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September 25, 2023 Approved Minutes from the City Council September Meetings

The Cunningham City Council met in regular session on Monday, September 25, 2023 at City Hall, 119 N Main Street.

Present were: Mayor, Aaron Murphy and Council Members: Jason Ruckle, Craig Woodard, Tanner Newell, 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; Leslie Schrag, Kingman County Economic Development; and Jack Thimesch.

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

Agenda – Motion by Ruckle, second

by Woodard, to approve agenda as written. Motion carried, 4/0.

Minutes of August 28, 2023 meeting – Motion by Newell, second by Schultz, to approve the minutes of the August 28, 2023 meeting as written. Motion carried, 4/0.

Public Comment – City Clerk, Molly Morgan, spoke on behalf of a resident who requested to post date a check for payment of their water bill. Motion by Ruckle, second by Schultz, to extend the due date of the payment agreement for service at 311 N Dresden to September 28, 2023 with the full payment due date to remain October 10, 2023. Motion carried, 4/0.

Fire Department Report – *Chief Stark reported there had only been one run in the last month. *He has spoken with the manager at Love's Travel Stop regarding semis blocking access to fire hydrants on East Leiter Avenue. *He continues to work with construction crews at the school project on the sprin-

kler system. There is a hydro inspection schedule for Tuesday, September 26th.

Kingman County Eco Devo Report – The report was given by Director, Leslie Schrag. The USDA Rural Development presenter was not able to attend due to medical leave. Leslie reported that she had worked with Mesa and Molly to put together an application for the Cost Share Program. The Center for Economic Development and Business Research will host a speaker on October 17th, and Leslie encouraged representatives of Cunningham to attend. The Housing Assessment Committee has had their first meeting and will be moving ahead with the beginning stages of completing the Housing Assessment Tool (HAT.)

Website Proposal – Motion by Newell, second by Ruckle, to accept the presented proposal from Flint Hills Web Design. Motion carried, 4/0.

Condition of Alleys – Consensus of the Governing Body to obtain a quote

from T&R Excavating to repair alleys and address drainage issues.

Economic Development Options – The Kingman County Economic Development will dissolve at the end of 2023. Mayor Murphy reported there would be other options which could include hiring a private individual as a grant writer.

Leak Forgiveness Request – The Clerk reported that the resident had immediately fixed the leak and the bill was paid in full. Motion by Schultz, second by Ruckle, to approve a credit of \$27.50 (10,000 gallons) for 211 N Douglas. Motion carried, 4/0.

Property Officer's Report – Those who received weed letters have mowed their properties. Jackie reported that she is working to clarify the Code for recreational vehicles.

Planning & Zoning Report – A letter was mailed the second week of August to 415 W Santa Fe regarding the removal of a camper. The camper has not been moved. Greg will send another request.

Maintenance – City Superintendent, Mesa, reported that chip/sealing on Main Street should happen this week or in early October. *The bulk water station is in need of new valves and repairs to remain operational. *Duke's Root Control serviced some lines, and Mesa will follow up with Mayer Specialty Services to coordinate cleaning of sewer lines after an appropriate amount of time has passed. *The school project has completed the tie ins. Mesa will request that holes in the street be filled with dirt until they are ready to pour concrete. *The fire hydrant behind the school that is used for watering the practice field has had a significant leak.

Swimming Pool – Molly reported that the Dog Day was a success, and there were no issues.

Animal Control – A few dogs were registered at the pool on Dog Day. The Dog Clinic will have to be rescheduled because the veterinarian was not able to make it on Saturday, September 16th. Dog registrations expire on September 30th.

Financial Report and Payment of Bills – Motion by Newell, second by Woodard, to approve the financial report and pay the bills. Motion carried, 4/0.

Adjournment – Motion by Ruckle, second by Schultz, to adjourn. Motion carried, 4/0. Mayor Murphy adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

ENTRY
FREE



10:00
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VETERANS DAY

CELEBRATION

NOVEMBER 10TH, 2023

★ Cunningham High School Gym ★

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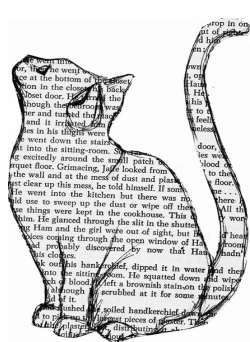
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Meanderings

I was at 54 Chiropractic in Pratt last week, and I picked up one of my newspapers while I was waiting for the good doctor to see me. I read through a couple of pieces that I'd only glanced over when I put them in. Then I picked up another paper. UH-OH! I put the same column in

two weeks in a row. Oh, bother! I have an idea of how that happened, but I don't want to explain it here. I can say, I can be a bit lazy at times and shortcuts sometimes get the paper where its going, and sometimes not, and apparently this time it was not. I have included the

missed "Tallgrass" column from last week or the week before and this week's column as well. There. Fixed. Another mistake is corrected on page 8. Siiigh. Shortcuts again. Tired eyes again. Oh. Well. I hope I am forgiven by all those effected (affected?). By all those

bothered. How's that? ** I know what I said I'd write about. I remember. BUT I do believe I'm going to take a week off from meandering. My paper is about 95% done, and my eyes are hurting, causing a headache to loom on the horizons of this meandering mind.

I'll be back next week...with new spectacles. (I certainly hope so, anyway.) Always reading, and currently reading, "The Book of Jude" by Kimberley Houston, Roberta

A Column by Dorothy Rosby

A Haunting Dilemma

Halloween isn't my favorite holiday, partly because it doesn't involve a day off. There are really only two things I like about it: candy and small children wearing costumes, neither of which you really need Halloween for. But whether I like it or not, here we are. 'Tis the season when normally sane people put on creepy costumes, buy wheelbarrows full of candy for the neighborhood children and go off to haunted houses. Not me. I dress as an eccentric middle-aged woman on Halloween, same as I do every other holiday. I do load up on Halloween candy but

it's not for the kids. We don't get that many trick-or-treaters where I live. Maybe my costume scares them away. And I'll never go to another haunted house, even if they leave the lights on for me. Halloween is already plenty scary for me. I don't think it's a coincidence that Halloween comes just before the scariest day of the year: Election Day. I don't need skeletons popping out of the dark to startle me. I jump when someone honks at me at a stoplight, especially if I've dozed off. Some people might say I'm jumpy but I prefer to say I have well-developed reflexes. In my opinion, those who don't startle easily have sluggish reflexes and probably shouldn't be allowed to operate motorized vehicles. I don't need blood-curdling screams or zombies coming at me to scare me either. I'm terrified

when a spider crawls out of my cupboard. Or when my grocery store moves everything around. Or when a computer person tells me it's time to update my software. I bet you're thinking I'm scared of everything. Am not! I'm not afraid of flying. I read that more than twenty million Americans are, but I'm not and here's why: A lot of people go on trips and most of them come back. Some people are afraid of cemeteries. Not me. I lived next to one for years and I never had a problem with my neighbors. I've heard people fear public speaking more than death. But if you give me the choice to speak or die, you won't be able to shut me up. People are scared of all sorts of things: germs, birds, clowns, doctors. None of those bother me in the least—unless you put them in a haunted house.

Knowing how I feel about them, you may be surprised to learn that I've not only been to haunted houses, but it was also once my job to persuade other unsuspecting souls to attend them. For many years I was the public relations person for a non-profit that hosted an annual free haunted house for the public. A vegetarian probably wouldn't make the best spokesperson for cattle producers. A Prius owner might have a hard time selling Humvees. And chickens probably shouldn't promote haunted houses. I don't mean actual chickens. They can promote whatever they want. I mean fraidy-cat chickens like me. But that's exactly what I did. Then all the while I was telling people how wonderful our haunted house was, I was thinking, "There's no such thing as a wonder-

ful haunted house." In the public relations business, this is called "lying." But I was being completely honest when I told them that I'd once gone to the haunted house and it scared me so badly that I'd never been back. I'd actually gone twice, but one of those times they'd left the lights on, so I'm not sure that counts. It was the morning after the haunted house and I had to walk across the street to the building where it was, by then, being dismantled. Along the way I met up with a friend who hadn't heard about the haunted house. I realize that doesn't speak well for my skills as a promoter. I asked her to walk along so we could talk, but I was unaware that she was unaware, so I failed to warn her about what we might see when we entered the building. And what we saw was lots and lots of blood.

She didn't stick around long enough to find out it was fake. I'm proud to say that unlike my now former friend, I was unfazed by the haunted house in broad daylight. It wasn't my blood we were looking at. The other time I attended the haunted house it was actually the morning before it opened, and the lights were off. A handful of employees were invited to test it. I worked for a company made up of compassionate people who served others. It was daytime and it was the organizer's first attempt at a haunted house. How bad could it be? I'll tell you. It was torture. I hated it. I thought it would never end, which is, I suppose, a resounding endorsement of a haunted house.

