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Park Board President Proposes Company Inspect Pool

BY BOB MORRIS

Managing Editor

Kingman park board president Kylie Maloney spoke to the Kingman city commissioners Thursday about having a company called Carothers Construction inspect the swimming pool at Riverside Park.

During public comment, Maloney said that the park board visited with the Olathe-based company and a representative came to look at the pool. She said he would like to do a “sound test” on the current state of the pool, with a quote not

to exceed \$4,000.

However, Maloney said, the board was advised that any money spent on the Riverside Park pool would have to go before voters, because voters had rejected a proposal to remodel the pool.

“We were advised to get a petition started,” Maloney said. “However, we would like to challenge this. We as a board understand and respect that the town did not want to do that specific renovation at an estimated cost of \$2.75 million with an additional \$500,000 for the bathhouse with a

potential raise in tax dollars.

“However, the maximum \$4,000 sound test is way different. It does not approve a renovation project, does not commit the city to construction, and does not authorize bonds or increased taxes for the sales tax. It was not included in the proposal that was voted on.”

She said the test will only determine whether a different and potentially less expensive approach to repair the pool is feasible.

“I understand that if the city ultimately wants to pursue a new

pool project that requires bonds and tax increase or another financing mechanism requiring voter approval, then that issue would appropriately go back to the voters,” Maloney said.

But she added that she spoke with Landmark Aquatic, who worked with the city previously to examine the pool, and that company confirmed a sound test was not done.

Maloney noted that the funding the commission approved to have Landmark Aquatic prepare the proposal did not come out of

the park fund, so she believed it would be fair for the sound testing quote to not come out of the park fund either.

“However, if that means for it to happen, it does have to come out of our special parks fund, I feel the board would be okay with it,” Maloney said.

The city commissioners asked for the topic to be placed on the next meeting agenda. Mayor Tracy Winsor said she would like to see the ballot issue that went before voters last year to see exactly how it was worded.

City OKs One Park Request, Tables Others

BY BOB MORRIS

Managing Editor

The Kingman city commission authorized the park board to move forward with the purchase of a bench at Riverside Park, but tabled action on the purchase of swings and additional basketball goals so the commission can further look into the matter.

The requests came from park board president Kylie Maloney, who asked for authorization to spend money for the bench, swings and goals, not to exceed the \$8,905 of the money remaining in the special parks fund.

The bench would replace one at Riverside Park that was damaged, then removed, while the swings and basketball goals would be for Main Street Park.

The bench will cost \$1,000. The goals and swings could potentially be purchased with donations through a planned fundraiser for Main Street Park. Maloney has previously presented that fundraiser to the commission, in which people can contribute certain amounts to have their name on a plaque or to even rename the park.

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Cheer Them On



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Cheer Clinic: Youngsters Perform at Halftime

The Kingman High School cheerleaders held their fall cheer clinic for younger girls this past week, which included a performance during halftime of the KHS football game against Lakin. The cheerleaders and the youngsters performed a musical number and a couple of cheers. Another clinic will be held during basketball season.

City Talks More About Arena Fence

BY BOB MORRIS

Managing Editor

The Kingman city commission Thursday had more discussion about the possibility of putting up a fence around the outdoor arena at the fairgrounds.

City Manager Dan Knoell said that there hasn’t been a lot of time spent on the issues since fair board members Kristen Floyd and Drew Krehbiel brought the matter to the city commission several weeks ago, but the city did take measurements to see how much fencing would be needed.

He said the city took measurements based off the length of the bleachers and the saddle ropers building, with space accounted for ADA-accessible parking close to the bleachers, then extending the fence down toward the carnival. That would come to about 615 feet of fencing.

Knoell added that there would need to be a 60-foot opening for a gate to allow for trucks with a horse trailer to turn. As for cost estimates, Knoell said he didn’t have any. Yet.

City Commissioner Mark Arensdorf said he ran a few “preliminary numbers”

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Kingman County Among Those to Benefit From Rebuild Our Block Housing Program

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 be-

come 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

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PARK

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She said there are donors who are waiting to make their donations once the park board launches its campaign.

City Manager Dan Knoell said that if the park board was to be authorized to spend its budgeted expenditures this year, plus all expenditures budgeted for them next year, their unencumbered balance would be \$530.

“That means there’s going to be potentially \$0 for any-

thing in 2028,” Knoell said.

He said that whatever the park board does not spend in 2027 would be their unencumbered balance for 2028 and any unencumbered balance would carry back over to the special parks fund.

Maloney said that she was trying to make the most of any donations people wanted to make, get the swings installed at Main Street Park this year and “keep that momentum going.”

There was discussion about the parks master plan

that was completed back in 2018. Knoell noted that it was intended to be a “20-year comprehensive plan for parks” and that community input was utilized to form that plan.

“The boards up here changed, but, I mean, until I felt that changes, we’ve got to be careful not to alienate the ones that created that plan in the first place, which was a lot of the community,” Knoell said.

Maloney said the board is sticking to that plan as of

right now, noting that the parks master plan called for an additional basketball court. She said the swings are the only item that wasn’t part of the master plan for Main Street Park.

Mayor Tracy Winsor said she had heard something about replacing the basketball goals at Riverside Park, to which Maloney responded that the park board wanted to get additional goals for Main Street Park. However, if they are unable to get the money to put in the new court they

want at Main Street Park, the park board would like to look at getting goals for Riverside Park.

The two adjustable goals at Main Street Park were paid for with donations, while the park board has a third donor for another adjustable goal.

The city commissioners raised questions about how the city would store any basketball goals that are purchased before plans are finalized as to where they will be located.

One concern raised about

moving forward with the swings was that the park didn’t have a plan in place for where they would be located, but that it would be easier to accommodate the new basketball court and goals.

City Commissioner Mark Arensdorf said that once the new basketball court is in place, the park board might have a better idea about where to locate the swings, which would require having padding put in place for safety reasons.

OBITUARIES

CLAYTA BERNIECE JONES

Clayta Berniece Jones passed away on Sept. 29, 2026, at 6:15 a.m. in the presence of her beloved family.

Born Clayta Berniece McQueen in Leesville township in Henry county Missouri on Jan. 10, 1939, to Freda and Garland McQueen. The sixth of ten children who grew up in Leesville and Kansas City.

In 1951 the family moved to Wichita and eventually settled in Kingman and operated a local cafe.

Clayta survived three husbands and two daughters,

and was survived by her brother JR, her daughter Charolett and son Richard.

Clayta was an avid supporter of her church and family in all situations. She wanted to be remembered for: Her courage in the face of many trials; for determination to grow despite setbacks and fears; for

strength and perseverance in helping herself and others without becoming mired in self-pity or confused about her values.

A Celebration of Life service for Clayta Berniece Jones will be held at Christ Church Hilltop Campus, 812 S. Oliver, Wichita, KS 67218 on Oct. 17 at 10 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, please offer donations to her beloved Christ Church or to

her memorial fund, to help in spreading her ashes upon the ocean near her living brother.

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MILDRED A. ‘MILLIE’ ROSENBERGER

Mildred A. “Millie” Rosenberger, 91, passed away, Monday, Sept. 28, 2026, at Paramount Living and Rehab, Newton.

She was born, May 7, 1935, at Duquoin to Archie and Ruth (Davis) Russell.

She was a 1953 graduate of Norwich High School. Following graduation, she went to work for Southwestern Bell as a telephone operator.

On Nov. 14, 1958, she married Verle Edward Rosenberger in Norwich, and they made their home in Bentley.

In July of 1968, she went to work for the State Bank of Bentley as a cashier for 23 years. Following the merger of the Bentley Bank and the Halstead Bank, she was transferred to Halstead and spent 10 years in the loan department, retiring in 2000.

In 2006, following Verle’s passing in 2004, she went to work part-time at Walmart where she retired in 2021 at the age of 86.

She was member of Bentley United Methodist Church, former president of the Bentley Eagle Senior Center, Eagle FCE, and Helianthos Club, Halstead. She also served 19 years on the Bentley Planning Commission.

She is survived by her daughters: Michelle (David) Vaughn, Bentley; Sherri (David) McBee, Sedgwick; Susan Byler, Hampton, Neb.; grandchildren: Stephanie Westerfield, Jamie (Justin) Koehn, Drew (Melissa) Westerfield, Madison (Autumn) McBee, Molly (Aither Dietrich) McBee; three great-grandchildren: Emma and Evan Koehn and Parker Westerfield.

She was preceded in death by her sisters: Jackie Hughbanks, Virgie Hern, Marian Johnson, Velma Nelson and an infant brother Eugene Howard Russell.

Visitation with the family was Oct. 4 and funeral services were Oct. 5, both at Kaufman Funeral Home, Halstead.

Cremation will follow, and a private family committal will be in Pleasant Valley Cemetery.

Memorials may be given to Bentley Eagle Senior Center in care of Kaufman Funeral Home, Halstead.

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Plaintiff,
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Defendants,

Case No.KM-2026-CV-000017

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

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Under and by virtue of an Order of Sale issued to me by the Clerk of the District Court of Kingman County, Kansas, the undersigned Sheriff of Kingman County, Kansas, will offer for sale at public auction and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand on November 5, 2026 at the time of 10:00 AM at the Courthouse Steps of the Kingman County Courthouse, Kansas, the following real estate:

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PAULINE ROSE HARBERT

Pauline Rose Harbert, 95, died Oct. 11, 2026 at her home.

She was born July 28, 1931, at Ost, the daughter of Paul and Mary Lorg Paney. A resident of the Kingman community most of her life, she was a farm wife.

Pauline was a member of the St. Patrick Catholic Church and the Altar Society, both of Kingman.

On June 12, 1951, she married Walter J. Harbert at the St. Joseph Catholic Church at Ost; he died Nov. 1, 2004.

Survivors include children Denise Steinhaus and her husband John, Deborah Harbert, and Sam Harbert and his wife Shelly; sister Betty Meng Ast; 11 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. She was also preceded in death by a son Stan Harbert; sister Marie Seidl; and brothers John and Sylvester Paney.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 18, at the St. Patrick Catholic Church, Kingman with the parish Rosary being recited at 6 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be 10 a.m., Monday, Oct. 19 also at the St. Patrick Catholic Church. Burial will be in the Walnut Hill Cemetery.

Memorials may be made with the St. Patrick’s Catholic School and may be mailed in care of Livingston Funeral Home, 1830 N. Main, Kingman, KS 67068.

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Feeling Flush

By Bernie Sheahan

It’s taking me all night to tell this story, so I’ll just come out with it: Last week, I flushed my car keys down the toilet at a truck stop in South Hutchinson, Kansas.

Q. Does the car have a name?

A. Yes. Ruby Slippers. She brought me home to Kansas. Get it?

Q. Does the toilet have a name?

A. Yes. Toto. I kid you not.

It happened like this: I got Ruby a tank of gas and got me two gigantic Way Less Sugar Gatorades, because they were on sale and it was hot and I was really thirsty. I was in Hutch to pick up a family heirloom my cousins found while they were cleaning out dear Aunt Phyllis’s home for sale. It’s a Victor Talking Machine, an older tabletop version of what became known as the Victrola. According to Aunt P’s note, it belonged to my great-grandparents Patrick and Bridget Sheahan and my Uncle Gerald, Aunt P’s true love, used to play with it in the attic when he was a boy on the farm. Far as I can tell, it’s a 1914 model, and that was a very good year for wheat, so maybe Pat and Bridget were flush with cash.

“What does this have to do with flushing your keys down the toilet, Bernie?” I’m getting there.

So after we got Ruby loaded up with the old machine, some records and a couple

of sweet Aunt P treasures, I headed to the Hutch YMCA for 40 minutes of deep-water pool running, which is hard and thirsty work. So I was ready to go home after a good long slurp of something. Which is why I went to the truck stop on my way out of town, then hopped in Ruby’s driver’s seat and chugged the first big Gatorade down pretty quick, and soon realized I should use the facilities before heading out.

I got into the ladies’ room at the same time as a gal in a bright yellow shirt. The job was quick, I stood up and, uh-oh, my keys slid off my lap and right into the toilet bowl. There they were, shining bright with the leather AirTag holder. I looked down, horrified, and... SWISH, they were gone. (Darn those stupid Toto toilets, with their stupid auto-flush.)

