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## Minutes from the Kingman County Commission Meeting

Chairman Henning called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. June 12th, 2023, in the County Commissioners room at the Kingman County Courthouse. Present: Jerry Henning, Chairman; Patrick Elpers, Commissioner; Jack Thimesch, Commissioner; Carol Noblit, County Clerk

Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor  
Visitors: Bob Morris, Kingman Leader-Courier; Larry Landwehr; Sarah Hacker, Carnival Board member; Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director; Rita Vogt, Conservation District; Chad Huffman; Frank Strohl; Clint Foley; Kevin Wegerer; Weston Winter and Danielle Hollingshead, AdamsBrown;

Online Visitors: Heather Kinsler, Caller 01

Staff: Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse; Jamie Smith, County Treasurer; LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director; Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director and Mendy Frampton, Expo Center Director.

Chairman Henning asked if there were any additions to the agenda.

Chairman Henning would like to add an executive session with the County Counselor and another one with Mendy Frampton, Expo Center Director.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the agenda with the addition of an executive session. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Henning asked if there was any public comment.

Larry Landwehr discussed that he saw Jamie Smith, County Treasurer come outside to wait on a customer that could not make it up the stairs and thought that was nice to see the service she was providing.

Commissioners thanked him for letting them know.

Sarah Hacker was in to ask if the County had some millings that they could provide for the Carnival's new tilt-a-whirl ride that they have to put up hopefully by the fair.

Commissioners thought that the County still had some millings but they would have to discuss it with Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director.

Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director was in to discuss the grants that were not received and why the state did not approve the requests.

Ms. Schrag submitted the 2024 Economic Development Budget request.

Ms. Schrag submitted the Proposed Funding of Housing Assessment to the County Commissioner.

Commissioners discussed the breakdown and asked why Norwich City was not included in the breakdown.

Ms. Schrag let the Commissioners

know that Norwich is currently having their own assessment done is why they were not included in the breakdown for the Housing assessment for the County.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the \$6300.00 towards the Funding of the Housing Assessment with the understanding if Norwich City does decide to be included that they will pay their share of the assessment. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Ms. Schrag discussed some new grant opportunities for the Expo Center that she will be applying for.

Rita Vogt, Conservation District Administrator, Chad Huffman, Frank Strohl, Clint Foley, Kevin Wegerer and Weston Winter were in to submit the 2024 Budget Request.

Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse was in with a department update.

Ms. Schwartz would like to order the panic buttons out of the LECP grant.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the purchase of the panic button system for the Health Department. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Ms. Schwartz let the Commissioners know that the West door was installed by Cheney Door and were called back at least once to finish caulking and replace threshold.

Chairman Henning let the Board know that the Health Department had plugged guttering and roof repairs that needed to be made so they had Aaron Parsons fix the emergency services.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve emergency repair services by Aaron Parsons (AP Roofing) in the amount of \$2245.00. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to remove the trees on the West side of the Health Department building. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Ms. Schwartz discussed the new sign for the Health Department and reviewed the two bids received.

Commissioners would like Ms. Schwartz to look at the current electricity to the sign.

Commissioners discussed the storage building and the new doors to the Health Department area.

Danielle Hollingshead, AdamsBrown and LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer were in to discuss the 2023 County Audit with the County Commissioners.

Jamie Smith, County Treasurer let the Commissioners know that the tax sale will be on June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. in the Courtroom.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session with Jamie Smith, County Treasurer, Stan Goetz, HR and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor at 10:53 a.m. to discuss an

individual employee's evaluation pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings, and they will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 10:58 a.m. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 10:58 a.m. with no decision made.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session with Jamie Smith, County Treasurer, Stan Goetz, HR and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor at 10:58 a.m. to discuss an individual employee's evaluation pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act, and they will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 11:03 a.m. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in with May Financial reports for the Commissioners to review.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed the St. Leo Road Surfacing Project with the County Commissioners and that Kingman County was awarded \$1,293,600.00 to construct 2.5" of hot mix structural overlay on 8 miles of RS 363 from RS 359 (Cunningham Road) to RS 296 (Zenda Road).

Mr. Arensdorf discussed the KDOT 2023 Local Consult Events schedule and is scheduled for October 2023.

Mr. Arensdorf let the Commissioners know that the FLAP Pre-Construction conference will be held virtually on Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Mr. Arensdorf submitted a new-hire sheet to be approved by the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers is making a motion to approve the new-hire for the Road & Bridge Department. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mendy Frampton, Expo Center Director submitted a listing of the rentals last year and the income it made.

Ms. Frampton requested that the Commissioners look at the four-block rate again because the \$200.00 is high and she would lose the renters and the income it brings in.

Chairman Henning discussed that the rates being raised will help with the hiring of maintenance person for the facility.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the new rates for the Kingman Expo Center. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners discussed hiring part-time help for the Expo Center and asked Mr. Goetz to put an ad in the paper.

Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director was in to discuss a document for the Outpost at Cheney Lake.

Mr. Goetz discussed a resolution for

a re-zone of land from Ag use to heavy industrial for Robert Casad.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve Resolution 2023-R9, A RESOLUTION CHANGING THE ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS, UNDER THE AUTHORITY GRANTED BY THE ZONING REGULATIONS OF THE COUNTY AS ORIGINALLY APPROVED BY RESOLUTION NO. 2007-38. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Henning signed a document for the lease of the Sheriff Department vehicles.

Carol Noblit, County Clerk submitted the June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023, County Commission meeting minutes for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session with Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor at 12:48 p.m. to discuss pending administrative proceedings pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act for discussion of matters which would be deemed privileged under the attorney-client relationship, and will return to open session in the board meeting room at 1:00 p.m. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session with Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor at 1:00 p.m. to discuss pending administrative proceedings pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act for discussion of matters which would be deemed privileged under the attorney-client relationship, and will return to open session in the board meeting room at 1:05 p.m. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

County Commissioners returned to regular session at 1:05 p.m. with no decision made.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to appoint Shannon Allen to the Richland Township Treasurer position. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 1:09 p.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.



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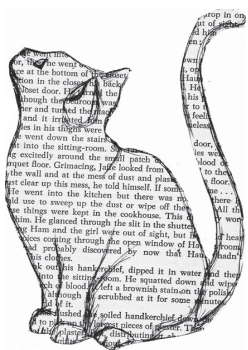
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Meanderings

Not much to meander about this week, but meander I will. I am getting paid to meander, after all.

However, I would like to complain a bit. Someone has been taking my Sunday Hutchinson News paper from the post office! Who would do that? And are they sleeping well at night? Must be because it has happened twice this month.

I really don't mind if someone takes it and reads it, as long as they don't complete the crosswords and they return the whole thing before Monday morning when Carol delivers it to my mailbox. I've pay a nice bit of change for that subscription (and the price keeps going up) and the Sunday crosswords are my favorite part of the

newspaper for the entire week, and yet, I don't get to enjoy them because someone is too cheap and/or lazy to pay for their own subscription.

I called the Hutch News, of course, and talked to a lady with a very heavy accent, who said she would report this to the right people. I'm not sure what anyone can do about it, except for the person or persons responsible for filching it. Don't take other people's things. I work so I can (somewhat) afford a daily newspaper (except Saturdays when no paper seems to be published on this day). I would rather everyone worked for the things they want and not just take them.

I finished "Stars of Alabama" by Sean Dietrich a.k.a "Sean of the South." If you enjoy William Kent Krueger's books "This Tender Land" and "Ordinary Grace" I think you would like this book. (How could anyone NOT like those two books?!?) Krueger writes mostly about the north, i.e. Minnesota, and Dietrich writes about the south. Because I enjoyed "Stars of Alabama" so

much I have put all Sean Dietrich's books which seem to be a mixture of novels and short stories, on a 'to be read list' along with the ones of Krueger's I've had there for quite some time.

My Annoying Ned caught himself another lizard. This time I guess I tuned him out, because I didn't notice his caterwauling until Quin shot out of his chair to check out Ned's prize. It was belly up by the time I got to it here in the front room. WHERE is this cat getting these things? So annoying.

I have turned on my air conditioner. What night was that? Sunday. It was too humid and not a breeze could I feel. Because the next day was promising to be 90" degrees, I broke down and turned it on. UGH!

This is actually quite late in the year for turning it on. I believe the latest before this year has been the 14th of June.

Now I'm not saying I have it cranked down. It sits around 78 degrees except from about 2:00 in the afternoon until the sun goes down. And then

it gets pushed down to 76. It just gets too hot here in the front room with all these windows.

I don't like to pay the cost of the electricity we need to run those things. And the musty smell when I first turn it on is rather annoying.

I guess it's on now for the summer. drat!

The cats are still spending their days lolling about in the backyard, looking for cool places in the shade and on the deck. Those lazy things. I look outside and I swear they all look dead, all sprawled out. I know eventually I'm going to have to put up with them in the house most of the day because it will get a bit too warm for lolling about in the heat. But they are all old and lazy, and other than a few attempts to annoy each other, they'll sleep the day away. Oh, and eat.

See, look at where I am at on this page and how much I have to fill, and I have not a thing coming to mind to meander about. I am going to outside and pull a few weeds (not all of the weeds, only some) and

see if I can come up with something that is boring and obnoxious to just blab on about.

Oh. obnoxious. Weeds. They are plentiful this year with all the rain we've had. I do try and pull some every day. Although I can't keep up with them, I can try to.

