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## School Board to Meet June 12 for Budget...

Cunningham USD #332  
Board of Education Meeting  
104 W 4th St., Cunningham, KS  
67035  
Monday June 12th 2022 6:50 6 p.m.

### AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Agenda (AI)
- III. Guest Recognition
- IV. Amended 2022-2023 Budget hearing.
- V. Adjournment

## ...And for Regular Meeting

### AGENDA

- Regular Meeting  
Monday, June 12, 2023  
7:00 P.M.  
104 W 4th St., Cunningham, Kansas
- I. Call to Order
  - II. Approval of Agenda (AI)
  - III. Guest Recognition
  - IV. Approval of the minutes of the May 10, 2023 regular meeting, May 31, 2023 Special Meeting and June 5, 2023 Special Meeting. (AI)
  - V. Approval of financial reports and payment of bills. (AI)
    - VI. Old Business
      - a. Kingman Healthcare agreement
    - VII. Reports
      - a. Superintendent Report – Robert Reed
      - b. Principal Report-Cody Dunlap
      - c. Special Education Report – Scott DeWeese
    - VIII. New Business
      - a. Executive session for personnel.
      - b. Approve positions (AI)
      - c. Executive session for negotiations
      - d. Approve Negotiated agreement (AI)
      - e. Approve School Fees 23-24 (AI)
      - f. Approve Handbook (AI)
      - g. Needs assessment
      - h. Set July board-meeting date. (AI)
      - i. Approve 23-24 Supplementals (AI)
      - j. Approve Grade School floor bid (AI)
      - k. Approve 22-23 Republish Budget (AI)
  - IX. Adjournment

## Local Emergency Services Respond to Fire at Hilltop Manor

Press Release from Hilltop Manor:  
Date: June 5, 2023

Today a minor fire occurred on the rooftop of Hilltop Manor, skilled nursing by Americare. The fire was a result

of roof repairs that were underway at the building. While first responders were on site within minutes, the Hilltop staff effectively evacuated residents from the building prior to their arrival. The

fire was not sufficient enough to trigger the building's fire suppression system, though the smoke detectors did alarm. No residents or employees were injured.

Three resident rooms were directly impacted by the incident and those residents were accommodated in other rooms at Hilltop Manor.

Following established policy and procedure the incident was reported to the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services which confirmed that the community followed all established protocols.

To protect the privacy of our residents and employees this is our statement in full and no on-site or telephone interviews will be granted.



A huge shout out to our team and partner responders. At approximately 4:36 p.m. Kingman EMS as well as other county agencies were dispatched to an active fire in Hilltop Manor in Cunningham.

Nursing staff was able to quickly evacuate all residents. Kingman EMS responded with four ambulances and

requested mutual aid from Pratt County EMS and Norwich EMS.

Upon EMS arrival, all residents had been evacuated and no residents or staff were injured or in need of medical care. EMS remained on scene and helped shift residents into the shade and later back into the building once determined safe to do so.

On scene from EMS were Medics 42, 43, 101, and Pratt Co EMS. Disregarded, once EMS was on scene, was Norwich EMS and Medic 41 to preserve adequate response for any other 911 calls in those areas.

-this article and photo were taken from Kingman EMS Facebook page

## Approved Minutes from the County Commissioners' Meeting May 22, 2023

Chairman Henning called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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; Adrian Harrel, Nextera; Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director; Andrea Pols, Arrowhead West and Robert Casad.

Online Visitors: Heather Kinsler, Caller 01, user 1

Staff: Jamie Smith, County Treasurer; LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer; Susan Hubbell, Register of Deeds and Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director.

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

MOTION: Commissioner

Thimesch moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Elpers 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 the article in the Kingman Leader Courier about the EMS contract.

Jamie Smith, County Treasurer was in with a department update.

Commissioners let Ms. Smith know that they just want to see departments so if they have something they need to ask.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**  
Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session with Jamie Smith, County Treasurer and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor at 8:41 a.m. to discuss an individual employee's evaluation pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act for discussion of non-elected personnel matters of nonelected, and they will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 8:46 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 8:46 a.m. with no decision

made.

Adrian Harrel, Nextera Energy was in to discuss the SW 70 St repairs and presented a check for repairs to the County Commissioners in the amount of \$1,170,797.65.

Mr. Harrel discussed the maintenance on the towers and the logistics.

Commissioners asked questions about the blades and the procedure.

Mr. Harrel let them know that there are a lot of moving parts and if they can get going they will work with landowners and let them know what the plan will be.

Chairman Henning thanked Mr. Harrel for the check and it is unfortunate that it was needed but he appreciates Nextera being in the County.

Chairman Henning discussed that the check is based on an engineer estimate but if the quote received is less than the amount the difference will be reimbursed to Nextera. If the amount is more than the quote then they will have to re-negotiate the amount.

Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director was in with the April-May report and let the Commissioners know that the County did not receive the SPIRIT grant.

Commissioner Thimesch thought  
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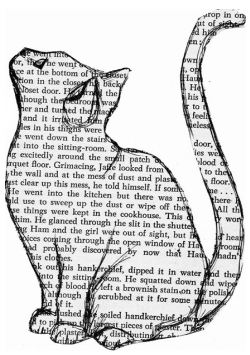
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Meanderings

Sometimes I read books that make me uncomfortable. "American Dirt" by Jeanine Cummins is just such a book. In the opening scene, eight-year-old Luca is in the bathroom of his abuela's (grandmother's) home when a bullet enters through the window, barely missing him. His mother, Lydia,

is outside the bathroom, throws the door open, grabs him and pushes him into the shower and she wraps herself around him like a turtle.

They hear voices. They are looking for her and her son. They never find Lydia and Luca hiding in the shower. The men leave with their guns after eating the chicken that was being prepared on the grill.

After the shooting is over, 16 members of their family are dead on the deck behind the house: Lydia's husband, mother, nieces, nephews, cousins, sisters. Total carnage created by a drug lord angry at the world and taking his anger out on her journalist husband.

The police are not

of any help, as many of them are in the pay of the drug cartel, and they will report the two survivors to the drug lord who wants them dead. Lydia grabs what she can from her mother's home, takes her son and heads north. There is a price on her head, and even more frightening, on her young son's. She doesn't return to her bookstore to get money. She doesn't return to their home to collect anything. She just goes. Her former friend, Javier, the drug lord, is looking for her.

She and Luca become migrants heading to the United States. What a harrowing journey. Even reading about her plight, I only can imagine the fear and desperation she

feels. Cell phones make it almost impossible to hide because there are photos of her. The drug cartel has long arms and its influence reaches across the country.

She and Luca learn to ride on the tops of trains -- their teachers were two young sisters (15 and 14) heading to the United States from Central America. They are running from a gang leader who has assaulted the oldest sister. He is ruthless. He wants them. They later learn when they escaped the city, their father was killed by the gang. It is truly a horrendous story.

Lydia, Luca and the sisters head towards the United States, but the way is not easy for mi-

grant women. They are assaulted, beaten, raped. They are robbed. They manage to find an honest 'coyote' who will take them across the desert to the U.S. That, too, is a journey fraught with death and uncertainties.

I cheered these women and children and some of the men on. Hoping they could get to Maryland or Tucson or San Diego, or wherever they needed or wanted to go. I really, really wanted these refugees to make it to the U.S. and live here illegally, but safe.

We Americans brag about living here in the U.S; the greatest country on earth. We boast about everything we have; we talk of freedom and being whatever we want to

be. It is no wonder others want to live this life. It is no wonder they will come here by any means possible. It is a country big enough to get lost in; to become a non-citizen living in obscurity but working and being productive.

This is not a book I couldn't put down. It was really too intense, too tension-filled to read in one sitting. I read it slowly, wondering between reads how the characters were ever going to survive. Some of the incidents in the book are based on true stories.

Always reading, and currently reading, "Gully's Travels" by Tor Seidler, Roberta

Tallgrass and Tumbleweeds by Gaille Pike

Dear Readers, Slow leisurely afternoons have arrived in the Flint Hills though Summer's officially weeks away. It's been lovely to spend time outdoors, especially when the sun hovers above the western horizon. Occasionally I saunter down our gravel road to take in the views as dusk nears. But more often I am content to lounge cat-

like on the patio, watching the grass grow.

I know I can't see each blade lengthen, but it truly seems that the height of the lawn perceptibly increases during the Golden Hour that stretches long past sixty minutes. I also am aware that my sense of time slowing down, that the Sun's lingering thumb on our blue marble has slowed the Earth's spinning, is an illusion. But this time of year days ARE longer. And in this splendid growing season for our region, nearly all vegetation IS expanding at exponential rates.

These are facts, not fantasies that entice me to get outside where I am immersed in nature's magic, a potent force that also calls to mind childhood memories of the month of June.

I'm a fan of learning and education and as a kid I loved school so much I was sad when each academic year ended. But the next day as soon as my chores were done I'd be grinning from ear to ear because until sundown, I could pretty much do what I pleased as long as I did it outside. I missed seeing my

friends and occasionally my teachers but I did not miss being in the classroom one whit because there was so much to see outdoors. Plus I could run and hop and skip.

Gardening was a responsibility that I considered more of a fun activity than a duty and one in which our whole family participated. Side by side we planted seeds one day along big rows. Then we hoed and raked and weeded while seedlings sprouted and transformed into big plants and stalks. And there was barely time to say "abra-

cadabra" before we had peas to shell and cream with new potatoes, green beans to snap and cook with bacon and big ole ears of corn to roast and slather with butter. As surely as I believed quite contrary Mary's garden grew with silverbells and cocklesells, I believed the Pike garden grew by magic.

I cannot tell you how old I was when I learned such magic is a child's whimsy, that nothing grows without water, which in the case of the Pike Garden was supplied by a windmill

powered by those mighty Western Kansas winds. And sunshine.

