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## Approved Minutes from May BOE Meeting

The West Kingman County Board of Education meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 10, 2023, by President Brent Miller.

President, Brent Miller; Vice-President, Bjorn Halderson, Members, Scott DeWeese, Brent Hansen, Vicki Oldham and Megan Green; Superintendent, Robert Reed; Principal Cody Dunlap; Clerk, Stacy Webster; and Guests, Roberta Kobbe, and Sheena Albers.

Motion made by Scott DeWeese, seconded by Brent Hansen, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

President Miller welcomed the guests.

Motion made by Bjorn Halderson, seconded by Vicki Oldham, to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2023 regular meeting. Yeas: Miller, Halderson, DeWeese, Hansen, Oldham, Green. Nays: none. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Vicki Oldham, seconded by Megan Green, to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2023 special retreat meeting. Motion carried 6-0.

Board member Travis Thimesch arrived to the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

Guest Bob Stackhouse arrived to the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Motion made by Scott DeWeese, seconded by Travis Thimesch, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$749,379.24 and the financial reports

as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Superintendent Reed reported on Summer building projects including replacing all locker room doors, stage curtain replacements, and construction items. He gave a legislative update including the mental health grant and funding for 23-24. Mr. Reed also reported on republishing the 22-23 budget, summer school, and graduation. Finally he talked about online food service program, online enrollment, fees and student handbook for next school year.

Principal Dunlap presented a newsletter, provided in the packet, of school happenings and upcoming events. He expounded on a few items including the senior hall walk, district accreditation status and curriculum recommendations. He discussed plans for summer credit recovery and dual credit classes for next year. He also shared a quote for Health services he had been given from Kingman Healthcare Center. Lastly, he asked for board approval for summer professional development opportunities for himself in Denver, Colorado. Board consensus was yes.

President Brent Miller asked the board and admiration to consider Val and Sal requirements to finalize 1 Valedictorian and 1 Salutatorian. Discussion followed.

Scott DeWeese shared that the last meeting had to be rescheduled due to lack of quorum. At the rescheduled meeting the report was that the staffing outlook is improved. They also toured the Haskin building and gave a positive evaluation of Director Megan.

Superintendent Reed shared that Pretty Prairie has not made any further decision on the Baseball/Softball coop. He and Mr. Ricke are exploring other avenues as a backup plan including reaching out to Medicine Lodge and Skyline again. Medicine Lodge still said no but Skyline is going to discuss it with their board again.

Motion made by Scott DeWeese, seconded by Bjorn Halderson, to go into executive session with Superintendent Reed and Principal Dunlap at 9:10 p.m. to discuss personnel for the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA and return to the board room at 9:25 p.m.. Motion carried 7-0.

Guest Sheena Albers left the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

President Miller declared the meeting in open session at 9:25 p.m.

Motion made by Vicki Oldham, seconded by Travis Thimesch, to go into executive session with Superintendent Reed and Principal Dunlap at 9:25 p.m. to discuss personnel for the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA and return to the board room at 9:35 p.m.. Motion carried 7-0.

President Miller declared the meeting in open session at 9:35 p.m.

President Miller declared a break at 9:35 p.m. until 9:40 p.m.

Motion made by Travis Thimesch, seconded by Scott DeWeese to go into executive session with Superintendent Reed and Principal Dunlap at 9:40 p.m. to discuss contract negotiations under the exception for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA and return to

open session in the board room at 10:10 p.m.. Motion carried 7-0.

President Miller declared the meeting in open session at 10:10 p.m.

Motion made by Vicki Oldham, seconded by Megan Green to go into executive session with Superintendent Reed and Principal Dunlap at 10:10 p.m. to discuss contract negotiations under the exception for employer-employee negotiations under KOMA and return to open session in the board room at 10:25 p.m.. Motion carried 7-0.

President Miller declared the meeting in open session at 10:25 p.m.

Motion made by Scott DeWeese, seconded by Vicki Oldham, to approve Tera Fox for summer custodial help. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Brent Hansen, seconded by Megan Green, to approve the Superintendent and Board Clerk authority to transfer and encumber funds as deemed necessary to close out the fiscal year. Motion carried 7-0.

Member Bjorn Halderson shared policy update ideas and suggested more frequent review of the current policies.

Member Megan Green shared that community members have asked if items from the high school will be sold before it is torn down. Superintendent Reed said that was the plan but didn't know details yet.

Motion made by Travis Thimesch, seconded by Bjorn Halderson, to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

## Approved Minutes from May BOE Special Meeting

The West Kingman County Board of Education meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 31, 2023, by President Brent Miller.

President, Brent Miller; Vice-President, Bjorn Halderson, Members, Scott DeWeese, Brent Hansen, Vicki Oldham and Megan Green; Superintendent, Robert Reed; Clerk, Stacy Webster; and Guest, Roberta Kobbe.

Motion made by Scott DeWeese, seconded by Bjorn Halderson, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

President Miller welcomed the guests.

