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## Booster Club Kick Off THIS Friday

Cunningham Booster Club will be hosting the annual Kick Off Event on Friday, August 25th at Cunningham Park. Memberships will be available at the event for \$25 for individuals and \$40 for couples. Membership comes with perks, including a free hamburger/hot dog meal and raffle tickets for a chance to win VIP parking spaces at the football field or gym, \$30 gift certificates for Cozy's and South Fork, Wildcat RTIC cup/hat/koozie, or to have your membership fees refunded. Booster Club members will also be given free admittance to a designated home football game, home volleyball game, and a night of basketball games. Membership fees are used to support USD 332 students and staff with various projects throughout the year.

The meal will be served from 7:00-8:30 pm at the concession stand and will be free for Booster Club members, all kids, and USD 332 staff and spouses. All other adults can eat for \$5. To-go meals will be available.

We are excited to bring back the dunk tank, with no charge to try to dunk some of your favorite Wildcats! Bingo will be played at the shelter house near the restrooms, with prizes of "concession stand bucks" that can be used throughout the school year for concessions at home games. Horseshoes and cornhole will be available east of the playground. Junior high and high school students can play sand volleyball if they can take the heat.

We will also continue the tradition of the Spirit Gear Swap. Bring your gently used Cunningham gear that you no longer need, and we will have a table for anyone to take what they can use.

The evening will be capped off with a free moonlight swim open to everyone from 8:00-10:00 pm, kindly sponsored by Beat Repair. Bring your lawn chairs and join us for a fun evening to kick off the school year!



## Minutes from Kingman County Commission

Chairman Henning called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. August 14, 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; Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director; Melissa Thimesch, Extension Agent and Sarah Carroll, Invenergy.

Online Visitors: Tammy; Heather Kinsler; Kristina Rose; Caller 01; Caller 02; Caller 03; Caller 04; Tyler Mowbray and KS.

Staff: LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer; Jamie Smith, County Treasurer; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director and Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director.

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

Chairman Henning would like to add an executive session for attorney-client privilege.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the agenda. 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 mentioned that there has been a lot of talk about Economic Development and heard that we are not getting our best bang for our buck.

Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director was in to let the Commissioners know that the City of Kingman received two MIH (Moderate Income Housing) grants. One was for Ninescah LLC in the amount of \$834,000.00 and \$950,000.00 for Eagle Acres reconstruction.

LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer was in to review the July Financials with the County Commissioners.

Jamie Smith, County Treasurer and Carol Noblit, County Clerk discussed the bids for the air conditioners that were received a few weeks ago from Bell Heating and Cooling, Eck Services and Redrock Services.

Commissioners let Ms. Smith and Ms. Noblit know that they will review the quotes received and make a decision.

Ms. Smith and Ms. Noblit discussed that the server is needing an upgrade and not a new one at this time. The amount of the quote received from Integris IT is \$4025.79.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the quote received from Integris IT for the Courthouse server upgrade and software in the amount of \$4,025.79. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Melissa Thimesch, Extension Agent and new agent were in to discuss the budget allocation.

Chairman Henning discussed that there should be some extra funds remaining since they were down one agent which should cover the 6% increase for next year. The 6% increase will be in the General fund and can be distributed to the Extension office if needed towards the end of next year.

Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director and Sarah Carroll, Invenergy were in to answer any questions on the agreements received.

Chairman Henning had a question on reconstruction page 2 A.

Ms. Carroll explained the wording and what the intent of it will be.

Mr. Ritcha discussed the 15-day notification period on page 4 in the agreement.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed that he talked with Invenergy about the roads being used and that the work that needs to be done on the bridges on the haul route.

Chairman Henning discussed the road use agreement and that it needs to be approved before the road action plan can be started.

Ms. Carroll said that once they get the agreements signed they can work with Kirkham Michael on the bridge

and road needs.

Commissioners discussed that they will talk with Mr. Ritcha and he will get the information to Ms. Carroll.

Mr. Goetz submitted a resolution change.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve Resolution 2023-R12, 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 Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in to discuss a request received last week and asked to do a safety study on the midway intersection.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to have KDOT do a safety study at midway intersection. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf let the Commissioners know that the Pre-Construction for 363-2025 Overlay on the 15th of August, 2023.

Mr. Arensdorf let the Commissioners know that the Pre-Construction for SW 70 St. repair will be on the 16th of August, 2023.

Mr. Arensdorf submitted the FAS 363-2025 overlay contracts for signatures.

John Riggins, Kirkham Michael was in with the off-system bridge report and reviewed it with the County Commissioners.

The County Clerk submitted the August 7, 2023, Commission meeting minutes for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the August 7, 2023, Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon

*continued on page 10)*

# SCHOOL DEMANDS HIGH SPEED

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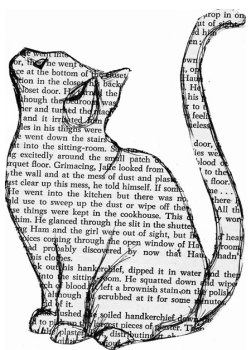
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Meanderings

I had a birthday a couple of weeks ago. I am officially old enough to get Social Security; and you can bet I applied for it. I first paid into Social Security in June of 1975. I was just shy of my 14th birthday. The fall would find me enrolled in Cunningham High School. I was working at Mary's Hiway Cafe.

I earned \$.50 and hour washing dishes. After a month or so, I got a raise to wait tables. I then made \$.75 an hour plus tips. And, of course, tips were nickels and dimes and quarters. But they did add up. Immediate pocket change.

I don't remember what I made when I got to cook. Most likely \$1.50. I remember how excited I was to get that fifty cents. After 4 hours I'd have a whole two dollars. But then, I found out about social security and income taxes. Siiigh. It's probably why I don't remember how much I made cooking. It seemed like so much went to the government. Siiigh again.

I can remember filling out the paperwork to get my Social Security card. And I can remember getting the card in the mail. It almost made me feel like a real adult.

Well, here it is, a bit more than 48 years later, I still have that card, and I finally get my money back. Woo-hoo!

Yes, if you wait longer, like until you are 65 or 68 or 70 or 105, you get more each month. But here's the thing: the government wants us to wait longer, which means that it will probably benefit them if I wait. So I'm getting my money now, and benefiting ME. I'm selfish in that way.

I turned 62 August the 5th. But one actually

has to wait one month past their 62nd birthday to begin those payments. EXCEPT, they make you wait another month to get that first payment. The lady who 'interviewed' me informed me "it comes a month behind." September 5 was one month after my birthday.

Because my birthday is early in the month, I will get my deposits on the second Wednesday of each month. Which means I will get my first deposit on October 11th. I will be 2 months and 6 days older than 62 years.

I'm very excited about this, I can tell you!

By the time you get this newspaper in your mailbox, school will be

back in full swing. I went up to the open house this evening.

Do you remember the open houses of yesterday? They usually took place in October. The classrooms were all decorated with students' work, sometimes a little written paragraph was on each desktop. Cookies and punch were served. THOSE were true open houses. I miss those. I love looking at the work of students who have been learning and creating.

Open houses at the beginning of the school are actually what is often called 'meet the teacher' night. Not quite as interesting, but for the kids, it is exciting and fun. I hope

they all have productive and learning experience s this school year. Onward and upward, brave soldiers of academia! (and Generals as well!)

Always reading, and currently reading, "Still Me" by Jojo Moyes, Roberta

"Today more people believe in UFOs than believe that Social Security will take care of their retirement."

Scott Cook
"Social Security is an extremely complicated program."
John Thune

Tallgrass and Tumbleweeds by Gaille Pike

Gaille Pike is on location in New York filming a documentary. Her regular columns will resume Sunday, September 14th. In the meantime, please enjoy this from the syndicated Tallgrass & Tumbleweeds archives.

(Previously Published Week of 5/5/2021)

Dear Readers, If your children have friends that you think are bad influences, you can find lots of advice online, in print, and by asking

your friends and neighbors. And I'm told that this is a common experience, and all the parents I ran across were looking for ideas on how to handle these bad-egg friends because their kids were being LED ASTRAY.

Mostly I found ideas on WHAT NOT TO DO. Repeatedly I read that the worst things you can do is to try to keep them apart OR let on how you feel because these actions will just make your kids like their friends more. I found Australian child psychologists (www.melbournechildpsychology.com) who had gathered these and other adages into a tidy six-bullet list.

Number Six was that notion that a parent's job is to WORRY and that's all you really can do.

Sadly, none of this helped one whit. You see, I was searching for what do when your cats become enamored of... pals you suspect not on the up-and-up. None of my Google searches tackled THAT.

A better Cat Lady than I would have broken up the cat-rac-mance BEFORE it progressed. I KNEW about it. I reported it in my last column for one thing. For another, the patio-parties tickled me so much, I talked and texted 'bout it for days. I figured "Hey,

it's cool. Live and let live." Until...

The 5 month old (my darling, sweet-faced-forever kitten) twirled a routine off my shower curtain. Her performance capped off dramatical-ly with popping plastic hooks. Next the 11 month old (my big-hearted-14 pound-lug) followed a couch pirouette with a coffee table somersault. Some judges might have given him a "10" 'cause he STUCK his landing. From me, he got a string of expletives—that glass he smacked-dab over? Yeah, it watered my papers. The piece de resistance though, came from BATKAT, my first stray

love (a heretofore sedate, mature Mamma.) She took performance art to new heights with contortions and interpretative dance. First my desk was her stage, then the kitchen counters, then the top of the microwave.