I would never claim to be wiser now than when I was young. But I know more facts than I did then. Every day I learn something new that I didn't know before. Reality and knowledge are the true magic I need to help me grow, as surely as I also require sunshine and water.

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



Engaged Kansas

Glenn Brunkow, Pottawatomie County farmer and rancher

It seems as though the news is full of headlines about nothing but bickering at all levels of government. I don't know about you but at times I want to send them all to their corners until they can be civil to each other. Often, I hear from people that this discord and constant fighting are why they have no confidence in our leaders, and they think our government is

broken. I disagree with the notion that our government is broken. It has survived this long, and I would guess our ancestors saw this level of political bickering before. I do agree it is disheartening and downright irritating. The elected officials are in office to represent our best interests, not what many of us consider extreme political views. Do you know whose fault this is? Sure, some of the blame should be cast on the parties and elected officials but much of the blame for the disconnect between government and the people lies with us. Yes, we have only

ourselves to blame if we don't like what is going on at any level of government and it doesn't change. The only way real change can happen is if citizens become involved or engaged. That is why the Kansas Farm Bureau (KFB) along with diverse groups such as the Kansas League of Municipalities, Kansas Association of School Boards, and the Kansas Chamber to name just a few partners have launched Engaged Kansas.

This nonpartisan effort is meant to help citizens understand how government works and how to engage or become

active in local bodies. The website, www.engagedkansas.org, states right off the bat it is for "building civic minded leaders." There are different tabs that one can use to research what involvement at different levels such as school boards, city councils or county commissions would look like and what would be involved at each level.

It also has links to KFB's Campaign School and the Kansas Leadership Center for more in-depth information. The website is a gateway or a starting point for those who want to make a difference and help guide how our gov-

ernment is run. Let's also be honest, while Topeka and D.C. capture all the headlines, local government such as your school board and county commission have far more impact on your day-to-day life and tax bill. Local government at the most basic level is also where we can see the most change and make the most difference.

Who knows, after you get your feet wet at the local level you might be ready to move up and try to effect change at a higher level. That is what we need – more citizens to take an active interest in what happens at all levels of government.

Then we will start to see our elected officials have their feet held to the proverbial fire, but it all starts at the most local levels and that happens when citizens become engaged. Take an interest, get involved, after all it is a government of the people, by the people and for the people.

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Round Tables and Common Ground

Kim Baldwin, McPherson County farmer and rancher

I recently returned home to Kansas after traveling to China to participate in a U.S. Sorghum trade mission.

The trip was organized by the U.S. Grains Council, and we were the first U.S. trade mission team into China since the pandemic.

It was a whirlwind – our team's daily schedule consisted of reengaging with past sorghum buyers as well as meeting with potential customers throughout four cities throughout south China.

Our team traveled by way of planes, trains and automobiles while moving throughout the coun-

try. While our world has been back to "business as usual" for some time following the pandemic, China is still slowly re-entering that space.

There were very few foreigners and much of the tour groups we crossed paths with in public spaces were domestic.

Our days were filled with very official meetings in large office buildings. Our team entered a conference room and sat at a large rectangular table directly across from the Chinese team. We had name placards and business cards. The mood

was quite serious. During these meetings – sometimes through translators – we'd discuss the U.S. sorghum crop, transportation logistics, weather concerns, producer concerns and market opportunities. There was no doubt that these meetings were all business.

But following each meeting a major shift in the atmosphere would always occur. Our groups would leave the conference room and gather together again within a spacious dining room, which always consisted of a large round table.

Our two unique teams would sit shoulder to shoulder and partake in food and drink together. We were no longer looking across a table to our counterparts. Instead, we were sitting beside them as warmly welcomed guests.

The stark contrast between the business meetings and the meals struck me. Time and time again as our meal host would serve a piece of fish, tofu, goose or something new and exotic to me. It was very apparent we were not just sharing a meal together but also nurturing established or building on newly created relationships.

It took a round table and food to bring our teams together. It took a round table and food to have candid conversations about our families, our hobbies and our ways of life. It took a round table and food to minimize the barriers that tend to set us all apart.

There is no doubt relationships matter. Many of the relationships that have been developed

with our Chinese sorghum buyers have been works in progress by groups like ours within the U.S. agriculture industry over many, many years.

It's also glaringly apparent our governments are not on good terms currently. Tensions are high and trust is lacking.

But we share common ground when it comes to food. After all, food is what allowed our trade mission team to enter into China in the first place. Food was the topic of our meetings. And it was while enjoying food together that allowed us to grow and nurture relationships that will benefit us all.

If only more of us – both domestic and abroad – were willing to gather around, shoulder to shoulder at a round table while enjoying food together. What a world it could be.

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Community Bulletin Board

<p><b>Monday, June 12</b> 9:30 a.m. CPL Scavenger Hunt at Vernon Filley Art Museum *** 7:00 p.m. BOE meeting</p>	<p><b>Wednesday, June 14</b> 10:30 a.m. Nature Show with Pam Martin at CPL</p>
<p><b>Tuesday, June 13</b> 9:30 a.m. CPL Story Time with Ms. Lee Ann</p>	<p><b>Thursday, June 15</b> KState STEM program at CPL</p>
	<p><b>Friday, June 16</b> 3:00 CPL Bob Ross Painting Class</p>



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Pratt Army Airfield – 82 Curran Road  
Visit them on Facebook at www.prairie-bombers.org for more information. If you would like to visit the museum at another time call 672-8321, 672-2444 or 620-797-2919 to schedule an appointment!

**Libraries**

**Cunningham Public Library**  
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298-3163

**Zenda Public Library**  
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8:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.  
Thursday:  
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**CPL Summer Reading**

**Monday, June 12th, 9:30 a.m., It's Field Trip Day! Scavenger Hunt at Vernon Filley Art Museum followed by a tour at Pratt Public Library**  
It's a field trip to Pratt day! We've arranged for a tour and scavenger hunt at Vernon Filley Art Museum, followed by a tour of Pratt Public Library where Children's Librarian, Ms. Abigail will read us a story and tell us about their library's summer reading program. The museum and library are in the same block, so when we're done at the museum (allowing about a half hour), we'll walk next door to Pratt Public Library. The museum will provide prizes and a free family pass for a return visit to the museum. Parents: please drop off your child(ren) at the Vernon Filley Art Museum, 121 South Jackson St, in Pratt by 9:30 a.m. You may stay for the presentation, or meet your child(ren) at Pratt Public Library at 10:30 a.m. If your child needs a ride, please call the library well in advance, so that we may help arrange transportation – 620-298-3163. Children all ages are welcome!

**Tuesday, June 13th, 9:30 a.m. Story Time with Ms. Lee Ann – children 3-5 years old**  
Ms. Lee Ann is coming back for another Story Time. Please join us for songs, finger plays, stories and more!

**Wednesday, June 14th, 10:30 a.m. Pam Martin, Kansas Wetlands Education Center**  
Join Pam Martin, Kansas Wetlands Education



**Cunningham Book Club Book List 2022 - 2023**

June 28 – Need to Know by Karen Cleveland (recommended by Roberta)

July 26 – The Feathered Bone by Julie Cantrell (recommended by Maria)

August 30 – \*\*Being Mortal by Atul Gawande (recommended by Rogene)

September 27 – \*\*Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus (recommended by Joyce)

October 25 – On Ocean Boulevard by Mary Alice Monroe (recommended by Mary)

November 29 – \*\*Only Woman in the Room by Marie Benedict (recommended by Eilene)

December 20 – The BOOB Girls by Joy Johnson (recommended by Kathy)

January 31 – Winter Garden by Kristin Hannah (recommended by Jana)

February 28 – Stealing Mona Lisa by Carson Morton (recommended by Martha)

March 27 – \*\*Plainsong by Kent Haruf (recommended by LaDawn)

April 24 – Redemption by David Baldacci (recommended by Mary Ann)

May 29 – Planning night – 6:30 – covered dish supper  
\*\*copy available at the library

Other books that were recommended:  
7 ½ Deaths of Evelyn Hardcastle by Turton Stuart (recommended by Joyce)  
Craig and Fred by Craig Grossi by Amy Belden Brown (recommended by Martha)  
\*\*Throwaway Children by Diney Costeloe (recommended by Liz)

Center, for her All Together Now Summer Reading Presentation at CPL, **Nature: It's all about relationships.** Pollinators and plants, toads and tarantulas, woodpeckers and trees, all benefit each other. Nature is filled with animals, plants, and fungi working together and we'll explore those relationships with some fun activities and living examples.

**Thursday, June 15th – K-State STEM 10:00 a.m. ages 6+ Youth STEM Programming by K-State Research and Extension – Hands on STEM activities!**

**Friday, June 16th – Bob Ross Painting Class with Derese McAbee (for adults) – 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.** This program is for adults. We need a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 10 participants. Participants must register at the library in advance. Cost of the class is \$45.00 and a roll of paper towels. (The library is helping sponsor the class.) The cost covers all art supplies including a 12 x 16 canvas. Derese is a Certified Ross instructor. This is what people have seen Bob Ross do on *The Joy of Painting* and is done with oil paints. The three-hour class will begin at 6:00.

**Week # 2 – Tuesday, June 20th, 9:30 a.m., Story Time in Sculptures!** Vernon Filley Art Museum will bring a collection of bronze animal sculptures to the library for Story Time in Sculptures program. Children of all ages welcome.

**Thursday, June 22 – K-State STEM 10:00 a.m. ages 6+ Youth STEM Programming by K-State Research and Extension – Hands on STEM activities!**

**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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*Cotinued from last week: 1953: The Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II*

**Mr. and Mrs. Eula Witt Return from Trip Mrs. Witt Wins More Prizes on Television Show**

Mr. and Mrs. Eula Witt arrived home early Tuesday morning from their twelve-day tip to Europe, where they attended the coronation ceremonies of Queen Elizabeth, and report a most delightful trip.