Motion made by Scott DeWeese, seconded by Vicki Oldham, to go into executive session with Superintendent Reed and Principal Dunlap- who joined via phone call at 7:01 p.m. to discuss personnel for the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA and return to the board room at 7:30 p.m.. Motion

carried 6-0.

Member Travis Thimesch arrived to the meeting and joined the executive session at 7:05 p.m.

President Miller declared the meeting in open session at 7:30 p.m.

Motion made by Vicki Oldham, seconded by Megan Green, to go into executive session with Superintendent Reed and Principal Dunlap- via phone call at 7:30 p.m. to discuss personnel for the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA and return to the board room at 7:45 p.m. YMotion carried 7-0.

President Miller declared the meeting in open session at 7:45 p.m.

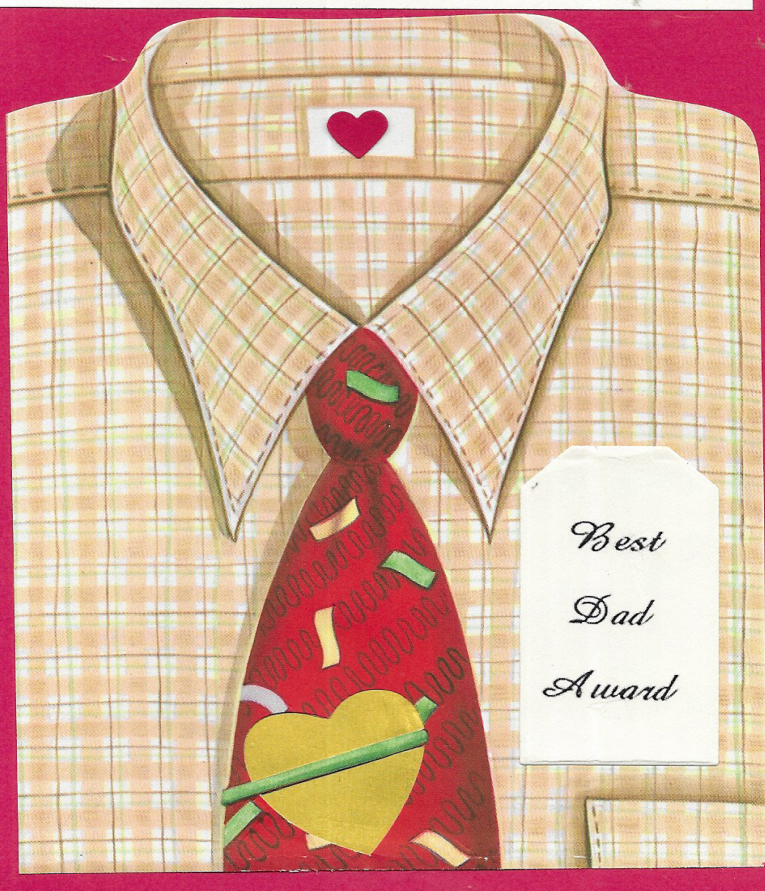
Motion made by Scott DeWeese, seconded by Travis Thimesch, to go into executive session with Superintendent Reed and Principal Dunlap- via phone call at 7:45 p.m. to discuss personnel for the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA and return to the board room at 7:50 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

President Miller declared the meeting in open session at 7:50 p.m.

Motion made by Scott DeWeese, seconded by Brent Hansen, to approve the resignation of Superintendent Reed as of June 30, 2023. Motion carried 7-0.

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Happy Father's Day!



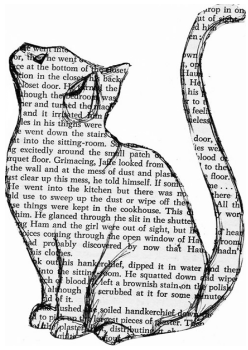
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Meanderings

Welcome to Meanderings this week. And meander I will.

Be sure to check out the top of page nine. I think we have "Hilltop Happenings" happening again! Won't that be the best? I went ahead and swiped the photo from their Facebook page to add some character to the happenings.

The school board has hired Dr. Kelly Aramberger as the new superintendent, to replace Mr. Reed. Dr. Aramberger comes to Cunningham from Belle Plaine where he was superintendent for the last couple of years.

And yes, many of you will remember I began my teaching career in Belle Plaine in 1983... Could that be 40 years ago? I taught there for 16 years, and still have

many friends from that time in my life. And they are gathering this Friday in Derby. I am going to try and head that way to see everyone. I do look forward to our luncheons.

I am at the tail end of a book for middle grade readers. "Something Invisible" by Siobhan Parkinson.

Siobhan is an Irish name and is pronounced 'Shiv-awn'. Now you know.

Part of the teaser on the flap of the book: "warm, quirky, and sincere, "Something Invisible" is a carefully observed story of family, friendship, loyalty and loss, marking the American debut of an award-winning Irish author."

It is all those things. I do enjoy this book and the characters a great deal. It isn't very long—maybe 150 pages. The first chapter reads: Nobody ever blamed Jake for what happened.

The second chapter: Except himself.

The third chapter: But let's go back to the beginning.

