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Maranda Lohrke & Jack Ruckle Chosen as Homecoming King and Queen



Cunningham High School Royalty for Homecoming 2023:
 Back row: John Paul Hageman, Carlos Hurtado. King Jack Ruckle, Luke McGuire.
 Front row: Matilyn Jump, Queen Maranda Lohrke, Taylor Schultz, Avery Beat.

Library "Comforts of Fall" Fundraiser to Launch 1st Week of October

By Kerri Steffen

This fall Cunningham Public Library will offer a month-long fundraiser that will include two raffle items, vintage quilt and antique china displays, special prize drawings, an Open House, extended library service hours, and an opportunity to win a quilt by Jane Meyers. Proceeds of the fundraiser will go toward community programs.

Meyer's Quilt offered for Silent Bid Auction

Jane Meyers' beautiful quilt, The Black-Tie Affair, is on display at Ninescah Valley Bank in Cunningham. To submit a bid for the quilt, just stop in at the library. You may also phone in a bid at 620-298-3163. Sealed bids will be accepted through Oct. 29th. On Sunday, October 29th, at 2:00, library board members will unseal the bids. The highest bidder will take home the quilt.

Comforts-of-Fall Raffle Items

This fall the library is offering two raffle prizes: a "Fall Sampler" basket by Rogene Jarmer and a lovely red and white quilt by Jane Meyers. The drawings for the basket and this quilt will be held on October 29th at 2:00.

Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. You may purchase your tickets at the library or by contacting the librarian, Kerri Steffen, or library board members, Mary Stackhouse, Jane Meyers, Linda Kerschen, Rogene Jarmer, Liz Miller, Ingrid Ricke, or Cecile Sterneker.

Many Special Prize Drawings (with a BONUS!)

Your raffle ticket(s) also make you eligible to win special prizes throughout the month. Prizes include a quilted table runner by Jane Meyers, a mini "goodie basket" by Rogene Jarmer, a vase of fresh flowers, a set of four coasters, The Kingman County Sampler, a sampler pattern and quilting book by Marilyn Glenn, gift cards from Scheels (in Wichita), Love's, South Fork Bar and Grill, Cozy's Pizza, and Cunningham Schools (for concessions). **Bonus:** If your name is drawn for one or more of these prizes, we'll put your name back in the jar until all the special prizes and raffle items have been drawn. We'll draw for prizes each Sunday afternoon in October.

Vintage Quilt/Antique Dish Displays

Community members will be showing vintage quilts and antique china settings at the library throughout the month of October. Each week will bring a new display. The final two

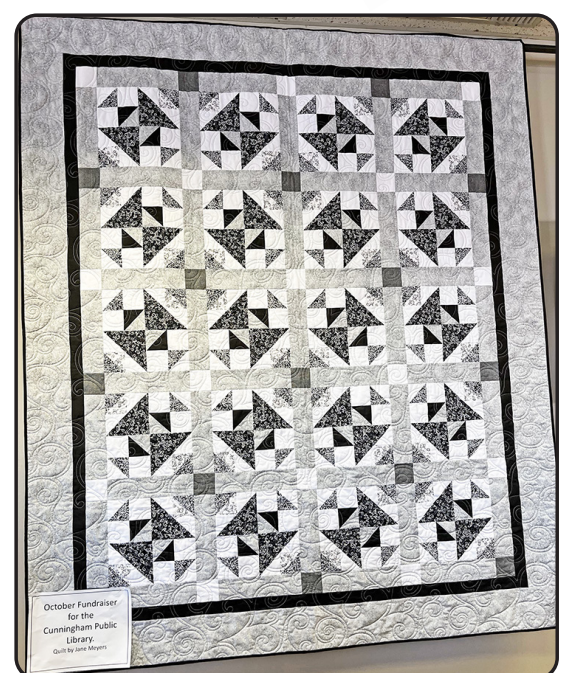
weeks of October will include a display of five quilts; the products of a quilting class through K-State Research and Extension, Kingman County back in 1981.

Open House/Book Sale Saturday, October 21st

You're invited to the library's Open House on Saturday, October 21, (Community Garage Sale Day) from 9:00 to 12 noon. Browse the displays while you enjoy warm beverages and home-made cinnamon rolls by Wayne and Rogene Jarmer. Along with your raffle tickets, you can purchase some books at a bargain rate!

Sunday Hours in October

Beginning October 8th the library will be open each Sunday (through Oct. 29th) from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Bookmark October at CPL! It's chock-full of opportunities to meet with friends, view some beautiful displays by members of the community, and help your public library continue to provide quality community programs. See you there!



The above quilt titled, The Black-Tie Affair, is being auctioned by Silent Bid as part of Cunningham Public Library's upcoming October fundraiser. The quilt, created by Jane Meyers measures 65" x 75" and is on display at Ninescah Valley Bank. To submit a sealed bid, please visit the library, or call 620-298-3163. The bids will be opened on October 29th at 2:00 at the library. The highest bid wins the quilt. The fundraiser continues through the month of October with two raffles, numerous prize drawings, an Open House, and vintage quilts/antique dish displays. Proceeds from the fundraiser will go toward community programs.



Betty knows a lot about the neighbors, but that doesn't mean she knows a lot about Medicare.

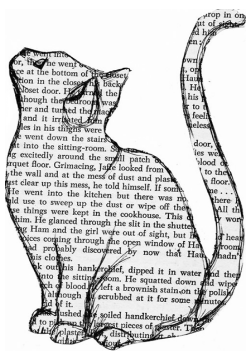


Open enrollment for 2024 Medicare coverage is October 15th through December 7th.

Kingman Healthcare Center recommends Original Medicare, however, if you are researching other options, please check to ensure that your healthcare providers are in the network you are considering.

For more information, please call 620-532-0150.





Meanderings

I need a vacation. I am not sure where I'd go. This time of year, I think I'd like to see the Northern and Northeast U.S. with all the trees fancying themselves up with the gorgeous autumn colors they hide in the spring and summer.

education isn't going to be on the actual agenda quite yet. I have too many beasts and this newspaper.

That being said, I am taking a bit of a break from my card-making endeavor. I had a very successful craft fair time and I need to make more cards (Mary S., I still have your cards here). BUT my craft room is a total hurricanic mess!

I know how this will go. I will get everything pretty well in order, and I'll start making cards again and BAM! Just like that I'll have a tornadic

mess again. It doesn't take much to make a mess when crafting.

I have some really great organization ideas. I THINK they will help. But, then again, maybe not.

Maybe I'll just buy some Calgon to take me away.

I laughed at Dorothy Rosby's column about looking for things. I can't tell you how many times I will be working with something, be it a pair of scissors, a sheet of stickers, a stamp pad... I will lay it down to pick up something else and the darn thing just crawls under a pile of this or that. I

spend a lot of time looking for those crawling around items. Sometimes I find them right where I know I didn't lay them down. Are there crafting gremlins? It's not the beasts, they aren't allowed in my crafting room. They can't be trusted to behave themselves. I AM convinced something hides my stuff.

Trees fancying themselves up is a lead in to Tom Purcell's column at the bottom of the page about the new dress code for the U.S. Senate. I'm not sure how I feel about that. It seems a little odd.

I wore a dress to school --with nylons and

jewelry and pumps-every day for thirty years. I always felt better prepared to meet the challenges of teaching if I was dressed in my best. But since retiring 8 and 1/2 years ago, I've not donned a dress once. I seldom EVER get dressed up, and I now understand why many folks are happier and more confident in their less-than-dressy clothing.

And when I attend church services for funerals or weddings or whatever, many folks are dressed in casual clothing. I think the trend towards dressing up for work maybe a dying ritual. Some good points; some bad.... Just like

with any change. Anyone else ready for chili and cinnamon roll weather? I am going to buy the 'fixin's' this weekend and have them on hand for that first chili day.

A couple of weeks ago I made some stew and some chicken and noodles. Perfectly fine for this weather.

But there's something about chili....

Always reading, and currenly reading, "Someone Else's Shoes" by Jojo Moyes, Roberta

Tallgrass and Tumbleweeds by Gaille Pike

Dear Readers, I've spent roughly three out of the last four weeks away from home. As I write this column, I'm in Western Kansas working and visiting family but hopefully by the time you read it, my

travelin' bags will be unpacked and stowed away...at least for a little while. In-between my work-trip back East and my trek to Western Kansas, I took a week off the grid, so to speak, camping with friends in Winfield and attending the Walnut Valley Bluegrass Festival again. As I geared up for each of these trips, my goal was to "travel 'light'" but the mishmash of items I brought along in case I MIGHT need them

ensured that I trekked heavy.

I like to think that thoughtful preparation makes my adventures go more smoothly. For example, my new flashlight requires two triple A's, so when I packed it for Winfield, I tucked a four-pack of backup batteries right next to it. I began using my flashlight the first night and did not give those extra batteries another thought. It's a good thing I never needed those reserves because

I'm not sure I could have found them even though I was 100 percent certain I'd brought them. That's because when I travel nothing ever seems to stay where I pack it, even though I have bags with compartments that are supposed to help me stay organized.

Orderly disorder seems to reign when I travel. I keep track of the belongings I use or consider most vital, like my car keys, wallet, laptop and phone. Well,

I did mislay my phone once this past Spring but I blame that on my being in Texas. I also try to keep track of chargers and cords but they seem to occasionally levitate from one bag to another just to torment me, as do my hand lotion, toothbrush and clothes. And those "just in case" items, like extra batteries, those devilish reserve supplies hide by sinking out of sight. The answer seems as plain as the nose on my face—I need to start

traveling with less stuff. And perhaps I will.

But whether I do or don't become adept at traveling light, I hope I never leave my sense of humor or my curiosity at home. Luckily for me, neither weigh an ounce and both are difficult to misplace.

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

A Column by Dorothy Rosby

In Search of Stuff

It was while I was trying to pronounce friggatriskaidekaphobia that I began to question my decision to record my own audiobook. Tis the Season to Feel Inadequate: Holidays, Special Occasions and Other Times Our Celebrations Get Out of Hand focuses heavily on Christmas. But it also covers some other prominent and obscure holidays which explains why I had to learn to pronounce friggatriska... whatever... which refers to the fear of Friday the 13th. One audiobook later I'm proud to say I can still pronounce it though I hope you never

ask me to. Anyway, the publisher has given me a batch of free links to the audiobook and I will give them to whomever shows the least bit of interest. If you'd like one, email me at www.dorothyrosby.com/contact. All I ask in return is that you consider writing an honest review after you've listened.

Now back to our regularly scheduled post....

I read once that the average American will spend 153 days of their life searching for misplaced belongings—car keys, shoes, homework. There are days I can't find my sofa.

Being above average, I've already used my 153 days, and quite possibly yours as well. In an effort to keep my remaining time free for more important activities, I did some research and came up with the following list of rules to live by.

1) The less stuff you

have, the easier it is to find the stuff you're looking for. That's why, whenever you get something new, you should get rid of something old, the only exception being children. (The rule does, however, apply to spouses.)

2) Likewise, if you don't desperately need it or absolutely love it, don't buy it. If it's too late and you already have it, don't keep it. Unload it on someone who doesn't pay any heed to my advice. (It should be fairly easy to find someone like that.)

3) Touch mail only once. At our house, junk mail arrives by truck-load daily. Sometimes we open it; quite often we do not. Either way, it winds up in front of our toaster, where it serves to absorb any butter that drops while we're making toast. Occasionally we sort it, open some,

discard some—and put the rest back in a heap by the telephone so it's there the next time we feel like doing the whole thing over again.

Weeks pass: mail accumulates. Then something happens, for example, our lights are turned off, and we discover by candlelight that the light bill has been buried under a foot of advertising flyers and credit card applications, each of them nicely buttered and sprinkled with cinnamon and sugar. This could all be prevented if we would learn to pay it, file it or toss it immediately with tossing being the preferred choice.

4) If you're going to have a place for everything and everything in its place, it's important you make it the same place all the time. I won't mention any names, but someone I'm married to doesn't put things away.

He puts them somewhere else—until he has time to put them away. (Or until I do it for him.)

If you have a similar system, you've probably discovered that when it comes time to use a particular object, you will have forgotten that you didn't put it in its proper place, although, for many of us, that should be a given. When you don't find it where it should be, you ask your spouse, "Where is it?" in that tone that really means, "Where did you put it?"

