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Three File to Run for District One County Commission

STAFF REPORT

There will be a race for the Republican nomination for the District One Kingman County commissioner seat after three people filed to run in the Aug. 4 primary.

Those who filed to run for the seat are Bonnie Kopper, Michele Kyle and Renee Elpers. They will be running for a four-year term. The seat is currently held by Jeff

Young, who did not file to run. Young was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Pat Elpers, who passed away late last year.

No Democrats filed to run for the District One county commissioner seat.

Meanwhile, for the District 114 State House of Representatives seat, there are two candidates, one for each party, who filed to

run. Kevin Schwertfeger filed for the Republican nomination while Alan Albers filed to run for the Democratic nomination.

Monday at noon was the deadline to file to run for the August primary. Along with the District One county commission seat, people filed to run for township clerk positions. Those filings were:

Allen: Theodore Hall.

Bennett: K. Todd Turner.
Canton: Tim Allender.
Chikaskia: Kevin Miller.
Dale: Jamie Flush, John E. Pearson IV.

Eagle: James F. Coon.
Evan: Matthew Haukap.
Galesburg: David Lampe.
Ninnescah: Mike Rowley.
Richland: Ryan Miller.
Rural: Bob Renner.

Nobody filed to run for the township clerk positions in Belmont, Dresden, Eureka, Hoosier, Kingman, Liberty, Peters, Rochester, Union, Valley, Vinita and White.

Those who wish to vote in the Aug. 4 primary need to register by July 14. That is also the deadline to update voter registration to change your name or address only.

County Issues Statement Regarding Litigation With Register of Deeds Office

STAFF REPORT

Kingman County Commission Chairwoman Julie Lyon read a statement about the ongoing litigation with the Kingman County Register of Deeds office during Monday's county commission meeting.

The statement, signed by all three county commissioners, explained the county's position as it pertains to the lawsuit. The story about the lawsuit appeared in the May 28 edition of the *Leader-Courier*.

In the statement, the commissioners wrote that they appreciated the coverage of the litigation and the diligence of the reporting.

"However, we desire to proceed with transparency and make our intentions clear," the letter stated. "There has been conflict with the Register of Deeds for a significant amount of time."

"We are disheartened that the conflict now requires involvement from the Court system," the letter stated. "It is our belief that if Ms. Hubbell engaged with the Board in good faith and valued the policies of Kingman County, none of this would be necessary. She chose not to do those things, instead filing a lawsuit and requesting that the cost of the lawsuit be paid from taxpayer funds."

"The Board desires to create policy that allows for effective and efficient management of taxpayer resources," the letter stated. "When individuals believe they are not subject to these policies and refuse to work with others in an appropriate manner, the taxpayer suffers."

"It is the hope of this Board that while difficult, these court proceedings will provide clarity to these issues and allow the government of Kingman County to better represent, and work for the citizens of our County," the letter stated.

Stegman Talks Budget Process With County

BY BOB MORRIS Managing Editor

Kingman County Financial Officer LaDawn Stegman visited with the Kingman County commissioners Monday about the 2027 county budget process.

Stegman said that she has sent out budget requests to all departments heads last week and asked them to be returned by Tuesday, June 9.

"I've asked if anybody would have difficulty in getting it back just to let me know if they need a little bit more time," Stegman said, adding that she would add those requests to the budget books each commissioner has as she receives them.

By June 15, the coun-

ty clerk's office will issue property valuation for all entities. There will be a deadline of July 20 for all entities to notify that office if an entity intends to exceed the revenue neutral rate. If an entity does not give that notice either way, that entity may then not exceed the revenue neutral rate.

Budget hearings would need to be held between Aug. 20 to Sept. 20, along with any RNR hearings that need to be scheduled.

Whenever a budget hearing is scheduled, and if an entity schedules an RNR hearing, there must be notice published in the newspaper of record 10 days before the hearing.

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STEPHANIE JUMP / Leader-Courier

Storm Damage: Tree Limb Knocked Down

A thunderstorm that hit Kingman Saturday night caused damage to several trees in the city, including a tree by the post office on Main Street. The storm brought about an inch of rain and even brought hail to parts of the county. The weather forecast for the coming weeks calls for the possibility of more thunderstorms in the area this weekend.

Wollen Opposed to Moving Fire Dept. Up North

BY BOB MORRIS Managing Editor

Kingman City Commissioner Jon Wollen, during Thursday's city commission meeting, expressed opposition to a proposal to move the city's fire department to the Koch building that is currently utilized by the city police department.

Wollen shared his thoughts during city commissioner comments toward the end of the meeting. He referred to discussion from City Manager Dan Knoell and the city commissioners at the May 14 meeting, for which neither he nor City Commissioner Merlin Mc-

Farland were present.

During the May 14 meeting, Knoell had suggested moving the fire department to the Koch building because a property along U.S. Highway 54/400 on Broadway Street wasn't big enough to accommodate the fire department. His suggestion would call for moving the police department into the space the fire department currently utilizes in the city building downtown.

While Wollen said he understood the concerns about available space and the budgetary aspect of building a new fire station, when it came to the Koch building, "I think that's the most asinine place on earth to put a fire station."

He said that it would limit access to the north for the fire department because there is no road that goes directly to the north, along with limited access to the east because of the airport.

Wollen added it would take longer for many firefighters to get to the station if it was located up north.

He repeated his understanding about the budget concerns, but if the intent was to save money, it would be better to have the police department return to the county law enforcement center and leave the fire department where it is now.

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STEPHANIE JUMP / Leader-Courier

Wheat Harvest: Crews Get in Work Before Rain

Harvest crews were out Monday night looking to get wheat harvested before the next wave of storms hit. Kingman County received much rainfall on Friday and Saturday nights, then more late Monday night and early Tuesday morning, with more rain expected throughout the week that could present a challenge for the wheat harvest.

SPORTS PHYSICAL CLINIC

JUNE 4: 5:00PM-7:00PM

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JERRY DEE SHADDOX

Jerry Dee Shaddox, 68, passed away peacefully at his home in Attica, on May 16, 2026.

Jerry was born March 29, 1958, in Kingman, the son of Gerald and Shirley (Mease) Shaddox.



Jerry was a graduate of Medicine Lodge High School class of 1976. He spent much of his life in Attica, where he worked as an oil rig operator for Shawnee Well Service. He was known for his strong work ethic, his love for the outdoors, and the joy he found in fishing, camping, hunting, and spending time with family

and friends.

Jerry was united in marriage to Leisa Little on May 20, 1999. Leisa brought to this union three daughters, Amber, Heather, and Tisha. Jerry brought a son, Justin, and two daughters, Shaena and Brandi. Together, Jerry and Leisa, were blessed with two sons, Jeremy and Blake.

Jerry was preceded in death by his father, Gerald Shaddox, and his son, Jeremy Shaddox. He is survived by his wife, Leisa Shaddox; his mother, Shirley Shaddox; his children, Justin Shaddox, Shaena Baker, Brandi (Dylan) Neal, Amber (James) Sciera, Heather (Ryan) Miller, Tisha Prescott, and Blake Shaddox; 19 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; his sisters, Sherry Armstrong, Deann Young, and Tami Leitch; along with many other relatives and friends.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, June 5, at Prairie Rose Funeral Home in Anthony with Jason Fahrng officiating.

Memorials in memory of Jerry may be made directly payable to the Kingman Kansas Cancer Center and may be sent in care of Prairie Rose Funeral Home, 602 E. Main St., Anthony, KS 67003.

RICHARD AMOS MARTIN, SR.

Richard Amos Martin, Sr., 76, died Sunday, May 24, 2026, at Prairie Sunset Home, Pretty Prairie.

He was born July 16, 1949, in Springfield, Mo., the son of Walter and Opal Crites Martin. A resident of Macks Creek, Mo., previously of Pleasant Hope, Mt. Vernon, Jasper and Buffalo, all of Missouri, and Kingman, he was a mechanic for Keeling Tractor and the owner and operator of Martin's Garage.



Richard was a member of several Pentecostal and Baptist churches; and the National Police Association.

Survivors include son Richard Amos Martin, Jr. and his wife Nettie; daughter Amanda Ruth Martin, brother Philip Martin and his wife Norma; sisters Donna Sitler and Janice Martin; four grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; sister June Gagna; and brothers-in-law John Sitler and Ralph Gagna.

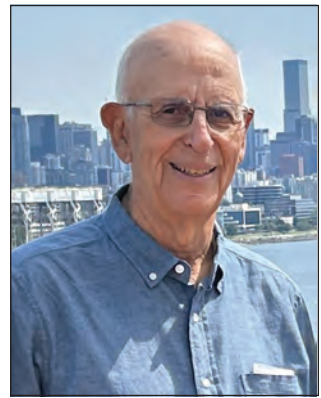
Richard loved being a mechanic, working on everything from chainsaws to semi-trucks; and collected models of old cars and tractors.

Memorial services were Tuesday June 2 at Livingston Funeral Home, 1830 N. Main St., Kingman. Graveside services were Wednesday, June 3 at Cave Springs Cemetery, 1056 RR 71, Alton, Mo.

DENNIS WAYNE MITCHELL

Dennis Wayne Mitchell, 84, of Andover, formerly of Kingman, passed away Sunday, May 31, 2026 in Wichita.

Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Friday, June 5, at Kingman Christian Church, Kingman. Private burial will take place at Greenwood Cemetery, Belmont.



Dennis was born in El Dorado on March 31, 1942, to the late Violet Maxine (Mantooth) and Cecil Paul Mitchell. He graduated from Caldwell High School with the class of 1960, and later graduated with his Bachelor's from Wichita State University in 1972.

Dennis worked as an IRS Examiner for many years retiring in 1997. He was a member of the Kingman Christian Church for many years and had served as a deacon, choir member, and board member. Dennis was a loving husband, dad, grandpa, and great grandpa, and especially enjoyed attending all of his grandchildren and great grandchildren's events.

On April 14, 1962 he married Shirley Loree (Blumhourst) at Kingman Methodist Church. She preceded him in death in 2023. He is survived by: son, Greg Mitchell and wife Cathy of Wichita; daughters, Lisa Parsons and husband Mark of Ellsworth, Cherie Headley and husband Clint of Andover, and Carla Nida and husband Troy of Cheney; grandchildren, Victoria Mitchell and partner Shea Zuckerman, Nicole Gorton and husband Jeremy, Colleen DePriest and husband Cole, Ryan Parsons and wife Tiffany, Josh Parsons and partner Kate Holland, Ben Parsons and wife Savannah, Sydney Schenck and husband Taylor, Lucas Headley and wife Jojo, Kailee Treto and husband Stephen, Alvin Casper, Matthew Casper, and Addie Nida; great grandchildren, Jaylynn, John, and Jacob Gorton, Callum and Cassidy DePriest, Callen, Beckett, Mattix, and Asher Parsons, Beau Parsons, Ridge, River, and Maverick Haynes, Charlotte, Emmett, and Milo Schenck, Jace Headley, Killian and Marshall Treto, and one more on the way; brother, Tom Mitchell and wife Marilyn; nieces, Deana, Allison, and Molly and their families; and companion, Phyllis Winn.

Memorial donations may be made to Kingman Christian Church in care of Headley Funeral Chapel, 813 State St., Augusta, KS 67010.

LINDA A. SHUMAKER CULVER

Linda A. (Shumaker) Culver was born at the Galloway Hospital in Anthony on April 20, 1943, to Robert and Ruby (Baker) Shumaker of Attica. She attended school in Attica.

Linda married Bobby Culver July 16, 1960, in Buffalo, Okla. To this union was born a son, Tracy and a daughter, Lucinda.

Linda was a CNA at the Anthony Hospital for several years where she also trained her mother, Ruby in the nursing profession as well. Later she went to work for the Harper Hospital in the business office and was instrumental in establishing the purchasing department and held the purchasing/material manager position until retirement. Linda also worked at the Attica grain elevator in Duquoin in the evenings after she got off work during the harvest season.

Linda enjoyed living in her country home with her faithful companion, Princess. She loved watching birds and other wildlife. She also enjoyed working in the yard and in her flower beds. She was a talented quilter and recently took up wool applique, which she enjoyed very much. Other hobbies included crafting and puzzles.

Following a long battle with cancer, Linda went to meet her Lord and Savior on May 27, 2026, at Patterson Health Center.

Linda is survived by her son, Tracy; two granddaughters; eight great-grandchildren; nieces, nephews, sister-in-law, Alice; a very special friend, Inga Aldritt; and many others. She was preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Ruby; husband, Bobby; daughter, Lucinda; sisters, Loretta Babcock and Lilian Graves; and brother, Larry Shumaker.

Graveside service were held Friday, May 29 at the Attica Cemetery. There was no viewing or visitation.

Memorials in memory of Linda may be made directly payable to the Harper County Health Foundation or to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and can be mailed in care of Prairie Rose Funeral Home, 602 E. Main St., Anthony, KS 67003.

ALBERT G. ZIEGLER

Albert G. Ziegler, 94, passed away May 4, 2026, at the Kingman Health Care Center.

He was born March 29, 1932, at Cleveland, the son of Andrew P. and Katherine Thimesch Ziegler. A lifetime resident of the Kingman community, he retired from the Kingman County Road and Bridge Department. During his lifetime he was a farmer, manager of the Kingman Bowling Alley, and a CNA.

Albert was a member of the St. Patrick Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus, both of Kingman; and was a U.S. Army veteran.

On Jan. 15, 1977, he married Marilyn Gayle Fairchild McCullough at St. Peter Catholic Church, Willowdale.

Other survivors include son, Stan Ziegler and his wife Julie; daughters, Shelia Jayne and husband Richard, and Kay Hallacy and husband Aaron; sister Joan Boor; 13 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by brothers Wilford, John, Leo and Levi; sisters Marge Detmer and Lucille Vierthaler; and grandson Jesse Henning.

Parish rosary was Tuesday, May 12, followed by Mass of Christian Burial, both at St. Patrick Catholic Church, Kingman. Burial was in the Walnut Hill Cemetery.

Memorials have been suggested to the St. Patrick Church Building Fund or Tunnels to Towers, both in care of Livingston Funeral Home, 1830 N. Main, Kingman KS 67068.

RALPH EDWIN DEWEY

Ralph Edwin Dewey, 89, passed away May 31, 2026, at Via Christi St. Teresa, Wichita.

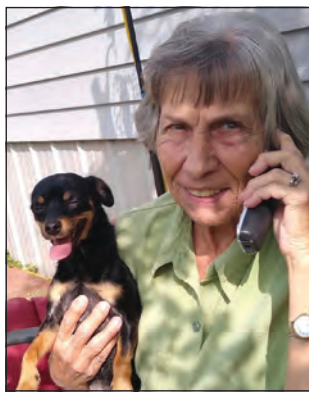
He was born March 11, 1937, in Wichita the son of W.B. "Bill" and Annie B. Krase Dewey. A lifetime resident of Eastern Kingman County, he was a rancher known for excellent black Angus cattle and farmer.

Ralph was a member of the Methodist Church, a former member of the Vinita Township Board, served in the National Guard and a former 4-H leader.

On Dec. 27, 1959, he married Marianne Sowers at the Murdock Methodist Church. Other survivors include their son Van Dewey and his wife Donna; daughter Deena Holder and her husband Dell; brother Dee Dewey; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Saturday, June 6 at the Norwich Methodist Church. Friends are encouraged to wear casual western attire. Visitation will be from 1 to 6 p.m. Friday, June 5 at the Livingston Funeral Home, Kingman. Burial will be in the Vinita Cemetery located West of Cheney.

Memorials have been suggested to the Cheney Golden Age Home and may be mailed to the Livingston Funeral Home, 1830 N. Main, Kingman KS 67068.



NEWS BRIEFS

UPCOMING BLOOD DRIVE TO BE HELD ON JUNE 11

The next Kingman community blood drive will be held at St. Patricks Catholic Church on June 11 from noon to 6 p.m.. Donors will need to enter the school from the west doors. Due to renovation being done at the church and worship being held in the gym, we are using a different part of the school. Please call Sharon James for an appointment at (620) 532-1691.

PLANS UNDERWAY FOR 250TH CELEBRATION CHOIR

All are invited to participate in a community choir opportunity to celebrate the America's 250 Celebration. Rehearsals are Sundays at 3 p.m. in the Kingman High School Auditorium. Sundays for rehearsals are: June 7, 14, 21 and 28 dress rehearsal. Performance will be on Sunday, July 5 in the Kingman High School Auditorium at 3 p.m. All are welcome to come join the choir and to the performance.

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OPINION

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,
Thank you for the pictures on the front page of the paper of the Memorial Day celebration. I, also, appreciated your comments in the article you wrote. I represented the American Legion by assisting in the laying of the wreath.
We had several of our members attend the ceremony in uniform. The American Legion is trying to create more community participation in our Kingman veteran's organizations. I agree with your comments about younger individuals not recognizing the sacrifices made in the past for the freedoms we enjoy today.
We cannot and should not take these freedoms for granted. One of the goals of the American Legion is to increase the

turn-out for such celebrations. We appreciate the way the paper provided the schedule for the area events. Our members talked to many people, especially young people, encouraging them to attend these events. We had it announced at local church services, as well.
Cleland McBurney did an outstanding job as the master of ceremonies and his remarks were very timely. Gayle Hamblin gave a wonderful presentation of the national anthem. The entire event was well done. I hope more will plan to attend next year.
Sincerely,
Chester James
Past Commander of American Legion Post 414

Chicken, Egg, Family, Town

By Bernie Sheahan

I remember the first time I saw "chicken omelette" on a breakfast menu. I was with my old pal Tricia (of Grand Ole Opry fame—did you hear us play when she came to town?), and when I read the menu, I said, "Chicken omelette? That's just sad."

I guess they're both dead by the time they get to your plate, but there's something wrong with the basic idea, isn't there? I mean, the egg came from the chicken, yes? I do know the answer. I'm not that much of a city girl. And yet...every egg came from a chicken, and every chicken came from an egg, so what's so sad about a chicken omelette?

This is a deep philosophical discussion for a Monday, an hour before editorial deadline. But it comes to mind because I just ordered a chicken-and-egg sandwich on an English muffin at my favorite local diner. And why are the muffins English? They don't even look like muffins. I've been to England and I don't remember having an English muffin for breakfast. I do remember something like blood pudding in England, which is gross enough, especially for breakfast. It's also called "black pudding" because, eew, blood is black.