And the author takes us back to the first time Jake sees Stella. I know Jake is 11, but it never tells us how old Stella is, but she is probably

around his age.

The blurb on the front of the cover also warns the reader: When a heart-stopping tragedy befalls Stella's family, Jake thinks he may be to blame.

So I know there is going to be something bad that happens. BUT I am enjoying this story so much, I can hardly stand to know what the tragedy is... SOOOO... I finally peeked. I really needed to prepare myself for what is going to happen. I don't want to lose any of the characters, it will break my heart. I found one of the pages... Oh, dear! It is truly a tragic incident. I didn't read the whole incident, but enough to know it is heartbreaking. I hope I can get through it without crying.

Now, the real reason I'm writing about this book: in one scene from the book, Jake and Stella are talking about the kitchen of a neighbor's they are sitting in.

Stella: "Though it might be the table of the High King of Ireland at... where was it?"

"Tara," Jake said. "Ta-ra-ra boom-dee-yay. I am king today!"

Which took me back about 50 years. Who else sand a version of that

song? I can remember two:

"Ta-ra-ra boom dee yay, I'll take your pants away, and you'll be standing there in your purple underwear!"

And Ta-ra-ra boom de yay, I'll take your pants away, and while you're standing there, I'll take your underwear!"

Remember? I can't get that song out of my head now. It will be there for weeks.

And I do recommend the book to kids 10 and up. Excellent writing. Wonderful characters.

Another recent book, "Fictitious Dishes: An Album of Literature's Most Memorable Meals" I found the premise of the book most interesting. Dinah Fried, the author of the book, says in the introduction "The book began a couple of years ago as a small design project while I was at the Rhode Island School of Design. I had the idea to cook, style, and photograph memorable meals I had read about in novels." "There were so many books to read and so many meals to make."

"The book also allowed me to indulge in a daily activity I've always enjoyed - setting

the table - and transform it into something else."

It was an interesting book. It's not a big book. On one page is a bit about her quest to find the necessary 'ingredients' to make the table setting and the food. There are also little footnotes about some of the foods and the story/books. The facing page is a photo of the food and table setting she created.

Some are quite simple. Others not so much.

Ms. Fried really went out of her comfort zone for many of these photo-shoot meals. Some would take ME out of my comfort zone. Like Ulysses by James Joyce: "Mr. Leopold ate with relish the inner organs of beasts and fowls. He liked thick giblet soup, nutty gizzards, roast heart, liver-slices fried with crust-crumbs, fried hen-cod's roes. Most of all he liked grilled mutton kidneys which gave to his palate a fine tang of faintly scented urine." Ugh.

Or collecting "weeks' worth of rotting scraps for "Metamorphosis." Double UGH!

I'll take the 'recipe' from Emma by Jane Austen which is a basket of strawberries. So much better.

Interesting book, this

one. I've not read all the books the author has 'cooked for.' Maybe a third of them. Some I won't ever read, but the book, in itself, was interesting. I'd like to see more of her work. My understanding is that she's done hundreds of these, but only about 50 made the cut for this little book.

Hobbies. I have three hobbies that I really enjoy. Reading. My newspaper. My card making. I look forward to starting the newspaper on Monday morning. On Tuesday evening I start looking forward to spending some time in my crafting room making cards. And always, the characters in the book I am reading is calling to me to join them in their adventures; which I do every night and almost every morning.

Life is grand, isn't it?

Always reading, and gearing up to read, "Stars in Alabama" by Sean Dietrich, Roberta

"I believe that ugly childhoods make pretty people." - Sean Dietrich

Tallgrass and Tumbleweeds by Gaille Pike

Dear Readers, I have only a few pictures of my oldest brother as an adult. Kenneth Dean was more than camera shy and he could seldom be coaxed to pose or guilted into being photographed. I don't need a snapshot to prevent my memories of Ken from fading, but I do keep my favorite print of us together where I can see it. And I have done so since it was taken in

1985. We appear to be the same height standing posed in front of his egg yolk yellow Vermeer baler, but that's an illusion because my Flock-of-Seagulls hairdo adds three inches to my frame. And I'm wearing a blue jumpsuit and knock-off black Ray-Ban sunglasses. Of course my New Wave look makes me laugh, but I giggle more how this picture captures Philadelphia's influence in my demeanor, in the tilt of my head and the cock of my hip. But this photo's significance extends beyond it's time

capsule value. Not only is my brother posing with me, but he is also wide-willing-eyed staring into the camera with a broad, genuine Ken grin. His eyes twinkle mischievously at me from this 38 year old 3.5" x 4" rectangle. I believe more photos of Bigfoot exist than do images like this, Ken captured in the wild of his favorite habitat, his farm.

This is the only photo I possess from this visit when I helped my brother pull rye, an experience I recall vividly. It was hard, hot work which I was poorly suited to per-

form but until today, I've never bothered to know more about pulling rye or why Ken would have enlisted me.