I was vexed and FLUMMOXED. My cats DON'T act like that! What had come over them? What possessed them? Who suggested these Flying Wallendas-feats?

The answer came in a few hours. It was no patio-party that night I interrupted that night as I flipped on the porch light and stepped outside. A full-on CARNIVAL

was in progress. It was the CIRQUE DE RACCOON and my cats' eyes were wide, their gazes transfixed, as they sat still as church mice in ringside seats. Even I was mesmerized, riveted to the spot. A lone masked artiste flew from our picnic table to the birdfeeder. Then, delighting his buddy bandits dancing below AND inspiring my cats, he swung big arcs, with the greatest of ease. I should sell tickets.

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

A Column by Dorothy Rosby

Adventures in Nap Land

I'd like you to meet my driver. Oops. Did I say my driver? I meant my husband. I'd like you to meet my husband. It's an easy mistake to make. If we're going anywhere, he's generally driving. And he's pretty good at it. At least I think he is. I'm usually asleep when he drives, so I could be wrong.

I'm a good driver too. At least I am when I'm awake, which is one of

the things you look for in a good driver.

Unfortunately, I'm a bit of an insomniac, and for some reason, I sleep almost as well in a moving car as I do in a bed. I'm even tempted to wake my husband on particularly bad nights, and hand him the car keys. I never do though; that would be mean. Besides I sleep better when I know my driver is well rested.

So he drives; I sleep. This arrangement works well for us. If he disagrees he's never said so, at least not while I was awake.

Not all couples are so lucky. Nothing shines a light on the differences

in a relationship like a road trip does. And for some, it starts before they even get in the car. "Why are you bringing all this junk? We're going on vacation, not moving."

Still later, when he/she asks innocently for a pen or a stick of gum, the other will say sarcastically, "We don't have one. You didn't think we had room for it."

Among traveling companions, there's often one who wants to record every cent spent on the trip and one who will give them plenty to record. "Oh, come on. We're on vacation."

"That doesn't mean we should spend fifteen bucks for a hot dog!"

Often one partner wants—even needs—to make and stick to a schedule. It's no coincidence that nature has given these individuals the stamina to go all day without food, water or restroom breaks. The other cares nothing for schedules and prefers to...

uh...go with the flow, so to speak.

In many couples, there's one partner who prefers to do most of the driving and one who feels the need to tell them how to do it.

For others there are button battles and dial disputes, a difference of opinion about what constitutes good traveling music and how high it must be turned up to be enjoyed.

Despite all of this, road trips are a glorious time to bond, relax and make memories. It could even be said that the differences between traveling companions actually make travel more interesting—if only in the retelling. If nothing else, they help the travelers to look forward to and savor the return home that much more.

And I didn't mean to imply earlier that I have no differences with my own traveling companion on life's highway.

For one thing, he can

go days without eating. I have to eat every few hours or I can't sleep.

Plus I believe that if the speed limit is 65, we should go 64—in case the speedometer is wrong. And he thinks that if the speed limit is 65, we should go 75—in case the speedometer is wrong. We have completely different internal thermostats too. He's always in hot water for blasting the air conditioner too high and I get the cold shoulder every time I turn it back down. If our car didn't have bun warmers, we might never go anywhere together.

He insists on taking photos of me at every landmark, memorial, and scenic overlook we come across. This makes me a little cranky, especially if he woke me up to get the photo. Consequently, all our vacation photos give the impression that he didn't go on the trip and I didn't enjoy it all that much.

But I love a road trip

with my husband much more than my photos would lead you to believe. We've had many wonderful adventures together, though you may be thinking if I sleep everywhere we go, how adventurous can it be?

Point taken. I admit I once took a nice long nap somewhere in Missouri. When I woke up, my husband asked me if I'd seen the lake. I asked, "What lake?" Turns out we'd passed by the Lake of the Ozarks which covers 54,000 acres and has 1,150 miles of shoreline. In my defense, I don't think we drove by the whole thing. But you'd have to ask my driver to be sure.

Dorothy Rosby is the author of 'Tis the Season to Feel Inadequate; Holidays, Special Occasions and Other Times Our Celebrations Get Out of Hand and other books. Contact her at www.dorothyrosby.com/contact.

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**Community Bulletin Board**

<b>Friday, August 25</b> 7:00 p.m. Booster Club Kick Off Events	<b>Thursday, August 31</b> JH VB at HOME vs Fairfield and Stafford *** HS/JH Cross Country at Pretty Prairie *** JH FB at HOME vs Fairfield
<b>Monday, August 28</b> Auditions for Main Street Singers *** Auditions for High School Play *** 6:30 City Council	<b>Friday, September 1</b> HS FB vs Ashland at HOME
<b>Tuesday, August 29</b> HS VB at Otis Bison with Stafford	<b>Monday, September 4</b> Labor Day Holiday
<b>Wednesday, August 30</b> Book Club "Being Mortal" by Atul Gawande	<b>Tuesday, September 5</b> HS VB at Pretty Prairie with Caldwell



**County Commission Will Attend Farm Bureau Meeting**

A majority of a quorum of the Board of County Commissioners of Kingman, County, Kansas may be in attendance at a Farm Bureau Annual Meeting on August 23, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Kingman Expo North Room, 110 W 1<sup>st</sup>, Kingman, KS 67068. No action will be taken on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners at this event.

**End of Summer Pool Hours**



**Thurs., August 24th**  
6:00-7:00 p.m.  
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**Sun, August 27th**  
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**Mon, August 28th**  
5:00-7:00 p.m.  
**Tues, August 29th**  
6:00-7:00 p.m.  
adult swim 7:00-8:00 p.m.  
**Wed, August 30th**  
5:00-7:00 p.m.  
**Thurs, August 31st**  
6:00-7:00 p.m.  
adult swim 7:00-8:00 p.m.



**City Council Will Meet Monday Evening**

Monday, August 28, 2023  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA  
Meeting will be held at City Hall, 119 N. Main St. 6:30 p.m. – Call to Order  
Approval of Agenda  
Approval of Minutes of July 31, 2023 meeting  
Revenue Neutral Rate Hearing  
Budget Hearing  
Public comments, concerns, & communications  
Fire Department – Chief’s Report  
Consideration of Selling Grader  
Request for Leak Forgiveness Reports  
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**Consider this...**

by Mike Johnson

**The Measure of the Man**

The movie "Titanic" replays the maritime disaster that claimed 1,500 of 2,200 lives when the ship sank 550 miles off Newfoundland on April 15, 1912. Despite the magnitude of this tragedy, the movie left audiences with a clear message - we may not be able to control the hour or manner of our death but we can control the level of dignity we bring to its final moments.

The "Ship of Dreams" passenger manifest included the richest and poorest, the famous and the unknown, the refined

and the coarse. Yet, once disaster struck, these shallow labels quickly fell away. Under the threat of death, each person's real inner character stood naked for all to see.

Facing a situation where money had no value for the first time in their lives, some of the rich men panicked and took seats in lifeboats meant for women and children. Yet, other rich men calmly accepted their fate, dressed in their finest, and died quietly like gentlemen.

Facing a situation where hard labor had no value for the first time in their lives, some of the poor panicked and mobbed the lifeboats causing them to founder. Yet, other poor passen-

gers calmly accepted their fate and spent their last moments comforting children.

Crisis has a wonderful way of revealing the true nature of a man. I can't help wondering how I would face a similar situation.

Would I frantically exhaust every available option right up to the instant of death or would I size up the situation as hopeless and face it on my own terms? If I did accept the situation as hopeless, how would I spend my last moments? Helping others? Centering myself? Reviewing my life? Writing a note to loved ones? Or would I panic, shout curses at God or trample others in an effort to survive another

moment?

What if I was given the choice to take a seat in a lifeboat? Would I take it, knowing my decision took the life of another to save my own? Or would I decline, and bravely look my maker square in the eye?

These are important questions because they reveal who we really are.

We spend so much time acting 'as if' we have character that far too few of us ever truly develop it. External politeness is not the same as internal grace. External honesty is not the same as inner integrity. External philanthropy is not the same as a generous heart. When it comes to character, only the actual traits themselves have value,



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not the outer disguises that mimic them. The passengers on the Titanic learned this in the most horrifying of lessons.

I think this is why I've watched the movie five times. It begs us to face these difficult questions now - without the threat of death forcing us to do so. From the comfort of warm, dry land, we have the chance to become the

people we aspire to be right now - internally and eternally - in the form of character that can never be taken away.

Ironically, how successfully we face death will reveal how successfully we faced life. Crisis reveals character and character is the measure of the man. When your time comes, what will crisis reveal about you?

**OH! Heaven Leigh Day!!**

By Mona Purvis

"Put your money where your mouth is."

Marsha Mellow stood before us and uttered those seven powerful words while blinking wildly as is her custom and twisting her hands without pause.

"Like we don't already do that. Ha! Do you know how much a caramel macchiato at Starbucks costs these days?" Sue Flay responded.

"Sue, dear...please, don't interrupt. Marsha is right. We could all use some... tightening up." I was sure Marsha had found just the right solution to an age-old

problem: mature women having any chance of changing their figures for the better.

"Thank you, Liz. And let me thank you for opening up your home for this meeting to address the needs of our senior women. Let's all give Liz Onnia a hand!"

