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BOE Will Meet Monday

July 11, 2022
7:00 PM
AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Agenda (AI)
- III. Guest Recognition
- IV. Approval of the minutes of the June 6, 2022 regular meeting (AI)
- V. Approval of the minutes of the June 27, 2022 budget hearing meeting (AI)
- VI. Approval of financial reports and payment of bills (AI)
- VII. Organization (AI)
 - a. Appointments (Consent):
 - i. Clerk
 - ii. Treasurer
 - iii. Depository
 - iv. Auditor
 - v. Attorney
 - vi. Official Newspaper
 - vii. Freedom of information officer
 - viii. Custodian of records
 - ix. Truancy Officer
 - x. KPERS Representative
 - xi. Local Homeless Liaison
 - xii. Hearing Officer for Suspension and Expulsion
 - xiii. Food Service Representative
 - xiv. Hearing Officer for Free and Reduced Meals
 - xv. Compliance Coordinator for Federal Anti-Discrimination Laws including Title VI, Title VII, Title IX, and Section 504 (ADA)
 - b. New Fiscal Year action items:
 - i. Resolution 2023-001 Establish USD #332 Petty Cash Fund and Cunningham Schools Petty Cash Fund
 - ii. Resolution 2023-002 Establish a School Activity Account
 - iii. Resolution 2023-003 Establish Depository
 - iv. Resolution 2023-004 Authorize Payment of Warrants Before Board Action
 - v. Resolution 2023-005 Maintain a Direct Deposit Account
 - vi. Resolution 2023-006 Waive the Annual Requirement of General Accepted Accounting Principles and Fixed Asset Accounting

- vii. Resolution 2023-007 Establish Board Meeting Dates
- viii. Resolution 2023-008 Rescind Previous Policies and Adopt Policies to Govern the District During the 2022-2023 School Year
- ix. Resolution 2023-009 Comply With Immunization Laws and Regulations
- x. Resolution 2023-010 Home Rule
- xi. Resolution 2023-011 Agreement for Administrative Services for the 403b Retirement Program
- xii. Resolution 2023-012 Approve Employee Section 125 Plan
- xiii. Resolution 2023-013 Adopt Hazard Mitigation Plan
- xiv. Authorize disposal of old records
- xv. Authorize district participation in federal programs
- xvi. Adoption of 1,116 hour school year
- xvii. Approval to liquidate surplus property
- xviii. Approval for participation in the Federal Food Service Program
- VIII. Old Business
 - a. Approve KASB Policy updates (AI)
 - b. Approve Student Handbook (AI)
 - c. Bond project update
- IX. Reports
 - a. Superintendent Report – Mr. Reed
 - b. End of Year Budget report
 - c. Principal Report- Mr. Dunlap
 - d. Special Education- Travis Thimesch
- X. New Business (AI)
 - a. Approve membership in KASB and KASB Legal Assistance
 - b. Approve membership in ESSDACK
 - c. Executive Session (personnel)
 - d. Budget- needs assessment, Revenue neutral rate
 - e. Approve 22-23 fees
 - f. Approve 22-23 Supplemental duties
- XI. Adjournment

Takeaways from the June City Council Meeting

Public comments:

Monte Rose spoke first about the EMT training beginning August first. Currently two people are taking the class. It will be held here at the Cunningham Fire Station. Jack Thimesch said that the county will help with funding.

Eric Meyers spoke of concerns for Leiter Street (*it is a mess, to say the least*). He also has concerns about some of the new and old fencing that is being constructed. (*The city does have codes and regulations for residential fencing, and those rules and regulations need to be followed so our community stays looking nice.*)

Angela Murphy asked permission to place some benches outside Cozy's where customers can sit while they wait or their orders or to be seated inside. Permission was granted.

Walt Rosenbaum had concerns as well. The use of golf carts by non-licensed drivers (*i.e. KIDS*) gives him great concern. They are not abiding by traffic laws. He says he is scared of what can happen. He also brought up the three-wheelers hot-rodding around town. (*If it's your kid, you might want to have a word with them.*) He said too many dogs are still running loose. (*Folks, your dog is NOT to be running loose. They must be on a leash when they are not on your property.*) He also asked about trim limb pick up. The council did say they are willing to pick up limbs for senior citizens who can not remove the limbs themselves. If you are able-bodied, limb removal is your responsibility. He complimented the city on how clean of a town we have here. (*He is correct; for the most part, our community is a clean and tidy place... with a few properties that are the exception.*)

Tim Schultz asked about a pool party for the German Exchange Program.

Leslie Schrag was on the agenda. She wanted to know if the council would again contribute to the economic development in Kingman County. The cost would be \$1000. The mayor said he'd like to hear from Julie (Goetz) Lyon first.

Leslie then discussed the child care need in Kingman County. She said child care and early childhood needs to be a focus for the county. A movie and discussion took place later that week. She plans to start a task force to pursue this and to see who would be interested in being a child care provider.

She also discussed housing needs in small communities, and she stressed the benefits of the MIH (Middle Income House) program. (*editor's note: We also need buildings for businesses.*)

Julie Lyon spoke at length about her work with Stafford and other small rural communities much like ours. She talked about Landbanks and how this program can be used to clean up city properties that are in need of care. The council asked many questions and Julie answered their questions with knowledge about her subject.

After visiting at length with her, they agreed to pay \$1,000 to the Kingman County Economic Development.

Cody Linville then talked to the council about the fence he was building on South Douglas Street. The city council asked him to erect a fence that was made for residential homes, something aesthetically pleasing.

Molly gave the fire department report for Harold Stark. The department had a few fires this past month. One on May 30 at the Holcomb farm, another on June 17 in one of the Klausmeyer fields, and on June 19 at the old Finley McClellan place west of town. That fire was suspicious in nature.

The council approved a cyber insurance policy for \$50,000 with Strong Insurance.

Budget preparation, revenue neutral rates and audits were discussed. Special budget meeting will be held July 11th, with the budget hearing scheduled for August 29th.

Jackie Ruckle, property officer gave her report. She said tree limb/brush pile/mowing notices were sent out. She also made comments on the properties around town that were being spruced up.

Mesa Sallee discuss the sewer cleaning and the issues that rose with it such as manhole cover broken, a sewer pipe cracked, treeroot killer added where it was needed.

Fourth street from Wheat Street to Valley will be getting some work done on it!! (*Finally!*)

Pool news? The leak that has been prevalent the last few years appears to have abated somewhat. One lifeguard quit.

Official minutes will be out after this month's meeting.



Registration Deadline is July 12th to vote in the August 2nd Election

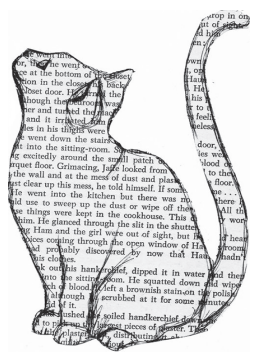


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Meanderings

This weekend has left our community with an emptiness that can't be filled. As many of you heard, Jack Meyers passed away on Saturday morning.

He will be missed. You know, Jack was Cunningham. Or Cunningham was Jack. They fit together so well, they were one.

At Jack's funeral this morning, second son, Eric spoke to the mourners. He said Jack didn't like to brag about himself.

He'd brag about his kids and grandkids, the bank employees, but never himself. True statement. One more thing I thought of that Jack loved to boast about - his hometown. He loved Cunningham and dedicated his life to our community.

I have known Jack my entire life. I have snippets of memories from when I was just a little girl, before I even started school. I remember sitting at the table at the Meyers' when Jack came in the door via the garage. I remember him smiling as he looked at the kids sitting at the table. I know he said something, but the words are not there in my memory.

I recall laying on the family room floor there at Chris and Eric's home. It was raining outside and we were coloring and drawing. Jack came

in and sat in a chair in front of the window and watched us. I remember him smiling while he talked to us.

Growing up, I don't remember thinking of him as Jack Meyers. He was just "Chris and Eric's dad". It wasn't until I was in high school when I called him Mr. Meyers. Then I moved away, and only banked when I was home for holidays or long weekends. I remember talking to him a bit about my college experiences. We talked about the Belle Plaine Arboretum when I told him I had a teaching job there. By then, I was calling him "Jack."

So, I moved back to Cunningham in 2005. (I can't even believe it's been 17 years come September.)

A couple of years later I was on city council. (This is terrible, but I re-

ally can't remember the year I began serving... 2007? 2008?) In the gymnasium one evening (and no I don't remember why we were there) Jack made a comment along the lines that I would be his replacement when he was ready to retire as mayor of our fine town. I just laughed. I took the compliment with the proverbial grain salt.

But you know what, I was quite pleased when I did become the next mayor and Jack was there to hand the 'gavel' over to me. He had more faith in me than I had in myself, and when someone counts on one like that, you try your best to step up to the gavel and do the job right. I hope he was okay with the job I did. He was a hard act to follow.

While I love my hometown, I don't think

I could care for it as much as Jack so obviously did. I think about all the times he drove around our community, checking out was going on; all the folks he talked to in the bank, all the coffee hours he enjoyed. Jack Meyers may be gone, but I think he'll always be watching over our community.

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Well, the summer of 2022 is here. Those few days of cooler weather last week, were so enjoyable. The air conditioner was turned off, the windows opened, and all was right with the world. But now.. well, Southern Pioneer will like me again. The air is on. Windows closed. Ugh!

Always reading, and currently reading "The First Deadly Sin" by Lawrence Sanders, Roberta

"So many people walk around with a meaningless life. They seem half-asleep, even when they're busy doing things they think are important. This is because they're chasing the wrong things. The way you get meaning into your life is to devote yourself to loving others, devote yourself to your community around you, and devote yourself to creating something that gives you purpose and meaning."

— Mitch Albom, Tuesdays with Morrie

"The thing with heat is, no matter how cold you are, no matter how much you need warmth, it always, eventually, becomes too much."

— Victoria Aveyard, Glass Sword

Tallgrass and Tumbleweeds by Gaille Pike

Dear Readers, I'm worried about you this morning, this Official start to our July 4th holiday, when the only thing on my plate is why hot dogs and hamburgers are never sold in the same numbers as their buns?

I know how lucky I am to have folks joining us here to celebrate versus me scampering across the state. From news I can't seem to avoid, record numbers of you are flying. And

instead of shucking corn or making potato salad, I'm fretting about YOU because the other news at this hour is that nearly 300 flights have already been cancelled and over 2000 are delayed.

My heart goes out to you if your holiday depends on air travel. It's been true for decades, for ALL airlines, departure and arrival times are empty promises, wishful thinking and a roll of the dice. Sadly, every expert

I've heard today warns air travelers over this 4th will be THE WORST.

One friend of mine won't fly to any destination he can reach by car in 24 hours. His math is compelling. He multiplies the following by an Aggravation Factor: packing time; time to airport; parking; TSA screening; and the "hurry up and wait" at your Gate; the Byzantine boarding procedures, and the battles with fellow passengers (in line and once on board.)

I don't care if you're a first-time flyer or if you are Imelda Marco and need a steamer-trunk to carry all your shoes—if

your carry-on luggage won't fit in a compact car, you are just plain rude.

Before the airplane door ever closes, you can hyperventilate in exasperation. To this equation he adds the same hassles (in reverse) for all layovers and upon arrival when (IF) you get where you were going. I rarely find fault with his calculations. And I concur that these days one flies unfriendly skies.

But when my friend asserts trains would be better, I'm unconvinced. If there were more passenger train routes, would there'd be no more worry about "getting" to the church on time?" Would

we all be a heck of a lot happier? True, there be no more sardine-packed jetway. No more elbow wrestling for an armrest. Four elbows and two armrests? That's the hamburger-hotdog-bun conundrum all over again!