I DID the work because he paid me in cash. But today for no reason, I got to laughing remembering this ordeal and thought, "Now why would my brother have even asked his wannabe City Slicker little sister to assist?" Heck, before I called my nephew Mark, Ken's son who was born in 1989, I knew so little about pulling rye that I couldn't think how to search out information on the topic online.

Wheat farmers reading this are no doubt way ahead of all the rest of us and are likely not to be surprised that my brother would take any help available, even MINE, to pull rye before harvest. And that is because, as my nephew made clear:

"You pull rye so you don't get docked when you take your wheat in."

Though he wasn't quite sure how many cents per bushel they knocked off he further explained how that dockage quickly adds up and HURTS. Mark is not a fulltime farmer, but farming runs in his blood as

thickly as it did through his father's veins. So then I got schooled on feral rye and winter and rotating crops and the changes in farming Mark has witnessed in his tender 34 years.

And when I hung up the phone, I could picture Ken grinning, shaking his head yet proud of both of us. I will cherish my old photo as its colors continue to pale. But I treasure more my memories of a brother's love, which does not fade.

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

A Column by Dorothy Rosby

Do you ever worry that after you're gone, your children and grandchildren will snoop through your home searching for heirlooms, and they'll open a cupboard and be knocked to the ground by all the junk you've collected over the years? Then they'll realize that, just as they'd suspected all along, you really were quite unstable and they should probably go ahead and contest your will. You don't worry about that? I do, and for good

reason. People looking through my home now think I'm unstable. Recently a friend reached into my kitchen cupboard for a glass and burst out laughing. "You're a collector!"

Naturally I denied it. The way I see it, there are collectors and there are disposers. Collectors spend their lives gathering items for their estate sale. Disposers spend their lives giving stuff away. Usually they marry each other.

But even as I protested my friend's accusation, I realized that not only are my husband and I both collectors, we're

the worst kind of collectors: the accidental kind. True collectors are driven by their interests. Most of what we've collected has come to us the way litter collects in a road ditch and tumbleweeds gather on a chain link fence.

I certainly didn't set out to collect drinkware. And yet along with our set of ordinary drinking glasses, we have a fancy set we never use and a dozen canning jars we do use, but not for canning. And rounding out our glass collection are the dozen or so beer and wine glasses with logos from the establishments they came from. Apparently paying more for a drink so you can keep the glass it came in is seen as a good deal by people who've been drinking.

Unfortunately, glasses aren't the only things collecting in our home. Some things we keep because I'm afraid my husband will notice if I try to get rid of them. He buys a new baseball cap everywhere we travel, not because he collects them but because he forgot to bring one with him

when we left home. We have more caps than the American League.

Some things we keep because they could be worth money someday. We have a veritable alphabet soup of entertainment: cassettes, LPs, CDs, VHS tapes and DVDs. I'm just thankful we don't have any eight-track tapes—that I know of. They could be around here somewhere.

A few things we keep are worth money now. We have so many coupons that in order to use them all, I'd need to purchase an elaborate filing system and hire an assistant to organize it. And that might defeat the purpose.

A lot of things we keep because we may need them someday. Chargers and power cords have taken over our home like bindweed. But I'm afraid to get rid of any of them because I'm not sure what they're all for.

I have a bag full of widowed socks, some whose partners were probably lost in our last home. I'm afraid if I toss any of them, their partners will show up shortly

thereafter, having taken nineteen years to walk the six blocks from my old neighborhood.

I hate to admit it, but I keep a lot of things because I have a sentimental streak. For example, I have scrapbooks from my college days, and I didn't just go to college yesterday. Along with the usual ticket stubs and fortunes from fortune cookies, my scrapbooks also contain page after page of small cardboard circles taken off the top of a particular brand of yogurt. If you're ever snooping through my home, you might question why I saved those. I do too. At least I know

that at one point in my life I was getting plenty of calcium.

And finally, we keep some things because we've forgotten we even have them. We rarely open the cupboard that contains all our cookbooks and coffee mugs. Anyone snooping through my house would wonder why I have so many cookbooks when I cook the same six meals over and over and why we have so many mugs when we don't even drink coffee. I suppose they'll come in handy if we ever run out of glasses.


Photo from Pixabay. This is NOT my house. I'm too embarrassed to show you that.



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Community Bulletin Board

<p><b>Thursday, June 15</b> KState STEM program at CPL</p> <p><b>Friday, June 16</b> 3:00 CPL Bob Ross Painting Class</p> <p><b>Tuesday, June 20</b> 9:30 a.m. CPL Story Time in Sculptures</p> 	<p><b>Thursday, June 22</b> 10:00 a.m. CPL K-State STEM program</p> <p><b>Thursday, June 29</b> K-State STEM program</p> <p><b>Wednesday, June 28th</b> 7:00 Book Club</p> <p><b>Friday, June 30</b> 8:00 p.m. Moonlight Swim</p>
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CPL Summer Reading

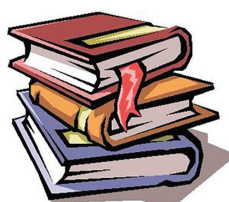
**Thursday, June 15th - K-State STEM 10:00 a.m. ages 6+ Youth STEM Programming** by K-State Research and Extension - Hands on STEM activities!  
**Friday, June 16th - Bob Ross Painting Class with Derese McAbee (for adults) - 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.** This program is for adults. We need a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 10 participants. Participants must register at the library in advance. Cost of the class is \$45.00 and a roll of paper towels. (The library is helping sponsor the class.) The cost covers all art supplies including a 12 x 16 canvas. Derese is a Certified Ross instructor. This is what people have seen Bob Ross do on

*The Joy of Painting* and is done with oil paints. The three-hour class will begin at 6:00.

