

# CHAMBER CONNECTIONS

A monthly publication of the Kingman  
Area Chamber of Commerce

May 2023  
Local Business Here for You

## LOCAL RECEIVES BASE GRANT

The Kansas Department of Commerce, authorized by the SPARK Executive Committee, was offering to match funds to address economic development opportunities throughout the state. Building a Stronger Economy (BASE) is designed to support infrastructure development with the goal of expanding the base of businesses and residents.

We received word that Scott Mueller's Ninnescan LLC has been awarded \$750,000 through the BASE grant. These funds will be for the development of commercial and residential properties at 232 N Main in Kingman.



## NEW EQUIPMENT AT EMS

Kingman EMS was awarded a \$29,900 grant for updated lifesaving equipment from the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation. This grant allowed EMS to purchase a new battery-operated AMKUS extrication equipment, which would allow them to better serve the community. During the Spring Fling Health & Wellness Fair in April, they had the opportunity to show it off as well as their other rescue tools.



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## WHY CARE ABOUT INDEPENDENT, LOCALLY-OWNED BUSINESSES?

Article published by Marie Donahue at the Institute for Local Self-Reliance.



"Locally owned businesses play a central role in healthy communities and are among the best engines that cities and towns have for advancing economic opportunity and building resilient places. Small business ownership has been a pathway to the middle class for generations of Americans and continues to be a crucial tool for expanding prosperity and community self-determination.

### ***Local small businesses are linked to higher incomes and less inequality.***

Enacting policies that strengthen small businesses and expand opportunities for local entrepreneurs is one of the most effective ways of reducing inequality and expanding the middle class. In 2013, for example, an economist at the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta found that counties with larger shares of local small businesses outperform their peers on three critical economic indicators: they have stronger per capita income growth, faster employment growth, and lower poverty rates.

### ***Local businesses foster community cohesion and well-being.***

The social fabric of a community is tightly coupled with the health of its independent businesses. Research has shown that communities with a larger share of local businesses have more social capita, stronger social ties, higher levels of civic engagement, and better success solving problems.

Independent businesses generate more tax revenue at lower public cost.

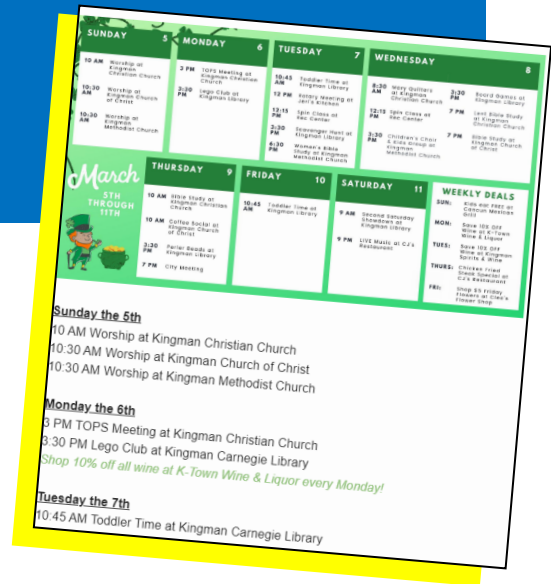
Locally owned businesses in dense, mixed-use commercial districts generate more tax revenue for cities than sprawling shopping centers, while also costing less in public services. An analysis from the Government Finance Review, drawing on data from a sample of 30 cities in 10 states, found that a community earns about \$7 in property taxes per acre on the average big-box retail store, compared to \$287 per acre on mixed-use, mid-rise business district. The compact nature of these districts also means they make more efficient use of public infrastructure and services."

# WEEKLY E-BLAST

Stay up to date on local events, sales, and so much more when you subscribe to the Kingman Area Chamber of Commerce's Weekly E-Blast!

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## SUBSCRIBE NOW!



## KECHI CHAMBER VISITS KINGMAN

On April 18th, Kingman Chamber was happy to host the members of Kechi Chamber of Commerce. The tour first began with a brief discussion at the Kingman Carnegie Library where we all got to visit with Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director. From there, we received a tour of the Kingman Historical Museum.

The members of Kechi Chamber were given the opportunity to explore downtown Kingman and all the businesses it has to offer. One of the feedbacks we received is the large number of businesses we have set up downtown as well as being able to preserve the history of Kingman and the surrounding areas within Kingman County.

