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AMBER ZWIERZYCHOWSKI / The Courier

TOP LEFT: Will Halderson shows off his medal at the HOPL meet. Halderson placed 6th in league. TOP RIGHT: Larry Heatherman placed 12th at the HOPL meet after his second season of competing. BOTTOM LEFT: Kane Reid competes at the HOPL meet on Tuesday finishing with a time of 35:46. BOTTOM RIGHT: Colton Zwierzychowski set another school record for middle school with a third place finish at the HOPL meet on Tuesday.

Wildcat Cross County Teams Compete at Halstead, HOPL

STAFF REPORT

The Cunningham cross country team competed in a pair of meets this past week.

Last Monday, Oct. 5, the Wildcats ran at the Halstead meet. In the junior varsity race, Will Halderson took second with a time of 20:22, Larry Heatherman took 14th with a time of 22:17 and Kane Reid was 54th with a time of 33:12.

In the 7th-grade one-mile race, Colton Zwierzychowski was 12th with a time of 6:37, Liam Henning was 13th with a time of 6:39 and Gauge Kamstra was 19th with a time of 6:52.

Last Thursday, the Wildcats attended the Goessel meet. Will Halderson was 47th in the varsity meet with a time of 20:51.39, while in the junior varsity meet, Larry Heatherman took third with a time of 21:30.68 and Kane Reid was 29th with a time of 30:20.89.

In the 7th-grade race, Colton Zwierzychowski was ninth with a time of 6:29, Liam Henning was 10th with a time of 6:32 and Gauge Kamstra was 13th with a time of 6:41.

The Wildcats competed in the HOPL race a few days early due to incoming weather on Monday. HOPL compe-

tes against the Wheat State league. Runners can place in their league as well as overall.

In the mile race, Colton Zwierzychowski placed third in league and third overall with a new school record of 6:22. Liam Henning was fourth in league and fifth overall with a time at 6:33 and Gauge Kamstra was ninth in league and 10th overall with a time of 6:55.

In the high school boy's 5K Will Halderson was sixth in league and 10th overall with a new season best time of 20:10 earning him two medals. Larry Heatherman was 12th in league and 19th overall in 22:32 and Kane Reid was 18th in league and 36th overall in 35:46.

Coach Ingrid Ricke wanted to give a huge shout out and thank you to all of the family supporters that were there for these boys, not just at league, but all season long.

"We appreciate the cheers, the encouragement, the snacks and Gatorade, and all of the support for these boys," she said in a Facebook post. "We couldn't have had such a successful year without you all."

The junior high season has ended but some of the high school boys will be traveling to Tribune on Saturday, Oct. 24 for regional competition

BIRTHDAY ANNOUNCEMENT

Former Kingman Resident Mary Youngers will celebrate 100 years on Oct. 24. She was born at Clonmel; her parents were Stephen and LenaIrsik. A come-and-go gathering will be held at the Kingman Knights of Columbus Hall from 2 - 4 p.m.. No gifts please but birthday wishes can be sent to: Mary H. Youngers c/o Hilltop Manor, 403 S. Valley St., Cunningham, KS 67035.

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Tallgrass and Tumbleweeds

By Gaille Pike

Dear Readers,
“Kansas used to be an ocean” is the opening line from the Prologue of Douglas Scott Delaney’s 2017 book, “Tower Dog: Life Inside the Deadliest Job in America.” His insiders’ look at the cell tower climber’s life is a book I highly recommend. But that’s not why I’m quoting him today. Delaney, a native Long Islander from Levittown, New York, played football for Southwestern College and has been a resident of Kansas since 1989. So, Kansas is woven throughout Delaney’s book, beginning with a fact my Granddad Stewart taught me before I started school.

I learned that Kansas was once an ocean while hunting for shark teeth with my Grandad in Lane and Gove counties. Memories of those outings

have surfaced often this past week. In one of my favorite photos, I am perched on a rock, bundled in a coat and hat, watching him do the hunting. The cold likely meant the rattlesnakes and bull snakes were hibernating, but I clearly was not taking any chances. The truth is that I did far more watching than hunting on those trips. Mostly, I listened to my Grandad—and I never tired of hearing his stories about Kansas’s past.