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

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

**Thursday, June 29 - K-State STEM 10:00 a.m. ages 6+ Youth STEM Programming** by K-State Research and Extension - Hands on STEM activities!



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B-29 Museum

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Approved Minutes from May BOE Special Meeting

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Motion made by Travis Thimesch, seconded by Vicki Oldham, to schedule a special board meeting on Monday June 5th at 2p.m. for the purpose of Superintendent interviews. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion made by Travis Thimesch, seconded by Megan Green, to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Approved Minutes from June's BOE Special Meeting

The West Kingman County Board of Education meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. on Monday June 5, 2023, by President Brent Miller.

President, Brent Miller; Vice-President, Bjorn Halderson, Members, Scott DeWeese, Brent Hansen, Travis Thimesch, Vicki Oldham and Megan Green; Principal, Cody Dunlap; Clerk, Stacy Webster; and Guest, Kelly Arnberger.

Motion made by Scott DeWeese, seconded by Vicki Oldham, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

President Miller welcomed the guest.

Motion made by Brent Hansen, seconded by Megan Green, to go into executive session at 2:01 p.m. to discuss personnel for the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA and return to the board room at 3:00 p.m.. Motion carried 7-0.

At 2:04 p.m. President Miller invited Cody Dunlap and Dr. Kelly Arnberger to the executive session.

President Miller declared the meeting in open session at 3:00 p.m.

and called for a 5 minute break.

Motion made by Scott DeWeese, seconded by Bjorn Halderson, to go into executive session with Principal Dunlap and Kelly Arnberger at 3:05 p.m. to discuss personnel for the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA and return to the board room at 3:35 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

President Miller declared the meeting in open session at 3:35 p.m.

Motion made by Vicki Oldham, seconded by Scott DeWeese, to go into executive session at 3:35 p.m. to discuss personnel for the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA and return to the board room at 3:55 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

At 3:44 p.m. President Miller invited Cody Dunlap to the executive session.

At 3:47 p.m. President Miller invited Dr. Kelly Arnberger to the executive session.

President Miller declared the meeting in open session at 3:55 p.m.

Motion made by Travis Thimesch, seconded by Megan Green, to adjourn the meeting at 3:58 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.



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**1938**

June 10, – The Skelly Softball team won its official opener of the season against Iuka Wednesday night. The score was 9 to 8. The battery for Skelly was Raymond Shrum, pitcher, and Junior Shafer, catcher. Skelly's next game is on Skelly's ball diamond Sunday at 3 o'clock at Skellyville against Turon.

The Wallace Bruce Players will be in Cunningham 3 nights starting Thursday, June 16, in their big tent theatre. This popular company needs no introduction as they have played here and surrounding towns for the past 20 years. The first night's play, "Toby in Mexico," a funny comedy of cowboy life.

**1943**

June 11 – A short circuit in one of the gasoline pumps at the DeLair Service Station caused fire to break out around the pump, Tuesday morning, and caused quite a bit of excitement for a short time. Waiting on a lady customer, Mr. DeLair had started the motor in the pump when smoke began pouring out around it. The woman immediately cranked up her car and left pronto. Wayne extinguished the fire himself with hand extinguishers from his own station and from the Skelly Station. It was not necessary to call out the fire department.

The city ice plant has been moved from the White Eagle Service Station to the Guy Neagle home, west of the Christian church.

A veteran of one Atlantic Ocean crossing, Pilot Ross Vermillion, of the Army Air Corps and stationed with the American Ferry Command, has been visiting relatives here during the past week, while on a brief furlough from his duties at San Diego, Calif.

Ross has just returned from a trans-Atlantic crossing, in which he piloted a plane in a convoy of 18 planes carrying Army personnel to secret bases in England. Each ship carried 60 men. The convoy was attacked by Nazi fighter planes, and Ross' plane, being one of the outside ships in the formation, received 26 bullet holes as a memento of the trip, but no one was injured.

**1948**

June 11 – Approximately \$10 was taken late Saturday in a break-in at the Cairo Corner Store. Pratt county sheriff Ira Frantz said the entry was made through a window. The store is operated by Steve England.

Notice – The Hardscrabble and Lawndale Picnic will be held in Lemon Park at Pratt, Sunday, June 13. All invited.

Behind the excellent five hit pitching of Don Huhman and Don Schnittker, Cunningham defeated Spivey, 25 to 4 for their sixth straight Kingman County League victory, Sunday afternoon at Spivey.