The small group balanced cheesecake and coffee as they managed to applaud.

We had been issued the ultimate challenge at Wednesday night's meeting of Salt Shakers, our women's group at Calvary Baptist Church. Our leader, Heaven Leigh Day, on whose svelte form a size four hung, decided it was past time for the women to lead by

example.

"Ladies, we must work hard to be the healthy, vital, self-controlled women God expects of us." The meeting was concluded by the reading of Romans 12:1, present your bodies a living sacrifice...

My senior friends had agreed to meet at my home to discuss a plan of action to match the results of younger Salt Shaker members whose gym memberships and liposuction was commonplace.

Marsha continued by holding up the undergarment for all to see. Looking like a wet suit for whales, The Amazonator, guaranteed to reduce all figures at least two sizes

with its powerful latex.

"My sister swears by hers." Chris Koe had brought the secret weapon to the meeting. "Only \$79.95 with her discount."

"Swears, indeed." Kandi Appel whispered to Cherrie Crisp. "I hear she wears a shaper thong."

"Please, sign the sheet and include your size. I'll be ordering today and they should arrive on Friday. Personal checks are fine." Marsha was the first to put her name on the list.

Seven orders followed; each buyer visualizing a smaller waistline, a lifted bust, a slimmer silhouette and corrected posture, all without so much as cutting out chocolate or cheesecake.

The order arrived on schedule and we eagerly looked to Sunday morning to reveal our slimmer shapes.

I pushed back my fat clothes and reached deep

into my closet for the little black number I had secreted away. Today is your debut.

The extra thirty minutes it took dressing was totally worth it. I was in my little black dress! My breathing was just deep enough to keep me conscious and my stride was more shuffle and less saunter, but, I was upright. My husband's admiring glance made all the pain worthwhile.

Arriving at church, I was met with several approving looks as I slowly lowered my new body onto the pew. Seated to my right was another of our group, May O'Nays, in a most fetching yellow dress. Reaching over, she grasped my hand a little harder than usual and I noticed the smile on her face and the tears in her eyes.

Directly in front of me sat Sue Flay and Chris Koe wearing new outfits. Sue could only offer me a moan of hello; but, Chris

was able to turn toward me by rotating her entire upper body slowly.

"Have you lost weight?" I overheard Ophelia Payne ask Patty Meldt who sat across the aisle. Patty was wearing a spandex skirt in vivid blue.

All went well for the announcements and prayer. Greeting time was made more manageable by comments of, you're looking so well... that's such a lovely dress... you're looking trim...

Basking in all the compliments, we smiled at each other and silently thanked our secret weapon.

Pastor I.D. Clair, chose this Sunday for one of his long sermons causing much squirming and groaning among those of us with controlled waistlines, corrected postures and lifted busts.

The closing hymn had never been more welcomed. I could hear our group sing out louder than usual creating more than a few stares.

OH!! OW!! I Love Jesus!

OH!! OW!! I Love Jesus!

OH!! OW!! I Love Jesus!

OH!! OW!! I Love Jesus!...



**Catholic Churches**

**Sacred Heart, Cunningham**  
Sundays 10:00 a.m.

**St. John, Zenda**  
Saturdays 5:30 p.m.

**St. Leo**  
Saturdays 4:00 p.m.

**St. Peter Willowdale**  
Sundays 8:30 a.m.

Father Roger Lumbre  
620-243-5451  
620-246-5370



**Lutheran Churches**

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620-246-5220  
Sunday School & Bible Class  
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Worship Service  
8:30 a.m.

**Trinity, Medicine Lodge**  
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Sunday School & Bible Class  
9:15 a.m.  
Worship Service  
10:30 a.m.

Our worship service is found on the YouTube channel at:  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCCrenCH12I9nmpcojCFyYLA>

Pastor Dennis Fangmeyer  
Cell: 620-886-0911



**Church of Christ**

**Penalosa**  
Sunday 11:00 a.m.



**First Christian Church**

**Cunningham**  
Sunday School 9:30 am  
Morning Worship 10:45  
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00  
Jr High Youth Group 4:00 pm Sunday  
Sr High Youth Group 7:30 pm Sunday  
Wednesday Prayer Service 7:00  
Pastor Mike McGovney 620-298-3201



**United Methodist Church**

**Penalosa**  
Worship 9:15 a.m.

**Cunningham**  
Worship 10:45 a.m.  
Pastor Mathew Ndambuki Musyoki  
620-298-2090

**Zenda**  
Worship 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School: Children 8:30 a.m. Adults 10:00 a.m.  
Pastor J L Nichols



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- West Kingman County Education Foundation** Use your Dillon's Card! (to donte contact Janet DeWeese 620-298-2717)
- Hands of Hope** (contact any church)
- Cunningham Alumni Scholarship Fund** (send checks to the West Kingman County Education Foundation)
- Cunningham Community Center** (leave donation at the bank)
- Lions' Club** (Money is being raised to dig a well in the village of Kakindu, Kenya)
- Cunningham Museum** (to donate contact Alan Albers or Mike McGovney)
- Cunningham Public Library** (to donate, contact Kerri Steffen)
- Cunningham EMS** (to donate, contact Monte Rose or Kathy Albers)

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YEARS AGO IN

*The Cunningham Clipper*

W. A. Bradley / William Bradley

**1928**

August 24 – News that little Hazel Franks, seven-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Franks of this city, had passed away at Wesley Hospital, Wichita, Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock, following an appendicitis operation that morning, caused a feeling of sadness over all.

**1933**

August 18 – The Girl Scouts had quite a number at their last meeting.

The Bob White Patrol went on a hike Monday night, to Carl Hart's and returned Tuesday morning. Most of the girls hiked back to town Tuesday morning. They had lost a few pounds after walking that distance. Those present were: Velma Steffen, Valeria Lash, Frances Mitte, Delores Hellar, Maxine Lash, Geraldine Allbritten, Joanna Franks, Jesse Lee Lakin, Eleanor Shelman, Eleanor Crow, and Peggy DeLair.

Since Cunningham has become an oil center, it is becoming difficult to secure proper quarters for all of the workers who are on the field. We understand that ten families of the employees have located in Turon and have to drive back and forth. When the cold weather comes this winter they will want a good warm home. Now is the time to get any available houses or apartments in good shape.

Misses Eugenia, Elsie and Anna Crow, Josephine Shafer, Grace Sellon, and Prof. Manahan are among the local teachers from this vicinity who are attending the Kingman County Teachers Institute in Kingman this week.

The "city dads" are having the city fire engine mounted on a four-wheel rubber-tired Ford chassis. This will enable the fire boys to make a much faster trip to the fires and be able consequently to do more good. The new equipment will be so that it won't take a whole army of men to move the engine. It should have been improved years ago.

**1938**

August 19 – Francis Dafforn has purchased the building on Main Street formerly occupied by the E. C. Miller Pool Hall and Second Hand Furniture store. After repairing and remodeling the interior, Mr. and Mrs. Dafforn will move into an apartment in the rear of the building, while he will use the front end of the building for a display room for new and used cars which he sells.

**1943**

August 20 – An Army plane crashed at Pratt Wednesday morning while on a routine training flight, killing 6 members of the crew and injuring a seventh. The accident occurred at the army air base there.

PFC Sam Henderson of the Topeka Army Air Base spent from last Wednesday until Saturday with his wife and his parents-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Alf Cooley.

Bob Crow and Austin Luce left on Tuesday morning with sixteen other Kingman County boys for Fort Leavenworth where they will enter military service.

Miss Florence Stillwell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Stillwell, and Carl Johnson, son of Mrs. Frank Johnson, all of Cunningham, were united in marriage Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock by Probate Judge Fred Hurd of Kingman.

**1948**

August 20 – Cunningham really poured it on their baseball archrival, St. Leo, in a Sunday afternoon game played at St. Leo. Final score was 18 to 2.

It was the third win for Lefty Joe Theis over St. Leo this year. He gave up two successive hits to the Kerschen brothers in the first inning and then fanned the next three men to end the threat. Theis didn't allow another hit until the ninth when A. Adelhardt nicked him for a ground single to left. In addition to the three hits, Theis fanned twelve, walked two, and hit one batter.

Cunningham combed three St. Leo hurlers, Ollie and Gene Adelhardt and Kimminau, for sixteen hits, five of them for extra bases.

Operations for spraying the entire city of Cunningham with DDT will start today (Friday) at

noon.

Quite a number of towns now have been sprayed and it has proved satisfactory and very beneficial. The campaign is directed against flies and their harboring places.

**1953**

August 21 – Old man soil erosion will take a beating in the future on four quarters of land near St. Leo, owned by Mr. Frank Allbritten of Cunningham. Work is now nearing completion on the soil conservation project by the four tenant farmers.

The tenants, Messrs. Clarence Fischer, John Albers, Richard Strohl, and John Schnittker and Son, have almost completed the job of terracing and building spillways on the four quarters of land. The project includes thirteen miles of terraces and twenty-seven concrete spillways, ranging from six to twenty-four feet wide. The men built an average of three spillways a day, with Mr. Allbritten furnishing the material and the tenants supplying the labor. Terracing work was done by a contractor.

The project itself is a fine example of neighborhood cooperation, Mr. Joy Livingston, Kingman County Soil Conservation head, said. It would have been impossible to have done this large project as efficiently and inexpensively, had the men not planned their work as a unit, Mr. Livingston said.