I miss Chloe and Clarence. They loved to run around the three pine trees in the backyard, and their little racetrack kept the weeds down.

Quin runs along the fence, so that keeps the weeds away from there... My three pines are dead, and one will be removed next week (or so I've been told). But I don't think that will help the weed problem.

Some day my vinca will take over all the backyard and I won't have to mow. Or pull a great many weeds.

Always reading and currently reading, "Elephant Company: The Inspiring Story of an Unlikely Hero and the Animals Who Helped Him Save Lives in World War II" by Vicki Constatine Croke, Roberta

"Selling something only to steal it back to sell again is not only dishonest, but highly profitable." — Jarod Kintz, This Book is Not for Sale

"Sometimes it's not necessary to know what elephants or people are thinking, as long as one honors what they are feeling."

— Vicki Croke, Elephant Company: The Inspiring Story of an Unlikely Hero and the Animals Who Helped Him Save Lives in World War II

My new life goal is to have a TV show like Diners, Drive Ins and Dives except it'll be called Bookstores, Beverages and Besties and I'll meet up with book friends in a new city each episode and we will visit a different bookstore and have a beverage.

Tallgrass and Tumbleweeds by Gaille Pike

Dear Readers, The Flint Hills recent streak of unseasonably cool temperatures will not last much longer. At least that's what every local meteorologist tells me. So I've been trying to get outside every minute I can, even if it's just a short break to walk down to the pond. I see loads of toads and frogs but I have yet to lay eyes on the

bullfrogs I hear Foghorn Leghorn bellowing at all hours of the day and night. Nor have I spied any of the trouble-maker turtles but I look for them every time I survey our waters from the dock. I hope to see one because I've been told that they are snapping turtles. And that they're BIG.

Previously, I would have described our turtle population as shy and aloof. They've stayed on the wooded northeast end where runoff and a crick feed the pond. We know they're there because they bask in the

sun atop fallen tree limbs. No, I have not just been squinting at bumps on a log because when I've tried to sneak up closer to get a good look at their shells, those rounded moulds have slid lickety-split back into the water. They seemed to never give our fiberglass pier a second glance. Or the fishing lines cast from it.

This summer that's all changed. Though I've not witnessed any of the incidents I believe the turtle tales I keep hearing because the guys telling them are not prone to exaggera-

tion, not even about the size of Crappie or Bass they pull out when the turtles aren't stealing their bait or snapping their lines. I do question one portion of their story. They talk as if it's just one turtle causing all the trouble. The fervor with which they battle "him," and they turtle tussle often, rivals Ahab's obsession with his great white whale. And I wonder, "How can they possibly know it's the same one every time?" The last critter-related havoc here was caused by a band of raccoons, so it makes

more sense to me that a turtle gang is about. And wouldn't it be cool, if like the Teenage Mutant Ninja turtles, we had a snapping turtle, a red-eared slider turtle, a soft shelled turtle and a box turtle working as a team?

The fishermen don't agree. But then I've cast them as the bad guys in this imaginary pond drama. Which is unfair because I myself have a conflicted villainous heart when it comes to turtles. I am truly fascinated with them. And like all God's creatures, I believe in "live and let live." But

if you mention Snapper Soup, my mouth waters and I forget all that. I say, "just tell me where to be and say when!" It's a Philadelphia thing. Philly Cheesesteaks are renowned. But Philly's Snapper Soup beats them in taste, hands down.

So please don't judge me too harshly now that you know my ulterior motive. I need to get a good look at the BIG TURTLE or this turtle gang. And then I'll know how big a pot I need.

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

A Column by Dorothy Rosby

Alarmed by My Helplessness

I used to tell time with a watch. But then my smartphone, with its digital, large-print, lighted clock, started following me wherever I went, and it soon became my time-piece. I still have my watch, of course. It sits on my wrist like a vestigial organ, though it's prettier than an appendix. Still I seldom look at it anymore.

My smartphone has even become my alarm clock—and not just when someone calls the wrong number at 5 a.m. I actu-

ally prefer it to my old-fashioned alarm clock, mainly because it doesn't sound like a fire alarm going off by the bed every morning. That never seemed like a good way to start a day.

My smartphone gives me a choice about what sound I want to wake up to. I picked a tone called Morning Light, only because a gentle voice telling me breakfast is ready isn't one of the choices.

I was tempted by Evolving Seaside, which sounds like you fell asleep by the ocean. But I was afraid I'd wake up wondering if my toilet was running over and why there's a sea gull in my bedroom. That's no way to wake up either.

So now, not only is my

phone my means of communication, my camera, my appointment book, my calculator and my library full of time-squandering games, it's my watch and alarm clock. I should have known it was dangerous to give one little device so much control over my life.

And it is dangerous. Sometime in the middle of the night, my smartphone died. Turns out that, like many electronic devices, mine works best when it's charged. I woke with a start wondering if I was late. I checked my old reliable watch, but I couldn't tell what time

it was. I was alarmed! Sorry.

Seriously, though, for a moment, I could not figure out the time. In my defense, I have to say the light was dim, I was half asleep, and my watch has those little marks instead of real numbers, like somebody got lazy at the watch factory.

I did eventually determine the time. But the experience reminded me of all the ways technology is contributing to my slow decline. I haven't been able to write for a long time, though most people who know me don't blame technology

for that. But I do. I type. I text. I seldom write. I'm out of practice. I start writing, grow weary and trail off. Every word looks like I dozed off while I was writing it.

And write a letter? A what? I can't even write a check anymore. When I squander my money now days, I do it with a debit card.

I can't find my house without GPS either. I'm exaggerating! I can find my house on most days. But I do rely on GPS to get me places that I would have found somehow before, though maybe not by the time I needed to be there.

I have a giant dictionary, but I don't remember the last time I used it. Would I even know how

to look up a word anymore? It's faster for me to go downstairs, turn on my computer and look up the word on the internet than it is to find my dictionary—and my reading glasses. Unfortunately, using telephone books and dictionaries was the main way I practiced my ABCs. I've been humming the alphabet song lately just to keep in shape.

Maybe I should also practice telling time the analog way a few times every day. And I should try finding my way with an old-fashioned map now and then. And I should write a lot more checks. Well maybe not that.


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<b>Thursday, June 22</b> 10:00 a.m. CPL K-State STEM program ***	<b>Wednesday, June 28th</b> 7:00 Book Club
12:15 Swimming Pool Water Workout (ages 6 -17)	<b>Thursday, June 29</b> 10:00 a.m. CPL K-State STEM program ***
<b>Tuesday, June 27</b> 12:15 Swimming Pool Water Workout (ages 6 -17)	12:15 Water Workout 9ages 6 -17)
	<b>Friday, June 30</b> 8:00 p.m. Moonlight Swim



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**Thursday, June 29 – K-State STEM 10:00 a.m. ages 6+ Youth STEM Programming by K-State Research and Extension – Hands on STEM activities!**

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**Justin Stackhouse Part of Winning Team**

Justin Stackhouse, a 2012 graduate of Cunningham High School, recently represented the University of North Texas Department of Public Administration at the Texas City Management Association Intercollegiate Bowl in Allen, TX. The UNT team faced other Texas schools showcasing achievements, community service, and head-to-head knowledge competitions. The UNT team came out on top.

The bowl was held during the Texas City Management Association annual convention. Students were able to network with professionals as they learned practical information about the field of public administration. Stackhouse is in his second year in the program and is planning to complete his Masters in Public Administration by May, 2024. He and his wife, Isabel, reside in Denton, TX.

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**1933**

June 16 –Miss Daisy Dorothy Dyche, daughter of Mrs. Hannah Dyce of this city, was married to Mr. Albert J. Bortz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Bortz of Preston in a ceremony performed at 2:00 o'clock Monday afternoon at the Pratt county court house with Judge E. R. Barnes officiating.

Elmo William Huffman received his Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering and Martha Geraldine Allbritten received her Master of Arts degree from the University of Kansas at the sixty-first annual commencement at Lawrence, Tuesday night.

The second Community Sale is to be held in Cunningham next Saturday afternoon beginning at 2 o'clock, with Col. Vanderwork furnishing the "chin music."

There has been quite a little stuff listed for this sale, a lot more than was sold at the first sale last month.

HERE – you can get a good Plate Dinner for only 25c. Try one Today! "Where Cunningham Eats" – The Jones Café

**1938**

June 17 – Frank Allbritten Jr. will receive his degree as Doctor of Medicine from the University of Pennsylvania in graduation exercises to be held at the university tomorrow morning.

Harvest in this community is beginning this week for those who use binders. Combines will not start before next week. Just what the crop will be is still problematical for much of the wheat is too rank and much of it is down in many fields. That sown on new ground or too rich soil will be no good is the census of opinion for it has grown too tall and rank and the heavy rains have been much harder on it. Heavy rains have continued all this week.

The goal toward which the high school has been working for some time has finally been attained. The Board of Education has just been notified by State Superintendent W. T. Markham, that the school's classification has been raised from Class "B" to Class "A".

The Ninescah Study Club entertained their husbands and families, new members, and out of town guests at a picnic and hamburger fry at the Fish Hatchery at Pratt last Thursday evening.

**1943**

June 18 – Work on the \$2,500,000 Helium plant west of town is progressing nicely, although work has been hampered some by the heavy rains of the past week as well as by the slowness in obtaining materials.