I dashed out of the bathroom and interrupted the cashier. “I’m SO SORRY, but I just flushed my keys down the toilet. Is there anything we can do?”

“I’ll call my husband. He’s the head of maintenance.”

I waited, hoping. “Nope. He says they’re gone. But I’ll go back with you.”

So I jammed my arm all the way into the toilet bowl, desperate to find the keys, stuck. Nope. (Yes, I washed up.)

Then back to the counter where another Love’s gal said, “I was in the stall next to

you. I called it in.”

Turns out they have little walkie-talkies under their jackets, and while I was panicking and possibly saying a sort of bad word, she was talking into her shirt reporting the problem. They were both so nice, Peggy Littrell and her friend whose name escapes me. (Thank you, ladies. You made it fun.)

Oh, the Apple AirTag! It locates your item with a flick of an app. “In the Reno County sewer system, heading north 3.1 miles from Love’s Truck Stop, where you flushed it down the toilet, goofball.” (Not really. It’s still hoping my keys are at Love’s.)

What happened then? Cousins to the rescue. My dear Molly, with my complete spare set of keys at her old Sheahan farm south of Calista. Molly’s mom, Julie, who happened to be with the grandkids and heading to my house anyway. Cousin Linda, who sent dear husband Todd to get me, then made me a sandwich because she knew I hadn’t eaten and Gatorade is not supper.

Then Cousin Julie arrived and we went to McD.’s, where we laughed and the counter gal heard my sad/funny story and then came over with two free cones, which I ate, both of them, two-fisted and happy.

Really happy. Flushed with joy. For real.

Hobbes and the Case for Government

By Brande Vogele

Before there was a Constitution, a Declaration of Independence, or even a United States of America, people were wrestling with a big question: Why do we need government in the first place?

It might seem like an obvious question. We need laws, roads, schools, and someone to keep the peace. But imagine trying to explain that to someone living in the 1600s, when kings claimed authority by birthright and civil wars could tear a country apart. One philosopher, Thomas Hobbes, offered a stark answer: without a powerful government, life could become so dangerous that almost any order would be better than none.

Hobbes’s argument grew out of a time of political upheaval. He lived through the English Civil War, a conflict over who should rule England that spread across the British Isles and brought years of violence and instability. The war took a staggering toll: English Heritage estimates that up to 200,000 people died—roughly 4.5% of the population, proportionally comparable to Britain’s losses in the First World War. Soldiers faced hunger, exhaustion, and disease, while communities endured years of upheaval. And in 1649, the unthinkable happened: King Charles I was tried and executed by his own subjects. It was against this backdrop that Hobbes published Leviathan in 1651, exploring human

nature, political authority, and the need for a government strong enough to keep the peace.

Hobbes asked readers to imagine life without a government, or, as he called it, a “common power” that could make and enforce rules. He called this imagined condition the “state of nature.” Without a shared authority, he argued, people would have to rely on their own strength and judgment to protect themselves. Even if no one was fighting at that exact moment, the constant possibility of violence would make it hard to trust anyone or plan for the future.

Hobbes described the result in one of the most famous lines in political philosophy: “And the life of man, solitary, poor, nasty, brutish, and short.” Not exactly a glowing review of life without government.

His point wasn’t just that people might fight. Without reliable security, Hobbes argued, there would be little reason to build, trade, farm, or invest in the future if someone else could simply take the results. The threat of violence would undermine everyday life.

So what do people do? Hobbes believed that reason would lead them to seek peace and agree to a common authority. People give up some of their freedom to a sovereign (a ruler or governing body with enough power to enforce laws and keep order). This agreement is often described

as a social contract: people accept the authority of government because life without it would be far more dangerous.

Hobbes put the problem bluntly in Leviathan: “Covenants, without the sword, are but words, and of no strength to secure a man at all.” In other words, promises and rules aren’t enough if there’s no power to enforce them.

This is where Hobbes’s thinking gets interesting and where people may start to disagree with him. He believed a government needed substantial power (a monarch!) to prevent society from falling back into conflict. But how much power is too much? What if the authority meant to protect people becomes a threat to them?

That question will take us to another philosopher next week: John Locke. Locke also believed government was necessary, but he had a different view of its purpose and of what should happen when it fails to do its job.

For now, Hobbes leaves us with a question worth thinking about: How much authority would you be willing to give up in exchange for safety and order? And who should get to decide when the government has gone too far?

Because the question of why we need government is only the beginning. The next question is who it serves—and who gets to hold it accountable?

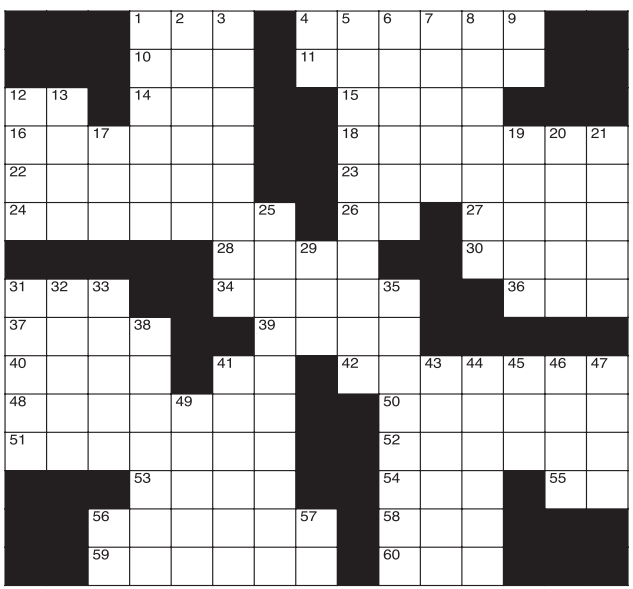
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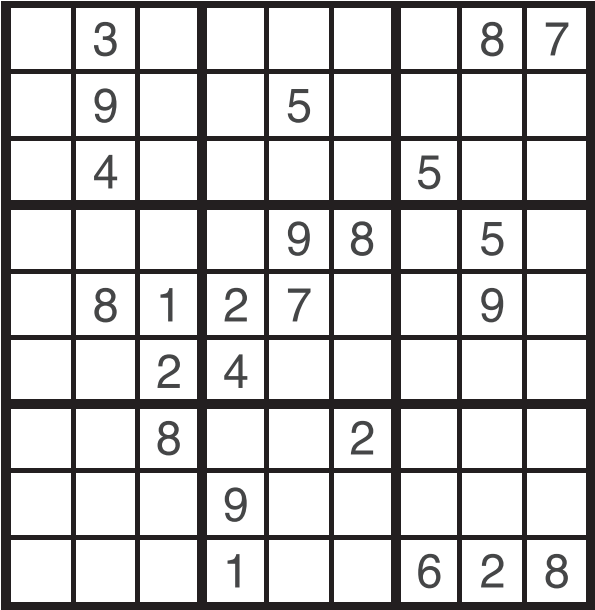


CLUES ACROSS

1. Small Eurasian deer
4. Province in Northern Ireland
10. A major division of geological time
11. Broadway actor Lane
12. Canadian province (abbr.)
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. Of trial judge
55. European government entity (abbr.)
56. Bike parts
58. Friend to “Barbie”
59. Stretched to see or hear
60. Commercial

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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Eagles Beat Lakin 42-12 for Sixth Straight Win

BY BOB MORRIS
Managing Editor

The Kingman football team took care of business in District 8 play after beating Lakin at home 42-12 Friday night.

The Eagles took advantage of field position early after Lakin attempted a fake punt, but failed to convert and Kingman started with the ball on the Lakin 38-yard line. From there, the Eagles took control, overcoming a couple of lapses to get their second district win of the season.

“We were moving some offensive line around in the first half a little bit, so kind of struggled to run the ball,” said head coach Tanner Hageman. “They were kind of bouncing back and forth in between their fronts, so giving us a little bit of difficulty in the first half kind of run game-wise, but we were able to pass the ball around a little bit.”

The Eagles got a 13-yard pass play from Logan Birkenbaugh to Trent Clark to keep the opening drive alive, then Birkenbaugh had three rushes for 18 yards to set up first and goal at the 6-yard line. Though Birkenbaugh was tackled for a loss on a running play, Boston Beck came through with a 10-yard touchdown run to make it 6-0 with 6:26 left in the first quarter.

The Broncos were held to a three and out, but had a strong punt to pin the Eagles at their own 1-yard line. But Birkenbaugh got a pass to Clark, who not only turned it into a first down, but into a big play as he got 92 yards for another Eagles

touchdown to make it 14-0 with 3:11 left in the first.

“We had the holding penalty on the very first play, and then we had two missed blocking assignments on the first down and then the second down, so we were in third and short, and the ball wasn’t great,” Hageman said.

“It was the right read by Logan, the right throw. Not a great throw. It was kind of at the shoelaces of Trent, so he did a nice job keeping his eyes on it, fielding the football.”

But Hageman said that a key block from Jaxson Campbell made the big play possible.

“Jaxson makes a good block on the perimeter, and then Trent’s a track guy, right?” Hageman said. “So we wanted to get him the ball in space, and that’s the reason why, because he can just run away from people.

“So that was a big play for us. Obviously, taking advantage of a tough situation there that we were put in, so, yeah, that was a big play.”

The Eagles then got an interception from Malachi Graber on Lakin’s next drive, which gave Kingman the ball at the Broncos 33-yard line. Birkenbaugh then completed a 25-yard pass to Joey Brannan to set up a 6-yard touchdown run by Beck with 31 seconds left in the first quarter.

Birkenbaugh then got an interception on Lakin’s next drive to give Kingman the ball at the Broncos 33-yard line. Kingman then faced third and 13 at the 25-yard line, but Birkenbaugh found room to run for a 25-yard touchdown with 8:59 left in



LEFT: Kingman's Joey Brannan finds room to run in the open field after catching a pass in the first quarter of Friday's home football game against Lakin. Brannan turned the reception into a 25-yard play. RIGHT: Kingman's Lane Helm tackles Lakin's Weston Loeppke to hold the Broncos runner to a short gain in the second quarter of Friday's game. The Eagles won 42-12.



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the first half.

The Eagles forced Lakin to punt but tried to field the ball as it hit the ground. The Eagles fumbled and Lakin’s Avery Manzano scooped it up and took it to the end zone to make the score 28-6 with 6:32 left in the first half.

“That is our third turnover in two straight weeks, so that part of it gets pretty frustrating,” Hageman said.

But he credited the Eagle players for bouncind back and putting a drive together. The Eagles recovered an onside kick attempt at the 46-yard line, then put together a 54-yard drive. Birkenbaugh capped it with a 4-yard touchdown run that made the score 35-6 with 2:15 left in the first half.

After Lakin punted again, the Eagles drove the ball to the Lakin 9-yard line, but

had to spike the ball as time was running out. Grayson Smith attempted a 19-yard field goal that was no good, but Hageman praised the players for getting themselves in a position to try that kick.

“That last series in that first half, working on some hurry-up game was really good for our guys to kind of get some game and live reps and kind of iron out some details there,” Hageman said.

Kingman got the ball to start the second half and scored on its first possession. The Eagles drove the ball 63 yards, capping it with a 7-yard touchdown run by Beck with 8:40 left in the third. That made the score 42-7 and led to the running clock for the rest of the second half.

The Broncos scored in the

final minutes of the fourth quarter after a 2-yard touchdown run with 3:12 left.

Hageman said he was happy to get some different players into the lineup, some who haven’t seen much varsity time. He thought they did well for themselves.

“We have some young guys playing, some guys that don’t have a ton of experience, so, you know, it’s good to get some film on them, evaluate them, because we’re coaching the whole 48 minutes,” he said.

“It’s not just, you know, when the ones are off the field, we just stop coaching the JV guys.

“So, you know, this is a 9-12 program. We want to make sure that we’re coaching our guys all the time.”

The win keeps Kingman in the hunt for the District

8 title. Hageman said that is always the number one goal and that is something the Eagles haven’t done for a few years.

To win the district, the Eagles will have to get past Chaparral, who is 6-0 for the season. The two teams will meet in Chaparral Friday night.

Roadrunners senior quarterback Daniel Schmidt has thrown for 1,283 yards this season, completing 71 of 104 pass attempts. Senior Kenny Diaz is one of the top kickers in the state, having made a 60-yard field goal against Southwestern Heights this past week.