The Cunningham Methodist Youth Fellowship were hosts to a county rally held at the church Tuesday evening. There were 54 young people present from Belmont, Norwich, Spivey, Zenda, and Cunningham. The next county rally will be held at the Zenda Methodist Church, Monday, August 9.

- Advertisements – McCormick-Deering Dairy Equipment at Fee Hardware
- Peters Shoes at Cannon's Store
- New Bee-Line 10 foot oneway at Kincheloe Implement Co.
- Your Westinghouse Dealer in Cunningham – Buntmeyer Electric
- Steaks, Dinners, Homemade Pies, Meadow Gold Ice Cream at Hi-Way Café
- Real Estate, Farm Loans, Insurance – J. F. Schump
- Bendix Washers at Dafforn Motor and Appliance Company
- Mobilgas and Mobiloil at Tucker Service Station
- Kill Bugs with Pestroy DDT – J. B. Houston and Son Lumber Co., Inc.
- You can now own a Vornado fan for as little as \$24.95 – Dafforn Motor and Appliance Co.
- Showing Friday and Saturday at the Cunningham Theatre – Tyrone Power and Jean Peters in "Captain from Castile"
- Showing Sunday and Monday at the Cunningham Theatre – June Haver, Mark Stevens, and Martha

Stewart in "I Wonder Who's Kissing Her Now"

**1953**

June 12 – A beautiful new shrine to Our Lady of Fatima has been erected at the Sacred Heart Church grounds. The shrine consists of a large white statue of Our Lady of Fatima, fronted by a fifty-four-foot rosary formed in the shape of a heart.

According to Father Joseph Tockert, who supervised the erection of the shrine, each rosary bead, made of cement, weighs almost ten pounds, and the entire rosary weighs six hundred and fifty pounds. The rosary is held up off the ground by a framework of iron.

The shrine is located on the south lawn of the Sacred Heart Church and rectory, and can be easily seen by passers-by on Highway 54.

**1958**

June 12 – The first load of 1958 wheat in the Cunningham area was delivered to the Gano Grain Corp. Elevator, Thursday afternoon, by Ray Shafer, farming land owned by Everett Hauser.

The new wheat, Wichita variety, tested 63 pounds, and had a 12.80% moisture content, according to Dewey Cooley, elevator manager. Mr. Shafer said the yield from this field looked like it would average over 25 bushels per acre.

Members and friends of the Methodist Church in Cunningham enjoyed a dedication service of the new Hammond organ at the church, Sunday evening.

The organ was paid for by voluntary gifts from 56 families and friends of the church.

Elmer Spade, proprietor of the St. Leo Store, became a member of the "Gallon Club" at the visit of the Red Cross Bloodmobile Unit here in Cunningham, Monday. Elmer donated his eighth pint of blood.

**1963**

June 13 – "The Rawhide Years," an outdoor adventure movie in Technicolor starring Tony Curtis, is the free outdoor movie to be shown at the City Park in Cunningham tonight (Thursday) beginning at dark.

A week of good harvest weather has allowed farmers in the Cunningham area to practically complete harvesting of the 1963 wheat crop.

Cutting of fields planted to later varieties of wheat still continues, but a couple of days will see the end of another harvest.

Yields are reported as ranging all the way from 10 bushels per acre to as high as 30 bushels per acre in some fields. The average yield for this area could be in the 17 to 23 bushels per acre range – remarkable results for a wheat crop that underwent a severe winter coupled with an extremely dry period the first four months of this year.

A reunion of the "Class of 1953" of Cunningham Rural High School was held at the West Café, Saturday evening, May 29.

Following dinner, the group enjoyed a short program after which they toured the newly remodeled high school building and new gym-auditorium under the guidance of Custodian Marvin Shelman, and then to the Lynn Spencer home for a social reminiscing evening.

Those present included Mrs. Harold (Darlene Simonson) Schreck and Mr. Schreck, Mrs. Delmar (Alda Singleton) Hodgkinson and Mr. Hodgkinson, and Jack Meyers and Mrs. Meyers, all of Cunningham; Mrs. Bill (Beverly Weir) DeWeese and Mr. DeWeese of Coats, Mrs. Merrell (Barbara Weir) Jones and Mr. Jones of Houston, Tex., and Jim Harmon and Mrs. Harmon of Penalosa. Also present were Class Sponsor Mrs. Lynn Spencer and Mrs. Spencer.

**1968**

June 12 – Forty children presented a program for their mothers at the Methodist Church last Friday morning, concluding week-long classes of United Vacation Bible School.

The school was under the direction of Mrs. Bill DeWeese, and the teachers included Mrs. James Stucky, Mrs. Jerry Clark, Mrs. Roger Sallee, and Rev. Kenneth Hull. They were assisted by Christina Hull, Teresa Long, Marsha Satcher, Susan DeWeese, and Linda Cain. Kristy Sheldon served as music director, with Mrs. Hull as accompanist.

A special collection was used to purchase a new outfit of clothes for a boy adopted by the United Youth Fellowship.