After a heated argument, you will remember that, as usual, you put it somewhere until you could get around to putting it away, which you never actually did. Then, not only will you have to apologize to your spouse; you will have to look in all of the places you normally put things until you have time to put them away. You can see how

putting things in their proper place right away actually saves time, even if you have to borrow a ladder from the neighbor, carry it across the street and up two flights of stairs and crawl into the attic to do it.

5) And finally, if after following all the rules, you still manage to lose something important, don't spend more than ten minutes looking for it. Give up for now, trusting that it will eventually reappear, probably when you're looking for something else. It could be years from now, which may be too late to turn in your child's math homework, but it will show up.

I'm counting on this, not only because I've already used 153 days of my life looking for misplaced "stuff," but also because I haven't seen my cellphone in three days.

A COLUMN BY TOM PURCELL

Dressing Up For Senate Success

I suppose it was just a matter of time before casual dress hit the U.S. Senate.

Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer

has told the Senate's sergeant-at-arms to no longer enforce the hallowed chamber's informal dress code, which had required senators and their staffers to wear business attire.

Schumer's directive appears to be tailor-made for Pennsylvania Sen. John Fetterman, who prefers gym shorts and hoodies over the suits and ties male senators have always worn.

When Fetterman first arrived at the Senate, he

attempted to wear a suit and tie — but looked as uncomfortable as a kidnap victim constrained by a straitjacket.

After being treated for clinical depression, however, he returned to the Senate in his favorite frump duds.

To paraphrase comedian Dennis Miller, Fetterman's clothes make him look like the kid who taps the keg at fraternity parties.

As someone who prefers slothful wear over formal attire — running pants, a long-sleeved Pitt Panthers shirt and frayed sandals — I'm sympathetic to Fetterman's situation.

On one hand, I think the Senate deserves incredible courtesy and respect. It is a tremendous honor to be among 100 of the most accomplished and powerful people on the planet.

Senators must honor

their colleagues through their manner, gestures, words and dress — one man's comfort should never trump one's duty to show respect to his colleagues and the august institution he represents.

On the other hand, our culture sure has gotten sloppy.

I recently found an old photo of my grandfather at a baseball game in the 1920s. He and the other guys at the game were sporting suits and ties and fedora hats.

Pretty much everyone dressed up in formal clothes when they went to restaurants, movies and Sunday Mass well into the 1970s.

The Atlantic reports that our national shift to casual wear began in the mid-'80s with tech companies in California.

"Restrictive clothing worn for appearances' sake was inefficient, and Silicon Valley was all

about efficiency," reports the magazine.

Long work hours writing computer code gave way to tech employees dressing down in khaki pants and button-down collar shirts.

Casual Friday soon loosened corporate dress standards across the country, and that evolved into casual day every day.

Now, thanks to covid, we've become a country of wrinkled slob who look like we just crawled out of bed.

Like it or not, we are living in the heyday of frump, and no public figure symbolizes frumpiness more than Fetterman — whose bold stand for slovenliness surely motivated Schumer to abolish informal dress standards for senators.

Schumer may rue the day he made this change, however.

It's just a matter of time before Mitt Romney

interviews witnesses as he still wears last-night's silk pajama top, Ted Cruz casts votes in cargo shorts, black socks and scuffed wingtips, and Bernie Sanders filibusters in the raggedy white robe given to him as a gift 40 years ago.

Though I'm guilty of frumpism, if I were a senator I'd embrace the old saying "Dress for the job you want."

I'd wear a crisp suit and tie and make sure my shoes were perfectly polished.

I'd do so for the simple reason that dress is a form of expression and communication — and that "dressing like a senator" will make it easier for my colleagues to respect me and collaborate with me than they would with the kid who taps kegs at frat parties.

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Community Bulletin Board

<p>Thursday, September 21 JH VB at Pretty Prairie with Burrton *** HS/JH Cross Country at Larned *** JH FB at Pretty Prairie (Burrton)</p>	<p>Tuesday, September 26 HS VB vs. Burrton and Norwich at HOME</p>
<p>Friday, September 22 HS FB vs Tescott at HOME *** HOMECOMING</p>	<p>Wednesday, September 27 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Parent-Teacher conferences *** Book Club "On Ocean Boulevard" by Mary Alice Monroe</p>
<p>Saturday, September 23 HS VB at Burden-Central Tournament ** Kingman Fall Festival</p>	<p>Thursday, September 28 JH VB at HOME vs Norwich *** HS/JH Cross Country at Pratt *** JH FB at HOME vs Norwich</p>
<p>Monday, September 25 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Parent-Teacher conferences *** 6:30 p.m. City Council Meeting</p>	<p>Friday, September 29 No Schoo*** HS FB vs Pawnee Heights at HOME</p>

Sign Up For City Wide Garage Sale

The city is planning a garage sale day on Saturday, October 21st. Sign up at City Hall is free.

County Commission Meeting

A majority of a quorum of the Board of County Commissioners of Kingman, County, Kansas may be in attendance at the Kingman City Commission Meeting on September 28, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Kingman City Hall, 324 N Main, Kingman, KS 67068. No action will be taken on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners at this event.

Sterling College Choirs in Concert Sunday

"Tonight, tonight, won't be just any night..." so begins one of the most iconic love songs ever written. That sentiment is also true for a special night of choral concert music to be presented by the Sterling College Choirs: "Bernstein and Sondheim." The concert, featuring the Concert Choir and Highland Singers, will be at the Sterling United Presbyterian Church at 7:00 pm this Sunday, October 1.

The performance will feature choral works by both Leonard Bernstein and Stephen Sondheim, two of the best-loved and most influential figures in modern American music. The two combined to create one of the best-loved musicals ever - **West Side Story**. Bernstein composed the music and Sondheim the lyrics. Their collaboration on that show is what inspired Sterling College music director Marisa Callan to put their works together for a single, special concert.

Callan said, "Bernstein's innovative style blended classical, jazz, and popular music, bridging the gap between classical and contemporary genres. Sondheim's complex and sophisticated musical compositions, coupled with his thought-provoking and introspective lyrics, have profoundly impacted the development of American musical theater. Their contributions have shaped modern American music by blending different styles, tackling social issues, and pushing the artistic boundaries of musical composition and storytelling."

Sunday's concert will include songs from ten of Sondheim's musicals including **Into the Woods, Sweeney Todd, Follies, and Company**. The Concert Choir will perform "Sondheim! A Choral Celebration" which was arranged by Mac Huff. Over 20 students will be featured as soloists in the concert.

Callan said, "A favorite piece of mine, and probably the most challenging, is 'A Choral Quilt,' to be performed by The Highland Singers. The song interweaves several choral pieces by Bernstein, layering text and melodies to connect the different pieces." Some of the songs included in the medley are "Take Care of This House" from **1600 Pennsylvania Avenue**, "Make Our Garden Grow" from **Candide**, and "Our House" from **Peter Pan**.

Bernstein and Sondheim's works encompass a wide range of musical styles, from classical and operatic elements to contemporary and jazzy melodies. This diversity provides an opportunity for choral performers and the audience to explore and experience a rich tapestry of musical genres within a single concert.

Accompanying the 42-voice choir will be Dr. Christie George of the Sterling College Music Department. There is no admission charge for the concert which will also be livestreamed on the Facebook page of the Sterling United Presbyterian Church.

There is no admission charge for the 7:00 pm concert Sunday night which will also be livestreamed on the Sterling United Presbyterian Church Facebook page.

Sterling College is a Christ-centered, four-year college located in Sterling, Kansas, with a mission to develop creative and thoughtful leaders who understand a maturing Christian faith. For more information, visit www.sterling.edu.

Health Clinics

Kingman County Health Department will be doing its monthly outreach clinics in October on the following dates:
Cunningham-
Wednesday, October 4th from 9:30am-12:00pm
Nashville-
Wednesday, October 4th from 1:30pm- 4:00pm
Norwich-
Thursday, October 5th from 1:30pm-4:00pm
Friendship meals free blood pressure checks at the senior center- Wednesday, October 11th from 11:00am-12:00pm

Watercolor Painting Class at Hansen Museum

Logan, KS. -The Hansen Museum takes great pride in hosting a two-day watercolor painting workshop with Laurie Albin at the Hansen Museum, 110 W. Main, Logan, Kansas. This workshop will run from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on October 5th and 6th, 2023, with a lunch break each day. Join instructor Laurie Albin as she introduces watercolor techniques for beginners and goes 'beyond the basics' for the intermediate painter. Instruction will be geared for each participant's personal growth during this two-day workshop. Come enjoy a fun learning environment where ideas are shared in a positive and fun setting.

Instructor Laurie Albin is a Kansas Watercolor Society Signature member and has been painting watercolors for more than 40 years. Laurie is an experienced instructor, for ten years, she had a teaching studio in WaKeeney, Kansas and worked as a public-school art instructor for many years. To view Laurie's art, go to www.albinstudio.com.

Pre-registration is required. Call the Museum to register or find the registration form on our website (hansenmuseum.org) under Classes & Workshops. The cost for registration is \$120.00. Discounts are available for Patron and Sustaining Hansen Museum Members.

This enjoyable learning opportunity is brought to you through the Hansen Museum Continuing Education Program, underwritten by the Dane G. Hansen Foundation. For more information, please call 785-689-4846.

The Museum is open weekdays 9-12 and 1-4; Saturdays 9-12 & 1-5; Sundays and holidays 1-5. We are closed Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day. The Museum is handicap-accessible and thanks to the generosity of the Dane G. Hansen Foundation, there is never an admission fee.

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298-3163



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8:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.
Thursday:
4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Saturday:
8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
620-243-5791



Kingman Carnegie Library

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Wed. : 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Thurs. : 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Fri. : 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Sat. : 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
620-532-3061



Pratt Public Library

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The Cunningham Clipper

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1928

Sept. 21 – Cunningham’s Mayor B. F. Doty warned tractor drivers this week that Cunningham has an ordinance forbidding the driving of a tractor or steam engines over the sidewalks of the city without such crossings. The ordinance states that the plank size must be at least three inches thick and ten inches wide.

The Society of ’62 held its annual picnic at the Arrington Ranch near Calista last Sunday, with two hundred and twelve people present. The society was organized seven years ago at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. McPeck in Kingman, and its membership is comprised of Kingman County settlers who were born in 1862.

1933

Sept. 22 – Skelly Oil Company’s Frank Miles No. 3 was completed this week, and is reported the largest producer yet spudded in the growing Cunningham Oil Field. The well is now producing about fifteen barrels of oil per hour, averaging between three hundred and fifty to four hundred barrels of oil per day.

Cunningham won a 16-7 decision in a baseball game from Preston last Sunday afternoon. Harry Howard was on the mound for the local boys and did a nice job of pitching, allowing only nine hits and fanning six batters. Charley Vierthaller, Raymond Zrubek, Sherman Kincheloe, and Howard all hit homers to aid Cunningham’s scoring attack.

1938

Sept. 23 – Mrs. Allen Washburn, pioneer mother of the Cunningham community, passed away suddenly at the St. Francis Hospital in Wichita, Monday afternoon.

A reunion of the Gibbens family was held last Sunday in the Sunflower Grange Hall near Brown’s Spur. Six of a family of nine children of Robert and Mary Ann Gibbens were present to enjoy the get-together. The diary of Mr. Gibbens, written during his service with the Union Army in the Civil War, was read with great interest to all. Mr. J. G. Gibbens of Cunningham and other members of his family attended the reunion.

1943

Sept. 24 – Congratulations to Corporal and Mrs. Dean Cooley on the birth of a daughter, Monday, at Memorial Hospital in Kingman.

Mr. William Cooley will hold open house at his farm home next Monday, as he observes his eightieth birthday.

Students of Cunningham Rural High School elected their class officers this week. Albert McGovney is President of the Senior Class; Mary Evelyn Walker is Vice-President; Marivene Woods, Secretary; and Elaine Cannon, Treasurer. Junior Class officers include Edwin Steffen, President; Max Smith, Vice-President; Joe Walker, Secretary; and Deem Crow, Treasurer. Sophomore Class officers are Kenneth Cooley, President; Marceline Duff, Vice-President; and Leta-Beth Wise, Secretary-Treasurer. Esther Sheldon is President of the Freshman Class; James Stanley, Vice-President; and Mona Wilcox, Secretary-Treasurer.

1953

Sept. 24 – Cunningham schools were dismissed Monday to attend the Kansas State Fair.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Alva Hellar on the arrival of 7 pound, 13 ounce Donald Louis at the Kingman hospital, Saturday, September 18th.