The state of Iowa will have to take a back seat this year and bow down to a Cunningham farmer, when it comes to raising tall corn.

The accompanying picture in this story is proof of our contention, when Mr. Roy Wetherall, resident and farmer of Cunningham, is shown standing beside a "small" stalk of corn which he brought in from his farm north of town.

The stalk measures sixteen and one-half feet in height, and the first ear is nine feet, ten inches from the ground. The corn, Mexican June variety, was grown along the Ninnescah River and comes from a thirty-acre patch.

**1958**

August 21 – Faculty members this year at Cunningham Rural High School include Principal Will Seacat; Mrs. Dorothy Spencer, English and Library; Mrs. Wilma Seacat, Home Economics and Biology; Warren Fouse, Industrial Arts; Weldon Allen, Business Education; Ronald Burgess, Music; Russell Willis, Mathematics and Science; and Gerald Keenan, Social Science and Athletics. Cleve Baber and Marvin Shelman are the Custodians, and Mrs. Faye Cooley Lunchroom Supervisor, assisted by Mrs. Gwen McClellan.

Teachers for the 1958-1959 term of school at Cunningham Grade School are Miss Viola Mitchell, First Grade; Mrs. Maxine Millsap, Second Grade; Mrs. Mary Eichorn, Third Grade; Mrs. Ruby Cusenbary, Fourth Grade; Fred Garten, Fifth Grade; Mrs. Rhoda O'Rourke, Sixth Grade; Miss Cozette Taylor, Seventh Grade; Merle Cales, Eighth Grade and Principal; and Mrs. Della Headrick, Music. Bob Osborn is the School Custodian, and the Bus Drivers are Dewey Cooley, Eula Witt, Lynn Spencer, John Baber, and Henry Eichorn.

**1963**

August 22 – One hundred and ten relatives were present for the sixth annual Schnittker Family Reunion held at Riverside Park in Kingman, Sunday, Aug. 11.

**1968**

August 22, 1968 – Column One by Editor Bill Bradley

With this week's issue, the Cunningham Clipper completes 81 years of publication.

Next week, we will begin our 82nd year. The Clipper is the oldest business firm in Cunningham, and one of the oldest newspapers in the State of Kansas.

According to the record at the Kansas State Historical Society in Topeka, there has been a newspaper published in Cunningham and our predecessor town, Ninnescah, since August 12, 1886, over 82 years ago. Fifteen months after the first publication of the Ninnescah Herald, the newspaper changed its nameplate to the Cunningham Herald.

It remained the Cunningham Herald from October 27, 1887, until December 29, 1892, when the newspaper name was again changed, this time it became the Cunningham Chronicle. It remained the Chronicle from January 5, 1893, until October 17, 1902, when the name-plate was changed for the last time to the Cunningham Clipper.

During our 81 years of publication, the Ninnescah Herald, Cunningham Herald, Cunningham Chronicle, and Cunningham Clipper, has had 15 publishers and/or editors.

According to the historical society's files, T. G. Elubry was the editor and publisher of the Chronicle

in 1893-94. The first editor of the Clipper was C. C. Hixon from October 17, 1902, until March 8, 1907. Mary A. Hixon was the editor from March 8, 1907 to December 20, 1907, Hinshaw and Bateman took over the Clipper's reins from December 20, 1907, until May 29, 1908, when Hinshaw and Son edited the paper until B. H. Henthorn took over May 7, 1909.

Henry Maxon assumed editorship of the Clipper, September 27, 1912, but sold out the following May 2, 1913, to George Reeder. Mr. Reeder lasted all summer, disposing of his interest to J. Milton Banie, September 12, 1913. Mr. Banie operated the Clipper until January 2, 1917, when he sold to H. O. Woodruff. On May 2, 1917, Ulysses Shelton became the editor and three weeks later on June 1, 1917, K. E. Ward assumed the editorship.

A week later, June 6, 1917, my dad, W. A. Bradley, purchased the Clipper from Mr. Woodruff. Almost a year later, May 24, 1918, Dad sold to Len Goheen, and entered military service. June 3, 1919, Dad repurchased the Clipper from Mr. Goheen, and the Bradley family has published the Clipper since that time, 49 years ago.

The faculty at Cunningham High School is complete and is as follows:

Harry E. Johnston, Principal; Mrs. Louise Armstrong, Home Economics; Mr. Harold Basham, Commerce; Mrs. Eva Cundiff, English; Mrs. Rubie Cusenbary, Languages; Mr. Charles Kaufman, Counselor; Mr. Jim Kelso, Speech and Debate, Social Science; Mrs. Ruth Kirby, Librarian (Cunningham Grade and High School and St. Leo Grade School); Mr. Larry Nolte, Math and Assistant Coach; Mr. Alvin Rohr, Science; Mr. Jim Stucky, Industrial Arts; Mr. Jim Webster, Coach, Drivers Education, and Social Science; Mr. Charles Yingling, Instrumental Music (Cunningham Grade and High School and St. Leo Grade School); and Mrs. Neva Yingling, Vocal Music (Cunningham Grade and High School and St. Leo Grade School).

The faculty at Cunningham Grade School is complete and is as follows:

Mrs. Naomi Huffman, Kindergarten; Miss Viola Mitchell, Grade 1; Mrs. Vivian DeWeese, Grade 2; Mrs. Mary Eichorn, Grade 3; Mrs. Doris Ridge, Grade 4; Mr. Harold Cantwell, Grade 5; Miss Cozette Taylor, Grade 6; Mr. Bob Goss, Grade 7; and Mr. Kenneth Klufa, Grade 8.

YEARS AGO IN

*The Cunningham Clipper*

Publisher: Charles G. Barnes  
Editor: Kathleen Pakkebieer  
Reporter: Florine Kampling

**1978**

August 24, 1978- A late resignation for Industrial Arts has caused considerable anxiety here at Cunningham because of the time factor and the scarcity of Industrial Arts teachers nation-wide. The district is fortunate enough in hiring John Royston to fill this position. John had previously taught the 1974-76 school terms in Cunningham.

Hilltop Happenings: Birthdays this week were Harry Triplett and our director of nursing Billie Fugger. We all sang "Happy Birthday" to them. The Cunningham Christian Church presented services Sunday afternoon. Those who helped with the services were Helen Ball, Mr. and Mrs. George Gridley, Barbara Sales and Ada Rose.

Louise Armstrong spent a week in San Jose, Cal. While there, she attended a family reunion, visited Fisherman's Wharf, China Tow and Golden Gate Park in San Francisco. She also toured the Redwood Forest and went to the beach and viewed the sights there.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Stillwell of Fort Collins, Colo. Are proud to announce the birth on Saturday, Aug. 18, of a baby girl, Amy Joy, who weighed 6 lb. 8 oz.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Steffen and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stillwell Jr. Great grandparents are Mrs. Anna Steffen, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Stillwell Sr. and Mrs. Lizzy Brady.

Monday evening a '74 AMC going west on Highway 54, driven by Richard Arnold of Valley Center and a Suzuki motorcycle headed east on '54, driven by David Sarath of Ridgefield, Conn. collided near Harold's Place in Cunningham.

Arnold made a left turn into Harold's Place and was struck on the right rear of his vehicle. Arnold was issued a summons for turning left in front of oncoming traffic. Sarath was taken to Kingman Hospital by ambulance where it was determined he has a broken knee cap. The accident was worked by Highway Patrol Trooper Herb Cochran.

**1983**

Apologies! I neglected to secure the news from 1983 for this week's paper. I thought I had it already copied, but apparently I copied the news from 1978 twice. This is a symptom of getting old. Most folks can relate to this.

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**at the museum)**



### Promoting and Celebrating Pollingator in Kansas

I'll bet a few of The Courier readers caught what may have been a typographical error on this page last week.

I left it here so I could use it as the headline for this information.

I am proud of myself for catching the error almost immediately after I picked the papers up from the printer. No one had to tell me about it... it was so glaringly obvious.

Not to look like a total idiot who can't proofread my work, I did a bit of 'investigating.'

Because the internet is seldom wrong about anything, I went right the source of information: Bing.com (like Google, but better).

I typed in "pollingator". The internet tried to tell me there was no such thing as a 'pollingator'. But I am not a librarian just for the fancy title. I decided a pollinator probably has wings to flit from flower to flower, so I searched for "alligator with wings". And Presto! The internet came through like always! There they were! Two types even. Pollingators and Polling-gators. (and probably none of these are drunk on rotten apples).

It just goes to show all things are possible on the internet... even my typographical errors have some legitimacy.