I believed my grandfather. But as a child who’d never seen an ocean or a shark outside of a picture book, it was difficult to comprehend that a vast ocean once covered where I lived and played. So the best I could do, as I perched on a rock in a field, was to try to imagine that I was sitting at the bottom of a swimming pool that was so

deep it stretched up to the sky. When my Grandad would press a shark’s tooth into my hand, solid, both smooth and gritty, round and pointy—suddenly, it all felt REAL and the lesson sank in, one I carry with me to this day.

I was thinking of my Grandad twenty years later when I walked into the Atlantic Ocean. I bolted from a car and ran into the waves, distressing the grad school friends who’d driven me from Philadelphia to Atlantic City that night, expressly to see the ocean. It was love at first swimming between this Kansas girl and the sea. As unbelievable as it may sound, I remember floating on my back, looking up at the stars and saying, “Oh Grandad, yes this is what Kansas used to be.”

Until next week—keep your eyes on the stars and your back to the wind.

Little Boys

By Dean Marple

“Mitchell Alan Jones, get in that shower right now. Half an hour ago I told you to get cleaned up, because if you don’t, we’ll be late for church. Now move it, buster.”

Really? Was that any way to talk to a superhero?

He might have been wearing one of his dad’s old ratty T-shirts that hung down to his knees, but that big T scrawled on the front in bright red marker proclaimed to the world that he was Captain Tremendous. After all, how many 5-year-olds could claim superpowers?

“Ah, Mom. Can’t I play five more minutes?”

“No!”

“What?”

“You heard me, get in that shower. NOW!”

Reluctantly, off came the T-shirt, but then he took a few steps back and lofted a T-shirt shot at the dirty clothes hamper. The shot made a beautiful high arc, but somehow he managed to miss, which prompted a retrieval of the shirt and another attempt.

“I can’t hear the shower. Are you in that shower?”

“Yes, Mom, I’ll crank it up

so you can hear the water,” he replied as he leaned into the shower, flipped the faucet and then leaned back out to work on his shooting skills. He was surprised how many shots it took to get his shirt, jeans, and underwear in the clothes basket, but in his defense, the shooting area was a little slippery due to the water splashing through the partially open shower door.

“When you get done, I laid your clothes out on your bed. We have to leave in fifteen minutes.”

“OK, Mom,” he replied as he shut the shower off. Only a superhero could take a shower and never get wet.

“Where’d you say my clothes were?”

“I just told you, they’re on your bed. Today’s Easter so I want you to dress up with black pants and socks, white shirt and red tie. Daddy already tied it for you and left a big loop in it. All you have to do is put it over your head and then pull it tight.”

Leaving a bathroom with wet floors and dry towels, he strolled down the hallway toward his room before making a brief detour to his brother’s room. Lifting his brother’s

prize model airplane off its stand, he held it over his head and zoomed around the room. Captain Tremendous was flying a critical mission to save the world from disaster when he heard a voice from downstairs.

“Mitchell, are you dressed?”

“Almost, Mom,” was his response as he put the plane down and strolled out the door. After a brief stop in his sister’s room to hide her Barbie doll under the bed, he was soon back in his room and using his super vision to scan the clothes on his bed.

As a superhero, he had to be able to run, then stop on a dime. Those slick socks would never do, so they could stay on the bed. He didn’t need them. As for the pants, they were fine, all he needed was a belt, but unfortunately, the one Mom laid out would never do. Too plain.

What he needed was the gag belt his brother gave him for Christmas. It was purple with green stars and a huge belt buckle that proclaimed to the world, “I’m Perfect.” Luckily, it slipped right through the belt loops on his

pants.

He had good luck with the white shirt Mom picked out, but then his luck ran out. Just like Mom said, he slipped the tie over his head, but when he pulled it tight, that was when his predicament became apparent. Captain Tremendous was fighting a giant anaconda wrapped around his neck. It was a tremendous fight, bouncing off the bed and rolling on the floor, but those bulging muscles of his finally subdued the monster snake. The tie was unraveled.