A railroad spur is being laid from the Santa Fe tracks to the plant, enabling material to be delivered direct to the plant instead of being hauled two miles from town. Two large compressors arrived last week ready to be installed.

Carpenters are busy building the large cooling tower which will cover considerable ground on the plant site, and surveyors are still busy laying out additional ground for the plant.

Kansas State College at Manhattan finds Cunningham young people quite efficient as news broadcasters, evidenced by Jean Fee, senior at the school, who is now broadcasting campus news each Wednesday evening over a Topeka radio station. Paul DeWeese served as a broadcaster at the time he attended the college, and later his place was taken by Mary Anne McNamee.

**1948**

June 18– Two fires that might have had serious complications were averted in Cunningham this week.

The oil transport truck owned by Lee Kennard of Chase, and driven by Ross Vermillion, caught fire on one of the rear dual wheels just outside the southeast city limits Friday evening. The fire department was able to reach the truck in time to extinguish the blaze before the entire truck burned.

The second fire occurred in the wheat pit of the Bowersock Elevator Tuesday evening, as Ed Renner, manager, was attempting to eradicate rats with a prepared chemical solution. Mr. Renner escaped with very painful hand and arm burns and suffered suffocation from the fumes.

City Marshall Wilbur Muck escaped serious inju-

ries when he crashed into a new International truck at the crossing of Highway 54 and Main street while leading the fire wagon to the Bowersock. His car was badly damaged. Wilbur suffered a broken rib, two fractured ribs, and bruises.

Hardscrabble-Lawndale community held its annual basket dinner Sunday in Lemon Park with 106 old-timers and former residents present.

Farmers in the immediate Cunningham area are just getting into the 1948 harvest. Those in surrounding communities of St. Leo, Cairo, and Calista have been harvesting for almost a week with yields of better than prediction.

Rain has hampered operations around Cunningham to some extent but generally the wheat is just not quite ready to harvest.

**1953**

June 19 – Wheat farmers in this community have harvested about ninety percent of their 1953 wheat crop, and reports of yields have been excellent considering the dry growing throughout the winter and spring.

**1958**

June 18 – Dresden and Rural Townships got something this week we hope they never have to use. It's a new fire truck, completed this week by local men, which is now in it's stall in the City Building ready to fight fire in either township.

The fire truck project was actually started by Dresden Township three years ago with a tax levy for fire-fighting equipment. This year Rural Township came in for a half interest in the truck and equipment.

The truck is fully equipped to fight fire in rural areas. It has a large water storage tank and pumping equipment. The truck was equipped by Roy Lewis, local blacksmith.

Rain has brought a stop to wheat harvesting operations in the Cunningham area this week.

Farmers cutting wheat before the rains report excellent yields running well over 30 bushels per acre. Elmer and Ed Steffen reported a yield of 37 ½ bushels to the acre on a 23 acre patch west of town. Dean Dyche, cutting his 12-acre field at the west edge of town, reported the field yielded more than 250 acres of wheat last year.

Saturday evening, June 14, at 7:00 o'clock, Miss Ann Hauser, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Hauser of Cunningham, became the bride of Mr. Hugh Fewin of Galveston, Tex., son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fewin of Carter Nine, Okla. The double ring ceremony was read before a host of friends and relatives in the Chirstian Church of Cunningham, with Rev. Doran Meyers of Pratt, officiating.

**1963**

June 20– Cunningham's "ZIP" Code number is 67035, Postmaster Evan Thornhill announced this week.

ZIP Code, the U.S. Post Office Department's revolutionary new system of improved mail dispatch and delivery, goes into effect on July 1.

The six-man planning board has been selected in Kingman County to carry out the requirements of the new school unification law past in the last session of the Kansas Legislature. Members of the planning board are Karl Koch, Bill Klaver, Dr. George Watson - all of Kingman, and Joe Strong of Nashville, Evan Thornhill of Cunningham, and Otis Coon of Rago.

"The Big Beat," a musical in Technicolor starring Gogi Grant and William Reynolds, is the free outdoor movie to be shown at the City Park tonight (Thursday).

Dwane DeWeese, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold DeWeese of Cunningham, has accepted a teaching position in industrial arts at Campus High School, between Wichita and Haysville, for the 1963-1964 school term.

Dwane, a 1959 graduate of Cunningham Rural High School, received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education from Kansas State Teachers College at Emporia in May of this year, and will assume his new duties in September.

**1968**

June 20 – Seaman Apprentice Marion J. Bayer, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Bayer of Cunningham, has been graduated from nine weeks of Navy basic training at the Naval Training Center in Great Lakes, Ill.

Wheat harvesting in the Cunningham area is in full swing after being delayed over the week-end by rain. Saturday morning's rain storm brought light hail,

and at one time the sky turned so dark the Cunningham street lights came on – activated by the photo-electric eye.

YEARS AGO IN

*The Cunningham Clipper*

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**1978**

June 22 – Rainfall for Thursday, June 21, was .60. According to the Cunningham Co-op, wheat should be ready to cut by Friday or Saturday, if there is no more rain. As for total, this year's area rainfall is almost twice what it was last year at this time.

The Darryl Horst residence caught fire from faulty wiring Thursday, June 15. The Cunningham volunteer fire department was called around noon Thursday to extinguish the blaze. The fire resulted in light structural damage, said Larry Ruckle. There were no injuries.

"It burned out all the wiring in the attic, burned out a corner of the house and caused water damage," said Mrs. Darryl Horst. As of yet, no insurance estimate was made on the damage, she said, "It could have been worse, I guess."

Girls softball practice for ages 10-13 will be Friday 9:30 – 11 a.m. and Tuesday 6:30 – 8 p.m.

Mrs. Al Joe Sterneker called to say she believes they hauled in the first load of new wheat on Thursday afternoon.

Dr. Kay Curry of Fort Huachuca, Ariz. And her sister, Mrs. Nancy Wyatt of State College, Pennsylvania and her children, Lynette, Donald and Bruce are in Cunningham visiting friends and relatives and their mother Mrs. Jane Kaster who resides in Villa Manor in Pratt.

David and Ellen Larson are proud to announce the birth of a baby girl on Father's Day, June 18, 1978 at 10:20 a.m. at Kingman Community Hospital. She weighed 6 pounds 13 ounces and has been named Sarah Ellen. Grandparents are Lawrence and Alice Larson, New York City and Jim and Beulah Grilliot of Syracuse.

**1983**

June 23 – Cable television came to Cunningham. The system was first booked up Wednesday by H&B Communications of Holyrood, Kansas.

The severe hailstorm last Monday left its mark on several acres of damaged wheat fields.

Gladys Randolph of Phoenix, Ariz. left for home Tuesday after visiting with her mother Rosa Becker and other friends and relatives in this area. Last Thursday Caroline Dyche, Mrs. Randolph, and Vickie Becker went to Oklahoma City to see Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Becker. Friday Helen Kerschen and Loretta Swartz, Kingman and Rosa Becker and Gladys were in Pratt.

The Cunningham United Methodist Church of Cunningham hosted a 6-day Vacation Bible School June 1 to 8, involving over 70 children and 4 churches from Pratt, Preston, and Cunningham. The program included Bible study, puppets, music, crafts, outdoor recreation, and punch and cookies served each day.

On the last day the entire group presented a program at Hilltop Manor Rest Home and another one in the evening for relatives and friends.

Marilyn FitzSimmons, Director for the entire school, was in charge. The theme "Jesus, Lord of Promises" was explained and appropriate songs were sung. The group then divided into the seven classes for the remaining events of the day.

On the last day the children traveled to the Rest Home in a large wheat truck furnished by Gary FitzSimmons and two vans where they presented a music program. The evening program at the church included skits, recitations of Bible verses, and music.

Churches participating in the Bible School included Christian, Catholic, Southern Baptist, and Methodist.

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Eureka! We Have Struck It!

Not gold but something more precious--water in Kenya. The Cunningham/Kenya Water Group met Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, to finalize the plan to supply a water pump, solar collector and tank to finish our first water producing well for the Kitue village in Kenya.

The Water Group was formed nearly two years ago to help Kitue villagers provide water for themselves. The Group consists of members from the Cunningham Lions Club, local churches and community members

from Cunningham and Penalosa.

During the dry season in Kenya, the Kitue area people were walking 5 miles to a runoff pond to get water that was carried back to their homes. With the worsening drought last year, they were walking 15 miles one way for tainted water. The Group paid \$6,000 last summer to haul 7,000 gallons of water per week 75 miles which supplied pure water for over 1,000 people. Our efforts were thwarted a year ago when an impenetrable rock layer kept us from drilling success. The funding for the pump etc. will exhaust our fund-

ing. With the generosity of good-hearted people we hope to move forward with our plan to furnish wells for 3 other villages in the area. This area in Kenya has over 3,000 people who are water challenged. In your kindness if you would choose to make a contribution to the Kenyan Water Project you can mail a check to the Cunningham Lion's Club, Box 95, Cunningham Kansas 67035.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed; know you have been part of the great effort to provide life-saving water for people.