I ate that also in Ireland, the land of my forefathers, foremothers, foreaunts and foreuncles. Truth is, it's kinda tasty. Kinda wish I hadn't looked it up, but here goes, an actual recipe:

"First, boil the pig's liver in water..." Again I say, eew.

"Mince thoroughly...add chopped lard, fresh pig's blood [eeeeew], oatmeal..."

I'm happy to say that my Irish grandma, Mabel Rowley Sheahan, didn't see fit to follow her grandmother's recipe, nor did my great-grandma Bridget McKenna Sheahan, as far as I know. Dad never mentioned blood/black pudding over the breakfast table while he was telling nostalgic tales of life on the farm.

Nor did it come up this past weekend as dozens of Sheahans gathered to celebrate cousin Denny's retirement, Memorial Day, and being Sheahans, in general, always a reason to celebrate.

We were thrilled to have Aunt Pat and two of her girls up from Texas and watched as she and dear baby sister Judy laughed and loved on each other with tender words and touches. They're all that's left of the Sheahan Big 9 sibs, although two beloved uncles Dan and Byron are still with us. Dan and Judy inherited the Sheahan farm and have kept it up in a lovely and warm way, looking "better than it ever did" according to Judy's big brother, my dad, Lawrence.

I moved here three years ago from California, mostly because of those folks, that farm, this town that has been home to my people since old Uncle Ed

and Aunt Mary McKenna arrived in 1872.

Whenever I come back from a long time away, it takes me at least a week to adjust to small-town life. Same when I go to California: takes me at least that long to ease into coastal suburbia, but I'm with family, which is my brother.

Hold on, you say. Don't you have family here, out the Sheahan wazoo? Yes, I do. And that's why I chose this life. The downside, if there is any, is that being with a large group of Sheahans reminds me that my immediate family is so small—me, dear brother, that's it. And as much as I love them all, I'm not a part of their own families no matter how much they welcome me. Being in the midst of a kajillion beloved cousins can remind me that something is missing. Or is it?

Just now, my young friend Emily interrupted me for a hug. "Sorry, I stink," she said. "Been working cattle today. Giving them shots." I tell her that never comes up in conversation when I'm in Silicon Valley.

Also in Silicon Valley, no one interrupts me at the diner for a hug.

Which came first, the chicken or the egg? The love of family, or love of this town? You can't separate them. One hatched the other, time after time, for generations.

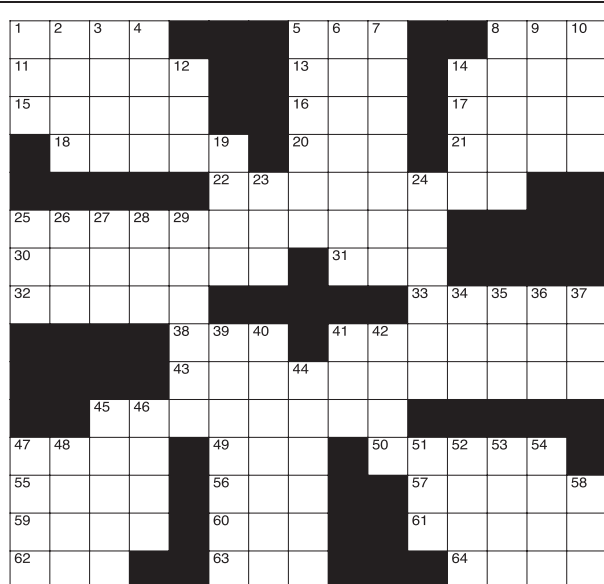
That's just happy. Happy Hatchday to me, and thanks for the hugs.

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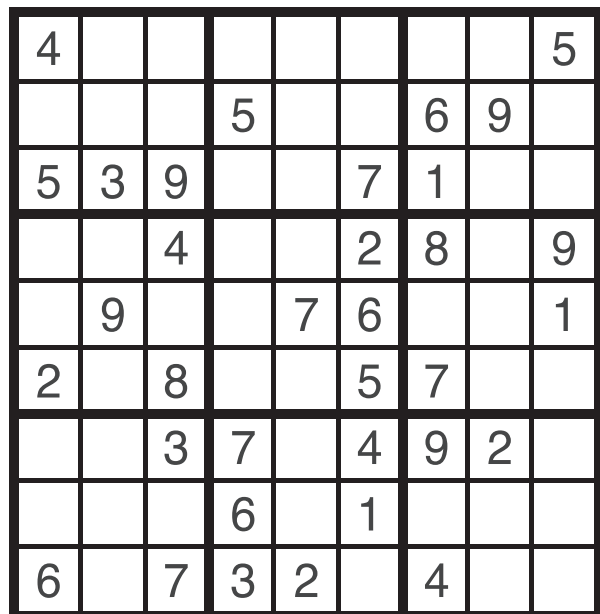


CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Egyptian bull-god
- 5. A young canine
- 8. Cologne
- 11. Fictional British P.I.
- 13. Midway between northeast and east
- 14. A place to shop
- 15. Minneapolis suburb
- 16. Single lens reflex
- 17. NY Mets great Tommie
- 18. Informal loan clubs
- 20. Habitual twitching
- 21. Holm oak
- 22. Willing to consent or submit
- 25. In an early way
- 30. Made possible
- 31. Language in Ghana
- 32. Relating to one's birth
- 33. Deep-bodied fishes
- 38. Defunct European currency
- 41. Small American songbird
- 43. One from L.A.
- 45. After tenth
- 47. Hillside
- 49. Red deer
- 50. Partner to "oohead"
- 55. Indian musical pattern
- 56. Israeli city __ Aviv
- 57. Golden peas plant
- 59. Breezed through
- 60. Midway between east and southeast
- 61. Frameworks
- 62. Danish krone
- 63. Fall back
- 64. Influential Korean leader

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Bridge building degree
- 2. Expression of sorrow or pity
- 3. Large, stocky lizard
- 4. Turkish leader title
- 5. Nag
- 6. Blank
- 7. Closely woven cotton fabric
- 8. A nice shot in golf
- 9. Away from wind
- 10. Evergreen shrub genus
- 12. Large African antelope
- 14. Something you receive
- 19. Satisfy
- 23. Wet dirt
- 24. No longer here
- 25. Writing utensil
- 26. Ribonucleic acid
- 27. Consume food
- 28. Licensed for Wall Street
- 29. Alternative forms of a gene
- 34. Buddy
- 35. We all do it
- 36. Chicken
- 37. No seats available
- 39. Yearned to possess
- 40. Ineffectual
- 41. Explosive
- 42. Turkish title
- 44. Worn near the foot
- 45. Impatient
- 46. Set an example for others
- 47. Actor Pitt
- 48. Instrument of torture
- 51. Swiss river
- 52. Grayish white
- 53. A way to print
- 54. Storied college hoops program
- 58. Midway between south and southeast



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June is Cucumber Month

Cucumber Month takes place throughout June! Cucumbers taste good and keep people cool. They are great treats for the hot summer months.

In a Pickle

What's a pickle? It's a cucumber soaked in vinegar and spices.

Circle the numbers inside each pickle jar whose sum, when added together in a line down or across, is the same as the number at the top of the jar.



Standards Link: Math: Calculate sums and differences.

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Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **DEDICATE**
 The verb **dedicate** means to devote to a special cause or person.

Children's Day is **dedicated** to celebrating children.

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

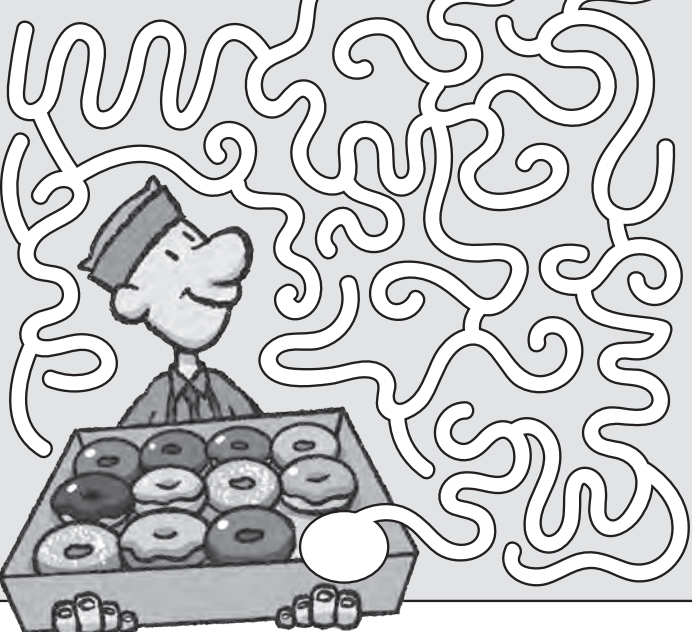
JUNE DAYS TO CELEBRATE!

JUNE 5

Donut Day

They're round and sweet! And June 5 is a day to celebrate with a bite of a donut!

Put this donut in the box.



JUNE 1

Say Something Nice Day

This special day was started in 2006 by the then mayor of North Charleston, South Carolina. Imagine if everyone in the world said nothing but **nice** things for a day—and everyday.

Replace the missing vowels to reveal nice things to say:

TH_NK_Y__!
 TH_T WAS V__RY
 K__ND OF Y__!

Y__ ARE A
 S__PER CR__TIVE
 PERS__N!