Planned to almost a minute's timing, their trip was highlighted by many interesting experiences, in addition to the coronation itself, an account of which Mrs. Witt has promised to write for our readers next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Witt were guests on the "Welcome Travelers' television show Monday afternoon in Chicago, Ill., and with Mrs. Witt's usual good luck at winning radio prizes, the couple was awarded two living room chairs, two tables, two lamps, a coffee table, and best of all, a two hundred and eight-pound capacity Amana Home Freezer with a supply of one hundred packages of Snow Crop frozen foods. They were also supper guests that evening at Isabel's, one of Chicago's swankiest restaurants.

To their disappointment, however, they were not given a chance on the program to speak about the coronation, or the many interesting experiences of their trip, but were given a prepared script from which they read.

Mrs. Waldo Thompson of Skellyville, saw Mr. and Mrs. Witt on the "Welcome Travelers' program, on their television set.

The Witts report their airplane travel as very wonderful and very smooth, except for the brief ride from Wichita to Kansas City, Mo., at the beginning of their trip.

A large group of contest winners were fellow passengers on the tour, and three airplanes were required to carry them to England.

On their return trip they were routed around storms across the Atlantic Ocean, taking them about twenty-three hours to make the return trip to the United States.

**1928**

June 1 - The town was practically deserted Tuesday while everyone in town and the surrounding community attended the Dedication Services at St. Leo. The new Parochial school there has just been completed and it certainly is a fine building. We have not heard how much money was cleared at the different attractions, but we understand that dinner and supper was served to nearly 2,000 people, which would indicate a good crowd.

**1933**

June 2--The Turon Band and Boosters will be in Cunningham at 3:30 p.m., on June 6, and everyone is invited to be present and hear the concert and get acquainted with those from our city to the north.

**1938**

June 3 - Miss Anna Crow, daughter of Mrs. E. C. Crow of Cunningham, became the bride of Francis Dafforn, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Dafforn of Cunningham, in a ceremony performed last Saturday morning in the Methodist Church, with Rev. Franklyn Edwards presiding.

**1943**

June 4 - Lawrence Ebenkamp, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Ebenkamp, who is in bombardier training for the United States Army Air Corps, has been transferred from Santa Anna, Calif., to a bombardier training school at Roswell, N. Mex., Army Air Base.

**1948**

June 4 - A good representation of voters in School District No. 30 cast votes in favor of the proposal to issue \$125,000 in bonds for the purpose of erecting and equipping a new grade school building. Official results of the election were 200 yes, 84 no.

The new building will be a one-story, fireproof structure with at least seven rooms. Construction will not start before next spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Welch have leased the Hi-Way Café, formerly operated by Mrs. W. H. Lindemann.

A large dairy barn, 32 x 72 feet, and all feed and milking equipment in the M. Luther Walker farm southwest of Cunningham, was completely destroyed by fire last Thursday evening. The loss was estimated at \$10,000.

In the barn were 21 tons of alfalfa, 25 tons of ensilage in a built-in silo, two electric motors, a gasoline

motor, milking machine, cream separator, and other dairy equipment. The barn had been wired for electricity recently.

Mr. Walker and son, Joe, were milking when they noticed a fire in the gasoline motor which operated the milking machine. The fire spread rapidly and all they had time to do was to drive the eighteen head of Holsteins and two calves out of the barn.

**1953**

June 5 - By an almost two-to-one margin, patrons of Cunningham Rural High School district turned down a proposition to issue two hundred thousand dollars in bonds to erect and equip a new auditorium and gymnasium, and classrooms, in a special election held yesterday (Thursday) in Cunningham.

The final tabulation was 229 votes against the proposition and 117 for the bond issue.

**1958**

June 5 - Sunday evening at 8:00 o'clock, the Methodist Church sanctuary will be the scene of an organ dedication service.

You are cordially invited to attend this service which will feature music by a guest vocalist, Mrs. Paul Evins of Syracuse, choir selections, organ solos, and the organ-piano duo.

Harold's Place was burglarized last Thursday night, Taken in the break-in were \$22 in silver, two pencil sets, playing cards, and cigarettes.

The Cunningham Churchmen, local semi-pro team, will open the current baseball season here, Sunday afternoon, with a practice game with Anthony. The game will start at 2:30 o'clock on the City Park diamond.

Miss Ann Hauser, bride-elect of Hugh Fewin, was honored with a pre-nuptial shower, Monday evening, at the home of Mrs. Rufus Leiter. Assisting hostesses were Mrs. Floren Rose, Mrs. C. L. Davidson, Mrs. Rosanne Sullivan, Miss Donna Renner, and Miss Sandra Dix.

**1963**

June 6, - Free outdoor movies will be shown again in Cunningham this summer, sponsored by your Cunningham merchants.

W. W. (Woody) Graber of Zenda, is the producer, and the movies will be shown in the City Park on Thursday evenings beginning at dark.

"Tammy Tell Me True" is tonight's (Thursday) movie. A Technicolor production, this romantic comedy stars Sandra Dee and John Gavin.

A plan to consolidate into one district, the grade schools of Zenda, Nashville, Willowdale, and St. Leo, was abruptly halted last Tuesday evening when the St. Leo patrons voted 92 to 23 against the consolidation. The proposition carried in the other three grade school districts.

Zenda patrons voted 117 to 3 in favor, Nashville 61 to 5, and Willowdale was closer with a 37 to 34 vote in favor of consolidation. The proposition had to carry in all four districts to consolidate the four districts.

For the present time this stops all school plans to consolidate or transfer territory as the May 15 deadline, as outlined in the new school unification law, has now passed. Any matter of this type will now come before a six-member county planning board on school unification selected from a 21-member committee composed of a representative of each school district in Kingman County.

The results of the State Scholarship Contest, conducted by the Kansas State Teacher College at Emporia, reveal that Cunningham Rural High School ranked fifth in the state among the Class "B" schools. Cunningham winners were as follows:

Gene Patton, first in English Literature; tied, for first in English Composition; and was third in American History.

Kay Kaster, tied for first in Chemistry; placed second in American Government; and was fourth in English Composition.

Tim Cain placed second in Mechanical Drawing. Richard Thimesch was fourth in Industrial Arts, and Lowell Gridley tied for fifth in Industrial Arts.

The following students received Honorable Mention:

- Vicki DeLaRosa, in English Composition, Biology, and Typing I.
- Linda Schnittker in Algebra III.
- Margie Jarmer in Plane Geometry.
- Jim Cain in General Science.
- Lowell Gridley in Bookkeeping.
- Connie Rose in Shorthand.

**1968**

June 6 - The public auction to dispose of the household goods of the former Twin Gables Nursing Home in Cunningham, will be held at the home, one and one-half blocks east of the highway blinker light, Saturday, June 8, beginning at 1:00 o'clock.

Auctioneer John Banbury of Haviland, will conduct the sale.

Mrs. Lee DeWeese is the new substitute clerk in the Cunningham Post Office. She succeeds Mrs. Frances Nossaman, who retired after over 23 years of service.

The Cunningham 4-H Club held their annual Spring Tour, Monday afternoon, June 3.

The tour started at the Dale Sheldon home where

Kris showed her garden, going then to the Harry Johnston home where Mr. Johnston showed his daughter's garden. Next was the Joe Rohling home where Janet showed her garden, and then on to the Harold Schreck home where Steve showed their pigs.

The next stop was the Al Joe Sterneker home where Bruce showed their sheep, pigs, and garden, and then on to the Ed Hageman home where Lisa, George, and David showed their pigs. The next stop was the Albert McGovney home, but haying operations left no time to show their garden and livestock.

The Joe Woodson home near Penalosa was next on the tour, and Ilonda showed her chickens and garden. The group then returned to the Ed Steffen home where David, Suzanne, and John showed their garden, after which 21 members, leaders, and guests enjoyed a wiener roast with the Floren Rose and Steffen families as hosts.

YEARS AGO IN

*The Cunningham Clipper*

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

**1978**

June 8 - Hilltop Happenings: Our new summer employees are Carla Osborn, Donna Hansen, Sandra Link, Marlene Albers, Darla Stucky, Tammy Strait, and Marilyn Albers.

Louise Armstrong is back from a weeks stay in St. Louise. She was there visiting her brother who was operated on.

Fort Hays State University has recognized Audrey Hensiek of Nashville, student's academic achievement for spring semester 1978 by naming her to the Dean's Honor Roll.

Kansas University Endowment Association Scholarship Winners Announced. Recipients are chosen by a University committee. Among the criteria for selection for the awards are superior academic achievement either during previous years at K.U. or, in the case of entering freshmen, during their high school careers. Scholarship winners include: from Cunningham Robert J. Holcomb, freshman, son of Loretta Holcomb.

Mary Zrubek of Denver, Colo. Spent the Memorial weekend visiting Mr. and Mrs. Leo Zrubek Sr. and her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Zrubek Jr.

Mrs. Inez Lewis returned Sunday from Chickasha, Oklahoma where she has been visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Freund and family. She attended Timothy's graduation from the eighth grade while there. Mr. and Mrs. Freund drove her to Enid, where they were met by Mr. and Mrs. Bob Long who returned her to her home.

Due to a broken pump, the city pool is temporarily closed. Mayor Walt Rosenbaum said the new part is in order, and should be in any day. "We ordered the part from a supply house in Houston, and never got it. When I called back they said, 'What order?' We had to reorder it, and have them send it on rush," he said.

Ernest A Hay, 90, died Sunday at Terrace Gardens in Wichita. He was a former Stafford resident moving to Wichita in 1943. He was a retired butcher and salesman. Survivors include the widow, son Ernie of Wichita and daughters Mrs. Lucile Miller of Silver City, N.M. and Mrs. Lillian Brown of Bartlesville, Okla., brother Albert, of Belle Plaine and sisters Mrs. Elsie Clark, Wichita and Mrs. Louise McNamee of Cunningham.