“I expect it to be a really good football game,” Hageman said. “We’ve got a lot of respect for what they’re doing. Their kids are playing at a really high level. It’ll be fun.”

Teagan Dick Qualifies for 3A State Girl’s Golf for Second Time



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Kingman’s Teagan Dick putts at hole No. 4 at Cherry Oaks Golf Course in Cheney during the Class 1-3A Sub State tournament Monday. She qualified for State for the second time after placing in the top five among individuals who were not part of State qualifying teams.

BY BOB MORRIS
Managing Editor

Kingman senior Teagan Dick will make her second trip to the Class 1-3A State tournament after her performance at the Sub State tournament Monday at Cherry Oaks Golf Course in Cheney.

Dick shot 110 and placed 16th overall. She took fifth among individuals who were not part of State qualifying teams. The top three teams advance to State, along with the top five individuals who are not part of those teams.

“I’m excited to have the opportunity to go back to the State tournament and compete at this level again,” Dick said.

She said she is blessed to have the chance to compete and qualify for State this year, after she missed her junior year because of a shoulder

injury. Dick first qualified for State as a sophomore.

Dick said her expectation is to give all her effort and try her hardest to compete with the other girls at State.

Kingman head coach Kyle Meireis said that he simply wants Dick to “go next week and enjoy her round at State. No expectations, just enjoy the game the way it was intended to be enjoyed.”

The Class 1-3A State tournament will take place at the Tallgrass Golf Club in Wichita this Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 19-20.

At Regionals, Kingman shot 497 as a team. Cheney won the tournament with 378, Wichita Collegiate was second with 401 and Larned was third with 413.

Haidyn Hartley shot 114 and tied for 21st place, Audrey Tetrick shot

130 and played 45th and Mylah Hook shot 143 and tied for 53rd.

Norwich shot 502 as a team. Individually, Haely Hilger shot 118 and tied for 25th place, Sunny Waters shot 120 and tied for 30th place, Melody Antoine shot 123 and tied for 34th place and Stormy Waters shot 140 and placed 52nd.

Meireis said that seniors Hartley, Hilger, Antoine, Dick and Sunny Waters will all be missed next year and there will be some big shoes to fill.

He noted that Tetrick, Hadley Garrison, Kate Stauffer, Mylah Hook and Halle Robinson will return as seniors next year, along with Paisley Gonzales, Hanna Drouhard and Stormy Waters as jurors.

“We will work through the offseason to recruit more of the younger golfers,” Meireis said.

Kingman Volleyball Closes Regular Season, Heads to Halstead for Regionals

BY BOB MORRIS
Managing Editor

The Kingman volleyball team will head to Halstead for Regional volleyball tournament action Tuesday, Oct. 20 at 5 p.m.

The Lady Eagles are in a quadrangular that includes Halstead, Garden Plain and Minneapolis. The order of matches will be Halstead against Kingman, Garden Plain against Minneapolis, Halstead against Minneapolis, Garden Plain against Kingman, Halstead against Garden Plain and Kingman against Minneapolis.

The top two teams in the quad will advance to Sub State play, with seedings and sites to be determined Wednesday, Oct. 21.

“Our expectation is to go into Regionals believing we can compete and giving ourselves a chance to keep playing,” said head coach Hanna Hageman. “At this point in the season, it comes

down to executing the little things, taking care of the ball, playing with confidence, and competing for every point. Postseason is a fresh opportunity.”

The Lady Eagles are coming off the Hillsboro tournament Saturday, in which they went 1-4 for the day. They lost to Chapman 25-9, 25-17, lost to Halstead 25-10, 25-5, lost to Hillsboro 25-10, 25-17, lost to Minneapolis 25-17, 25-20 and beat Wichita Independent 25-13, 25-16.

“I thought we had some good moments this weekend, but we also saw areas where we need to be more consistent,” Hageman said. “We need to respond better to adversity, limit our mistakes, and keep competing when things get tough.”

She noted that the competition was tough and playing tough teams was important as the Lady Eagles prepare for the postseason.

“Those matches exposed



LEFT: Kingman's Parker Beam sets the ball for a teammate during the Lady Eagles' home triangular Tuesday night. Beam became the all-time assists leader for Kingman volleyball. RIGHT: Kingman's Isabella Kaufman serves the ball during Tuesday's triangular. The Lady Eagles beat Douglass and lost to Conway Springs in the triangular.



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areas where we need to improve,” Hageman said. “Every match is a chance to learn, and we need to take those lessons with us into Regionals.”

She said that the girls have continued to work well as a team and the girls have gained different experience

through the ups and down of the season.

“We still have things to clean up but the biggest thing now is taking what we’ve learned and putting it together when it matters most,” Hageman said.

The Lady Eagles (8-27) hosted Senior Night Tues-

day, beating Douglass 25-14, 25-13 and losing to Conway Springs 25-11, 25-15. Hageman said that the seniors have put in a lot of time and effort into the program and that has meant a lot.

“They’ve put in the work throughout the offseason and in-season itself, and pushed

through the challenges that come with being part of a rebuilding program,” the head coach said. “The growth we’ve seen doesn’t happen overnight, and they’ve been a part of that process. I’m proud of the work they’ve put in and the commitment they’ve shown to this team.”

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Defensive Breakdowns Costly for Norwich in Loss to Titans

BY BOB MORRIS
Managing Editor

The Norwich football team lost its District 2 matchup against the Attica-Argonia Titans 42-24 at Argonia Friday night.

The Eagles took an early 8-0 lead, then the Titans tied it 8-8. In the second quarter, though, A&A scored 28 unanswered points, which head coach Adam Leroux said came down to defensive breakdowns.

“We got confused in the secondary on our assignment once they adjusted formations and started throwing the ball more,” Leroux said. “We lost track of a couple of receivers for big plays that we need to be more aware of.”

He said he thought that the Eagles did a good job otherwise.

“I think for three of the four quarters we played really good football and were able to finish off a couple more drives at the end of the game to try and keep

ourselves in the game,” Leroux said. “We need to start quicker on both sides of the ball to prevent ourselves from getting in a hole early like we have the last two weeks.”

He was happy with how the boys played on offense, as they rushed for nearly 260 yards and did not have any turnovers for the first time this season.

“We would have loved to finish off a couple more drives early in the game especially when we were on their side of the field,” Leroux said.

As for defense, the head coach said that they set the tone early with a safety on the first play of the game, then stopped them in the red zone on the Titans’ second possession of the game.

But it was the lost communication in the second quarter that led to the Titans scoring four times, Leroux said, and that was the difference in the ball game.

“They (Titans) showed multiple formations that

forced us to adjust and move guys around and we didn’t communicate and execute on defense well enough to match them,” Leroux said. “Defensively, they brought pressure on passing downs and it forced us to get the ball out quick and we were able to convert on many passes.”

Easton Schroeder rushed for 158 yards on 21 carries with two touchdowns. Marshall Eslinger added 104 yards rushing on 19 carries with one touchdown.

Kydon Schroeder completed four of 22 passes for 63 yards, with Drew Kelly catching two passes for 65 yards.

On defense, Easton Schroeder had 13 tackles, Rylan Poe had 11 tackles, Easton Wohlgemuth had nine and Liam Vavra had seven. Schroeder, Poe and Vavra each had a quarterback sack, Schroeder had an interception and Lucas Fisher had a defensive fumble recovery.

The Eagles (2-4) will host



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Norwich’s Marshall Eslinger looks to get past Attica-Argonia’s Easton Simon on a run up the middle during the Eagles’ football game at Argonia last Friday. The Eagles took an 8-0 lead early in the first quarter, but fell behind 36-8 in the second quarter and a fourth-quarter rally fell short, leading to a 42-24 loss.

Pretty Prairie this Friday. The Bulldogs are 2-4 for the season and are coming off a 52-28 win over Hartford.

“Pretty Prairie will spread the ball out and try to get a lot of quick easy throws to get their skill guys the ball out in space,” Leroux said. “We have to do a better job adjusting and moving into position to take away some

of their shorter passes.”

The winner of the game will get a leg up in the race for a spot in the Class 8-Man Division II playoffs. Norwich will have one more district game against Fairfield to close the season while Pretty Prairie will have a district game against Hutchinson Central Christian.

“We will definitely be focusing on defensive alignment and assignment to get all of our guys back on the same page,” Leroux said regarding this Friday’s game. “We also have to look at getting off to a quicker start this week and put ourselves in a better position to win instead of chasing from behind.”



Kingman’s Callie Wheat, left, and Abigail Wilson won their first-round doubles match against South Central during the Class 1-3A Regional tennis tournament held last Friday at Conway Springs. The Kingman duo then faced a Conway Springs duo who went on to take second at the Regional tournament.



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KHS Girl’s Tennis Concludes Season at Regionals

BY BOB MORRIS
Managing Editor

The Kingman girl’s tennis team concluded its season at the Class 1-3A Regional tennis meet Friday at Conway Springs.

In the singles tournament, senior Morgan Valentine faced Chaparral’s Macy Reed in the opening round and lost 8-6.

“I thought Morgan played her best tennis of the year,” said head coach Hannah Pearce. “She had some of the longest rallies I’ve seen from her and stayed determined against her opponent until the very end.”

Courtney Schoenhofer also played in the singles tournament. She faced Fabiola Rivero of South Central and lost 6-2, 6-2.

“Courtney, who has played No. 1 singles for us all season, also competed

well against her seeded opponent,” Pearce said. “Her skills have continued to develop throughout the year, and I’m looking forward to seeing what she accomplishes during her senior season.”

Abigail Wilson and Callie Wheat won their opening match in the Regional doubles tournament. They beat South Central’s Max Miller and Nevaeh Pankrat 8-4. The Kingman duo then faced Chloe Allen and Paige Rusco of Conway Springs and lost 6-0, 6-0. The Conway duo went on to finish second.

“I was so happy for Abigail and Callie,” Pearce said. “They’ve continued to build on their progress throughout the season, and it was exciting to see their hard work pay off with a win at Regionals.”

The head coach said that, at the beginning of the season, she could see the girls struggling with rallying and

footwork. But at Regionals, she saw them anticipating opponent shots, sustaining longer rallies and taking control of points more often.

“Every player has made so much progress this year,” Pearce said. “I’m excited to pick up next season where we left off. The girls are becoming more competitive, and I look forward to watching them continue to improve and earn more wins.”

She added that Valentine took on a leadership role this year and set a good example through her effort and willingness to improve.

“She came to practice every day ready to work and continued to push herself throughout the season,” Pearce said. “It was rewarding to see her finish the year playing some of her best tennis. I’ve really appreciated her dedication and what she has brought to our team.”

KHS Runners Set Personal Best Times at Cheney Meet

STAFF REPORT

The Kingman cross country runners, after not running last week when the Pratt meet was canceled because of rain, attended the Cheney Invitational last Thursday at Cheney Lake State Park.

The high school runners all competed in the varsity races and all of them set new personal best times. Additionally, Kingman had the top runners in the boy’s 7th-grade and 8th-grade races. Head coach Steve Bangert said he was happy to see how well the runners performed.

In the boy’s variety race, Hayden Wood took 34th with a personal best time of 20:19.19, Quentin Meng took 44th with a personal best time of 22:06.73, Michael Weninger took 53rd with a personal best time of 23:15.80, Max Huhman took 55th with a personal best time of 23:37.25, Colin Dye took 57th with a personal best time of 23:29.37 and Owen Archer took 60th with a personal best time of 24:14.26.

In the girl’s varsity race, Georgia Huse took 20th with a personal best time of 23:56.24 and Harper Gonzalez took 42nd with a personal best time of 29:06.20.

For the 8th-grade boys, Eli Smith was first with a time of 12:46.55 and Wyatt Kern was 16th with a time of 18:00.02, missing his personal best time by one second.

For the 7th-grade boys, Maverick Wilson was first with a time of 5:57.

The Eagles will head to Wichita Trinity for the Central Plains League meet this Thursday.



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Kingman’s Quentin Meng comes down the home stretch during last Thursday’s cross country meet at Cheney Lake State Park. Meng was one of eight high school runners who posted their personal best times at the Cheney meet.

Former Kingman Football Coach Randy Dreiling Earns 300th Win

STAFF REPORT

Randy Dreiling, a head football coach who started his career at Kingman High School, won his 300th career coaching victory Oct. 2.