Research skills are so very important, and no one teaches them better than a librarian. EVERY school in America should have a librarian to teach the skills necessary to find information on the world wide web and learn to discern what is accurate and what is inaccurate. Okay, I need to get off my soapbox. Enjoy the photos!



baby pollingator

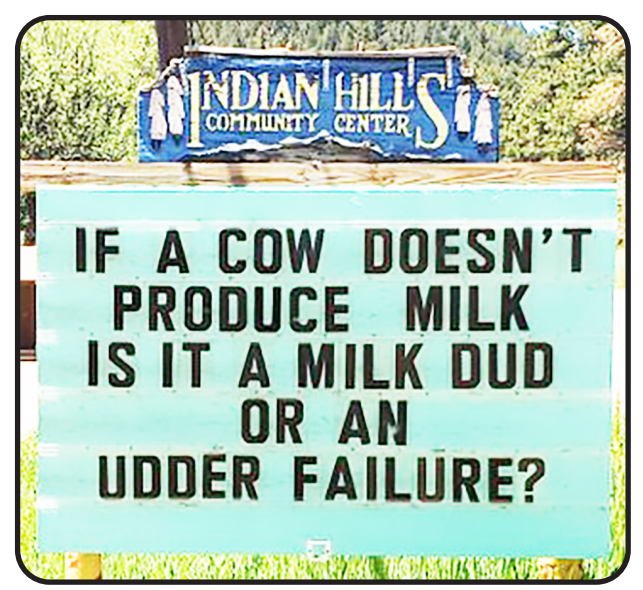


adult pollingator



mature polling-gator

courtesy photos



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— Jeff Garvin, Symptoms of Being Human

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- Senegal's neighbor
- Literary theme
- Scissors sound
- Final notice
- \*Notre Dame's Fighting \_\_\_\_
- \*Home of the first Super Bowl winners
- National League Pennant series, acr.
- Steer clear
- "Glee" actress \_\_\_\_ Michele
- Befuddled
- \*One of 4 NFL teams sharing a home field
- Fish story
- Stockings
- "Doggone it!"
- Rand McNally book
- Mozart's "L' \_\_\_\_ del Cairo"
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- Be more of a fox
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- High or low card
- Employer's good news
- Hyperbolic tangent
- \*College player not using eligibility
- Beastly person
- Double-reed instrument

**DOWN**

- " \_\_\_\_ Now or Never"
- "Shoot!"
- Arabian bigwig
- Fund-raising letter
- Torah teacher
- Homer's famous poem
- Feel for
- Larger-than-life
- A Supreme singer
- Emerald \_\_\_\_ borer
- Poet's death lament
- Fungal skin infection
- \*Home of the Citrus Bowl in Florida
- Not odds
- Lily, in French
- Unfortunately, exclamation
- \*a.k.a. Iron Mike
- Charcuterie stores
- Nibble away
- Have faith
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- Calendar abbr.
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- \*Home to College Football Hall of Fame
- Secret supply

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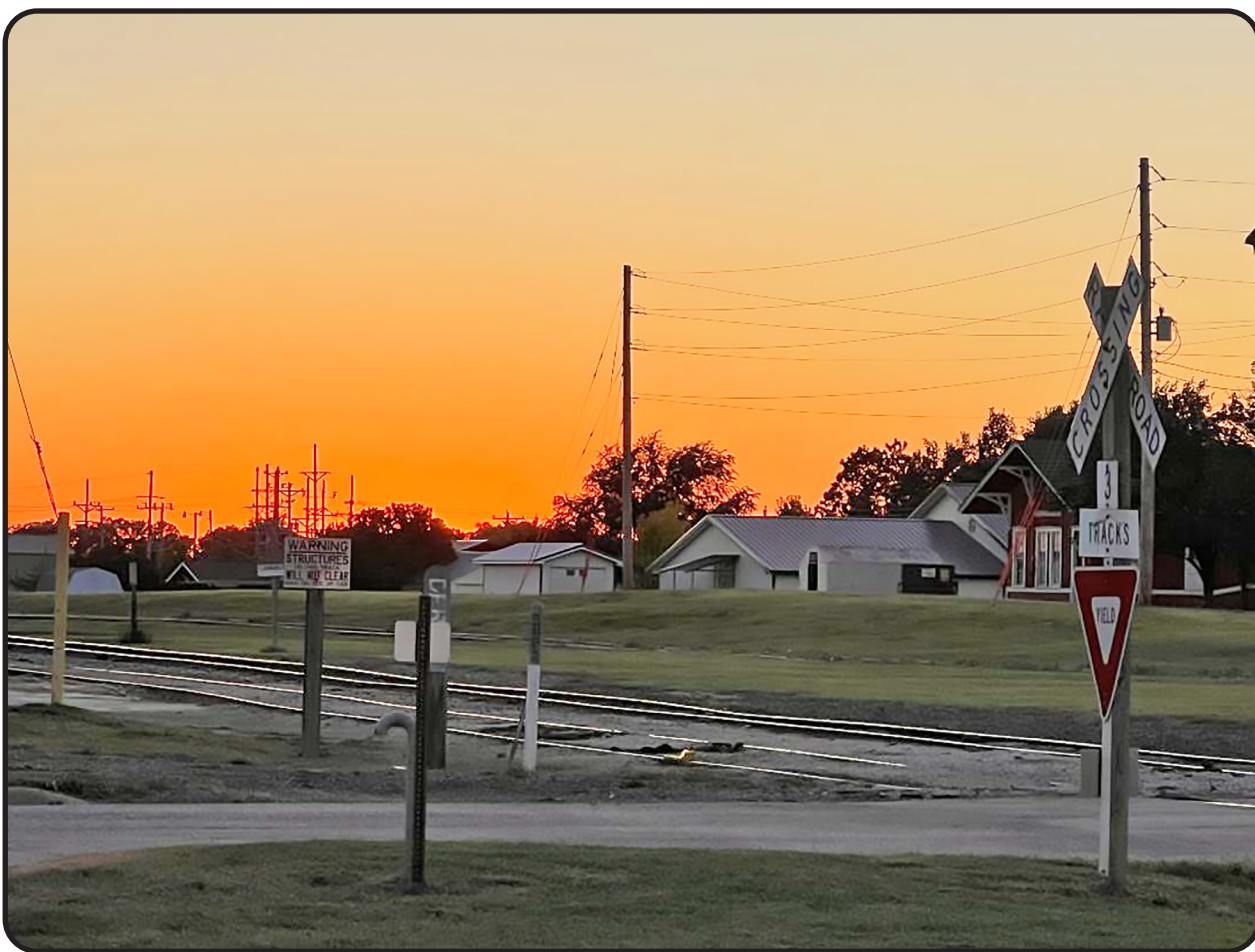


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*“People are just as wonderful as sunsets if you let them be. When I look at a sunset, I don’t find myself saying, “Soften the orange a bit on the right hand corner.” I don’t try to control a sunset. I watch with awe as it unfolds.”*  
— Carl R. Rogers, *A Way of Being*

*“I’ve never really thought about it before, but it’s a miracle how many kinds of light there are in the world, how many skies: the pale brightness of spring, when it feels like the whole world’s blushing; the lush, bright boldness of a July noon; purple storm skies and a green queasiness just before lightning strikes and crazy multicolored sunsets that look like someone’s acid trip.”*  
— Lauren Oliver, *Before I Fall*



## Wheat Scoop: Kansas Wheat CEO Breaks Down How the Wheat World Turns on Podcast

Understanding the price of wheat is not as simple as driving to the local elevator to see the posted prices or checking bids on a website. Understanding the complexity of factors that go into setting that price includes analyzing supply and demand, logistical costs, geopolitical influences and other macro- and micro-economic factors. Kansas Wheat CEO Justin Gilpin sat down with Aaron Harries, Kansas Wheat vice president of research and operations, to break down the 2023 wheat harvest and provide his perspective on domestic demand and global trade issues influencing the wheat world in the latest episode of the organization’s “Wheat’s on your Mind” podcast.

“Every year is a little bit different, but 2023 is probably going to be one of those years that does stand out for a long time on charts, and not just due to the overall challenges this crop faced,” Gilpin said. “Combined with the market volatility and unprecedented geopolitical events — everything that is occurring simultaneously within the wheat market right now is pretty incredible.”

The pair started by walking through the 2023 Kansas wheat harvest, which USDA’s National Agricultural Statistics Service currently estimates will be the smallest since 1966 at 208 million bushels on 6.5 million acres.

Gilpin referenced how that harvest number has shifted over the last two months, referencing a prior episode of the podcast with Dave Green, executive vice president at the Wheat Quality Council. The podcast followed the organization’s annual Hard Winter Wheat Tour in May 2023,

during which participants calculated crop estimates from 652 wheat fields from Manhattan to Colby to Wichita.

The tour’s official yield estimate was 30 bushels per acre — right on target with USDA’s current projections — but the projection for total wheat production was 178 bushels. In comparison, USDA NASS predicted in its May 1 report that the Kansas crop would come in at 191 million bushels with average yields of 29 bushels per acre and abandonment at 18.5 percent.

“That low prediction was a surprise,” Gilpin recalled. “We knew it was a bad crop, but we didn’t know it was that bad.”

In the weeks immediately following the tour, however, rain started coming. Some producers received as much moisture in a four-week period than they had received in the previous 12 to 18 months.

“The rain started to change the tune a little bit,” Gilpin said. “Farmers started feeling a little better when it started replenishing some moisture. Some of that later-planted or later-maturing wheat benefited from the rains and so the yield prospects from some of those areas started to improve.”

The rains did help fill heads, making a better-than-expected crop for many. USDA NASS currently estimates average yields at 32 bushels per acre compared to 19.5 bushels per acre in 1966, a gain directly attributable to improvement in available wheat genetics, recommended farming

practices and decades of on-farm knowledge. Test weights also started strong with heavy heads at 62 pounds per bushel.

“Kansas farmers are proud of the Kansas Wheat Innovation Center that they’ve invested in and the strides that we’ve made in the past decade to address the challenges that farmers are facing — whether it’s through double haploid production or identifying heat and drought tolerance,” Gilpin said. “It’s an important investment that farmers are making. It’s harder to see dividends from those investments in years like this, but I like to think that those strides have kept this from being a bigger disaster than it could have been.”