**1983**

June 9 - The Cunningham Community Building is almost complete with the exception of a few minor details, according to Jack Meyers, representative of the local Lion's Club. The building, already in use, is still in need of approximately \$2,400 in funds to complete the minor details, according to Meyers. The Cunningham Community Incorporated project has already collected \$43,000 for the building which was started last May.

Roberta Lea Thimesch of Cunningham was among 115 seniors who received degrees from Southwestern College in Winfield on May 21. She was awarded a B. A. in elementary education.

Nancy Kerschen of Cunningham has been named to the spring 1983 Dean's Honor List and Kansas Newman College, Wichita, according to Sister JoAnn Mark, academic dean. Majoring in Chemistry and Biology, Kerschen is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kerschen, Cunningham.

Bill and Denise Osner announce the birth of a baby girl May 30 at Kingman Community Hospital. She weighed 7 lb. 7 oz. and has been named Jamie Jo. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Mark Osner and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hageman, Isabel. Great-grandparents are Minnie Hageman and Anna Detmer, Spivey.

Joseph A. Harbert of Penalosa has been named to the spring 1983 Dean's Honor List at Kansas Newman College, Wichita, according to Sister JoAnn Mark, academic dean. Majoring in accounting, Harbert is the son of Robert Harbert, Penalosa.

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Consider this...

by Mike Johnson

Telling the Truth

The president was caught in a lie.

Oh, he hasn't admitted lying yet. Liars always believe they have us fooled. Yet I know the truth. The president told me himself in the 93% of communication that is not spoken in words.

The issue of course, involves Monica. Did he or didn't he?

In his denials, the president was focused on using precise words that seemed to say one thing, yet said nothing at all. He forgot it is impossible to hide the other large ways we unconsciously communicate. Specifically, voice tonality, body language and all the words we leave unsaid.

Had the president been telling the truth, he would

not have gone to such great pains to stress his words as if angry. If he was innocent, he would have nothing to be angry about - he's accused of multiple misdeeds every day he's alive, just by virtue of being president. Why should this accusation be different than all the rest?

Had the president been innocent, his body language would not have been so forceful, his eye contact would have been less direct. In his denials, the president made a point of trying to burn his innocence into the eyes of the interviewer and camera. Why were these comments any more important than the hundreds of others he makes each day?

Finally, had the president been innocent, he'd be happy to take questions and provide any and all details of

the questioned relationship. Immediately. With no preparation. He'd be telling us how he barely knew the woman, how he first met her, what her job at the White House was, how he thought her claims were incredibly confused. The president would be able to look Sam Donaldson in the eye with the cameras running and say, "What's on your mind, Sam?"

The president's words say he is telling the truth but his actions are saying he lied. This is a great lesson for the rest of us.

Talk is cheap. Words are always easier than actions. When a person's words are in conflict with his actions, rest assured he has sent the truth on vacation. And he expects us to enjoy the trip.

More times than not, the motivation for lies has to do with saving our reputation in the minds of

others. This is impossible because we have a different "reputation" in the mind of every individual we meet. We can no more control others' thoughts about us than we can control their words about us.

Yet by his lie, the liar tells us he believes he CAN control what others think of him.

By his lie, the liar is revealing that he can't even control his OWN thoughts as they relate to what he believes others think of him. Rather than doing his own inner thought work, he asks millions of others to change their thoughts so HE doesn't have to.

Why would a person ask us to believe an illusion rather than the truth? Why would the leader of our country try to convince 260 million citizens and 6 billion neighbors to believe a lie?

Because it suits his



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own shallow needs.

What a liar is really saying when he utters a falsehood is "I don't care about the rest of you, you'll have to bend your reality to match what I want it to be." A liar wants us to feel guilty about questioning his honesty. This is a major red flag - a truth that cannot withstand question is no truth.

Unless we fearlessly look beyond a speaker's mere words, we'll continue to live in the illusions he tries to weave. The longer we embrace those

falsehoods, the more devastated we'll be upon discovering the betrayal.

Experience tells me that many who read this column will continue to side with the president's denials. They want to believe his words, so they will. But what the president is painfully learning is a lesson we all should learn.

The truth does not conform to us, we must conform to the truth.

Cultural Apparel

By Marlene Custer

I treasure the year I spent in Northern Thailand teaching at an elementary grade school. The student body was predominantly Hill Tribe children. Their first language was their tribal language—Lahu, Hmong, or Akha. They had to learn Thai in order to attend this particular school, and I was attempting to teach them English, which was a government requirement. I'm not sure how much English they learned and retained, but it was a learning experience for me.

One of the cultural things I enjoyed was the dress code. The children wore school uniforms most of the week, but on Fridays they wore their tribal clothing. I am sure my description is not as effective as a picture, so I would encourage you to google 'Northern Thai tribal clothing'—especially Lahu. The clothing—skirts, vests, jackets,—was cut from black cloth and trimmed with exquisite, brightly colored geometric patchwork strips around the neck, sleeves, down the front and around the hem. They used bright red,

pink, yellow, green, orange, white, and purple. Along with their colorful jackets, the boys wore baggy black pants.

Hats varied from tribe to tribe. Some were similar to baseball caps, but brightly colored and decorated with pom poms or yarn. Some were quite large and tall. They were trimmed with fringe, pom poms, silver bangles, yarn, beads, and other decorative materials. The girls often wore silver necklaces, and jasmine garlands, and carried elaborately decorated purses. As I have said before, you have to see

it to really appreciate it.

These outfits are worn not only at school, but also to church and any number of festivals and special occasions.

After the year in Thailand I spent a year in Manila, Philippines, teaching in a school for Missionary children. The predominant language there was English, so it was easier communicating with the children. However, I did miss the culture of Thailand.

While in Manila several of the teachers took a day trip to one of the outlying villages. The native children there were

curious about the visitors, but readily accepted the candy and treats we had brought along. Adults stayed close to their humble homes and watched from a distance. At one point, our guide stopped at a small house where an older man was watching from an open window. The guide called him by name and asked if he would come out in his native dress for us to see. He would receive a couple hundred pesos in return.

We chatted among ourselves and tried to focus on what the guide was pointing out. However,

thinking about Thailand and their elaborate, multi-colored outfits, my husband and I were eager to see this group's native costume. We didn't have to wait long. A few minutes later the gentleman strolled out. To our utmost surprise he was wearing what looked like a white diaper with a short flap in the front! I am sure our crestfallen faces would have made an interesting picture.

I therefore suggest, that if you are traveling abroad, give careful thought to where you are and what the locals are likely to wear!



**Catholic Churches**

<b>Sacred Heart, Cunningham</b> Saturdays 4:00 p.m.	<b>St. John, Zenda</b> Sundays 10:00 a.m.
<b>St. Leo</b> Sundays 8:30 a.m.	<b>St. Peter Willowdale</b> Saturdays 5:30 p.m.

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





**Lutheran Churches**

<b>St. John, Nashville</b> 620-246-5220 Sunday School & Bible Class 9:45 a.m. Worship Service 8:30 a.m.	<b>Trinity, Medicine Lodge</b> 620- 886-3397 Sunday School & Bible Class 9:15 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
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Our worship service is found on the YouTube channel at:  
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Pastor Dennis Fangmeyer  
Cell: 620-886-0911





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**First Christian Church**  
**Cunningham**  
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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**

<b>Penalosa</b> Worship 9:15 a.m.	<b>Cunningham</b> Worship 10:45 a.m.
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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  
620-491-0680

Jokes You Can Tell in Church

A man goes out ice fishing one morning. He reaches the ice and is about to cut a hole in it when he hears a voice from above: "There are no fish here."

The fisherman is shocked but gets up and

moves to another spot. As he's about to cut a hole, he hears a voice from above again, "There are no fish here either."

He gets up and moves to a third spot. Before he's even finished walking, the voice says, "I'm

telling you, there are no fish here."

The fisherman says, "God, how can you be so sure there aren't any fish here?"

The voice replies, "This is the ice rink manager."

A jealous, wealthy man didn't want anyone else to inherit his money. He kept it all in gold bars under his bed. As he aged, he wondered whether he could take his money to heaven. One night he prayed, asking God if he could take a suitcase of gold to heaven. He heard

God say, "All right, you can do it." The man happily went to sleep.

That night, he passed away and went to heaven's pearly gates. The apostle Peter appeared and said, "Customs check." He opened up the wealthy man's suitcase and looked at its

contents. Then he looked at the wealthy man and asked, "You brought pavement?"

It wasn't until then that the wealthy man remembered Revelation 21:21: "The great street of the city was of gold, as pure as transparent glass."

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### Grant Opportunities Now Available at South Central Community Foundation

South Central Community Foundation (SCCF) is excited to announce the 2023 Grant Cycle is now open! SCCF

is offering seven different opportunities to their seven county service area which includes Barber, Comanche, Kingman, Kiowa, Pratt, Rice, and Stafford Counties.

The list of opportunities is below, and a complete overview of each opportunity is available at [sccfks.org](http://sccfks.org). The deadline for all grant applications is **August 31st**, November 28, 2023! Due to an incredible grant from the Patterson Family Foundation (PFF), SCCF has a Match Pool of up to \$70,000.

If you are unfamiliar with a nonprofit match day, this is a one-day event that communities

- 2023. Community Grants** -- Available to all counties.
- Children's \$5,000 Health Grant** -- Available to all counties for project/programs relating to children's health. *\*One recipient will be selected for each of the seven counties SCCF serves.*
- Teachers' \$250**

- Grant -- K-12 Classroom Teachers** in our seven-county service area for any needed classroom items.
- Leadership Grant** -- Local leadership programs or projects in **Barber, Comanche, or Harper County.**
- Pratt County Achievement Place - Youth Development Grant** -- For projects/

- programs that aim to help children/youth in **Pratt County.**
- Greensburg Future Fund Grant** -- This opportunity is available to any nonprofit, school, or church located in **Greensburg, KS.**
- Majorie Gillig Grant** -- Projects/programs impacting the following areas: Music and Arts, Primary

Education, Senior Activities, Community Organizations, Church Programs, or Mission Trips in Pratt County or City of Kiowa, Kansas. For questions or help through this application process, contact the Foundation at (620) 672.7929 or [sccf@sccfks.org](mailto:sccf@sccfks.org).