Dreiling is the current head coach at St. Thomas Aquinas, who beat Blue Valley 27-24 in the Oct. 2 contest.

He was the head coach at Kingman from 1989 to 1993. While with KHS, he posted a 21-23 overall record. His best season at KHS was 1991 when the Eagles went 4-3.

During his time at Kingman, he went undefeated against Circle, 5-0, and went 4-1 against Clearwater.

Since that time, Dreiling has coached at Hutchinson High School and St. Thomas Aquinas. He has won seven State titles at Hutchinson and three at St. Thomas Aquinas.

Norwich Volleyball Heads to Little River for Regionals

STAFF REPORT

The Norwich volleyball team will head to Little River for Regional tournament play on Tuesday, Oct. 20.

The Lady Eagles will face the host team and Cunningham in a triangular. The top two teams from the triangular will advance to Sub State play, with seedings and locations to be determined Wednesday, Oct. 21 after Regional play is completed.

The order of the matches to be played will be Cunningham against Little River, Norwich against Cunningham and Norwich against Little River.

Norwich (21-15) is coming off a third-place finish at the Heart of the Plains League tournament Saturday in Pretty Prairie.

The Lady Eagles beat South Barber 25-23, 26-24, then beat Cunningham 25-20, 25-12. Norwich then lost to Hutchinson Central Christian 25-14, 25-15 and lost to Pretty Prairie 25-17, 28-26. The Lady Eagles then beat Stafford in their final match, 24-26, 25-18, 25-18.

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.

Norwich had its Senior Night Tuesday at home, beating Attica 25-11, 25-16 and losing to Argonia 25-23, 25-19.



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Norwich’s Kori Murphy goes up for a hit during the Heart of the Plains League tournament match against South Barber last Saturday at Pretty Prairie High School. The Lady Eagles took third in the HOPL tournament.

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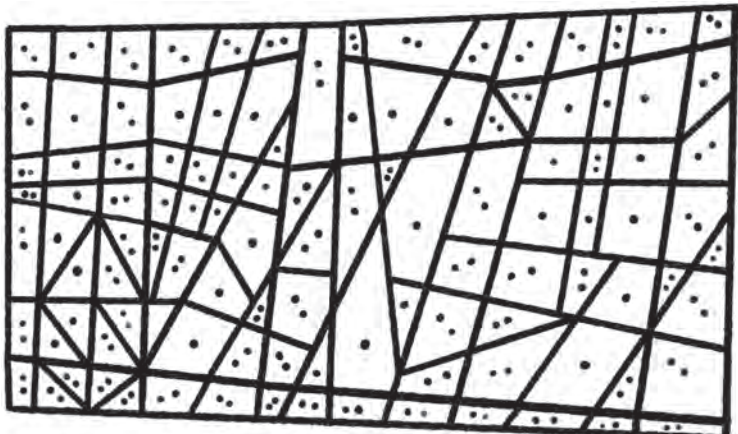
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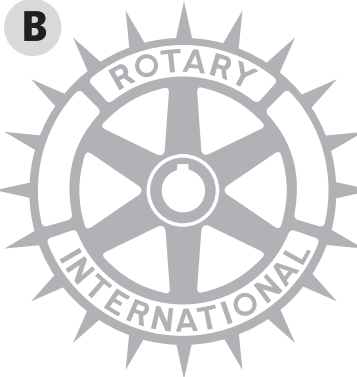
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DART ROYALTIES LLC	125 N MARKET ST STE 1425 - WICHITA, KS 67202-1720	\$87.04
DEAS, NICHOLE	6245 E 98TH ST - TULSA, OK 74137-5020	\$97.40
DESTINY SERVICES LLC	PO BOX 68 - PRATT, KS 67124-0068	\$3,486.94
DIAL, DARRELL DEAN	28 MONT DR - BENBROOK, TX 76132-1013	\$63.83
ELLIOTT, EDDIE K & IVA M	915 N SUGAR ST - KINGMAN, KS 67068	\$164.10
FERIL, CARL WAYLON	2135 NE WATERLOO AVE - MURDOCK, KS 67111	\$115.90
GARIBAY, SUSAN	619 S GROVE ST - KINGMAN, KS 67068-2410	\$84.14
GIBSON, JOHN C	387 N VALLEY ST - CUNNINGHAM, KS 67035-8842	\$156.64
GOLDEN TRIANGLE INDUSTRIES INC	PO BOX 4133 - ROSWELL, NM 88202-4133	\$100.98
GOLDEN TRIANGLE INDUSTRIES INC	PO BOX 4133 - ROSWELL, NM 88202-4133	\$636.38
GOLDEN TRIANGLE ROYALTY & OIL	PO BOX 4133 - ROSWELL, NM 88202-4133	\$249.62
GREGORY, TEEN	1608 BEVERLY DR - MODESTO, CA 95358-2316	\$107.30
HARREL, ADRIAN K	1325 N WALNUT ST - KINGMAN, KS 67068	\$104.94
HELM, LOTUS D	776 GABLE LN - COLLIERVILLE, TN 38017-6157	\$62.84
HOLLOWAY, HERSCHEL	949 AUSTIN CT - WEATHERFORD, TX 76086-6346	\$65.02
HOLLOWAY, RUBY	PO BOX 62 - SPIVEY, KS 67142-0062	\$69.36
HOWARD, EVELYN E & ROBERT L TR	636 N 30TH ST - COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80904	\$771.56
HOWARD, EVELYN E & ROBERT L TR	636 N 30TH ST - COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80904	\$494.82
INCLINE ENERGY II LLC	4645 N CENTRAL EXPY STE 100 - DALLAS, TX 75205-7324	\$106.80
INTEGREEN FARMS LLC	1021 N MAIN ST - PRATT, KS 67124	\$117.32
JAMES, REBECCA	5450E E LAKEVIEW DR - HARRAH, OK 73045	\$60.55
KINGMAN AIR INC	PO BOX 412 - KINGMAN, KS 67068	\$95.30
KINSLER, AUSTIN E	561 SE 120 ST - SPIVEY, KS 67142-9072	\$114.10
KLAUSMEYER, PATRICK W	303 S GREGORY ST - NASHVILLE, KS 67112-8039	\$963.04
KONETCHY, KENNETH	4156 MCLAUGHLIN RD - MOUNT VERNON, WA 98273-9157	\$71.28
KUHNS, SCOTT W & KATHY J	725 N ELM ST - KINGMAN, KS 67068	\$61.05
LECKLIDER, WILBUR	1056 SE 50 ST - KINGMAN, KS 67068	\$160.40
LEWIS, STACEY ADAM	12347 NE 10 ST - MURDOCK, KS 67111-9024	\$364.52
M & V PETROLEUM INC	10723 W KELLOGG ST - WICHITA, KS 67209-1221	\$427.72
MAPLE, JOE	15909 E FARRIS CEMETERY RD - ATOKA, OK 74525-6040	\$70.84
MARTIN, RICHARD AMOS JR	645 W B AVE - KINGMAN, KS 67068-1218	\$61.05
MATLACK, EUNICE MARIE ESTATE	4400 WHITETAIL DR - GUTHRIE, OK 73044-6135	\$153.68
MATLACK, EUNICE MARIE ESTATE	4400 WHITETAIL DR - GUTHRIE, OK 73044-6135	\$63.23
MCHENRY, MERRILL WILLIAM	5200 BAKER DR - THE COLONY, TX 75056-1812	\$100.26
MCHENRY, MICHAEL ALAN	1033 S LONGMORE APT 1032 - MESA, AZ 85202-4303	\$100.26
MCKENZIE, KATHLEEN	10032 CAENEN DR - LENEXA, KS 66215	\$382.06
MESSINGER, FRANK	415 CHURCH ST APT 2014 - NASHVILLE, TN 37219-1839	\$80.38
MONTOVER, SHERMAN J	6536 N DESERT BREEZE CT - TUCSON, AZ 85750-0849	\$77.00
MONTOVER, SHERMAN J	6536 N DESERT BREEZE CT - TUCSON, AZ 85750-0849	\$60.87
MORRISON, BETTY L	3330 HIRAM - WICHITA, KS 67217	\$63.60
NEWCOMB, GARY	1702 RAVEN - AUSTIN, TX 78757	\$92.92
PADILLA, ISAAC	204 E FOURTH AVE - KINGMAN, KS 67068-8816	\$140.04
PENIX OIL ROYALTIES PARTNERSHIP	11 CAMBAY CT - LITTLE ROCK, AR 72211	\$598.62
PICKETT, ROBERT D	404 S MAIN ST - NORWICH, KS 67118-8810	\$206.74
PIONEER EXPLORATION LTD	2424 RIDGE RD - ROCKWALL, TX 75087-5116	\$84.49
PLOCK, JESSE J	520 E 14TH AVE - WINFIELD, KS 67156-4422	\$237.90
PLOOG, CARLYLE	17 E 2ND AVE APT 3F - HUTCHINSON, KS 67501-7137	\$72.12
REIDA, CLAIR NELSON	1471 N SHORE DR - KNOXVILLE, IA 50138-8845	\$79.39
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RICHARDSON, FRANCES E	PO BOX 227 - NOLANVILLE, TX 76559-0227	\$108.70
ROADRUNNER ROYALTIES LLC	301 W MAIN STE 500 - ARDMORE, OK 73402	\$70.46
ROADRUNNER ROYALTIES LLC	301 W MAIN STE 500 - ARDMORE, OK 73402	\$100.16
ROBERTSON, LAURA	218 AARON DR - ANDOVER, KS 67002-9439	\$255.18
ROBERTSON, LAURA	218 AARON DR - ANDOVER, KS 67002-9439	\$154.38
ROCHA, KAREN	406 SW 11TH ST ST - BENTONVILLE, AR 72712-6278	\$137.24
ROMINE, CONARD	415 S COWGILL ST - NASHVILLE, KS 67112-8346	\$80.90
RSD MINERALS LLC	7329 NORFOLK DR - WICHITA, KS 67206	\$119.66
RSD MINERALS LLC	7329 NORFOLK DR - WICHITA, KS 67206	\$175.76
RSD MINERALS LLC	7329 NORFOLK DR - WICHITA, KS 67206	\$167.18
RUNYON, HERSCHEL & CAROLYN	2515 N MAIN ST - KINGMAN, KS 67068	\$139.88
SAN ROMANI, DARRIN J & EMILY R	1339 N WALNUT ST - KINGMAN, KS 67068	\$85.22
SANDERS, RICHARD D JR	10661 SE 70 AVE - RAGO, KS 67142	\$72.24
SCHULZ, DIANNE	5973 W WATKINS RD - SALINA, KS 67401-9346	\$60.55
SEXTON, KENT CRAIG	1403 PALMER AVE - PUEBLO, CO 81004-3018	\$72.50
SH OIL OPERATIONS LLC	PO BOX 771188 - WICHITA, KS 67277-1188	\$263.28
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SH OIL OPERATIONS LLC	PO BOX 771188 - WICHITA, KS 67277-1188	\$241.16
SH OIL OPERATIONS LLC	PO BOX 771188 - WICHITA, KS 67277-1188	\$185.50
SNYDER FAMILY TR	1919 W NEWPORT AVE - CHICAGO, IL 60657	\$71.56
SPINKS, RAYMOND SCOTT	421 W 1ST ST - CUNNINGHAM, KS 67035-8751	\$265.00
STUCKY, STEPHEN W & JEANETTE L	2511 IVY DR - NORTH NEWTON, KS 67117-8804	\$102.10
SUTTON, JAMES S II TRUST	200 W DOUGLAS 1000 - WICHITA, KS 67202	\$85.14
SWANSON, JOHN ROBERT & VICKI ANNE	14550 SW 165 AVE - NASHVILLE, KS 67112-1202	\$157.64
TEEN GREGORY	1608 BEVERLY DR - MODESTO, CA 95358-2316	\$147.71
THIMESCH, JASON & LACEY	231 E WASHINGTON AVE - KINGMAN, KS 67068	\$216.58
THULIN, JOHN A JR	5503 FARRAGUT - CHICAGO, IL 60630	\$80.74
TURNER, IRENE	7105 MISSION RD 248 - PRAIRIE VILLAGE, KS 66208-3077	\$62.96
TURNER, WAYNE E	7105 MISSION RD 248 - PRAIRIE VILLAGE, KS 66208-3077	\$62.96
VON FELDT, STEVEN	2700 COVENTRY RD - CROWLEY, TX 76036	\$76.70
WALCHER OIL LC	346 S LULU AVE - WICHITA, KS 67211-1713	\$296.14
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WALCHER OIL LC	346 S LULU AVE - WICHITA, KS 67211-1713	\$321.36
WEEKS, ROBERT ALLEN	1057 NE 20 RD - FREEPORT, KS 67049-9115	\$195.94
WELTMER, KENT H TR	PO BOX 1278 - WESTMONT, IL 60559	\$159.74
WELTMER, KENT H TR	PO BOX 1278 - WESTMONT, IL 60559	\$155.04
WELTMER, KENT H TR	PO BOX 1278 - WESTMONT, IL 60559	\$150.48
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WELTMER, KENT H TR	PO BOX 1278 - WESTMONT, IL 60559	\$149.42
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WELTMER, KENT H TR	PO BOX 1278 - WESTMONT, IL 60559	\$104.78
WELTMER, KENT H TR	PO BOX 1278 - WESTMONT, IL 60559	\$181.20
WENIGER, GORDON	6404 21ST AVE W APT H209 - BRADENTON, FL 34209	\$271.16
WERTH, MARLA KAY	3336 SAN ANTONIO DR - SNEELVILLE, GA 30039-6975	\$68.42
WESTERMAN, ANDREW	406 W CENTRAL AVE - NASHVILLE, KS 67112-8303	\$67.96
WHITEHURST, MARTIN LOYD	10158 NE 10 ST - MURDOCK, KS 67111	\$179.86
WINEINGER, BRENT A & JESSICA J	15307 SE 90 ST - NORWICH, KS 67118-9129	\$67.96
WOOD, JOHN F & HELEN L REV LIV TR	570 N 10 SPACE 100 - CORNELIUS, OR 97113	\$79.66
WRIGHT, DEREK & LEAH	PO BOX 6 - NORWICH, KS 67118-0006	\$210.13
WRIGHT, DEREK & LEAH	PO BOX 6 - NORWICH, KS 67118-0006	\$207.70
YEAGER, ALAN RAY	549 NAYLOR RD - VILONIA, AR 72173-9892	\$63.52
YEAGER, DONNIE	3477 SHORTMOUNTAIN HWY - SMITHFIELD, TN 37166	\$63.52
YEAGER, GARY	1552 S PARKWOOD LN - WICHITA, KS 67218-3329	\$89.14
YEAGER, LARRY	9514 N MT VERNON RD - GLENCOE, OK 74032	\$105.20
YEAGER, LARRY	9514 N MT VERNON RD - GLENCOE, OK 74032	\$89.14
YELLOWSTONE RESOURCES INC	2277 PLAZA DR STE 500 - SUGAR LAND, TX 77479-6602	\$68.06
Total due of all 2025 delinquent personal property taxes:		\$24,996.52