23 Cub Scouts enjoyed a wiener roast at the Bowers farm Tuesday evening. The picnic was a surprise on Darrell Bowers, a member of the troop, who was injured in a tractor accident last month. He is improving nicely. Bob Crow and E. W. Thornhill were in charge of the group.

1958

Sept. 25 – The City Council of Cunningham recently purchased a Ford truck chassis and cab, which will be equipped during the next few weeks into a modern fire-fighting truck for the city. A high pressure pump, fog nozzles, and a water tank holding several hundred gallons of water will be installed on the truck.

Zenda edged Cunningham 6-5 in the opening high

school baseball game for both teams at Zenda last Friday afternoon.

Kenneth Meyers was on the mound for the Wildcatters all the way, with Fred Adelhardt doing the catching. Kangeiser was the winning hurler, with Branwell behind the plate.

1958

Sept. 25 – Mr. and Mrs. Earle David of Pratt, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Earlene, to Jack Vermillion, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Vermillion of Cunningham.

Miss David graduated from Pratt High School and is a Sophomore at Pratt Junior College. Mr. Vermillion is a graduate of Cunningham Rural High School and Pratt Junior College, and is now teaching school at Cairo.

Rev. Wilkinson, formerly of St. Anne’s Parish in Wichita, is the new pastor at St. Leo’s Parish.

Rev. Albert Esswein, pastor of St. Leo for the past several years, is now serving the Clommel Parish. Clommel is located on Highway K-42, about 10 miles south of Garden Plain.

Excitement resembling the old Wild West days occurred near here Sunday when Pratt County Sheriff Lawrence Guinn single-handedly captured four escapees from the Kansas State Reformatory at Hutchinson after an 80-mile-per-hour chase that started at the east edge of Cunningham and ended just south of the Al Joe Sterneker farm on the county road to Nashville.

The four men escaped from the reformatory at approximately 2:45 o’clock, Sunday afternoon, by going to the gymnasium from the prison yard, and climbing into the attic and to the roof through a ventilator. They followed the roof out of sight of a roof tower and fled down a fire escape outside the wall.

The four men dressed in prison garb were seen climbing into an automobile at 216 South Reformatory Street.

Sheriff Guinn received notice of the escape at 3:25 o’clock, and he and Undersheriff Walter McClauskey immediately headed to points east of Pratt. McClauskey sped to the Preston vicinity while Guinn headed for Cunningham and took up his alert station at the intersection at the east edge of town where the county road crosses the highway.

He didn’t have long to wait – only two or three minutes – before a 1952 yellow and brown Mercury sedan, fitting the description of the one reported stolen, whizzed past him headed south on the county road.

While in pursuit, Sheriff Guinn reached for his .38 Special pistol and braced his left hand against the side of the car.

“Traveling 80 miles an hour and shooting with my left hand was no easy chore,” stated the right-handed sheriff.

The first shot fired, missed. The second shot hit the left tail-light. The car stopped.

He forced his prisoners to come to the back of the car and made them lie face down on the road with their hands stretched above their heads.

The men were not armed.

One prisoner said, “That sure was a short ride.”

The sheriff waited 15 minutes before help arrived from Highway Patrolman Duane Bell and Reno County Deputy Sheriff Jerry Tillery of Turon.

1963

Sept. 26 – Kay Kaster, senior in the local high school, has been named a semi-finalist in the 1963-1964 Merit Scholarship competition.

Rebekah Lodge No. 611, Cunningham, Kans., observed their 50th Anniversary at the Lodge Hall last night (Wednesday).

50-year pins were presented to two ladies, Mrs. Mable Carter of Bethel, and Mrs. Hazel Leiter of Chase. Mrs. Carter, the only living charter member of the Cunningham Rebekah Lodge, was also its first Noble Grand.

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 TV Milk, gal. plastic carton, 79c
 Jonathan Apples, bu., \$3.69
 Jonathan Apples, lb., 10c
 Florida Ruby Red Grapefruit, 5 for 49c

1968

Sept. 26 – George L. Urban will make his last trip as rural mail carrier out of the Cunningham Post Office, Monday, Sept. 30. He will retire on that date,

completing 38 years of postal service.

The Homemakers EHU has contributed \$25.00 to the purchase of a new popcorn machine the Cunningham Lions Club has placed in the concession stand at the ball park.

A fourth quarter safety was the “decider” as Nashville-Zenda took an 8-6 decision from Cunningham in a Golden Plains League football game played at Zenda last Friday night.

It was the season opener for both teams, and was Cunningham’s fist loss after a two-year undefeated record.

Cunningham Grade School’s softball team split a double-header with Willowdale here, Friday afternoon. The girls won easily, 23 to 2, but the boys lost a close one, 3 to 1.

YEARS AGO IN

The Cunningham Clipper

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1978

September 28 – The Wildcat Din serves a very important recreational purpose to the youth of Cunningham. This youth center has harbored sixth, seventh, and eighth graders every Saturday night for several years. Once a month a dance is sponsored there for them.

The Den is available to other organizations in the community and can be rented by contacting a board member.

Presently it is in dire need of refurbishment and cleaning. With such thought in mind, the board has designated Sunday, October 1st, as Clean Up Day. Volunteers who would like a little healthful exercise are needed, as well as mops, brooms, and pickup trucks to haul off old furniture and trash. The work day will begin at 2:30 p.m.

The youth program is also in need of old tables, charis, in fair condition, whether they match or not – kitchen tables, chairs, folding chairs.... anything usable, even if it is in need of repair. However, upholstered chairs and couches are not being sought at the present time.

The space for the Wildcat Den was donated by Bess Hauser, who specified that the facility be used by youth only. It was formerly a grocery store.

Board members are Norma Davis, Wayne Jarmer, Sherry Welch, Virginia Lackey, Bonnie Panneck, and David Amick.

The library is growing and needs more shelving, a paperback book rack, supplies for cataloguing and repairing books, and funds to help with winter utility bills. The library is totally unfunded and depends entirely on donations and voluntary help.

The library is not just a place to check out books. It sponsors the summer reading program and summer movie program, which were both well received this last summer. It also provides movies to the rest home all year, as well as getting large print books and talking books for those who need them. The library is used by the Y.W.C.A Story Hour during the winters, and can also get books for patrons which are not in the library through the interlibrary loan system.

1983

September 29, 1983 – Plans for the 1983 “Fall Festival” are underway. The Student Council has been busily preparing for the upcoming event. The fall festivities are to be Friday, October 14. The 1983 Festival Royal Candidates are Leroy Hageman, Jeannette Fischer, Jim Holcomb, Sue Rohlman, Doug Hageman, and Terry Alley. They were nominated by the football and volleyball players Monday, Sept. 26. The king and Queen will be crowned Oct. 14 during the halftime of the night’s football game against South Haven.

Kim House, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Keith House of Cunningham is a member of the 1983 Tabor College Bluejay volleyball team. House, a sophomore this year at Tabor is a graduate of Cunningham High.

The new parish priest for St. Leo, Father Eugene Komer, was warmly welcomed, along with the teachers and staff at a reception Sunday, Sept. 18 at the school hall.

Father Komer introduced himself and the school staff for the 83-84 school year: Sister Crescentia Peschka, first and second grades, Mrs. Lori Furgason, grades three through five, Mickey Wasinger, grades six through eight, Sister Monica Staudinger, librarian, and Sister Alvarita Brungardt, head of the school lunch program.

Polly Rakestraw, Cunningham, a senior this year at Sterling College, has begun an important phase of her training to become an elementary teacher. ON Sept. 19 she started a 12-week student teaching experience in which she will be involved full-time in public school learning and teaching.

Rakestraw, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Rakestraw, Cunningham, is assigned to Lyons Park School and will be involved in kindergarten, reading development and third grade.

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A Column by Mike Johnson You and Your Cause

Kneeling. Racism. Global warming. Police killings. Masks. Sexual harassment. Abortion. Politics.

There is no shortage of causes in the world.

We all have different interests and different levels of education about various topics.

Just because I don't share your passion for a particular cause doesn't make me a problem to your cause.

There is only so much time and energy. How I choose to spend that time and energy is my decision, not yours.

You may be an expert on your causes. I'm an expert on other causes. We can coexist. But only if you don't should all over me.

We can speak out. We can inform. We can suggest. But when we verbally or physically accost others due to our cause, we've stepped over the line.

Everyone gets to choose what's important to them. And that's OK.

My lack of interest in your cause isn't destroying your cause anymore than your lack of interest is destroying mine.

Where's My Kitchen?

By Francy Judge

Fragments of "Clair de Lune" mingle with the steam of boiling noodles. My quiet kitchen is transformed into a music classroom as Stephen, my oldest son, practices his keyboard and classical guitar in his favorite room of the house. The gentle notes transport me to the scene of a foreign movie. I sit on a wooden stool in a stone cottage and shell beans. Sunlight streams through the open window until a beep pierces the air . . . the fire alarm jolts me back to reality and I bang it off with a broom. His steak is done.

The reality is that this is not my kitchen anymore.

I used to like eggs. Ever since my nineteen year old aimed to look like Arnold Schwarzenegger I've had to endure the smell of eight eggs boiling every morning. Sulfur gases spiral through my

nostrils as he peels the shells, leaves six yolks to roll around the plate and pops two in his mouth. Stephen devours eight egg whites, a bowl of oatmeal, and a bowl of bran flakes, and I wonder if he is really my son.

I used to like being in the kitchen.

The heavenly scent of a cake rising, the comfort of sprinkling cinnamon on toast, the sizzling sound of chicken cutlets frying. My favorite scents have been replaced by the smoke from burning steak. Stephen doesn't seem to mind that it's ninety-three degrees outside and even hotter in the kitchen. He needs to eat and eat and eat.

I can't help but ask him, "Why don't you cut back to six eggs so a carton will last two days?"

He looks at me like I've asked him what two plus two equals. "That's not enough," he answers while mixing his protein shake.

When I was his age, I was obsessive in the op-

posite way of counting calories and eating only enough to keep from passing out. I can't relate to the concept of wanting to gain weight.

"This is how it works," he explains, "I need to eat a protein food every three hours and after working out to gain the most muscle mass."

Two hours after his power breakfast for champions, he's in the kitchen. Again. Stephen bakes plain chicken and boils brown rice, overcooked rice that smells like popcorn. He consumes a portion that could feed a poor family of eight. I want to tell him. Sometimes I do. He just shakes his head and says, "You don't understand the science of body building." And why should I?

I wonder if he'll ever leave the kitchen.

Something must be wrong; I hide boxes of bran flakes. Stephen has his own box that he'll gobble through in two days; mine will last two

weeks if he doesn't find it. I get mad when he steals my flakes. Backpedal one hundred or even fifty years: Moms wore aprons and served their sons hearty meals to grow strong. They didn't say, "This is your grain, so stay away from mine." Yes, something is wrong with our kitchen. (It's supposed to be mine not a six foot tall non-stop eating musician's.)

The kitchen does not look like my kitchen.

Dirty dishes and clutter spread throughout the kitchen like gangrene. The shiny counters of the previous night are decorated with used spoons, empty boxes, bowls of cemented oatmeal, crumpled paper towel balls, protein powder dust, egg shells, and even the skull of a pepper. Every cabinet stretches wide open to catch a breeze. The floor catches whatever rolled off the edge of the counter.

But was an empty kitchen a better kitchen?

When I'm not com-

plaining about the lack of counter space for two cooks, we talk, share our creative interests, our hopes and dreams, and share our beliefs and faith. I need to close my eyes, enjoy the chords of melody, and drift back to the days he cooed as I fed him oatmeal (that didn't turn to cement.) When I open my eyes the anxiety of the kitchen chaos returns. I want my kitchen back.

So I try to remember priorities; the Mary and Martha lesson with a twist.

I've a healthy muscle-bound lad who cooks, fills our home with music and loves God—more important than the trail left behind.

The kitchen has become a good place to pray and learn...a little about myself, a little about my son, and a whole lot about patience, pride and protein.

Truth: I still want my kitchen back.

Shavings

(author unknown)

A golden glow framed the cedar doorposts of a Mediterranean style mansion, where a lone figure stood in the entryway, casting a shadow across the marble tiles of the floor. When he entered, the light followed, permeating the room with soft rays.