### SCCF to Host Match Day Event for Local Nonprofits

South Central Community Foundation is thrilled to announce their first ever Match Day to be held on Tuesday,

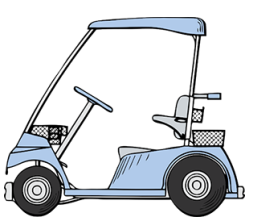
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can donate to a specific nonprofit's endowment fund held at SCCF. The donations are then matched as a percentage of total funds raised that day. (i.e., if one nonprofit receives \$1,000 and the total raised that day was \$10,000, then the non-

profit would receive 10% of the match plus 100% of the donations made to their fund.) SCCF must raise at least \$70,000 to receive the full matching grant from the Patterson Family Foundation.

SCCF is excited to offer this opportunity to their seven county service area including Barber, Comanche, Kingman, Kiowa, Pratt, Rice, and Stafford County.

To participate, the organization must be a nonprofit located in one of the seven counties and have an endowed fund held at SCCF. Registration to participate opens June 15<sup>th</sup>. Interested in learning more about SCCF's Match Day? Contact the Foundation at (620) 672.7929 or visit our website at [sccfks.org](http://sccfks.org).



*Editor's note: A citizen of Cunningham has asked me if I would run the golf cart ordinance again; as it is the season of golf carting. I told her that I can run it. Everyone knows the rules, but that doesn't mean they will follow them.*

Golf carts may be operated upon the public highways, streets, roads and alleys within the corporate limits of the city; provided, however, that no golf cart may be operated upon any public highway, street, road and alley with a posted speed limit in excess of 30 miles per hour. No golf cart shall be operated on any interstate highway, federal highway or state highway; provided, however, that the provisions of this

### It is Golf Cart Season, PLEASE Act Responsibly

subsection shall not prohibit a golf cart from crossing a federal or state highway with a posted speed limit greater than 30 miles per hour.

**No golf cart shall be operated on any public highway, street, road or alley between sunset and sunrise.**

**Every person operating a golf cart on the public highways, streets, roads and alleys of the city shall be subject to all of the duties applicable to a driver of a vehicle imposed by law.**

**No person shall operate a golf cart on any public highway, street, road or alley within the corporate limits of the city unless such person is 17 years of age or older. Violation of this section is punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000 or by imprisonment for not more than six months or by both such fine and imprisonment.**

"Golf cart" means a motor vehicle that has not

less than three wheels in contact with the ground, an unladen weight of not more than 1,800 pounds, is designed to be operated at not more than 25 miles per hour and is designed to carry not more than six persons, including the driver.

**It shall be illegal for any person to operate a golf cart on any public highway, street, road or alley with more passengers than the golf cart is designed to seat.**

It shall be illegal to operate a golf carts vehicle on any public highway, street, road or alley within the corporate limits of the city unless such vehicle displays a slow moving vehicle emblem on the rear of the vehicle.

Section 3: All other provisions and sections of the Standard Traffic Ordinance are not affected by this ordinance.

Section 3: This ordinance shall be published once in the official city paper of the City of Cunningham, Kansas, and shall become effective upon publication.

Approved and passed by the Governing Body of the City of Cunningham, Kansas, this 25th day of June, 2012.

*And last, but not least, no golf carts on city sidewalks. And no driving over curbs.*

Governing Body of the City of Cunningham  
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### And While We are on the Subject of Vehicles....



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## Statepoint Crossword

### Theme: TV Dads

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THEME: TV DADS

**ACROSS**

1. Necklace lock
6. Blue
9. \*Mr. Micelli in "Who's the Boss"
13. "The Tortoise and the Hare," e.g.
14. Beer acronym
15. Check recipient
16. Angler's basket
17. Circle part
18. "Orange" warning
19. \*Mr. Keaton in "Family Ties"
21. \*Mr. Cunningham in "Happy Days"
23. Dad's offspring
24. "Jack and the Beanstalk" instrument
25. General Post Office
28. Plural of cecum
30. Pompous windbag
35. Not written
37. Scotch ingredient
39. Complain
40. Spanish surrealist Joan
41. Formed #17 Across
43. Press back arrow key
44. Not odds
46. "Musical" constellation
47. Backgammon predecessor
48. Louisiana music genre
50. Aware of
52. Jeans brand
53. In a little while, old-fashioned
55. Old age, old-fashioned
57. \*Mr. White "Breaking Bad"
60. \*Mr. Stark "Game of Thrones"
63. Ruffle on a blouse
64. Determine the sum

**DOWN**

1. Olden-day aerosol can propellant, acr.
2. Lawrence, for short
3. Aid and \_\_\_\_
4. Like gelled hair
5. Relating to pelvis
6. a.k.a. Xi'an
7. Credit card rate, acr.
8. Putin's country house, e.g.
9. Samoan money
10. Deed hearing
11. Egghead
12. Up to the present time
15. a.k.a. melon tree
20. Organ swelling
22. What organza and forgiveness have in common
24. Calm and peaceful
25. \*Mr. Addams "The Addams Family"
26. Outhouse
27. Propelled like Argo
29. \*Mr. Winslow in "Family Matters"
31. Give the cold shoulder
32. Twofold
33. \*Mr. Johnson in "Black-ish"
34. Glittery stone
36. Like certain Ranger
38. Seaside bird
42. Old hat
45. Scatterbrained, in U.K.
49. Top seed
51. Nickname for dad (2 words)
54. Speak like Cicero
56. \_\_\_\_ Buchanan of "The Great Gatsby"
57. China's Great one
58. Often goes with "willing"
59. Rumpelstiltskin's weaver
60. Upper hand
61. Not top-shelf
62. Popular symbol of extinction
63. \*Mr. Pritchett in "Modern Family"
65. \*Mr. Conner in "Roseanne"
67. Skin cyst

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Area Fire Departments Train in Cunningham ...



Members of the Pratt Fire Department came to Cunningham to train Cunningham volunteer fireman on vertical ventilation, forcible entry, hose advancements, and search in structures. Pratt firefighters presenting the training were: Mac Callaway, Lee VanSlyke, Andrew VanSlyke, Lt. Justin Crouch, and Capt. Chad VanSlyke. Chief Harold Stark would like to thank the Pratt department for sharing their time and knowledge. Thanks also to the owners of the vacant structures for lending the use of the homes for the training to take place.  
-Submitted by Molly Morgan

... And Then the Houses Came Down



The two homes mentioned in the story above were razed after the fire departments' training session. The houses were in the 200 block of East First Street; at the intersection of First and Dresden. For those who are 'old-timers' they sat across the streets from the Knotty Pine Motel and the Elmdale Motel. (And, no, The Courier's editor does not know what is going to happen to the empty lot. We will just say it will be empty.)

We Have Had Glorious Rain!



photo by Teresa McClendon

*"I am not afraid of storms, for I am learning how to sail my ship."  
— Louisa May Alcott, Little Women*



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*"Life is a storm, my young friend. You will bask in the sunlight one moment, be shattered on the rocks the next. What makes you a man is what you do when that storm comes."  
— Alexandre Dumas*

*"Some people feel the rain. Others just get wet."  
— Bob Marley*



Minutes from Pratt County Commission

The Pratt County commissioners met in regular session Tuesday, May 30, 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 Pratt County received \$420,000 to install lines on high risk rural blacktop roads. Several businesses have applied for the PAEDC incentive funds grant, including a restaurant/art gallery

in the old Parish Hotel. There are several façade projects to be approved. She stated Kingman County was very vocal about the qualifications for the museum grant and how the state awarded the Sprint grants leaving out the west half of the state. She has no update for the EV charging stations. She is assisting Ashley at the Chamber of Commerce with the PAEDC incentive grants.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the minutes from May 22, 2023. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the hiring of Peyton Koehler, for detention officer, sheriff's office at \$16.26 per hour. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-0. Mark Graber, IT, reported the new web design meeting with Civic Plus will be June 12th. He will get with department heads to go over changes and updates.

Doug Freund, road/lake supervisor, presented two pay slips. Commissioner Adams made a motion to hire Ethan Robinson, full time for the road department at \$15.00. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to hire Matthew Hook, part time road department at \$15.00 per hour.

Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. He received a letter from the state of Kansas. Pratt County was awarded \$420,000 to apply white

lines on high risk blacktop rural roads.

David DeJarnette, The Dent Solution, enquired about repairing the county damaged vehicles. Clerk Voss stated EMC insurance would have the vehicles adjusted and recommend repair shops.

Ryan Lunt, Doug Reh and Chase Galle with the public building commission were in attendance. Chase Galle called the public building commission meeting to order. Tyson explained that USD 382 wanted to lease the PRRC building. Public building commission is still listed on the deed that was stripped out from the hospital. Doug asked if the county can own and lease the building or does it have to be used by the county. Chase asked about maintenance, utilities etc. Tyson stat-

ed USD 382 will be in charge of these according to the lease. Tyson presented a general warranty deed for lot 9 of Frisco Addition. Ryan Lunt made a motion to accept the warranty deed. Doug Reh seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Ryan read their minutes from August 16, 2021. Chase made a motion to pass those minutes. Doug seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Chase made a motion to adjourn their meeting at 2:24 p.m. Doug seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Brian Atteberry, EMS director, stated he needs tires for medic 2 at a cost of \$2,307.00. Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the purchase of tires for medic 2 from Cooper Tire in the amount of

\$2,307.00. Commissioner Adams made a motion to recess into executive session at 2:27 p.m. for ten minutes for an attorney/client matter concerning the PRRC building. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Adams made a motion to return from executive session at 2:35 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 May 30, 2023. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to adjourn at 2:43 p.m. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

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...about myths and legends of other countries

Kids: color stuff in!