YOU M__KE A
 L__T OF P__PL__
 H__PPY!



JUNE 14

National Children's Day

This is a day to celebrate the joy and importance of being a kid! It is dedicated to celebrating, protecting and listening to kids everywhere. It reminds people around the world that every child has the right to be safe, happy, healthy and educated.

Longest Day of the Year

The longest day of the year, bringing the most sunlight, usually happens around June 20 or 21 in the Northern Hemisphere. It occurs because the Earth is tilted toward the sun, making it the official first day of summer.

Circle every other letter to see what this day is called.

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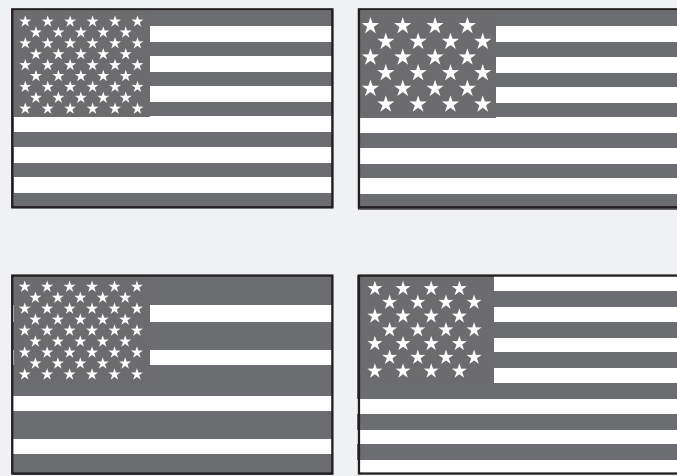
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JUNE 14

Flag Day

Flag Day is a special American holiday celebrated every year on June 14. It's like a giant birthday party for the United States flag. And this year, America will celebrate its 250th birthday on the Fourth of July!

Only one of these flags is the real American flag. Circle it. Then, have a family member check your answer.



ANSWER: Only the first flag is correct.

JUNE 19

A Holiday with Many Names

The Juneteenth holiday combines the word "June" and the word "nineteenth." It's sometimes called "Emancipation Day." But it has other names, too.

Use the code to discover Juneteenth's other names.

A=16	F=12	L=8	R=4
B=15	I=11	M=7	S=3
D=14	J=10	N=6	U=2
E=13	K=9	O=5	Y=1

F
 12 4 13 13 14 5 7 14 16 1

E
 10 2 15 11 8 13 13 14 16 1

Standards Link: Reading: follow simple written steps in sequence.

World Caring Day

June 7 is World Caring Day. Look through the newspaper and find five or more ways people are caring for each other in your community. Send a letter to the editor thanking these people for caring for others.

Standards Link: Reading: follow simple written steps in sequence.

JUNE 21

Father's Day

Father's Day is the third Sunday in June. It was started in 1910 by a woman named Sonora Smart Dodd. She wanted to thank her single father for raising her and her siblings. The first celebration was in Spokane, Washington, and it became a permanent U.S. national holiday in 1972.

Color this Father's Day award. Cut it out and give it to a special dad to wear.



Standards Link: Visual Arts: Create projects using multiple mediums.

Double Double Word Search

- CARING
- CELEBRATE
- DAY
- DONUT
- EARTH
- FLAG
- HOLIDAY
- JOY
- JUNE
- NICE
- PICKLE
- SAFE
- SUMMER
- SUN
- THANK
- YEAR

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.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

June is Great Outdoors Month

Look at some of the advertisements in the newspaper. Then, use markers or crayons to create a newspaper advertisement about Great Outdoors Month. Be sure to explain why it is a good idea to spend time outdoors.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Write in letter format.

What is the sun's favorite theme park ride?

ANSWER: The solar coaster.

Write On!

Celebrate Children's Day

How do you think people should celebrate National Children's Day?

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County Indicates Support to Start Process for Silver Creek RHID

BY BOB MORRIS
Managing Editor

Kristen Weve visited again with the Kingman County commissioners Monday about a reinvestment housing incentive district for the

Silver Creek Crossing subdivision, for which the county commissioners indicated they would be willing to consider a resolution to begin the process.

Weve is working with subdivision developers to get the RHID

established. One of the developers, Kaleb Howell, was present at Monday's meeting.

A reinvestment housing incentive district is one in which, when homes are built on properties that do not currently have houses, the

increased taxes generated from the property may be utilized to pay for related infrastructure, such as utilities and streets.

The intent is for the RHID is to include 15 lots to cover costs for a road that Howell will build, along

with costs to cover electricity supplied by Evergy Electric. The request is for 12 years, though the expectation is that the homes will be built sooner than that, Weve said.

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M3 Publishing Owners Involved in Two-Vehicle Crash on U.S. Highway 54/400

STAFF REPORT

A Kingman couple escaped injury in a two-vehicle crash on U.S. Highway 54/400 in Sedgwick County west of Wichita May 23.

Jason Jump, the driver, and passenger Stephanie Jump, owners of M3 Publishing, were not injured after another

vehicle attempted to pass their vehicle and struck it.

Per the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Department, Jason Jump was driving a 2023 Toyota Camry westbound on U.S. Highway 54/400 in the righthand lane. Behind the Camry was a 2017 Ford F350 pickup driven by Tra-

vis Preston Reitmayer, 53, of Cheney, who was following the Camry closely, according to the sheriff's report.

Reitmayer passed Jump's vehicle, then returned to the righthand lane, but in doing so, struck the Camry with the back passenger corner of his pickup. Reitmayer's pickup

then went off the north side of the road and into the field. Witnesses told the investigating deputy the pickup rolled multiple times. Reitmayer was ejected from the vehicle.

Jump's vehicle went into the north field as well but he was able to stop it and nei-

ther he nor Stephanie Jump were injured.

Reitmayer was injured but the report from the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Department did not specify where he was transported. Per the report, the investigating deputy noticed an alcoholic beverage inside the truck and smelled

the odor of alcohol. However, the deputy was unable to conduct a sobriety test because the driver was injured and unable to communicate.

Per the report, Reitmayer is to be cited for unsafe lane change but no other citation was issued pending further investigation.

BUDGET

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As for whether or not the county has to hold an RNR hearing, Stegman said that will depend on whether or not the county sets a budget in which it intends to collect more revenue than it did last year.

For 2026, the county budgeted to collect \$7,420,243 in ad valorem taxes, so that amount of money determines the mill levy that the county may not exceed without holding an RNR hearing. What the revenue neutral rate for the county will be

will depend on the assessed valuation of all property within the county.

Stegman asked the county commissioners to think about what they would like to see when it comes to employee compensation and she would work with them based on what they want to do for any raises.

As far as the usage of PILOT money from wind farms, Stegman said that there will be no more debt claims that are currently being paid off with that money. However, she said, there are still bonds outstanding on certain roads and bridges

and that PILOT money could be applied to pay down those bonds.

"For 2027, it would be roughly \$315,000 is what the two bonds, the principal, and the two interest payments make for 2027," Stegman said. "It's just an idea if we're on the hunt to keep a mill levy lower. If you are thinking of PILOT as a road and bridge purpose, this is a purpose."

While County Commissioner Jack Thimesch has discussed an idea to use PILOT money to keep the mill levy down again, with a specific aim at lowering residen-

tial property taxes, Stegman said that using PILOT money for road and bridge bond payments could help keep the mill levy lower.

Thimesch noted the county is due to receive additional PILOT money this year, so it might be possible to still use some of that money to help with keeping the mill levy down. He said his idea would be similar to the neighborhood revitalization program, which the county ended, but one that could apply to all residential properties.

County Counselor Brandon Ritcha noted that the

county commissioners have also talked about using PILOT money for courthouse renovations, so that was something to keep in mind.

On a related note, the county commissioners approved a letter of engagement with Adams Brown to assist the county with budget preparations at a cost of \$2,000. This has been done before and Stegman said it helps to have another set of eyes to look at budget figures.

Stegman also discussed with the county commissioners about the need to make any documents added to the

website versions that people with low vision are able to read. She said those people use "adaptive software" to help them read websites and documents need to be compatible with it.

That requirement is not being made by the federal government for government websites to ensure compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Stegman said, for entities with a population of less than 60,000 people, the requirement must be met by April 30, 2028, and for entities with more than 60,000 people, it must be met by April 30, 2027.