Alan Albers

Not Quite Ready to Wear

By Laurie Kiel

Everything I want to wear  
Is either hiding in the closet

or piled on a chair  
All I know is that it's hiding somewhere

I found some pants with the cutest design  
The matching shirt would make me look divine

The adorable shirt just can't be found

No matter much time I spend looking around

Is it in the closet  
Is it on the chair  
All I know is that it's hiding somewhere

Now it's time to put on my shoes

To step on a bug in my

bare feet  
Would have me singing the blues

I don't care if they match

I'm working at home  
With no need to roam

Here are three sandals  
Mix and match will do  
Except that each sandal is a left shoe

And as you all know  
Since you're all quite bright

Two wrong sandals don't make a right!

So where are those right shoes?

Are they in the closet  
Are they on the chair  
All I know is that they're hiding somewhere

Someday in heaven  
I'll have a robe of white

The color will be perfect  
Shining and so bright

I won't have to launder  
Or iron a bit  
And of course  
It will be a perfect fit

I won't have to search on the floor  
Or the chair  
For my perfect outfit  
Will always be right there.

Check the Blessing Box east of the Methodist Church. Anyone can give or take from the Blessing Box at any time.

Consider this...

by Mike Johnson

Don't Mark Assumptions

That fearful moment between detecting oncoming disaster and its actual arrival does strange things to people. Just ask Mark.

Mark was a 15-year-old paperboy - a paperboy with an attitude.

This was an enigma in conservative Minnesota. Surrounded by a populace that respected authority and tradition, Mark was a street-wise hellion who hid his devil-may-care attitude behind a facade of politeness. He had this cocky way about him that hinted of impending doom, yet his outrageous behavior forced us to stick around just to see what would happen next.

Picture Eddie Haskell with a paper route.

Mark's apparent mission in life was to search out risk - and leap into it.

Like the time he labored two hours snowshoveling a neighbor's driveway and then challenged the man to a double-or-nothing coin-flip for the bill. Mark lost.

Or the time he persuaded us to change our report card grades with his mother's low-quality typewriter. That time we both lost.

But this day, during a paperboy meeting, Mark lost big.

Every Tuesday evening, Mr. Ludke would drive his car to a central neighborhood location and his paperboys would climb in to pay newspaper bills, discuss route issues and learn of upcoming subscription promotions.

Mr. Ludke was quick with a joke which made the job fun. Yet he commanded respect. One of his gags involved a



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Billy club he'd wedged next to his seat. Make Mr. Ludke the butt of a joke and he'd playfully threaten you with a rap on the leg. He never used it of course, but the mock threats kept us in line - and entertained.

Enticed by the risk, Mark chose that day to challenge our boss. After chiding him with a few jokes, sure enough, out came the club. Rather than mock-cowering like the rest of us, Mark grabbed the club. There was a brief struggle, Mark ripped the club from our boss and before anyone could react, rapped Mr. Ludke's leg. Hard.

Mark froze. Eyes growing, he looked at his hand, dropped the club and bolted from the car.

Dumbfounded, we stared at our manager. This was impossible. NOBODY hit Mr. Ludke. But his immediate grin said he was OK and he swept into action.

"Get him!" yelled Mr. Ludke. Three of the bigger kids leaped out of the car as our boss fired up the engine to head Mark off on the next block. Sprinting through yards, hopping bushes, and climbing fences, the three finally cornered the perpetrator in a fenced backyard. Fighting for survival, Mark grasped the back door of the stranger's house and pounded on it for all he was worth.

I arrived on the scene to hear Mark's desperate screams just as the three converged on their prey and started peeling

his fingers off the door handle. Hysterical and crying like a baby, Mark was dragged back to Mr. Ludke's open car window to face his certain justice.

Our boss quickly sized up the situation and played the role like a master.

Cocky grin on his face, Mr. Ludke looked Mark cheerfully in the eye as the car started to edge away. "Goodnight Mark. Have a great week!"

What a lesson in fear!

Mark's only punishment was his mistaken assumption that his worst fears would play out. He'd given so much power to fear that he beat and embarrassed himself far worse than Mr. Ludke ever would have considered. In fact, Mr. Ludke was never hurt or angry in the first place. Had Mark faced the music and apologized immediately, the episode would have ended just as quickly.

Fear begins as a concern but soon mushrooms into a vision of the worst possible outcome. This outcome then plays on the inner screen of our minds as long as we run it through the projector of our imagination.

I still laugh when I remember how Mr. Ludke handled that situation, but I've never forgotten the lesson. Turn off the projector and we instantly stop becoming fear's easy Mark.



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Worship Service  
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Sr High Youth Group 7:30 pm Sunday  
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Pastor Mike McGovney 620-298-3201



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Cunningham  
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Pastor Mathew Ndambuki Musyoki  
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**Comfortably Dumb** by Bruce Quast



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Back row: Coach Sam Rohlman, (High School) Dakota Mertens, Hannah Ellis, Andrew Schultz, Nate Sterneker, Luke Albers, Kendall Rogers and Caleb Panek

Front row: (Junior High) Colton Rohlman, Adam Sterneker, Weston Rogers and Will Halderson



The Character in Life

Jackie Mundt, Pratt County farmer and rancher

As Father's Day approaches this year, I have been reflecting on the life and legacy of my grandfather, Emil, who passed away at the age of 95 earlier this year. I spent more of my life with him than any of my other grandparents, giving me a deeper understanding of the wisdom he shared and the ways he shaped the character and personalities of my family.

Grandpa wasn't outwardly affectionate; I am not sure I ever remember seeing him hug or show public affection to anyone. He showed love by working hard to support his family; he spent more than 40 years working six days a week on rotating shifts at the local paper mill and milking 40 to 50 head of cattle twice a day. He showed support to his grandchildren through generosity by buying 4-H and FFA project animals, getting us show supplies

or making contributions to fund experiences that expanded our educations and broadened our horizons.

He didn't give pep talks, preach life lessons or try to inspire by speech, but his ability to persevere and overcome obstacles inspires me. He began life in a home where only German was spoken. Though he and his siblings learned English at school, his mother never did. He and his brothers took responsibilities for running the farm at a young age because his father suffered injuries in World War I that prevented him from providing for the family. He left high school to serve in the Navy at the end of World War II and eventually completed his education after he returned from the service. At the age of 92, he crawled 150 yards with a broken hip after rolling his ATV, and instead of letting the injuries conquer him, he waited out his sentence of rehab at the nursing facility without complaint until he was healed enough to return home.

Grandpa had a quiet

devotion to the important things in life. He visited his wife of 60 years every single day for several years when she moved into a nursing home at the end of her life even though he remained at home to continue running the farm. He never spoke about religion but attended church every Sunday, even after my grandmother passed away, until his health prevented him and he had to listen to the service on the radio.

He showed patriotism was important, and he was proud to be a member of the American Legion for 70-plus years. The Honor Flight to Washington DC in 2011 was the trip of a lifetime for him, and he loved to share stories and pictures from the trip. At the age of 94 he participated in the Dream Flight and took a ride in a WWII biplane.

He cared about making a good impression and showing respect. Grandpa showed tremendous pride that our family dressed formally for grandma's funeral because he thought too few people show that kind of care and effort anymore.

My cousin recounted how, in the age of cell phones, he always left her very formal voicemails stating, "Hello, Jenna. This is your grandfather, Emil Mundt..."

My grandfather passed along more than the genes for bushy eyebrows and having a big sweet tooth to his children and grandchildren. His values of love, service, generosity, hard work, dedication, pride and high standards are a legacy that live on in me and my family members.

Happy Father's Day and thank you to all the men who are modeling important values and showing the value of character in life.

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- "\_\_\_ death do us part"
- \*Frank
- \*Popular celebratory get-together
- Many, many years
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- Gross National Product
- Abundant
- Bantoid language
- Bakery unit
- Cutlass maker
- Two in eighteen
- Milk's favorite cookie
- Muslim ruler honorific
- Hyperbolic sine
- Iranian money, pl.
- Nancy Sinatra's boots
- Fill to satisfaction
- \*Certain Doodle
- Argo's propellers
- Feather glue
- Give temporarily
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- \*\*The Star-Spangled Banner"
- Opposite of neo-
- Glass margin
- Continental money, pl.

- Opposite of #17 Across
- Go for the gold
- "Silas Marner" author
- Mexican money
- Not yang
- Down and out

DOWN

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- Word on a door
- Duet plus one
- Angry
- Large California bird
- Smelting waste
- Stuff of inflation
- Adagio and allegro, e.g.
- German city on Rhine river
- Con
- Not of the cloth
- Down with a bug
- \_\_\_ someone \_\_\_ bed
- Satirical publication, with The
- Calligrapher's purchase
- \*\*From the \_\_\_ forest to the Gulf Stream waters"
- \*Old \_\_\_
- Waterwheel
- Hymn of praise
- \*Popular decoration
- \*\*"Rockin' in the USA" band
- Certain church member
- Yiddish busybody
- Theater guide
- Kind of rock
- Heroic tale
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- "Where \_\_\_ is heard a discouraging word..."

