

OPINION

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

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I would like to make a few comments after reading the May 15, 2025 article with the heading Thimesch: Hubbell Should Pay for IT Services Out of Her Own Wages. Your readers should understand that for many years the Kingman County Register of Deeds has generated far more money in recording of deeds, mortgages, leases and other documents than they have spent. And every year that excess money ends up in the county’s general fund that year. In

today’s time and age with many communities facing problems with cyber stealing of real estate I think we all need to support and thank our current register of deeds for running a safe and sound office that we all can be proud of.  
Thank you,  
Scott Sparks, Owner  
Kingman Real Estate

Staying on the Right Side of the Gate

By Glen Brunkow, Pottawatomie County Farmer, Rancher

I shut myself in the pen recently, or more correctly I shut my side-by-side in the pen recently. It had been a long day, and Jennifer and I were feeding the cows just a little bit before dark. I was opening and closing gates for her. She went through the gate after feeding the last bale and I shut it behind her only to realize I had shut myself in.

One could argue that such an incident is part of the course with me, and you would not be wrong. However, even for me this was embarrassing and puzzling. The only thing I could chalk it up to a long hard day that should have ended sooner. Fortunately for me, no one saw

this little incident, well, except for all of you who are now reading about it.

I will tell you this story for two reasons. The first is to make you laugh, I don’t mind if people laugh at me (with me?), sometimes a story is just too good not to tell. You are welcome. My second purpose for telling you about it is to highlight what can happen when we push ourselves a little too far. It is an easy thing to do this time of the year with all we have to do.

My mistake was the mindless closing of a gate with my transportation on the other side, however, it could have been a much more serious mistake. It only takes a split second to make a

life-changing mistake and when you are fatigued that can make all the difference.

Am I saying to cut back on your work? Maybe, but I also know that cutting back is not always an option, and we have a lot of work to get done. No, what I am saying is to pay attention to your body and know when you need to take a break, your safety depends on it.

Accidents happen, and they can be caused by malfunctions of equipment, unexpected hazards or a myriad of things but I would also bet that the root cause of a lot of farm accidents is fatigue and stress.

We have all been there. All I am asking is that when you

know you have been pushed to the limit take some time and get refreshed. It’s a simple solution, but it could save you a lot of money or even your life.

If you do push your limits, I hope your story is amusing and maybe even a bit embarrassing like mine. If it is, share it with me so we can laugh about it together. I am just asking you to take the extra step and be careful. The number of farmers and ranchers is getting fewer all the time and we can’t afford to lose anyone else. I hope spring and summer go smoothly, and I pray that everyone stays safe.

Hopefully, your worst mistake finds you on the wrong side of a gate.



PUBLIC NOTICE

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ELECTION NOTICE:

TO ALL RESIDENTS OF ALL INCORPORATED CITIES IN KINGMAN COUNTY BEING:

Cunningham City, Kingman City, Nashville City, Norwich City, Penalosa City, Spivey City and Zenda City.

To those persons living in these cities, there will be a General Election for mayors and city councilmen on Tuesday, November 4th, 2025, for persons to be elected to fill such offices. A Primary Election, if needed, for any positions will be held on August 5th, 2025.

The filing deadline for said positions will be at 12:00 NOON on Monday, June 2nd, 2025. The place of filing will be with the County Clerk located in the Kingman County Courthouse. Filing fee for these positions will be \$20.00 per candidate.

Dated this 7th day of May, 2025.

Carol D. Noblit

Kingman County Election Officer

TO ALL RESIDENTS OF USD #331 AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

According to K.S.A. 25-2018 (b):

There shall be a General Election on Tuesday, November 4th, 2025 for the purpose of electing USD #331 Board Members to the position #5, #6, #7 at-large & the unexpired

term of Position #1. A primary election, if any is needed, for all positions will be held on August 5th, 2025. The filing deadline for these positions will be at 12:00 NOON on June 2nd, 2025. The place for filing will be in the office of the Kingman County Clerk located in the Kingman County Courthouse, Kingman, Kansas. The filing fee is \$20.00 per candidate.

Dated this 7th day of May, 2025.

Carol D. Noblit

Kingman County Election Officer

TO ALL RESIDENTS OF USD #332 AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

According to K.S.A. 25-2018 (b):

There shall be a General Election on Tuesday, November 4th, 2025, for the purpose of electing USD #332 Board Members to three at-large positions. A Primary Election, if any is needed for all positions will be held on August 5th, 2025. The filing deadline for these positions will be at 12:00 NOON on June 2nd, 2025. The place for filing will be in the office of the Kingman County Clerk located in the Kingman County Courthouse, Kingman, KS. Filing fee is \$20.00 per candidate.