He's right that you if want to call a trip off, you can exit a train more easily than a plane. If you're flying over Indiana and the kid behind won't stop kicking your seat, you can't just hop out. But I suspect people are the problem so even if trains run on time I'm not convinced there'll be less aggravation.

My friend does admits that one time flying on

July 4th gave him "something you'll NEVER get on a train." He flew sea to sea, viewing a never-ending light show from 30,000 feet, fireworks popping in a clear night skies from from every city, town, and farm. And to this day, it was one of the best nights of his life.

So whichever way you travel (or have travelled), I wish you Godspeed as I roast marshmallows and light the sky. Let's celebrate together our Independence Day.

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



My Breast Cancer Experience: Part 24

By Beth Blasi 2021-2022 June 2022 - Another one-year milestone of recovering from surgery and embracing my new "flat" look last year. And then finally getting the Onco Score and determining the treatment plan and then delays in starting Chemotherapy. I am so glad I am beyond the whirlwind of emotions and the unknown that was going on a year ago. I try to remain positive that the chemotherapy route will pay off and I'll not have a recurrence any time soon! But, to be honest, that recurrence threat is always lurking at the back of my mind. But, again, there are several folks that have had no issues for many years!

I had another follow-up CT scan and lab-work. The scan basically indicated that the areas of concern (spot) in my chest has remained the same and there doesn't appear to be any new things showing up. Good news!

Finally, finally, after re-scheduling 3 times, I made it to the dermatologist. They didn't seem to be too concerned about my saga of the brown spots getting red and peeling off my arms during chemotherapy (I sure don't miss them!). I asked the dermatologist to burn off a couple of those crusty things that keep showing up. There was a suspicious spot on my leg, however, that just seemed to never heal and would scab and, of course, bleed if bumped. It's been there a while and I figured it was a result of shaving over it but I had been really careful about not shaving over it and of course, never shaved it during chemotherapy when my hair was gone. So, she

scraped it and sent it to be biopsied. You know how my luck runs? Well, of course, it came back as a superficial basal carcinoma. Apparently, it is just that - superficial - and should not really metastasize or become a real problem, but should be treated. This treatment is a chemotherapy cream for 6 weeks - Imiquimod. Sounds like it will probably look really nasty for a while and then should heal up and maybe leave a slight scar.

My fingernails continue to grow but several do seem to have another layer growing underneath. Just another couple trimmings and I hope they get all evened out. My thumbnails are finally making it to the end of my thumb to try to be a normal nail. I might even need to trim them soon! Both of them still have a pretty good ridge on them but I hope that will eventually grow out as well.

So far, the curly hair remains (and so does the gray!). It still fluffs out

(even after a nap!) and is still not long enough to do much with it yet. Decisions, decisions - do I let it grow out? Do I just start trimming it and keep it short? Think I'll let it get a little longer to see how the curl holds out - maybe it will turn into a wave - maybe I'll just want to keep it short. Such decisions!

As much as my taste has improved, there are still some things that don't taste quite like I think they should. And after my love affair with oatmeal during my chemotherapy, it's not at the top of my food list anymore unless it happens to be in the form of a no-bake cookie or oatmeal cookie or oatmeal cake - well, you get the idea. Some things just really don't have a taste, but I think my tongue continues to wake up. It's not like I really refuse to eat anything.....

Remember that last year I really made the effort to walk 30 minutes a day on the treadmill? I was doing really well at

sticking to that resolve until the last part of my chemotherapy. Having the motivation to get back into the habit once I was getting my strength back earlier this year proved to be difficult - but eventually I was getting there. Then, Murphy's Law and my bad luck strikes, and the treadmill goes on the fritz a month or so ago (maybe too many lightning storms?). It would turn on, but the buttons didn't want to work. I finally punched buttons, turned off and on, unplugged and replugged, and finally got it to respond to a few things and got in my 30 minutes. I finally just unplugged it and decided to let it rest (sounds like a good excuse, right?). Then things got crazy and it seemed we were on the run all the time. Finally, with the rains, I decided to see if the treadmill had recuperated after its vacation. I plugged it in, and TA DA it seemed to work! I could at least adjust the speed and got my

30 minutes in. However, no other buttons seemed to work - including the stop button. Never fear! It has a safety mechanism that it won't start unless this magnetic attachment is in place and will turn off when that same attachment is disconnected - so I was able to stop it without jumping off and unplugging it. So now, I get a little more exercise since I have to stoop over to plug it in and unplug it - that counts doesn't it?

Our garden looks like my husband and I sometimes feel in this heat with our cancer battles - wilted and wimpy. However, it's always hopeful when you can see that the plants are surviving and continue to grow and might even produce something - there's hope for us!

Hope you had a "bang-up" Independence Holiday! By-the-way - I loved the "spuddle" column last week. I can totally relate!

Next Steps: Holiday and VBS

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Thursday, July 7th 12:00 p.m. Water exercise class	Wednesday, August 10th 2022-2023 School Enrollment
Sunday, July 10 Community Center 3:00 - 5:00 Monte Rose Retirement	Monday, August 15th 1st Day of Fall Sports
Monday, July 11th 7:00 p.m. BOE meeting	Wednesday, August 24th First Day of School

Monte Has Retired!
Help him celebrate!
A reception sponsored by the City of Cunningham and the EMS Board will be held on **Sunday, July 10th at the Community Center. Come and go 3:00-5:00.**

FREE BREAD & BAKED GOODS AT THE CUNNINGHAM METHODIST CHURCH 2 P.M. TO 5:00 P.M. ON TUESDAYS

"To eat bread without hope is still slowly to starve to death."
— Pearl S. Buck, *To My Daughters, With Love*

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9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
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Angie Mertens at 620-532-4354 or Alan Albers at 620-298-2725 or Mike McGovney at 620-770-9503



Fort Hays State University Releases Spring 2022 Dean's Honor Roll

HAYS, Kan. – A total of 1,649 students earned places on the Dean's Honor Roll at Fort Hays State University for the spring 2022 semester.

The Dean's Honor Roll includes undergraduate students only. To be eligible, students must have completed 12 or more credit hours and earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.60 for the semester. Full-time on-campus and FHSU Online students are eligible.

CUNNINGHAM
Isabelle Wegerer
Kylee Ricke

KINGMAN
Abby Flickner
Dalton Freund
Hayden Albright

NORWICH
Coy Lampe
Tori Poe

IUKA
Brooklynn Bourgeois

PRATT
Aden Temanson
Isabelle Cannata
Mason Brack
Nicole Voss

Kansas State University Students Earn Degrees, Graduation Honors

MANHATTAN — More than 3,100 students completed degree requirements from Kansas State University in spring 2022. The graduates are from 100 Kansas counties, 42 states and 41 countries.

The university awarded 2,263 bachelor's degrees, 651 master's degrees, 215 doctorates and 12 associate degrees. Several students earned multiple degrees.

For outstanding academic performance, 727 students earned graduation honors. Of those, 248 students graduated magna cum laude with a grade point average of 3.95 or above, 269 students graduated magna cum laude with a grade point average of 3.85 to 3.949, and 210 students graduated cum laude with a GPA of 3.75 to 3.849.

A list of students who have earned degrees and, if applicable, graduation honors from Kansas State University:

Cunningham: Jack Govert, Bachelor of Science in Biological Systems Engineering;

Darius McAdam, Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering; Jaden Strohl, Bachelor of Science in Agriculture, Madalene Wegerer, Bachelor of Science in Agriculture

Kingman: Tyler Albright, Doctor of Philosophy, Grace Deweese, Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering; Sarah Mcpherren, Master of Arts, Myah Munz, Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering; Brooke Raymond, Bachelor of Science in Human Nutrition

Norwich: Tyson Doll, Bachelor of Arts

Spivey: Carter Oeding, Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering, Summa Cum Laude

Pratt: Luz Acosta, Bachelor of Science in Interior Design; Emily Estes, Bachelor of Science in Applied Business and Technology

Preston: Landen Studer, Bachelor of Science in Education, Cum Laude

Turon: Ellie Schwertfeger, Bachelor of Science in Agriculture

To reserve the **Cunningham Community Center**, contact **Ruth Shelman**, (620) 770-9153 or 318-6042

B-29 Museum
is open on Sundays from 2:00 to 4:00 pm

Pratt Army Airfield – 82 Curran Road
Visit them on Facebook at www.prairiebombers.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.
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9:00 - 11:30 a.m.
Closed for Holidays
298-3163

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

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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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Friday: 10:00 - 6:00
Saturday: 10:00 - 2:00
Closed on Sundays
(620) 672-3041

Local Student Complete Degrees at Wichita State University

WICHITA, Kan. (June 30, 2022) - More than 1,870 students completed a total of 2,075 degrees at Wichita State University spring 2022.

Undergraduate students who have attained a grade point average of 3.9 out of a possible 4.0 received the summa cum laude award; those with an average of 3.55 received the magna cum laude award; and those with an average of 3.25 received the cum laude.

Cunningham, KS
Ashton E Deshong, Master of Social Work, Social Work

Reference Section at Cunningham Historical Museum



Alan Albers sent in the photo on the left. He wants to encourage people to come in and peruse the many bits of Cunningham history available in the museum. The table makes a nice study area to spread out and learn about the history Cunningham (and surrounding communities)

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YEARS AGO IN

The Cunningham Clipper

W. A. BRADLEY, EDITOR

1927

July 8 – The large stock barn on the Ben Kerschen farm, southeast of town, burned to the ground for a total loss.

George Crow was quite severely burned, the Fourth of July, by a firecracker exploding too near his face, and received a severe burn near his right eye.

July 8, 1932 – Miss Velda Cannon entertained a group of friends at the Frank Doty home, Fourth of July evening, honoring Miss Dorothea Doty, who is leaving for Fairfield, Iowa, to take up dramatic production work.

The Leisman No. 1, drilled by the Skelly Oil Company, proves to be a good gas well, producing 27,000,000 feet of gas daily.

1937

July 9 – Skelly Oil Company employees, with their families, enjoyed a Fourth of July picnic at Gibbens' Grove, Sunday afternoon. About forty-five persons were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Seth Whitmore announce the birth of a baby girl, Saturday, July 2.

Aaron Ball, who has been employed at Hauser's Market for several years, resigned his position and is now employed at the Dew Drop Inn Grocery.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy McGeorge and family have moved into the Carlos Cannon property in the south part of town. Mr. McGeorge, a Skelly Oil Company employee, has been transferred here from Oklahoma.

1942

July 10 – Among the twenty Kingman County men who left this week for induction in the United States Army, were four from this community, Dean Cooley, Lawrence Freund, Herman Rottering, and Bill Lubbers.

Reba Cozens and Arch Lovern, were united in marriage, Sunday afternoon, July 5, at the Methodist Church. Rev. George Kraft officiated.

1947

July 11 – Figures released last week from the County Clerk's office show that Cunningham's population is one person less than it was last year. The population of the second largest city in Kingman County is 449.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Witt on the arrival of seven pound, ten ounce, Robert Michael at

St. Francis Hospital in Wichita, Saturday, July 5.

Joe "Iron Man" Theis' dream of pitching a shut-out became a reality Friday evening in the District Semi-Pro tournament at Pratt, when he hurled a no-hit victory over Kingman in an abbreviated five-inning contest. Cunningham battered three Kingman pitchers for eleven hits and 15 runs in a game called at the end of the fifth on the 10-run-ahead rule.

The Calista gap bridge on U.S. 54 over the Ninnescah river remained impassable Thursday morning as highway traffic was being detoured over a route north of the bridge. The span was reported covered with about 18 inches of water after a heavy rainfall in this area last week and was buckling.

1952

July 11, – Improvements noted around Cunningham... The new building housing the auto laundry is now completed at the Patton Service Station... Air-conditioning systems are being installed in all cabins at the Huhman Motel... The Cunningham Theatre marquee and lobby has undergone a new paint job, complete with a new linoleum tile floor in the lobby.