KINGMAN CITY POLICE BLOTTER *By Officer Kyle Mandeville*

Sunday, May 24

Traffic Stops 6
Medical Assist 100 Blk N Spruce St

Monday, May 25

Traffic Stops 1
Disabled Vehicle W G Ave and N Cedar St

Tuesday, May 26

Traffic Stops 3
Suspicious Person 400 Blk N Lincoln St
Suspicious Person 200 Blk W Sherman Ave
Fraud 300 Blk E Washington Ave
Domestic Disturbance 500 Blk W D Ave
Animal Complaint E G Ave and N Coronado St
Carbon Monoxide Alarm 400 Blk W B Ave

Wednesday, May 27

Traffic Stops 3
Agency Assist SE 60 St and SE 100 Ave,
Murdock
Suspicious Person 200 Blk W A Ave
Suicidal Subject 1700 Blk N Main St
Trespassing 500 Blk W Sherman Ave
Warrant Service 100 Blk E A Ave
Weapon Complaint 1700 Blk N Main St

Thursday, May 28

Traffic Stops 3
Suspicious Person 100 Blk E A Ave
Traffic Accident E D Ave and N Main St
Vehicle Unlock 200 Blk E D Ave
Harassment 100 Blk N Spruce St
Fraud 800 Blk E D Ave

Property Return 600 Blk N Cedar St

Friday, May 29

Traffic Stops 11
Roadway Hazard 300 Blk N Elm St
Theft 200 Blk W Sherman Ave
Assault 100 Blk N Spruce St
Trespassing 100 Blk W Delaware Ave
Found Property 100 Blk N Spruce St

Saturday, May 30

Traffic Stops 4
Agency Assist 100 Blk N Spruce St
Agency Assist 100 Blk N Spruce St
911 Hang-Up 100 Blk W Wallace Ave
Missing Person Report 200 Blk W C Ave
Suicidal Subject 100 Blk N Spruce St

KINGMAN COUNTY SHERIFF BLOTTER

Sunday, May 24

Traffic Stops 4
Non-Injury Accident SW 20 St & S Peters, Kingman
Miscellaneous 300 S Main St, Kingman
Miscellaneous 120 N Spruce St, Kingman
Traffic Complaint 7000 E Hwy 54, Kingman
Traffic/Arrest/DUI S Sugar St & W D Ave, Kingman
Animal Complaint SE 90 St & SE 150 Ave, Norwich

Monday, May 25

Traffic Stops 3
Miscellaneous 600 Blk W A Ave, Kingman
Agency Assist/KHP N Hwy 14 & E Hwy 54, Murdock
Suspicious Vehicle 3000 NE 140 Ave, Cheney
Suspicious Activity SE 20 St & SE 140 Ave, Cheney

Tuesday, May 26

Traffic Stops 7
Civil Paper Service 1
Traffic Complaint 18000 Blk W H 54, Cunningham
Abandoned Vehicle/Towed NE 20 St & NE 70, Kingman
Accidental 911 Dial 500 Blk S Main St, Nashville
Fire/Lawn Mower S Main St & E Frazier, Nashville
Miscellaneous 100 Blk W 3rd St, Cunningham

Disabled Vehicle Alarm SW 80 & W Hwy 54, Kingman
Disabled Vehicle 13000 Blk SE 60 St, Norwich
Traffic Complaint 16000 Blk W H 54, Cunningham
6000 Blk E Hwy 54, Kingman

Wednesday, May 27

Traffic Stops 4
Civil Paper Service 2
Animal Complaint 15000 Blk SE 70 Ave, Kingman
Traffic Complaint NE 10 St & NE 90 Ave, Kingman
Miscellaneous SE 60 St & SE 100 ve, Murdock
Damage to Property SE 100 St & SE 30, Kingman
Agency Assist/KMPD 1700 Blk N Main St, Kingman
Agency Assist/KMPD 500 Blk W Sherman, Kingman
Animal Complaint 9000 Blk W H 54, Cunningham
Suspicious Vehicle 400 Blk E Leiter, Cunningham

Thursday, May 28

Traffic Stops 1
Suspicious Person 100 Blk E Av Ave, Kingman
Agency Assist/KMPD E D Ave & N Main St, Kingman
Animal Complaint NE 50 St & NE 30 Ave, Kingman
Court/Inmate 130 N Spruce st, Kingman
Miscellaneous 4900 Blk E Bluff St, Kingman

Disturbance 400 Blk S Main St, Nashville
Suspicious Persons 2500 Blk NW 20 St, Kingman

Friday, May 29

Traffic Stops 1
Miscellaneous 120 N Spruce St, Kingman
Traffic Complaint 600 Blk N Spruce St, Kingman
Disabled Vehicle SE 20 St & NW 160 Ave, Cheney
Miscellaneous 120 N Spruce St, Kingman
Miscellaneous 1200 Blk SE 120 Ave, Norwich
Suspicious Vehicle 12000 Blk SE 120 Ave, Norwich
Miscellaneous 10000 Blk NE 10 St, Murdock

Saturday, May 30

Damage to Property 300 Blk E 1st Ave, Norwich
Agency Assist/KHP 4000 Blk E Hwy 54, Kingman
Miscellaneous/Jail 15000 Blk NE 50 St, Cheney
Animal Complaint SE 120 St & SE 100 Ave, Rago
Animal Complaint S Hwy 14 & SE 170 St, Harper
Suspicious Person SW 70 ST & SW 10 Ave, Spivey
Traffic Complaint 5000 Blk W Hwy 42, Spivey
Unlock Vehicle 400 E Leiter Ave, Cunningham
Miscellaneous 6000 Blk SW 30 At, Kingman
Miscellaneous 120 N Spruce St, Kingman



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May 29: Michael Kentrall Floyd, 23, warrant arrest, interference with law enforcement officer.

May 30: Anthony Gregory Marino, 38, driving with suspended license, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia, \$500 OR bond.

May 30: Anthony Gregory Marino, 38, driving with suspended license and no proof of insurance, court ordered release.

May 31: Savannah Jean McElwain, 34, criminal trespassing and driving with suspended license, \$5,500 bond.

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Wildcats Second as Team at State 1A Track Meet

BY BOB MORRIS
Managing Editor

The Cunningham boy's track team came away with a second place finish at the Class 1A State track and field championships Friday and Saturday at Wichita State University.

The Wildcats scored 46 team points, behind first-place Axtell with 67. Little River was third with 36 points and South Barber was fourth with 33.

Head coach Eric Kerschen said he was proud of how the boys did at State and throughout the season.

"Wow, what a ride," he said. "The boys finished the season undefeated all the way until State, finishing in second behind a great team in Axtell."

"This is something we haven't done yet at Cunningham finishing in second place. We've had a first-place finish back in 2008 but never a second-place finish."

Senior Skyler Thimesch said it was great to come home with a team trophy for the first time since 2008.

"Just being able to be a part of it my senior year and being able to take that home to our community is just awesome," he said. "We were kind of going there for first, but we had some people that just didn't quite get it there, make it to State, but that's all right."

The team trophy marked the third sport that the Wildcats have claimed such a trophy in the past four years. They have two State titles and runner-up finishes in football, plus a State title and runner-up trophy in boy's basketball.

"Since my freshman year going up to my senior year, I've loved being part of everything that Cunningham's

done," Thimesch said. "I've loved our community, just how much they support us through every game and through every win that we take home to them. It's just awesome."

Coach Kerschen had similar feelings about the success the Wildcats have had the past four seasons.

"I believe we are coming into our track dominance phase in the next few years," Kerschen said. "We have a great bunch of young athletes coming up the ranks with a great spread of individual talents and events that complement the other athletes on the team."

Thimesch was the Class 1A champion in the boy's pole vault with a height of 14 feet, putting him in the top 25 performances in the state. The pole vault was stopped on Friday night because of inclement weather and completed Saturday morning.

"It was challenging," Thimesch said. "I would say the wind wasn't much of a factor. I think it was more so just the fact that we were jumping Friday night and then just having to come back the next morning to come straight in to 14 feet was kind of just a challenge for everyone."

Thimesch said that, because vaulters weren't able to get additional jumps at different heights Saturday morning, that impacted them and "it definitely affected me. I wasn't really able to go for the height that I really wanted to do."

Still, he said, he was happy with how things turned out and happy as well for his teammate John Paul Kerschen, who took second in the boy's pole vault with a personal best of 13-6, which put him among the top 50 performances in the state.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The Cunningham boy's track team placed second as a team at the Class 1A State track and field championships this past weekend at Wichita State University. Cunningham scored 46 points, behind first-place Axtell with 67 points. Pictured with the second-place plaque after Saturday's events are (L to R) Jack Harden, Stephen Kerschen, Andrew Kerschen, Skyler Thimesch, Newt Heatherman, Liam McGuire and John Paul Kerschen.

"Yeah, that was amazing," Thimesch said. "I was so proud of him after that. He's been wanting that for his whole year. I mean at the beginning, it was real challenging for him to get into the box."

"Just the pressure of coming into high school — I mean, as a freshman, I know my freshman year was rough on myself. It was hard transitioning. So I was just really proud of him finally achieving that."

It marked the second straight year that the Wildcats took first and second in the Class 1A boy's pole vault, as Will Wegerer won the event last year and Thimesch took second.

"Just being able to be up on there, on that podium first and second with him was awesome," Thimesch said. "It made me feel like I accomplished being a leader to him."

Coach Kerschen said he was proud of Thimesch for coming through with the win in pole vault and for John Paul Kerschen stepping up as a freshman.

"John Paul has the work ethic to be a three-time state champ," Kerschen said. "Really great to see a track culture developing at Cunningham especially in the pole vault. A huge thanks to Nicole Kerschen for sharing her passion for the sport of pole vaulting and for the kids trusting her. Three consecutive titles is something to be very proud about and we are."

Thimesch also took first in the 200-meter dash with a time of 22.41 in the preliminaries, then a time of 22.18 in the finals that ranked among the top 50 performances in

the state. He was just short of the Class 1A State meet record of 22.09.

The 200-meter dash finals Saturday were delayed because of inclement weather, then the meet was stopped again after the 200-meter dash finals because of more inclement weather.

"It definitely gave me plenty of time to refresh and get my mindset into the race, but it was definitely challenging with the break, kept going back and forth on whether we're going to run it or not," Thimesch said.