Not bad, not bad at all, he thought as he looked in the mirror. No socks, pants with a zipper he’d forgotten to zip up, a gaudy belt, a very wrinkled white shirt and a red tie looped over his shoulders that hung down both sides of his head. Yep. He looked ready for church.

His mother disagreed.

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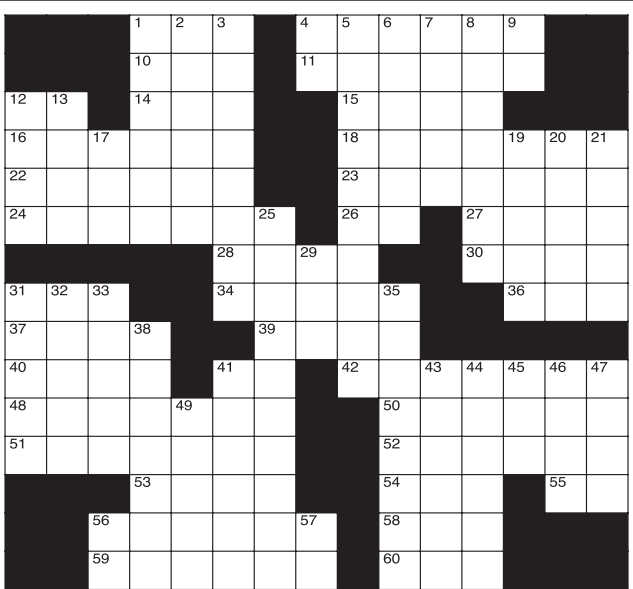
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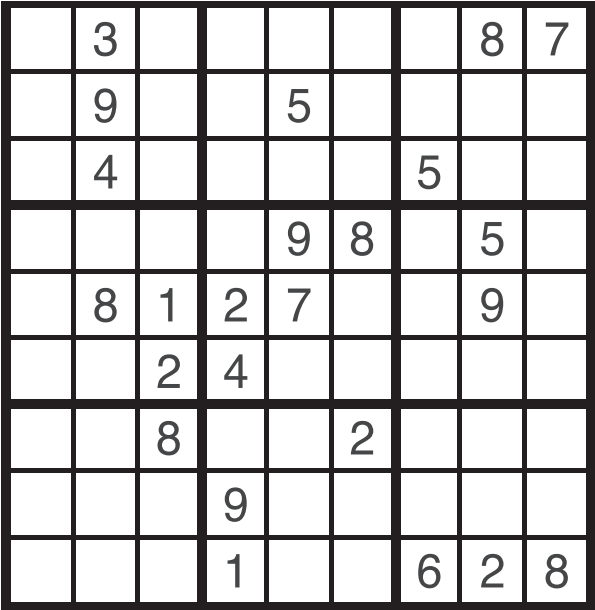


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14. Human gene
15. Two
16. A notable one was “blue”
18. Utter repeatedly
22. Ring-shaped objects
23. Sullies
24. Occurs
26. Commercial
27. Near
28. Tools you may need
30. A pledge
31. They start the alphabet
34. Silk garments
36. Soviet Socialist Republic
37. Longtime mayor of Rio
39. Hot meal
40. A type of gin
41. Atomic #84
42. \$10 bill
48. About ground
50. Medicine man
51. Seedless raisin
52. National capital of Albania
53. Appendix
54. OJ trial judge
55. European government entity (abbr.)
56. Bike parts
58. Friend to “Barbie”
59. Stretched to see or hear
60. Commercials

CLUES DOWN

1. Make up for
2. Baltimore ballplayer
3. Wages
4. International organization of countries
5. Engravers of gems
6. Declared as fact
7. One who steals
8. Jewelry
9. Hospital worker
12. Nonsense (slang)
13. Town in Galilee
17. Value
19. Alternative identity
20. Sheep in their second year
21. Town in Surrey, England
25. Appropriate to a time of year
29. Creative work
31. Recesses
32. Largely forested municipality in Germany
33. Rider of Rohan
35. Ancient symbol co-opted by Nazis
38. Pioneer
41. Scribe
43. Painted a bright color
44. Member of British nobility
45. “Pulp Fiction” actress Thurman
46. Helps people walk
47. Crest of a hill
49. People of southeastern Alaska
56. One’s own device
57. The Mount Rushmore State



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Fresh From the Hen House

By Ashley Burkhart Walter

There is no doubt that the things we allow our kids to do, be involved in, or even watch, along with the friends we let them spend time with, have a great influence on our children and their future.