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- Shiny cotton
- High-strung
- Car rack manufacturer
- Charlie Chaplin's prop
- "Oh, my!"
- Agrippina's slayer
- "I'll second that"
- Great Lake
- State of mind
- One in a litter
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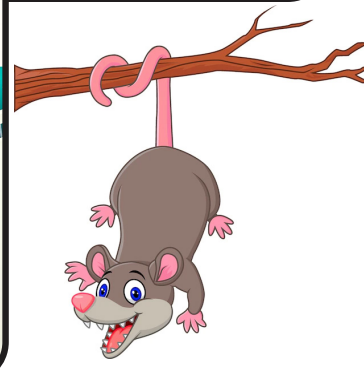
Summer Reading Fun at the Library



*We had great fun All Together Now this week. Ms. Lea Ann brought music, story boards, puppets, make-believe, games, and two wonderful books: The very cranky bear by Nick Bland and Groovy Joe, ice cream and dinosaurs. We had such a good time!*



*Pam Martin joined our All Together Now program schedule on Wednesday with "Nature: It's all about relationships." We learned about symbiosis. Animals and plants are interdependent; they rely on each other to survive. Pam shared some great examples of this. The kids asked really good questions and contributed to the discussion--several volunteered to help with the presentation. Great job, kids! This year's featured animal guest was Clyde, a four-month old baby possum.*



*Thursday's STEM with K-State Research & Extension, Kingman County took our summer readers to new heights! Intern, Janelle Belt showed the kids how to build a super-sturdy structure with paper cups and cardboard. To demonstrate the strength of the structure, the kids took turns stepping up and standing atop each level--all the way up to level nine! (The librarian felt they'd proved their point at level four;~) The kids and helpers were very adventurous. What fun! STEM with Janelle continues each Thursday at 10:00 through July 20. Next week--bouncy balls. This program is for all ages---don't miss it!*







Day 1, Kansas Wheat Harvest Report

This is day 1 of the Kansas Wheat Harvest Reports, brought to you by the Kansas Wheat Commission, Kansas Association of Wheat Growers, Kansas Grain and Feed Association and the Kansas Cooperative Council.

Wheat harvest in Kansas started off slow, with some farmers test cutting in south central Kansas as early as June 7. The outlook of rain in the forecast really got

combines rolling on June 13, but storms moved through the area again Tuesday evening and sent farmers out of the fields. Rainfall amounts ranged from .70" in Hutchinson to over 2" in Newton.

Martin Kerschen, a Garden Plain area wheat farmer, reported that he received an inch of rain Wednesday morning, but he has no complaints. He has harvested about 15,000 bushels so far, and yields are ranging from 30 to 45 bushels per acre on continuous wheat fields.

"We've received only 6" of rain on this wheat, with 3 1/2" coming in the last month and salvaging a dismal crop," he said, crediting excellent genet-

ics for its drought tolerance. Before the rain, he started harvesting a double crop field of wheat after corn, and it was averaging only about 15 bushels per acre.

Corey Meal of MKC's Castleton location reported that they took in their first load on June 9. While it's very early in harvest, so far test weights are averaging 61 pounds and protein 11.5%. Moisture is still high, with Tuesday's wheat at 14-15% moisture.

Meal expects the location will see fewer bushels this year, only 60 to 75% of last year. While a few fields in the area have been baled for straw, the lower bushels are primarily due to lower

yields this year caused by the ongoing drought. He said he's seen fields in the area with some weed pressure coming in.

Chris Stevens of Farmers Coop Grain Assn in Conway Springs reported they took in their first load on June 7, but they're only 5-8% complete so far.

"Harvest just can't get going," he said, reporting that they've received hit and miss showers over the last week. Stevens expects to take in only half of the bushels they normally receive, saying yields in the area aren't good and will probably average about half of last year's yields.

One potential bright spot is that the test

weights are decent, above 60 pounds per bushel so far, and he thought yields may end up being a bit better than farmers expected before they received some early summer rains.

He says harvest will wrap up in about 14 days once it gets started. Forecasts for next week are calling for hot and dry weather, but they called for that this week and it ended up raining several days. Stevens said weeds are coming into the fields.

For farmers who are seeing weed pressure, there are a few options available. Farmers should contact their local extension office or agronomist for herbicide choices. In addition, Sarah

Lancaster, KSU Weed Management Specialist, authored an article on pre-harvest weed control in wheat. It's available at [https://eupdate.agronomy.ksu.edu/article\\_new/pre-harvest-weed-control-in-wheat-496](https://eupdate.agronomy.ksu.edu/article_new/pre-harvest-weed-control-in-wheat-496).

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Written by Marsha Boswell

At Gettysburg we'll see where... ...Lincoln gave his famous Address. Kids: color stuff in! **Newspaper Fun!** www.readingclubfun.com Annimills LLC © 2023 V23

**Battle of Gettysburg** July 1, 1863 - July 3, 1863

What do **you** know about the **Battle of Gettysburg**? It was a major turning point of the Civil War. Hmm, where was it on my map? Gettysburg National Military Park contains the battlefield and the Soldiers' National Cemetery. **Read my clues to learn about the battle and to fill in the puzzle.**

1. The Battle of Gettysburg was the largest battle fought during America's \_\_\_\_\_ War (1861-1865).  
 2. The Civil War started after southern \_\_\_\_\_ began to leave the union of the United States of America.  
 3. These states called themselves "Confederate States of America" and elected their own \_\_\_\_\_, Jefferson Davis.  
 4. Abraham \_\_\_\_\_ was just becoming the new president of the United States - and he did not want these states to break away.  
 5. Lincoln declared \_\_\_\_\_ to try to keep the union together.  
 6. He also wanted to put an end to \_\_\_\_\_.  
 7. The Confederates raised an \_\_\_\_\_ to fight for their way of life, which included slavery.  
 8. The northern army fought the Confederate army; members of some \_\_\_\_\_ had to choose sides, and former friends sometimes had to fight one another on the battlefield.  
 9. The Battle of Gettysburg was fought in and around the small town of Gettysburg, \_\_\_\_\_.  
 10. On the first day of \_\_\_\_\_ 1863, in Gettysburg, Confederate soldiers under General Robert E. Lee began fighting with Union soldiers led by Major General George Meade.  
 11. They fought for \_\_\_\_\_ days. By July 4th, General Lee was withdrawing his army.  
 12. At the end of the fighting more than 50,000 \_\_\_\_\_ were dead, wounded, captured or missing.  
 13. Even with the battle raging around the town, only one townspeople, Mary Virginia Wade, was killed while baking \_\_\_\_\_ for Union soldiers - by a bullet that came through the door of her sister's house.  
 14. The town was filled with wounded and sick people. People were afraid that \_\_\_\_\_ would spread.  
 15. Homes, churches and other buildings became \_\_\_\_\_. Volunteers buried the dead. Horses and mules that had been killed had to be burned.

Canons like this one were used in Civil War battles.

Signals from cavalry horns or bugles were used for battlefield charges and retreats, and many other purposes.

13 families 15 president July  
 7 bread  
 8 army 6 1 Civil  
 4 soldiers Pennsylvania three  
 10 slavery 12 11  
 9 states 5 war  
 14 hospitals disease  
 2

**Visiting Gettysburg**

**The Visitor's Center will give you information:**

- like maps/guides and recordings to listen to as you drive a route to see and learn about the war
- on the hundreds of statues, cannons and the battle
- to find the train station where President Lincoln arrived to give his Gettysburg Address
- to watch a movie about the soldiers, their struggles, their days at Gettysburg and after
- on reenactments of the camps and the battle
- for biking, horseback riding and camping fun

**Can you find your way from the visitor's center to two of the flags carried into the battle?**

Soldiers from the North and South carried their own units' flags into battle at Gettysburg. The flag on the left below, carried by the 26th North Carolina, was shot down 14 times on the first day of fighting. The flag on the right was carried by the 125th Regiment NY Volunteer Infantry. It had 34 gold stars.

**A Soldier's Life** Soldiers' lives in the Civil War were hard. When they weren't marching or fighting, they camped. When bored they played cards and made instruments. **Match these words that soldiers used to their meanings:**

1. drill  
 2. muster  
 3. sentry  
 4. hardtack

A. soldier standing guard  
 B. hard, tasteless cracker - had to be soaked to eat it  
 C. practice marching or firing  
 D. to call the troops together

1. flank  
 2. bedroll  
 3. private  
 4. goober peas

A. nickname for peanuts (a good snack on the move)  
 B. battle position - to cover the side of the enemy  
 C. easily carried for use sleeping outdoors  
 D. lowest rank in the army

"Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal..."

A few months after the Battle of Gettysburg, President Lincoln traveled by train to that town to dedicate the Soldiers' National Cemetery for soldiers from the north. The President's speech at the event was so short that some people are said to have missed it entirely because they weren't paying attention. Yet, this powerful "Gettysburg Address" became Lincoln's most famous speech.

After Lincoln spoke, he did not feel well. Doctors said he had smallpox. Lincoln is said to have joked that now he had something he could give to everyone who came to ask for something from him!

(Answers on page 10)

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Hilltop Happenings.

We want to extend our gratitude to the Cunningham and surrounding communities and our local emergency personnel, especially Harold Stark, for all of your help on June 5<sup>th</sup> with our roof fire. We appreciate everyone who came to Hilltop to help us during our time of need. Thank you for your love and support for our residents.

Speaking of roof, our new roof is nearly complete! Also, Gene has worked really hard at sheet rocking, taping, mudding, painting, staining, hanging cabinets and more to give our dining/living areas a much-needed face lift – it

looks amazing and you should stop in and check it out! More surprises to come so stay tuned!

Volleyball was on the schedule for Monday, and if you've never seen one of our volleyball matches, you are missing out – they are a lot of fun, and our version is harder than you think! Another favorite on Monday was Jokers and Marbles – it's a game our residents really enjoy and one I have yet to learn – maybe next week. Later residents enjoyed a movie and popcorn.