People all over the world have shared stories called myths. Myths are ancient tales that tried to explain mysterious things that people wondered about in the past - events they did not know the reasons for or things they did not understand. People believed these stories to be true. Myths were very important to them.

Who or What? Myths are full of people, gods, heros and creatures. Who or what are these characters in myths? Read the clues to fill in the crossword:

- powerful beings, rulers of all
- stories to explain things people did not know or could not understand
- huge manlike beings that some people thought existed before humans
- pilots with problems in their engines or instruments would blame these
- they search and dig to find items that will tell about myths of different peoples
- played harmless pranks, did household chores overnight
- people of great strength and courage
- physically smaller than giants; hunted and ate people
- fire-breathing, flying monsters
- underground folk, under four feet tall, hard-working; they mined and worked precious metals like gold
- ugly elves, pesky and annoying
- they lived under bridges, in forests and on mountains; they protected their lands

Myths and Legends!

What Are Myths About? Find out by filling in the phrases:

- how the \_\_\_\_\_ began
- secret of the rhythm of \_\_\_\_\_
- heroes slaying \_\_\_\_\_ animals
- natural happenings like \_\_\_\_\_
- why \_\_\_\_\_ things happen

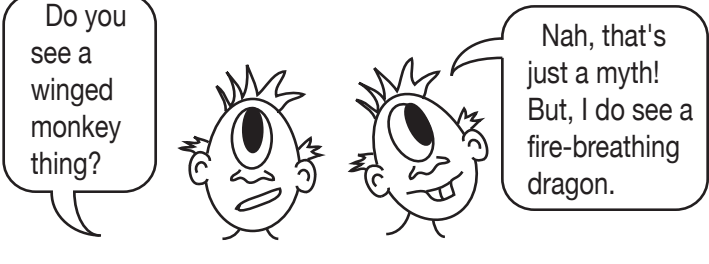
life evil world unlucky lightning

Pandora opened a box and let evil into the world, but there was still HOPE.

Mythical Creatures

Have you heard or read about myths? Ask Mom or Dad to help you match each name to its description:

- |             |                                     |
|-------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Neptune  | A. one-eyed giant                   |
| 2. Cyclops  | B. ruler of all the gods (Greek)    |
| 3. Centaurs | C. bird rose from ashes: reborn     |
| 4. Zeus     | D. each was half man and half horse |
| 5. Phoenix  | E. god of the sea (Roman)           |



Mystical, Magical Things

Myths are full of magical things. Read the items below and match them to their use:

- |                      |   |
|----------------------|---|
| 1. Pandora's Box     | A. magical "rug" brought rider anywhere instantly     |
| 2. Excalibur         | B. Greek god used this to pull the sun across the sky |
| 3. Flying Carpet     | C. famous sword locked into an enchanted stone        |
| 4. Magic Lamp        | D. item that held all the evils of the world          |
| 5. Crystal Ball      | E. helped wizards see the future or cast spells       |
| 6. Chariot of Apollo | F. rub this and a Genie pops out to grant wishes      |

and Golden Things:

- |                  |  |
|------------------|--|
| 1. Golden Rings  | A. Rumpelstiltskin could turn straw into this              |
| 2. Golden Ram    | B. food of the gods; Hercules would quest to find this     |
| 3. Golden Goose  | C. jewelry that gave protection or invisibility to wearers |
| 4. Golden Thread | D. fable tells of a hen that could lay this                |
| 5. Golden Touch  | E. time of peace, harmony and prosperity                   |
| 6. Golden Age    | F. from German fairy tale; don't touch its feathers        |
| 7. Golden Apple  | G. king who could turn anything into gold had this         |
| 8. Golden Egg    | H. winged animal whose fleece was golden                   |

A Little Bit of This and...

Myths often make things "larger than life." They have a little bit of this and a little bit of that to help explain things. Some creatures in myths and other stories are half human and half animal. Do you know these? Write the numbers that describe them in the boxes.

Mermaid Centaur Sphinx

1. The top of a [face] + the bottom of a [horse]

2. The top of a [face] + the bottom of a [fish]

3. The head of a [face] + the body of [lion]

(Answers on page 10)



Kingman County Sheriff's Report

Sunday, May 28

Traffic Stop	4
Agency Assist	E 4th Ave & N Jefferson, Cheney
Disabled Vehicle	7000 E Hwy 54, Kingman
Vehicle Unlock	15000 NE 50 St, Cheney
Animal Complaint	SW 90 St & SW 30 Ave, Spivey
Animal Complaint	750 W D Ave, Kingman
Disabled Vehicle	4000 E Hwy 54, Kingman
Vehicle Unlock	15000 NE 50 St, Cheney
Suspicious Activity	4000 NE 30 Ave, Kingman
Warrant Arrest	NE 50 Ave & NE 50 St, Kingman
Domestic	500 Blk S Main, Kingman
Driving Complaint	8000 E Hwy 54, Kingman
911 Accidental Dial	14000 Blk SW 20 St, Cunningham
911 Accidental Dial	300 Blk N Pine St, Zenda
911 Accidental Dial	1000 W Hwy 54, Kingman

Monday, May 29

Traffic Stop	3
Traffic Complaint	1200 E Hwy 54, Kingman
Animal Complaint	SW 170 St & SW 170 Ave, Nashville
Theft	13000 Blk SE 140 Ave, Norwich
Medical	6000 Blk SE 100 Ave, Murdock
Debris in Roadway	4000 E Hwy 54, Kingman
Disabled Vehicle	200 Blk E Sherman, Kingman
Suspicious Activity	800 Blk N Sugar St, Kingman
Animal Complaint	13000 SE 140 Ave, Norwich
Domestic	300 Blk E D Ave, Kingman
911 Accidental Dial	500 Blk N Main St, Kingman

Tuesday, May 30

Civil Paper Service	3
Disabled Vehicle	E Hwy 54 & NE 10 St, Kingman
Medical	13000 Blk SE 140 Ave, Norwich
Driving Complaint	400 Blk S Ohio St, Cunningham
Suspicious Vehicle	SE 110 St & SE 160 Ave, Norwich
Disturbance	16000 Blk SE 90 St, Norwich
Theft	300 Blk of Somerset, Norwich
Driving Complaint	SE 80 St & SE 170 Ave, Norwich

Wednesday, May 31

Traffic Stop	1
Animal Complaint	1200 Blk N Chariton, Kingman
Transport Prisoner	120 N Spruce, Kingman
Check Welfare	200 Blk E A Ave, Zenda
Follow up	SE 90 St & SE170 Ave, Norwich
Injury Accident	SE 50 Ave & SE 180 St, Norwich
911 Accidental Dial	16000 Blk SW 145 St, Nashville

Thursday, June 1

Traffic Stop 2	
Civil Paper Service 12	
Mental	200 Blk S Elliott, Cunningham
Animal Complaint	SE 130 Ave & E Hwy 42, Norwich
Weather Watch	120 N Spruce, Kingman
Suspicious Person	14000 SW 60 St, Cunningham

Friday, June 2

Traffic Stop 2	
Civil Paper Service 7	
Non-Injury Accident	3000 Blk SE 10 St, Kingman
Harassment	200 Blk S Douglas St, Cunningham
Warrant Service	120 N Spruce St, Kingman
Unlock Vehicle	2000 Blk N Main St, Kingman
Traffic Complaint	8000 E Hwy 54, Murdock


Saturday, June 3

Traffic Stop 10	
Civil Paper Service 10	
Abandoned Vehicle	8000 E Hwy 54, Murdock
Theft	5000 Blk NW 130 Ave, Cunningham
Abandoned Vehicle	NE 40 St & N Hwy 14, Pretty Prairie
Traffic Complaint	9000 E Hwy 54, Murdock
Follow Up	NE 40 St & E Hwy 54, Kingman
Traffic Complaint	1000 Blk E Hwy 54, Kingman

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## Kingman County Humane Society Pets Ready for Adoption

**Tucker** Sponsored by The Cunningham Courier



Male Retriever/Black Lab/Boxer  
60 pounds  
3 years +  
\$150.00  
Tucker has been at KCHS since March 12, 2022

Adult-Only Home Preferred  
Single Dog Home  
Tucker is a friendly and lovable boy. He loves affection and is smart and a fast learner. He's pretty high energy and might be a bit much for younger kids. He likes "squishy" toys and likes to chase balls. So far, he's not too crazy about bringing his ball back so he could use a little more training. He knows his "sit" command, but he hasn't had much socialization around other dogs (update - his socialization skills are improving). His coat is a gorgeous brindle, and he looks especially handsome in the sunlight!

**Bubba** Sponsored by The Cunningham Courier



Male Domestic Shorthair  
11 pounds  
13 years +  
Adoption Fee: \$25.00  
Bubba has been at the shelter since November 21, 2022  
Declawed  
Indoor cat only  
Bubba is the softest cat ever! Of course, when he first came in we had no idea how soft he was because he made it

abundantly clear that he wanted absolutely nothing to do with any of us. He didn't like the food, he didn't like the accommodations and didn't like us! We really weren't sure what we were going to do with Mr Grumps. Fortunately, he's made a miraculous turnaround and now he's one of our staff favorites. He's happy to see us each day, loves to be petted. So now we know he has a wonderfully soft coat. Its almost more brown than orange or yellow but you be the judge. Easy keeper....napping is his favorite pastime. Come by and meet Bubba. You're gonna love him!

# Myths and Legends!

Mythical, Magical Things:

Golden Things: 1. D, 2. C, 3. A, 4. F, 5. E, 6. B


A Little Bit of This and... 1. C, 2. H, 3. F, 4. A, 5. G, 6. E, 7. B, 8. D

Who or What?