Tallgrass and Tumbleweeds by Gaille Pike

Dear Readers, One of my favorite quilts will never hang in a museum but I treasure its flawed and humble appearance every morning. As I trace the lines my fingertips tingle, meeting the hand that made this patchwork quilt so long ago with just a thimble, a needle and some thread. Its design gives the impression that it was put together in a careless

manner. The unevenly sized "approximately 2 inch" cotton squares, cut from no longer usable baby clothes, tablecloths, blouses and men's work shirts result in an awkward mix of solids, stripes, polka dots, gingham and florals. But the stitching which has for the most part withstood every use for fifty years exhibits skill and deliberateness, resolve and will. Growing up I slept, same as everybody I knew, under quilts made by the women in our lives. I cared not whether the patterns were simple

or elaborate, nor did I appreciate the labor involved. Quilts kept me toasty warm through long cold Western Kansas nights. I had no inkling quilting was an art until my third year in college when I became acquainted with both a "Quilter" and Alice Walker's short story "Everyday Use." Betsy Harden, a dear and most talented college friend, had an equally gifted artistic mother, Mary Beth, who quilted breath-takingly, stunning creations. I remain in awe of her eye and skill for transforming bolts of

cloth into art and redefined my notion of "sewing." I was inspired by and greatly admired Mrs. Harden's work. But until I read Walker's fiction, I did not appreciate that the women who raised me were Quilters, too. I highly recommend Walker's story as I cannot do it justice. But in summary it explores how generations of women are stitched together with quilts, blanketing both creativity and the demands of the real world. And I believe this tale argues that the best way to honor this legacy is by

using quilts every day. I made a baby quilt by hand once, and by the time it was finished I swore I would never make another. My hands cramped and my fingers bled before I tied off the last thread. But with every stitch, I thought of the child it would swaddle, yet to be born, and all the love surrounding her glowing with our hopes for her life ahead. She's a grown accomplished woman these days and though I've no idea what became of that blanket I like to think it's not hanging on some wall but

that it's being used, that a child is wrapped in it somewhere. I do need to take a up a needle again, though, to mend a few splits and tears on this beloved quilt of mine. But my preservation of tradition must wait because all three cats are, irrespective of its art, napping on my bed. What do I expect? They are not allowed in museums because these felines will sleep on anything. Until next week—keep your eyes on the stars and your back to the wind.

Tallgrass and Tumbleweeds by Gaille Pike

Dear Readers, Though the rain has stopped and the Neosho river flash flood warning has ended, it appears that several bridges remained closed and quite a few nearby gravel and dirt roads are washed out. At last count, 44 road closures are still in effect. Thank you, family, friends, and all you Readers, for checking on

us following the news reports of our deluge aired across the state. I particularly appreciate that so many of you were concerned about my cats, who remained dry and nonplussed, the proverbial "fat and happy," as they slept and ate their way through our two days and nights of mostly gentle rain. As our farmhouse sits on the high ground of our small "holler," we were never in any danger. All we faced was the intermittent inconveniences of satellite TV and internet outages, which do occur

more frequently during inclement weather but also are known to happen when the skies are as clear as a bell. I can't recall the last time we had this much rain. But I can tell you I've not seen our pond this swollen in months and as for the water now standing in road ruts, ditches and fields, that's a sight I haven't seen in years. We don't have one but rain gauge reports in the ten mile radius around us claim that between 3 and 12 inches (and nearly every other number in-between) of precipitation

fell over 48 hours. The phrase "inches of rain" has never made much sense to me, though I do comprehend what it technically means. We all obviously did not get the same amount. I think it's fair to say, though, we got A LOT. And our region needed it. I see splendor out my window today. The tree trunks and stripped bare branches gleam shiny black above a carpet of shimmering golden leaves. Our pond ripples with waves of diamonds reflecting the sun, and beyond the water, lush green

Flint Hills grasses wave beneath a wide blue sky. But I am mindful that not all my neighbors and nearby townsfolk share such an idyllic view, or even if they do, are inclined to appreciate it. If our roof were leaking or our sewer was backed up or if I were experiencing any number of the other deluge-related hardships I have heard about, I probably wouldn't gaze so fondly on this scene either. I can't slow the rapids of the Neosho River. I'm not a plumber or a roofer. Nor am I am able

with a flick of my wrist to turn anything, other than laundry, from wet to dry. But I can put out our Welcome Mat. There's coffee and pasta cooked by real Italian (not me.) Our hospitality is open to anyone who doesn't mind cats and needs a retreat, presuming the roads between us are passable. This offer is good unless it snows. Until next week—keep your eyes on the stars and your back to the wind.

Things I'm Glad I Did

By Jace Graves If you read my last two columns, you know that I'm now milking this one-trick pony for all it's worth – including some mixed metaphors. In my previous columns, I discussed things I haven't done, and things I've done and wish I hadn't – respectively (actually, there was quite of bit of disrespect involved, especially regarding Hooters.) This time, I'll share a few things I'm actually glad I did – for now.

1. First, this past year, I hired someone to mow my yard. Yes, I could save some cash if I did it myself, and yes, my dad (who is in his eighties) still mows his own yard – and probably doubts my parentage. But considering that I often pull muscles and pinch nerves if I breathe too heavily, I'll probably save money on medical insurance copays. Besides, I now have more time to annoy my wife, three semi-grown daughters and pets. 2. Speaking of my daughters, I'm currently paying for a series of driving lessons for my young-

est and quietest daughter. I still ride along while she practices, which almost always ends with apologies (from me) and a full wipe down of the front passenger window to remove claw marks and tear stains. But based on my eldest and middle daughters' experiences with parent-taught driving lessons (and my inability to find a substitute teacher), I thought sending my youngest to a driving academy might be better for her self-esteem, my cardiovascular health and our liability insurance premiums. 3. If you're still read-

ing, you may want to stop now because next on the list is my switch several years ago to boxer briefs. I was raised in tighty-whities, which, on me, basically look like enormous diapers (I know I'll be wearing those soon enough). Not only do I find boxer briefs more bracing and comfortable, they vaguely resemble shorts, which is useful when I forget to put on pants before going out to check the mail. 4. Moving on from men's underwear to marital health (I'm convinced the two are closely related), for the past year,

or so, I've been asking my wife out for a weekly date – and occasionally, she says, "Yes." When our three daughters were younger, my wife and I focused all of our time and energy on them, shaping and molding them into strong, intelligent young women who know exactly how to manipulate us out of our cash. Now that they are more independent (except for the cash part), I'm trying to dedicate more attention to my wife's needs. So, when we go out on our dates, I let her know I value her and her opinions by allowing her to

choose where we eat – as long as it's my favorite Mexican food restaurant. I could go on and on (not really – I'm pretty much out of ideas), but I'll finish by saying that although I've done plenty of things I regret, and I haven't done a lot things that others have, marrying an outstanding lady and having three wonderful girls have made up for life's many shortcomings. Oh, and the boxer briefs help, too, especially when I go out to check the mail.

Community Bulletin Board

Thursday, November 2 HS Scholars Bowl at Skyline *** Meetings for Parents about Winter Sports	Thursday, November 9 HS FB 6-Man bracket play *** CPL - Bob Ross Floral Painting Class
Friday, November 3 HS FB 6-Man Regional	Friday, November 10 HS FB 6 Man Sectional
Monday November 6 JH BB at Macksville	Saturday, November 11 4:00 p.m. HS Play ***
Tuesday, November 7 9:00 a.m. HOPL Mass Choir *** Lions' Club *** GET OUT AND VOTE!	School Tour open to the Public Sunday, November 12 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Tour of school open to the Public
Wednesday, November 8 7:00 p.m. USD 332 BOE Meeting	Monday, November 13 JH BB at Argonia

The Community Calendar is sponsored by



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

Libraries

Cunningham Public Library
Mon., Wed., Fri.
2:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Tues., Thurs., Sat.
9:00 - 11:30 a.m.
Closed for Holidays
298-3163

Zenda Public Library
Monday
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
Mon. & Tues. 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
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
Mon. - Thurs.
10:00 - 7:00
Friday: 10:00 - 6:00
Saturday: 10:00 - 2:00
Closed on Sundays
(620) 672-3041

Soup-Tasting Event at Penalosa

It's once again time for the annual Penalosa UWF Soup Tasting Event, November 11th, from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. at the Penalosa Community Building. You're invited to sample a variety of different homemade soups, and vote for your favorite. Sandwiches and homemade desserts will also be served. The cost is a free will donation, which will be used to support several local organizations, including the Hands of Hope, KAMI food bank, Kingman Core Group, and the Angel Tree. Items for our children's Shoebox ministry will also be collected at this time. Come with a hearty appetite! All Veterans will receive a small gift, thanking them for their service.

Bob Ross Floral Painting Class
Poinsettias
With certified instructor, **Derese McAbee**
Cunningham Public Library
November 9th, 6:00—9:00 p.m.
\$40.00 per person—Class limited to 10
Youth and adult—inquire at library

BOE Will Meet Wednesday Evening AGENDA

- Call to Order
- Approval of Agenda (AI)
- Guest Recognition
- Approval of the minutes of the October 9, 2023 regular meeting. (AI)
- Approval of financial reports and payment of bills (AI)
- Annual Audit-Randy Ford (AI)
- Reports
- Superintendent report – Dr. Arnberger
- Principal report- Mr. Dunlap
- Special Ed report – Scott DeWeese
- Old Business
- Construction Project
- New Business
- Executive Session (personnel)
- Extend Superintendent Contract (AI)
- Other
- Adjournment

WOMEN OF SACRED HEART
Annual Turkey Dinner
RAFFLES- COUNTRY STORE - TURKEY
Sunday, November 12
12:00 - 2:00 pm At the Pratt Municipal Building
Adults \$12 - Children 3 and Under - \$7

“Cultivate the habit of being grateful for every good thing that comes to you, and to give thanks continuously. And because all things have contributed to your advancement, you should include all things in your gratitude.”
— **Ralph Waldo Emerson**

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Volunteers Needed
set up, delivery, cleanup
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CALL 672-7811
Pratt Community Center
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Kingman Historic Theatre
237 N. Main in Kingman
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Sunday at 5:30
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YEARS AGO IN

The Cunningham Clipper

W. A. Bradley / William Bradley

1938

November 4 – Almost three hundred people attended the second annual High School Carnival last Friday evening. Lola Mae Lash, sophomore class representative, was crowned Carnival Queen, and Frances Wetherall was the winner of the door prize, a thirty-two-piece pottery set.