There’s no question that drought took a heavy toll with higher-than-average abandonment across the state. Rain also brought its own challenges, mainly in the form of increasing weed pressure and continual harvest delays. As a result, test weights dropped from their early highs as harvest progressed and more fields were abandoned, some due to weeds. All that means the final numbers for the 2023 Kansas wheat crop are likely to continue to drop. USDA-NASS will put out an updated estimate on the Kansas wheat crop in August, but the final count for the Kansas wheat crop will not come until the agency’s Small Grains Annual Summary on September 30.

“Whether it’s been the hailstorms or the weed pressure, with all the challenges we’ve had trying to get this crop out

of the field for Kansas, it wouldn’t surprise me to see that number come down a bit,” Gilpin said.

The good news is that while the crop did not make the bushels, it did have high protein. Protein and yield are usually inversely proportional — so lower-yielding crops have higher protein and vice versa. The central corridor in Kansas reported proteins averaging 13 or 14 percent, while the western third of the state had more variability from 10 to 14 percent. That’s good news for millers and bakers who utilize hard red winter (HRW) wheat for products like bread or tortillas that require that strength.

“The early comments we’re hearing from industry is that the wheat is performing adequately, similar to last year,” Gilpin said.

But while the combines are finally finishing rolling in Kansas, the value of that protein won’t be fully defined until the spring wheat harvest is complete in the northern Great Plains. Hard red spring wheat is generally a high-protein crop, so if the crop in those states is more successful than in Kansas, the market may not reward producers or elevators with premiums for protein. In fact, it’s equally as likely some buyers will seek out lower-protein wheat to offset some of the higher-protein wheat.

In addition, producers further east grew an almost record soft red winter (SRW) wheat crop in the Mississippi and Ohio river valleys. There is currently a \$1.50 to \$2.00 per bushel difference between HRW and SRW wheat — primarily because soft wheat doesn’t have the bread-

making capability of hard wheat. Despite the milling and baking differences, a large supply of SRW wheat is tempting when the HRW crop suffers.

“Buyers are going to be able to buy what they want, but it’s certainly going to be an interesting year,” Gilpin said. “You are going to see some millers and bakers that are trying to offset some of the costs that they’re seeing. That includes trying to blend in some soft wheat when the hard red winter wheat crop is going to be the smallest in years.”

All these supplies factor into the overall stocks-to-use ratio, which is used to estimate how much wheat is available globally to meet the needs of consumers around the world. While overall wheat supplies are tighter than anyone in the supply chain would prefer, stocks-to-use ratios remain above the concerning levels from 2007/2008. Geopolitically, however, the enduring tensions between Russia and Ukraine will continue to have a direct impact on the availability of world wheat stocks as well as from where the world buyers can source those stocks.

“The Black Sea does create some uncertainties that do start to question some of that availability of the stocks-to-use ratio because of an availability issue out of that region,” Gilpin said. “There’s been a strategic intent of Russia attacking grain terminals and then explicitly saying that even without Ukrainian wheat exports, Russia can be that supplier and replace them.”

“One out of every five vessels is going to be de-

living food around the world from Russia. When they have that control, they are following it up with their intention of trying to leverage influence in friendly countries and governments. It’s a very unnerving place that world trade is entering right now.”

All these influences on the price of wheat bear watching as producers shift their focus from a frustrating and challenging 2023 wheat harvest to putting the 2024 crop into the ground. Gilpin said Kansas Wheat is continuing to look even further down the road to forecast what the world of wheat will look like and how to position Kansas wheat farmers in that economic landscape.

“We’re going to need prices to stay favorable and we’re going to need Mother Nature to cooperate,” Gilpin said. “And we must start thinking longer term, not just where we’re going to be a year from now. What do we have to be doing to put in place all the things across the whole value chain in the wheat industry to make sure that we’re protecting our national interest in having a productive and successful wheat crop from farmer to baker to consumer.”

Learn more about Gilpin’s perspectives on this year’s harvest, supply-and-demand factors across wheat classes, end-use quality, international market influences and more in the latest episode of the “Wheat’s On Your Mind” podcast at [wheatsonyourmind.com](http://wheatsonyourmind.com).

*Written by Julia Debes for Kansas Wheat*

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Filling a Freezer

Greg Doering, Kansas Farm Bureau

For the first time in a long time, I won't have to spend a Saturday defrosting an upright freezer in anticipation of the local meat processor calling to say our half steer is ready for pick up. Ideally this would have happened last fall, but I was really trading one hand-me-down freezer for another. And I'm a firm believer in beggars not being choosers.

The old freezer should have been scrapped a long time ago. Instead, it lives on in my brother's garage. When I say old, I really mean ancient. It originally resided in my childhood basement and then my parents' garage before I somehow agreed to take possession of it about a decade ago. It's kept everything cold all that time, usually by encapsulating anything on the top two shelves in varying layers of ice.

Through some sort of magic, its replacement hasn't developed the slightest hint of frost anywhere. Maybe it's because the seal is fully intact. Or the auto defrost

function is more than a marketing gimmick. Either way, when the locker calls, I won't have to spend a day chipping out bundles of beef from a shelf.

Hopefully the call comes sooner than later, too. We're out of steaks and running low on hamburger and roast. I might actually have to cook the beef liver I haven't exchanged for catfish yet. Soon the freezer will be fully stocked with all of that plus a couple of briskets, some flank steak for fajitas and short ribs for braising on a chilly Sunday afternoon.

I'm looking forward to filling the freezer, but

I'm not especially excited to get the bill this year. The processing fee shouldn't be too bad, but the rancher's cut for half a steer will be substantially more this year. This is one transaction that's non-negotiable for me. The rancher knows the value of the steer, even in times where the number is not much higher than breakeven.

Beef eaters have had a couple of years with decent prices. Now we're going to see the other side of the market because drought has culled the cattle herd to its lowest level in about a decade. Provided demand doesn't

fall off too much, fewer

cattle means less beef at higher prices.

The contraction didn't start overnight, and it won't end quickly. Higher prices will provide plenty of incentive to rebuild the nation's cattle herd, but that won't start until ranchers begin retaining heifers, which will eventually have calves of their own. Unlike a new freezer, there's no magical solution to grow cattle faster.

It's not fun, but the market will eventually sort everything out. It will rain again. Ponds will refill and pastures will recover. Ranchers will restock.

I might grumble some

when I get the final tally in a couple of weeks, but I can't imagine any alternative. It's a privilege to only fill a freezer once a year, and the convenience is still well worth the price.

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News from Kansas Farm Bureau

We did some digging for small.....

# Newspaper Fun!

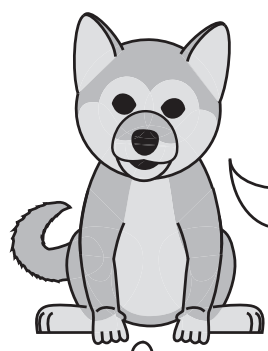
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Kids: color stuff in!

## Animals Dig It!



Read the clues to fill in the puzzle with names of animals that dig:

I dig to bury bones. I have plenty of food, but I think it's still a way for dogs to keep other dogs from taking their food. Have **you** ever watched animals to see what they do? Have you noticed a squirrel digging to stash acorns? Or a bird pecking the ground, pulling out a worm and carrying it away to a nest to feed baby birds? **Animals dig to:**

- find food
- make a shelter
- hibernate or sleep during the cold months
- hide from other animals
- travel
- hide food to keep for later
- have their young

1. have long slinky bodies, dig burrows for homes
2. scaled reptiles, burrow underground for shelter, dig to hibernate
3. mammals, dig with feet, claws, go underground to get roots, plants
4. related to kangaroos, slightly larger than mice, dig for food
5. mammals, leathery armored shells, dig to uncover grubs
6. spineless animals, live underground, come out when it rains because it is hard to breathe
7. have shells with hinges, burrow into the sand to keep from being eaten
8. found in deserts in Africa, 20-30 live in large underground networks
9. mammals that tunnel, making bumps in the soil (hills named after them)
10. mammals with long snouts, dig up insects to eat, especially ants
11. dig holes for shelter (hole that soldiers dig for protection is named after this)
12. very large mammals, dig dens and drag in leaves and branches for bedding
13. toothy mammals, dig shelters, called lodges, that are partly underwater
14. like small squirrels, stripes on backs, burrow to hibernate and store nuts, seeds
15. insects, dig lots of connecting pathways underground to join nests into colony

Can we dig it now? Can we? Huh? Huh?

Stop badgering me.

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### Wanted: Thief

This water-loving robber steals other animals' tunnels and homes instead of digging his own.

His name is OSCAR the

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He may take your hard-earned clams!



### Wanted: Bandit

Goes by the name:

RICKY the

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May shelter under a porch or deck.

Follow the dots to see him.

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This masked scoundrel was last seen breaking into a local trash can. He digs singing by the light of the moon. He may feast upon your dog's food if it is left outside.

### Song of the Cicadas

Cicadas are insects that dig under the ground to have their babies. But, unlike other animals, it can take 13-17 years for the babies to grow into adults. They stay buried underground that entire time! Some years the cicadas rise up from the dirt to "sing" or chirp very loudly! If you miss it, you will only have to wait about 17 more years!