As a result of overflowing elevators, home storage bins, and a lack of box cars, some of the Cunningham community's bumper wheat crop had to be piled on the ground in fields and around farm homes. The Clipper printed photos of a pile of wheat estimated at between five and six thousand bushels located at the Jim Weir farm five miles south and two miles west of Cunningham, and of two piles of wheat on the Charles Lakin land one mile south of Cunningham, farmed by Harol Baker.

1957

July 11 – Workmen have repaired the bridge going north at the three-mile corner east of Cunningham. The bridge north of town is now under repair and should be open to traffic soon. Both bridges suffered damage in the recent flooding.

Work on the erection of the new Pratt-Kingman County Line bridge northwest of town is expected to start soon.

Santa Fe Railroad workmen were busy this week replacing a small culvert under their tracks near the K-T Oil Corp. Bulk Station with a larger culvert.

The larger culvert was installed at the request of the City of Cunningham because the smaller culvert was not capable of handling the water draining down the draw north from the southeastern part of town.

Official population and valuation figures were released today by Kingman County Clerk Sylvester Biggs, revealing that Cunningham had gained both in population and valuation during the past year.

The city's population is an official 627, up two from the unofficial total published several weeks ago and

up 32 people over last year's official total.

Cunningham's official valuation climbed \$10,455 this year to \$462,552.

1962

July 12 – Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Thornhill of Hutchinson, announce the birth of a daughter, Friday, July 6, at the Grace Hospital in that city. She has been named Bonita Gail.

A deluge of rain stopped the fireworks display at the ball field last Fourth of July evening before half of the display had been shot off.

A "second" Fourth of July will be held at the ball field this Saturday evening, July 14, when the remainder of the fireworks display will be shot off around 9:00 o'clock.

Larry Millsap, organist, and Gene Patton, pianist, will present a concert of piano-organ music in the Methodist Church, Sunday afternoon, July 15, at 3:00 o'clock.

1967

July 13 – Nine teams are entered in the first annual District Slo-Pitch Tournament to be held in Cunningham, starting Sunday, July 16. Teams entered are Langdon, Iuka, Kingman, Turon, Cunningham, and four teams from Pratt: Swisher's Sporting Goods, Taylor's Printing Shop, Lesh Pontiac, and the Pratt Merchants.

The Pretty Prairie Rodeo will celebrate its 30th anniversary with nightly rodeo performances, Wednesday, July 19 through Saturday, July 22.

The wildcat oil test on the Clayton Watkins land one-half mile east of town, is reported as a dry hole with no showings of oil but plenty of salt water.

A Morton family reunion attended by descendants of the late William and Jane Morton, pioneer residents of the Cunningham community, was held in Cunningham, Sunday.

A dinner was served at noon at the Jones Café by Mr. and Mrs. W. G. (Dub) Jones, and the afternoon was spent visiting and taking pictures in the Christian Church undercroft, with lemonade, ice tea and cookies served by Mrs. Everett Baber of Tribune, and MRs. Jane Kaster of Cunningham.

Joe Strong of Nashville was elected president of the Unified School District No. 332 at a meeting last Thursday evening. Waldo Graves of Cunningham, was re-elected vice-president. Other board members are Evan Thornhill of Cunningham, Larry Whitmer of Zenda, George Conrardy of Kingman, and S. G. Adelhardt of Nashville.

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The Cunningham Clipper stops publishing due to the death of Bill Bradley.

KU Leading Project to Test New Business Model for Rural, Weekly Newspapers

By: KU News Service
LAWRENCE — Business has changed since 1833. One would be hard-pressed to find businesses operating with the same model that was in place when Andrew Jackson was in the White House. But in the case of newspapers, many are still operating with the same business model established when Benjamin Day opened the first penny press nearly 200 years ago. A University of Kansas professor of journalism is leading a project to test a new model based on research with publishers and readers to help rural newspapers adapt, survive and thrive.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Teri Finneman, associate professor of journalism at KU, took part in an oral history project to help document the experiences of rural, weekly newspapers.

Teri Finneman "We saw during the pandemic how absolutely critical it was to have a local news source. You couldn't get community-specific news about COVID anywhere else," Finneman said. "At the same time, we saw

newsrooms closing. It hit me that this is the time to look at a new business model."

This summer, the project will implement and test a model that moves away from heavy reliance on advertising and cheap subscriptions. After a year of testing, if the new model is successful in use of memberships, e-newsletters, events and new content direction, plans call to distribute a new model available for rural weeklies across the country. The research is funded through an innovation grant from KU's William Allen White School of Journalism & Mass Communications and support from the Southern Newspaper Publisher Association and North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska and Kansas Newspaper Associations.

Finneman and research partners Pat Ferrucci of the University of Colorado-Boulder and Nick Mathews of the University of Minnesota conducted surveys with 132 publishers from the Great Plains states, primarily from newspapers in communities with populations of 3,000 or fewer. The publishers were presented with 15 potential revenue streams and asked which they would be willing to try. Respondents said they

were most receptive to the traditional threads of advertising, subscriptions and legal notices. The least popular options were memberships, e-newsletters, government support and large private donations.

More than 400 readers in rural areas of these states were given a similar survey, asking in what ways they would consider supporting their local newspapers. Memberships, events and e-newsletters were among the most popular responses.

"We found there's a tremendous disconnect between what readers say they are willing to support and what publishers are willing to consider," Finneman said. "This business model we're testing is all about being proactive if the day comes when newspapers lose another revenue source in legal notices, having a safety net in place and evolving."

Forty percent of readers also indicated that they would be very likely or likely to donate, in addition to subscription costs, to their local newspaper. Finneman said the concept does have precedent in the United States, as both public television and radio receive government support and private support through donations.

In terms of the type of content they wanted to see, readers indicated they were most interested in reading about local events, feature stories and obituaries. They were least interested in reading opinion pages, which Finneman said is understandable in the age of social media, where opinion is available everywhere.

"People just want to read good news. We've heard that for years, but especially during the pandemic, that point was driven home," Finneman said. "We heard time and time again that people just want to read some good news and about things to do in their community."

The research team is now in the process of implementing the new business model with Kansas Publishing Ventures, which owns and operates Harvey County Now in Newton and the Hillsboro Free Press in Hillsboro.

Publisher Joey Young and the researchers are determining how the new model will be implemented and speaking with community members in the papers' readership area, as well as with press groups and communities throughout the Great Plains states. The model will include memberships in which readers can receive tiered benefits. The model will also work to

engage community members, especially young residents, and focus on preferred reader content.

In focus groups in which researchers presented publishers with results of reader surveys and discussed potential new approaches, participants indicated a reluctance to accepting donations or government support. While many countries include government support for media, the model for this study will begin with a focus on memberships, in which readers can offer additional support.

"There was a lot of caution about trying something new, and a lot of concern about a lack of time, as opposed to the potential to make more money and add resources to address a lack of time, while continuing to serve their communities," Finneman said, adding that, if even 25 or 30% of readers elected to pay more through memberships, the revenue increase could be significant.

As the new model is tested, the research team and local publisher will conduct both publicity and educational outreach efforts to help inform local readers of the changes, how they work, the benefits, reasons behind the move and more. While the project

is underway, the research team will also produce an oral history of the project, its implementation and potential to transform the industry that will be housed at the Kansas Historical Society.

Finneman, who with KU journalism students publishes the Eudora Times, said the project is intended to revive community journalism's business model and also to prevent news deserts from spreading. The project is also intended to help boost connections between community newspapers and their readers. In one state, 63% of respondents said they did not know anyone at their local newspaper office but also indicated they would be twice as likely to give financial support to their local paper if they did know a journalist, editor or publisher.

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Dear Editor of the Cunningham Courier,
I would like to share a pleasant experience I had with your 10 Up ball boys as well as the Cunningham parents.
On June 25, Harper

Recreation hosted a tournament.

In the afternoon I was sitting in my flower bed weeding when one of the young men crossed the street to see if I needed help. I said it was OK if Mom didn't care and if he knew the difference between a weed and a flower, "Well, yes." By the time I stood, and said I needed to open the garage, he was joined by 5 or 6 more boys in red T's. Before I got to the garage a ball player from an opposing team and his younger brother came. I emptied my garage of every gardening tool I had. Between the weeding, chatting, laughing, I was impressed with these young men, no smart mouths, cussing, or insults. I would be proud to be their grandma.

These parents should be commended for being great teachers, parents, role models. A dad made sure each boy carried a tool back to the garage. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Bea Davis
Harper, Kansas

Consider this...

by Mike Johnson

Bighorn Revelations

It was the best \$50 I ever spent.

15 years old, with two paper routes for income and no bills, I could easily afford it. But the issue of going on the Minnesota church-sponsored backpacking trip had never been one of money - it was about who else was going.

Try as I might, I couldn't get any of my close friends to sign up. "Come on guys," I remember pleading, "This is the Bighorn Mountains we're talking about. Snow-covered peaks. Ice cold lakes. Hungry trout. Pup tents and backpacks and campfires. Where's your sense of adventure? Whattaya say?"

They said no. I went anyway.

It doesn't look like such a big decision now, but back then, conformity with the group was so important, I couldn't even find the courage to part my hair differently until moving away to Florida. Striking out on a nine-day trip without the security of a friend was definitely out of my comfort zone.

After weeks of training alone, researching sleeping bag, backpack and hiking boot specifications, filling shopping lists of items like zinc-oxide, space food sticks, bug spray and collapsible

fishing gear, the big day arrived.

The orange school bus rolled into the church, towing the wooden trailer that would carry our gear the 800 miles from Minneapolis to Buffalo, Wyoming and the Bighorn Mountain, Cloud Peak Wilderness Area.

"Oh great!" I remember lamenting, as I watched one kid after another arrive who wasn't in my social order at school. There were plenty of "Coolies," the most popular kids. "Jocks," the most athletic. "Dirtballs," the ones with low grades or on drugs. But just a few of us "normal" kids, as we thought of ourselves, unaware of the derogatory labels we'd probably been tagged with.

I shouldn't have worried. Within hours on the highway, the magic of group dynamics began working its spell.

Kids of all social classes gathered for card games. The pastor cracked jokes we actually thought were funny. Sing-a-longs erupted by spontaneous combustion. Pillows were borrowed, food was shared, people slept in the aisle without a second thought. As unlikely as it seemed, this random sign-up sheet of social-group strangers had become fast friends in the course of the 18-hour bus trip.

It only got better. Outfitters met us and provided the heavy gear - tents, solar ovens and dehydrated rations. We packed and repacked. Hiking boots were laced. 30 to 60 pound backpacks were strapped on. And then it was off on the 15-mile hike to our base camp near Florence Lake and Bomber Mountain,

for five days in the wilderness.

It was the hardest I'd ever worked. I felt sorry for the kids who hadn't trained. Pathways led across fields of boulders, eager to twist weak, suburban ankles. Tortuous switchbacks cut deep grooves into mountainsides, too steep to be traversed except for back and forth, turning 100 yards into a mile.

And the thin crisp air! Altitudes of 7,500 to 10,000 feet brought on dizziness, nausea and fatigue. Breaks came often and I was really concerned how several kids would ever make it.

I shouldn't have. The "Jocks" and "Coolies" who I'd thought were too good for the rest of us at school, shattered my perception of them once and for all. The strongest in the group, they reached base camp first and did what was inconceivable to me - returned to carry the loads of those really struggling. Thanks to their heroics, by the exhausting day's end, all were safely in the base camp.

The remainder of the trip exceeded the very best of our expectations. Full stringers of cut-throat trout, campfire stories, day hikes, and mountain peak views that took our breath away.

One evening, I found myself alone on such a peak. To my left, I could see clear into Montana. To my right, nearly to Colorado. Below lay crystal-blue Florence Lake, surrounded by patches of year-round snow.