That evening, the students, teachers, parents, and their families enjoyed a wiener roast at the Alva Hellar home.

The Webelos enjoyed a wiener roast and an overnight camp-out at the Edwin Steffen farm last Thursday.

Boys present were Tim Renner, Greg DeWeese, Tom Renner, Greg Kitson, Steven Long, and John Steffen. Leaders present were Victor Renner and

Mr. Steffen, and Fr. Eugene Robl was a guest at the wiener roast.

YEARS AGO IN

*The Cunningham Clipper*

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

**1978**

June 15 – I need 5 plates and 8 cups of the blossom pattern dishes which were available at the grocery store about 8 to 10 years ago. Blue daisy plates and solid blue cups. 298-3452.

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Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Adelhardt of Kingman announce the engagement of their daughter, Sandra to Kent Scripsick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Scripsick of Cunningham. A November 25<sup>th</sup> wedding is being planned.

Sandra is a 1974 graduate of Kingman High School and is employed by the Kingman Insurance Agency. Kent is a 1974 graduate of Cunningham High School and is employed by Scripsick Standard in Cunningham.

Tuesday morning, Mrs. Dale Sheldon entertained with a coffee for Mrs. Lilian Wilkinson of Leeds, England. Ladies in attendance were Mrs. Sue Huhman and Karen, Janet DeWeese, Faye Cooley, Doris Bidwell, Vera Watkins, Hilda Shelman, Eilene Crick, DebbieNare and Krista of Cincinnati, Ohio and Rubie Cusenbary.

Marvin Oller and Woody Nichols from Lawrence were weekend guests at the Melvin Oller home.

**1983**

June – Among the 3,890 degrees printed in the program for Kansas State University's 120<sup>th</sup> Commencement Exercises was the 100,000<sup>th</sup> degree conferred by the university.

By computer roster the 100,000<sup>th</sup> degree recipient was identified as Jeffrey M. Simpson, Dodge City, who completed work on a Bachelor of Science in engineering technology.

Those graduating from the Cunningham area include: Scott Alan Fischer, of Nashville, Bachelor of Science in Agriculture.

Shawn Rohr and Mahlon Stucky both graduates of Cunningham High school, pre-enrolled for the fall 1983 classes at Kansas State University during on of two special community college transfer days, April 25 and 26.

Rohr will be majoring in electrical engineering. Stucky will be majoring in marketing.

Paula S. Fitzsimmons, Wichita, was awarded an Associate of Science Nursing Degree during draguation ceremonies at Kansas Newman College, Wichita, on May 21<sup>st</sup>.

Fitzsimmons participated in the commencement exercises with almost 150 other Kansas Newman College graduates. Guest speaker at the ceremonies was The Most Reverend Eugene J. Gerber, Bishop of the Wichita Diocese.

Paula is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Fitzsimmons of the Cunningham area.

Brian DeWeese, son of Bill and Beverly DeWeese, and graduate of Cunningham High School is at the present time enjoying a 30 day tour of Spain.

The tour is sponsored by Emporia State University, where DeWeese is a student, and the tour director is Mrs. Garcia Patton, a native of Spain. DeWeese left Kansas City on May 17 and traveled by air to New York City and then on to Madrid, Spain. Cities on the itinerary to be visited are Segovia, Avila, Merida, Zafra, Cordoba, Seville, Granada, Toledo, Valencia, Pensicolo, Barcelone, Santilla del Mar, Oviedo, Leon, Santa Monica and back to Madrid on June 15. Travel in Spain will be accomplished by bus and includes visiting theaters and bull fights. The tour consists of 15 members, mostly from Emporia State.

DeWeese was recognized as an outstanding Spanish student recently by the Emporia State Department of Foreign Language at an honors reception.

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by Mike Johnson

We Live Too Long

Sixty to one hundred years is far too long a life, Too much time for wallowing, in anger, fear and strife. We should appear aged 35, not a moment younger,

Mellowed some by wisdom gained, yet not devoid of hunger. Free from past regrets and lists of those who've hurt us, Love would reclaim spirits, as we let old pains desert us. Then we'd get just 30 days, so each is seen as dear, Pressed so hard to spend them well, we'd

have no time for fear. We couldn't afford the luxuries of anger or confusion, Ever aware the meter's running, no "Someday I'll..." illusions. We'd get right to work contributing, our legacy to leave, Doing our best, for all the rest, what tapestries we'd weave!

Our lives would burn with purpose, our souls would radiate, Our talents harmonized, what a world we'd help create! And when the clock struck midnight on that final day, We'd leave chin up, invigorated, our work had seemed like play.