Pulling out the old AMF lawn tractor that was tucked into the back of the barn started a world of influence on my son. We could’ve chosen rec sports, but we value our time at home with what we’ve built there. So instead, we chose to give our son a set of wheels that brought him a basic knowledge of engines and mechanics, an appreciation for things of the past, all the responsibilities that come with ownership, and a true interest in something.

That AMF was just the start of what he now owns and where it’s taken him.

It took me, him, and a friend, along with the pickup and trailer, down a sandy street this past week where I had to maneuver around bucket trucks and linemen just to get to a Marketplace find. I might have cussed about this being my husband’s department instead of mine, but we made it around and loaded the trailer with a couple of lawn tractors and implements as strategically as we could.

On Saturday, my son exhibited at the Tired Iron Show for the first time. He took both of his Cub Cadet lawn

tractors. One Cub Cadet, with a trailer in tow, was a moving exhibit half of the time. He totes his sisters and friends all over with complete enjoyment. He loved the environment full of old tractors, hit-and-miss engines, and people who shared the love of it all, though most of them were quite a bit older than him.

His favorite person there, and his true inspiration for going and exhibiting, was another Cub Cadet owner he had connected with after finding him on YouTube, of all places. Turns out the guy isn’t terribly far from home and frequents tractor shows with his own son. He’s been a great connection for my son for over a year now. The fact that my son can comfortably pick up a phone to call and talk to an adult is a plus in my book also. My son parked his tractors right next to his friend’s trailer, and when he wasn’t driving around with friends, you’d see him hanging out with him.

I’m sure the older generation got a kick out of my son and his lawn tractors. They’d really get a kick out of him telling me he was looking forward to going to the tractor show to talk to old people about tractors. He has his heart set on going back next year, maybe he’ll have a project tractor painted up to go with the Cub Cadets by then.

How neat would it be if he inspired

others his age to have a similar interest. You never know who is watching or what might stick with them. My son went to the show because someone inspired him, maybe he has done the same for someone else.

INGREDIENTS

Homemade Chocolate Milk Syrup
1 cup water
1/2 cup pure maple syrup
3/4 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
1 1/2 tsp pure vanilla extract
1 pinch salt

INSTRUCTIONS

In a medium-size saucepan, over medium-high heat, whisk together the water and maple syrup. Bring the water/syrup mixture to a boil. Once boiling, reduce the heat to medium-low.

Whisk the cocoa powder into the water/syrup mixture until the powder is fully dissolved. Simmer for 2 minutes. This is just the right amount of time needed for the syrup to thicken. If the syrup simmers for longer, the cocoa powder may burn resulting in a burnt flavor (yuck!).

Remove the chocolate syrup from the heat. Stir the vanilla extract and pinch of salt into the syrup.

Store the syrup in a mason jar or other container in the fridge. (We try to use it up within a couple of weeks)

A Mom’s Musing

By Stephanie Jump, Co-Owner, M³ Publishing LLC

It seems like when it rains it pours, metaphorically at least, but I hear we do have real rain in the forecast. Just when we think we have

things running “somewhat” smoothly, we have another thing pop up and go wrong. What this time? Well we found out our print prices

are jumping 30 percent in a few weeks and we just lost a vital employee at our Derby office. We will have some changes coming soon,

more updates to follow but for the time being, our M³ Publishing family could use some prayers right now to get through this season.

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Kingman County to Benefit from \$1 Million Dollar Grant

PRESS RELEASE

Kingman, Harper, Barber, Comanche and Kiowa counties will benefit from a regional effort to remove dilapidated homes and make room for new housing.