Too young to notice, that moment tried to teach everything I'd need for the rest of my life.

Everything is perfect now. Everything I needed

at that moment - and every present moment up to that point, had occurred in perfect order.

There's more than enough. The world was mine as far as I could see. Provided free of charge, I didn't need to own it, merely enjoy it - for as long as I liked.

Have no fear. There was no fear of losing anything, because it was obvious that better things, things I hadn't even imagined - like this view - would be provided along the way.

Anyone can be your friend. After just four days, I'd made more new pals than I'd left back at home. The illusion of social classes had been exposed. People were people - and there was an entire world of them out there! Those not yet friends, were merely not yet fully known.

Life occurs now. That instant on the mountain was so powerful, it knocked all past memories and all future worries from the landscape of my mind. In that present instant, I was alive. Everything else was revealed as nothing more than a dream I'd thought was living.

Of course, back then, these insights weren't recognizable to my 15-year-old mind. I wasn't even aware they'd been planted. But they're growing now. And that experience in the Bighorn Mountains was so powerful that I spent 20 years wishing to live there. Today, 14 years after moving to Wyoming, I live near those same Bighorns but enjoy an even better version right out my living room window.

And that's why it was the best \$50 I'd ever spent.

Cunningham Hands of Hope, Inc.

Who: A Not-for-Profit (501c3) organization providing assistance through donations and volunteers.

Who we serve: Residents within the USD #332 school district

What: Food

When: First and Third Tuesday from 2:00-5:00 p.m.

Where: 117 N Main (Old School Board Office)

Why: To provide food assistance to those in need.

How: Attend weekly distribution. Adult of household must be present.

Do you need assistance outside distribution hours?

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Catholic Churches

Sacred Heart, Cunningham
Saturdays 5:30 p.m..

St. John, Zenda
Sundays 8:30 a.m.

St. Leo
Sundays 10:00 a.m. St. Leo

St. Peter Willowdale
Saturdays 4:00 a.m.

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



Lutheran Churches

St. John, Nashville
620-246-5220
Sunday School & Bible Class
9:15 a.m.
Worship Service
10:30 a.m.

Trinity, Medicine Lodge
620- 886-3397
Sunday School & Bible Class
9:45 a.m.
Worship Service
8:30 a.m.

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

Pastor Dennis Fangmeyer
Cell: 620-886-0911



Church of Christ

Penalosa
Sunday 11:00 a.m.



First Christian Church

Cunningham
Sunday School 9:30 am
Morning Worship 10:45
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00
Jr High Youth Group 4:00 pm Sunday
Sr High Youth Group 7:30 pm Sunday
Wednesday Prayer Service 7:00

Pastor Mike McGovney 620-298-3201



United Methodist Church

Penalosa Worship 9:15 a.m.
Cunningham Worship 10:45 a.m.

Pastor Mathew Ndambuki Musyoki
620-298-2090

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

Pastor J L Nichols
620-491-0680



Southern Baptist at the Race Track

Did you hear about the about the Southern Baptist who was in the habit of sneaking to the race track to bet on the horses?

One day he was losing badly when he saw a priest step onto the track, walk up to line-up and bless one of the horses on the forehead. The horse was a long shot, but the Southern Baptist thought, "With the priest's blessing, surely this horse will win." He placed a small bet and, sure enough, the horse came in first.

At the next race, the priest stepped onto the track and blessed another horse's forehead.

Even though this horse was also a long shot, the Southern Baptist was a little bolder this time and placed a larger bet on that horse. Again, it won.

A third time, the priest stepped onto the track and blessed a horse on the forehead. Like the others, this horse was also a long shot. The Southern Baptist placed an even larger bet this time and, sure enough the horse won.

This pattern continued throughout the day with the priest blessing the forehead of a long shot horse, the Southern Baptist placing larger and larger bets and the horse always winning.

At the last race of the day, the Southern Baptist thought, "I have got to go for broke here." With great anticipation, he watched as the priest stepped onto the field one more time, walked up to the line-up and blessed

the forehead, eyes, ears and hooves of one of the horses. The Southern Baptist ran to the ticket counter and bet all he had on that horse.

The horse came in dead last!

As he was walking out, he saw the priest. Walking up to him, he demanded, "What happened? All day long you blessed horses and they won, even though they were long shots. Then at the last race you blessed a horse, I bet everything and the horse lost."

"That's the problem with you Protestants," said the priest. "You can't tell the difference between a simple blessing and the Last Rites."



"For your birthday, I got you a box. Hooray! It's empty, so you can fill it with whatever you want."

— Jarod Kintz, *A Zebra is the Piano of the Animal Kingdom*

Happy Birthday Wishes to

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Spark in the Park High School Volleyball Players and Winners



Thirteen teams competed in the youth sand volleyball tournament on the 4th of July, five in the high school division, four in the junior high division, and four in the grade school division. We started early at 7:15 to beat the heat, and finished round robins about 2:00. Walking tacos were served for a free-will donation. Two summer gift baskets were also raffled. Proceeds went to the German exchange program at Cunningham High School. We will be hosting the German students in October, and then 16 CHS students will be traveling to Germany in March 2023. Thanks to all who joined in the fun or donated to support the exchange program! Your support is greatly appreciated.

-Shawna Sterneker



Shawna Sterneker photos

Winning High School Team: Maranda Lohrke, Hannah Ellis, Will Wegerer, Trey DeWeese, and Lane Halderson



Nate Bowman, Luke McGuire, Andrew Bowman, Ellie McGuire, Isabel Bowman

*"It is fun to have fun but you have to know how."
— Dr Seuss*



*"Summer will end soon enough, and childhood as well."
— George R.R. Martin, A Game of Thrones*



Mattilyn Jump, Kory Morgan, Kenzie Krom, Grayson Mandl, Scott Wyatt, Barrett Bolen, Audrey Burns



Trent Schnittker, Luke Albers, Nate Sterneker, Wylan Betzen Taylor Schultz, Ava Bock



KANSAS WHEAT

Day 8, Kansas Wheat Harvest Report

Scattered showers moved through Kansas on Tuesday night, pushing pause on the Kansas wheat harvest. Severe weather hit the eastern two-thirds of the state with gusty winds and a small, confirmed tornado in Ellsworth. Further west, rain totals didn't

amount to much, but the lower temperatures, high humidity and overcast conditions meant harvest was still under rain delay for many producers on Wednesday.

Ahead of the rain on Tuesday, Kansas Wheat staff stopped by the harvest field in Hamilton County. Jason Ochs, who farms near Syracuse, was cutting a field of hard white wheat that was coming in dry at nine percent moisture with a good test weight of 61.5 pounds per bushel.

Area yields are being reported at nine to 25 bushels per acre, but anything over 20 bushels per acre would be a stretch for this part of Kansas due to the extreme drought throughout the growing season.

On the county line between Stafford and Reno counties, farmer Randy Fritzeimer was about halfway through wheat harvest before a quarter inch of rain shut down cutting on Tuesday night.

Yields are disappointing in the low 30s

bushels per acre, but the wheat is some of the best quality he has cut with test weights at 61 to 64 pounds per bushel. Despite lower-than-average yields, Fritzeimer was surprised at how well the crop turned out. He had to replant fields due to significant rainfall during planting, but then the weather turned so dry that the windstorm on December 15 filled the house with dirt. This spring brought around 1.5 inches of rain during heading and another

4.5 inches while kernels were filling, helping finish off the crop.

He had planned for a custom-cutting crew to help him finish off the wheat harvest, but with delays from the crew, Fritzeimer said he'll keep cutting until they arrive.

Farmers expect to climb back into the combine cab as soon as field conditions allow, likely following triple-digit temperatures on Thursday and Friday.

The 2022 Harvest

Report is brought to you by the Kansas Wheat Commission, Kansas Association of Wheat Growers and the Kansas Grain and Feed Association. To follow along with harvest updates on Twitter, use #wheat harvest22. Tag us at @kansawheat on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter to share your harvest story and photos.

Written by Julia Debes for Kansas Wheat

Spark in the Park Junior High School Volleyball Players and Winners



"The common people pray for rain, healthy children, and a summer that never ends," — George R.R. Martin, A Game of Thrones



Junior High Winning Team: Macy Neufeld, Rylee Miller, Kinslie McDorman, Max Thimesch, Layne Green, Kollin Fischer



Adam Sterneker, Tyler Osner, Brody Bock, Cole Hageman, Morgan Oldham, Andi Young



Caylor Helm, Grace Hageman, Dylan Halderson, Kendall Rogers, Dawson Wood



Andrew Kerschen, Liam McGuire, John Paul Kerschen, Clare Bowman, Madeline Bowman



Stephen Kerschen, Nora Huff, Jack Harden, Janessa Schnittker, Kaylee Mertens



"I have never been convinced there's anything inherently wrong in having fun." — George Plimpton

FREE Moonlight Friday, July 15th
8:00 pm - 10:00 pm
 Swim sponsored by **Cozy's Pizza!**



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Spark in the Park Grade School Volleyball Players and Winners



Grade School Winning Team:
Jordy Keimig, Casyn Miller,
Brody Halderson, and Landon Green



AnneMarie Kerschen, Keyonna Huffman,
Elizabeth Bowman, Jalynn McGuire, and
Carly McGuire



Maelyn Jump, Leah Rogers,
Vaughn Preisser, Alyssa Osner, Willow
Preisser, Wren Winfrey, Parker Miller

“Today was good. Today was fun. Tomorrow is another one.”
— Dr. Seuss



“Summer's lease hath all too short a date.”
— William Shakespeare, Shakespeare's Sonnets



Bowen Bock, Jace Oldham, Carson Strohl,
Cooper Neufeld, Jax Thimesch, Walker Winfrey

SUMMER FUN!

KANSAS WHEAT
Day 9, Kansas Wheat Harvest Report

This is day 9 of the Kansas Wheat Harvest Reports, brought to you by the Kansas Wheat Commission, Kansas Association of Wheat Growers and the Kansas Grain and Feed Association.

Harvest is in full swing across the state for those with fields dry enough to get the combine in. The Kansas Wheat crew headed out to western

Kansas this week to catch up with combine crews and visit elevators for an on-the-ground look at the 2022 crop.

Jon Berning with Berning Farms in Scott City was pretty happy with how the harvest is going. With only a day or two of harvest remaining, he is seeing a wide range of yields across the farm's acreage from 35 to 80 bushels per acre. Test weights are heavy at 64 pounds per bushel and some fields have protein in the mid-teens. Moisture is varying between 11 and 12 percent.

Berning was grateful for his harvest crews' help this year, which in-

cludes his son, another young man and a couple of harvesters from South Africa. One of his combine drivers will attend Newman University to study business or accounting next year on a golfing scholarship — proof that farmers and their help can and do occasionally get off the farm!

Rick Horton, who farms near Leoti in Wichita County, was also happy to be harvesting, mostly because he and his brother Alec invested in a new Claas combine. The brothers started cutting last Saturday, perhaps a day earlier than the wheat needed, to try out the new

machine.

Wheat harvest began in earnest on Monday. With about a week left to go, yields are coming in at 64 bushels per acre with satisfactory test weights in the 60s pounds per bushel and 11 percent moisture.

The Horton operation is truly a family affair, with the brothers running the combines and their wives in the accompanying tractors and grain carts. Vance, Rick's nine-year-old son, is already learning how to help out with harvest, continuing a proud family farm tradition.

At D.E. Bondurant in Ness City, the Kansas

Wheat crew spoke with coop president Gary Gantz. The elevator took in its first load on June 13, and the area is now about three-quarters of the way done with harvest, well ahead of normal pace.

“I can't remember a time when we were finished with harvest before the Fourth of July,” Gantz said, “but we should be wrapped up by then this year.”