But he added he was happy to win the race as he really wanted to achieve that.

"The 200 is definitely my race," Thimesch said. "It's definitely one of my favorites."

Thimesch also took third in the boy's 100-meter dash with a time of 11.22 in the preliminaries and a time of 11.04 in the finals.

Coach Kerschen said that Thimesch had an outstanding season, breaking his own school record in the 200 and never losing a race in that event this season, along with running his personal best at Regionals in 21.90.

Andrew Kerschen was second in the javelin with a throw of 183-5, which ranked among the top 50 performances in the state. Coach Kerschen said that Andrew had an excellent series of throws, with his best mark at 175 feet in the preliminaries, then bettering that mark three times in the finals to move up from third to second.

The Wildcats took fifth in the 4x400-meter relay, running a time of 3:35.08 in the preliminaries, then the same time in the finals. The team

members were Stephen Kerschen, Jack Harden, Newt Heatherman and Skyler Thimesch.

Other performances for the boys were Weston Rogers with a personal best mark of 12-6 in the pole vault, Liam McGuire was a mark of 40-8.5 in the triple jump, a personal best time of 15.88 in the 110-meter hurdles and a time of 42.74 in the 300-meter hurdles, Kaiden Keasling ran a time of 43.28 in the 300-meter hurdles, Cole Hageman cleared a height of 6-0 in the high jump and Stephen Kerschen with a time of 11.63 in the 100-meter dash.

For the girls, Emily Ogg ran a time of 13.22 in the 100-meter dash, Kyra Morgan had a mark of 36-8.75 in the shot put and Grace Hageman had a mark of 15-9.25 in the long jump. Sage Thimesch didn't clear the opening height of 9-0 in the pole vault and Morgan scratched in her three attempts in the discus.

Skyler Thimesch said he believes the boy's track team can challenge for the top trophy next season.

"I think next year they're going to do just amazing even without me and my class," he said. "I think they'll still achieve and get that first next year. I'm really excited to come back and watch them."

Coach Kerschen is confident that the Wildcats will challenge for the top spot next season.

"We are not fighting for spots but we have managed to take some ownership of different events and have become quite good at enough different things that we are very dangerous," he said. "I see a State title in our future,

possible next season.

"I believe Axtell will get pushed hard next year for that title. They have won the last four years straight, but no offense, it is our turn. We have the right ingredients for a successful run at the State title next season."

Kerschen thanked his seniors for the leadership they brought: Thimesch, Ogg, Hageman, Morgan, Dylan Halderson, Andrew Schultz, Logan Kinsler, Sean Kostner, Kendall Rogers and Blake Swope.

"We had an amazing group of seniors this season and they will be missed—a wonderful group of leaders that have helped pave the success that Cunningham has had," Kerschen said.

And the head coach said there will be "huge expectations" for the athletes who will return next year.

"I'm already looking forward to it and making plans for the year with training and hyping up the kids," Kerschen said. "I can't wait. Skyler was a big point winner for State but I foresee some kids stepping up in that role and taking the team all the way next season."

Thimesch said it's been great to be part of the success that the Wildcats have had.

"I mean, Cunningham, their program and what they've built there is just amazing," he said. "I'm definitely going to miss it all."

Kerschen thanked his coaching staff — Lance McGuire, Collin Little and Nicole Kerschen — for all their expertise and the relationships they built with the athletes, along with the Cunningham community for its support.



BOB MORRIS / Leader-Courier

Cunningham's Skyler Thimesch, middle, and John Paul Kerschen, left, stand at the podium after receiving their first- and second-place medals in the boy's pole vault during the Class 1A State track and field championships Saturday. Thimesch also won the boy's 200-meter dash.



ANDREW KERSCHEN



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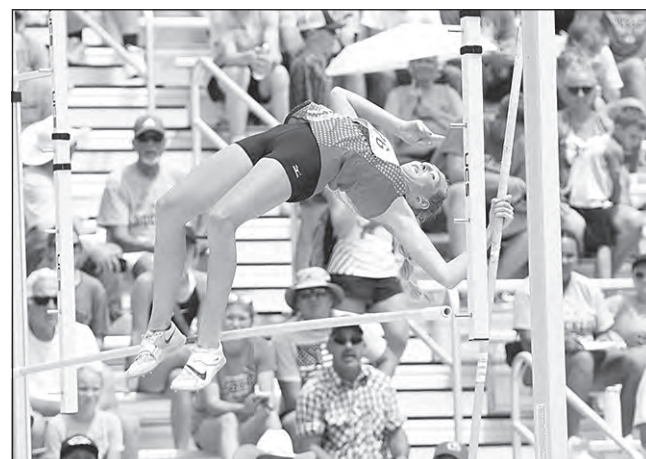
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Kingman's Clark Third in 300 Hurdles at 3A State Meet

STAFF REPORT

The Kingman track athletes concluded their season at the Class 3A State track and field championships Friday and Saturday at Wichita State University.

Trent Clark reached the podium in the boy's 300-meter hurdles. He ran a time of 40.66 in the preliminaries, then ran a time of 40.02 in the finals to take third. His performance ranked among the top 50 in the state.

Clark also competed in the 110-meter hurdles and ran a time of 15.88 in the preliminaries.

Marianna Gutierrez reached the finals in the girl's 200-meter dash, running a time of 26.33 in the preliminaries. In the finals, she took ninth with a personal best time of 26.06.

Logan Birkenbaugh competed in the boy's javelin and his best throw was 170-1, which just missed the finals.

Braylon Price competed in the boy's high jump and his best mark was 5-10.

Jayda DeWeese competed in the girl's high jump and her best mark was 4-10.

The Eagles have graduated six seniors from the team but Birkenbaugh, Clark and DeWeese will return next season, along with a host of younger athletes, including several who just missed out on qualifying for State this year.



TRENT CLARK



MARIANNA GUTIERREZ



LOGAN BIRKENBAUGH



JAYDA DEWEESE



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Norwich Track Athletes Have Strong Showing at Class 1A State

STAFF REPORT

The Norwich boy's track team scored 26 points to take sixth in the team standings at the Class 1A State track and field championships Friday and Saturday at Wichita State University.

Additionally, the Norwich track athletes came home with multiple top-eight finishers and multiple personal bests.

"I was very proud of our State athletes this week," said head coach Emily Schlickau. "Everyone who went to State went home with at least one medal."

For the boys, Trevor Bice placed second in the 300-me-

ter hurdles. He ran a personal best time of 40.50 in the preliminaries, then beat that mark with a time of 40.02. His time ranked among the top 50 performers in the state and he set a new school record in the process.

Bice also competed in the 110-meter hurdles. He ran a time of 15.78 in the preliminaries, a personal best, to reach the finals, and then ran a time of 17.16 to finish ninth.

Jayden Bengé placed second in the triple jump with a jump of 44-9.75. His mark was among the top 50 in the state. He previously had a jump of 45-0.5 in Regionals

to win the event and set a new school record.

Lucas Adams took seventh in the boy's shot put with a throw of 48-2 and seventh in the discus with a throw of 162-1. His discus throw was a personal best and put him among the top 50 performances in the state.

The boy's 4x100-meter relay ran a time of 44.35 in the preliminaries, then ran a time of 44.68 in the finals to take third. Team members are Jayden Bengé, Trevor Bice, Marshall Eslinger and Easton Schroeder.

For the girls, Reagan Smith took fourth in the discus with a throw of 131-5. Her throw

put her among the top 25 performances in the state. Smith also ran a time of 17.26 in the 100-meter hurdles.

Alex Robinson ran a time 12.72 in the preliminaries of the girl's 100-meter dash, then ran the same time in the finals to take fifth. Robinson also ran in the 200, with a time of 26.87 in the preliminaries, then a personal-best time of 26.12 in the finals for sixth place. Robinson also competed in the long jump and took fourth with a jump of 16-6.75.

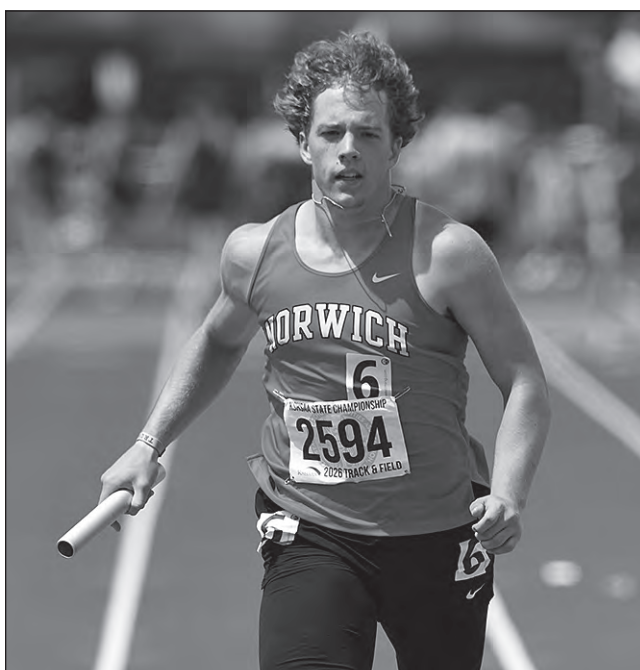
Bengé and Smith have graduated while the rest of the competitors will return next season.



