents worked to secure a bean harvester plant, given increased interest from Midwest farmers to acquire a harvester developed by a couple of individuals from California. Layne Western Co. visited Kingman County to do follow-up work to determine the best location for two additional city water wells. About 1,000 people enjoyed a buffalo barbecue for the opening night of the Kingman Cattleman's picnic and rodeo.

85 Years Ago

Wallace Griffen and Charles Lower announced plans to open the Griffen Appliance Company in the Cragun building on the west side of Main

Street. Elevator men in all sections of Kingman County reported that average wheat yields ranged from 12 to 15 bushels per acre. Leroy Young was named the new secretary-treasurer of the National Farm Loan Association of Kingman, replacing Paul Mann. The newest employees at the Farm Security Administration office in Kingman were M. Pauline Richarz and Wendell A. Moyer. Kingman County assessors determined that total property values in the county had increased by \$500,000. Carl Klaver scored an eagle on hole No. 5 at the city golf course. About 170 youngsters completed a five-week course of free swimming lessons at the city pool. Farmers Grocery advertised a 16-ounce can of Hershey's chocolate syrup for 10 cents.

111 Years Ago

There was discussion about Kingman having an opera house and Paul Woods wrote a letter to the editor listing reasons that such a move toward culture would make Kingman a progressive city. City leaders discussed the possibility of combining the Old Settlers Picnic and the Fourth of July celebration into one event. After plans for a new addition to the school were finished, it became apparent that the best move would be to build a grade school, necessitating a new vote for more building money a few weeks after voters had approved a previous bond issue for school improvements. The Kingman County Oil Company was chartered with 163 members. The Rev. J.L. Sternbert fell unconscious while preaching a funeral sermon at the German Methodist Church in Norwich; he passed away that evening. A car which belonged to the W.W. Richardson family was struck by lightning but the occupants had only minor injuries. N.E. Hobson and Son announced plans to build a new building at the corner of Sherman and Cedar. Grace Conner entertained the Embroidery Club.

LEGAL NOTICE

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF Kingman County, KANSAS CIVIL DEPARTMENT

Gateway Mortgage, a division of Gateway First Bank Plaintiff,

vs.

Rhonda Apana, Richard D Bryant Sr, Jane Doe, John Doe, Sean K. Stevens aka Shawn Stevens, Shalena K. Hatfield, and Unknown Heirs of John S. Stevens (Deceased), et al.,
Defendants

Case No. KM-2026-CV-000013

Court No.
Title to Real Estate Involved
Pursuant to K.S.A. §60

NOTICE OF SUIT

STATE OF KANSAS to the above named Defendants and The Unknown Heirs, executors, devisees, trustees, creditors, and assigns of any deceased defendants; the unknown spouses of any defendants; the unknown officers, successors, trustees, creditors and assigns of any defendants that are existing, dissolved or dormant corporations; the unknown executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors, successors and assigns of any defendants that are or were partners or in partnership; and the unknown guardians, conservators and trustees of any defendants that are minors or are under any legal disability and all other person who are or may be concerned:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in the District Court of Kingman County, Kansas by Gateway Mortgage, a division of Gateway First Bank, praying to foreclose a mortgage on the following described real

estate:

ALL THAT PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER (NW/4) OF SECTION TEN (10), TOWNSHIP THIRTY (30) SOUTH, RANGE SEVEN (7) WEST OF THE 6TH P.M., KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO-WIT: BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE WEST LINE OF THE NW/4 SEC. 10-30S-7W AFORESAID, 425 1/8 FEET NORTH OF THE MAIN TRACK OF THE CHICAGO, KANSAS AND WESTERN RAILROAD COMPANY, RUNNING THENCE NORTH 112 3/4 FEET MORE OR LESS; THENCE EAST 290 1/4 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 112 3/4 FEET MORE OR LESS; THENCE WEST 290 1/4 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING. Parcel ID No. 048-222-10-0-00-008.00-0. Commonly known as 13364 SE Main St, Rago, KS 67142 ("the Property") MS 232708

and all those defendants who have not otherwise been served are required to plead to the Petition on or before July 22, 2026 in the District Court of Kingman County, Kansas. If you fail to plead, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the request of plaintiff.

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