The Thanksgiving turkey buying market price is now twelve cents per pound, according to Mrs. Mabel Carter, operator of the Fairmount Cream Station.

1948

November 5 - One hundred and eightytwo voters went to the polls in Rural Township, Tuesday in the General Election, while two hundred and seventyseven votes were cast in Dresden Township. Democrats Harry Truman and Alben Barkley were elected President and Vice-President of the United States, respectively; Frank Carlson was re-elected Governor of Kansas. Paul Wunsch was re-elected State Senator from this district, and the liquor question in the state was won by the wets by a thirty-six thousand vote majority.

Rural Township officers are Raymond Zrubeck, Carde Cannon, and Albert Sterneker.

Dresden Township officers are Ben Ebenkamp, Bill Voss, and Delmer Huffman.

November 6, 1953

–August Carl “Gus” Huhman, 66, a resident of the Cunningham community for forty-five years, passed away at seven o’clock, Friday morning, at his home here, following an illness of several months with a heart ailment and complications.

Thought for the day: In two more days, tomorrow will be yesterday.

1958

November 6– Well, we’ve discovered the old linotype at the Clipper office is a Republican. On the day following the elections, the old critter became moody and quite contrary. It’s taken us the past three days to get any work out of the machine at all. As a result, your paper is quite late this week.

Kingman County and Rural and Dresden Townships joined the swing over the state and nation in Tuesday’s General Election and voted strongly for Democratic candidates for state and congressional offices.

Two hundred and forty votes were cast in Dresden Township and 150 voters cast ballots in Rural Township.

Cunningham has a representative in a county office for the first time in over 15 years, as Mrs. Letha Jones, a Republican, was elected County Treasurer over Lewis Madison by an 833-vote majority.

1963

November 7 -Column One, by Editor Bill Bradley –To save an editor from starvation, take his paper and pay him promptly. To save him from bankruptcy, advertise in the paper liberally. To save him from despair, send him every item of news you can get hold of. To save him from profanity, write your correspondence plainly on one side of the sheet and send it in as early as possible. To save him from mistakes, bury him. Dead people are the only ones who never make mistakes.

Twenty-four neighbors and friends went to the Wesley Hendricks farm , Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday of last week, where they cut and baled 40

acres of hay, and cut and shocked 45 acres of feed. Mr. Hendricks is suffering from a severely burned back and has been unable to do his farm work. Ladies helping with the noon meal included Mrs. Lester Alley, Mrs. Dayton Dyche, Mrs. Bill Oswalt of Penalosa, and Mrs. Loren Cooley. Men helping with the farm work were Lester Alley and Jerry, Dayton Dyche, Bill Oswalt, Delmer Huffman, Willis Rouse, Bill Bainum, John Baber, Oliver Shelman, Joe Hendricks of Cullison, Bob Vanlandingham and Dr. George Watson of Kingman, Francis Wilson, Ray Amick, Floren Rose and Monte, George McClellan, Herbert Park, Joel Nelson, and Bob Witt.

Ivanhoe Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, was host to a meeting of District No. 33, State of Kansas, last Friday, when Mrs. Myra Wille of Wamego, Worthy Grand Matron, conducted a School of Instruction in the afternoon, and made here official visit to Ivanhoe Chapter that evening, both of which were held in the high school gym-auditorium. Attendance at the afternoon session was estimated at 100.

1968

November 7– Voters turned out in record numbers across the land to cast ballots in Tuesday’s General Election. Richard Nixon, Republican, was elected the 37th President of the United States, and while he carried Kansas handily, voters re turned Governor Robert Docking, a Democrat, to office for a second term. Republican Bob Dole replaced retiring Frank Carlson in the United States Senate for Kansas, defeating William Robinson.

On the county and township level, there were several surprises recorded when voters ousted veteran office holders. Gene Shay defeated Fred Hurd, veteran Kingman County office holder, for the office of Probate Judge. Mr. Hurd has held the office of Probate Judge for many years, and is also a former longtime County Attorney.

Bill Milford edged Oliver DeWeese in a close contest for the position of County Commissioner, Third District, and Howard Dixon defeated C. W. Sloan for the office of County Commissioner, Second District. Allend Ridge of Penalosa, became the new Dresden Township Trustee when he defeated R. O. (Bob) Underwood, a longtime holder of that office. Clarence Cunningham was reelected clerk, and Loren Cooley was chosen treasurer with 66 write-in votes. Mr. Cooley succeeds Delmer Huffman, who resigned to enter the County Commissioner’s race in the August Primary Election.

Victor Renner, Ray Amick, and Albert Sterneker were re-elected trustee, clerk, and treasurer, respectively in Rural Township.

A total of 141 voters, including six absentees, cast ballots in Rural Township, while Dresden Township recorded over 200 voters.

Nashville High School will hold their sixth annual alumni banquet in the school gym, Saturday evening, Nov. 30, at 6:30 o’clock.

YEARS AGO IN

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1978

November 2 – Zenda News
Karen Jacobs, Wichita, spent the weekend with her parents Mr. and Mrs. James Jacobs.

Esther Whitmer, Wichita, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Larry Whitmer.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Batt and Mr. and Mrs. Dennis

Oeding and sons took Nicole Dreiling to her home in Wichita on Sunday afternoon.

The Cunningham Wildcats traveled to Haviland Friday night and suffered a 54-28 defeat. The Wildcats were in the ballgame until the final five minutes of the games, despite costly turnover. We did not play well offensively, as we had 7 turnovers; and, as we had 7 turnovers, and therefore, our defense was required to be on the field for most of the evening and it finally took its toll.

Wade Ruckle led the defense with 13 unassisted tackles and 12 assists. Berry Bortz also had 13 unassisted tackles and 11 assists. Rob Fischer followed with 15.

Kayettes hold successful soup supper. The Cunningham Kayettes wish to announce the success of the soup supper they held Friday, Oct. 13. Despite the ominous date, the cool fall weather brought the support of the many members. Soup, sandwiches, pie and tea were served. Gary Fitzsimmons was the winner of the turkey raffle.

Hilltop Happenings: Linda Lill, our Social Worker Designee was married Sat. Oct. 28 to John Adelhardt of St. Leo.

We wish them much happiness.
Shirley Witt, N.A. is now sporting an engagement ring. She has him lassoeed but not throwed or hogtied as of yet.
Louise Armstrong is wishfully hoping.

1983

November 3 – C & F Satellite Now you can choose your own T.V. programs. Call for Free demonstration after 5:30 p.m.

A surprise baby shower for John Royston, industrial arts teacher, was held in the gymnasium on Oct. 26.

The students and faculty assembled in the gym as Royston opened the gifts. Some of the students and teachers grouped together to give him various gifts. Some of the gifts received were blankets, sleepers and diapers. Refreshments were served after the shower.

Wanted: Custodian for Cunningham Grade School. Apply to Melvin R. Ormiston. Supt. Of Schools.

Thank you to all who remembered me in so many special ways. Your prayers have sustained us through a very troubled time. May I ask your continued prayers through the therapy I will need? We pray that God will answer the needs of each of you also. We are offering the Holy Mass for this Intention. Fred Albers

The Cunningham High School Kayettes held a meeting and Halloween party Monday, Oct. 31.

In the meeting, the Kayettes chose pals from the Hilltop Manor resthome. Every member chose one person from the reshome, and the Kayette will visit their pal once a month. The Kayettes are also sending food which will be served at the resthome on Thanksgiving Day.

The Cunningham City Council met Monday, Oct. 24. Present were Mayor Ivan Cain, Commissioners Arlene Bradley, Marion Lackey, Jack Meyers, Mike Scripsick, and Bob Thimesch, Dee Mills, clerk, Larry Lubbers, fire chief; Don Hellar resident engineer; and Curt Watkins, attorney.

Approval to pay \$500 for asphalt on the ball park street was given. Watkins, attorney, is to check with the contractor.

Permission was given to cut down the tree next to the city building, since it is dying.

Hellar reported on the new Sewage Disposal Plant. Work will begin in a couple of weeks.



Elder Abuse: Combating Injustice

Elder abuse is the intentional mistreatment or harming of an older person. An older person is defined by the Social Security Act as someone over age 60. This abuse

takes many forms – including physical, emotional, and sexual harm, neglect, and financial exploitation. More than 1 in 10 older adults experience some form of abuse each year. That number is likely much higher because elder abuse is often underreported– especially in underserved communities.

Abuse victims typically show emotional and behavioral red flags, such as depression, un-

usual fear or anxiety, or intentional isolation. Many victims are abused by someone they know or trust. It’s important to look for unusual changes in behavior around:

- Family members.
- Staff at inpatient facilities.
- Hired or volunteer caregivers.
- People in positions of trust like doctors or financial advisors.