The interior of the home exuded the warmth of his handiwork. He ran his hand over each piece

of furniture crafted to perfection from exotic rosewood and mahogany, and accented with gold leaf filigree. Botanical prints, done in low relief, framed the arches of the interior doorways. Pale watercolors were brushed over the surface of the designs to make them stand out even more. Terrazzo floors swirled with the hues of a misty sunrise, and gleamed in the light of his presence as he walked through

the rooms. Scenes from special moments had been faithfully etched into each tile—a unique reminder of a life graced with love.

Time was not an issue; no expense was spared. There was an elegant simplicity to everything he made, from the recessed bookshelves in the library, to the desk for drawing and writing. Carved wood trim outlined the windows. Exposed timbers highlighted the vaulted ceilings. Every inch of the mansion bore his imprint of excellence. He looked around, pleased with his progress. There was only one more project he needed to finish for the garden courtyard.

The fragrances of frankincense, myrrh, and spices, blended with the air rising from the aromatic shavings on the floor. Like a cloud of incense, it mingled with the carpenter's sweat and blood, reminding him of another day, another piece of wood. He willed the image away

and continued to work, his skilled hands moving deftly over the teak boards on his bench. He shaped them to exact measurement, breathing life into every stroke. Each curl of wood falling to the floor took with it a whispered prayer, and a promise that no one would ever have to go through what he had experienced so very long ago.

He picked up a small box, took out his carving tools, and inscribed a name at the top of the finished arch. When he was done gilding the letters, he hand rubbed the structure to a soft patina, and set it against the wall. He gathered his tools, cleaned his workspace. The shavings went into the deep pockets of his apron.

Outside, the courtyard reflected the elegant theme of the mansion. A teak table and benches graced the terracotta patio. Large stone jars, planted with trees and ornamental grasses, stood in groupings of three

around the edge. Beyond them could be heard the lighthearted melody of water splashing into a hidden pool. Fragrant flowers and herbs lined the curved walkway leading to an unfinished entrance, where espaliered fruit trees edged the low garden wall on either side of the opening.

The carpenter positioned the arch in the empty space, sliding the posts into the bases he had prepared earlier. He patted the sides of the structure, and scattered the shavings on the ground beneath. Taking a few steps back, he checked to see if the arch was straight.

"Perfect," he whispered.

He unrolled the blueprints of my life and looked at the mansion one more time. "It won't be long..."

"In My Father's house are many mansions...I go to prepare a place for you." John 14:2 KJV



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

St. John, Nashville
620-246-5220
Sunday School & Bible Class
9:45 a.m.
Worship Service
8:30 a.m.

Trinity, Medicine Lodge
620- 886-3397
Sunday School & Bible Class
9:15 a.m.
Worship Service
10:30 a.m.

Our worship service is found on the YouTube channel at:
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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
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JH Wildcat Defense Dominates Pretty Prairie/Burrton

On Thursday, September 21, 2023 the Cunningham JH football team traveled to Pretty Prairie to take on Pretty Prairie/Burrton in HOPL action and came away with a 42-0 victory. The defense forced seven turnovers on the night, four of them were interceptions, all by John Paul Kerschen. Special teams got things going early when Cole Hageman would return the opening kickoff 55 yards for the Wildcat's first touchdown to make the score 6-0 just ten seconds in. Just over a minute later JP Kerschen would take the ball in from 3 yards out, Tyler Osner would add the PAT to make it 14-0. Following a Bullpup turnover, the Wildcats would strike again, this time Hageman would take it in from 15 yards out, he would also add the two-point conversion, moving the score to 22-0 midway through the first quarter. With just under a minute to go in the opening quarter, the defense would score on a sack fumble, which was scooped up and taken back 20 yards for a TD by Tyler Osner, JP Kerschen would add the PAT making the score 30-0 at the end of the first. Wesly Preisser would make the score 36-0 in the first minute of the second quarter on a 21 yard touchdown run. Late in the first half Osner would score the final touchdown of the night on an 18 yard run, making the score 42-0. Both defenses kept the ball out of the endzone the entire second half making the final score 42-0. The win moved the Wildcats to 4-0 on the season. - Coach Bart Ricke

Molly Morgan photos



Head Coach: Bart Ricke
Assistant Coach: Colin Little
Manager(s): Cooper Neufeld, Jace Oldham

#	First & Last Name	Grade	Weight	Position
4	Adam Sterneker	8	129	E/B
5	Weston Rogers	8	110	E/S
10	Carson Strohl	7	107	E/S
11	Andrew Kerschen	8	115	B/S
12	Wesly Preisser	7	110	B/LB
14	Tyler Osner	8	128	E/B
15	Sevi Romine	8	144	L/L
20	Cole Hageman	8	143	B/LB
21	Liam McGuire	7	134	B/LB
24	John Paul Kerschen	7	113	E/B/S
32	Gunner Glenn	8	145	L/L
33	Caden Johnson	7	172	L/L
34	Colton Rohlman	7	132	E/B/LB
40	Jeremiah Slayden	7	134	L/L
42	Wyatt King	8	160	L/L
44	Kane Reid	7	138	L/L
50	Cole Gridley	8	170	L/L
55	Brody Bock	8	173	L/L
66	Hank Adams	8	158	L/L



JH Lady Cats vs. Pretty Prairie



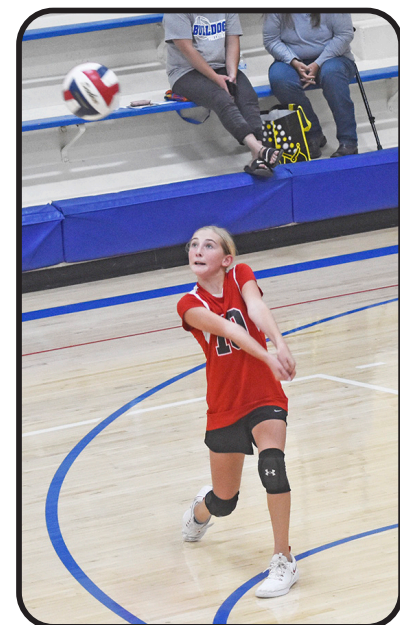
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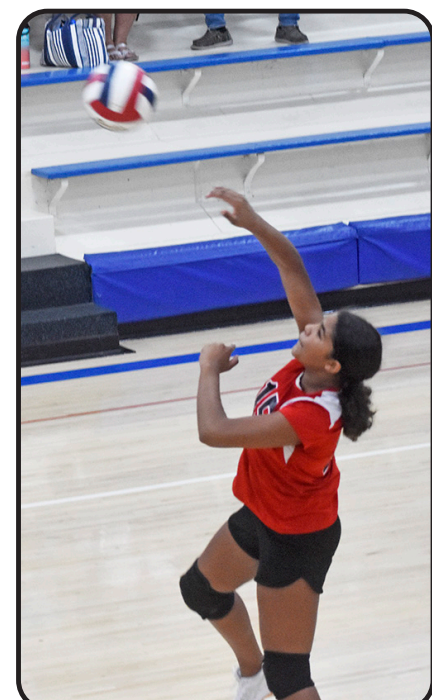
Piper Parkins



Morgan Oldham



Sage Thimesch



Keyonna Huffman



Head Coach: Kristen Young

#	First & Last Name	Grade	Height	
1	Carly McGuire	6	5' 4"	JV/V
3	Vaughn Preisser	6	4' 11"	JV/V
4	Mackley Glenn	6	4' 3"	JV
5	Maelyn Jump	7	4' 9"	JV/V
8	Lux Thimesch	6	4' 3"	JV
10	Sage Thimesch	7	5' 3"	V
11	Katie Ogg	7	5' 3"	V
12	Morgan Oldham	8	5' 2"	V
14	Alyssa Osner	6	5' 6"	JV
15	Keyonna Huffman	7	5' 9"	V
16	HarLee Barber	7	5' 0"	JV
18	Piper Parkins	8	4' 9"	V
20	Andi Young	8	5' 7"	V
23	Jayden McCurry	7	5' 1"	JV
24	Kourtnei Fischer	8	5' 7"	V
25	Raven Koester	7	5' 3"	JV



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Homecoming 2023: Cats vs Trojans

Homecoming 2023 brought the Tescott Trojans to town. Tescott has a reputation for being tough and hard hitting. They have won several games and both the Cats and the Trojans were vying for the top spot in district.

The Wildcats kicked off first and held Tescott to virtually nothing. After a punt the Cats took a few plays to score from 30 yards out. Luke M hit Will for the opening score of the game. Dagim's PAT kick was good. 8-0

On the first play of the next defensive series, Dylan made the tackle but before the ball carrier could hit the ground Dagim punched out the

ball. Luke picked it up and nearly scored. A penalty brought the Cats back a ways, though. No score on that series, and the Cats had to punt. It was not long before the Trojans had a bobbled snap that Trent pounced on around mid-field. Luke had a 19-yard run and Will capped the drive with an 18-yard pass to Luke Albers. Jack paved the way for the final push on the pass play for pay dirt. Dagim kicked the points after kick for a 16-0 lead.

After the kickoff Jack got a tackle for a loss of 5 yards and later in the drive Dagim got a pick. However, the offense did not accomplish much and had to punt the ball back. Trent then forced a quick pass by the Trojans that was swarmed by 3 of the home town players. Luke Albers stuffed a

short pass, but a questionable call gave the Trojans good field position anyway.

Wildcat defense answered the challenge, and Albers picked the ball and ran all the way to the endzone! Not so fast; it was called back for another penalty.

The Wildcats locked in and scored in quick order. Luke M had an 18 yard run. Will to Luke Albers for a 21 yard completion. And the final play of the drive was a 1 yard TD pass from Will to Stephen. 22-0.

The defense really clamped down the Trojans on the next Defensive stand. In three plays they went nowhere. They decided to go for it on 4th down and threw a long pass. Normally the coaching point is to knock down the pass and get great field position.

However, these Cats are not normal.

Luke picked the ball and went 45 yards for the TD. The Cats had an absolute convoy of blockers all the way to the endzone, and he was not touched. PAT kick by Dagim was good. Cats up 30-0.

The home defense held the next series to give the Cats the ball back. There was not much time in the half and the Cats sped up the tempo to get one more score. Several Cats were in on the action. Will completed a pass to Dagim for 10 yards. Luke followed that up with a 14-yard run. Then Will found Albers for a 32-yard pass play. With the Cats on the 4 yard line Will had a Mahomes-esque play where he flicked the ball into the arms of Luke Albers who was cutting

to an open spot in the end zone. Cats up 36 to 0.

Albers picked off his second pass of the night and the Cats ended the half on Offense.

The second half, the Cats picked up where they left off. Tescott kicked the ball deep to Luke M who went 50 yards on a quick score. The blocking down field was awesome and it took only 2 cuts to get the score. Dagim got the kick through the uprights for a 44-0 lead. The young Cats took over the offensive duties for a few series, but penalties derailed their drives.

Dagim got his second interception of the night to keep the field short for the young guys but they stalled out. The varsity defense held up their intensity regardless of the score. Maybe the chippiness of the op-

ponent had something to do with that? Maybe they were still seething over the penalties earlier in the game. Regardless, the Wildcats kept hitting and denying the visiting team.

Late in the third quarter Luke picked off his second pass of the game and raced 55 yards for the score. Jack nearly beat him to the endzone as a one man convoy. The Cats run defense was great. That allowed everyone to fly to the ball when it was in the air. They collected 8 turnovers in one game: 2 fumbles and 6 interceptions.

A great defensive night with 2 scores from the defense and one on special teams. On offense there are splashes of what we can be. We continue to improve each week and look forward to more games coming up.