The Rebuild Our Block campaign aims to remove at least 50 dilapidated homes and help get construction underway on at least 30 new homes across the five counties. Supported in part by a 2026 Patterson Family Foundation grant, the effort directs private funding toward housing and infrastructure needs in rural Kansas, without requiring additional taxpayer dollars.

“We hear from employers

who need workers, families looking for a place to live and communities with very few homes available,” said Julie Lyon, Kiowa County economic development director. “At the same time, some properties have become too deteriorated to be repaired. The Rebuild Our Block campaign gives us a way to address those properties and create opportunities for new homes.”

Lyon wrote the grant proposal to help grow the tax base and improve infrastructure across south central Kansas. Kiowa County Economic Development will administer the funding with local and regional partners,

drawing on its experience receiving and administering hundreds of thousands of dollars in grants over the past several years.

Rebuild Our Block connects residents, property owners, builders and investors with ways to participate. Removing a dilapidated structure can address safety concerns and return a vacant lot to productive use—but demolition alone does not create housing. Investors also need a practical path to rebuild.

The campaign includes investor incentives to help with costs that can make a project difficult to move forward, including title work

and surveying. Its Investor Infill Incentive helps support local infrastructure for new housing, such as water, sewer and utility connections. Investors can also get additional support identifying other grant opportunities and programs that may benefit their projects.

Lyon, who currently chairs the Kingman County Commission, said the project is about more than removing deteriorated houses. It's about making properties productive again and creating opportunities for private investment.

“As a county commissioner, I care about the strength of our tax base and making

sure taxpayers see lasting value from the resources invested in our communities,” Lyon said. “By eliminating blight, helping investors with project costs and supporting the infrastructure needed for infill housing, we can improve the housing stock, attract private investment and return properties to productive use. That is real economic development.”

Residents who know of a home that may need to be torn down can submit a nomination. Property owners, builders, investors and others interested in participating can learn more or print applications at www.rebuildourblock.com.

KINGMAN COUNTY SHERIFF BLOTTER

Sunday, Oct. 4

Traffic Stops	2
Civil Paper Service	2
Check Welfare	11000 Blk E Hwy 54, Cheney
Accidental 911 Dial	2054 SW 50 Ave, Kingman
Animal Complaint	SE 70 Ave & AE 140 St, Rago
Agency Assist/KHP	15000 Blk W H 54, Cunningham

Monday, Oct. 5

Traffic Compalint	NE 10 St & E Hwy 54, Kingman
Agency Assist/KMPD	100 Blk S Main St, Kingman
Theft	500 Blk E 2nd Ave, Norwich

Tuesday, Oct. 6

Traffic Stops	1
Warrant Service/Arrest	200 Blk S Wilmot, Cunningham
Injury Accident	14000 Blk E Hwy 54, Cheney
Found Property	14000 Blk E Hwy 54, Cheney

Miscellaneous	900 Blk N Main St, Kingman
Animal Complaint	3300 Blk SE 80 Ave, Murdock
Animal Complaint	NE 40 Ave & NE 35 St, Kingman
Animal Complaint	NE 100 & E Bluff St, Kingman
Animal Complaint	SE 40 St & SE 80 Ave, Murdock
Suspicious Vehicle/Person	10000 Blk SE 50 St, Kingman

Wednesday, Oct. 7

Traffic Stops	1
Civil Paper Service	2
Non-Injury Accident	400 Blk E Leiter, Cunningham
Non-Injury Accident	E Hwy 42 & SE 130, Norwich

Thursday, Oct. 8

Miscellaneous	200 Blk S Parkway St, Norwich
Traffic Complaint	11000 Blk E Hwy 54, Cheney
Animal Complaint	700 Blk W Hwy 42, Spivey
Disturbance	500 Blk W Burns Ave, Norwich

Friday, Oct. 9

Miscellaneous	17000 Blk SE 160 Ave, Norwich
Traffic Complaint	NW 20 & W Hwy 54, Kingman
Animal Complaint	5200 Blk NE 35 St, Kingman
Traffic Complaint	100 Blk N Main St, Kingman
Traffic Complaint	NE 40 & NE 35 St, Pretty Prairie