Tuesday kicked off with Coffee Chat, then several residents headed out with Clarissa for some fresh air and to plant some flowers – the

weather was perfect and the plants look great – thanks Clarissa!

Wednesday was the day the pitch players look forward to – there are a lot of laughs (and once in a while it gets a little competitive). Wednesday was also Ladies Night and as June is National Camping Month, they had a “camp out” – there were s'mores and other goodies but as every camper knows, you need to apply “bug spray” (aka silly string) and that's where the giggles started – quite the silly string fight and the ladies really enjoyed themselves.

Resident Council, the Hilltop Store - where residents can use their BINGO Bucks to purchase

items, and Dominos were on Thursday's agenda – and by the way, any pitch players, domino players or anyone interested in learning about Jokers and Marbles, can call or come by Hilltop and find out the day and time and you are welcome to join us for a good time!

Bible Study with Betty was Friday morning and another visit from the popular duo, “Jazzercise with Two Fun Guys” made everyone's day! We also had a visit with the cutest baby goats you ever did see, thanks to our friend, Jennifer Neywick! Manicures and an Ice Cream Social finished up our week.

CNA week started Thursday and we honor our CNAs by doing something fun each day – they are the backbone of nursing care; our eyes

and ears when nurses cannot be everywhere at once, and they are worth their weight in gold. It's not enough to say, but THANK YOU to our CNAs – we love you all.

Did you know Hilltop has a vegetable garden? Our residents love going out and either weeding, or watering or maybe picking produce when it's ready – everyone looks forward to the yummy fresh veggies as what we grow is used here at Hilltop. What we DON'T have is a tiller. If you know of a used tiller that is reasonably priced, please call Gene at 620-298-2781. (Or if anyone has a tiller and some extra energy – we'd appreciate that too!)

Until next week – God Bless!

Public Library Hosts Bob Ross Painting Class




On Friday, Derese McAbee led our 'Art Together' Now Bob Ross painting class. Derese is Activities Director & Makerspace Manager at Pratt Public Library and is a certified Bob Ross painting instructor. We had a fun afternoon. Thanks, Derese! We hope you'll come back to CPL for another round--maybe next time we'll try a floral?

Pictured above: Vicki Steffen, Linda Kerschen, Becky Huelskamp, CeCe Sterneker, Jane Neufeld, and Derese McAbee

photo courtesy of Cunningham Public Library

“Painting is poetry that is seen rather than felt, and poetry is painting that is felt rather than seen.”

— Leonardo da Vinci



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Female Terrier, American Staffordshire  
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5 years +  
\$180.00  
Bailey has been at the shelter since July 20, 2022  
Good with other dogs; People friendly; Beautiful markings on a brindle coat. Bailey is energetic and happy and a good kisser!

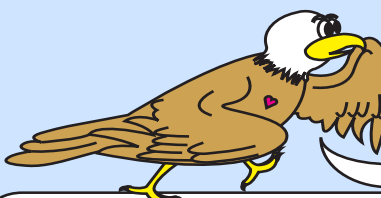
Loves to play and enjoys spending time outside. She's the goofy one who turns out to be your best friend.

Summer


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Male Domestic Shorthair  
1 year  
\$40.00  
Summer was brought to the shelter on June 13, 2023



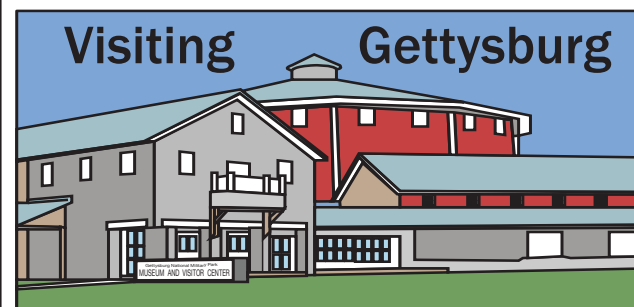
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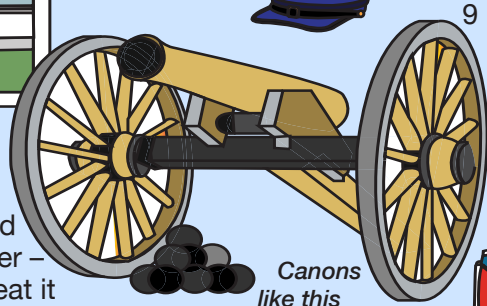
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## Battle of Gettysburg

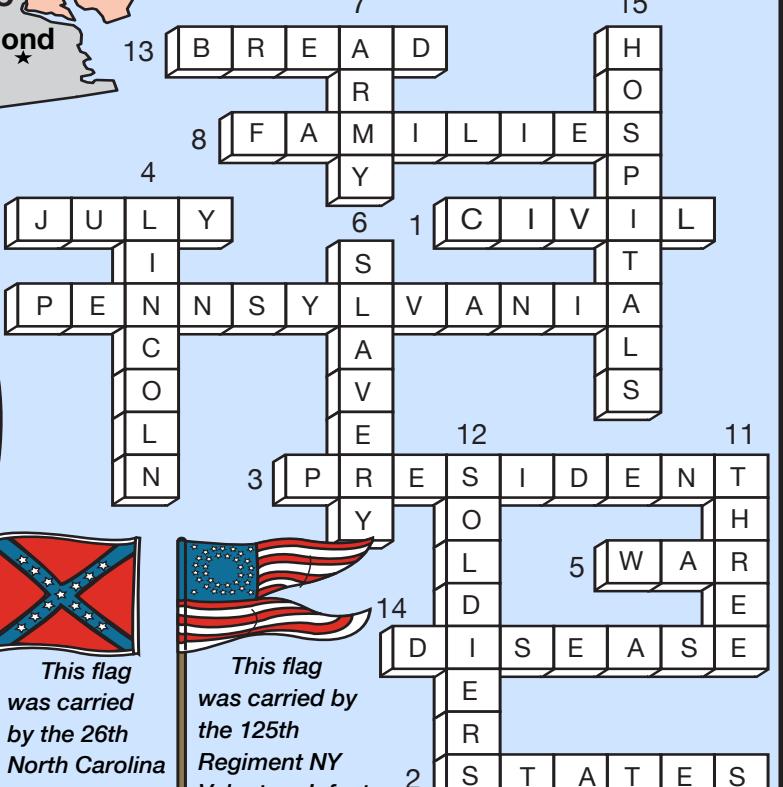
July 1, 1863 – July 3, 1863



Visiting Gettysburg




Canons like this were used in Civil War battles.




**Living the Soldier's Life**

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This flag was carried by the 26th North Carolina Infantry.



This flag was carried by the 125th Regiment NY Volunteer Infantry.



**Kingman County Sheriff's Report**

**Sunday, June 11**

Traffic Stop 6  
Parking Complaint 1000 Blk W D Ave, Kingman  
Traffic Complaint N Elm St & W D Ave, Kingman  
Traffic Complaint NE 70 Ave & E Hwy 2, Norwich  
Driving Complaint 2000 Blk N Main St, Kingman  
911 Accidental Dial 13000 Blk SE 90 Ave, Norwich  
911 Accidental Dial 15000 Blk NE 50 St, Cheney

**Monday, June 12**

Traffic Stop 2  
Civil Paper service 3  
Traffic Complaint NE 90 Ave & NE 10 St, Cheney  
Trash Dump 400 Blk NE 100 Ave, Murdock  
Civil Standby 2000 Blk SE Murdock Ave, Murdock  
Follow Up 400 Blk NE 100 Ave, Murdock  
Harassment 2000 Blk SE Murdock Ave, Murdock  
Warrant Service 2000 Blk SE Murdock Ave, Murdock  
Disabled Vehicle 16000 Blk SE 30 Ave, Cheney  
Disabled Vehicle SE 30 St & SE 150 Ave, Cheney  
Miscellaneous 15000 Blk NE 50 St, Cheney  
Trespassing 4000 Blk NE 50 St, Cheney  
Unlock Vehicle 15000 Blk NE 50 St, Cheney  
911 Accidental Dial 10000 Blk NE 10 St, Murdock  
911 Accidental Dial 16000 Blk NE 4 St, Cheney

**Tuesday, June 13**

Traffic Stop 2  
Civil Paper Service 7  
Non-Injury Accident 400 Blk W Kansas Ave, Kingman  
Non-Injury Accident SW 90 Ave & W Hwy 54, Kingman  
Theft 7000 Blk SE 60 Ave, Kingman  
Animal Check Welfare 3000 Blk NE 50 Ave, Kingman  
Traffic Complaint 3000 Blk E Hwy 42, Rago  
Miscellaneous 120 N Spruce, Kingman  
Alarm / Fire 400 Blk S Valley St, Cunningham  
Check Welfare 200 Blk E Don Lock Dr, Kingman  
911 Accidental Dial 14000 Blk SE 160 Ave, Norwich

**Wednesday, June 14**

Non-Injury Accident SE Mary Lane Ave & SE 20 St, Cheney  
Miscellaneous 120 N Spruce, Kingman

Debris in Roadway  
Non-Injury Accident  
911 Accidental Dial  
911 Accidental Dial