Lady Wildcats Play Attica and Skyline



Ellie McGuire and Grace Hageman



Rylee Miller



Macy Neufeld



Maranda Lohrke



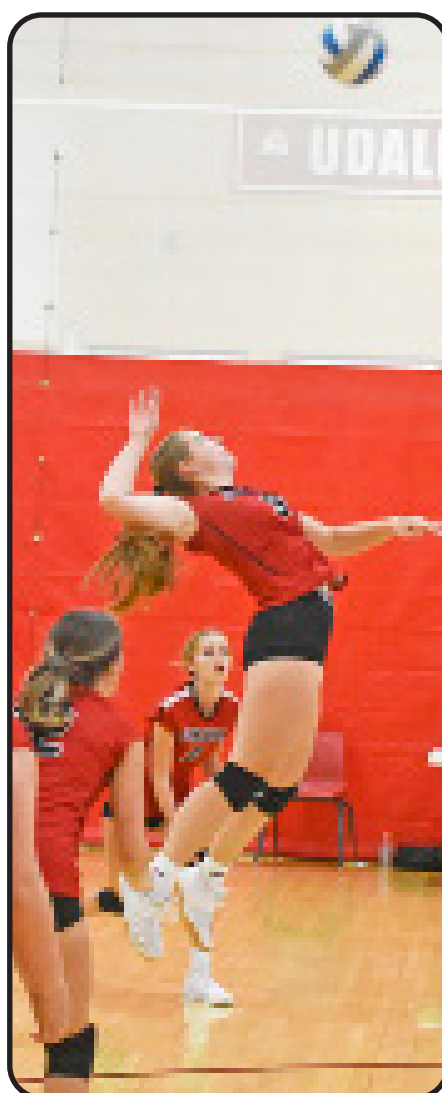
Cross Country Team at Larned



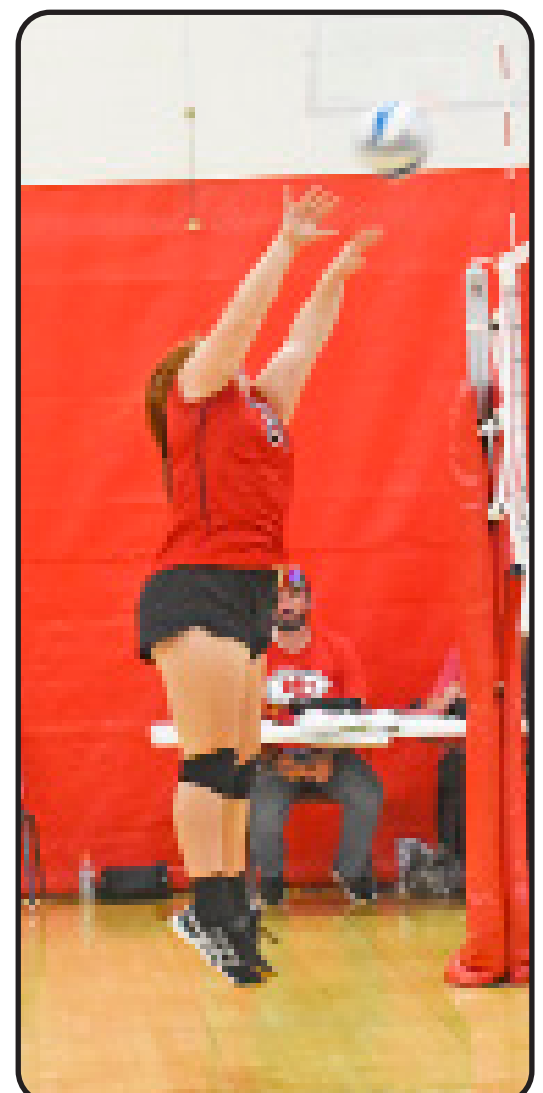
Congratulations to Ada Adams and Will Halderson for medaling at a tough Larned meet. Ada ran an amazing race placing her 2nd in the JV with a time of 25:41 and Will Halderson fought through the pain and got another personal best of 13:24 placing him 10th in the 2-mile.

Jack Harden ran a 20:15 placing him 26th in the varsity 5K and Sean Kostner placed 21st in the JV race. These kids have been working super hard and it has definitely been paying off in their meets. Keep up the great work Wildcat runners! -Coach Ingrid Ricke

....And in Central/Burden Tournament



Ellie McGuire



Kyra Morgan

Approved Minutes from the City Council August Meeting

The Cunningham City Council met in regular session on Monday, August 28, 2023 at City Hall, 119 N Main Street.

Present were: Mayor, Aaron Murphy and Council Members: Jason Ruckle, Craig Woodard, Tanner Newell, Bart Ricke, and Tim Schultz; City Attorney, Greg Graffman; Mesa Sallee, City Superintendent; and City Clerk, Molly Morgan.

Guests: Harold Stark, CFD; Jackie Ruckle, Property Officer; Roberta Kobbe, Cunningham Courier; Kory Morgan, and Ben Ross.

Call to Order – Mayor Murphy called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Agenda – Motion by Woodard, second by Ruckle, to approve agen-

da as written. Motion carried, 5/0.

Minutes of July 31, 2023 meeting – Motion by Ruckle, second by Ricke, to approve the minutes of the July 31, 2023 meeting as written. Motion carried, 5/0.

Revenue Neutral Rate Hearing – Motion by Ruckle, second by Newell, to open the RNR Hearing at 6:30 p.m. Motion carried, 5/0. There were no public comments. Motion by Schultz, second by Woodard, to approve Resolution 2023-02 to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate. Motion carried, 5/0. Motion by Ricke, second by Ruckle, to close the RNR Hearing (6:31 p.m.) Motion carried, 5/0.

Budget Hearing – Motion by Newell, second by Ricke, to open the Budget Hearing at 6:31 p.m. Motion carried, 5/0. There were no public comments. Motion by Ruckle, second by Woodard, to approve the

2024 Budget as published. Motion carried, 5/0. Motion by Newell, second by Ricke, to close the Budget Hearing. (6:33 p.m.) Motion carried, 5/0.

Public Comments – Ben Ross inquired about permission to move in a portable storage container. Mayor Murphy advised that the City Code does not allow containers to be used as storage buildings, but a shed could be built on site after obtaining a building permit.

Fire Department Report – *Fire calls included a mutual aid call in Pratt at Woody's. Chief Stark reported that five CFD firefighters had responded to the call while others remained behind to protect the Cunningham district. There were three other calls this month including an RV camper, grass fire, and off loading water to a portable flare off crew. *Pressurized water cans were added to Units 311 and 326. *New siren installed on

325. *Football team used fire station as venue for a team fundraiser car wash. * October 8-14 is Fire Safety Week. CFD is scheduled to present fire safety to K-5 grades at Cunningham Grade School on October 11th.

Consideration of Selling Grader – Motion by Ricke, second by Woodard, to sell Hygrade grader for a minimum of \$15,000. Motion carried, 5/0.

Deed for 108 N Main Street – Motion by Woodard, second by Schultz, to authorize the Mayor to sign the Warranty Deed for 108 N Main Street. Motion carried, 5/0.

Leak Forgiveness – Motion by Ruckle, second by Schultz, to approve leak forgiveness at 205 N Henderson as presented. Motion carried, 5/0.

Average Winter Consumption – Motion by Ricke, second by Ruckle, to approve reduction of average win-

ter consumption sewer charge to normal usage at 235 N Main. Motion carried, 5/0.

Property Officer's Report – Mowing/Weed letters have been mailed.

Planning & Zoning Report – Motion by Newell, second by Woodard, to approve permit 2023-13 upon payment of permit fee of \$50 for a sidewalk at 230 E First Street. Motion carried, 5/0.

Motion by Ruckle, second by Newell, to approve permit 2023-14 upon payment of permit fee of \$25, for a wood, split rail fence at 212 S Douglas Street. Motion carried, 5/0.

Maintenance – City Superintendent, Mesa, reported that chip/sealing on Main Street was tentatively scheduled for September 15th. *The construction at the school continues and the utilities have been tied in to water/sewer system. *John Deere Z915B mower en-

gine has lost compression at 1,030 hours and is no longer operational.

Motion by Ruckle, second by Newell, to hire T&R Excavating to grade roads at a discounted rate of \$160/hour. Motion carried, 5/0.

Swimming Pool – Molly reported that the 2023 season is about finished. Consensus of Council to allow a Dog Day at the pool for a benefit for the Kingman County Humane Society with the understanding that participants must sign a waiver and provide rabies certification.

Financial Report and Payment of Bills – Motion by Newell, second by Ruckle, to approve the financial report and pay the bills. Motion carried, 5/0.

Adjournment – Motion by Ricke, second by Woodard, to adjourn. Motion carried, 5/0.

Mayor Murphy adjourned the meeting at 7:39 p.m.



Public Presentation Results for the 2023 Kansas State Fair

Six Kingman County 4-H Members presented public presentations at the Kansas State Fair this year. Members could present demonstrations, illustrated talks, project talks, poetry or prose.

- Taylor Schultz, Cunningham – Purple
- Ava Neywick, Cunningham – Red
- McKoy Young, Vinita – Purple
- Nash Young, Vinita – Blue
- Joey Thimesch, Whispering Willow – Blue
- Sammy Thimesch, Whispering Willow – Red
- McKoy Young, Vinita – Prose Participant



Recognizing the Needs of People on the Autism Spectrum

Social Security is committed to reducing barriers and ensuring people who are eligible for our benefits receive them. We provide income security for the diverse populations we serve. This includes people with autism spectrum

disorder (ASD) and their families.

Many parents and caretakers of children with disabilities lose work hours and income because of their children's care needs. Supplemental Security Income (SSI) provides monthly financial support to low-income families with children who have developmental and behavioral disabilities. These include ASD – and physical impairments. For more information on SSI, please visit www.ssa.gov/ssi.

People with ASD may

have questions about how ASD affects their employment options. They may also see their ASD as a barrier to employment. Employers have started to recognize that many people with ASD can bring a variety of skills and strengths to the workplace. Our Ticket to Work (Ticket) Program supports career development for people ages 18 through 64 who receive Social Security and want to work. The Ticket Program helps get vocational rehabilitation, training, job referrals, and other employment

support services. For more information about this program please read www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10061.pdf.

We recognize the need to support, understand,

accept, include, and empower those on the autism spectrum. Please share this information with friends and family and help us spread the word on social media!

The Pratt County Commission minutes were not available at press time again this week.

Upcoming Auctions

Consignment Auction
Saturday September 30, 2023 - 9:30AM,
Hamm Auction Center, Pratt, KS
(lots of furniture)

For more information and a complete list of auctions, see our website at

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Kingman County Sheriff's Report

Sunday, September 17

- Traffic Stop 3
- Disturbance 200 Blk W E Ave, Kingman
- Traffic Complaint 7000 E Hwy 54, Kingman
- 911 Accidental Dial 100 S Gregory, Nashville
- Traffic Complaint 5000 E Hwy 54, Kingman
- Disturbance E G Ave & N Coronado St, Kingman

Monday, September 18

- Traffic Stop 4
- Check Welfare 17000 Blk SW 150 Ave, Nashville
- Theft 13000 Blk SE 140 Ave, Norwich
- Theft SW 180 St & SW 60 Ave, Zenda
- Trespassing 200 Blk S Elliott St, Cunningham
- Miscellaneous 3000 Blk SE 10 St, Kingman
- Medical 120 N Spruce, Kingman
- Traffic Complaint 11000 Blk SE 150 St, Norwich
- Traffic Complaint 8000 W HWY 42, Zenda
- Animal Complaint 2000 Blk E Bluff St, Kingman
- Animal Complaint NE 50 St & N Berry Ave, Kingman

Tuesday, September 19

- Traffic Stop 5
- Transport Prisoner 120 N Spruce, Kingman
- 911 Accidental Dial 200 Blk S Fairfield St, Norwich
- Damage to Property E Hwy 42 & SE 70 Ave, Rago
- Damage to Property 6000 Blk W Hwy 54, Kingman
- Follow Up SE 150 St & SE 120 Ave, Norwich
- Disturbance NE 10 St & NE 80 Ave, Kingman
- Disturbance 120 N Spruce, Kingman

Wednesday, September 20

- Traffic Stop 1
- 911 Accidental Dial S Marquette St & E 8th Ave, Kingman
- Damage to Property NE 40 Ave & E Hwy 54, Kingman
- Court Security 130 N Spruce, Kingman
- Abandoned Vehicle NE 10 St & NE 40 Ave, Kingman

- Suspicious Vehicle N Hwy 14 & NE 30 St, Kingman
- Follow Up 400 Blk N Lincoln St, Kingman
- Debris in Roadway SW90 Ave & W Hwy 54, Kingman
- Suspicious Activity NW 110 Ave & NW 20 St, Kingman
- Theft 300 Blk E D Ave, Kingman
- Medical/Mental 18000 Blk W hwy 54, Cunningham
- Thursday, September 21**
- Civil Paper Process 1
- Transport Prisoner 120 N Spruce, Kingman
- Non-Injury Accident SW 100 St & SW 50 Ave, Spivey
- Animal Complaint SW 70 Ave & W Hwy 54, Kingman
- Follow Up 200 Blk N Broadway St, Kingman
- Damage to Property NE Waterloo Ave & NE Elder St, Murdock
- Disabled Vehicle 1000 Blk W Hwy 54, Kingman
- Friday, September 22**
- Traffic Stop 7
- Civil Paper Service 5
- Non-Injury Accident NW 30 Ave & W Hwy 54, Kingman
- Abandon Vehicle E Hwy 54 & N Hwy 14, Murdock
- Follow Up 130 N Spruce, Kingman
- Follow Up 300 Blk N Main, Kingman
- Traffic Complaint 800 Blk E G Ave, Kingman
- Suspicious Person 200 Blk S Elliott St, Cunningham
- Disabled Vehicle NW 10 Ave & W Hwy 54, Kingman
- Traffic Complaint 14000 Blk E Hwy 54, Cheney
- Saturday, September 23**
- Traffic Stop 3
- Traffic Complaint 14000 Blk E Hwy 54, Cheney
- Disabled Vehicle 17000 Blk E Hwy 54, Cheney
- Burglary 200 Blk E H Ave, Kingman
- Disturbance 300 Blk E B Ave, Kingman
- Debris in Roadway 3000 Blk E Hwy 54, Kingman
- Harassment 100 Blk N Main, Kingman
- Miscellaneous 600 Blk E B Ave, Kingman
- Traffic Complaint 16000 Blk E Hwy 54, Cheney



How the Farm Bill Protects Everyone

Glenn Brunkow, Pottawatomie County farmer and rancher

This has been a tough year, there is no way around it. Rain did not come at the right times and our crops reflect that. Couple that with declining crop prices, rising interest rates and the increasing cost of inputs, things sure are tough on the farm. Without crop insurance, this year would have been disastrous. For many of us the same could have been

said for several of the past years. Crop insurance is truly our safety net in agriculture.