Yields differ significantly from the west part of Ness County to the eastern portion. In the west, yields are averaging 25 bushels per acre, down to as low as 15 bushels per acre. In the

east, yields are averaging up to 50 to 60 bushels per acre. Wheat planted behind corn took the biggest hit as the short crop meant wheat heads did not reach higher than the remaining corn stubble, causing combining issues.

With variations from nine to 14 percent, Gantz expects protein to average around 11.3 to 11.4 percent this year. Test weights are heavy at 62 to 63 pounds per bushel.

Written by Julia Debes for Kansas Wheat

Governor Announces Increased Funding to Double Impact of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library Programs in Kansas

TOPEKA – Governor Laura Kelly today announced the Kansas Children's Cabinet will begin matching dollar-for-dollar investments made by local Dolly Parton's Imagination Library (DPIL) programs to accelerate efforts to promote a love of read-

ing in every Kansas child. This additional funding is made possible by a line item to add \$500,000 to the Children's Initiatives Fund that the Governor included in her proposed Fiscal Year 2023 budget, which the legislature passed. Kansas children who participate in the Imagination Library program will have an age-appropriate book mailed to them from birth until they turn 5 years old. The goal of this additional funding is to increase the number of children signed up and expand the reach of local contributions.

"We know that one of the most important factors for early childhood learning and development is an early introduction to books and being read to at home,"

said Governor Laura Kelly. "Kansas community organizations currently connect more than 42,500 children with the gift of books from Dolly Parton's Imagination Library each month. This new funding will enable the program to reach even more Kansas children."

Since September 2021, the Kansas Children's Cabinet has been working to expand access to DPIL to every child under five years old throughout Kansas – no matter their family's income level or background. Since every family must be signed up through a local community program, enlisting nonprofits to participate is essential. Efforts to date have resulted in an

increase from 82 to 98 community programs, adding coverage in 65 additional zip codes across a total of 91 counties. This additional funding will help cultivate even more local community programs.

"As a father, I know the joy that comes from reading with your child," said State Representative Troy Waymaster. "Shortly after our son was born, we enrolled him in Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. All children in the state of Kansas should have the ability to participate in this program as well. I am committed to helping ensure that all children in the state of Kansas, from ages zero to five, will have this opportunity." About Dolly Parton's

Imagination Library Since launching in 1995, Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, has become the preeminent early childhood book gifting program in the world. The flagship program of The Dollywood Foundation has gifted well over 182 million free books in the United States, Canada, United Kingdom, the Republic of Ireland, and Australia. The Imagination Library mails more than 1.8 million high-quality, age-appropriate books each month to registered children from birth to age five. Dolly envisioned creating a lifelong love of reading, inspiring them to dream. The impact of the program has been widely

researched and results suggest positive increases in key early childhood literacy metrics. Penguin Random House is the exclusive publisher for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. For more information, please visit imaginationlibrary.com. Nonprofit organizations interested in becoming a local community partner should reach out to Pam Hunsaker, phunsaker@imaginationlibrary.com.



A day at the beach with your family...

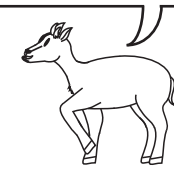


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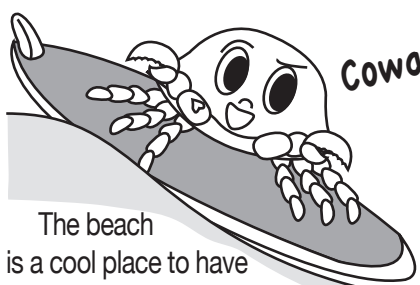
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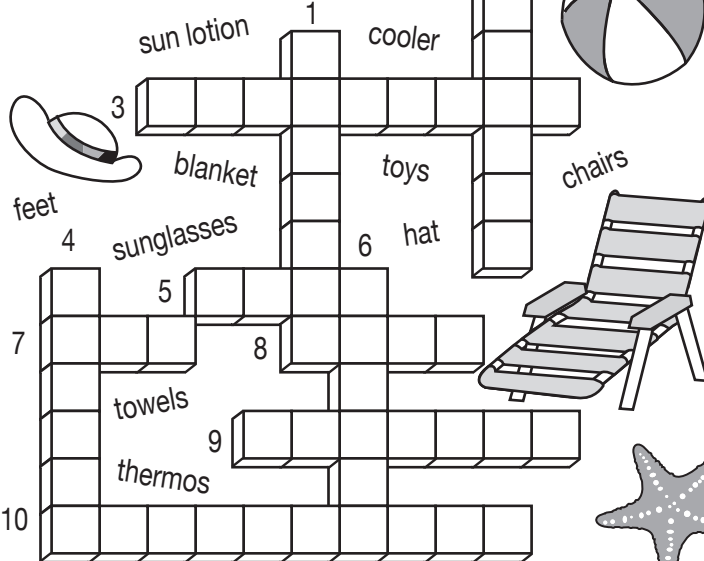


Kids: color stuff in!



Cowabunga!

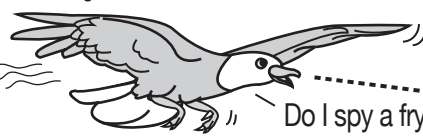
The beach is a cool place to have fun with your family. Read the clues to fill in these beach puzzles!



Get ready for the beach:

1. fold the beach _____
2. pack a lunch into a _____
3. rub on _____
4. gather folding _____
5. wear flip-flops to protect _____

6. grab beach _____ for drying off
7. find a _____ with a brim
8. grab fun beach _____
9. pour cold water into _____
10. put on _____ to shade eyes



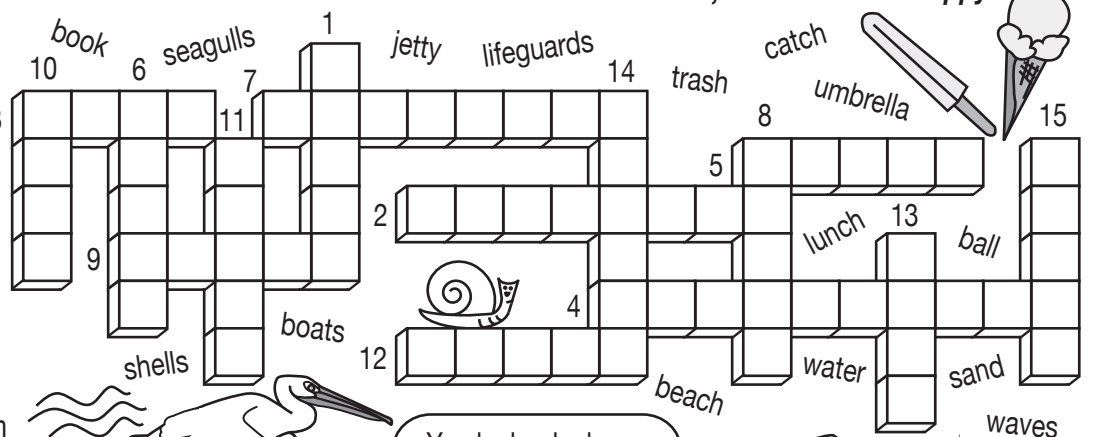
Do I spy a fry?

Head for the beach, excited and happy:

1. carry your share of stuff to the spot you choose on the _____
2. set up blanket, chairs and _____
3. blow up the beach _____
4. check out where the _____ are stationed
5. bob in the _____ and surf on your board
6. unpack _____ from the cooler and share
7. feed bread crusts to the _____

8. put on more sun lotion and drink _____
9. throw and _____ the beach ball
10. read a chapter of your new _____
11. walk on the _____ to visit people fishing
12. watch the _____ and ships sail by
13. shovel _____; dig moat around sand castle
14. walk along shore to find cool _____
15. gather all your stuff and carry out your _____

Head for home, exhausted and happy!

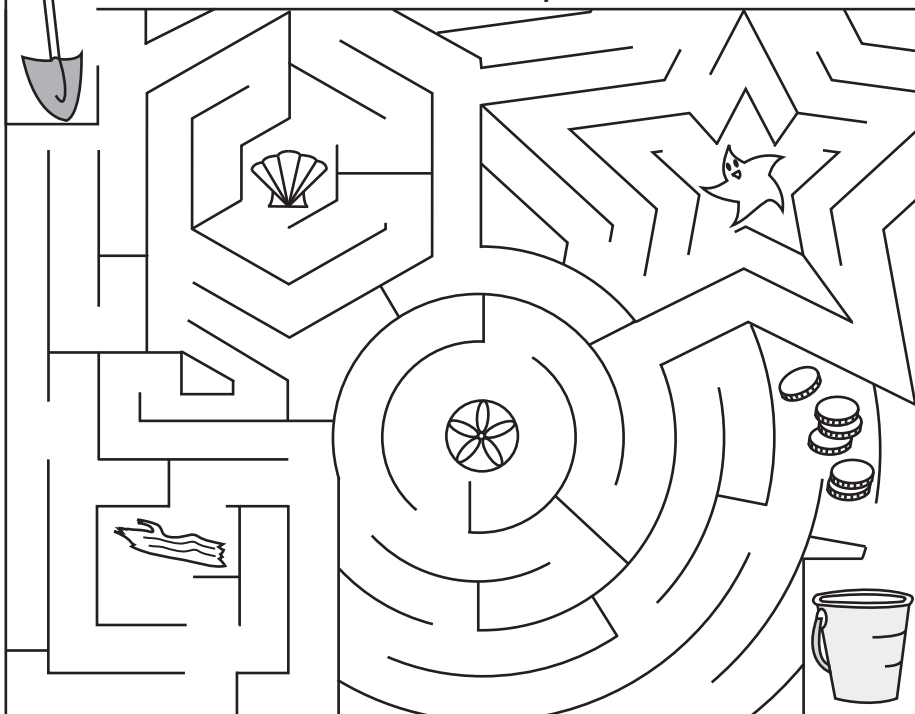


You lucky duck...er pelican! You've already caught your lunch.



Hunting for Treasure

Treasure hunt! Comb the beach for the 5 treasures below. Start at the shovel and finish at the pail.

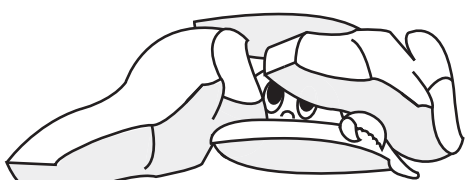


Sand Sculpture Contest!

Did you know that there are people who are pros at building sand sculptures? Some are artists or architects who travel to different countries to enter championships or to bring fun and wonder to special events. Fill in the spaces below with the vowels to see what things are needed at a contest or festival:

1. s _ nd
2. w _ t _ r
3. sh _ v _ ls
4. good w _ _ th _ r
5. lots of p _ _ pl _ watching
6. pr _ z _ s

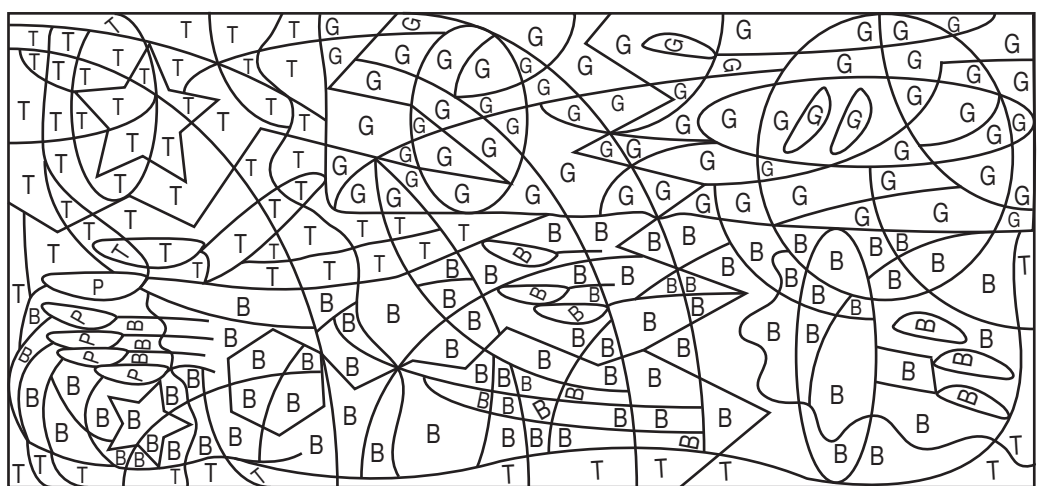
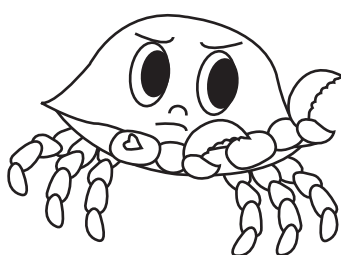
Ugh! You'd think being a crab would make me better at this!