You can also help make a difference by checking in with older loved ones. Looking for warning signs of mistreatment is the first step to preventing abuse.

Signs of physical abuse include bruises, burns, or other unexplained injuries.

There may also be signs of neglect like:

- Poor nutrition or hygiene.
- Lack of necessary medical aids like glasses or medications that a caretaker should be providing.

There may also be indications of financial abuse. These may include:

- Unpaid rent.
- Sudden changes to a will.
- Unusual changes in money management.

- Large, unexplained financial transactions.
- Mortgages despite sufficient financial resources.

- Allowing someone new to access bank accounts.

If you suspect that someone is a victim of elder abuse, don’t ignore it! If you or someone you care about is in a life-threatening situation, call 911. If you suspect that something isn’t right – but nobody seems to be in immediate danger – contact:

- Your local Adult Protective Services at www.napsa-now.org/

- help-in-your-area.
- The National Center on Elder Abuse at 1-855-500-3537 (ELDR).

You can also find additional local resources by searching the Eldercare Locator for your community at eldercare.acl.gov/Public/index.aspx.

Take some time to call or visit with an older adult. Ask if they are okay and listen to what they tell you. Pay attention to signs of abuse or unusual behavior. Most of all, don’t be afraid to report instances of suspected abuse. Please share this information with those who need it.

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A Column by Mike Johnson

What Are You For?

Because I am for freedom, peace & inspiration, I reject much.

I reject jobs. Bosses. Costumes. Commutes. Work schedules. Personal debt. Taxes. Insanity disguised as "normalcy." Government. Busybodies trying to force others.

I reject smoking. Alcohol. Drugs. Late nights. Complicated social activities. Busyness.

Cities. Drama. Conflict. War. "Social warriors."

I reject TV news. Violent, horror & profane movies. Difficult people. The status quo. Conventional wisdom. Large organizations.

For me, life is a process of gaining more freedom, more peace & more inspiration. And of course, figuring out who I am, why I'm here & the truth behind this miraculous universe.

I know this -- I'm not here to fix the world, the world is here to nudge me to fix myself. I also know that you're not here to fix me. You're here to

fix you. Focus on that & everything else falls into place.

The only thing worse than unawareness & ignorance is loud unawareness & ignorance, using force.

Most people will do anything to avoid turning off the noise to just sit with themselves & THINK. I'll do anything to avoid the noise. This is why I live 25 miles from the closest town, in the least-populated state, surrounded by miraculous nature.

This was my journey. Yours will be different. Enjoy the trip.

Lessons and Carols

Sacred Scripture, Community Choir, Community small ensembles, Vocal solos, Instrumental ensembles, Instrumental solos.

Lessons and Carols service Sunday, December 17th Sacred Heart Catholic Church 3:00 pm

Contact Eric Kerschen for more information. eric.kerschen@usd332.com
Community rehearsals on Sunday 3:00 pm at Sacred Heart Church beginning on November 5th



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Saturday, November 11 9:30 – noonish, followed by lunch and fellowship at Abbyville Community Church, 201 W G, Abbyville

Hopefully one works for you to come and be blessed!

For more information, contact Rhonda Stillwell 620-200-3331.



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8:30 a.m.

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9:15 a.m.
Worship Service
10:30 a.m.

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Pastor vacancy until further notice.



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Sunday Evening Worship 6:00
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Sr High Youth Group 7:30 pm Sunday
Wednesday Prayer Service 7:00

Pastor Mike McGovney 620-298-3201



United Methodist Church

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Worship 9:15 a.m.

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Worship 10:45 a.m.

Pastor Mathew Ndambuki Musyoki
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Zenda

Worship 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School: Children 8:30 a.m. Adults 10:00 a.m.

Pastor J L Nichols

Be an ORIGINAL

By ayodele fadumiye
It is interesting to know that no two human beings are alike. God loves varieties, hence we have different kinds of animals, flowers, birds etc.

There is something about this basic principle that runs through creation. It is Everyone and Everything is created an ORIGINAL. As human beings, we are unique all the way. God made us FIRST all the way. Life will not be fulfilling and excited if we are all the same.

God made it clear in His Word that, no one is like Him. Since you are made in His image (Genesis 1:26), there is no one else like you. Even Siamese twins are unique in their own class. You are the only one with that genetic code and even your fingerprint, no one else has it on planet earth.

You are not only born an ORIGINAL, you are made FIRST. Anyone that tries to be like you will be at best SECOND.

One powerful secret to personal power and fulfillment is Being ORIGINAL. The best you can be is to be you, and only you can be you,

you cannot be someone else. One wise lady said, "No one has the right to make you feel inferior without your consent".

Your originality is your greatest asset as a person. Celebrate it and accept your individuality with great excitement. You are loaded with great potential to impact our world, but you need to be original to discover, develop and deploy them. The world will suffer if all you do is trying to be someone else.

It is time to be ORIGINAL. Don't die a COPY!!

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Cunningham Museum (to donate contact Alan Albers or Mike McGovney)

Cunningham Public Library (to donate, contact Kerri Steffen)

Cunningham EMS (to donate, contact Monte Rose or Kathy Albers)

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Kansas 4-Hers Prep for New Year, Eyeing Projects

Projects encourage youth to find their 'spark,' says state official MANHATTAN, Kan. - Just weeks removed from the Kansas State Fair, there may seem to be a lull in 4-H activities for many Kansas youth.

Actually, the fun is just beginning. Amy Sollock, a Kansas 4-H youth development specialist in the southwest region, said a new 4-H year kicked off in October and youth have some important decisions to make regarding which projects they will pursue over the next 12 months. "We've got more than 30 project areas, so there's something for everybody," Sollock said. "Some kids naturally gravitate toward things they're already interested in. Or sometimes they'll pick... something

they've never heard of, but it sounds exciting. And sometimes people pick things because a friend had a good time in it, or they know somebody who knows a lot about that and they want to learn with someone." Animal sciences, baking, creative arts, photography, livestock... Sollock said information on all of the projects available to Kansas 4-Hers is available online. State 4-H officials have even published a Project Selection Guide, and each project area has its own web page to give in-depth details on the

types of activities - and commitment - that is required. "Every family needs to have that honest conversation with themselves at the beginning of the 4-H year," Sollock said. "How much time do you have to give? How dedicated are you going to be? What's your budget look like? Some projects - like caring for livestock - have more expense associated with them." Other projects, she added, have very little expense involved, but still come with a given amount of time and ener-

gy that needs to be given throughout the coming year. "This is something that we take seriously," Sollock said. "When you enroll in a project at the beginning of the 4-H year, it's a year-long experience - not just something to do in July at the county fair. You will learn about, talk about, read about the project all year long." Youth are encouraged to select more than one project area for the year, Sollock said. How many, she adds, is up to the family and the amount of time they can

dedicate over the next 12 months. "We talk a lot about finding your spark in 4-H, and exploring interests and different things that look exciting to kids," Sollock said. "Project work is an excellent way for them to find their spark. And who knows: It may lead to a potential career down the road." Registration for the new Kansas 4-H year is now available online. Interested persons can also get more information about 4-H at their local extension office.

Spotlight on Our CHS Athletes!!

photos courtesy of USD 332



*Bella Thimesch
Maranda Lohrke
Elizabeth Paris,
Brianna Dittmer
Nora Huff*



*Back row: Assistant Coach Eric Kerschen, Logan Kinsler, Payton King, Stephen Kerschen, Andrew Schultz, Trent Schnittker, Luke Albers, Luke McGuire, Kendall Rogers, Coach Lance McGuire
Front row: Cole Ruckle, Kollin Fischer, Layne Green, Jack Ruckle, Will Wegerer, Skyler Thimesch, Dylan Halderson, Blake Swope. Not pictured, Dagim Reed.*



*Back row: Assistant Coach Sheena Albers, Ava Bock, Whitney Mead, Macy Neufeld, Grace Hageman, Elizabeth Paris, Ellie McGuire, Kyra Morgan, Coach Ariel Haskin
Middle row: Grayci McCurry, Gracie Smyth, Nora Huff, Taylor Schultz, Kaylee Mertens, Emily Ogg, Janessa Schnittker.
Front row: Brianna Dittmer, Maranda Lohrke, Matilyn Jump*



OOPS!

In my copy/pasting last week, I neglected to change the names of the girls in the photos below. I have corrected the error. Apologies to the young Lady Wildcats.



Maranda Lohrke



Kourtni Fischer

Scholars Bowl Team Takes 1st Place



Pictured above: Will Wegerer, Sean Kostner, Taylor Schultz, Luke McGuire, Ava Bock, and Grace Hageman



Congratulations to the CHS Scholars Bowl team for taking 1st at our home meet! They had a 7-0 record. Also, congratulations to Sean for taking 1st place individual scorer with 200 points!

courtesy USD 332



Wildcats End Season Against the Warriors

CHS hosted the Southern Cloud Warriors on October 19 for the last district game of the 2023. This matchup was canceled last year because they could not field a team, so we were thankful to have a game, even a lopsided one, on the last week of the season this year.