That is why protecting crop insurance and other risk management tools is so important in the upcoming farm bill. Agriculture and food security are paramount in the future of our nation. A hungry nation is not a secure nation, and American farmers and ranchers have done their part in providing that food security. Crop insurance is vital to future of agriculture in the United States as it provides a bridge over troubled waters for ag producers.

As farmers we plant our crops not knowing what the weather will throw our way each year. We don't know what prices

we will receive at harvest. Still, we plant with the hope the weather and markets come through for us. We feel a duty to push on through all that uncertainty because we have a calling to feed a hungry world. We do so on razor-thin margins. The vast majority of farms and ranches are family owned and have been for many generations. Agriculture is not only heritage of families like mine, but the heritage of the United States itself.

While crop insurance is our No. 1 priority and critical to farmers and ranchers, other portions of the farm bill are critical also. Funding for conservation work helps to ensure that we protect our air, soil and water. Those of us in agriculture are

the biggest proponents of preserving our critical natural resources, and we are constantly working on new methods of protecting the environment around us.

The funding for projects and technical expertise is vital to allow us to implement conservation measures. Without this help many projects like improving waterways or using cover crops to reduce erosion may never be implemented. It should also be pointed out that farmers and ranchers protect the natural resources around them while increasing their productivity and lessening inputs on the lands they have been entrusted with.

Funding for research through our land grant

universities and the United States Department of Agriculture is also of critical importance. Agriculture in the U.S. has always been on the leading edge of technology and that is even more critical as we work to feed a growing population. The work done to discover and develop new technology and methods has been a hallmark of our research and extension services and funding is more important than ever.

As my good friend, Ben Boyd from Georgia said, "If you don't like being dependent on foreign oil, you really won't like being dependent on foreign food." That statement was true several years ago when Ben said it on national TV, and it is

just a relevant today. The farm bill, crop insurance, conservation measures and research are critical pieces in the foundation of American agriculture and because of that our nation's food security. The farm bill is not only for farmers and ranchers but for all who eat in the United States.

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What Are You Afraid Of?

Everyone is a little afraid of something...spiders, the dark, the unknown! It's okay to be afraid sometimes. In fact, it's smart to be a *little* afraid when facing a dangerous situation or a problem that you need help solving. A burning smell, a lost pet, strange sounds in the dark: all would cause anyone's heart to beat a little faster.

Once in a while someone might *learn* to be afraid of something. If you had a bad reaction to a bee sting, it would make sense and be smart to be afraid of going near a flowering bush full of bees.

Some people are so afraid of something that they cannot live normal lives. This much fear is a major problem. Strong fears are called "phobias." Have you ever heard of "**claustrophobia**?" It is the fear of being in tight or closed places.

If you are afraid of something, then you should find a good listener - parent, teacher, doctor - and talk to him or her about your feelings. If they have had a similar fear, they can tell you how they were able to deal with it. Or they may explain why something happens - like thunder and lightning - and take the scary edges off your fear.

Read the clues to fill in the crossword at the top of the page. Use the words around the frame.

- know your limits when swimming, climbing or doing other activities so you stay _____
- to be scared
- _____ gets frightened at some time
- person who will hear/help with your problem
- strong fear that gets in the way of normal life
- worry or feel that something bad may happen

Look inside the spider's web to find words to fill in the puzzle.

Are you afraid of ...

- sleeping in the _____ without a light?
- getting a poor test _____?
- giving a _____ in front of your class?
- a _____ spinning a web?
- strong _____ currents or blazing fires?
- the _____ of a bridge you're crossing?
- getting _____ while playing sports?
- becoming _____ in a crowded place?
- getting a flu _____ at the doctors office?
- the _____ of thunder or streak of lightning?

When you have been scared, have you felt:

- chills?
- cold feet?
- shaky knees?
- your heart thump?
- speechless?
- sweaty palms?
- yourself tremble?
- "butterflies" in your stomach?

When I am afraid I talk to my brother, Forest. He always makes me feel better.

Do You Like a Good Scare?

Yes, most of us like to be frightened a little (as long as we know we are safe). Some people even take risks to get a thrill. **Match up these things people do, watch or read about to get a fright.**

- haunted
- roller
- ghost
- horror
- auto
- bungee
- Frankenstein

A. racing
B. jumping
C. houses
D. and other monsters
E. coasters
F. stories
G. movies

I've decided that I don't like to fly.
What? I absolutely *love* to fly!
Yes, but *you* can't crash!

Oh, they are so batty!

Aunt Luna, does a full moon really make people act a little crazy?

By the way, you are not *really* afraid that I might tangle myself up in your hair, are you?

I am afraid of other snarling, barking dogs and hissing cats.

Treat Yourself!

Can you find your way through this fun (but a little scary) farm maze to get to the table filled with apple cider and doughnuts?

We can do this together! O.K.

(Answers on page 10)

Hilltop Happenings

Praise the Lord! We are getting some relief from this summer's HEAT!!! We could complain about not enough rain, but instead, we'll choose to be grateful for what we've gotten and remain hopeful.

Showers of Blessings

We would like to take a moment and thank the churches who have stepped up and offered to come to Hilltop and share The Word. Covid was such an isolating event that getting back into a groove is tough – Please bear with us as we get back into the Sunday habit!

Programs Anyone?

Do you or your group like to sing? Or play an instrument? Or do you have something interesting to share like a slide show? If so, contact our Activity Director here at Hilltop and let's set something up – we'd love to see/hear/visit with you!

Their Success Continues

Jazzercise with Two Fun Guys continues to be the major hit of activities, with more attendance than any other activity. It is all due to the "Two Fun Guys" who keep this activity so entertaining that people don't even realize they are working out.

Ghosts and Goblins

It is almost that time of year! That time of year when things go "bump" in the night. At Hilltop we love having the kids come to parade in their costumes – and there are always residents with bowls of candy on Halloween night, hoping for some spooky trick or treaters – When you take your little ones out and about, don't forget to come see us at Hilltop – Trick or Treating is as much fun for us as it is for the kids!

Until next week – God Bless!



Public Dog Show Results for the 2023 Kansas State Fair

Kingman County was very well represented at the 2023 Kansas State Fair Dog Show this year. Members worked hard in their classes to bring home wonderful results!

Abigail Fitch, Hawk – Blue Junior Showmanship

Peyton Boos, Hawk – Purple Intermediate Showmanship

Reese Allen, Norwich Boosters – Blue Senior Showmanship

Julia Hageman, Cunningham – Blue Novice

Peyton Boos, Hawk – Purple Agility I

Reese Allen, Norwich Boosters – Purple Agility I

KCHS Donation Wish List

The pets at Kingman County Humane Society are in need of the following items:

- 13-gal. kitchen trash bags
- dry cat and kitten food
- clumping cat litter
- canned dog food
- Purina Puppy Chow
- long-lasting chews
- stainless steel flat-sided water buckets
- paper towels
- bleach
- liquid laundry detergent
- poop bag rolls
- disposable gloves (large)

The items can be brought to KCHS at 811 East C Avenue in Kingman

Monetary donations can be sent to KCHS P.O. Box 103 Kingman KS 67068



Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, from 8:00 - 5:30 (except during lunch 12-1) on Wed., from 8:00 - 12:00 Call for Saturday hours. 1015 East U.S. 54, Kingman, KS

4 H Members Attend Archery Contest



The Cunningham Club members who competed in the Jr. Division were (l-r): Wyatt Neywick, Ty Schultz, Leah Rogers, Ava Neywick, Will Halderson, and Weston Rogers. Andrew Schultz shot in the Sr. Division and is not pictured.

On Sept 20th, Kingman County 4-Hers, who are enrolled in archery, participated in a county-wide archery shootout. It was located at the Byron Walker Archery Range. The Cunningham 4-H Club had 7 members who participated: Wyatt and Ava Neywick, Weston and Leah Rogers, Ty and Andrew Schultz, and Will Halderson. There was a senior and a junior division. Each archery member shot three arrows at two round targets set at 20' and 30', and then had one shot at the 3D targets (deer, antelope, and coyote). Our club had one member that placed in the top three of the junior division. Will Halderson tied for 1st with a total of 61 points. They continued with a one shot shoot-off to determine the winner. Will Halderson shot 8 points on the circle target and scored higher so he was the official first place winner! Congrats Will!



Leah Rogers shoots at the coyote as Ava Neywick waits her turn.



-Jennette Rogers



Will Halderson shot 61 points and won the Jr Division Archery Shoot-Off.



Weston Rogers holds the antelope as Will pulls. The antelope was a newly added 3D target this year.



Kingman County Humane Society Pets Ready for Adoption

Poppy

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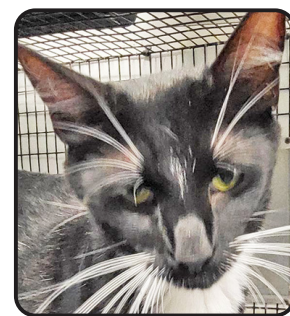


Female Terrier, American Pit Bull 45 pounds 2 years + \$150.00 Poppy has been at the shelter since April 4, 2023.

Very people friendly and easy to handle. Poppy is fully grown and only weighs 45 pounds. She needs a little leash work, but she's a sweetheart.

Prius

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Female Domestic Shorthair Weight: 8 pounds 1 Year + \$40.00

Prius has been at the shelter since May 11, 2023. Prius has lashes to die for! All natural, no less. Check out this beauty queen. She is a former teen mom who loves being the center of attention. She prefers to be an only child - she's very chill and laid back. If you need a snuggler, she could be the one for you.

What Are You Afraid Of?



It's time for bed. Um, may I leave the light on?

Sure, you can! I'll turn it off after you fall asleep.

When you have been scared, have you felt:

- chills?
- cold feet?
- shaky knees?
- your heart thump?
- speechless?
- sweaty palms?
- yourself tremble?
- "butterflies" in your stomach?

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I have felt almost all of these things at one time or another!

I am afraid of other snarling, barking dogs and hissing cats.