**Thursday, June 15**

Non-Injury Accident  
Animal Complaint  
Non-Injury Accident  
Injury Accident  
Burglary  
Non-Injury Accident  
Alarm  
Alarm  
Transport Civilian  
Damage to Roadway  
Non-Injury Accident  
DUI Arrest

**Friday, June 16**

Traffic Stop  
Fire / Vehicle  
Medical  
Non-Injury Accident  
Suspicious Person  
Disabled Vehicle  
Non-Injury Accident  
Theft  
Non-Injury Accident  
Disturbance  
Traffic Complaint  
Traffic Complaint

**Saturday, June 17**

Traffic Stop  
Civil Paper Process  
Disturbance  
Follow Up  
Traffic / Parking Complaint  
Disturbance  
Medical  
Weather Watch  
Non-Injury Accident

11000 W Hwy 54, Cunningham  
2000 W Hwy 54, Kingman  
SE 50 St & SE 80 Ave, Murdock  
500 Blk NW 20 Ave, Kingman

40000 E Hwy 54, Cheney  
16000 E Hwy 2, Norwich  
18000 E Hwy 2, Norwich  
4000 S Hwy 14, Kingman  
200 Blk N Vail, Spivey  
E Bluff St & NE 100 Ave, Murdock  
9000 NW 20 St, Cunningham  
16000 SW 10 St, Cunningham  
400 Blk E Leiter Ave, Cunningham  
E Bluff St & NE 100 Ave, Murdock  
NE 50 St & NE 170 Ave, Cheney  
NE 50 St & NE 170 Ave, Cheney

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8000 W Hwy 54, Cunningham  
13000 W Hwy 54, Cunningham  
1500 Blk E Burns Ave, Norwich  
900 Blk NE 130 Ave, Cheney  
NE 100 Ave & E Hwy 54, Kingman  
NE 20 St & NE 70 Ave, Kingman  
E Hwy 54 & NE 70 Ave, Kingman  
SE 170 St & Hwy 2, Norwich  
500 Blk N Four Wheel Dr, Kingman  
2000 W Hwy 54, Kingman  
SW 150 St & SW 50 Ave, Spivey

3  
4  
400 N main St, Kingman  
2000 Blk N 170 Ave, Cunningham  
400 Blk E Leiter Ave, Cunningham  
200 Blk S Elliott, Cunningham  
400 Blk S Valley St, Cunningham  
E Hwy 54 & NE 70 Ave, Kingman  
9000 Blk SE 40 St, Murdock

**Minutes from the Pratt County Commission**

The Pratt County commissioners met in regular session Monday, June 12, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. in the commissioner room, 1st floor of the courthouse. The following members were present: Thomas W. Jones III, rick Shriver, Dwight Adams, Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor, Lori Voss, clerk, and Mark Graber, IT director.

Heather Morgan, economic development/COVID consultant, reported the Department of Commerce released the new median wages for the state. Median wages grew 1.18% in Pratt County. The average is \$17.47 per hour in Pratt County. She will send the report to the commissioners to show where Pratt County employees rank in the survey as far as median wages. She filled out the community block grant survey on Pratt County's behalf. Most of the grants go to the eastern part of the state. The Department of Commerce reported there was an equine project but Pratt County did not have the acreage they were requiring. The federal government has a new more accurate broadband map. Kansas is entitled to a larger amount of ARPA funds to expand the broadband in rural areas. Pratt Area Chamber of Commerce is meeting Wednesday to approve a façade grant for the Sawyer Co-op and establish a new financial advisor.

Donna Gorman and Samantha Landis, DCCCA, presented their 2024 budget. Donna went over their services and the number of clients treated. They are asking for a slight Increase from 2023.

David Schmidt, USD 382 assistant superintendent, gave the commissioners an update on the progress at the PRRC building. He had a list of

items they are working on. They are looking at occupying the building July 15th, with students able to start school in this building.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the minutes from June 5, 2023. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Tracey Beverlin, county attorney, presented her 2024 budget. She is requesting an increase to purchase a new software called prosecutor by Karpel. It was suggested ARPA funds could assist with purchase.

Jon Roach, noxious weed, gave an update on the truck being repaired at Fairbanks in Wichita. The motors are fine and the pumps can be repaired, just waiting on the parts. An estimate on the pumps is \$1500.00.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the annual contract with Redrock Protection for termites at \$275.00 per year. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Shriver reported there is a problem with another smoke alarm at the Public Safety Building.

Chairman Jones made a motion to approve the payment vouchers for June 12, 2023. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Tara Pagenkopf, RSVP director, presented checks for signatures. She reported the older AC unit at the old EMS building doesn't keep the area cool. Also, reported the outside lights are on 24/7. Commissioner Shriver recommended having the AC unit checked out.

Commissioner Adams stated to call someone and have them check it out.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to adjourn at 3:02 pm. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.



**Day 2, Kansas Wheat Harvest Report**

This is day 2 of the Kansas Wheat Harvest Reports, brought to you by the Kansas Wheat Commission, Kansas Association of Wheat Growers, Kansas Grain and Feed Association and the Kansas Cooperative Council.

Wheat harvest has been marching on for nearly two weeks in Cowley County, with numerous interruptions from rain, reported Kevin Kelly, general manager of Two Rivers Coop in Arkansas City. Harvest started in the area around June 7 and quality appears to be good with proteins in the 14 percent range.

Kelly said test weights are starting to decline slightly, due to most producers cutting their best fields first, but are still averaging 59 to 60 pounds per bushel. Overall, harvest results are dependent upon when the crop was planted — earlier-planted wheat has not fared as well as later-planted fields. While it was dry for a long period after the first of the year, the area did catch a few rains when the crop was filling, contributing to better-than-expected quality.

The co-op expects to take in about half the wheat of a five-year-average for wheat harvest, and harvest in the area is about 20 percent complete. Kelly said most of that will be processed domestically at U.S. flour mills, due to the need for bushels and a strong U.S. dollar that disincentivizes exports.

Just three counties to the west in Barber County, farmers are sending in quite a few samples, but moisture remains at 15 to 16 percent, according to Sarah Dodge, grain merchandiser with Farmers Coop Equity Co., in Isabel and Medicine Lodge. Producers are hoping this week's hot and windy weather will mean harvest will be in full swing soon.

While the Medicine Lodge area did receive close to an inch from every storm system that has come through in the last few weeks, the rain is too little, too late to help the wheat crop in the area. Farmers are now seeing weeds that have popped up in the fields. Spotty hail damage added insult to injury for some.

"A little damage goes a long way in this poor crop," Dodge said.

Dodge reported the 10-year-average for the co-op's intake is a little over three million bushels. Last year wasn't even half and this year if the co-op sees one million bushels, it would be a welcome surprise. Still, some producers are hope-

ful for some decent fields left standing, with the best expected to average 35 to 50 bushels per acre. Most of that wheat is likely headed up to flour mills near Kansas City, but Dodge is holding out for quality data before contracting.

Spotty, scattered rains late in the season is also the drumbeat across Wilson County in southeast Kansas. Nicole Small, who farms near Neodesha, said the first measurable rain came in May, when parts of the area got up to 5.8 inches of rain, while farms just eight miles away are still rated in D4 (exceptional) drought.

Small and her family expect to cut 800 of the 1,000 acres they planted to wheat this year, noting that the wheat was planted into milo stalks and

partially grazed due to a shortage of forage. Those who have received moisture are battling seeps in the field with standing water and green sucker heads that make harvest a slog.

They have cut 200 acres so far with results all over the board. Yields for their fields are around 45 bushels per acre with acceptable test weights, while some neighbors are reporting upwards of 60 bushels per acre and others much lower.

Variability will continue to be a theme for the 2023 Kansas wheat crop as harvest continues to expand out from the southern central and southeastern portions of the state.

*Written by Marsha Boswell*

**Public Notice**

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IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT	And all other persons who are or may be concerned:
DISTRICT COURT, KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS	You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in the District Court of Kingman County, Kansas, by Terry Padfield, William R. Miller, Valerie A. Nichols and Linda Henning, Plaintiffs, praying for an order quieting the title to the following described real estate:
TERRY PADFIELD, WILLIAM R. MILLER, VALERIE A. NICHOLS AND LINDA HENNING, Plaintiffs vs.	The Northwest Quarter (NW/4) of Section Twenty-nine (29), Township Thirty (30), Range Nine (9) West of the 6th P.M., Kingman County, Kansas.
DIXIE CORNELIUS, LAVAUGHN CORNELIUS, deceased, INVOLVES VIRGINIA PADFIELD, deceased, ROLAND CORNELIUS, REAL ESTATE deceased, ELSIE CORNELIUS, deceased, ROY EDUARD CORNELIUS, LUDWIG H. CORNELIUS, and the UNKNOWN HEIRS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, TRUSTEES, CREDITORS and ASSIGNS OF ANY DECEASED DEFENDANT; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSES OF ANY DEFENDANTS; THE UNKNOWN OFFICERS, SUCCESSORS, TRUSTEES, CREDITORS, AND ASSIGNS OF ANY DEFENDANTS WHICH ARE EXISTING, DISSOLVED, OR DORMANT CORPORATIONS; THE UNKNOWN GUARDIANS CONSERVATORS AND TRUSTEES OF ANY DEFENDANTS WHO ARE MINORS OR ARE UNDER ANY LEGAL DISABILITY, Defendants	The petition further seeks an order holding the Plaintiffs to be the owner of fee simple title to the above described real estate and minerals under said real estate, free of all right, title, and interest of the above named Defendants, and all other persons who are or may be concerned, and that they and each of them be forever barred and foreclosed of and from all right, title, interest, estate, or equity of redemption in or to the above described real estate, or any part thereof.
Case No. 2023 CV 16	You are hereby required to plead to said petition on or before the 27th day of July, 2023, in said court at Kingman County District Court, Kingman, Kansas. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said petition.
NOTICE OF SUIT (K.S.A. 60-307)	Terry Padfield, Linda Henning, William R. Miller and Valerie A. Nichols, Plaintiffs
The State of Kansas to the above named Defendants,	Matthew W. Ricke, #20995 349 N. Main, PO Box 113 Kingman, KS 67068 (620) 532-3103

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**Paul Ross**

Paul Lindberg Ross, 95, passed away Tuesday, June 13, 2023 at Kiowa County Memorial Hospital. He was born on June 23, 1927 in rural Haviland to Frank and Cleo (Haile) Ross. Paul married Florence Mae "Patty" (Winn) Ross on June 4, 1950 in Alliance, Ohio. She preceded him in death on February 23, 2017.