CLASSIFIEDS

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KINGMAN CITY POLICE BLOTTER *By Officer Kyle Mandeville*

Sunday, Oct. 4		Wednesday, Oct. 7		Medical Assist		300 W C Ave
Traffic Stops	3	Traffic Stops	5	Animal Complaint		400 W A Ave
Suspicious Person	200 W B Ave	Traffic Complaint	E Hwy 54	Traffic Complaint		100 N Main St
Suspicious Person	700 W D Ave	Animal Complaint	200 E D Ave	Electric Hazard/Road Hazard		500 N Coronado St
Monday, Oct. 5		Thursday, Oct. 8		Smoke Investigation		400 N Marquette St
Traffic Stops	5	Traffic Stops	2	Bar Check		Taphouse 54
Traffic Complaint	S Main St and W D Ave	Vehicle Unlock	400 E D Ave	Saturday, Oct. 10		
911 Hang-Up	200 W Kansas Ave	911 Hang-up	600 N Main St	Traffic Stops	1	
Tuesday, Oct. 6		Animal Bite	700 W D Ave	Disturbance	300 E D Ave	
Traffic Stops	2	Friday, Oct. 9		Traffic Complaint	W Hwy 54	
Gas Leak/ Odor	200 W Starlite Dr	Traffic Stop	4	Theft	W B Ave and N Cedar St	
Animal Complaint	100 N Main St	Warrant Service	700 E A Ave	Animal Complaint	2100 N Koch Industrial Rd	
Traffic Complaint	300 E Copeland Ave			Domestic Disturbance	200 N Pine St	

KINGMAN COUNTY SHERIFF BLOTTER

Sunday, Oct. 4		Miscellaneous		900 Blk N Main St, Kingman	Friday, Oct. 9	
Traffic Stops	2	Animal Complaint	3300 Blk SE 80 Ave, Murdock		Miscellaneous	17000 Blk SE 160 Ave, Norwich
Civil Paper Service	2	Animal Complaint	NE 40 Ave & NE 35 St, Kingman		Traffic Complaint	NW 20 & W Hwy 54, Kingman
Check Welfare	11000 Blk E Hwy 54, Cheney	Animal Complaint	NE 100 & E Bluff St, Kingman		Animal Complaint	5200 Blk NE 35 St, Kingman
Accidental 911 Dial	2054 SW 50 Ave, Kingman	Animal Complaint	SE 40 St & SE 80 Ave, Murdock		Traffic Complaint	100 Blk N Main St, Kingman
Animal Complaint	SE 70 Ave & AE 140 St, Rago	Suspicious Vehicle/Person	10000 Blk SE 50 St, Kingman		Traffic Complaint	NE 40 & NE 35 St, Pretty Prairie
Agency Assist/KHP	15000 Blk W H 54, Cunningham	Wednesday, Oct. 7		Saturday, Oct. 10		
Monday, Oct. 5		Traffic Stops	1	Traffic Stops	1	
Traffic Compalint	NE 10 St & E Hwy 54, Kingman	Civil Paper Service	2	Non-Injury Accident	14000 E Hwy 2, Norwich	
Agency Assist/KMPD	100 Blk S Main St, Kingman	Non-Injury Accident	400 Blk E Leiter, Cunningham	Traffic Complaint	17000 Blk W H 54, Cunningham	
Theft	500 Blk E 2nd Ave, Norwich	Non-Injury Accident	E Hwy 42 & SE 130, Norwich	Traffic Complaint	13000 Blk E Hwy 54, Cheney	
Tuesday, Oct. 6		Thursday, Oct. 8		Miscellaneous	SE 20 St & SE 140 Ave, Cheney	
Traffic Stops	1	Miscellaneous	200 Blk S Parkway St, Norwich	Traffic Complaint	8000 Blk E Hwy 54, Murdock	
Warrant Service/Arrest	200 Blk S Wilmot, Cunningham	Traffic Complaint	11000 Blk E Hwy 54, Cheney	Animal Complaint	SE 60 St & SE 100, Murdock	
Injury Accident	14000 Blk E Hwy 54, Cheney	Animal Complaint	700 Blk W Hwy 42, Spivey	Non-Injury Accident	13000 Blk E Hwy 2, Norwich	
Found Property	14000 Blk E Hwy 54, Cheney	Disturbance	500 Blk W Burns Ave, Norwich	Agency Assist/KMPD	200 Blk N Pine St, Kingman	

KINGMAN COUNTY DISTRICT COURT

Judge Roseanna Mathis		2026: State of Kansas vs. Kimberly L. Strugeon, hearing.		2026: State of Kansas vs. Colt Weston More, hearing.		2026: State of Kansas vs. Reanna Marie Cline, first appearance.		2026: State of Kansas vs. Jacob Robert Finn, first appearance.	
Thursday, Oct. 15		2026: State of Kansas vs. Angel M. Bermudez, diversion.		2026: State of Kansas vs. Ian Robert Schrandt, diversion.		2026: State of Kansas vs. Kathleen Jenulis, first appearance.		2026: State of Kansas vs. Katy R. Pisano, hearing.	
2026: State of Kansas vs. Austin L. Taylor, first appearance.		2026: State of Kansas vs. Cory Joel Sherbon, first appearance.		2026: State of Kansas vs. Kenneth Louis Lee, diversion.		2026: State of Kansas vs. Aaron Hunter Larcade, first appearance.		Judge Gatlen Wood	
2026: State of Kansas vs. Jessica Lynn Meier, first appearance.		2026: State of Kansas vs. Patricia Lissette Garcia, hearing.		2026: State of Kansas vs. Debbie L. Pike, first appearance.		2026: State of Kansas vs. Salvador Perez, first appearance.		Friday, Oct. 16	
2026: State of Kansas vs. Monica Lynne Perkins, first appearance.		2026: State of Kansas vs. Miriam Ntuyneabo, hearing.		2026: State of Kansas vs. Andrew Scott Ryder, first appearance.		2026: State of Kansas vs. Jose Nabor Castillo-Castanon, 21, driving without a license, \$500 bond.		2026: State of Kansas vs. Tyrone Lee Green, 27, aggravated assault.	
2026: State of Kansas vs. Craig M. Wise, status conference.		2026: State of Kansas vs. Clinton Harold Davis, hearing.		2026: State of Kansas vs. Geronimo Lopez Cruz, first appearance.		Oct. 9: Zachary John Meyer, 38, DUI, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia, \$3,000 OR bond.		Oct. 11: Stanley Kent Terwort II, 51, failure to appear.	
2026: State of Kansas vs. Garrett Ellis Green, hearing.		2026: State of Kansas vs. Jeffrey A. Hawkins, sentencing.		2026: State of Kansas vs. Jessica Solis, first appearance.					
2026: State of Kansas vs. Craig M. Wise, first appearance.		2026: State of Kansas vs. Adan Eduardo Rivas Aguilar, hearing.							
2026: State of Kansas vs. John D. Smalling, hearing.									
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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 possession 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.

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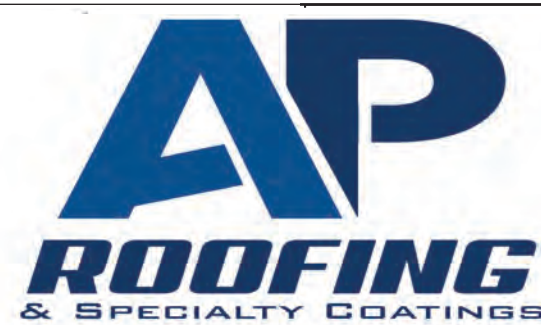
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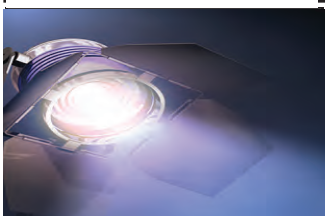
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BIRTHDAY ANNOUNCEMENT

Former Kingman resident Mary Youngers will celebrate 100 years on Oct. 24. She was born at Clonmel; her parents were Stephen and Lena Irsik. 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.