The Warriors are a run first team and the Wildcat Defense was waiting on the run nearly every play. After going nowhere with the opening kickoff, the Warriors punted the ball to the Wildcats. The Cats scored in 4 plays highlighted by passes from Luke to Jack for 10 yards and a 29-yard pass from Luke M to Luke A. Dagim kicked the extra points attempt for an 8-0 lead. The Warriors fumbled on their first down

run, and Trent pounced on the loose ball. One play was all it took Will to find Dylan wide open for a 14-yard TD pass. Dagim was good on the kick 16-0.

The next series was not much different. The Warriors went nowhere on 3 downs. They punted. The Cats offense scored on two plays. Will connected with Luke A for a 28-yard pass and then a 2-yard TD pass on consecutive plays. Dagim kicked his third extra points kick for a 24-0 lead. The game was on repeat the next series with the Warriors going backwards on 3 plays and punting. Will took off on a 17-yard run then found Skyler on the next play for a 12-yard passing TD. The extra point broke the cycle as it was not a kick. Something went haywire and Dagim ended up completing a 3-yard conversion pass to Luke Albers. 31-0 for

the Cats. The Warriors did not gain much ground the next series either. Wildcat varsity took a breather with a 31-point lead on 9 plays. The fresh Wildcats did not let the Warriors defense rest. It took the Cats only 3 rushing plays to score. Layne had all three runs. One was 10 yards and one was an 18-yard TD run. He followed the TD with the kick after. 39-0. After holding the Warriors on downs the Cats took over and Kollin Fischer had some runs working the ball down the field. Layne Green punched in the 2-yard TD and got the kick after. 47-0

On first down Dagim jumped on a loose ball to put the Cats offense back on the gridiron. Kollin scored on the first play with a run of 20 yards. Blake ran in the 1 point conversion for a 52 point lead. After holding the Warriors deep in their own territory, Andrew

Schultz blocked their punt. On a fluke play the Cats touched the ball after the line of scrimmage and it was recovered by Southern Cloud. They promptly fumbled on first down and Skyler scooped up the ball for the score. 58-0 Cats. Skyler ended the next Warrior drive with a fumble recovery. The Cats missed a 1st down Field Goal attempt. The Warriors fumbled again; recovery by Andrew. The Cats tried another Field Goal and missed. The defense held again and the Cats tried one more field goal without success. The game ended with the Cats on defense. Wildcats were heavy favorites in this one and the Warriors turned the ball over many times to make the game more lopsided. On to the playoffs!

by Coach Lance McGuire



Kollin Fischer



Jack Ruckle

photos by Kyra Morgan

Cross Country Team Finishes Season

The Cunningham Wildcats finished their cross-country season on October 21st in the regional meet.

Ada finished in 28th place and had a fantastic year. Next year will be her fourth and final year in cross country and I am looking forward to all the exciting things to come for her.

Jack Harden finished in 30th place after battling sickness all week. As a freshman, he had a great year and I look forward to seeing what he can do in the future.

Thank you to all our parents and fans for all your support this year. We truly appreciate it.



I really wanted to include more photos from the concert of last week, but there was just not enough

room.

If I have some space next week, I'll slip in a couple more.

I didn't attend, but it looked like another fine program put on by our very talented music teachers and students.

Photos by Molly Morgan



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Minutes from Kingman County Commission

Chairman Henning called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. October 23, 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; Mr. Enyart; Julie Lyon; Vick Mader, Horizons Mental Health Director and Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director.

Online Visitors: User 02, Chrissy Bartel, Caller 01

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

Chairman Henning asked if there were any additions to the agenda. MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Henning asked if there was any public comment.

Larry Landwehr discussed that he attended the KDOT event in Newton last week and the bypass for Kingman and Pratt was discussed. Mr. Landwehr felt that Kingman was represented well at this event.

Amanda Stucky, Field Appraiser was in to ask a question of the Commissioners about a request received from Darran Headley about building on an existing slab and it being placed on NRP.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve NRP for Justin Headley on an existing slab. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Jamie Smith, County Treasurer was in to let the Commissioners know that she will be moved to the county checking to CBK (Citizens Bank of Kansas N.A.) after negotiations.

Ms. Smith submitted documents to be signed by the County Commissioners and County Clerk.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve Resolution 2023-R17, Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

The County Clerk submitted the September 16, 2023, Commission Meeting minutes for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the September 16, 2023, Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mary Schwartz, Health Nurse was in with a department report and let the Commissioners know that immunizations were up.

Ms. Schwartz discussed WIC modernization with the Commissioners and what still will need to be done in person.

Ms. Schwartz submitted the Medical consultant agreement between Dr. Morris and Kingman County.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve Dr. Morris as Kingman County Medical consultant. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioner.

Commissioner Thimesch discussed the KDOT meeting that was held in Wichita last week that was attended.

Vicki Mader, Horizons Mental Health was in with a quarterly update for the Commissioners.

Ms. Mader went over the financials and services with the Commission for July, August and September.

Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director was in with an update.

Mr. Goetz discussed the hog issue with the Commissioners and let

them know that he talked to the landowner.

Mr. Goetz discussed the tire issue on a property and what steps that need to be taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Elpers moved to go into executive session with Jamie Smith, County Attorney and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor at 10:03 a.m. to discuss an individual employee evaluation pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings, and they will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 10:13 a.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 10:13 a.m. with no decision made.

Leslie Schrag, Economic Development Director was in to request a match for a seed grant for Zenda City.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve a \$1,000.00 match for Zenda application for the TEFPI-SEED grant. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion.

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

Ms. Schrag submitted a grant resource guide, housing resource guide and childcare resource guide for the county commissioners.

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

Commissioners discussed the Christmas Dinner for the County Employees and would like for it to be on December 22, 2023.

Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in and let the Commissioners know that the FLAP project has been finished.

Mr. Arensdorf gave the Commissioners a structures evaluation for the Flat Ridge 4 & 5 received.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 11:19 a.m. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.



Subbing in the Slow Season

Kim Baldwin, McPherson County farmer and rancher

It's all downhill from here! While fall harvest continues on our central Kansas farm, the difference from harvesting the corn in August compared to beginning to harvest sorghum now is we can see the finish line ahead of us!

In all of my years on the farm, I know that the closer we get to Thanksgiving, the closer we are to wrapping up our fall farming requirements. I also know that we're getting closer to the end of this season because all the wheat has now been sown.

It's a great feeling to know that things on the

farm we've put lower on the list of priorities will start getting some attention.

Soon, we'll move equipment into the shop for the winter, spend some quality time deep cleaning the house and office, and I'll begrudgingly tackle piles of laundry. The cattle will be moved to winter pasture, the ram will be turned out with the ewes, and the migratory birds will present their patterns in the sky above.

In all, for our operation, we'll have much more flexibility in our days compared to what we've had over the last few months.

It's during this relatively flexible season where we often attend more meetings, take trips out of town with the family, RSVP to weddings without hesitation, regularly attend school events and generally feel better about firmly committing

to requests instead of taking the "I can do that if it rains" approach.

Simply put, once we reach that fall harvest and planting finish line, we can be more available. Available to our family. Available to our friends. Available to our communities.

One of the many areas that would absolutely welcome our availability is within our local schools. Schools are in desperate need of emergency substitutes. Whether it's filling in for a classroom teacher, para educator, kitchen staff, office staff, or bus driver, schools need help from those who are available.

It's a national issue that I know all too well having multiple family and friends working in public education. I also know the need because of what we are experiencing with our own children.

Recently we were notified our school district

was again consolidating bus routes because of a lack of regular drivers and substitute drivers available. Our school district communicated to us that it could take up to two and a half to three hours for some of our rural route kids to get home from school on consolidated routes.

You might not want to fully commit to driving a bus or being called whenever a substitute is needed for an entire school year. But in Kansas, there are allowances for emergency substitutes – both in the school building and transporting school kids.

For example, there is an allowance to waive a number of requirements to allow for emergency substitute bus drivers. The major catch is the emergency bus driver can drive no more than five days during a school year.

If you have your CDL, a quick trip to your local

DMV to pass some written and skills-based tests to receive your "passenger" and "school bus" endorsements will likely make you available for your local school district as an emergency substitute bus driver.

If you can be available for five days during your slower season to help drive a bus of FFA students to an event, to get the choir students to a contest, to allow a class of students to experience a field trip, to transport a sports team to their game or to promptly get kiddos to or from school, please consider contacting your local school district or the Kansas State Department of Education's School Bus Safety Unit to confirm you qualify.

Additionally, if you have your high school diploma, you're likely eligible to help serve as a substitute within Kansas school buildings per temporary modifications for

emergency substitute licensing.

Whether you can be available for a couple days to help out as an emergency substitute bus driver, or by helping in a school building, many of us in agriculture may be inching closer and closer to wrapping up fall activities on our operations.

As you get closer to your fall harvest finish line, consider reaching out to your local school district and see how your upcoming season of increased flexibility and availability can be of help to school staff and students during to your slower season on the farm.