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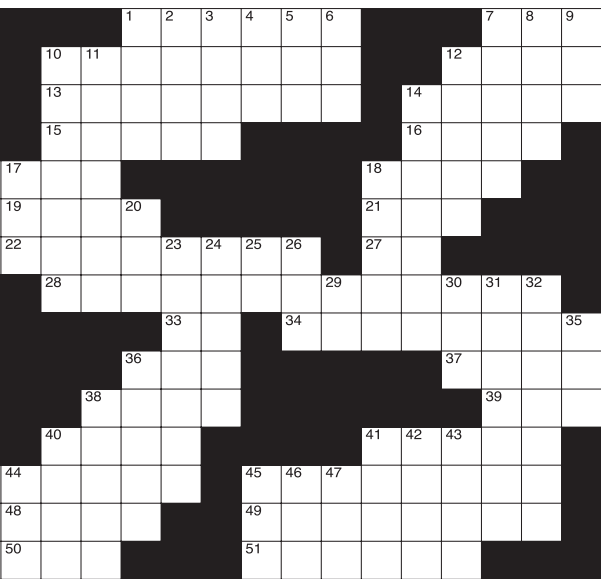
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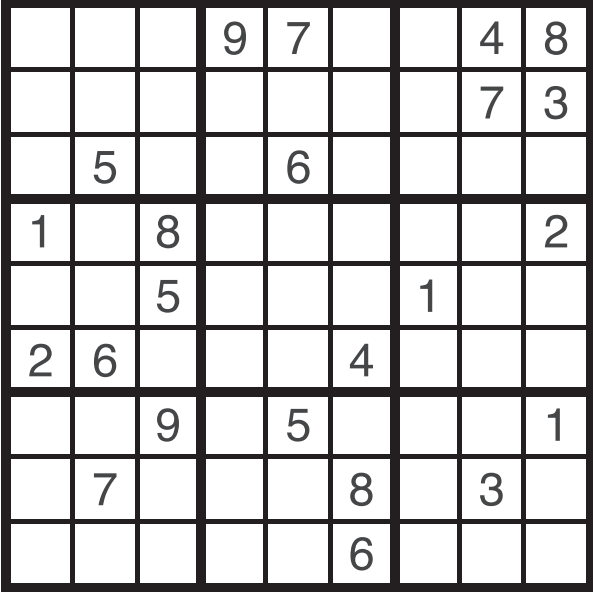


CLUES ACROSS

1. Bring up  
7. Child  
10. Formal written defense  
12. Bangladeshi currency  
13. Burial site  
14. In the lead  
15. Large recesses in a church  
16. Count on  
17. Defunct phone company  
18. Golf scores  
19. Afflicts  
21. Defensive nuclear weapon  
22. Prominence  
27. “The Great Lakes State”  
28. SoCal ballplayer
33. Location of White House  
34. Magnificence  
36. Hip hop songstress  
37. Capital of Yemen  
38. \_\_\_ Blyton, children’s author  
39. Bomb  
40. Pancake made of buckwheat flour  
41. Pinkish-violet color  
44. A way to make right  
45. Monument to one buried elsewhere  
48. Region south of Dead Sea  
49. Acts out against  
50. Harsh cry of a crow  
51. Formal title for a woman

CLUES DOWN

1. Kitchen devices  
2. Wings  
3. Mythological birds  
4. Everyone has one  
5. Matchstick game  
6. Bar bill  
7. Weights  
8. Satisfactorily  
9. Small amount  
10. Tree types  
11. Small protuberances  
12. Equivalent of 100K BTU  
14. Type of horse  
17. More (Spanish)  
18. Argentinian province  
20. A bad act  
23. Moving in a circular way  
24. Battery type
25. Atomic #58  
26. Popular breakfast food  
29. An alternative  
30. Tooth caregiver  
31. A way to conform  
32. Disfigured men  
35. Cool!  
36. Genus of mosses  
38. Body part  
40. Kashmiri people  
41. Round water pot  
42. Something to purchase  
43. Emit coherent radiation  
44. Indicates 10  
45. Advertising metric  
46. Pitching stat  
47. Head movement



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