Read a Myth

1. how the world began  
2. secret of the rhythm of life  
3. heroes slaying evil animals  
4. natural happenings like lightning  
5. why unlucky things happen

1. E, 2. A, 3. D, 4. B, 5. C





Minutes from the Kingman County

(con't from front page)

that Ms. Schrag should have channel 12 come out and let them know that out of 30 million grant available that 10 million was given to Lt. Governor Tolland for a park with Kansas Department of Wildlife & Parks.

Commissioners discussed the awarding of the grant monies.

Ms. Schrag let them know that she mapped out the grants awarded and only \$200,000.00 of the 30 million was awarded West of Hutchinson.

Chairman Henning discussed Childcare and that the taxpayers will be paying for it.

Commissioner Elpers understands that there is a need for childcare.

Ms. Schrag discussed doing a Housing Needs Assessment and Action Plan throughout the county. The cost would be \$13,300.00. Ms. Schrag divided the amount on population below:

- Cunningham \$798.00
- Kingman \$5,453.00
- Norwich \$798.00
- Unincorporated Areas & Cities Under 70

Population \$6251.00  
Commissioners would like for Ms. Schrag to ask the cities if they want the Housing needs assessment.

Commissioners discussed the land bank information.

LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer was in to let the Commissioners know that she will be attending a Budget training on Wednesday in Wichita.

Ms. Stegman went over the Capital Project 2021 Bridges funds with the Commissioners.

Susan Hubbell, Register of Deeds was in with a department update.

Commissioners let Ms. Hubbell know they just want an open communication.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session with Susan Hubbell, Register of Deeds and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor at 10:12 a.m. to discuss an individual employee's evaluation pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act for discussion of non-elected personnel matters of nonelected personnel, and they will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 10:22 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 10:22 a.m.

Andrea Pols, Arrowhead West Inc. was in with a quarterly update.

Commissioners let Ms. Pols know that they appreciate everything that they do.

Commissioners signed and approved abatements.

Commissioners discussed a proposed agreement for dispatching and communication services and use of the law enforcement center.

Chairman Henning discussed that the reason they wanted time to look at the contract is because when they received the 2024 budget for Kingman EMS the budget only showed a \$1.00 for Capital Outlay. If Kingman EMS is buying a new ambulance why would capital outlay be \$1.00. Also, Chairman Henning discussed that having the EMS Services and Dispatching Services in the same agreement was not discussed.

The Capital Outlay should increase to pay the lease payments.

Mr. Ritcha let the

Commissioners know why the capital outlay stated a \$1.00 in the current budget.

Chairman Henning would like to have better communication with the city.

Commissioner Thimesch discussed that communication needs to be done.

Commissioner Elpers discussed a voucher received for transport.

Commissioners let him know that it was a transport of a prisoner.

Mr. Ritcha discussed that he would talk with the City about the EMS agreement and the questions that the Commissioners had.

Commissioner Thimesch stated that he doesn't feel like they are too far off on the EMS agreement.

Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in with a permit for the following:

West Wichita Gas Gathering road crossing of a natural gas line in Section 27 & 34, Township 30, Range 08W (Chikaskia).

Mr. Arensdorf submitted quotes to repair the damaged guardrail on Bridge No. W.3-8.0 located on SE 10<sup>th</sup> Street from the following:

- L & M Contractors Inc. \$14,380.00
- Reece Construction

\$19,653.91

Bridges Inc. \$9,000.00  
MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the quote from Bridges Inc. in the amount of \$9,000.00. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf gave an update on FAS #12 to the County Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf let the Commissioners know that the tower construction has started.

Commissioners let Mr. Arensdorf know that they have received a check from Nextera to repair SW 70 St.

Macay Ewy, Emergency Manager was in to discuss Ark Valley installing electricity to the tower.

Robert Casad, Casad and Associates was in to discuss the biomethane plant and the placement of it in the county.

Mr. Arensdorf gave him an idea of the possible cost of upgrading the road to the proposed facility placement.

Commissioners discussed the placement of the biomethane plant.

Mr. Casad, Mr. Goetz and Mr. Arensdorf left the meeting at 12:34 p.m.

Chairman Henning read correspondence received from Core Ministries and Council on Aging.

Carol Noblit, County Clerk submitted the May 15, 2023, Commission meeting minutes for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Henning discussed that he was elected this position and he does the best that he can and he holds the same standards at work as he does at home.

Chairman Henning discussed that he represents the taxpayer and if people don't like what he is doing than don't vote for him.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 12:59 p.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Governor Announces May Total Tax Receipts Exceed Estimate by Nearly \$40 Million

TOPEKA – Governor Laura Kelly announced today that total tax collections for May 2023 were \$857.3 million. That is \$38.8 million, or 4.7%, above the estimate.

“Thanks to our work to recruit businesses, create jobs, and grow

the economy, Kansas is now in strong position to weather any future storms, to continue to invest in public education, and to fix roads and bridges across the state,” said Governor Kelly. “We’re also in a position to pass responsible, affordable tax cuts, which is what legislators must do when they return next session.”

Individual income tax collections were \$440.1 million. That is \$12.9 million, or 2.9% below the estimate, and down 15.1% from May 2022.

Corporate income tax collections were \$91.2 million, or 140.0% higher than the estimate and up 77.4% from May 2022. The drastic increase in corporate income tax collections can be partly attributed to the continued impact of the SALT Parity Act.

Combined retail sales and compensating use tax receipts were \$289.6 million which is \$9.4 million, or 3.1% below the

estimate and down \$16.0 million, or 5.2%, from May 2022.

Total tax collections are down 5.8% from May 2022.

To view the May 2023 revenue numbers visit:

[https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/KSOG/2023/06/01/file\\_attachments/2514605/May\\_Revenue\\_FY2023\\_06-01-2023\\_Final.pdf](https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/KSOG/2023/06/01/file_attachments/2514605/May_Revenue_FY2023_06-01-2023_Final.pdf)

“Buttercup's mother whirled on him. 'Did you forget to pay your taxes?' (This was after taxes. But everything is after taxes. Taxes were here even before stew.)”

— William Goldman, The Princess Bride

Public Notice

First published in the Cunningham Courier, Thursday, May 25, 2023 (3t)

IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: CHARLES DUANE PRIDEAUX, a/k/a CHARLES

Case No. KM-2023-PR-000023 PRIDEAUX, a/k/a DUANE PRIDEAUX, Deceased.

(Petition 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 Hazel D. Prideaux, an heir of Charles Duane Prideaux, a/k/a Charles Prideaux, a/k/a Duane Prideaux, deceased, praying:

Descent be determined of the following described real estate situated in Reno County, Kansas:

Commencing 1420' East of center of main line of A.T. & S.F. Railroad and South line of Main Street, Pretty Prairie, Kansas, for place of beginning; thence East 110'; thence South 86'; thence West 110'; thence North 86' to place of beginning, being a tract in the Southeast Quarter (SE/4) of Section Eighteen (18), Township Twenty-six (26) South,

Range Six (6) West of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Reno County, Kansas. Commonly known as 501 E. Main, Pretty Prairie, Kansas.

And the following described real estate situated in Kingman County, Kansas:

The West Half of the Southeast Quarter (W/2 SE/4) of Section Three (3), Township Twenty-seven (27) South, Range Six (6) West of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Kingman County, Kansas, less a tract conveyed out of the Southeast corner of the West Half of the Southeast Quarter (W/2 SW/4)

and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by decedent at the time of death. And that such property and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by the decedent at the time of death be assigned pursuant to the laws of intestate succession.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before June 13, 2023 at 11:00 o'clock a.m. in the city of Kingman, in 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, Hazel D. Prideaux Petitioner BY: Matthew W. Ricke 349 N. Main, PO Box 113 Kingman, KS 67068 (620) 532-3103 Attorney for Petitioner

Public Notice

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IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: JOHN D. MCKENNA, Deceased. CaseNo.KM2023PR27 (PetitionPursuanttoK.S.A.Chapter59)

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 Robert J. McKenna and Phillip L. McKenna, heirs of John D. McKenna, deceased, praying:

Descent be determined of all per-

sonal property and other Kansas real estate owned by decedent at the time of death. And that all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by the decedent at the time of death be assigned pursuant to the laws of intestate succession.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before June 13, 2023 at 10:00 o'clock a.m. in the city of Kingman, in 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. Robert J. McKenna and Phillip L. McKenna Petitioners BY: Matthew W. Ricke 349 N. Main, P O Box 113 Kingman, KS 67068 (620) 532-3103 Attorney for Petitioners

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Public Notice

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IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: DELMAR D. VORAN, Deceased. CASE NO. 2023 PR 25 (Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on May 22, 2023, a petition was filed in this Court by Steven W. Voran, Sharon A. Bergkamp and Adrian L. Voran, heirs, devisees and legatees and Co-Executor's named in the "Last Will and Testament of Delmar D. Voran," deceased, dated October 17, 2013, praying the will filed with the petition be admitted to probate and record; Co-Petitioner's be appointed as Co-Executor's, without bond; and Co-Petitioner's be granted Letters Testamentary.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before June 13, 2023, at 11:00 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.

All creditors of the decedent are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate within the latter of four months from the date of first publication of notice under K.S.A. 59-2236 and amendments thereto, or if the identity of the creditor is known or reasonably ascertainable, 30 days after actual notice was given as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred. ]

Steven W. Voran, Sharon A. Bergkamp and Adrian L. Voran, Co-Petitioners Brandon T. Ritcha Ricke & Ritcha Law Office 349 N. Main, PO Box 113 Kingman, KS 67068 Attorney for Petitioners



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**Estate Sale of Marleen Fairchild**  
**215 East C Avenue Kingman, KS**  
 Thursday, June 15 - 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
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### Jeanette Timmons

Jeanette J. Timmons, 74, died June 1, 2023, at Attica, Kansas.