Kechi, Kansas is located just north of Wichita. It has a large focus on arts-based businesses such as quilt-making, glass blowing, and a comedy bar. Both directors from Kingman Area Chamber and Economic Development would enjoy visiting Kechi to collaborate on ideas to introduce to the Kingman community.







### MISSION STATEMENT ENGAGING OUR COMMUNITIES TO LIFT FAMILIES OUT OF POVERTY.

Mobilizing rural communities to effectively address the issues of local poverty, Core Community builds incredible relationships with those in poverty by inviting them into a weekly program that provides support and community. Those in poverty often feel disenfranchised and isolated. In this weekly program, we offer powerful information that has been missing in their worlds. Coupled with unconditional support, we are beginning to turn the tide of poverty in rural areas.



**147 OUT OF  
POVERTY\***  
86 ADULTS  
61 KIDS



**402  
GRADUATES  
WITH  
429 KIDS  
IMPACTED**

**INCREASED YEAR INCOME:  
\$3,417,255.60**



**DEBT PAID OFF:  
\$1,260,615.51**

\* All Core Community data compiled 2015-2022



NEW makeup and nail polish items  
available at Kingman Drug!



## CHAMBER ANNOUNCES 4TH OF JULY FESTIVAL

KACC has begun the planning of its annual All-American Family Fest to celebrate Independence Day. This year's festival will take place on Tuesday, July 4th at Riverside Park in Kingman. A schedule of events is almost to completion and will be posted in the beginning parts of May.

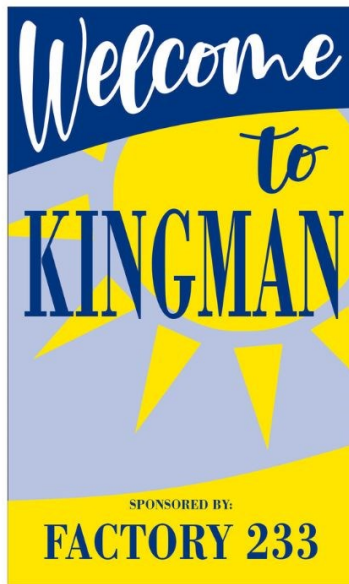
Some events we can never let go of such as the Cornhole Tournament and the Dunk Tank. We will be introducing a new event called the Money Dig. Like to dig? You could earn cash prizes while you do!

To end the day of festivities, we will feature our fireworks display around 9:45 pm that evening. We have begun fundraising for our fireworks display. If you'd like to sponsor or make a small monetary donation, please contact our Chamber office directly at (620) 532-1853, or email us at [thekingmanareachamber@gmail.com](mailto:thekingmanareachamber@gmail.com), or visit Citizens Bank of Kansas and make a donation there. We appreciate your support!





# Welcome to Kingman



## BANNERS PROGRAM

Kingman Area Chamber of Commerce will be adding another decorative item to downtown Main Street in Kingman.

These banners will also showcase any business, non-profit, or individual who would like to sponsor one. This program is open to the public.

Banners will be hung during the winter and summer months.

**YOUR NAME HERE!**

### Program Pricing:

Members	\$75 for 3 years
Non-Members	\$170 for 3 years
Individuals	\$170 for 3 years

After 3 years, the banner comes up for renewal at these options:

1 Year	\$50
2 Years	\$75
3 Years	\$100

**Deadline  
is June  
23rd!**

For more information, please contact the Chamber office at (620) 532-1853 or [thekingmanareachamber@gmail.com](mailto:thekingmanareachamber@gmail.com)

**Cleo's Flower Shop**

(620) 532-3883

**Dates to Remember:**

Mother's Day is the week of May 8th through the 13th.

Graduations fall on the weekend of Mother's Day, Treat MOM early by sending flowers early, let her enjoy them ALL week!

Memorial Day weekend is May 26th & 27th. We make custom artificial pieces for your loved ones' plots.

Cleo's will be closed May 29th in observance of Memorial Day.

**KINGMAN COUNTY REAL ESTATE****Auction**

COMING UP...