The Giants are Coming

Crabby gets scared when the "giants" come to play on the beach. He hides in the rocks. Pinch gets annoyed and acts naughty. Follow the color key to see what bit of trouble Pinch is about to get into:

B = Brown P = Pink T = Tan G = Green



(Answers on page 10)

Frog Days of Summer

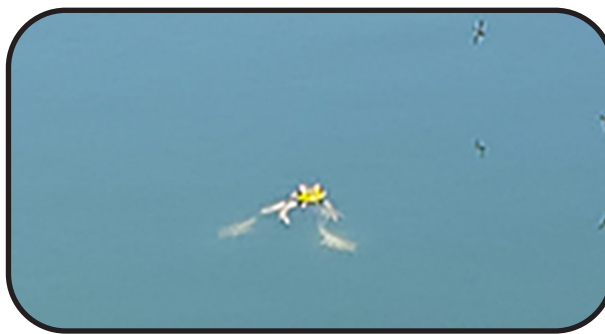


I received the photo on the left from a Courier reader with the message "Blow up this pic, there is a bull frog just hanging out, 'frog days of summer'".

I enlarged the photo, and, sure enough, there is Jeremiah. You do remember...

Jeremiah was a bullfrog Was a good friend of mine I never

understood a single word he said But I helped him a-drink his wine And he always had some mighty fine wine.



South Central Community Foundation is Recruiting for Youth Program

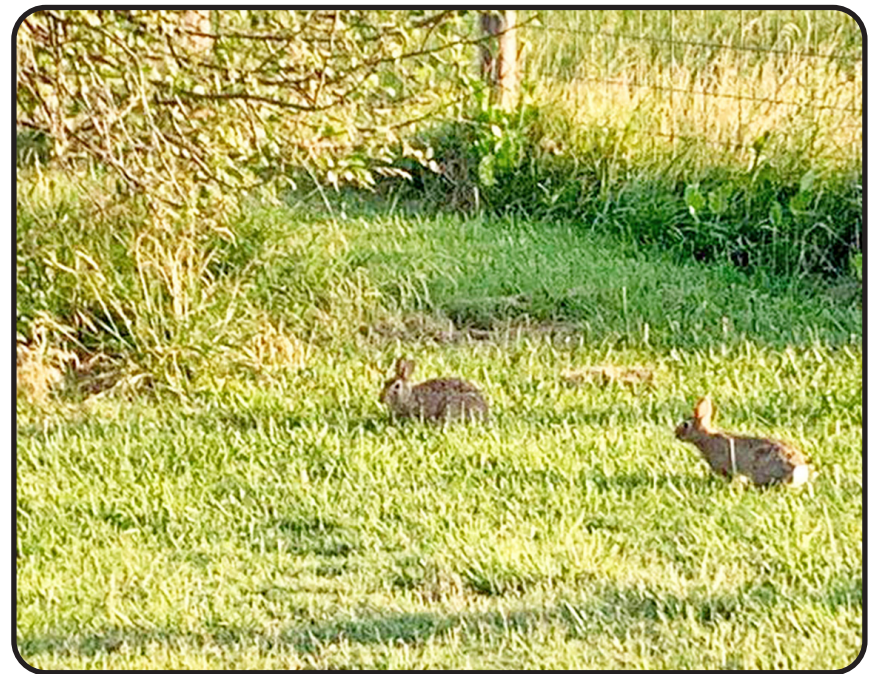
South Central Community Foundation (SCCF) is currently recruiting for its Youth Making a Difference Council (YMAD) from the seven counties they serve.

Starting in 2003, SCCF received a grant from the Ewing Outstanding Youth In Philanthropy Marion Kaufman Foundation to develop a philanthropy program for teens. SCCF was one of five Kansas Foundations to receive this award and created "Youth Making a Difference."

YMAD is a program aimed to educate high school students about philanthropy, the grant making process, and the importance of giving back to their community. It also gives students the unique opportunity to learn and practice leadership skills, volunteerism, and community assessment by helping to select grant recipients from all seven counties.

Currently, YMAD meets once a year in Pratt and requires members to read community grant applications before attending the grant selection meeting this fall. Additionally, members will present the grants they selected at their counties grant ceremony so they are able to see the impact of the grant they helped fund.

SCCF is a nonprofit organization that serves Barber, Comanche, Kingman, Kiowa, Pratt, Rice, and Stafford Counties. For more information or to apply for YMAD, please contact the office at (620) 672.7929 or visit www.sccfks.org.



Joyce Depenbusch Photo

"Rabbit's clever," said Pooh thoughtfully. "Yes," said Piglet, "Rabbit's clever." "And he has Brain." "Yes," said Piglet, "Rabbit has Brain." There was a long silence. "I suppose," said Pooh, "that that's why he never understands anything." — A.A. Milne, Winnie-the-Pooh

Want to be a Volunteer

- Go to KingmanCountyHumaneSociety.org
- Click on the **VOLUNTEER** button
- Fill out the volunteer form
- Wait for us to get back to you!

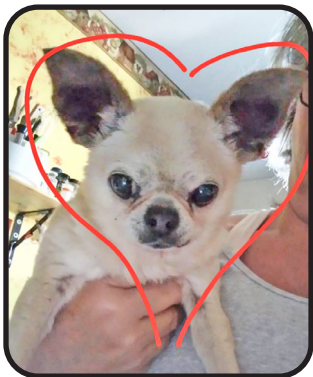
If you can help out just one or two hours per week, we have lots of ways for you to help. You must be 16 years of age or older.

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Kingman County Humane Society Pets Ready for Adoption

Peanut

Sponsored by Baker Accounting



Male Chihuahua, Short Coat
Weight: 5 lbs
Age 16 years
Intake Date: May 26, 2022
Adoption Fee \$150
Adult-Only Home Preferred
He might have a little "snow on the mountain

top" but there's still life to be lived, naps to share, sunshine to soak up and soft grass between your toes. Peanut is a little old grumpy man and will do best in a quiet calm home (no rowdy kids or big dogs). He's afraid of men so a single woman would be just right for Peanut. If you have a soft spot for "vintage" dogs, you will love Peanut.

Tippy

Sponsored by Cunningham Courier



Male Domestic Shorthair
Weight 2.5 lbs
Age: 3 months
Adoption Fee: \$75
Intake Date: April 29, 2022

You or your business can sponsor a Humane Society pet for \$10.00 a week per pet. Fifty percent of the profits will be donated to the Humane Society.

KCHS Donation Wish List

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

- dry cat and kitten food
- clumping cat litter
- canned dog food
- Purina Puppy Chow
- long-lasting chews
- 8-quart 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

A Day at the Beach

Sand Sculpture Contest!

Get ready for the beach:

At the beach!

The Giants are Coming

Crabby gets scared when the "giants" come to the beach. He hides in the rocks. Pinch gets into some trouble!

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Governor Announces that Kansas Ends Fiscal Year 2022 with Total Tax Collections Surpassing Estimate by \$438.1 Million

TOPEKA – Today, Governor Laura Kelly announced Kansas' June total tax receipts were \$918.8 million. Those collections are \$20.2 million, or 2.2%, over the estimate and \$64.4 million, or 7.5%, over June 2021 total tax receipts.

"In June, we brought in more money than was estimated – re-enforcing that our state's economy is continuing its forward momentum," said Governor Kelly. "Our efforts to be the most fiscally responsible and pro-business Administration in Kansas history has helped our state become a hub for economic growth."

Individual income tax collections were \$40.3 million, or 9.9%, below the estimate. But for a one-time significant refund paid in June, such receipts would actually have exceeded the estimate by 6.7% for the month. June corporate income tax receipts, which are comprised primarily of estimated tax payments, continue their upward trend. Corporate income tax collections were \$148.1 million, or 48.1%, over the

estimate and 33.2% over June 2021.

"The higher-than-expected corporate estimated payments send a strong signal that corporations anticipate greater profits in 2022," said Secretary of Revenue Mark Burghart.

Combined retail sales and compensating use tax receipts at \$303.6 million were 10.6% over the combined receipts for such taxes for June 2021. Inflation may have positively impacted such receipts, but overall consistent consumer spending also has continued during the months of May and June.

When June's positive numbers are taken into account, Kansas will end FY 2022 with total tax revenues of \$9.8 billion which exceeds the FY 2022 revised estimate by \$438.1 million.

The complete June 2022 Revenue Report can be found here.

https://governor.kansas.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/12_June_Revenue_FY2022_07-01-2022_Final.pdf

Kansas Hits Lowest Unemployment Rate in Recorded History ~Continues Decline to 2.3% as Nation's Unemployment Rate Holds Flat~

TOPEKA – Governor Laura Kelly today celebrated that Kansas hit the lowest unemployment rate in the state's recorded history, at 2.3%. Unemployment continues to decline in the state, even as the unemployment rate nationally holds flat. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Kansas has the sixth lowest unemployment rate in the country relative to other states.

"My Administration has worked to ensure that every

Kansan who wants a job, can have a job," said Governor Laura Kelly. "I'm proud that we have achieved the lowest unemployment rate in our state's history at 2.3%, over a full percentage point below the nation's unemployment rate. We will continue breaking economic records by prioritizing job creation, business investment, and workforce development."

Preliminary estimates reported by the Labor Market Information Services division of the Kansas Department of Labor and the Bureau of Labor Statistics show a seasonally adjusted unemployment rate of 2.3% in May, a decrease from 2.4% in April and a decrease from 3.4% this time last year. Meanwhile, the unemployment rate in the United States as a whole has remained at 3.6% for three consecutive months, a rate significantly higher than Kansas estimates.

Kansas began keeping records of monthly unemployment rates in January 1976.

Since the start of the Kelly Administration, Kansas has secured 654 economic development projects worth \$8,943,214,898.00 in capital investment and has retained and created 43,111 jobs.



Public Notice

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, Kansas

CIVIL DEPARTMENT

Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC)
Plaintiff,) Case No. 2022-CV-000021
vs.) Court Number:
The Heirs at Law of Jerry E. Denton, deceased;) Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 60
The Heirs at Law of Veronica Pasqualichio, deceased; Robert Denton; Jonathon Denton; Jennifer Denton; Wells Fargo Financial Kansas, Inc., its successors or assigns; John Doe (Tenant/Occupant); Mary Doe (Tenant/Occupant),)
Defendants.

Notice Of Suit

THE STATE OF KANSAS, to the above-named defendants and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors and assigns of any deceased defendants; the unknown spouses of any defendants; the unknown officers, successors, trustees, creditors and assigns of any defendants that are existing, dissolved or dormant corporations; the unknown executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors, successors and assigns of any defendants that are or were partners or in partnership; the unknown guardians, conservators and trustees of any defendants that are minors or are under any legal disability; and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, trustees, creditors and assigns of any person alleged to be deceased, and all other persons who are or may be concerned.