Saturday, Oct. 10

Traffic Stops	1
Non-Injury Accident	14000 E Hwy 2, Norwich
Traffic Complaint	17000 Blk W H 54, Cunningham
Traffic Complaint	13000 Blk E Hwy 54, Cheney
Miscellaneous	SE 20 St & SE 140 Ave, Cheney
Traffic Complaint	8000 Blk E Hwy 54, Murdock
Animal Complaint	SE 60 St & SE 100, Murdock
Non-Injury Accident	13000 Blk E Hwy 2, Norwich
Agency Assist/KMPD	200 Blk N Pine St, Kingman

KINGMAN COUNTY DISTRICT COURT

Judge Roseanna Mathis Thursday, Oct. 15

2026: State of Kansas vs. Austin L. Taylor, first appearance.
2026: State of Kansas vs. Jessica Lynn Meier, first appearance.
2026: State of Kansas vs. Monica Lynne Perkins, first appearance.
2026: State of Kansas vs. Craig M. Wise, status conference.
2026: State of Kansas vs. Garrett Ellis Green, hearing.
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2026: State of Kansas vs. Cassell Stephon Peterson, hearing.
2026: State of Kansas vs. Natalie E. Willis, hearing.
2026: State of Kansas vs. Craig M. Wise, bench trial.
2026: State of Kansas vs. John Christopher Dennis, hearing.
2026: State of Kansas vs. Jennifer Annette Landreth, hearing.
2026: State of Kansas vs. Tommy Edward Bough Jr., hearing.
2026: State of Kansas vs. Buckland Jo Smith, hearing.

2026: State of Kansas vs. Kimberly L. Strugeon, hearing.
2026: State of Kansas vs. Angel M. Bermudez, diversion.
2026: State of Kansas vs. Cory Joel Sherbon, first appearance.
2026: State of Kansas vs. Patricia Lissette Garcia, hearing.
2026: State of Kansas vs. Miriam Ntuyneabo, hearing.
2026: State of Kansas vs. Clinton Harold Davis, hearing.
2026: State of Kansas vs. Jeffrey A. Hawkins, sentencing.
2026: State of Kansas vs. Adan Eduardo Rivas Aguilar, hearing.

2026: State of Kansas vs. Colt Weston More, hearing.
2026: State of Kansas vs. Ian Robert Schrandt, diversion.
2026: State of Kansas vs. Kenneth Louis Lee, diversion.
2026: State of Kansas vs. Kalani Hekekie, first appearance.
2026: State of Kansas vs. Debbie L. Pike, first appearance.
2026: State of Kansas vs. Andrew Scott Ryder, first appearance.
2026: State of Kansas vs. Geronimo Lopez Cruz, first appearance.
2026: State of Kansas vs. Jessica Solis, first appearance.

2026: State of Kansas vs. Reanna Marie Cline, first appearance.
2026: State of Kansas vs. Kathleen Jenulis, first appearance.
2026: State of Kansas vs. Aaron Hunter Larcade, first appearance.
2026: State of Kansas vs. Salvador Perez, first appearance.

2026: State of Kansas vs. Jacob Robert Finn, first appearance.
2026: State of Kansas vs. Katy R. Pisano, hearing.
**Judge Gatlen Wood
Friday, Oct. 16**
2026: State of Kansas vs. Jonah Gustuf Nowak, preliminary hearing.

KINGMAN COUNTY JAIL BOOKINGS

Oct. 7: Jose Nabor Castillo-Castanon, 21, driving without a license, \$500 bond.
Oct. 9: Zachary John Meyer, 38, DUI, possession of marijuana and posses-

sion of drug paraphernalia, \$3,000 OR bond.
Oct. 11: Tyrone Lee Green, 27, aggravated assault.
Oct. 12: Stanley Kent Terwort II, 51, failure to appear.

KINGMAN COUNTY COMMISSION MINUTES

Oct. 5 Meeting

Commissioner Young called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. October 5, 2026, in the County Commissioners room at the Kingman County Courthouse.