Follow the color key to see a cicada:

- B = Brown
- G = Green
- K = Black
- O = Orange
- R = Red
- W = White
- Y = Gray

(Answers on page 9)



Hilltop Happenings

Hot Weather, Cool Treats, & Kids

Kansas in August can be summed up in one word: HOT! But on Saturday we did not let it stop our school supplies drive – The sun was scorching, the sno-cones were cold (and yummy!), and we gathered school supplies for a good cause. Helping out kids -That's a good weekend in my book!

Jazzercise with Two Fun (and fashionable?) Guys

Jazzercise with Two

Fun Guys has become one of the most popular activities here at Hilltop with more residents participating in it than BINGO – now that's an achievement! Plus, the Two Fun Guys have upped their wardrobe – you should come check out their amazing fashion sense and fun times on Friday mornings.

How does YOUR Garden Grow?

The Hilltop garden is producing well and Ann, who is the "garden director" gives of her time and assists residents who want to visit the garden. Some residents like to

water, a few like to pull weeds, some like to harvest produce, and some simply enjoy the fresh air and the memories a garden brings back. We all have one thing in common though ... we all like to eat the delicious veggies!

It's Almost Fall Y'all!

Our residents are working diligently on some arts and crafts for fall – sounds like we will be "Fall Festive" and I am eager to share pictures of their work!

Until next week, God Bless!

2023 Kansas 4-H Wheat Expo Held in Pratt



Joey Thimesch, Sammy Thimesch, Luke Ziegler, Faith Ziegler, and Christina Ziegler.

Over 40 Kansas 4-H members, siblings, parents, grandparents, and Extension staff attended the 2023 Kansas 4-H Wheat Expo in Pratt on August 8th at the Pratt Area 4-H Center.

Thanks to Pratt County Extension for hosting the event. Competitive events for the day included bin-run samples, quart jars of wheat, foods, photography, and educational posters.

Participants competed in judging classes where they evaluated educational classes of wheat, yeast bread, pho-

tography, and a Crops ID contest.

Educational tours of the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, Next Generation Cotton Gin, and Pratt Energy, LLC were available to participants.

2023 Sponsors include American AgCredit, Wichita; Kansas Wheat Commission, Manhattan; Kansas Crop Improvement Assoc., Manhattan; KSRE- Pratt County; KSU Wheat Quality Lab, Manhattan; Kansas 4-H Youth Development; Kansas Wheat Alliance, Manhattan; KSU

Department of Grain Science; Stafford County Flour Mill, Hudson; SkyLand Grain; BTI; Xtra Factors, Pratt; Kanza Co-Op and K-State Research and Extension.

Five 4-H Members from Kingman County took part in the Kansas 4-H Wheat Expo. Their results are as follows:

Yeast Rolls: Christina Ziegler - 1st Place, Purple Cookies: Faith Ziegler – Purple Muffins: Christina Ziegler – Red Wheat Photo: Sammy Thimesch – Blue

Kansas Families to Receive Approximately \$7.4M in Food Support Through Pandemic EBT Program

~ ~ D C F t o Distribute Both Child Care and Supplemental Benefits for 2023 ~ ~

TOPEKA – Governor Laura Kelly today announced, in collaboration with the Kansas Department for Children and Families (DCF) and Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE), the continuation of the Pandemic Electronic Benefit Program (P-EBT) for the 2022-2023 school year. The program provides financial assistance to families who receive free or reduced-price school meals or who have children under the age of six and receive regular Food Assistance benefits.

"The P-EBT benefit provides temporary funding to address hunger and put healthy food on the table for Kansas children," Governor Laura Kelly said. "I am thankful for our partnership with the Kansas Department of Education, which will

ensure we have the data to get these benefits into the hands of families across the state."

Beginning this week, children under the age of six in a household that received Food Assistance (also known as SNAP) in Kansas between August 2022 and May 11, 2023, have started to receive the child care P-EBT benefit. The amount of the benefit will vary depending on how many months a child received Food Assistance benefits. DCF anticipates distributing approximately \$7.4 million for this program.

Additionally, DCF will be providing a supplemental P-EBT benefit for the summer months of 2023. This benefit is for school-aged children who received free or reduced-price school meals during the 2022 -23 school year.

Due to the complexity of gathering the necessary data, DCF will distribute the supplemental benefit in two phases beginning in January 2024.

The first phase includes an auto-issuance of benefits to families who are known to DCF through a direct certification process. The second phase, in February 2024, provides families an opportunity to request the supplemental benefit using an online portal.

Additional information about the request process will be shared at a later date.

The supplemental benefit is \$120 per child. DCF anticipates distributing \$13.6 million for 2023.

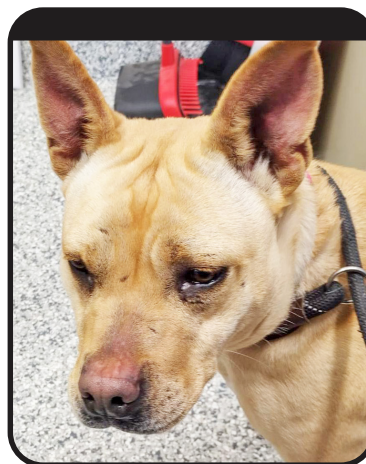
"The P-EBT program has been essential for families who are experiencing food insecurity," said Kansas DCF Secretary Laura Howard. "I am pleased that we are able to work with our partners to ensure families once again have access to high-quality food."

Recipients can use their P-EBT funds to purchase eligible foods from approved retailers that accept Food Assistance benefits, like grocery stores and online at Aldi, Amazon, or Walmart.

Additional information can be found on the DCF website.

Kingman County Humane Society Pets Ready for Adoption

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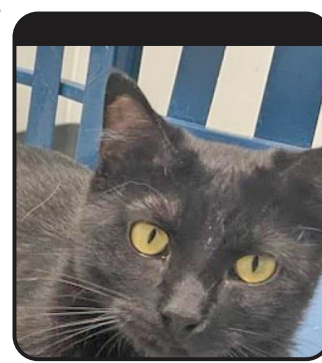


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The Song of the Cicadas

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## Minutes from Kingman County Commission

(con't from front page)

the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session for Attorney-client privilege with Brandon Ritcha at 12:20 p.m. and return to regu-

lar session in the board meeting room at 12:40 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 for Attorney-client privilege with Brandon Ritcha at 12:40 p.m. and return to regular session in the board

meeting room at 12:55 p.m. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 12:55 p.m. with no decision made.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve Resolution 2023-R13, RESOLUTION CERTIFYING LEGAL

AUTHORITY TO APPLY FOR THE 2023 KANSAS SMALL CITIES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM FROM THE KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSIONER TO SIGN AND SUBMIT SUCH AN APPLICATION. Commissioner Elpers

seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the quote from Bell for new air conditioners for the Treasurer and County Clerk office for \$7,750.00. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unani-

mous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 1:15p.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

## Pratt County Commission Minutes

The Pratt County commissioners met in regular session Monday, August 14, 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 there is a lawsuit filed by Audubon for water impairment. They are maintaining the department of agriculture is not administering water rights correctly. Water users in NW Pratt County could be affected by this lawsuit. She visited with Tracey Beverlin concerning the new software needed for her court system. It will be paid out of ARPA after following the guidelines. Pratt Area

Economic Committee is moving their meeting location to the chamber office. Mica Nelson will be doing the accounting for Pratt Area Economic.

El Trancazo has applied for a façade grant.

She is looking for a private company/partnership for the level 2 charging stations. HEAL grants are available through the department of commerce to upgrade any Main Street business that has fallen in disrepair.

Western Economic Alliance will be meeting in Harper in September. They will be discussing water, child care, housing and rural economic development issues. Area legislators will be in attendance.

Darcie Vander Vyver, health, stated since she is wanting to purchase a truck and BHHayes, emergency manager, would like to purchase a full-size SUV that is easier for him to haul his equipment, would they approve her buying his truck. Commissioner

Adams stated that BJ just asked for and purchased a topper for the truck. He would like to know what BJ would like to purchase and the cost. She presented roof bids for her building to repair the hail damage. Summitt Roofing & Exteriors, Great Bend \$11, 898.92 for class 4 impact shingle, Mainstream Roofing, LLC, Pratt \$13,780.39 for class 3 impact shingle and AR Roofing, LLC, Pratt \$11,550, for class 3 impact shingles. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to approve the bid from AR Roofing, LLC, for \$11,550. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

She presented the work force development grant for a signature. The grant amount received is \$89,166.24. She would like to make an outdoor break area with part of the grant. The state is no longer paying for the covid vaccines.

Brian Atteberry, EMS director, asked where the commissioners were

with the 2024 budget and his employees pay raises. It was stated the 7% increase is still in his budget. He presented Lisa Snider's pay raise of \$3.19. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to approve the raise for Lisa Snider for \$3.19. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

He gave a report on the ambulances that are being repaired.

Tara Pagenkopf, RSVP director, presented checks for signatures. She contacted AT&T to move internet and phone lines to the old EMS building. Commissioner Shriver questioned if her budget needed to be increased due to the grant she received. She is unsure the amount of the grant she has received and if she needs her budget increased. She will check and report back.

Jon Roach, noxious weed director, reported he had talked to Bruce Pinkall at the City of Pratt about needing license plates on his SUV spray-

ers when spraying in the city limits.