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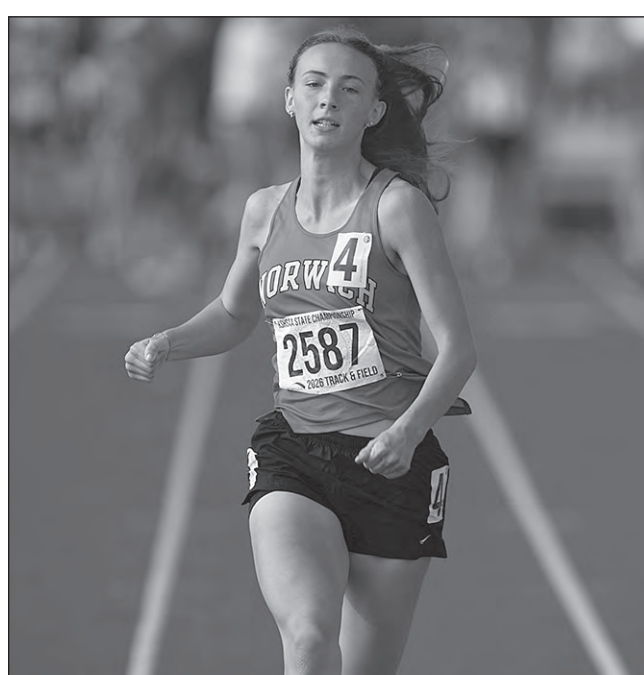
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FIRE

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“I found it astonishing that location wasn’t part of the thinking of this thing,” Wollen said. “If all you can see is the budget, my goodness, you’re missing the overall picture on this.”

As for the location on Broadway that the city currently owns, Wollen said there are fire department facilities in Reno County that would fit on that plot of land.

“So before getting rid of Broadway, I know you’d love

to get rid of some stuff, but I would want to make dang sure we’re not going to use it for this,” Wollen said.

And while he wasn’t necessarily in favor of locating the fire department in the southern part of the city, Wollen said that the department makes a lot of runs to the south, and thus it made less sense to locate the fire department up north.

“I will vote against that from here until kingdom come, and if I’m the minority, I can live with that,” Wollen said.

Wollen added that he understood other discussion at the May 14 meeting about not keeping the former service station property on Main and U.S. 54/400 if the city did not intend to build a visitors center. But he opposed the city putting the Broadway property into the land bank until “we know for sure what we’re doing” with the fire department.

McFarland, during his comments, said he agreed that a location up north wasn’t a good location for the fire department.

Vice Mayor Travis

Kaufman, in his comments, said he wouldn’t say that “anybody’s call is asinine or try to offend anyone who brought anything to the table for discussion.”

“I think it’s all just kind of seeing what works best with those who it affects and then making the best decision that we can,” Kaufman said. “It’s not all budgetary. It’s utilization.”

He added there should be more discussion about what to do with the fire department and “that’s why we’re all here and we all have a vote.”

City OKs TIF Money for More ADA Parking

BY BOB MORRIS
Managing Editor

The Kingman city commission Thursday approved up to \$5,000 in TIF money to cover the cost for ADA accessible ramps for downtown parking spaces.

Dale Enyart, who serves on the access advisory committee, presented the request to the city commissioners to install three such ramps and designated handicapped spots beside them. He said the spots selected were by Kingman Drug, Jeri’s Kitchen and the Kingman Historic Theatre.

Enyart said the cost would be about \$2,500 and would give the city “a good start” on getting some spaces and ramps in more locations on Main Street. He said the TIF board approved contributing up to \$5,000 to cover the costs.

City Commissioner Jon Wollen asked if the city would be losing a parking spot in establishing a space by Kingman Drug, but City Commissioner Merlin McFarland said there is already a designated spot but it needs a ramp to directly access the drug store.

As for why the location was selected in front of Jeri’s Kitchen, Enyart said it’s “one of the most parked spots in town.” But there was discussion about possibly moving that spot somewhere else, such as in front of Dixon’s Hardware

or Rise Chiropractic.

City Commissioner Mark Arensdorf said he didn’t think the dollar amount was the issue, but the question would be where the spaces would be best located. Mayor Tracy Winsor agreed and Enyart indicated that, if the city was fine with spending \$5,000, there could be a fourth spot located somewhere.

In other business, the city commission approved a quote from Adams Brown Technology for migrating city software to Microsoft 365 at a total cost of \$8,930.

City Manager Dan Knoell explained that there are certain abilities with Microsoft that he is trying to set up for all city departments but not everyone has the same software. That means that not every department can utilize every program and that subscriptions come due at different times for different departments.

Knoell added that this would allow the city to migrate everything from the cityofkingman.com website to something like cityofkingmks.gov. City Clerk Zach Bieghler added, in response to a question from Winsor, that it would avoid confusion with the city of Kingman, Ariz.

Bieghler added that the switch will get everyone on government subscription plans, which will provide more security for email and such.

COUNTY

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Weve told the commissioners that a housing assessment to be submitted to the state for the RHID needed to be three to five years old. The assessment she completed for the Horizons East subdivision, with Ed Lavarentz developed, was three years old.

But Weve said “just in good faith” that she updated the assessment to include portions of the Kingman County housing study completed in 2024. She said there was some good information worth including.

For the Horizons East study, Weve said, it not only looked at Kingman County but at Cheney because the subdivision was located close to that city. The study

included the amount of housing available that ranged from \$100,000 to \$300,000 and the condition of available housing.

Weve also included the number of building permits the county issues, noting that there were 15 building permits issued in the last three years. She said if it hadn’t been for the Horizons West subdivision, the number of permits issues would look “drastically different.”

Her information also included employer feedback, in which from interviews conducted, more than half of the population in Kingman County and 68 percent of Cheney residents were commuting to larger cities for employment.

“I think that just shows that people still want to live in a small town, still want to

live in Kingman County or Cheney, even if we’re commuting to bigger cities for work.” Weve said.

Also, Weve noted that 22 to 24 percent of employees in Kingman County or Cheney were commuting from elsewhere. She said she visited with USD 268 in Cheney and that there were people living in Fairfield, Hutchinson and Goddard who were commuting to the schools.

After discussion, the county commissioners indicated they we’re fine with moving forward with what was proposed. The next task will be to get a resolution before the commissioners to start the process. Weve said she would get information to County Counselor Brandon Ritcha so that resolution could be drafted.

Weve added that she plans

to present information to the USD 268 Board of Education, which is set to meet this Monday. She asked if any of the county commissioners would want to attend to support the process.

The reason for the meeting with the school board is because any increase in property taxes because of improvements would also apply to school district property taxes.

Weve noted that there are only two school board members remaining from the last time she made a presentation about RHID. She said there would likely be a lot of “re-education,” particularly with noting that while the homes might be in Kingman County, they are within USD 268.

“I think it’s just overwhelming,” Weve said.

KINGMAN COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES May 18 Meeting

Chairwoman Lyon called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. May 18, 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; Kristen Weve; Kaleb Powell; Leslie Schrag, Kingman Economic Development Director

Online Visitors: H; Caller 01; AS; Tammy; Gargamel.

Staff: Mendy Frampton, Kingman Expo Center Director; Amanda Stucky, Field Appraiser/Zoning Director; Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director; LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer

Commissioner Young gave the invocation.

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

Chairwoman Lyon would like to add an atty-client privilege executive session; Commissioner Thimesch would like to add comments during Commissioner comments.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the agenda with the addition of an atty-client privilege executive session and comments during Commissioner Comments. Commissioner Young seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 3-0 vote.

Chairwoman Lyon asked for public comments.

8:33 a.m. Kristen Weve and Kaleb Howell were in to discuss establishing an RHID for the Silver Creek Addition.

Ms. Weve went through the suggested plan for the RHID they would like to

establish for the Silver Creek Addition.

Commissioner Thimesch discussed that the County is looking at options to help with real estate taxes.

Commissioners discussed including all 21 lots with Mr. Howell and Ms. Weve.

Ms. Weve and Mr. Howell left the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

9:15 a.m. Mendy Frampton, Kingman Expo Director was in with quotes for fans in the Kingman Indoor arena from the following:

Macro Air	\$10194.00
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FROM THE FOLLOWING:	
Eck Electric	\$7368.30
Red Brik Electric	\$10570.00
Dixon’s LLC	
	\$10120.00

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve quote from MacroAir for the amount of \$10,194.00 to be paid out of the Capital Improvement funds. Commissioner Young seconded the motion. The motion was approved with 3-0 vote.

MOTION: Commissioner Young moved to approve quote from Eck Electric for \$7368.30 to install the fans purchased to be paid out of the Capital Improvement funds. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 3-0 vote.

Ms. Frampton and Ms. Stegman left the meeting at 9:23 a.m.

9:23 a.m. Amanda Stucky, Zoning Director was in with Resolution 2026-R15 for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve Resolution 2026-R15. Commissioner Young seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 3-0 vote.

Ms. Stucky discussed a Special Use Permit amendment or new having a

new Special Use Permit.

Ms. Stucky left the meeting at 9:34 a.m.