You are notified that a Petition has been filed in the District Court of Kingman County, Kansas, praying to foreclose a real estate mortgage on the following described real estate:

A tract of land located in the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) of Section 12, Township 27 South, Range 5 West of the 6th P.M., Kingman County, Kansas, more particularly described as commencing at a point 884.0 feet north of the Southwest corner of the NW 1/4 of 12-27S-5W, thence North on the Section line a distance of 400.0 feet; thence East, a distance of 163.35 feet; thence South, a distance of 400.0 feet; and thence West 163.35 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning, commonly known as 4686 NE 160 Ave, Cheney, KS 67025-8507 (the "Property")

and all those defendants who have not otherwise been served are required to plead to the Petition on or before the 17th day of August, 2022, in the District Court of Kingman County, Kansas. If you fail to plead, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

NOTICE

Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. §1692c(b), no information concerning the collection of this debt may be given without the prior consent of the consumer given directly to the debt collector or the express permission of a court of competent jurisdiction. The debt collector is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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KANSAS HOUSING

This project is supported, in whole or in part, by federal award number HAFP-0140 awarded to Kansas Housing Resources Corporation by the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

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Old Photos for Our Community Album
Call (620) 298-2659 or email cunninghamcourier@embarqmail.com or send to 320 North Stadium Street, Cunningham, KS 67035

Public Notice

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS

CIVIL DEPARTMENT

JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association)
Plaintiff,) Case No. 2021-CV-000025
vs.) Court Number:
Thomas McClanahan a/k/a Thomas M. McClanahan;) Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 60
Unknown Spouse, if any, of Thomas McClanahan a/k/a Thomas M. McClanahan; John Doe (Tenant/Occupant); Mary Doe (Tenant/Occupant))
Defendants.

Notice Of Sale

Under and by virtue of an Order of Sale issued to me by the Clerk of the District Court of Kingman County, Kansas, the undersigned Sheriff of Kingman County, Kansas, will offer for sale at public auction and sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand, at the Front Door of the Courthouse at Kingman, Kingman County, Kansas, on July 14, 2022, at 10:00 AM, the following real estate:

East Fifty feet (E50') of Lots One (1), Two (2), and Three (3) in Block One (1) in Scott's Addition to the Town of Cunningham, in Kingman County, Kansas, as shown by the recorded plat thereof, commonly known as 214 E 4th St, Cunningham, KS 67035-8759 (the "Property")

to satisfy the judgment in the above-entitled case. The sale is to be made without appraisal and subject to the redemption period as provided by law, and further subject to the approval of the Court. For more information, visit www.Southlaw.com

Randy L. Hill, Sheriff
Kingman County, Kansas
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS

CIVIL DEPARTMENT

JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association)
Plaintiff,) Case No. 2021-CV-000024
vs.) Court Number:
Lahoma S. Wiens; Unknown Spouse, if any, of) Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 60
Lahoma S. Wiens; John Doe (Tenant/Occupant);)
Mary Doe (Tenant/Occupant))
Defendants.

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THE WEST TWENTY FEET (W 20') OF LOT ELEVEN (11) AND ALL OF LOT THIRTEEN (13), ON AVENUE A WEST IN THE ORIGINAL TOWN OF KINGMAN, KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS, commonly known as 209 W A Ave, Kingman, KS 67068 (the "Property")

to satisfy the judgment in the above-entitled case. The sale is to be made without appraisal and subject to the redemption period as provided by law, and further subject to the approval of the Court. For more information, visit www.Southlaw.com

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ValueThemBoth campaign brings some issues to mind that I want to address. We are all aware of the personal, ethical, and religious issues, and the fact that bans do not work, as seen with guns and alcohol, so these issues will not be addressed.

Has anyone asked these questions though? How will a huge influx of unplanned babies into the foster system impact the children who are already there? How much

tax money will be needed to support new babies in the foster system? How many new foster homes will be needed to provide housing for these babies? How will crowded schools absorb all these children, and what is the cost to the taxpayer? Will unprepared mothers have the patience or finances to care for a baby? How many people already complain that someone they know already has 7 kids, why are they having another one they can't afford? We are already facing inflation that few of us have experienced in our lives. Adding children to the foster system, aiding single moms, building schools, and hiring teachers will increase the tax burden.

How many people can afford the price tag of adoption of \$30,000-\$40,000 in Kansas? Will orphanages become a thing again if there are not enough foster homes? What about the guilt and grief a woman will suffer if she gives her baby away for adoption? How will having an unplanned pregnancy impact the future of a girl who is in high school or college? Will there be a drop in college educated women because they have to care for a child? Do we have employers who are willing to hire a mom of several kids knowing that she will need to take off when her kids are sick? Do we have enough jails and prisons to hold the women

who will obtain illegal abortions? Twenty five percent of women will have an abortion, so that means 25% of 170 million women, or 40 million women, will end up in prison. Who will care for their already existing children? Will this make the division between the rich and the poor greater because rich women can fly to another state for an abortion, while a poor one will be forced to stay here and have a baby she doesn't want? Value Them Both implies valuing the mom and child. Where is the father in this situation? Why is the sperm donor relieved of his involvement in these pregnancies? Will VTB help women get regular child support that is com-

mensurate with the cost of living? Will VTB force the biological father to be a part of the child's life? As a human right, everyone should have the right to bodily autonomy. This is the right of a person to govern what happens to their body without coercion or external influence, such as religious or political beliefs. We teach our children to not let anyone touch them without permission. The right to terminate a pregnancy is also a basic right of bodily autonomy. Removing bodily autonomy disempowers a person, and Value Them Both will remove bodily autonomy for all Kansas women, reducing our worth to society from a living, thinking person

to a uterus. Value Them Both should not be supported by anyone who cares about real, live women or the babies that will result from it, or the families who will be affected by the burden of an unwanted pregnancy. Supporting VTB will, however, show that we are allowing ourselves to be manipulated by the religious beliefs of a minority of people in our state. Show some respect for women and our decision to know what is right for our body and our situation at the time of a pregnancy. All women should be more valued by society as a human than as an occupied uterus. -Stacie Swaney Kingman

“Value Them Both” Vote No? Vote Yes? What to Do?

On August 2, Kansas voters head to the polls once again. The Republican primary is the usual August-in-Election-year event. This year, however, every registered voter, whether you are Republican, Democrat, Independent, or Unaffiliated, needs to head to the polls to vote “yes” or “no” on the “Value Them Both” Amendment to the Kansas Constitution.

This is the text of the proposed amendment: “§ 22. Regulation of abortion. Because

Kansans value both women and children, the constitution of the state of Kansas does not require government funding of abortion and does not create or secure a right to abortion. To the extent permitted by the constitution of the United States, the people, through their elected state representatives and state senators, may pass laws regarding abortion, including, but not limited to, laws that account for circumstances of pregnancy resulting from rape or incest, or circumstances of necessity to save the life of the mother.”

Up until a few weeks ago, Kansas abortion laws were some of the most restricted in the na-

tion. However, since Roe v Wade was overturned, many state legislatures have imposed more stringent restrictions; some states have banned all abortions. No exceptions for rape or incest.

Currently the abortion laws in Kansas are:

A patient must receive state-directed counseling that includes information designed to discourage her from having an abortion, and then wait 24 hours before the procedure is provided.

Private insurance policies cover abortion only in cases of life endangerment, unless individuals purchase an optional rider at an additional cost.

Health plans offered in the state's health exchange

under the Affordable Care Act can only cover abortion in cases of life endangerment.

Abortion is covered in insurance policies for public employees only in cases of life endangerment.

The use of telemedicine to administer medication abortion is prohibited.

The parents of a minor must consent before an abortion is provided.

Public funding is available for abortion only in cases of life endangerment, rape or incest.

A patient must undergo an ultrasound before obtaining an abortion; the provider must offer the patient the option to

view the image.

An abortion may be performed at 20 or more weeks postfertilization (22 weeks after the last menstrual period) only in cases of life or severely compromised physical health.

The state prohibits abortions performed for the purpose of sex selection.

So how does “Value Them Both” effect the current laws and the Kansas State Constitution?

The proposed amendment to the Kansas constitution would remove the right to abortion that currently exists. It would also explicitly state that the government would not be required to provide funding for abortions.

Finally, it would give state legislators the right to pass laws regarding abortion.

A “no” vote means nothing will change in the state. There will be no amendment and the state's constitution will remain as it is today.

A “yes” vote affirms that the right to an abortion will no longer be guaranteed by the state's constitution and Topeka's legislators will be able to pass laws regulating abortion.

Every registered voter needs to get out and vote on August 2nd. Not 60% of voters. Not 80% of voters. All voters need to vote.

USDA Reminds Producers of 2022 Acreage Reporting Requirement

The Kingman County Farm Service Agency reminds agriculture producers that July 15, 2022, is the deadline to file an acreage report for spring seeded crops, CRP, and grass. Planted acres must be reported to FSA by July 15, 2022. The Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018 (2018 Farm Bill) requires producers on a farm to submit annual acreage reports on all cropland.

Timely acreage reports for all crops and land uses, including prevented and failed acreage that producers submit to

their local FSA office, are important to ensure program eligibility for all farm programs.”

Acreage reports to FSA are considered timely filed when completed by the applicable final crop reporting deadline, which may vary from state to state. Producers who do not enroll by the July 15 deadline are subject to late-filing requirements. Producers should contact their local office for an appointment to provide an accurate acreage report of their spring-seeded crops.

For questions on this or any FSA program, including specific crop reporting deadlines and planting dates, producers should contact their county FSA office or seek information online at www.fsa.usda.gov.

“A jury consists of twelve persons chosen to decide who has the better lawyer.”
— Robert Frost

Public Notice

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IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: LUCY ORTH, Deceased.

Case No. 2022 PR 33 (Petition Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

NOTICE OF HEARING AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on June 28, 2022, a Petition was filed in this Court by Timothy Orth and Lisa Raves, the Co-Executors named in the “Last Will and Testament of Lucy Orth,” deceased, dated March 16, 1992, praying the will filed with the Petition be admitted to probate and record; Petitioners be appointed

as Co-Executors, without bond; and Petitioners be granted Letters Testamentary.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before July 26, 2022, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. in the District Court, Kingman, Kingman County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the estate within four months from the date of first publication of notice under K.S.A. 59-2236. If demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

Timothy Orth and Lisa Ravens, Petitioners
Matthew W. Ricke, #20995
ATTORNEY AT LAW, LLC
349 North Main, P. O. Box 113
Kingman, KS 67068
(620) 532-3103
Attorney for Petitioners

Public Notice

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PRIMARY ELECTION NOTICE OF PLACES AND DATES OF REGISTRATION

Pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 25-2311, notice is hereby given that the books for the registration of voters in Kingman County, Kansas will be closed from 5:00p.m. on Tuesday, July 12th, 2022 and will remain closed until the day after the Primary Election which will be held in the County of Kingman, State of Kansas on the 2nd day of August, 2022. Books will reopen on August 3rd, 2022.

OFFICE HOURS:

The books will be kept open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the County Clerk's Office until the books close and will remain closed until August 3rd, 2022 which is the day after the Primary Election.

You may register at these places during their regular hours of business through July 12th, 2022. Anyone wishing to register must appear at the County Clerk's Office with some form of Photo Identification or contact the County Election Officer for a registration card to be mailed

out to them.

To register you must be a citizen of the United States who is 18 years of age or older, or will have attained the age of 18 years before the next election. Registration closes 21 days prior to every election.

When a voter has been registered according to law, his or her registration shall continue to be valid until one of the following occurs:

1. The voter changes name by marriage, divorce or legal proceedings.
2. The voter changes residence in which he or she resided at the time he or she registered.
3. When a voter dies or is disqualified for voting, his registration will be pulled from the files. When a voter fails to vote in two consecutive General Elections, such voter's name may be removed from the registration books and party affiliation lists. Such voter must reregister in order to be able to vote.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 7th day of June, 2022.