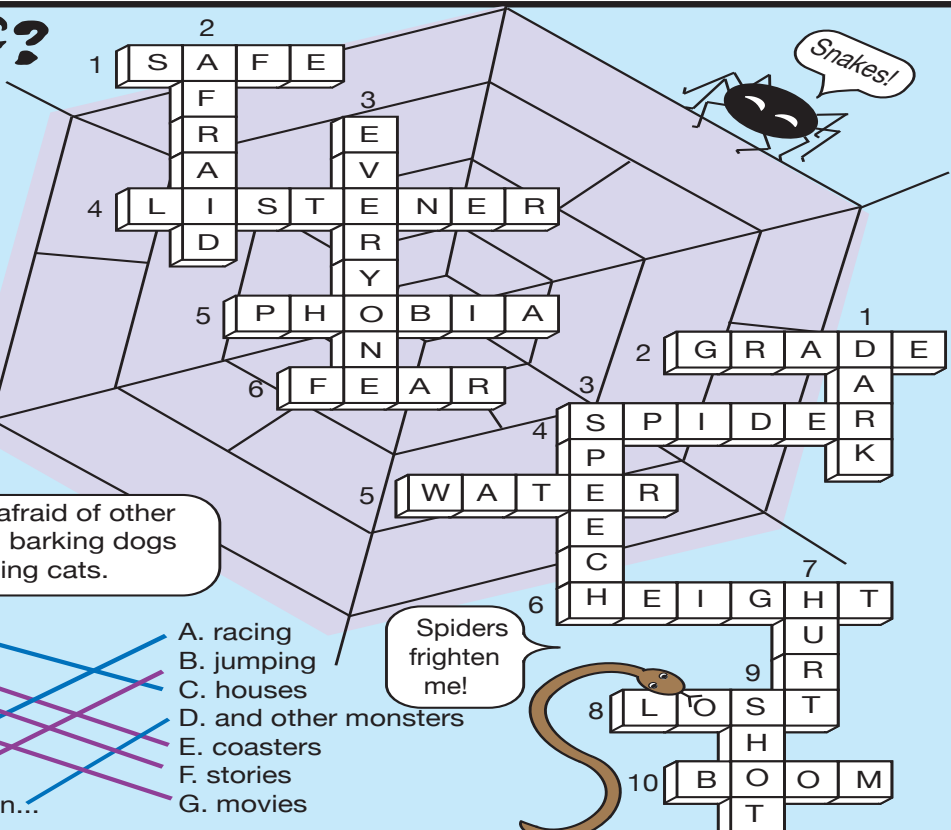
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- 1. haunted
- 2. roller
- 3. ghost
- 4. horror
- 5. auto
- 6. bungee
- 7. Frankenstein...
- A. racing
- B. jumping
- C. houses
- D. and other monsters
- E. coasters
- F. stories
- G. movies

Spiders frighten me!

Snakes!



Kingman County Commission

Chairman Henning called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. September 18, 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; Jon Wollen, City Commissioner; Julie Lyon; Mr. Lyant

Online Visitors: Caller 01

Staff: LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer; Jamie Smith, County Treasurer; Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director; Charles Arensdorf, Public

Works Director.

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

No addition to the agenda.

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 discussed that he doesn't agree to the bully tactic that the hears about coming to a agreement.

Bob Morris discussed that he agreed with what Larry Landwehr said last week and that the rubber needs to meet the road. Mr. Morris said that there needs to be communication between the County and the City.

Jamie Smith, County Treasurer said she was proud to work for the County and they are a great employer.

Chairman Henning discussed what he felt

come from the City meeting with the Board.

Commissioner Thimesch discussed that he has heard many concerns from the taxpayers on the EMS service and he let them know that the County never said they would not have service.

Chairman Henning discussed the email received and if it was to be confidential.

Mr. Wollen, City Commissioner was in to discuss EMS and that Mr. McFarland suggested having a committee for the EMS with including a County Commissioner.

Mr. Wollen said he appreciated Mr. Thimesch bold proposal but there have been questions on the current equipment and the costs of just handling it over.

Chairman Henning discussed the thought of a Committee and that it will still be up to the City Commission to make the decisions.

Mr. Wollen discussed that the County should be congratulating the EMS for their accomplishments and the City should be congratulating the County for their accomplishments.

Ms. Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse was in with a client activity report from August 21 – September 15, 2023.

Ms. Schwartz let the Commissioners know that flu vaccines will be starting at the Health Department on Monday, October 16th.

Ms. Schwartz discussed that Kansas WIC is working on protocols for remote visits and gave a vaccine update.

Ms. Schwartz submitted quotes for Health Department Cabling from the following:

Eck Services \$2950.00

Integris IT \$4,280.00

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Commissioner Elpers moved to go into executive session with Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse and Brandon Ritcha for non-elected personnel matters at 9:37 a.m. to discuss an individual employee's performance pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act for discussion of non-elected personnel matters of nonelected personnel in order to protect the privacy interests of the individual(s) to be discussed, and they will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 9:47 a.m. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

County Commissioners returned to regular session at 9:47 a.m. with no decision made.

County Clerk submitted the minutes of the September 11, 2023, Commission meeting for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the September 11, 2023, Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Henning read correspondence received through the mail.

Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director was in to let the Commissioners know that they are working on the policies and procedures for the LEC.

Mr. Goetz discussed that Eagle Township was in to ask the status on the tire fence in Belmont and that there is work being done.

Mr. Goetz submitted the following building

permits:

Brad & Kristin Rose for a house & shed in Section 3, Township 30, Range 05W.

Shad Milford for a shed in Section 10, Township 27, Range 09W.

Kent & Cynthia Anthony for a cabin in Section 33, Township 30, Range 09W.

Perry Smith for a house in Section 9, Township 28, Range 07W.

Riley & Kristen Rosenhagen for a house in Section 3, Township 29, Range 05W.

Jimmy Williams for a single wide-cleveland in Section 1, Township 29, Range 08W.

Don Terhune for a lean to off of shed in Section 17, Township 30, Range 6W.

Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director and Steve Bachenberg, County Engineer were in with the following right of way permits:

SC Telcom-Service drop to residence in Section 32 & 33, Township 27, Range 10W(Dresden).

Haviland Broadband to lay fiber optic cable in Section 10, Township 30, Range 05W (Bennett).

Mr. Arensdorf let the Commissioners know that the damages of the SE 10 street river bridge guardrail vandalism has been paid for.

Mr. Arensdorf gave an update on the St. Leo Road and the 607-361 Hot Mix projects to the Commissioners.

Chairman Henning discussed the mowing being done by township and that they would need to attend a class on mowing safety.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed what stipulations need to be followed.

Mr. Bachenberg discussed that they are going

to have local consult in Newton.

Mr. Bachenberg gave a FLAP project update to the County Commissioners.

Mr. Bachenberg let the Commissioners know that they met with Valley Township this morning on the consultation request.

Josh Beckham, Kirkham Michael was in for the bids received from the following:

L & M Construction \$137,890.00

Reece Construction \$222,918.04

Bridges Inc. \$186,932.00

Engineers estimate was \$145,980.00.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to accept the bid from L & M Construction in the amount of \$137,890.00 contingent on the Engineers approval for the D.0-6.2 Bridge repair. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Arensdorf said that he should have some funds in the Special Bridge fund and the sales tax fund to help pay for this D.0-6.2 Bridge repair.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 11:33 a.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.



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6. Hundredweight, acr.
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13. ___ the tail ___ the donkey
14. Duran Duran's 1982 hit
15. All plants and animals
16. Part of an eye, pl.
17. Go for the bull's eye
18. Reduction/oxidation portmanteau
19. *Best selling author of the 2000s
21. *Billboard's music artist of the 2000s
23. Chicken ___ king
24. From a thrift store
25. Class-conscious grp.
28. Formerly, once
30. Marine mammal in famous Beatles' song
35. Fabled fliers
37. Jealous biblical brother
39. Averse
40. *"He's Just Not That ___ You" (2009)
41. Acrylic fiber
43. Arabian chieftain
44. Apartments, e.g.
46. *Friendster or Facebook, e.g.
47. 5,280 feet
48. Metal detector, e.g.
50. Goose egg
52. Cry of horror in comics
53. Made a basket
55. *Frodo Baggins and Samwise Gamgee or Nemo and Dory, e.g.
57. *Name for 2000s
60. *Popular social network of the 2000s

DOWN

1. Horse prod
2. *Popular DVR device
3. All over again
4. Eucalyptus-eating marsupial
5. Store in a silo
6. Mountain goat terrain
7. *Xbox competitor
8. Libraryful
9. Dignified manner
10. *"The Da Vinci ___," best selling book of the 2000s
11. A-bomb particle
12. Levy
15. Like "something new" boutique
20. Beginning of sleeping disorder
22. Feline sound
24. Put to work
25. *Toyota Hybrid introduced worldwide in 2000
26. 1,000 kilograms
27. Play a part (2 words)
29. *2002-2004 zoonotic epidemic cause, acr.
31. Rich soil
32. China grass
33. Handy
34. *First ever recipient of Oscar for Best Animated Feature

36. Chronic drinkers
38. Post-it slip
42. Like #59 Down
45. *Pink's 2008 hit (2 words)
49. Break down
51. Dismissal or ejection
54. "Peace" with fingers
56. "Madame Butterfly", e.g.
57. First rate (2 words)
58. Sky's Major one
59. *Like Best Buy's Squad
60. Urban legend
61. Tons (2 words)
62. Relinquish, as in property
63. *Jennifer Aniston and Brad Pitt, after 2005
64. *American Girl ___ Kittredge
66. Doctor Dolittle, e.g.

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Kingman County 4-H was represented by 80 static entries this year at the Kansas State Fair. Members must receive a purple or State Fair Blue on their project before they can advance on to the State Fair. Kingman County results from this year are as follows:

Photography:
Seth Schomacker, Vinita - Purple
Ethan Kostner, Whispering Willow - Blue
Ava Neywick, Cunningham - Blue
Sierra Henning, Whispering Willow - Purple
Nolan Freund, Whispering Willow - Blue
Kyle Piester, Whispering Willow - Blue
Kaitlyn Ogg, Cunningham - Purple
Reed Hedstrom, Vinita - Purple
Morgan Freund, Whispering Willow - Blue
Leah Rogers, Cunningham - Blue
Jessica Dittmer, Cunningham - Blue
Andrew Schultz, Cunningham - Purple
Emily Ogg, Cunningham - Purple
Taylor Schultz, Cunningham - Blue
Regan Hedstrom, Vinita - Blue
Clothing and Textiles:
Anna Schomacker, Vinita - Red
Veronica Ziegler, Hawk - Purple
Jocelyn Frith-Koerner, Vinita - Purple
Adrienne Noblit,

Whispering Willow - Red
Jocelyn Frith-Koerner, Vinita - Blue
Energy Management: Joey Thimesch, Whispering Willow - Blue
Fiber Arts:
Jacob Dietz, Vinita - Blue
Veronica Ziegler, Hawk - Purple
Noah Dietz, Vinita - Purple
Foods:
Chloe Judd, Hawk - Red
Leah Rogers, Cunningham - Purple
Ava Neywick, Cunningham - Red
Kane Reid, Cunningham - Red
Seth Schomacker, Vinita - Blue
Jessica Dittmer, Cunningham - Red
Ty Schultz, Cunningham - Red
Weston Rogers, Cunningham - White
Kendall Rogers, Cunningham - Purple
Nikki Wright, Vinita - Red
Jocelyn Frith-Koerner, Vinita - Purple
Dawson Wood, Whispering Willow - Blue
Kristyn McAndrew, Vinita - Blue
Brecken Bergkamp, Vinita - Red
Julia Hageman, Cunningham - White
Andrew Schultz, Cunningham - Red
Leah Rogers, Cunningham - Red
Brin Bergkamp, Vinita - Red
Food Preservation:
Reese Allen, Norwich Boosters - White
Reese Allen, Norwich Boosters - Blue
Forestry:
Emily Ogg, Cunningham - Red
Home Environment:

Ava Neywick, - Blue
Cunningham - Red
Horticulture:
Faith Ziegler, Hawk - Blue
Benjamin Ziegler, Hawk - Purple
Faith Ziegler, Hawk - Purple
Christina Ziegler, Hawk - Purple
Christina Ziegler, Hawk - Purple
Kane Reid, Cunningham - Red
Christina Ziegler, Hawk - Purple
Benjamin Ziegler, Hawk - Blue
Shooting Sports:
Joey Thimesch, Whispering Willow - Red
Weston Rogers, Cunningham - Red
Architectural Block
Construction:
Joey Thimesch, Whispering Willow

Computers:
Joey Thimesch, Whispering Willow - Red
Robotics:
Sammy Thimesch, Whispering Willow - Red
Isaac Dietz, Vinita - Purple
Joey Thimesch, Whispering Willow - Blue
Joey Thimesch, Whispering Willow - Red
Rocketry:
Leah Rogers, Cunningham - Blue
Weston Rogers, Cunningham - Blue
Ethan Kostner, Whispering Willow - Red
Ty Schultz, Cunningham - Blue
Sean Kostner, Whispering Willow - Red