Carol Noblit, County Clerk submitted May 11, 2026, Commission meeting minutes for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve May 11th, 2026, Commission Meeting minutes as presented. Commissioner Young seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 3-0 vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session at 9:35 a.m. with Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor to discuss contract negotiation with windfarm pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act for discussion of non-elected personnel matters of nonelected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed, and they will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Young seconded the motion. The motion was approved with 3-0 vote.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 10:00 a.m. with no action taken

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve HDR as the engineer to perform the updated decommissioning estimate on FR3, and request that the contract be modified to perform new estimates every 3 years and provide someone to explain the process that established those numbers. Commissioner Young seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 3-0 vote.

MOTION: Commissioner Young moved to approve Stantec as the engineer to perform the updated decommissioning estimate on FR4 and 5, and

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LEGAL NOTICE

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IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
PHYLLIS L. BLACKER, DECEASED.

Case No. KM-2025-PR-000039
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 Kelli McCormick and Kyla Eller, duly appointed, qualified and acting Co-Executors of the Estate of Phyllis L. Blacker, deceased, requesting that Petitioners’ acts be approved; account be settled and allowed; the heirs be determined; the Estate be assigned to the persons entitled to it pursuant to the Will; fees and expenses be allowed; costs be determined

and ordered paid; the administration of the Estate be closed; the Co-Executors be discharged and Petitioners be released from further liability.

You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before June 18, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. in the District Court, Kingman, Kingman County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

Kelli McCormick, Executor
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Norwich Boosters 4-H Discusses Future Activities

The Norwich Boosters 4-H Club met on May 11 at 6:30 p.m. in their brand new meeting room. For roll call, members answered the question, "What is your favorite thing about the new meeting room?" Everyone had lots of nice things to say and is very excited to have future meetings and project meetings there.

This meeting was extra fun because the parents switched roles with their kiddos and helped lead the meeting.

The club talked about putting flags up at the cemetery for Memorial Day and having a water balloon toss at Norwich Summer Fun. Members also talked about future projects

they can do in the new room. The club voted to buy supplies to keep in the room for the cookie jar and fair banner projects that are done every year for the fair. The club is also looking for a standing 4-H flag and an American flag for the room. Members also voted to let the Norwich 4-H Backers use the room for future meetings.

Camden Stark gave a presentation about horticulture. He shared that he likes growing vegetables and fruit.

The leaders also talked about other things still needed for the room. Metal folding chairs are being donated.

Madison Francis, Reporter

Three Norwich FFA Members Get State Degree

PRESS RELEASE

Norwich FFA chapter members Lucas Fisher, Tanner Gosch and Nolan Reese were among the 61 FFA members from the South Central District who received the State FFA Degree during the 98th Kansas FFA Convention May 27-29 at Kansas State University.

The state degree is the highest honor the Kansas FFA Association can bestow upon its members. In

order to achieve this award, members must meet the following requirements: have received their Chapter FFA Degree, been an FFA member and agricultural education student for at least two years, earned at least \$2,000, or worked 600 hours in their Supervised Agricultural Experience program, given a six-minute speech about agriculture or FFA, participated in eight different leadership activi-

ties, received a "C" average or better in high school and shown a record of outstanding leadership and community involvement.

The Kansas FFA Association is a statewide organization of more than 14,300 agricultural education students who are members in 242 chapters in every corner of Kansas. It is part of the National FFA Organization. Visit www.ksffa.org for more information.



11 Years Ago

David Lux, who had served two stints as interim police chief, was officially named the new chief of the Kingman Police Department. The Kingman City Commission asked for a revised budget to include the city's portion of funding for the Kingman Economic Development Council, after the city had originally backed out of making payments to the council and instead pay for special projects when it chose to do so. Kingman EMS received a grant to pay for six Automated External Defibrillators, which were installed in cabinets at different locations in the city. The Kingman County Commission drew up a proposed agreement with Carlyle Ploog, stipulating he was to remove derelict vehicles from his properties in Rago and Cleveland by Oct. 15 or

the county would remove them and charge him for it. The Kingman High School Class of 1960 celebrated its 55th reunion. The Cunningham girl's track team took third at the Class 1A State meet and the 4x800-meter relay team of Kortney Ricke, Kylee Ricke, Annika Panek and Mikaela Meyers won the event in 10:21.58. City workers tore up asphalt at Riverside Park in preparation for new basketball courts in the future.

35 Years Ago

Two brothers were involved in an accident in which Jason Lampe entered the intersection of U.S. Highway 54 and Main Street on a green light for Main and his brother Lance approached the intersection on 54, Lance noticed an ambulance behind him and could not get out of the lane to make room for it,

so he entered the intersection and struck his brother's vehicle. Kingman Community Hospital offered laparoscopic surgery, a procedure used to treat gallstones and gall bladder disease. The City of Kingman opted to close its city dump after an anonymous citizen complained to the Kansas Department of Health about smoke coming from the dump. Cunningham First National Bank baseball team won a tournament at Riverside Park, beating Pizza Hut in the finals. Kingman High School graduate Wendy Graber signed a letter of intent to play basketball at Tabor College. A number of Kingman County courthouse employees complained to the county commissioners about what they considered unfair wages. Don Marlo made a stop in Kingman, towing a load of more than 2,000 hubcaps which he had

collected. More than 100 boys and girls participated in the Kingman County Basketball Camp sponsored by the Kingman Recreation Commission.

60 Years Ago

Kingman farmer and rancher Dick Vanlandingham announced his intention to run for State Representative of the newly formed 104th district; he had previously served the past 10 years for Kingman County and the new district added parts of Reno County. Sally Giesel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Giesel, received a bachelor's degree in German Languages and Literature from the University of Chicago. Pat Depenbusch of Zenda was awarded the Judge Clark A. Wallace scholarship, awarded to students attending the University of Kansas. Seven

Kingman County 4-H members had 30 exhibits in the spring garden and flower show. Lightning struck three houses in Kingman but nobody was injured and there was not much damage to the properties. A group of Kingman men completed a legal buffalo hunt at the State Game Refuge west of Kingman, with the buffalo to be prepared for a barbecue supper the opening night of the Kingman Cattleman's Picnic and Rodeo June 24-26. Jon Birkenbaugh graduated from the University of Missouri School of Dentistry and accepted a position with the Public Health Department in Missouri. Earl Borglet was elected Lions Governor of the 17th SE District during the annual state convention in Dodge City.

ner and Betty Lord completed their three-year nurse training courses at Kingman Community Hospital. Harry Hamilton announced a two-year anniversary sale at Hamilton Service Station, in which people who purchased 10 gallons of gasoline would get a free car wash or lubrication. A.L. Gunther, Kingman County engineer, suffered a severe paralytic stroke while driving his car and was in serious condition at Wesley Hospital. J.C. Bowman of Sand Springs, Okla., was sentenced to 14 years in prison after pleading guilty to two counts of check fraud committed in Kingman County. Members of the Kingman County Red Cross chapter were asked to cast ballots for directors of the local chapter for the coming year. PayDay Market advertised two cans of salmon for 34 cents.

SCKAA MEALS

Please call 620-553-4177 for meal reservations

- Monday, June 8:** Goulash, calico salad, over biscuit, carrots, mixed fruit, milk, apricots, garlic roll, milk.
- Tuesday, June 9:** Ham salad sandwich, broccoli and cauliflower salad, cantaloupe, brownie, milk.
- Wednesday, June 10:** Creamed chicken
- Thursday, June 11:** Meatloaf, baked potato, mixed vegetables, peach crumble, wheat bread, milk.
- Friday, June 12:** Salmon patty, creamed spinach, mandarin oranges, roll, milk.

MINUTES

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request that the contract be modified to perform new estimates every 3 years and provide someone to explain the process that established those numbers. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 3-0 vote.

10:07 a.m. Leslie Schrag, Kingman Economic Development Director and Dan Knoell, Kingman City Manager were in to discuss the City of Kingman RHID that they have started and hearing was held last Thursday, May 14, 2026.

Ms. Schrag and Mr. Knoell left the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

Ms. Noblit submitted quotes for RNR (Revenue Neutral Rate) from Postalocity, KOMTEK, POS(Professional Office Services) Inc.

Ms. Noblit discussed that Postalocity has done the RNR mailers for each year we have been required to and they know the quantity to bid where the other two vendors bid lower due to the quantity of mail pieces being much lower.

MOTION: Commissioner Young moved to approve the quote from Postalocity to mail RNR Statements.

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

10:32 a.m. LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer was in with Summary of Transfers & Corrections for April 30, 2026 for the Commissioner signature.

Ms. Stegman went over the April financials with the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the new hire for dispatch. Commissioner Young seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 3-0 vote.

10:57 a.m. Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director and David Schwab Eaton were in to open 2026 Surface Overlay Program quotes for SW 170th from the following:

BASE BID, ALTERNATE BID, TOTAL	APAC:	884,671.80,
	419,377.70,	1,304,049.50
	Pearson:	656,417.00
	305,575.00,	962,992.00
	Engineers estimates:	863,082.00,
	1,306,682.00	443,600.00,

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the base and alternate bid from Pearson for six miles of overlay in the amount of \$

962,992.00 Capital Improvement fund. Commissioner Young seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 3-0 vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session at 11:23 a.m. with Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor to discuss pending litigation pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act for discussion of matters which would be deemed privileged under the attorney-client relationship, and they will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 11:32 a.m. Commissioner Young seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 3-0 vote.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 11:28 a.m. with no action taken.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to not have a Commission meeting the week of May 25, 2026. Commissioner Young seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 3-0 vote.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 11:35 a.m. Commissioner Young seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 3-0 vote.



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