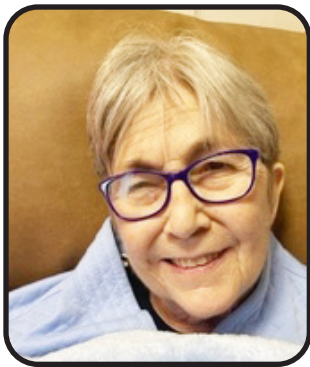
She was born Oct. 10, 1948, at Nashville, Kansas the daughter of Lawrence and Mary Smith Spade. A longtime resident of Zenda, she was a former caregiver.

Jeanette was a member of the Zenda Methodist Church; and attended the Zenda Sr. Citizen Center.

On May 15, 1993, she married Bruce Timmons. Other survivors include a brother Robert; sisters Kathleen Bock, Mary Frances Theis, Clara Mae Freund and Marjorie Rankin. She was preceded in death by her parents; and a brother Leonard.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be 10:30 a.m., Friday, June 9, 2023, at the Zenda Methodist Church with the cremains to be buried at the St. John Catholic Cemetery.

Memorial donations have been suggested to the Zenda Methodist Church, Country Hospice and Attica Rest Home, all in care of Livingston Funeral Home, 1830 N. Main, Kingman, KS 67068.



### Steven Denio

Preston - Steven Allen Denio, 42, passed away Thursday, June 1, 2023. He was born on May 12, 1981 in Ransom to Leo Albert and Donna Rae (Dimitt) Denio.

Steven worked in the oilfield. He enjoyed fishing, frog gigging, mushroom hunting, 4-wheeling, being outside, playing horseshoes, cornhole and lawn darts, shooting pool, and going to casinos, doing arts and crafts especially limestone work and spending time with family and friends.

He is survived by his mother, Donna of Preston; children, Tristan Denio, Taylor Denio and Tanner Denio all of Stafford; brothers, William "Billy" (Jennifer) Denio of Kingman, Chris Denio of Norton, Cody Denio of McPherson and Shawn Denio of Wakefield; and sisters, Michelle Denio of Manhattan, Jacqueline (Joe) Bissonnette of Junction City and Braylynn Denio of Junction City.

Steven is preceded in death by his father; brothers, David Dimitt and Andy Denio; and grandparents, Donald Sr. and Nina Dimitt.

Funeral service was Wednesday, June 7, 2023 at Larrison Mortuary, Pratt. Burial was at Stafford Cemetery, Stafford.

Memorials may be made to Larrison Mortuary for expenses.



### Jerry Angle

Jerry Don Angle passed away on May 31, 2023 after a brief battle with cancer. He was born on October 21, 1937. He was 85 years, 7 months, and 10 days old.

He was born on October 21, 1937 to Howard and Mabel (Poindexter) Angle in Amorita, Oklahoma. Jerry spent his childhood in Waldron, KS. After grade school, his family moved to Peabody, KS. The Angle family returned to the Anthony, KS area, where he graduated from Anthony High School in 1957. He then moved to Medicine Lodge, KS where he farmed and ranched until his death. He raised and showed registered Hereford cattle in his younger years. He was a member of the National Guard, serving for 8 years.

Jerry married Ursula "Uschi" Angle on February 10, 1982. She preceded him in death on February 8, 2010. To this union, Jerry became a proud step-father to Mike, Fred, and Earl VanRanken and Jerry and Uschi were surprised with the arrival of their daughter, Inge.

Jerry is survived by his children: Inge (Aaron) Esping of McPherson, KS and their children: Jerrett and Lily Esping of the home; Mike (Nancy) VanRanken of Sawyer, KS; Fred (Alicia) VanRanken of Newton, KS and their children and grandchild: Weston VanRanken and his daughter Luella of Newton, KS and Jessica VanRanken of Phoenix, AZ; Earl (Debbie) VanRanken of Medicine Lodge, KS and their children and grandchildren: Earl (Callie) Vanranken, Jr. and their children: Brylee, Roark, and Rhett of Zandoni, MO; Nikki (Sascha) Frey of Wichita, KS; Katlyn West of Attica, KS and Kilie West of Wilmington, NC. Jerry is also survived by his brother, Bob, and nephew Steve (Cindy) Angle of Wichita, KS, along with his beloved Angle and Poindexter cousins, extended family, friends, and his loving companion, Vivian Cross.

Cremation has taken place. A graveside funeral service and burial will take place on Friday, June 9, 2023 at 10:00 a.m., at Highland Cemetery in Medicine Lodge with John Hamm presiding.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Barber County North USD 254 schools, in care of Larrison Funeral Home, 120 E. Lincoln, Medicine Lodge, KS 67104, to be used to show staff just how appreciated their work is. Jerry and Uschi were both proud employees of the district, both serving as bus drivers, Uschi serving as Food Service Director years ago, and Jerry coming out of retirement to help dispatch for the bus routes.

Condolences may be left at [www.larrisonmortuary.com](http://www.larrisonmortuary.com).



### Beth McGuire

St. John- Elizabeth "Beth" Ann McGuire, 75, passed away Friday, June 2, 2023 at Stafford County Hospital. She was born on January 5, 1948 in Pratt to Willis and Louise (Tatro) Gould. Beth married Arlyn Lyle McGuire on April 3, 1965 in Pratt. He preceded her in death on June 26, 2021.

Beth worked as a CMA at Leisure Homestead in Stafford for 25 years. She enjoyed doing crossword puzzles and watching Mountain Men and Gunsmoke. She loved her grandchildren and great-grandchildren dearly.

She is survived by her mother, Louise of Stafford; daughter, Sondra (Wayne) Davis of St. John; son, Troy (Brandee) McGuire of Bullard, Texas; brother, Eddie (Margie Hemphill) Gould of Pratt; grandchildren, Jacob Davis of St. John, Shelby (Trey) Poncin of Great Bend, Amber McGuire of Monroe, Washington and Adam McGuire of Bullard, Texas; great-grandchildren, Lane Davis, Colt Davis and Rosslyn Poncin; brother-in-law, Jerry Fredrick of Pratt; and sister-in-law, Donna Gould of Hutchinson.

Beth is preceded in death by her husband, Arlyn McGuire; father, Willis Gould; brothers, David Gould and Leslie Gould; sister, Linda Fredrick; and sisters-in-law, Mary Gould and Peggy Gould.

A graveside service was held Monday, June 5, 2023, at Greenlawn Cemetery, Pratt.

Memorials may be made to American Heart Association or St. Jude in care of Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratts.



### Pat Base

Patricia L. "Pat" Base, 89, died June 3, 2023, at Kingman.

She was born August 11, 1933, at Kingman the daughter of Hugh and Sara Bawdin Gleason. A resident of Kingman most of her life, having also lived in Garden City, Manhattan, Salina and Kansas City, Kansas. she was a former SW Bell Operator, day care provider and was a homemaker.

Pat was a member of the Kingman Methodist Church.

In 1958, she married Charlie Base in the Kingman United Methodist Church. Other survivors include a daughter Jennifer Minx and her husband Humphrey; a son Gregory and his wife Marcia; 6 grandchildren; and 6 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a grandson Aaron Base.

Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 7, 2023, at the Livingston Funeral Home, Kingman. The family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Tuesday at the funeral home. Burial will be in the Walnut Hill Cemetery.

Memorials have been suggested to the Kingman Methodist Church in care of Livingston Funeral Home, 1830 N. Main, Kingman, KS 67068.



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### Benny DeVaney

Benjamin "Benny" David DeVaney, 70, passed away Wednesday, May 31, 2023 at Ascension Via Christi St. Francis in Wichita. He was born on May 5, 1953 in Pratt to Benjamin Wallace and Madeline Mary (Maas) DeVaney.

Benjamin married Lorie Lee (Bogart) DeVaney on October 8, 1977 at Sacred Heart Church in Pratt. They were married for 45 years.

Benjamin graduated from Clark High School, Las Vegas, Nevada in 1971. He went on to receive his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Oklahoma in 1978. He worked as a Service and Installation Technician with Oppliger Banking Security System. He was a member of Church of the Holy Spirit in Goddard. His greatest joy was spending time with his children, grandchildren, family and friends. His creativity shined through in his metalworking and in conversations. His "engineering" skills surfaced for fixing and building things which he loved to do.

He is survived by his wife, Lorie; son, Tyler Paul Thomas DeVaney of Goddard; daughter, Megan Elysse DeVaney of Goddard; sisters, Patricia Anne Mandrell of Tulsa and Mary Madeline (Andy) Peters of Austin; grandchildren, Cameron Duane Winters, Bryant David Linthicum and Hayden Grace Landon; mother-in-law, Marilyn Bogart of Pratt; sisters-in-law, Kim (Dennis) Pierron of Easton, Dee Dee (Bill) Eastes of Pratt and Jamie (Greg) Barton of Derby; brother-in-law, Marty (Suzy) Bogart of Haysville; several nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews; and his much loved furbabies, Walter and Dot.

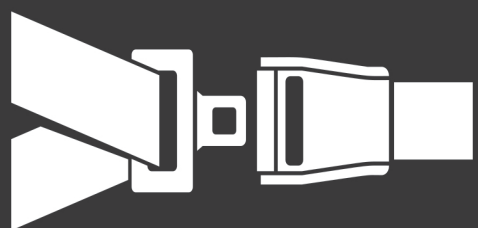
Benjamin is preceded in death by his parents; infant children, Courtney and Russell; brother-in-law, David Mandrell; and father-in-law, Tommy Bogart.

Funeral service was Monday, June 5, 2023 at Larrison Mortuary, Pratt. Burial followed at Greenlawn Cemetery, Pratt.

Memorials may be made to Lifeline Animal Placement and Protection (LAPP) at [lifelineanimalplacement.org](http://lifelineanimalplacement.org) or in care of Larrison Mortuary.



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