**Tuesday, May 9, 2023 AT 10:00 AM, CST.**  
**Held at the Kingman Expo Center, 121 S. Main Street, Kingman, KS**  
**(North Room)**

Simulcast Online Bidding Available! Visit [www.floydsells.com](http://www.floydsells.com) and click on the link in the **Auctions** tab. **REGISTRATION DEADLINE**  
**Sunday, May 7, 2023 at 5:00 P.M. CST.**



**Tract 1:** Sells as 196 acres M/L consisting of the NW/4 and the west 37.62 acres of the NE/4 of 23-27-9 of Kingman Co Kansas. This tract consists of 96 acres tillable cropland, 77 acres of native grass with pond and trees, 9 acres of current CRP strips with yearly income of \$458.00 through 2025, and the balance trees along the South border and through the center of the tract. Buyer shall receive all Sellers mineral rights on closing. The New Buyer will receive immediate

**KINGMAN COUNTY REAL ESTATE****Auction**

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**Thursday, May 11, 2023 AT 10:00 AM**  
**Held at Kingman Expo Center, 121 S. Main Street, Kingman (North Room)**

Simulcast Online Bidding Available! Visit [www.floydsells.com](http://www.floydsells.com) and click on the link in the **Auctions** tab.  
**Registration deadline Monday, May 8, 2023 at 5:00 P.M. CST.**



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HANK FM 99.7

**LIVE**

11 May 7:00 Pm

*The John Conlee Show*

Guest Star:  
**Wes Wescoat**  
**Katie Ziegler**

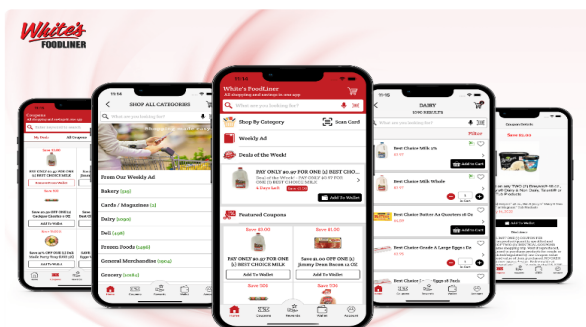
**Polished Coupe**  
116 E Sherman Ave, Kingman KS.

**Ticket Price \$10**

**Other**  
Street Dance | Food Trucks |  
Splash Pad | Shaved Ice | Bounce  
House | Standing Room Only |  
Bring Lawn Chairs

**For More Information**  
620-955-6006  
polishedcoupe@gmail.com

Doors Open 5PM  
Music Start 6PM  
Parking at Kingman Park -



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# LIBRARY SCHEDULE

<div>  <h2>May 2023</h2>  </div>						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>Find Us On FB!</i> 	1 <i>No Kid programming for the month of May, Prepping for Summer Reading.</i>	2	3	4	5	6 <i>Sign-Up For Our Newsletter to Get All the Latest!</i> 
7	8	9 <i>Adult Book Club 12-1:30</i>	10	11	12	13 <i>NO Saturday Show down</i>
14	15	16	17	18	19 <i>SUMMER READING SIGN-UP BEGINS! Begin Reading!</i> 	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 <i>CLOSED Memorial Day</i>	30	31			

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Cancun Mexican Grill

## Wild Wednesday

Lime Margarita On ice

**\$1.99**



Margaritas are way cheaper than therapy! 🍹❤️  
 We've got the perfect Margarita for any weather!  
 Visit us any day and enjoy the fun atmosphere, delicious Mexican food, and thirst-quenching drinks! 🌮🍹🌮

## Class Times

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5:30 AM	5:30 AM	5:30 AM	5:30 PM	5:30 AM	7 AM
8:30 AM		8:30 AM	Lifting	8:30 AM	Open Gym
Masters 5:30 PM		Masters 5:30 PM		Masters	8:00 AM



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Second-half of property taxes are due Wednesday, May 10th

Kingman County Courthouse will be closed Monday, May 29th in observance of Memorial Day.

If your last name begins with the letters E, F, and G, your tags need to be renewed by May 31st.

Thank you,  
Kingman County



**C5MFG.**

C5 Manufacturing is seeking to hire experienced welders. C5 offers competitive benefits such as paid vacation, sick leave, holiday pay, company paid health insurance, and more!

C5 is a relaxed, collaborative, and family-oriented atmosphere. Overtime is available. Internal growth and advancement opportunities.

Apply now at:

[www.c5mfg.com/join-our-team/](http://www.c5mfg.com/join-our-team/)

## K-State Research & Extension - Kingman County is Hiring

### A SUMMER STEM PROGRAMMING INTERN

WILL BE PLANNING & DELIVERING STEM PROGRAMMING TO YOUTH



K-STATE RESEARCH & EXTENSION IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER & EMPLOYER

## JOBS IN KINGMAN COUNTY

1 SEARCH FOR JOBS IN YOUR AREA

2 FREE TO USE

3 EMPLOYERS CAN POST JOB OPENINGS



KINGMAN  
Area Chamber of Commerce

KINGMAN COUNTY  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

SCAN THE QR CODE TO GET STARTED!