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Kingman County Sheriff's Report

Sunday, October 22

Traffic Stop	1
Suspicious Vehicle	300 Blk E D Ave, Kingman
Miscellaneous	120 N Spruce, Kingman
Disturbance	400 Blk E B Ave, Kingman
Domestic	200 Blk E H Ave, Kingman
Traffic Complaint	9000 Blk E Hwy 54, Murdock
Suspicious Vehicle	4200 Blk NE 10 St, Kingman
Medical	500 Blk W 3rd Ave, Kingman
Medical	400 Blk E C Ave, Kingman

Monday, October 23

Traffic Stop	1
Civil Paper Service	2
Disabled Vehicle	14000 Blk E Hwy 54, Cheney
Fraud	120 N Spruce, Kingman
Disabled Vehicle	9000 Blk E Hwy 54, Murdock
Mental	10000 Blk SE 70 Ave, Kingman
Chase	12000 Blk W 54 Hwy, Cunningham
Trespassing	SE 50 St & SE 150 Ave, Cheney
Burglary	100 Blk S Robbins Rd, Norwich
Follow Up	120 N Spruce, Kingman
Miscellaneous	120 N Spruce, Kingman

Tuesday, October 24

Traffic Stop	2
Civil Paper Process	8
Non-Injury Accident	1700 Blk E Hwy 54, Kingman
Court	130 N Spruce, Kingman
Miscellaneous	120 N Spruce, Kingman
Court	130 N Spruce, Kingman
Trespassing	1900 Blk N Abbey Rd, Kingman
Parking Complaint	1200 Blk W Kansas Ave, Kingman
Follow Up	2000 Blk N Main St, Kingman
Check Welfare	600 Blk W A Ave, Kingman



Wednesday, October 25

Traffic Stop	2
Civil Paper Service	3
Non-Injury Accident	3600 Blk N Hwy 14, Murdock
Suspicious Activity	1600 Blk E Hwy 54, Kingman
Warrant Arrest	1100 Blk E Hwy 54, Kingman
Traffic Stop / Arrest / DUI	NE 40 Ave & E Hwy 54, Kingman
Traffic Complaint	SE 170 St & S Hwy 14, Harper

Thursday, October 26

Traffic Stop	1
Civil Paper Service	2
Follow Up	4500 Blk SE 160 Ave, Cheney
Non-Injury Accident	4800 Blk E Hwy 42, Rago

Friday, October 27

Traffic Stop	1
Civil Paper Process	4
Alarm	100 Blk N Main, Kingman
Non-Injury Accident	SW 110 St & SW 190 Avenue, Nashville
Follow Up	200 Blk S Main St, Spivey
Abandoned Vehicle	1500 Blk NE 50 St, Kingman
Medical	200 Blk E B Ave, Kingman
Disturbance	400 Blk E B Ave, Kingman
Agency Assist	13000 Blk SE 180 St, Norwich
Check Welfare	4000 Blk W Hwy 54, Kingman

Saturday, October 28

Traffic Stop	7
Civil Paper Service	3
Non-Injury Accident	300 Blk E D Ave, Kingman
Disabled Vehicle	W Hwy 54 & N Hwy 11, Kingman
Animal Complaint	500 E G Ave, Kingman
Traffic Complaint	2000 Blk W Hwy 54, Kingman
Alarm	100 Blk N Main St, Kingman
Animal Complaint	41300 Blk NE 130 Ave, Cheney
Theft	16000 Blk W Hwy 42, Nashville
Traffic Complaint	3200 Blk E Hwy 54, Kingman



October 4-H Events

Our first meeting of our 4-H year was held on October 8th, which was the annual bonfire meeting at Bock's pasture. We ate a meal and s'mores around the campfire. During the meeting we elected new officers. They are as follows: President: Taylor Schultz, Vice President: Andrew Schultz, Secretary: Emily Ogg, Reporter: Kendall Rogers, Treasurer: Nate Sterneker, Historian: Julia Hageman, Game leaders: Will Halderson, Weston Rogers, Hank Adams, Song Leader: Adam Sterneker, and Council Representatives:

Brianna Dittmer, Hank Adams.

After the first week of October, we finished our promotion week at the school. That is where we try and recruit new members. We set up a table at the school and displayed our 4-H projects on it. The high school 4-Hers also talked to the grade school and junior high classes about what 4-H is and why we do it. Also, Nate Sterneker and Ava Bock spoke about 4-H with Dr. A on his Wildcat Bites segment on the Cunningham School's Facebook page. Anyone interested in joining, please contact us.

On October 29, we had our 4-H Sunday where we chose a church to attend together. This year we chose to attend mass at the Cunningham Catholic Sacred Heart

Church. After mass, we then gathered in the hall to complete our 48 Hours of 4-H. 48 hours of 4-H is where the whole club gives back to the community and does volunteer work around our town. For this, we decided to make cookies for the volunteers in our communities to thank them for their service and for providing our town a better place to live. We made goodie bags with cookies and brownies and wrote thank you's for our volunteers. Then the baggies were delivered. We had 19 4-H members attend 4-H Sunday and 21 members attend 48 hours of 4-H.

Later that afternoon, we then attended our yearly Achievement Celebration at Cheney Methodist Church. We recognized all that

the 4-Hers have done throughout the year and were awarded pins and certificates. 14 members attended. Our club received the purple seal which is the best possible achievement for our club. We also recognized two of our youngest members, our cloverbuds: Weston Meireis and Nachon Ndambuki. We also had 3 people in our club get the Most Involved 4-H member award: Wyatt Neywick (age 9-10), Ava Neywick (age 11-13), and Kendall Rogers (age 14-18). Best 4-H story award: Kendall Rogers (14-18). Julia Hageman received the high honor of "4-H'er of the Year" for our Cunningham Club. We also have two new Kingman County Ambassadors accepted from our club: Andrew Schultz and Emily Ogg.

Most of our club members completed their record book and received certificates. They are as follows: Ada Adams, Henry Adams, Brianna Dittmer, Jessica Dittmer, Julia Hageman, Olivia Halderson, William Halderson, Ava Neywick, Wyatt Neywick, Emily Ogg, Jonathan Ogg, Katie Ogg, Kane Reid, Kendall Rogers, Leah Rogers, Weston Rogers, Andrew Schultz, Ty Schultz, Taylor Schultz, Adam Sterneker, and Nate Sterneker.

We had many members receive pins awards: Bronze Pin- Wyatt Neywick

Clover Pin- Jessica Dittmer, Leah Rogers, Ty Schultz, Adam Sterneker, and Nate Sterneker

Silver Pin- Ava Neywick, Katie Ogg, Kane Reid, and Weston

Rogers Leadership Pin- Emily Ogg, Kendall Rogers, and Andrew Schultz

Gold Pin- Taylor Schultz

We also had members receive an award for their 4-H project report:

Junior Dairy Goat- Wyatt Neywick, Champion.

Intermediate Dairy Goat- Ava Neywick, Champion.

Intermediate Poultry- Kane Reid, Champion.

Our club had a great year and the award ceremony proved that. Our next meeting is November 5th, 6:00, at the Cunningham Community Center. Anybody interested in joining 4-H is welcome to join us at the meeting.

-Kendall Rogers, Reporter



Julia Hageman received 2022-23 4-Her of the year for the Cunningham Club at the Achievement ceremony.



Taylor Schultz and Will Halderson write a thank you to a volunteer for 48 Hours of 4-H.




Our first meeting of our year was held at the Brandon and Abby Bock farm. We eat and have s'mores around the campfire.

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For 48 hours of 4-H, we gave cookies and wrote thank you's to give to volunteers in our community.



Kingman County Humane Society Pets Ready for Adoption

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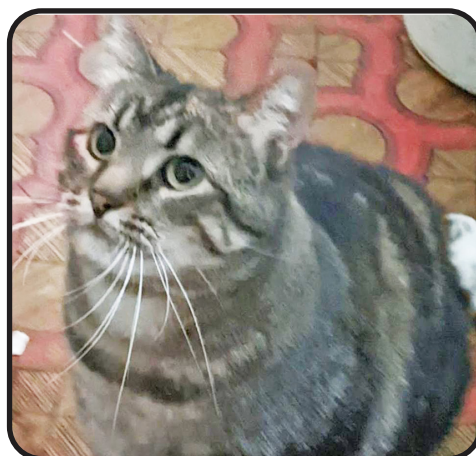


Female Mixed Breed -Hound, black and tan Coonhound
 about 38 pounds
 About 2 years old
 Jayla has been at the shelter since August 1, 2023
 Adoption Fee \$180.00
 Jayla is good with other dogs, and she is people friendly.


Whoever heard of a coonhound that doesn't bark? Apparently Jayla hasn't figured that out yet and that's fine with us! She is very sweet and learning to walk on a leash. She had been on her own for quite awhile before she made it to the shelter. She may have had some houstraining but will need some follow-up work to re-learn what she forgot. But she's eager to please, loves attention and just wants to be part of your family.

Miss Kitty

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Female Domestic Shorthair
 about 15 pounds
 about 5 years old
 \$40
 Miss Kitty has been at the shelter since Sept. 26, 2023


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Donations Needed for Kingman Humane Society

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

What Farmers and Ranchers Can Teach Us About Community

By Rick McNary

Farmers Know Community

I learned a powerful idea about community in an African refugee camp near Somalia. As thousands of refugees streamed into the camp, I was surprised at how quickly they shared whatever food was given them. Our guide summed up their philosophy of a survival-based community with this Swahili phrase translated into English: “Today it’s me; tomorrow it’s you.”

In other words, if someone had food today, they would share with someone without food knowing that tomorrow, the roles might be reversed. Their ideas of community were based on needing each other to survive.

After 40 years of sharpening my skills in building communities, whether they’re online, such as Shop Kansas Farms (SKF), or geo-

graphically defined like the small town of Potwin where I live, I’m convinced farmers and ranchers understand the concept of community better than the rest of us. They understand that community is based on needing each while most of us base our community on convenience. Let me explain.