Carol D. Noblit
Kingman County Election Officer

Kingman County Sheriff's Report

Sunday, June 26th

Traffic stops 9
Traffic complaint 2000 block N Hwy 14 Murdock
Traffic complaint 6000 block W Hwy 54 Kingman
Burglary 12000 block NE 10 St Murdock
Suspicious vehicle 100 block S Main St Norwich

Monday, June 27th

Traffic stops 5
Fraud 13000 block SE Main Ave. Rago
Suspicious persons N Valley St & E First St area Cunningham
Vehicle abandoned N Hwy 11 & W Hwy 54 area Kingman

Tuesday, June 28th

Traffic stop 1
Extra patrol 100 block W Wallace Ave Kingman
Unlock vehicle 300 block E First St. Norwich
Vehicle Abandoned NE 10 St & NE 140 Ave area Cheney

Wednesday, June 29th

Traffic stops 6
Animal 18000 block W Hwy 42 Nashville
Animal NE 50 St & NE 80 Ave area Pretty Prairie
Citizen assist 200 block S Elliott St Cunningham
Fire vehicle SW 90 Ave W Hwy 54 area Kingman

Suspicious person
Theft

Thursday, June 30th

Traffic complaint
Animal
Harrassment
Welfare check
ham

Friday, July 1st

Traffic stops
Traffic control
Suspicious person
Suspicious person
Vehicle disabled
Vehicle disabled
Vehicle disabled
Welfare check
Traffic complaint

Saturday, June 18th

Traffic stops
Traffic check tag
Animal
Disturbances

SE 170 St & E Hwy 2 ara Norwich
4000 block NE 20 St Kingman

@MM147 Pratt
17000 block SE 20 Ave Harper
400 block E Leiter AVE Cunningham
1100 block E Hwy 54Kingman

2
13000 block W Hwy 54 Cunningham
12000 block NE 10 St Kingman
8000 block E Hwy 54 Murdock
SE 70 St & S Hwy 14 area Kingman
7000 block E Hwy 54 Kingman
2000 block E Hwy 54 Kingman
400 block E Leiter Ave Cunningham
N Hwy 11 & NW 30 St area Kingman

4
13000 block E Hwy 54 Cheney
12000 block W Hwy 54 Cunningham
S Brown St & W Sixth Ave area Kingman

Effective June 1, 2022: Ads are \$6.00 per column inch. Front page ads are \$10.00 per column inch. All ads are subject to approval of this paper, which reserves the right to edit, reject, or properly classify any ad. Note: The views and opinions expressed in advertisements in The Cunningham Courier do not necessarily represent the views and opinions of the Courier or staff. Errors will be corrected when brought to my attention.
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Jack Meyers

Jack J. Meyers, 87, died July 2, 2022 at the Hilltop Manor, Cunningham.

He was born Feb. 8, 1935, at Cunningham the son of August E. and Frances Vierthaler Meyers. A resident of the Cunningham community most of his life, he was the Chairman of the Board of the First National Bank of Cunningham.

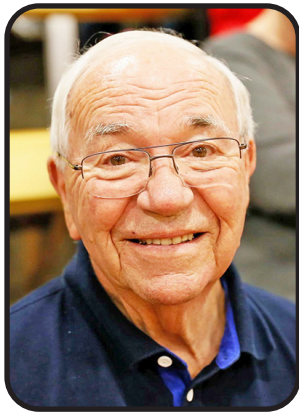
Jack served the City of Cunningham as City Clerk, council member, and Mayor over a 50 year period. He was a 66 year Charter member of the Cunningham Lions Club and the last living such member. He was very active in civic life and held positions far too numerous to mention, but amount his many mostly volunteer positions, he was a member of the Cunningham PRIDE, State Pride Board, American Legion Post #114, Treasurer and member of the Sunflower RC&D, served on the Kansas-Nebraska School of Banking Board, Kingman Hospital Board, Board of Directors of Burrton State Bank and Citizens Bank of Kingman, and served many years as Chairman of the Board of the First National Bank of Cunningham, later named Ninescah Valley Bank of he was Director Emeritus. His passions in life were many, but he took tremendous pride in his yard and his professional career as a banker, and worked tirelessly over many years to make Cunningham a better place to live. He was so proud of his family which he loved endlessly.

Jack was a member of the the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Cunningham; and was a veteran of the U.S. Army from 1957-1959 stationed at NATO Headquarters in Heidelberg, Germany.

On January 9, 1960, he married Jane M. Youngers at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Hutchinson. Other survivors include sons Chris and wife Lori, Eric and wife Tina, Jon and wife Christy; daughter Allison Fiegel and husband Mitch; grandchildren, Megan, Jake and Claire Meyers, Cole and Ty Fiegel, Bayleigh, Mikaela and Morgan Meyers, Bret and Elizabeth Meyers; great-grandchildren Huntleigh, Landreigh and Camille; brothers Ken, Danny, Leroy and Jerry; and sister Kathy Plummer. He was preceded in death by a brother Robert; and a sister Carolyn Corkery.

Mass of Christian Burial was Tuesday, July 5 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Burial was in the Church Cemetery.

Memorials have been suggested to the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Hilltop Manor, Rivercross Hospice or to the donor's choice.



Helen Sheahan

Helen R. Sheahan, 91, passed away peacefully with her children by her side in her California home Monday, June 20, 2022.

Helen was born Helena Rita Avila on December 9, 1930, in Lowell, Massachusetts, the daughter of John and Eugenia (Jennie) Avila. She married Lawrence R. "Larry" Sheahan, native of Kingman, Kansas on June 17, 1956. Survivors include daughter Brenda "Bernie" Sheahan and son Jerome "Jerry" Sheahan, and dozens of beloved nieces and nephews.

Helen was a longtime member of Ascension Catholic Church in Saratoga, Calif., the Santa Clara Woman's Club, and Sister Cities of Santa Clara. She was very proud of her Portuguese heritage but loved being "Irish By Marriage" and an honorary Kansan. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Lawrence and her brother John Avila.

She was a graduate of Salem Teacher's College in Salem, Massachusetts, and, after raising her children, was a long-term substitute teacher in special education.

Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m. Saturday at St. Peter's Church in Willowdale, with a rosary at 10:30 at St. Peter's. Burial will be in the St. Peter's Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to St. Peter's Church in Willowdale or the American Cancer Society both in care of Livingston Funeral Home.



JoAnn Schepmann

Jo Ann Knop Schepmann, 91, passed away July 1, 2022, at Medicine Lodge Memorial Hospital, Medicine Lodge, Kansas. She was born June 15, 1931, at their farm home in rural Pratt, Kansas, the only child of Edward



Charles Knop and Ruby Alma (Voight) Knop. Jo Ann was baptized at their family home on July 20, 1931, as a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church. She confirmed her Christian faith on April 2, 1944, at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Preston (Natrona), Kansas.

Jo Ann graduated from Preston High School in 1949 and then attended St. John's College, Winfield, Kansas. She graduated with an Associate of Arts degree in 1951 with a dual major in teacher training and church parish work. She taught kindergarten and was a youth counselor and parish worker at Zion Lutheran in Hinsdale, Illinois, and then taught second grade at Holy Cross Lutheran School, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

On November 28, 1953, she married Nathan Frederick Schepmann at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Preston (Natrona), Kansas. He preceded her in death on December 26, 2019. They were married for 66 years.

Jo Ann was a homemaker, bookkeeper, and Schepmann Farms partner. She and Nathan raised cattle and laying hens, grain crops, and sold Pioneer Hi-Bred Seeds. She was a substitute teacher at St. Paul Lutheran School. She was a community leader for the Preston 4-H Club and worked part time at the Pratt County Treasurer's Office. Jo Ann was a lifetime member of St. Paul Lutheran Church where she taught Sunday School and Midweek school and served as a volunteer church secretary for more than fifteen years. She was a 68-year member of the Bethany Guild/Ladies Aid/Lutheran Woman's Missionary League and served in all offices. She and Nathan were founding members of the Children's Christian Concern Society (now known as LeadaChild), and she served as the volunteer financial secretary. Through the LWML Mission of Love, Jo Ann worked with others to complete quilts to donate to those in need through Lutheran World Relief, Orphan Grain Train, and other local organizations.

She is survived by two daughters: Brenda Piester and husband, Ronald, of Coats, and Carla Boyd and husband, Calvin, of Medicine Lodge; one son, Warren Schepmann and wife, Lori, of Preston, Kansas, and Westcliffe, Colorado; five grandchildren: Austin (Misty) Piester, Andrew (Megan) Piester, Christopher (Chelsea) Boyd, Sara Schepmann, and Katie Schepmann; and 11 great-grandchildren: Jackson, Lincoln, Truman, and Hayes Piester; Kylee, Addelyn, Makenna, Carter, and Logan Piester; and Charlotte and Catherine Boyd.

She was preceded in death by her parents and grandson Ryan Schepmann.

Visitation will be Friday, July 8, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. with the family receiving friends from 6-8 at Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt, Kansas. Funeral services will be at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, July 9, 2022 at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Preston (Natrona), Kansas, with the Reverend Michael Schotte presiding. Burial will follow at St. Paul Lutheran Church Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to LeadaChild, Lutheran Women's Missionary League, Medicine Lodge Memorial Hospital, Orphan Grain Train, or the donor's choice in care of Larrison Mortuary.

The family especially wishes to thank the staff of Medicine Lodge Memorial Hospital, Parkwood Village, and Maydew Thibault Optometry for their loving care for her these past several years



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Shelby Mardock

Shelby Gaye Mardock, 30, passed away Sunday, July 3, 2022 at Pratt Regional Medical Center. She was born on August 15, 1991 in Kingman to Dennis James Heim and Judith Janelle (Stucky) Wing. Shelby married



Nickolas Stephen Mardock on May 21, 2011 at Pratt County Lake. They were married for 11 years.

Shelby graduated from Skyline High School in 2009. She graduated with her Associates Degree in 2015 and her Bachelors Degree in 2018 both from Barclay College, Haviland. She worked as a 911 Dispatcher in Pratt, Greensburg and Hutchinson, Kansas and Jenks, Oklahoma. She was a member of Life Church in Jenks, Oklahoma, Youth For Christ (YFC), Switch (Church Group) and Girl Scouts. She enjoyed attending concerts, listening to and singing music, making her own guitar, hiking, taking care of her chickens and traveling. She absolutely loved being a mother.

She is survived by her husband, Nick; sons, Ezra James Mardock and Dmitri Jude Mardock; daughter, Eliza Janelle Mardock all of Pratt; brothers, Nicholas (Shelby) Heim of Pratt, Ty Wing and Matthew Sellers both of Tulsa, Oklahoma; sisters, Amanda Gurr of Pratt, Deborah (Ryan) Farr of Tulsa, Oklahoma and Callie Kuhns of Hutchinson; grandmother, Mary Heim of Hutchinson; aunt, Marajah Spreier of Pratt; uncle, Raymond (Lovelita) Gates of Derby; stepfather, Bobby Wing of Tulsa, Oklahoma; and many other family members.

Shelby is preceded in death by her father, Dennis James Heim; mother, Judith Janelle Wing; grandfather, Willis West; and stepmother, Michelle Sellers.

Visitation will be Sunday, July 10, 2022 from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. at Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Rd, Pratt. Funeral service will be held at 10:00 a.m., Monday, July 11, 2022 at Larrison Mortuary, Pratt with Tyler Vance presiding. Burial will follow at Hoosier Cemetery, Kingman.

Memorials may be made to Hope Center or YFC in care of Larrison Mortuary. Online condolences may be made at www.larrisonmortuary.com.

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