Julie Lyon, Chairwoman absent.

Jack Thimesch, Commissioner, Jeff Young, Commissioner, Carol Noblit, County Clerk, Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor all present.

Visitors: Dale Enyart; Bob Morris, Kingman Leader-Courier; Shae Brooks, Kingman Fire Chief; Paul Misasi PhD; Scott Strong, Strong's Insurance; Jamie Hower, Strong's Insurance; Reggie Smithson, Strong's Insurance also attended.

Online Visitors: Tammy; AsB.

Staff: Amanda Stucky,

Planning/Zoning; Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director and LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer were also there.

Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor gave the invocation.

Commissioner Young asked if there were any additions to the agenda.

Carol Noblit, County Clerk, asked to add some time for Fire Chief Brooks to talk to the commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the agenda with the addition of Fire Chief Brooks. Commissioner Young seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 3-0 vote.

Commissioner Young asked for public comments.

Dale Enyart thanked the county commissioners for attending the GOP Amer-

ican Heritage Dinner last night.

8:31 a.m. Fire Chief Brooks gave the commissioners an update on the AFG Grant and what the grant covers and the County match amount of \$31,955.32 of the total grant received of \$671,061.60.

Commissioners thanked Chief Brooks for all her hard work on this grant and thanked Christy Crews, Hometown Grants for her work on this also. It was a great accomplishment for the Kingman County Fire Departments and will help with the safety of the firefighters when fighting fires.

8:53 a.m. Paul Misasi, PhD was in to discuss that he would like for the commissioners to add an ordinance requesting towing charges and discussed why he was requesting the ordi-

nance.

Misasi went through counties that have established ordinances for this.

Misasi went through what he would suggest the commissioners include in a Private Property Towing Resolution if one would be established pursuant to 8-1103.

Misasi left the meeting at 9:16 a.m.

9:22 a.m. Amanda Stucky, Planning/Zoning Director was in with the following building permits:

1. Drew Holmes for a shop in Section 12, Township 27, Range 05W.
2. Brian Norton for a new home in Section 23, Township 30, Range 05W.
3. Amanda Prince for a storage building in Section 34, Township 29, Range 06W.
4. Scotty Jergenson for

a dog house in Section 26, Township 28, Range 05W.

5. Chris Hilger & Glen Rhodes for storage in Section 25, Township 30, Range 05W.
6. Devin & Sydney Graff for a new home in Section 1, Township 28, Range 05W.
7. Lee Baker for Ag/Residential in Section 22, Township 28, Range 09W.
8. Jeff LaRue for a home in Section 33, Township 28, Range 07W.
9. Clayton Horsch for a Garage in Section 24, Township 27, Range 06W.

Ms. Stucky left the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

9:38 a.m. Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director, was in with a department update.

Arensdorf gave update on projects that are being done.

10:19 a.m. Scott Strong,

Jamie Hower and Reggie Smithson, Strong's Insurance were in with insurance information.

Strong went over the document received from USI and compared it to what Strong's Insurance provides.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to sign a resending letter to USI for County Property Insurance. Commissioner Young seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 2-0 vote, Commissioner Lyon was absent.

Commissioners discussed holding the County Christmas Party on the 18th of December, 2026.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 11:15 am. Commissioner Young seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 2-0 vote.

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Wildcat Football Clinches District 2 Title



TOP PHOTO: John Paul Kerschen carries the ball past the goal line for a touchdown Friday night. BOTTOM LEFT: A hoard of Wildcat defenders work to bring down a Falcon last Friday night. BOTTOM RIGHT: Weston Rogers' catch at the goal line ends in a touchdown for Cats.

BY BOB MORRIS
Managing Editor

The Cunningham football team clinched the District 2 title after beating Fairfield 50-0 Friday night on the road.

The win gave the Wildcats a 5-0 district record. They are 6-0 overall for the season and posted their sixth straight shutout.

"Meeting goals and striving for the next one is a good way for us to measure success. It is nice to see positive growth in our return to 8-man with all the uncertainties going into the season," said Head coach Lance McGuire.

