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PANHANDLE



Photos by Mark McCarthy
Gering, Kimball, Sidney and Scottsbluff are all at varying stages in their search for a new city administrator or city manager. Positions in Kimball and Sidney are currently vacant, Scottsbluff has an interim manager, and Gering will be replacing its current administrator, who will retire Dec. 31.

Search is on

Four area communities at various stages in city leadership searches.

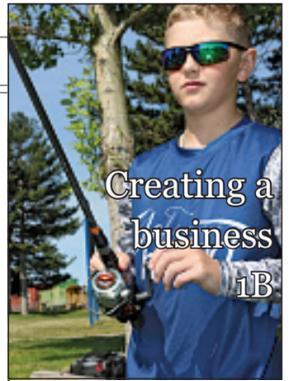
By Mark McCarthy
Star-Herald

Four communities in the Panhandle find themselves looking for new leadership, and they are at varying stages of the search. Gering and Kimball are both looking for a new city administrator and Scottsbluff and Sidney

are in search of city managers. Scottsbluff has been under the direction of interim city manager Rick Kuckkahn since early March, and had hoped to have a new manager in place by June 1. Delays from the coronavirus pandemic helped push that back, but Patty Heminover from search firm Baker Tilly said

there are good candidates and the city should be seeing more information on them soon. She said candidates are currently working through a questionnaire that will help assess each candidate's experience with certain situations. Heminover said

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THEATRE WEST 'Imagine Your Story' coming

By Kamie Stephen
Star-Herald

The national summer reading program theme this year is "Imagine Your Story," and COVID-19 forced Theatre West's Lauren Newell to do exactly that.

For the past few summers, Newell has created and directed a children's musical that toured area libraries to go alongside the reading program.

"Tami Lippstreu originally came up with the idea of writing an annual children's production when she was approached by various summer reading programs," said Newell.

Lippstreu is the organization's managing director.

After hearing this year's theme, Newell had an idea for a musical about the Brothers Grimm that centered around fairy tales.

"When COVID-19 hit, and it was clear that life wasn't going to be

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HISTORY

Former reporter looks back at 1968 Kennedy Smith story

The death of Jean Kennedy Smith revives memories of her visit to Scottsbluff.

The death of Jean Kennedy Smith, the final member of one of America's most prominent families, at age 92 on Thursday revived some memories for this journalist. As a young journalist at the Star-Herald in April 1968 I had the pleasure to interview and write a story about her when she visited Scottsbluff.



Con Marshall
Former Star-Herald Reporter

It was her second day in Nebraska while campaigning for her brother Bobby, who was seeking

the Democrat Party nomination for president. I've always remembered that she looked a lot like pictures I had seen of JFK and her youngest brother, Teddy. I also

recall that she was very gracious and answered all my questions except when I asked her age. "Just tell them I'm 26,"

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Con Marshall/COURTESY PHOTO
This photo is of a photo out of an old Star-Herald newspaper. The photo is of Mrs. Robert Behm of Scottsbluff, coordinator of the Kenney campaign in Scotts Bluff County, talking with Joan Kennedy Smith during a campaign visit to Scottsbluff.

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