# JOB OPPORTUNITIES

## Apply to be on the Islander Work Staff



The Kingman Islanders are seeking Game Day Staff, Volunteers, and Interns for the Summer 2023 season, beginning in June. If you are interested in any of the positions below, please complete our interest form below or email [kingmanislandersbaseball@gmail.com](mailto:kingmanislandersbaseball@gmail.com) for more information. You can also download our employment application by clicking below or scanning the QR code above.

[Islander Application Form](#)

## 2023 Gameday Staff & Volunteers

### GameDay Staff

- \* Ticket Sellers
- \* Ushers
- \* Scoreboard Operators
- \* Statisticians
- \* Concessions
- \* Team Shop
- \* and More

### Volunteers

Are you looking for a fun way to earn some volunteer hours over the summer? Spend your time with the Kingman Islanders at George Arensdorf Memorial Stadium in Kingman, KS! From ushers and ticket takers to keeping score for the game, we are always looking for volunteers.

## 2023 INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

From marketing and broadcasting to fan engagement, gain valuable skills and experience alongside the Islanders! We offer a variety of internship positions that are designed to work alongside our management team to ensure brand continuity, a positive fan experience, and the overall success of the Islander program and Jayhawk Summer Collegiate League.

If you are interested in applying for any of the available positions below, please email [kingmanislandersbaseball@gmail.com](mailto:kingmanislandersbaseball@gmail.com) for more information.

### STADIUM OPERATIONS:

- Pre-game stadium setup for internal concessions and outside vendors
- Inventory maintenance, rotation, and ensuring the freshness and quality of all food service items
- Work directly with supply vendors to maintain appropriate supply levels
- Order and receive food and supply items
- Oversee and schedule all food service personnel

### BASEBALL/TEAM OPERATIONS:

- Pre-game stadium setup of all player-related items (dugouts, umpires, lineups, etc.)
- Oversee team travel itineraries, communication with League teams, host family coordinator, and travel/meal requirements
- Serve as the official score keeping and scoreboard operator during games

### MARKETING/PROMOTIONS:

- Coordination and distribution of game day giveaways/promos
- On-field pre-game recognition (National Anthem, Ceremonial First Pitches, and Starting Lineups)
- Scripting for the Islander in-game activities
- Coordination of community outreach and in-stadium activities
- Scripting of PA announcements, music, and in-stadium activities



Copa Motel is seeking candidates for housekeeping at their location. Position is part-time at 25-30 hours per week. Starting pay is \$12 per hour.

Please apply in person at 1113 East US Hwy 54 in Kingman.



# JOB OPPORTUNITIES



Fabpro is seeking candidates in Manufacturing Extrusion & General Labor. Starting pay is at \$15.23 entry level. Maintenance positions starting pay is based on experience.

Straight day or night shift positions. Flexible schedule options are also available. Competitive wage and benefits package offered.

To apply or for more information, stop by their location at 701 East A Ave in Kingman or online at: [www.fabpropolymers.com](http://www.fabpropolymers.com)



Pizza Hut in Kingman is looking to fill any positions—waiting staff, cooks, and drivers.

Driver applicants must have a valid drivers license.

Please apply at their location at 828 E US Hwy 54 or visit [pizzamgmt.com](http://pizzamgmt.com) to apply online.



Neville Welding, Inc (Neville Built Trailers) is accepting applications to welders and general employees.

Several positions are open at this time. Drug testing is required.

Please call to apply or for more information, 1 (800) 301-3487.



USD 331 is looking to hire part-time van and bus drivers. Pay is a minimum of \$15/hr for 2-4 hours per day. Parents with kids can bring them along on routes or a great supplement to retiree's income.

They will help serious applicants earn their CDL for yellow bus. Van requires valid DL. Must pass physical and drug test. Call Jerome at (620) 532-2312 for more information.

WHEATLANDS HEALTH CARE CENTER

## NOW HIRING

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**SHIFTS AVAILABLE:**  
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**COME SEE FOR YOURSELF! WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!**



Jeri's Kitchen is currently looking for highly motivated individuals to fill their waiting and cooking staff. Pay starting at \$13.00 per hour. Hiring for all shifts.

Please apply in person at 312 N Main in Kingman.

## WE ARE hiring!

JOIN OUR TEAM!

Apply Now at:

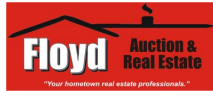
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