PUBLIC NOTICE

(Published in the Kingman Leader-Courier on Thursday, October 12, 2026) 1t

Notice of Public Auction
Cody Drosselmeyer (Towing and Recovery)
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PUBLIC NOTICE

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GENERAL ELECTION NOTICE STATE OF KANSAS COUNTY OF KINGMAN
I, Carol D. Noblit, County Election Officer of Kingman County, Kansas, do hereby inform Registered Voters of Kingman County that a General Election will be held November 3", 2026. Candidates for the following offices have been nominated by each political party and have qualified to participate in the General Election:
UNITED STATES SENATE (Vote for One)
ADAM HAMILTON, Stilwell (Democratic)
ROGER MARSHALL, St. John (Republican)
DAVID C. GRAHAM, Overland Park (Libertarian)
UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 4TH DISTRICT (Vote for One)
RON ESTES, Wichita (Republican)
KATY TYNDELL, Wichita (Democratic)
DREW CRANMER, Wichita (Libertarian)
GOVERNOR/ LT. GOVERNOR (Vote for One Pair)
CINDY HOLSCHER/ KC OHAEBOSIM, Overland Park/ Wichita (Democratic)
TY MASTERSON/JEFFREY KLEMP, Andover/ Lansing (Republican)
SECRETARY OF STATE (Vote for One)
SCOTT E. MORGAN, Lawrence (United Kansas)
PAT PROCTOR, Leavenworth (Republican)
JENNIFER DAY, Overland Park (Democratic)
ATTORNEY GENERAL (Vote for One)
KRIS KOBACH, Lecompton (Republican)
CHRIS MANN, Lawrence (Democratic)
STATE TREASURER (Vote for One)
JUAN C. LUENGO, Olathe (Democratic)
ERIC LUND, Paolo (Libertarian)
STEVEN JOHNSON, Assaria (Republican)
COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE (Vote for One)
RIC KOEHN, Cimmon (Libertarian)
DINAH SYKES, Lenexa (Democratic)
DANIEL HAWKINS, Wichita (Republican)
STATE REPRESENTATIVE 114TH DISTRICT (Vote for One)
ALAN ALBERS, Cunningham (Democratic)
KEVIN D. SCHWERTFEGER, Turon (Republican)
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER DISTRICT #7 (Vote for One)
ALANA MCWILLIAMS, Salina (Republican)
ANN ZIMMERMAN, Abilene (Democratic)
COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT #1 (Vote for One)
MICHELE KYLE, Norwich (Republican)
ALLEN TOWNSHIP CLERK (Vote for One)
THEODORE HALL, Norwich (Republican)
BELMONT TOWNSHIP CLERK (Vote for One)
Write-In line Available
BENNETT TOWNSHIP CLERK (Vote for One)
K. TODD TURNER, Norwich (Republican)
CANTON TOWNSHIP CLERK (Vote for One)
TIM ALLENDER, Spivey (Republican)
CHIKASKIA TOWNSHIP CLERK (Vote for One)
KEVIN MILLER, Spivey (Republican)
DALE TOWNSHIP CLERK (Vote for One)
JOHN E. PEARSON IV, Murdock (Republican)
DRESDEN TOWNSHIP CLERK (Vote for One)
ROBERT BAINUM, Cunningham (Republican)
EAGLE TOWNSHIP CLERK (Vote for One)
JAMES F. COON, Murdock (Republican)
EUREKA TOWNSHIP CLERK (Vote for One)
JAY HARTLEY, Cunningham (Republican)
EVAN TOWNSHIP CLERK (Vote for One)
MATTHEW HAUKAP, Cheney (Republican)
GALESBURG TOWNSHIP CLERK (Vote for One)
DAVID LAMPE, Kingman (Republican)
HOOSIER TOWNSHIP CLERK (Vote for One)
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KINGMAN TOWNSHIP CLERK (Vote for One)

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LIBERTY TOWNSHIP CLERK (Vote for One)
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NINNESCAH TOWNSHIP CLERK (Vote for One)
MIKE ROWLEY, Kingman (Republican)
PETERS TOWNSHIP CLERK (Vote for One)
DAN THIMESCH, Spivey (Republican)
RICHLAND TOWNSHIP CLERK (Vote for One)
RYAN MILLER, Kingman (Republican)
ROCHESTER TOWNSHIP CLERK (Vote for One)
GARY WOODARD, Zenda (Republican)
RURAL TOWNSHIP CLERK (Vote for One)
BOB RENNER, Cunningham (Republican)
UNION TOWNSHIP CLERK (Vote for One)
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EDWIN ESLINGER, Rago (Republican)
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RICK CASLEY, Cheney (Republican)
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SUPREME COURT FOR JUSTICE:
Shall the following judge be retained in office?
ERIC S. ROSEN, Topeka, Position No. 4, Kansas Supreme Court
LARKIN E. WALSH, Leawood, Position No. 6, Kansas Supreme Court
COURT OF APPEALS FOR JUDGE:
Shall the following Court of Appeal Judges be retained in office?
LESLEY ANN ISHERWOOD, Wichita, Position No. 2, Kansas Court of Appeals
AMY FELLOWS CLINE, Wichita, Position No. 3, Kansas Court of Appeals
KIM R. SCHROEDER, Hugoton, Position No. 5, Kansas Court of Appeals
LORI ANN BOLTON FLEMING, Weir, Position No.7, Kansas Court of Appeals
JACY HURST, Lawrence, Position No. 13, Kansas Court of Appeals
DISTRICT COURT FOR DISTRICT JUDGE:
Shall the following District Court Judges be retained in office?
FRANCIS E. MEISENHEIMER, Pratt, District 30, Division I
GATEN THOMAS WOOD, Cheney, District 30, Division 3
SHAWN ROBERT DEJARNETT, Mayfield, District 30, Division 4
FOR DISTRICT MAGISTRATE JUDGE:
Shall the following District Magistrate Judge be retained in office?
ROSEANNA K. MATHIS, Kingman, District 30, Position No. 3
Voting Places and the Township each voting place will serve from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on November 3'd, 2026, will be as follows:

VOTING PLACE	TOWNSHIPS
KINGMAN EXPO CENTER NORTH ROOM	- Hoosier, Ninnescah, White, Behmont & Richland
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MURDOCK METHODIST CHURCH	- Dale, Evan, Galesburg & Vinita
ZENDA COMMUNITY CENTER	- Kingman, Liberty, Peters, Rochester, Zenda City, Chikaskia, Spivey City, Valley & Nashville City
CUNNINGHAM COMMUNITY CENTER	- Eureka, Union, Rural, Dresden, Cunningham City, & Penalosa City

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereto set my hand and cause to be affixed my official seal. Done at the County Clerk's Office this 22"d day of September, 2026.
Kingman County Election Officer

LEGAL NOTICE

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IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT, KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
RYAN DEAN HOWER, Deceased
CASE NO. KM 2026 PR 3
Pursuant to Ch. 59
NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE AT PUBLIC AUCTION
THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:
You are hereby notified that Lanny Hower and Veronica Hower, co-administrators of the above entitled estate, will offer for sale at an online public auction the following described real estate situated in Kingman County, Kansas, to-wit:
Lot Seven (7), Eight (8), and Nine (9), in Block Thir-

ty-Eight (38) in the Town of Norwich, Kingman County, Kansas. (more commonly known as 427 South Main, Norwich, Kansas, 67118)
The online public auction will take place at FLOYD-SELLS.BIDWRANGLER.COM starting on the 4th day of November, 2026, at 10:00 a.m., and continuing to November 18, 2026, at 10:00 a.m., to the highest bidder for cash. All interested persons should take notice and govern themselves accordingly.
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Kingman County Extension Holds Cover Crop Field Day

PRESS RELEASE

K-State Extension – Kingman County will host a Cover Crop Field Day on Oct. 27 at 5:30 p.m.

This field day will be held one mile south and two miles east of Cunningham, at the intersection of 10th Street and 150th Avenue. Participants will have the opportunity to view cover crops in the field and discuss management practices applicable to local operations.

The featured speaker will be Logan Simon, K-State Southwest Area Agronomist, who will discuss considerations for selecting cover crop species, crop establishment, grazing management, evaluating soil health, and conducting soil tests.

A meal will be provided, sponsored by Skyland Grain, and participants are asked to RSVP by Oct. 23. For more information or to RSVP, contact Grace Schneider at the Kingman County Extension Office at (620) 532-5131 or gschnei@ksu.edu.



BOB MORRIS / Leader-Courier

Bus Tour: Marshall Among Candidates to Visit

U.S. Sen. Roger Marshall, holding the microphone was among the Republican candidates in the 2026 election who was part of the 2026 GOP Bus Tour, which made a stop at Champlin Park in Kingman Tuesday. Other candidates for state office visited Kingman as well to meet with voters and rally support in the November election.



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Musical Numbers: Kingman Marching Band Performs

The Kingman High School marching band took the field before the Eagles football game Friday against Southwestern Heights to perform the school theme song. During halftime, the KHS band returned to the field to perform multiple songs from the 1980s to entertain the crowd.

FENCE

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for certain types of fences, saying some of them cost \$40 per foot. He noted the previous fence was six feet tall, but didn't know if a new one needed to be that tall and that a four-foot tall fence might work.

"It's going to be expensive," Arensdorf said, but he understood the concerns about keeping people from getting into events without buying a ticket.

The previous fence had been removed because of drainage issues. Arensdorf said that the fence "was pretty well out of its lifespan," which made the decision easier to remove it.

Vice Mayor Travis

Kaufman asked how much the fair lost in potential ticket sales because of the snow fencing in place, instead of a permanent fence. He wondered what the return on investment would be if the city purchased a new fence.

Arensdorf said it was more about making the facility better, noting that the bleachers were paid for with grant money, estimating that covered about 80 percent of the costs.

Mayor Tracy Winsor wondered if more events would be held at the outdoor arena if there was a fence.

"There is a potential, if we can get more advertising and get the outdoor arena actually used, because right now, it's not used like it should be," Winsor said.

"But if we could get more rodeos in there, or even a bull blowout... stuff like that down there, having a fence, it's going to make it easier for anyone to host something down there."

Kaufman said his understanding was that it wasn't the lack of a fence that prevented activities being held there.

"The way that I understood it was these activities are happening, and there's a potential risk for losing ticket sales because people are sneaking in," Kaufman said.

City Commissioner Jon Wollen noted that the Pretty Prairie rodeo grounds has a setup that allows for limited access. He noted that the carnival and walking path make it more difficult to

close off the outdoor arena.

Wollen compared it to the Kingman Islanders baseball team not having a way to control access to games without closing off the park and having to rely on an "honor system."

Arensdorf noted that the fair board's concern was the lack of volunteers to monitor the area.

The city commission didn't take action on the matter but asked Knoell to continue to look into what the costs would be to put in a fence, though it wouldn't be a priority.

Knoell said the city does have other options for temporary solutions and that the city could always revisit if more events are booked for the outdoor arena.

HOUSING

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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.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 5004

A PROPOSITION to amend section 1 of article 5 of the constitution of the state of Kansas to require individuals to be citizens of the United States, at least 18 years of age and a resident of the voting area in which such person seeks to vote in order to vote in this state.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Kansas, two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the House of Representatives and two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the Senate concurring therein:

Section 1. The following proposition to amend the constitution of the state of Kansas shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the state for their approval or rejection: Section 1 of article 5 of the constitution of the state of Kansas is hereby amended to read as follows:

"§ 1. Qualifications of electors. Every (a) No person shall be deemed a qualified elector unless such person:

- (1) Is a citizen of the United States who;
- (2) has attained the age of eighteen years; and who
- (3) except as provided in subsection (b) or (c), resides in the voting area in which he or she such person seeks to vote shall be deemed a qualified elector:

(b) Laws of this state relating to voting for presidential electors and candidates for the office of president and vice-president of the United States shall comply with the laws of the United States relating thereto. A citizen of the United States, who is otherwise qualified to vote in Kansas for presidential electors and candidates for the offices of president and vice-president of the United States may vote for such officers either in person or by absentee ballot notwithstanding the fact that such person may have become a nonresident of this state if his or her such person's removal from this state occurs during a period in accordance with federal law next preceding such election.

(c) A person who is otherwise a qualified elector may vote in the voting area of his or her such person's former residence either in person or by absentee ballot notwithstanding the fact that such person may have become a nonresident of such voting area during a period prescribed by law next preceding the election at which he or she such person seeks to vote, if his such person's new residence is in another voting area in the state of Kansas."

Sec. 2. The following statement shall be printed on the ballot with the amendment as a whole:

"Explanatory statement. This amendment would clarify that only a person who is a citizen of the United States is eligible to vote in this state.

"A vote for this proposition would clarify that only a person who is a citizen of the United States is eligible to vote in this state.

"A vote against this proposition would make no change to the constitution of the state of Kansas, and the language concerning voter qualifications would remain the same."

Sec. 3. This resolution, if approved by two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the House of Representatives and two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the Senate, shall be entered on the journals, together with the yeas and nays. The secretary of state shall cause this resolution to be published as provided by law and shall cause the proposed amendment to be submitted to the electors of the state at the general election in November in the year 2026, unless a special election is called at a sooner date by concurrent resolution of the legislature, in which case the proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors of the state at the special election.



11 Years Ago

Kingman City Commissioner Stan Hacker, while praising the efforts of law enforcement to discourage "TP Thursday" during homecoming activities, asked during the city commission meeting if the same effort could be put into the ongoing drug problem in Kingman. Local first responders took part in a four-hour training session at the Kingman Waste Water Treatment Plant. Pre-K students at Kingman Elementary-Middle School students used new iPads to give them a jump start in literacy. Cunningham second-grader Kendall Rodgers was the statewide winner in the 5-to-7-year-old category of the annual "Put the Brakes on Fatalities" Day poster contest. Kingman High School sophomore Camryn Watkins qualified for the Class 4A State tournament after she shot 113 at the Regional golf tournament in Winfield. Country singer Jake Gill and his band planned to perform a benefit concert to help Kingman coupler Ron and Sharon Rush with medical expenses.