Andrew Schultz, Whispering Willow - Red
Astronomy:
Amy Wright, Vinita - Blue
Visual Arts:
Kristyn McAndrew, Vinita - Red
Isaac Dietz, Vinita - Red
Anna Schomacker, Vinita - Purple
Bryant Bergkamp, Vinita - Purple
Reed Hedstrom, Vinita - Purple
Wildlife:
Joey Thimesch, Whispering Willow - Red
Woodworking:

Brianna Dittmer, Cunningham - Red
Kendall Rogers, Cunningham - Red
Crops:
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Kristyn McAndrew, Vinita - Purple
Fashion Revue:
Taylor Schultz, Cunningham - Purple
Poultry:
Ava Neywick, Cunningham - White



Public Notice

First published in The Cunningham Courier on Thursday, September 21, 2023 (3t)

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS
CIVIL DEPARTMENT
MidFirst Bank
Plaintiff,
vs.
Joshua Landreth; Unknown Spouse, if any, of Joshua Landreth
Defendants.
CaseNo. KM-2023-CV-000022
Court Number:
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Attorneys for Plaintiff
(240864)

Public Notice

(Published in The Cunningham Courier, the official city newspaper on September 28, 2023 (2t))
CHARTER ORDINANCE NO. 1-2023
A CHARTER ORDINANCE EXEMPTING THE CITY OF NASHVILLE, KANSAS FROM THE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR CITY CLERK SET FORTH IN K.S.A. 15-209.
SECTION 1
The city of Nashville, Kansas, by and through the power vested in it by Article 12, Section 5 of the Constitution of the State of Kansas, hereby elects to and does exempt itself from the provisions of K.S.A. 15-209 insofar as said statute requires that the City Clerk be a resident of the City of Nashville.
SECTION 2: OFFICERS; RESIDENCY.
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SECTION 3
This charter ordinance shall be published once per week for two (2) consecutive weeks in the official city newspaper. This Charter Ordinance shall take effect sixty (60) days after its final publication. If, within said sixty (60) days a petition pursuant to Article 12, Section 5 (c) (3) of the Kansas Constitution is filed with the City of Nashville, this Charter Ordinance shall not take effect until it has been submitted to a referendum and approved by a majority of the electors voting thereon. If no petition is submitted, this ordinance becomes effective on the 61st day after the second publication.
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Dee Anna Jones

Dee Anna Jones, 75, died Tuesday, Sept. 19, 2023, in Wichita, Kansas.

She was born Mar. 30, 1948, at Hardtner, Kansas, the daughter of Kenneth Joseph and Billie Jean Butler Scripsick. A long-time resident of Garden City, Kansas, recently of Wichita, she was a homemaker.

On Nov. 6, 1994, she married Terry Jones at Las Vegas, Nevada; he survives. Other survivors include daughters Kami (Jason) Pate, Garden City, and Donna (Rob) Tanner, Garden City; brothers Kent (Sandy), Kingman, KS and Mike (Terri) Scripsick, Andover, KS; grandsons Cody Pate, Garden City, Parker (Tianna) Tanner, Bel Aire, KS and Carson Tanner, Garden City; step-daughter Tisha (Robert) Deutsen, Peyton, CO; sister-in-law Jeri (Frank) Vondra, Little River, KS; seven step-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews and great-nieces and nephews. She was also preceded in death by her parents; brother Billy Joe Scripsick; and step-son Shane Jones.

Funeral Services were Saturday, Sept. 23 at Livingston Funeral Home, Kingman. Burial was at Maud Cemetery, Cunningham, Kansas.

Memorials may be made with Finney County Humane Society or The National Pancreatic Foundation.



Geneva Briggeman

Geneva Briggeman, 97, passed away Thursday, September 24, 2023 at South Wind Home. She was born on November 16, 1925 in Mark Center, Ohio to Otto and Mary (Gerken) Schroeder. Geneva married Lorence Daniel Briggeman on April 21, 1946 in Sherwood, Ohio. He preceded her in death on June 5, 1998.

Geneva graduated from Mark Center High School in 1943. She worked as a professional seamstress in a factory before becoming a mother, homemaker and dairy farmer. She loved her work serving lunches to the children of The Pratt Public Schools. Geneva treasured her St. Paul Lutheran Church and family and was a member of Bethany Guild. She enjoyed playing cards, watching professional baseball especially the Kansas City Royals, cooking, baking, gardening and doing jigsaw puzzles.

She is survived by her daughters, Judy (James) Park of Wichita, Anna Marie (Dr. Roger) Baker of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Merleen (Jeffrey) Barnes of Kenton, Ohio and Dr. Kathryn (Dr. Douglas Houston) Briggeman of Paradise, California; grandchildren, Loran (Lawrence) Griffith, Jeb (Jenna) Park, Dr. Ginny (fiance', Mark Neilio) Baker, Rebecca (Steven) Truitt, Regan (Blake) Gudgel, David (Shannon) Barnes, Laura (Bradley) Wingfield, Samuel Houston and Anna Marie Houston; and 20 great-grandchildren.

Geneva is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Lorence Briggeman; son, James "Jim" Briggeman; two sisters; and six brothers.

Friends may sign the memory book Thursday from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt. Funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m., Friday, September 29, 2023 at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Natrona with Pastor Michael Schotte presiding. Burial will follow at St. Paul Lutheran Church Cemetery, Natrona.

Memorials may be made to St. Paul Lutheran Church or Donor Choice in care of Larrison Mortuary.

The Briggeman family expresses their appreciation to the staff at South Wind Home for the loving care provided to their mother, Geneva.



Jessica Gatz

Jessica Jane Gatz, 97, passed away Friday, September 22, 2023 at South Wind Home. She was born on August 1, 1926 at her home in Turon to John Wiseman and Madge (Comes) Shive. Jessica married John "Jack" Ellis Gatz on June 10, 1952 in Turon. He preceded her in death October 26, 1976.

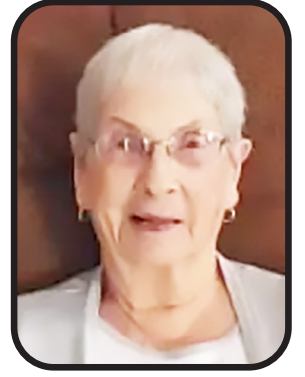
Jessica graduated from Turon High School. She attended Colorado Women's College and later transferred to Kansas University where she earned her Bachelor Degree. She taught Music for Johnson City, Cunningham, Preston and Pratt school districts. She was a member of First United Methodist Church, Delta Kappa Gamma, Pratt Retired Teachers, United Women of Faith, PEO, Afternoon Study Club, Apple Patch Quilters, Eastern Star and prior Kansas Music Educators Association. She also volunteered at Pratt Regional Medical Center. She enjoyed quilting, attending community concerts, world traveling and music.

She is survived by her children, Jane (Bill) Biles of Pratt, John (Aleta) Gatz of Pratt, Jim (Cindy) Gatz of Preston and Jay Gatz of Cunningham; grandchildren, Kathryn (Logan) McAllister of Pratt, Tyler Gatz of Pratt, Justin (Kristi) Gatz of Preston, Jenna (Tyler) Zimmerman of Preston, Jake (Lindsey) Gatz of Manhattan and Cody (Britini) Spencer of Wichita; and great-grandchildren, Lakyn McAllister, Sydney Biles, Kole McAllister, Camrynn Holmes, Keni Donovan, Kaylee, Leah, Grant and Kenzie Gatz, Blake, Scarlett and Nora Zimmerman and Sutton, Ariya and Kaia Gatz.

Jessica is preceded in death by her husband, Jack Gatz; parents; brother, James Shive; and grandson, Kevin Biles.

Funeral service was Wednesday, September 27, 2023 at First United Methodist Church with Reverend Nicole Schwartz-Eck presiding. Burial followed at Greenlawn Cemetery, Pratt.

Memorials may be made to American Red Cross in care of Larrison Mortuary.



Shirley Mitchell

Shirley Loree Mitchell, 81, of Kingman, KS, passed away Wednesday, September 20, 2023.

Service was Saturday, September 23, 2023, at Kingman Christian Church, Kingman, KS. Burial followed at Greenwood Cemetery, Belmont, KS.

Shirley was born in Harper, KS on March 17, 1942, to the late Ruby Mae (Osborn) and Alvin Blumanhourst. She graduated from Kingman High School in 1960 and Wichita Business College in 1961.

She was a para for USD 331 and was later the children's librarian at the Kingman Public Library for many years. Shirley was a longtime member of Kingman Christian Church and taught Sunday School there for many years. She had also been a 4-H leader. Shirley enjoyed crafting, especially cross stitching and made Christmas ornaments for her grandchildren every year.

She was a wonderful and loving wife, mother, grandma, and great grandma.

On April 14, 1962 she married Dennis Wayne Mitchell at the Kingman Methodist Church and he survives her. She is also survived by: son, Greg Mitchell and wife Cathy of Wichita, KS; daughters, Lisa Parsons and husband Mark of Ellsworth, KS, Cherie Headley and husband Clint of Augusta, KS, and Carla Nida and husband Troy of Cheney, KS; grandchildren, Victoria Mitchell and partner Shea Zuckerman, Nicole Gorton and husband Jeremy, Colleen DePriest and husband Cole, Ryan Parsons and wife Tiffany, Josh Parsons and partner Kate Holland, Ben Parsons, Sydni Schenck and husband Taylor, Lucas Headley and wife Jojo, Kailee Treto and husband Stephen, Alvin Casper, Matthew Casper, and Addie Nida; great grandchildren, Jaylynn, John, and Jacob Gorton, Callum DePriest, Callen, Beckett, Mattix, and Asher Parsons, Beau Parsons, Charlotte, Emmett, and Milo Schenck, Jace Headley, Killian Treto, and one more on the way.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Marvin Blumanhourst; and sister, Carol Blumanhourst. Memorial donations to Kingman Christian Church 501 N Main St. Kingman, KS 67068.



Bonnie West

Bonnie Belle West, 76, passed away Thursday, September 21, 2023 at her home. She was born on March 23, 1947 in Pratt to Eldon Wesley and Dorothy Ruth (Rider) Schnelle.

Bonnie graduated from Van Horn High School in Independence, Missouri in 1965. She was a member of the American Quarter Horse Association.

She is survived by her brother, Aaron Schnelle of West Allis, Wisconsin; nieces, Krista Schnelle of Saint Paul, Minnesota, Jennifer McKenna of Eagan, Minnesota, Sofia Olszewski of West Allis, Wisconsin; nephew, Christopher Helm of Centreville, Virginia; and great-niece, Vivian McKenna.

Bonnie is preceded in death by her parents; and horses Mission Miss Mission, Windsong Commander and Scuba Jet Tomboy.

Cremation has taken place. Inurnment will be at Greenlawn Cemetery, Pratt.



Ricky Whitfield

Richard "Ricky" James Whitfield, Jr., 24, passed away Tuesday, September 19, 2023. He was born on June 21, 1999 in Crestview, Florida to Richard James Whitfield Sr. and Jaime (Clements) Ackerman.

Ricky graduated from Skyline High School in 2017. He worked in the oilfield. He was a member of Professional Beer Drinkers Association. He enjoyed gaming, hanging out with friends, cooking and his dog, Pupas.

He is survived by his mother, Jaime (Adam) Ackerman of Pratt; stepfather, Bruce Bennett of Wichita; father, Richard James Whitfield, Sr. of Florida; grandparents, Pat and Lynne Clements of Byers; girlfriend, Emily Lazo of Byers; siblings, Tyler Bennett of Wichita, Zackary Bennett of Niangua, Missouri, Ariana and Ashlynn Ackerman of Pratt, Aaron Lazo of Derby and Walker Hendriks and Madelynn (Tyler) Dietzen of Neenah, Wisconsin; uncles, Christopher (Keli) Clements of Niangua, Missouri and Nicholas Clements of St. Paul, Minnesota; and numerous other aunts, uncles and cousins.

Cremation has taken place. A Celebration of Life will be announced at a later date.

Memorials may be made to Pratt Area Humane Society in care of Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt.






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A Note of Thanks

Once from Cunningham, always from Cunningham...or at least never forgotten. The people of this community are wonderful and caring. I would like to send a heartfelt thank you to all those who sent food and prayers and get-well thoughts to me before, during and after my surgery. Your thoughtfulness and caring are very much appreciated.


Gail Ford



A Note of Thanks

Thanks to all who sent 50th anniversary wishes to us and for thinking of us on our special day. God Bless.

Gary and Lle Westerman



Happy Birthday, Everett Hook!!