McGuire said he thought he boys did pretty well overall in Friday's game.

"They are adapting to very different styles of offense, communicating before and after the snap, being disciplined, and forcing turnovers," McGuire said.

Tyler Osner completed 14 of 16 passes for 144 yards with two touch-

downs. He also rushed for 73 yards on three carries with a touchdown. John Paul Kerschen added 34 yards rushing on three carries with a touchdown and caught seven passes for 81 yards.

Landon Green rushed for 37 yards on eight carries with two touchdowns. Weston Rogers caught two passes for 11 yards and a touchdown and Brody Bock caught three passes for 18 yards and a touchdown.

On defense, Andrew Kerschen had nine tackles and Wesly Priesser had eight. Green and Cole Hageman each had an interception and Osner had a defensive fumble recovery.

"They are adapting to very different styles of offense, communicating before and after the snap, being disciplined, and forcing turnovers," he said.

McGuire said he thought Fairfield team did a few things well that tested the players Friday night.

"They slowed the game

down and ran the clock as much as possible to control the tempo," said McGuire. "We had to be patient and make the most of our opportunities."

The Wildcats will head to Goessel this Friday for a non-district game. Goessel is 2-4 for the season and coming off a 54-6 loss to Lebo.

"Goessel sprinkles some different concepts into their offense which will require us to pay attention to all details. They have experience and some good athletes. They have played a few of the top teams in the state already and it looks like they play hard.

"We are hopefully getting one back this week and maybe one next week. Some who have been playing through issues are making strides and hope to be 100% in the next week," said McGuire.

After this week, the Wildcats will close the season at home against Sunrise Christian Academy.



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Lady Wildcats: CHS Volleyball Team to Head to Little River for Regional

The Cunningham volleyball team will head to Little River for Regional tournament play on Tuesday, Oct. 20 at 5 p.m. The Lady Wildcats were coming off a fifth-place finish at the Heart of the Plains League tournament Saturday in Pretty Prairie. Cunningham lost its opener to Hutchinson Central Christian 25-12, 25-16, then lost to Norwich 25-20, 25-12. The Lady Wildcats then faced Pretty Prairie and lost 25-15, 25-17. Cunningham then lost to Stafford in three, 26-24, 17-25, 15-25, then beat South Barber in its final match of the day, 25-15, 25-20. The HOPL tournament was a round-robin tournament between the top six teams in the league. The other three teams — Attica, Fairfield and Pratt Skyline — played a triangular at Attica. Cunningham (12-19) played at Central Christian Tuesday, beating Fairfield 29-27, 25-16 and losing to the host Lady Cougars 25-11, 25-8. In Regional play, Cunningham (13-20) will face Little River and Norwich in a triangular. The top two teams in the triangular will then advance to Sub State play, with seeding to be determined Oct. 21 after Regional competition is completed. The order of matches will be Little River against Cunningham, then Cunningham against Norwich, then Norwich against Little River.



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Cheer Squad: Students Rally for Lady Cats

The Lady Wildcats had a special cheer section on Saturday during their HOPL volleyball tournament held in Pretty Prairie. CHS students donned white and came over to rally for the girls.

Did you know your family or business can sponsor a photo gallery of Cunningham High School activities? Call Stephanie at 620-532-3151 for more information.

Fall Festival Schedule

1pm - Craft Fair - Kids Carnival Games - Pumpkin Patch - Petting Zoo - Sign up for Cornhole Tournament - Register Pumpkins in Contest	1-5pm 1-5pm 1-5pm 1-3pm 1-2pm 1-2pm
2pm - Cornhole Tournament Starts - Hayrack Rides - Barrel Train - Face Painting	2-5pm 2-5pm 2-5pm 2-4pm
230pm Pumpkin Contest & Business Decorating Winners Announced	
3pm Kid's Craft at Library	
4pm - Beer Garden Opens - Raffle Winners Announced	4-10pm
5pm Free Will Donation Meal	5-7pm
7pm Street Dance Open to Public Bruce and Shelly's Good Time Band	7-10pm