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Community based on needing each other
When SKF was launched during the pandemic and the grocery store shelves were empty, there was a new fear many of us had never experienced — what if we ran out of food?

But farmers and ranchers stepped in and calmed public fears. When people were concerned about their own survival, they turned to farmers and ranchers for the solutions.

I began writing about farmers and ranchers more than eight years ago for Kansas Living as an outsider-looking-in and realized farmers and ranchers understand they need each other more than any other group

of people I know. For example, when one of them is sick, surrounding farmers and ranchers will take care of their crops, livestock and their entire operation while they’re incapacitated.

In 2017, a television journalist in Ohio told me she was working on one of the best stories of her 30-year career. There were 50 semi-trucks loaded with donations of hay, fencing, medicine and other farm and ranch supplies from Ohio farmers convoying to Kansas to help farmers devastated by the 650,000-acre Starbuck Fire. Then she said, “Farmers and ranchers understand community better than anyone else. They know they need each other to survive.”

Community based on convenience

Many of us base community on convenience. We live in the same neighborhood, watch our kids in the same schools, and might see each other in other at church or civic meetings, but we don’t understand we need each other to survive.

After I returned from my trip to the refugee camp, I flagged down my neighbor one day as he drove by. As he rolled down his window, curious as to why I stopped him, I told him the combination to my keypad for my front door and told him that he and his wife were welcome to use our house anytime they needed it. There was plenty of food, plenty of water for bathing and laundry, and a closet full of clothes to which they could help themselves. Puzzled, he reassured me that he and his wife were doing okay then asked me why I felt the bizarre need to offer our home. He knew I had a point I was trying to make, but he wasn’t sure what it was.

“I’m proving to myself that while you and I live a stone’s throw away from each other, we re-

ally don’t believe we need each other to survive. We talk with each other maybe once every six months, but we don’t understand we need each other.”

I then explained what I had learned in that refugee camp which led to an engaged discussion about what it means to need each other.

A few months later, we were awakened in the middle of the night by he and his wife furiously ringing our doorbell. Their home was on fire and they had barely escaped the raging inferno with their lives. For a couple of days, our home was their headquarters as people brought food, clothing and everything else they needed.

“You were right; we do need each other to survive,” he said to me on the second day.

Shop Kansas Farms as a community

Shop Kansas Farms began as a community based on survival but has grown into a unique community based on the public’s love for farmers and ranchers and the food they grow. While we might not have always understood that we do need them to survive, that powerful lesson came to us during the pandemic. And because they rescued us from our fears, we will forever have a soft place in our hearts for them.

A good community is one that understands they need each to survive. The best community is one filled with love, admiration and support — all of which describe Shop Kansas Farms.



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K-State Plans Winter Canola Field Tours

Nov. 6

Stamm says events will provide updates on marketing and fall management

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Kansas State University, Scouler and the Great Plains Canola Association will host field tours in Kingman and Sumner counties on Nov. 6 to highlight marketing of winter canola and fall management decisions.

According to K-State canola breeder Mike Stamm, the field tours

are an opportunity to see established winter canola fields or variety trials as the crop enters the colder months of the growing season. He said management decisions to ensure a good stand will be discussed, however, he points out that questions related to marketing of the crop remain a hot topic.

Ed Prosser, senior vice president for Omaha, Nebraska-based Scouler which is building a crush facility near Goodland, said “there has never been a better time to grow winter canola in the Central Plains, with the market demand for vegetable oil soaring.”

“These tours will connect farmers to Scouler experts on marketing and delivery points to help set them up for success,” he said.

“Scouler’s investment in the crush facility in Goodland created renewed interest in planting canola this fall,” Stamm said. “With the opening of the facility still on the horizon, it is important we give producers an opportunity to get their marketing questions answered. We want to put everyone in the best position possible to harvest and market a successful crop next summer.”

The first field day on Nov. 6 will be held in

Kingman County south of Norwich at 11 a.m. From the KS-2 and SE 150th Avenue intersection, drive north and take a left on SE 160th Street. The plots are 1/4 mile west on the south side of the road.

The second field day on Nov. 6 will be held in Sumner County at 3 p.m. From the US-81 and S. Sumner Rd. intersection (2.3 miles east of Caldwell), turn south and drive 1 1/4 miles. The plots are on the east side of the road.

More information also is available from Stamm at 785-532-3871, or mjstamm@ksu.edu.

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1. Dylan lyric, “There was music in the ___ at night and revolution in the air”
6. *Many scientists have this
9. Alpha Centauri B, e.g.
13. Measured in kilowatt-hours, on electric bill
14. Ring of flowers
15. TV’s “___ Blinders”
16. Make believe
17. Public promotions
18. Appropriate for Halloween
19. *F unit of capacitance named in whose honor?
21. *Marine biologist and “Silent Spring” author
23. L.A. baller
24. Not on a rolling stone?
25. Value added reseller
28. New Zealand fruit
30. Option at a hot dog stand, adj.
35. One’s final notice
37. Without, in French
39. Time being
40. Toy construction set brand
41. Turning token taker
43. Jewish month
44. Jab on field of play
46. A ride up ski hill
47. Short for Milton
48. *A unit of electric current named in whose honor?
50. Home to Zion National Park
52. Wood-shaping tool
53. Morays, pl.
55. One little piggy
57. *A telescope was named in his honor
60. *Primatologist and world’s foremost expert on chimpanzees

DOWN

1. Take into custody
2. On a deck?
3. So-so
4. a.k.a. tent caterpillar or lappet moth
5. Maurice of “Where the Wild Things Are”
6. Eugene O’Neill’s creation
7. He had
8. Popular 70s genre
9. Witnesses
10. Hawaiian tuber
11. Similar
12. Kind of bourbon
15. P in POI
20. Out of whack
22. Cleopatra’s killer, according to legend
24. Not a full size bus
25. *V unit of electric potential named in whose honor?
26. Crosswise, on deck
27. Build temporarily (2 words)
29. *W unit of power named in whose honor?
31. Type of rich soil
32. Most populous country
33. Burn with water
34. *Synonymous with unit of frequency and a car rental company

ACROSS

36. Muscle quality
38. Floor plank
42. Muse of love poetry
45. The ___ makers of “Pitch Perfect”
49. #53 Across, sing.
51. Vacuum cleaner, in U.K.
54. Like kale or spinach
56. Swelling of human organs
57. Golfer’s destination
58. Desires
59. Ancient Semitic deity
60. Lump of stuff
61. Black tropical cuckoos
62. Guitar forerunner
63. Is it really more?
64. *Carl Benz invented the first practical modern one in the 1880s
66. Retirement plan, acr.

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Minutes from Pratt County Commission

The Pratt County commissioners met in regular session Monday, October 23, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. in the commissioner room, 1st floor of the courthouse. The following members were present: Thomas W. Jones III, Rick Shriver, Dwight Adams, Tyson Eisenhower, county counselor, Lori Voss, county clerk and Mark Graber, IT director.

Heather Morgan, economic development/covid consultant, stated the city of Iuka gave her authority to work with the state for the ARPA reporting. She is still working with a company wanting to come to Pratt. She reported she had met with the governor's office new water policy advisor to understand better what the joint letter from the governor and U.S. Senator Jerry Moran meant for the days to come in terms of reaching an agreement on the Quivira Impairment. Essentially what was learned is that the division of water resources within the Kansas Department of Agriculture is the lead on this issue. They will be hosting various community/stakeholder meetings in the months ahead with the goal of finding compromises which will result in local producers using less water, possible augmentation, retirement of water rights, etc. Or

any combination of using less water and moving water which will create compromises that are acceptable to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services. It is not the state of Kansas that has to agree to the compromise solutions but it is the Federal U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services. This process toward compromise is the last opportunity to not have a situation occur where the state would have to issue an order which could dramatically cut the ability to use water which has been being used by local citizens for years. It is critical that a compromise is reached which will gradually (but within a few year window) reduce the impairment rather than have an order that immediately severely cuts water use which would have a significant economic impact. Stakeholders are encouraged to be reasonable and seek compromise to avoid a significant negative economic impact on the area.

Also, the city of Hays request to move water from the water right they purchased in Edwards County to Ellis County has reached the end of its lengthy court process. It is likely that in the next few months there will be a ruling on this movement of water from one basin to another which will set the precedent for how these sorts of water movements are handled in the future. Finally, the governor opened up \$1.5 million in grant funds from the Kansas water

plan for entities to apply for to fund projects which achieve the goals which have been outlined in the water plan.

Darcie Vander Vyver, health director requested an executive session. Commissioner Adams made a motion to recess into executive session for ten minutes at 2:06 p.m. for non-elected personnel, concerning an employee. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to return from executive session at 2:11 p.m. with no action taken. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

She reported they are administering flu shots and COVID shots. The work force development grant has been resubmitted because many things were not approved so she rewrote the grant request.

Vicki Mader, Horizon Mental Health, gave an update on their services and financials.

Mark Graber, IT director, reported he has been working with SC Telcom to get phone service installed at the health department. He presented the cost savings county wide going with SC Telcom over AT&T.

Tara Pagenkopf, RSVP director, presented checks for signatures. She requested the county pay the Integreen bill for shutting off the generator. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to pay the Integreen invoice for shutting down

the generator for \$92.65 to be paid out of the commissioner budget. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion.

Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Adams made a motion to recess into executive session for fifteen minutes at 2:31 pm to discuss an attorney/client matter concerning a contract. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Adams made a motion to return from executive session at 2:46 p.m. with no action taken. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Brian Atteberry, EMS director, presented a quote for a 2024 Ford Transit Ambulance from Osage Supply for \$144,550, includes \$6000 graphics allowance. He will contact Heather to work on the process of purchasing with ARPA funds. The contract with Career Search for continuing education expired. He would like to contract with Foamfrat, LLC, for continuing education for EMS for \$2799.80. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to approve the contract with Foamfrat, LLC, for \$2799.80. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

DJ McMurray, appraiser, reported he had an employee quitting at the end of the month. He will be advertising for that position.

Commissioner

Adams made a motion to approve a donation to Lemon Park lights. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to approve a road crossing for a gas line nine miles north on 281 highway, 90th & 50th for McGuinness Energy Company, Inc. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to approve the hiring of Wesley Halley for the road department at \$17.00. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the minutes from October 16, 2023. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve a raise of \$2.00 for Susan Pixler in the clerk's office. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the hiring of Makenzie Baird part time for the county clerk office at \$15.50. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to recess for a five-minute break at 3:05 p.m. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Shriver Made a motion to return from break at 3:10 pm. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to recess into executive session at 3:10 p.m. for thirty minutes to discuss attorney/client matter concerning multiple legal issues. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to return from executive session at 3:32 p.m. with no action taken. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the payment vouchers for October 23, 2023. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Shriver stated at the 911 meeting they talked about a tree growing into the tower that needs trimmed. Tyson stated the county owns the property so the county will need to have it trimmed.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to adjourn at 3:40 p.m. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

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Brad McDonald

Brad Michael McDonald, 48, passed away Wednesday, October 25, 2023 in Wichita. He was born on March 12, 1975 in Kiowa to Richard Lee and Anita Corine (Ash) McDonald. Brad married Regan Ayn (Cavanaugh) McDonald on November 16, 1996 in Pratt. They were married for 26 years.



Brad graduated from Pratt High School in 1993. He worked as a manager for Allmetal Recycling, previously known as Heavy Metal. He was a member of First Southern Baptist Church. He was a Kansas High School State Official since 2000 and was a State Football Official in 2006. He was President of MIH Club. He was a member of Pratt High School Booster Club, Pratt Community College and Pratt High School athletic sponsor and many other youth sports athletics and lifelong member of Chiefs Kingdom. He enjoyed all things sports, attending his weekly Bible Study, collecting sports memorabilia and becoming an avid sneakerhead. He enjoyed spending time with his family, especially nephews, nieces and grandchildren. He loved supporting his friend's children and children of the community.

He is survived by his dog, Beasley June; wife, Regan Ayn McDonald; daughter, Reese Anne (Riley) Bowman of Wichita; son, Aidan Dean McDonald of Pratt; sisters, Ashley Jo Cook of Kansas City, Missouri and Jody (Kyle) Grizzell of Pratt; grandsons, Emmerich Micheal Bowman and Anderson Callaway Bowman; father, Butch McDonald of Kingman; step-mother, Reta McDonald of Pratt; and parents in-law, Kevin and Tracy Cavanaugh of Kansas City; and was FUNcle to many nieces and nephews.

Brad is preceded in death by his mother, Anita Corine Cook and grandfather, Dillman Ash.

Visitation will be Thursday, November 2, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. with family receiving friends from 5-7 at Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt. Funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m., Friday, November 3, 2023 at First Southern Baptist Church with Pastor Steve Taylor presiding. A graveside service will follow at 3:00 p.m. at Highland Cemetery, Medicine Lodge.

Memorials may be made to Pratt Booster Club or Ronald McDonald House in care of Larrison Mortuary.

The Family encourages everyone to wear Red or Chiefs attire in honor of Red Friday and Brad.

Bill Hlavachick

Pratt - Bill D. "Poppy" Hlavachick, 90, passed away Saturday, October 28, 2023 at Ascension Via Christi St. Francis in Wichita. He was born on October 14, 1933 in Pawnee, Oklahoma to William and Ruby Jayne (Heimen) Hlavachick. Bill married Linda Sue (McDonald) Hlavachick on July 22, 1964 in Colby. She preceded him in death on April 4, 2014.



Bill graduated La Jara High School in 1951. He served in the United States Navy during the Korean Conflict. He worked as a Wildlife Biologist for the State of Kansas Forestry Fish and Game for 33 years. He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation. He was an official Boone and Crockett Scorer. He served as the Pratt City Commissioner for 21 years and served 3 terms as Mayor of Pratt. He volunteered at the Food Bank and for the Sacred Heart Thanksgiving Dinner. He enjoyed fly fishing, hunting wildlife, camping, cooking, reading and spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was a very loved man and was willing to help anyone in need, especially children. He was a pioneer in the distribution of wildlife to the state of Kansas, including antelope, deer, otter, turkey, and prairie chickens.

He is survived by his children, Andie Hlavachick and Brian (Deidre Hurley) Hlavachick both of Pratt; grandchildren, Amber Danks of Hutchinson, Miranda Elaine (Dustin) Brumley of Hesston and William Landon Hlavachick of Wichita; great-grandchildren, Scott, Charleigh, Irelynn and Declan, Bradlie, Alessa and Diesel; sister in-laws, Alice Hlavachick of Redding, California, Cleta Hlavachick of Grand Junction, Colorado, Janice Merz of Pratt and Carolea Mathison of Walla Walla, Washington; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Bill is preceded in death by his parents; wife, Linda Hlavachick; sons, Jeffrey Hugh Hlavachick and Matthew Lane Hansen; and brothers, Dale Clinton Hlavachick and Leawn Roy Hlavachick.

Visitation will be Tuesday and Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt. A rosary and vigil service will be held at 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 1, 2023 at Larrison Mortuary. The family will receive friends following the Vigil service. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 9:30 a.m., Thursday, November 2, 2023 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Pratt with Father Charles Atuah presiding. Burial will follow at Greenlawn Cemetery, Pratt.

Memorials may be made to Pratt Public Library or Wildlife Museum in care of Larrison Mortuary. Online condolences may be made at www.larrison-mortuary.com.

Governor Announces Kansas to Receive More than \$5.4M to Improve 9-8-8 Capacity

TOPEKA – Governor Laura Kelly announced today that the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (KDADS) is receiving more than \$5.4 million from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). Over three years, this funding will build local capacity for the 9-8-8 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline and related crisis services.

"These funds are critical to ensure we have the staff and resources to address the mental health crisis in Kansas," Governor Laura Kelly said. "Another funding avenue would be expanding Medicaid, which is already the primary payer of behavioral health services in the United States. By expanding Medicaid, we could leverage that tool to support mental health care services further."

The States and Territories to Improve Local 9-8-8 Capacity program will provide nearly \$1.9 million in the first year and nearly \$1.8 million in the following two years to improve response to 9-8-8 contacts — calls, chats, and texts — originating in Kansas. This funding will support the program's goals of increasing workforce support for the growing 9-8-8 demand through hiring, recruiting, and training; improving the public communication of 9-8-8 services, including those for high-risk populations; and continuing to expand post-contact support connections with services such as mobile crisis outreach and crisis stabilization services to ensure adults and youth experiencing mental health crisis receive faster access

to trained mental health professionals.

"Crisis support and access to mental health care and ensuring more people in crisis get the help and support they need is increasingly critical for Kansans," KDADS Secretary Laura Howard said. "Applying for and being selected to receive this new additional 9-8-8 funding reflects our state's commitment to build on the crisis care framework we have been and continue to develop and strengthen it to provide increased access across our communities."

Among other benefits, funding provided through this program will afford Kansas the ability to recruit, hire, and train additional staff to ensure state contact centers can collect and report monthly data on contacts that result in emergency rescue, suicide attempts in progress, and mobile crisis outreach referrals.

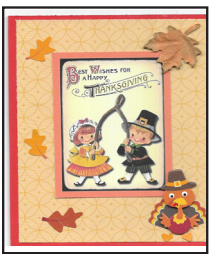
KDADS currently partners with three National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (NSPL) contact centers for 24/7 coverage of 9-8-8 calls, chats, and texts. The NSPL contact centers are Johnson County Community Mental Health (JCCMH), Sedgwick County (Comcare responds to NSPL calls), and Kansas Suicide Prevention HQ (KSPHQ). Additionally, Wyandot Behavioral Health Network Inc. is in the process of gaining certification as a contact center, and HealthSource Integrated Services (HIS) serves as a statewide backup contact center.

KDADS will partner with Comcare, JCCMHC, KSPHQ, Wyandot Behavioral Health Network, and HealthSource for this program.

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To the women who shared their quilts and dishes with us, we thank you! We enjoyed having them on display and learning the stories behind them. They brought warmth to the library and now that they're down, we sure miss them!

Thanks to those who donated the gifts for the weekly prize drawings. Special thanks to Rogene Jarmer, Darren Parker, and Jane Meyers for the terrific raffle prizes, and thank you, Jane, for creating that beautiful quilt for our silent auction. These prizes all drew so much interest!

Thanks to everyone who helped with the fundraiser and who gave so generously! Please watch for what's ahead at CPL. We're so excited to bring more community programs to the library!

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