The Honda sprayer is needing repairs, he is looking for parts. The commissioners suggested a few different shops to contact. Another truck has been in for repair. A garage door on his shop had to be repaired.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the minutes from August 7, 2023. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Roofing bids were presented for the SCKCCA building at 119 S Oak. Mainstream, LLC, Pratt, \$10,655.36 for class 3 impact shingle, Landwehr Roofing, Sharon, \$9,818.82 for class 3 impact shingle, AR Roofing, LLC \$9,585.33 for class 3 impact shingle, and Roofing Services Unlimited, Newton, \$9,535.14 for class 3 shingle. Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the bid from ar roofing for \$9,585.33. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

The city/county meeting tentatively set for September 25, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. possibly at the public safety meeting. Clerk Voss will verify with the City of Pratt and get an agenda set.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to recess into executive session for ten minutes at 3:16 p.m. for an attorney/client matter concerning budgets. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to return from executive session at 3:24 p.m. with no action taken. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the payment vouchers for August 14, 2023. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to adjourn at 3:30 pm. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

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## Comfortably Dumb by Bruce Quast



"So how are you doing? Still working nights?"

### Public Notice

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IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:

SALLY A. DAVIS, Deceased. CASE NO. 2022 PR 46

(Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

#### NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Connie Hageman, Laura Cress and Melinda G. Miller, duly appointed, qualified and acting Co-Administrators of the Estate of Sally A. Davis, deceased, praying Petitioners acts be approved; account be settled and allowed; the heirs be determined; the Estate be

assigned to the persons entitled thereto pursuant to the laws of intestate succession; fees and expenses be allowed; costs be determined and ordered paid; the administration of the Estate be closed; the Co-Administrators be discharged and Petitioners be released from further liability.

You are hereby required to file your written defenses thereto on or before August 29, 2023, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., in the District Court, Kingman County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

Connie Hageman, Laura Cress, Melinda G. Miller, Co-Petitioners Matthew W. Ricke Ricke & Ritcha Law Office 349 N. Main, PO Box 113 Kingman, KS 67068 Attorney for Petitioners

### Public Notice

First published in the Cunningham Courier, Thursday, August 17, 2023.

IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:

HAROLD G. FIESER, Deceased.

Case No. 2022 PR 3

#### (Petition Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

#### NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on August 11, 2023, a Petition was filed in this Court by Francine L. Fieser and M. Eileen Hawkins, duly appointed, qualified and acting Co-Executor's of the Estate of Harold G. Fieser, deceased, praying Petitioner's acts be approved; account be settled and allowed; the heirs be determined; the Will be construed and the Estate be assigned to the persons entitled

thereto; the Court find the allowances requested for attorneys' fees and expenses are reasonable and should be allowed; the costs be determined and ordered paid; the administration of the Estate be closed; upon the filing of receipts the Petitioner's be finally discharged as the Co-Executor's of the Estate of Harold G. Fieser, deceased, and the Petitioners be released from further liability.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before September 5, 2023, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. in the District Court, Kingman, Kingman County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

Francine L. Fieser and M. Eileen Hawkins, Co-Executors

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## Dorothy Staveley

The family of Dorothy (McGeorge) Staveley report her peaceful passing at home in St Louis Park, Minnesota, July 25th (3 days shy of her 97th birthday). Her daughters were by her side— immediate family having gathered and called her in previous days to say their goodbyes, sing “Happy Birthday”, and express their love and thankfulness for her life.



Her parents, Roy and Anna McGeorge, lived in Stone Bluff, Oklahoma at the time of her birth and subsequently moved to other Oklahoma towns—mostly, wildcatting locations, before moving to Skellyville (Cunningham, Kansas) in the late 30’s where the McGeorges found a permanent home.

Dorothy was a graduate of Cunningham High School and Kansas State University, majoring in Journalism. She was an Honor Student, and a Mortar Board recipient at Kansas State University, one who excelled in scholastic achievement—and possessing of excellent secretarial skills.

Dorothy was predeceased by her parents, Roy and Anna McGeorge, husband, Ernest Staveley, son, David Staveley. Also, brothers, Roy Jr., and Paul Leon McGeorge. S

She is survived by her daughters and sons-in-law, Mary Reed, (Paul) Helen Bergman, (Tom) Joan Hunt, (David) Ruth Klamer (Ján), her grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

As a young girl she assisted in the operation of the family-owned Cunningham theater. During war years, between her High School and college summers, she was employed in the office of the Cunningham Helium Plant. Upon graduation from K-State and at the end of WW2 she took a position in reparations at the headquarters of General Douglas MacArthur, Tokyo, Japan. It was in Japan where she met and married a young Naval officer, Lieutenant Junior Grade, Ernest Staveley. They returned stateside and had homes in California, and Virginia, while becoming parents to five children.

Upon her husband’s retirement from the U.S. Navy as Naval Commander, the family settled in Columbus, Ohio where Ernest was employed by the newly created “Computer and Information Science” at Ohio State University.

Dorothy’s life reflects the adventure of her first family’s lifestyle within the early years of oil and gasoline exploration—and that of living through war years, & the challenges of those time. Those times also contributed to her personal strengths, and the ability to be at peace and maintain a sense of good will and optimism.

Above all Dorothy was interested in her children and grandchildren—her dearest of life’s accomplishments and rewards. She had a lifelong and voracious reading habit and ever-growing interests, even becoming proficient in X Box games.

An Episcopal Memorial service will be held in September at Tower Light Senior Living, St Louis Park, Minnesota at Tower Light. Private Interment at Fort Snelling National Cemetery. Memorials are preferred to the Monterey Bay Aquarium, 886 Cannery Row, Monterey, CA 93940.

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A personal note, — postscript— Dorothy, who once had many friends in the Cunningham area, enjoyed the stories recorded in the Cunningham Clipper and then the Cunningham Courier. She was interested to read news of places and people she had known—and of the grandchildren of those families. When she saw mention of the McGeorge family from Bill Bradley’s old Cunningham Clipper newspaper years, — she was beyond delighted. As with the other touchstone names and times of the past, she recalled and retold special stories! —the stuff of which life is made!

Thank you for the perpetuation of The Cunningham Courier—for the news of the community and locale, and for continuing the practice of publishing the news reports—even of “days gone by”.

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Love and gratitude,  
Linda McGeorge Phillips  
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## John Robinson

John M Robinson, 49, of Mustang OK, peacefully passed away on August 15, 2023, at his home surrounded by his family after a courageous battle with cancer.



He was born February 24, 1974, in Kansas City, MO, to Dee Watkins Barber and Jimmie Robinson. He graduated from Kingman High School in 1992. He attended and played baseball at Pratt JuCo then moved on to play for The University of Kansas where he was a lifelong KU fan. After finishing college, he served in the Army National Guard from 1992 – 1997.

John began his career with Sonic in the kitchen as a cook and continued with the Sonic brand for 34 years. He was an active member of Franchise Advisory Council, Business Technology Task group and supported Sonic Franchisees in the field. At the end of his career, he was known as the “go-to” guy for so many that crossed his path over the years near and far. He was known as great team player to always looking ahead for ways to make things operate better.

John loved the game of baseball. He spent many years as a parent watching both boys play along with coaching. John coached with SWAT Academy for 10+ years. He served 13 years on the Mustang Youth Sports board and the CVBA board until his death. He grew both of those organizations beyond measure. He enjoyed spending his time at the fields. Most always knew they could find him there most nights and before sunrise on tournament weekends. These youth organizations were very dear to him and his family. He also served as a member of the Leisure Board for the City of Mustang community.

John is survived by his wife of 23 years, Adrienne and their two sons Caden and Curtis of Mustang. Sisters Judy (Joe) Warner of Belton, MO and Christina (Steve) Carmichael of Haven, KS along with many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Memorial service will be held on August 25, 2023, at 2pm at Life Church Mustang. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Mustang Youth Sports or Warriors for Freedom in his memory.

## James Glenn

James Michael Glenn, 76, passed away Saturday, August 19, 2023. He was born on January 20, 1947 in Wichita to Carrol “C.W.” and Phillis (Heaton) Glenn. James married Marie (Santiago) Glenn in December of 1982. They were married for 40 years.

James graduated from Wichita East High School. He worked as a farmer. He enjoyed working on computers, designing websites and business cards and talking on CB radio.

He is survived by his wife, Marie and daughter, Dawn Glenn both of Wichita.

James is preceded in death by his parents and sister, Patricia Swihart.

Cremation has taken place. There will be no services. Inurnment will be at a later date at Ellenwood Cemetery, Sawyer.

Memorials may be made to American Stroke Foundation in care of Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt.

## Brenda Boone

Brenda Janette Boone, 48, passed away Monday, August 21, 2023 at her home. She was born on January 14, 1975 in Wichita to Frederick (Fred) Eugene and Dorothy (Walker) Boone.



Brenda graduated from Winfield High School in 1994. She loved going to church at Calvary Baptist Church where she loved her Jesus and church family. She enjoyed tending to her plants. She was an artist and loved to draw, paint and color.

She is survived by her mother, Dorothy; sister, Kathy (Alan) Hitz of Pratt; nephews, Colin (Danae) Hitz of Shawnee, Caleb Hitz of Topeka and Jacob Hitz of Pratt; great-nephews, Kasen and Paxton Hitz; and many cousins.

Brenda is preceded in death by her father and sister, Cindy Raelene Boone.

Cremation has taken place. A Celebration of Life will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, August 26, 2023 at Calvary Baptist Church, Pratt with Pastor John Kissell presiding. Inurnment will follow at a later date at Greenlawn Cemetery, Pratt.

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