35 Years Ago

Jessica McGinnis was crowned Kingman High School homecoming queen, escorted by Pat Bergmeier. Kingman High School announced the cast had been set for its upcoming drama "Harvey" with leading roles earned by Blaine Jones and Amy Graber. Frank Smith, city superintendent of water, announced that work on the water tower was nearly completed and should be ready to use in two weeks. A plan to build a new building southwest of the Kingman County Courthouse had to be put on hold until the county submitted its plans for review by the Kansas State Historical Society. The Kingman football team won its homecoming game 33-7 against Rose Hill and fullback Allen Goff rushed for 179 yards. Norwich's football team won a 45-0 shutout over Pratt Skyline and Cunningham's football team held off a late Clearwater rally to win 48-44. The USD 331 Board of Education had a lengthy discussion about concerns about gangs in Kansas, particularly Wichita, and the board's concerns about how it might impact USD 331 schools. Dr. Mark A. McClay announced plans to open up a chiropractic office in Kingman. The Kingman Elementary cooks received a School Food Service 100% Membership Award for the entire staff becoming members of the Kansas and National School Food Service Associations. The Kingman girl's golf

team won its Regional tournament at Lake Barton Country Club and advance to State.

60 Years Ago

Members of the Kingman Lions Club started planning for their 45th anniversary celebration, to include a special visit from Claude M. DeVorss, past president of Lions International, a position he held during the 1964-65 organizational year. J.L. Engelhardt and Vivian Graber were photographed boxing the ditty bags for the Red Cross, to be sent to soldiers in Vietnam for Christmas. The Kingman football team played Kiowa to a 6-6 tie, in which Kingman fumbled the ball three times, one setting up Kiowa's only touchdown, but the Eagles held off another Kiowa drive with an interception on the 14-yard line. Sen. James Pearson made a stop in Kingman to remind voters about his re-election campaign. The 1966-67 United Fund drive got underway; the organization's goal was to raise \$8,990. A farm home near Midway, owned by Melvin White, was destroyed by fire. Carolyn Robinson of Nashville was one of the members of the K-State Collegiate 4-H club who spoke to new students at the Manhattan campus about the group during the annual K-State Activities Carnival. Boy Scout Troops 270 and 272 attended the Seventh District Camporee of the Quivira Council at the Cheney State Lake.

85 Years Ago

The Kingman High School junior class presented a three-act comedy "Campus Quarantine," with Patsy Baker taking the role of the main character, Beryl Shepherd. Godfrey Miss was the first-place winner in the two-year-old Hereford class at the Kingman County Fair; the animal was shown by Earl Hanes of Castleton. The Kingman football team won its fourth straight game, beating Harper 32-0 after overcoming some fumbles early in the game. Heavy wind in the Cleveland area damaged a garage belonging to Otto Kelly and hog fences at the Eldon Bray home. The local American Legion post started discussions for a gala festival to commemorate Armistice Day Nov. 11. W.F. Murray, president of the Kingman County Fair Association, proclaimed the 1941 fair a success and thanked everyone who made things possible. B&W Grocery advertised a two-pound package of graham crackers for 20 cents.



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NORWICH CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

September 2026 Meeting

Mayor, Mitch Hewitt, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The mayor led the invocation and the pledge of allegiance. Council members present were Nathan Adams, Eldon Headrick, Lanny Hower, and Steve VanGieson. Employees present were Chrissy Bartel, Chris Bartel, Muriel Boyce, Carol Poe, Tab Turner, and Monte Vavra.

Citizens present were Chad Allender, Lucas Schroeder, and Julie Lyon, Kingman County Commissioner.

Julie Lyon discussed zoning and housing in Norwich.

Lanny Hower moved to approve the consent agenda which includes: special hearing minutes Aug. 3, 2026; regular meeting

minutes Aug. 3, 2026; special meeting minutes Aug. 7, 2026; Treasurer’s report through June 30, 2026; Treasurer’s report through July 31, 2026; and warrants through Aug. 31, 2026. Nathan Adams 2nd. Motion carried 4-0.

Nathan Adams moved to approve the special warrants for Ye Olde General Store. Steve VanGieson 2nd. Motion carried 4-0.

Getting bids to paint the pool was discussed.

Nathan Adams discussed removing and replacing the door upstairs. Mr. Adams will get with Lee Ayers for a quote for door upstairs.

Eldon Headrick stated the new restaurant opened.

Lanny Hower mentioned the millings look good around town. Lanny Hower moved to approve 6 additional loads of millings from Pearson Materials at \$200 a load. Eldon Headrick 2nd. Motion carried 4-0.

Monte Vavra provided his public works report. Mr. Vavra discussed working on fire hydrant replacement, and the water tower will be inspected in the spring.

Tab Turner gave an oral fire report. Mr. Turner discussed the upcoming fundraiser and fire prevention on Oct. 8.

Chrissy Bartel provided her EMS report. It was the consensus of the council to pay Chrissy Bartel her vacation exceeding the maximum hours allowed to carry

over. After discussion, Lanny Hower moved to approve Jennifer Campbell and Chrissy Bartel to attend EMS World for a cost of \$3,585.84 to be reimbursed through the Patterson grant. Eldon Headrick 2nd. Motion carried 4-0. After discussing EMS pay, Lanny Hower moved to increase Jennifer Campbell’s pay to \$18/hour retroactive to the first of the year. Eldon Headrick 2nd. Motion carried 4-0.

Carol Poe provided her admin/clerk report. Ms. Poe discussed the Wheatland Electric franchise agreement and Nisly trash service contract. It was the consensus of the council to pay \$20 to Ms. Poe for gas to attend a meeting. Muriel Boyce discussed the

treasurer’s report. Chris Bartel gave an oral compliance report. Lucas Schroeder gave an oral rec report. Facilities tour was set for Oct. 10 at 9:00 a.m. Monte Vavra will get bids for concrete at the airport for next meeting. Fall clean-up was set for Oct. 17-18. The next meeting will be on Oct. 5 at 7:00 p.m. Eldon Headrick moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m. Steve VanGieson 2nd. Motion carried 4-0. Mitch Hewitt, Mayor Carol Poe, City Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE

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ORDINANCE NO. 447

An ordinance granting Wheatland Electric Cooperative, Inc. (or Cooperative) its successors and assigns, the franchise and right to construct, operate and maintain electric transmission and distribution lines, facilities or systems within the corporate limits of the City of Norwich (or City), State of Kansas, to transmit, distribute and sell electric energy to the said City and its inhabitants, and to transmit electric energy through the said City for distribution and sale to residents outside the City.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORWICH, STATE OF KANSAS, THAT:

Section 1

Wheatland Electric Cooperative, Inc., a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Kansas, its successors, lessees or assigns, said Cooperative being a cooperation, operating a system for the transmission of electric current between two or more incorporated cities in the State of Kansas, into and through which it has built transmission lines, is hereby granted the franchise, privilege and right for 20 years, to construct, operate and maintain electric transmission and distribution lines or systems within the limits of the City of Norwich, Kansas, hereinafter called the City (as said limits are presently constructed or may in the future be extended), to transmit distribute and sell electric energy to the City or its inhabitants, and for sale to residents outside the City. This franchise, privilege and right is nonexclusive, and nothing herein shall be construed to prevent the City from granting similar franchises, rights or privileges to any other person, firm, corporation or entity as permitted by law.

Section 2

The grant herein made includes the further right and privilege to construct, operate, maintain and repair, relocate and extend said electric lines or systems including all poles, wires, cables, conductors, conduits, anchors, guys, transfonners, transfonner stations, and all fixtures and facilities necessary for the convenience of the Cooperative's business along, upon, over, under, through and across the streets, alleys, and public grounds, within the said City (as said streets, alleys, and public grounds

are presently laid out or as they may be laid in the future.) This grant includes the right to enter upon such lands as necessary to carry out the privileges and obligations granted hereunder.

Section 3

Said electric lines or systems, poles, wires, cables, conductors, conduits, anchors, guys, transformers, transformer station, and all fixtures and facilities necessary for the

operation of the Cooperative's business, shall be constructed, operated, maintained, repaired or relocated in such places and manner as will be consistent with necessity, and cause the least inconvenience with other public uses of such streets, alleys or public grounds. When Cooperative shall do any work of construction, repair or maintenance of said system in the course of which any pavements, curbing or gutter upon any street, alley, bridge or public place shall be excavated, Cooperative shall properly protect excavations and shall promptly restore such street, alley, bridge or public place as far as practicable to as good condition as before such work was done. Cooperative will hold the City harmless from any liability arising from the negligent acts or omissions of said Cooperative. Cooperative shall provide and keep in force public liability insurance with a limit of at least one Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) for bodily injury and property damage and at least Five Million Dollar (\$5,000,000.00) Umbrella policy. Cooperative shall maintain on file at the Office of the City Clerk a current Certificate of insurance verifying such public liability coverage.

Section 4

As consideration for the granting of this franchise, the Cooperative shall:

a) Operate and maintain the existing standard street lighting system for the City and in the event of

growth of the City or reasonable need for change, modification or improvement of said street lighting system as the Cooperative and the City may agree upon, and upon terms that are fair, reasonable and just to the Cooperative and the City and, if applicable, in accordance with the latest legally adopted rates, rules and regulations of the Cooperative.

b) For the cost of operation and maintenance of said street lighting system, the City agrees to pay the Cooperative in accordance with the Cooperative's latest public street lighting rate schedule or succeeding rate schedule.

c) The Cooperative agrees to sell and deliver unto the City during the period of this franchise such energy as may be required by the City for heat, power and other end uses the governing body of the City shall direct, all in accordance with its current rate schedule or any succeeding legally adopted rate schedule.

d) Nothing in this franchise shall be construed to limit or waive the City's authority 1mder K.S.A. 12-2001 to fix by ordinance a reasonable schedule of maximum rates to be charged to the City an.d its inhabitants, to the extent applicable by law. Any such rate-setting authority shall be exercised in accordance with applicable law. However, if the City does set a maximum rate schedule in an amount less than the Cooperative's rate schedules used to serve the City and its inhabitants, the Cooperative has the right to terminate this agreement with ninety (90) days' written notice prior to such termination.

e) The Cooperative, its successors and assigns, shall locate its electric lines or system in the streets, avenues, alleys and other public places in such a manner as to cause the least interference with the use of said streets, avenues, alleys and public places. At times when City causes public improvements to be made to any streets, avenues, alleys or other public places within the City that are occupied by Cooperative's electrical facilities or system, Cooperative shall, at the request of the City, relocate its electrical facilities or system at Cooperative's expense to conform to the City's planned improvement. However, if the City requires that the Cooperative locate or relocate its facilities underground, the City will pay the Cooperative the difference between the cost to build facilities underground as opposed to overhead. If said Cooperative is required to move, alter or rebuild any of its electrical facilities or system not located on public right-of-way, the cost of moving altering or rebuilding sa.id facilities or system not located on public right-of-way, and including the cost to build underground, shall be borne by the requesting party. In the event City vacates or otherwise abandons a City right-of-way on which Cooperative facilities or systems are located, or planned to be located, the ordinance and contract selling, vacating or abandoning such City right-of-way shall provide a City-granted easement to Cooperative.

f) The Cooperative's rights and obligations under the franchise agreement may be terminated by the Cooperative if the City, or an entity owned, operated, controlled or affiliated with the City, begins to provide electric service to customers within the City's boundaries or within three (3) miles thereof. If Cooperative elects to cease exercising any of its rights or obligations under this franchise pursuant to this provision, the Cooperative shall give the City ninety (90) days' written notice prior to such termination.