Paul graduated from Friends Academy, Haviland in 1945. He went on to attend Cleveland Bible College for 3 years, where he met his future wife while washing windows of one of the campus buildings. Patty later told her girlfriends she knew he was the man she was going to marry. He worked as a farmer for 60+ years, for the Haviland Telephone Company for 21 years and for a time measured ground for the government. He was a member of Haviland Friends Church, serving on the stewards committee and residing as Clerk of the church for 18 years. Friends Bible College/Barclay College was very dear to Paul, he served on the board for 23 years, many of those residing as Chairman of the Board, and continued as an honorary board member. Paul was meticulous in his record keeping and many times, after he had resigned from the board, would be called to look up information or answer questions. Paul served on the Greensburg Hospital Board for 21 years and was Chairman for many years. He also served on the Yearly Meeting Board, the Kiowa County Extension Board, taught School School for many years, and was on the USD 474 School Board. He was a serving man. One of his callings was to be the "dorm Dad" for Friends Bible College. He and Patty served for four years, while still farming and working at the telephone company.

He enjoyed farming, and even at 90 years old wanted to crawl back up in to the tractor cab and make one more pass across his fields. He collected John Deere tractors and any other memorabilia that went along with John Deere. He could be found at any of his children and grandchildren activities, he was an avid supporter of all his children's pursuits. He had a love for playing games, whether that be dominoes with his brothers, a roaring game of horseshoes in the back yard, or SkipBo with the grandkids, Paul loved to play games. (He was just a little bit competitive!) One of Paul's greatest loves was singing, quartet music was a favorite. Paul enjoyed being an electrician, he not only worked on his own home, but most of his children benefited from his skills.

He is survived by his children, David (Doreen) Ross of Shawnee, Diane Rohling of Pratt, Keenan (Joe) Kleymann of Omaha, Nebraska, Colleen (David) Overcast of Lewiston, Idaho, Lynne Ann (Steve) Borchers of Wichita, and Kayleen (Joe) Stevens of Haviland; brother, Warren (Pat) Ross of Roseburg, Oregon; grandchildren, Chad (Christine) Lovich, Bryan (Ali) Ross, Amanda (Kole) Hamilton, Jennifer (Matt) Badsky, Larry (Stephanie) Rohling, Heather (Danny) Lynch, Chris (Lori) Rohling, Chris Kleymann, Jeannie Kleymann, Sarah Overcast, Caleb Overcast, Chad Borchers, Tina (Arron) Chaney, Kara Borchers, Megan Shanley, Braden (Stevi) Stevens and Tanner (RaeLyn) Stevens; great-grandchildren, Ross, Jackson and Eli Lovich, Alivia Crow-Ross, Dakota Ross, Maelee, Kash and Bristol Hamilton, Bailey and Bryce Badsky, Lainey and Luke Rohling, Sammie and Jessie Lynch, Kynlee and Brooklyn Rohling, Henry, Eliza and Gavin Kleymann, Jace Kleymann Jason, Adyson and Julia Borchers, Ethan and Georgia Chaney, Aaliyah Johnson, Brenton and Rosston Crouser, Bently and Tripp Stevens, and Rilyn and Wyatt Stevens.

Paul is preceded in death by his parents; wife, Patty Ross; brothers, Eugene (Alta) Ross and Francis (Dorothy) Ross; sisters, Esther Mae (Fred) Johnson and Ruthelma Spicer; son in-law, Richard Rohling; granddaughter, Amy Borchers; great-grandson, Casen Rohling; and great-granddaughter, Bella Kleymann.

Funeral service was held Friday, June 16, 2023 at Haviland Friends Church, Haviland with Todd Follette presiding. Burial was at Haviland Cemetery, Haviland.

Memorials may be made to Haviland Friends Church or Barclay College in care of Larrison Mortuary.

**Bob Witt**

Robert Michael Witt, 75, of Larned, passed away June 7th in Wichita. He was born July 5th, 1947, to Eula and Elsie (Crow) Witt. He attended school in Cunningham and graduated high school in 1965. He attended Wichita State University and graduated in 1969.



He was a recruiter for the Army National Guard and then worked at Larned Correctional Facility retiring in 2010.

He is survived by his wife Sherry of Larned Kansas, Sister Carolyn & Frank Briscoe of Camdenton MO, son John & Nancy Witt of Alexander Kansas son Brian & Terry Witt of Winlock WA, daughter Theresa & Kevin Newsome of Great Bend Kansas, daughter Bridgette & John Thomas of Pawnee Rock Kansas, son Darin & Susan Lohr of Larned Kansas, 11 grandchildren, and 11 great grandchildren.

Memorial service will be decided at a later date. In lieu of flowers send memorials care of Baker Funeral Home 6100 East Central Ste 203 Wichita Kansas 67208.

**Dale Webster**

Dale Eric Webster, 69, of Council Grove, passed away Monday, June 12, 2023 surrounded by friends and family.



He was born on October 2, 1953, in Salina, Kansas to Ed and Hazel (Greenfield) Webster.

On October 8, 1993, he was united in marriage to Darla (Scott) Coones in Pratt, Kansas.

Dale retired as an engineer from Union Pacific Railroad in 2015, but had no trouble keeping busy. He loved spending time with his friends and family, fishing with his buddies, camping at the Council Grove Lake and working at their store in Council Grove. Dale was authentically and wholeheartedly there for those in his life and truly enjoyed helping others.

Dale was strong willed, ornery and a bit stubborn at times, but also had an enormous heart and a wonderful sense of humor. He was generous, brave, and loved his people fiercely. He was full to the brim with knowledge gained through all of his life experiences: train engineer, fisherman, mechanic, father, friend, mentor and hero.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his sister, and his best canine companion Buster. He is survived and missed deeply by his loving wife Darla of 29 years; twin sons, Justin Webster of Omaha, NE; Jason (Jeri) Webster of Richmond, MO; stepchildren: Mandi Anderson of Wichita, KS; Jamie (Ashley) Coones of Manhattan, KS. Dale will forever be cherished and remembered by his 6 grandchildren: Ryan, Aubrey, Ethan, Collin, Dylan, and Finn; 2 great-grandchildren: Dusty and Mason; sister: Connie Stewart; brother-in-law: Greg (Denise) Scott, best friends: Tracy Chadd and Mark Shirley, as well as many beloved cousins, nieces, nephews, and dear friends.

A celebration of life will be held July 14th & 15th at Council Grove Lake. Family will be camping at Canning Creek in group site 1, pod 3. We will be sharing our memories of Dale. We welcome anyone who would like to share theirs or pay last respects.

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**Upcoming Oil Painting Workshop**

Logan, KS. - 6/19/2023... The Hansen Museum's Continuing Education Program is excited to have representational landscape painter of the west and Signature Member of Oil Painters of America, David Vollbracht, who will teach a three-day oil painting workshop at the Hansen Museum on July 6, 7, & 8, 2023. During this workshop, David will demonstrate oil painting techniques and teach students to enhance their personal painting style with composition, color, and brushwork. Students will explore design, color, value, and composition as well as the more elusive elements of mood, passion, and attitude.

Mr. Vollbracht earned his art degree from Fort Hays State University. His knowledge has been nurtured by attending the workshops of oil painters such as Clyde Aspevig and Wayne Wolfe. David's art reflects the quality of light, nature, and spirit drawn from the land. David emphasizes the beauty and importance of the natural landscape in his compositions. He is intrigued by patterns and shapes in nature and the effect that light has on these elements. His work has been in numerous shows including Mountain Oyster Club Show, Tucson, AZ; One Man Show, Wichita Center for the Arts, Wichita, KS; National Miniature Show, La Luz, NM; and National Oil Painters of America Exhibitions, and Rocky Mountain Plein Air Show, Winter Park, CO.

Registration fees for this workshop are \$180.00 with discounts available to Patron and Sustaining Members of the Hansen Museum. For more information about the workshop, including a list of supplies required, see the workshop registration form on our website under the Classes & Workshops heading. If you have any questions, please call the Hansen Museum at 785-689-4846 or send an email to [director@hansenmuseum.org](mailto:director@hansenmuseum.org). Please return registrations to the Museum. Preregistration is helpful but not required.

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