Section 5

In consideration of the premises, the Cooperative agrees to pay to the City, and the City agrees to accept as adequate compensation and consideration for the franchise hereby granted and in lieu of occupation, license, privilege and all other taxes and foes, (5%) five percent of the total of the gross receipts for electric energy sold by the Cooperative to all consumers located within the City's boundaries during the term of this franchise. Any consideration hereunder shall be reported and paid to the City by the Cooperative monthly. Such payments shall be made no more than thirty (30) days following the close of the period for which payment is due, for the years in which the franchise remains in effect. Such payments shall be rendered in the form of a check made payable to the City of Norwich. The term

"gross receipts," as used in this Section shall include all receipts from the sale of electric energy as used in the City, and shall exclude electrical energy sold for resale. The City may elect to exclude receipts from(!) electrical energy sold to the United States or the State of Kansas or to any agency or political subdivision thereof, and (2) the electrical energy used by public utilities and institutions not operating for profit, churches and charitable institutions, provided it provides Cooperative 90 days' notice of such request in writing. The Cooperative may elect to exclude receipts from electrical energy sold to a specific customer when such exclusion is necessary to attract or retain the business of that customer.

Section 6

The City shall have access to and the right to examine, at all reasonable times, all books, receipts, files, records and documents of Cooperative necessary to verify the correctness of said payments.

Section 7

The Cooperative, its successors and assigns, in the construction, maintenance and operation of this electric system, under the rights and privileges herein granted, shall exercise reasonable and proper precaution to avoid damage or injury to persons or property and shall hold and save harmless the City, from any and all damage, injury and expense caused by the negligence of said Cooperative, its successors and assigns, or its agents or servants.

Section 8

The Cooperative is hereby granted the privilege of trimming such trees located within the City's streets, alleys, rights-of-way, and easement boundaries as may interfere with the safe and proper construction and operation of the electric system. The Cooperative shall exercise this right, so far as reasonable, in a manner that maintains aesthetic quality of the trees trimmed.

Section 9

All rights, privileges and authority granted to the Cooperative hereunder shall inure to the benefit of the Cooperative's successors, lessees and assigns, subject to the tennns, provisions and conditions herein contained, and all obligations imposed upon the Cooperative hereunder shall be binding upon the Cooperative's successors, lessees and assigns.

Section 10

Within sixty days from and after the passage and approval of this franchise agreement by the City Council, said Cooperative shall file with the City Clerk of said City, its written unconditional acceptance of this franchise. Any expenses associated with the publishing of this ordinance as required by statute shall be paid by the Cooperative.

Section 11

Any and all ordinances in conflict with the terms hereof are hereby repealed.

Section 12

This franchise shall become effective as provided by law. The term of this franchise shall be twenty (20) years from t11e effective date of ililis ordinance. Upon the Cooperative's written acceptance of this franchise, as provided in section 10, and upon receipt and recording of that acceptance by the City, this franchise shall become a binding agreement between the parties.

Section 13

Nothing in this franchise ordinance shall be construed to limit, surrender, waive or impair any authority, power, right or remedy now or hereafter granted to the City under

K.S.A. 12-2001 et seq. or other applieable law, except to the extent expressly provided by law.

Section 14

This franchise is granted pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. l 2-2001, et seq. Passed and approved ililis 5th day of October 2026.

City of Norwich, Kansas

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By _____

Mitch Hewitt, Mayor

By _____

Carol Poe,

City Clerk

COMMUNITY

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

Kingman Co. GOP Hosts Heritage Dinner



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Republican gubernatorial candidate Ty Masterson spoke to the crowd during the annual Heritage Dinner held Oct. 4.

PRESS RELEASE

The Kingman County Republican Party held Kingman’s annual American Heritage dinner on Sunday, Oct. 4 at the Kingman Expo Center. This year’s focus was 250 years of American exceptionalism, liberty, strength, and greatness.

Guest speakers included gubernatorial candidate Kansas Ty Masterson, U.S. Congressman Ron Estes, Secretary of State candidate Pat Proctor, State School Board candidate Alana McWilliams, along with State Sen. Michael Murphy and State Rep. Kevin Schwertfeger.

Michelle Kyle, running unopposed for District 1 Kingman County commissioner, also spoke, as well as Kingman’s Vice Mayor Travis Kaufman.

Numerous other local leaders attended the event, including State Rep. Joe Siewert, County Commissioners Jack Thimesch and Jeff Young, County Treasurer Jamie Smith, County Attorney Matt Ricke, Kingman-Norwich School Board President Tab Turner, Cunningham school board members Travis Thimesch and Abby Bock, Kingman City Manager Dan Knoell and Kingman City Fire Chief Shae Brooks.

The Master of Ceremony was the nationally syndicated talk radio host Andy Hooser of “The Voice of Reason” talk show, who is also the Vice Chairman of the Kansas Republican Party.

The event was sold out, with attendees enjoying a social hour conversing with these candidates and elected leaders before dinner and hearing from our speakers. The proceeds from this dinner will be used by the Kingman County Republican Party to recruit and elect conservatives to local and state offices.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Pictured (L to R) are hostesses and speaker: June Hardaway, Vonda Behrens, Anna Goossen and LaDonna Eshnaur.

CCW Ladies Learn About Health

ORGANIZATION REPORT

The Community Christian Women knew the fall season had arrived when they entered the beautifully decorated Event Center on Norwich’s main street, the evening of Oct. 8, 2026. Vonda Behrens, June Hardaway and LaDonna Eshnaur went all out with autumn decor on the tables and refreshment area.

Brenda Shipley welcomed all, led in prayer and conducted the business meeting.

Devotions on “Victory Through Battles” was given by Vonda Behrens. She spoke of the battle God gave Joshua that required great patience and faith when facing what seemed impossible. She reminded us that we all have trials in life and need not face them alone. We should ask other people and God for help. Vonda closed with a story about how a tree looks in the four seasons of the year and compared it to seasons of our life.

Anna Behrens Goossen, our speaker, was introduced by her mother Vonda Behrens as a P.A. in Medicine Lodge. Anna presented six topics on women’s health using a slide show. She spoke of heart health, cancer screening, bone health, menopause, mental health and lifestyle. So much information was given in an easily understood manner then followed by questions on each section. Anna adeptly answered each and we all learned many things to help us understand our bodies and what we can do to keep ourselves healthy. We were all proud of this very professional woman who graduated from Norwich High School.

The elaborate refreshment table held apple pie monkey bread muffins, served in attractive paper baking cups, which were quite a treat. A big bowl of apple slices had so many tasty toppings, you had to make choices! Served with coffee, tea and water it was all quite delightful. The next CCW meeting will be Nov. 5 at the Norwich Pre-School with Wendy Grimm informing us about this part of our educational system.

This evening was a wonderful informative experience. You are always welcome to join this group.

Reporter, Brenda Shipley

Advocates Visit Kingman TOPS

ORGANIZATION REPORT

On Oct. 5, TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Advocates visited the Kingman TOPS Club. District 17 Advocates, Rod and Lori Philo, travel around Kansas and promote wellness and member support. Their area covers Kansas, Oklahoma, and Missouri. While in Kingman, they gave an interesting program titled “Joy Ride through Change” to members of the Kingman TOPS Club.

TOPS was founded in 1948 by Esther Manz in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. A small group of her friends wanted to support each other in their weight loss journey. TOPS now is and International organization, but the friendly environment and support are still of utmost importance.

Meeting styles have been added to meet today’s busy lifestyle and members’ personal choices. The in person, virtual, or online groups are all different TOPS approaches to help others with a way of life of health and wellness. Each approach focuses on support towards



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Kingman TOPS was recently visited by District 17 Advocates Ron and Ling Philo. Pictured are members (L to R) back row: Yvonne Montfort, Marilyn Kalmar, Elaine Geesling, and Joan Boswell. Front row: Rod Philo, Lori Philo and Kathy Kaiser.

sensible decisions and real success. Individuals can focus on healthier habits and their own mini goals.

Remember, every success, scale or non-scale, should be

celebrated. We can help you find the style of TOPS that best meets your lifestyle. You are worth it. Be the healthiest you can be. No shame... only support. Kingman TOPS has

been active continuously since 1967. We meet on Mondays at the Kingman Christian Church at Main and 54 Highway (West door). Call Joan at (620) 532-2615 for information.

Whispering Willows 4-H Club Prepares for Upcoming Year

ORGANIZATION REPORT

Members gathered together at St. Patrick’s Catholic Church on Oct. 4 to celebrate 4-H Sunday. Members helped with different parts of Mass. Following Mass, we had a breakfast for everyone at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

Later that afternoon we had a work day for the Haunted Forest. We also had our monthly meeting. We talked about 4-H week activities, our upcoming community service activities, and welcomed three new members to our club.

We will be holding our Haunted Forest on Oct. 17, 24, and 30. We welcome everyone out for a fun scare and to help the Helm family with medical expenses.

Sam Thimesch
Whispering Willow Club Reporter



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Whispering Willow 4-H Club recently welcomed three new members to the club. New members were (L to R) front row: Mila Fairchild, Carter Piester, Sonny Fairchild. Back row are officers Addy Belt, Hayden Gehring, Paisley Gonzales.

A Mom’s Musing

By Stephanie Jump, Co-Owner M3 Publishing

Instead of a musing this week, I am going to rant a bit. We received a nameless letter to one of our other papers complaining about too much sports coverage. And this momma is seeing a little bit of red at the moment. So I decided that I (as a momma) would like to address the sports coverage from a different angle.

Our youngest is STILL in high school. She is active in cheer which will clue many in to where I am going with this rant. For there to be “too much” coverage of this particular team, there is a 15 year girl who has a dad who misses her favorite sport of cheer each season as he chases football games all over the pace. He doesn’t complain, nor does she, she knows that that is the nature of the jobs her parents have chosen.

I wish we didn’t have to have eight papers just so this

particular paper (and all of our other publications) can have one but that is where we are.

Many don’t realize what our reality is now with all of these publications but it isn’t family friendly. Half the time I am not sure what my child even eats, let alone have time to cook.

Just another perspective to consider.



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Contest: Kingman Group Places

Four Kingman County 4-Hers brought home third place for their team at the 57th Annual Invitational Livestock Judging Contest held on Oct. 6 at South Barber High School in Kiowa. The boys judged in the Experienced 4-H division. Pictured (L to R) are Corbin Giefer, Taos McNair, Nolan Baringer and Scotty Sparks.

SCKAA MEALS

Please call 620-553-4177 for meal reservations

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| Monday, Oct. 19:
Meatloaf, garlic mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, blushing pears, roll, milk | gravy, green beans, creamy fruit salad, breadstick, milk |
| Tuesday, Oct. 20:
Tuna noodle casserole, peas, applesauce, roll, milk | Thursday, Oct. 22:
Cheesy ham and hash casserole, cucumber and tomato salad, mixed fruit, bread pudding, roll, milk |
| Wednesday, Oct. 21:
Baked chicken and mushrooms, mashed potatoes with | Friday, Oct. 23: Chili, garden salad, peaches, cinnamon roll, milk |

LAND SALES COMING UP!

OCTOBER 27, 2026 | 163+ Acres | Kingman County | ONLINE ONLY | Bidding Begins
Closing at 2:00 PM | Hunting • Recreation • Grassland

OCTOBER 29, 2026 | 160+ Acres | Kingman County | LIVE & ONLINE | 10:00 AM |
Zenda City Hall, 213 N. Main St., Zenda, KS | Farmland • Pasture • Recreation

NOVEMBER 3, 2026 | 77+ Acres | Reno County | ONLINE ONLY | Bidding Begins
Closing at 2:00 PM | Productive Cropland

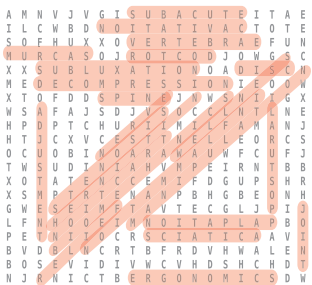
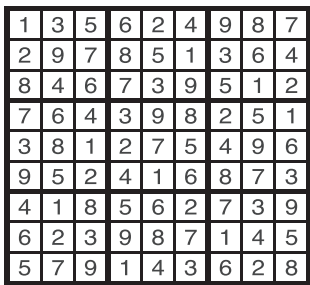
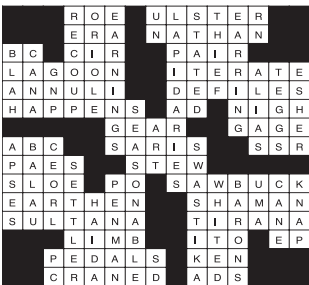
NOVEMBER 5, 2026 | 70+ Acres | Pawnee County | ONLINE ONLY | Bidding Begins
Closing at 2:00 PM | Farmland • Recreation • Pawnee River



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