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Baby Soap

By Philippa Geaney

As small waves rolled in from the expanse below, Justin watched, perched on a sand dune. They broke with barely a murmur and retreated. He narrowed his eyes, wondering if those waters joined the next wave to lap the shoreline or if an unseen current drew them away to witness a deeper wonder. It reminded him of his own situation. Lord, thank You for hearing my prayer and drawing me elsewhere. I believe it's what I need. His family and friends disagreed. 'Why go to the Outback? Where's Longreach anyway?' His friends demanded in disbelief before trying a final blow. 'You can be pretty sure your fair Alyce won't be waiting for you when you decide

to ride your horse back into Dodge.' Justin had acknowledged this with a nod. He was loath to disrespect his girlfriend, but things were cooling off. Alyce had changed. She had seemed indifferent to God's will for some time, replaced by an obsession with wearing designer clothes and strong perfume. It was time to step away for a while. Undeniably, they'd been labeled the yuppie pair at Uni, but Justin had no clue why. He'd seen Alyce as an uncomplicated girl, even if her T-shirt, blue jeans, and makeup-free face seemed to others to be more designed than most. Alyce wasn't the only reason and disagreement over his choice anyway. His parents went so far as to question whether Outback Australia had running water and electricity.


Justin ignored that. 'I'm offering my services for a year. Besides, my mate, Tim has survived out there. It doesn't mean I'll become any less knowledgeable. I'll be working with the Flying Doctors and the district GPs. Plus, the internet will keep me abreast of all the latest advances.' They hadn't been convinced. Justin threw in that he promised to find water and bathe once a week, to use the internet each time the satellite was directly overhead and at other times if the galahs hadn't chewed through the telephone lines. They'd ignored his humor. 'It'll be the death of your career, Justin.' He rose from his dune at that memory, hurriedly brushing away the sand. He must not think that way. Reports of my death have been greatly over-

estimated Lord.. He tried a laugh out loud. Mark Twain was a favorite whose quote's Justin used and misused often, and today's seemed particularly appropriate. His Bible app was still open on Galatians 2:20, where he'd lingered during his quiet time on the Word confirming his old man's death. The decision to follow an inward prompting and decline an offer to join a team of surgeons in the city - lucrative and tempting as it had been, had disappointed his parents. Yet a peaceful assurance covered his spirit each time Justin turned his heart to the Father. It was all he needed, and it would be an adventure. If he returned wearing egg on his face - so be it. Although Justin chose to say goodbye to his family and friends individually, turning down a suggested bon voyage

party took him the remainder of the week. When departure day arrived, he boarded and looked longingly at the Fasten Your Seatbelts sign. When that lit, there'd be no turning back. 'Hello Justin. Fancy meeting you here.' Justin looked up, puzzled by a muffled but friendly greeting. 'Angie? This's a coincidence.' Justin jumped up to allow her the window seat. 'It is, isn't it.' She pulled the boarding pass from between her teeth, adjusted her bag, and smiled. Her hair was neatly pulled back and she wore no makeup. 'I haven't seen you since our internship. Did you win a surgical placement?' 'I did. Fully qualified now.' Justin returned her smile. 'And you?' 'I took myself to


London and studied Intensive Care/ Anaesthetics.' Justin nodded approval and studied the slim jean-clad woman about to take her seat. As she passed, Justin smelled the faintest hint of - he had no idea. 'Where are you headed?' she settled herself easily. 'The Outback, for a year. An offering came up in Longreach.' 'Same here. Although I'll be mostly flying about as an anesthetist with the Flying Doctors and staying longer than a year. I had to get away from the expectations of the new rich. I only packed my smalls, jeans, t's, shampoo and soap. That was the smell. Baby soap. Nothing but baby soap. Jason closed his eyes and smiled. Lord, what are You up too?

Check the Blessing Box east of the Methodist Church. Anyone can give or take from the Blessing Box at any time.



**Catholic Churches**  
Sacred Heart, Cunningham Saturdays 4:00 p.m.  
St. John, Zenda Sundays 10:00 a.m.  
St. Leo Sundays 8:30 a.m.  
St. Peter Willowdale Saturdays 5:30 p.m.  
Father Roger Lumbré 620-243-5451 620-246-5370

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**Lutheran Churches**  
St. John, Nashville 620-246-5220 Sunday School & Bible Class 9:45 a.m. Worship Service 8:30 a.m.  
Trinity, Medicine Lodge 620-886-3397 Sunday School & Bible Class 9:15 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

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

Pastor Dennis Fangmeyer Cell: 620-886-0911

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**Church of Christ**  
Penalosa Sunday 11:00 a.m.

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**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

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**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

Jokes You Can Tell in Church

Two brothers who loved baseball wondered whether they could play the sport when they went to heaven. So, they swore that whoever went to heaven first would find some way to let the living brother know. The oldest brother passed away a week later. And, on the night he was buried, he reappeared at the foot of his brother's bed. "Is there baseball in heaven?" asked the younger brother.

"Well, I've got good and bad news," the older brother said. "The good news is that there is baseball in heaven." "That's great!" said the brother. "What's the bad news?" "The bad news is you're pitching Sunday." My grandfather was in a worship band called the Eternal Sound. It lasted a couple of years.

My childhood church had a kitchen in the back. One day while looking around, I saw a wooden plaque with a button. The button didn't work. That was when I read the sign above the plague: "When you are through using the kitchen, push button to summon a servant to clean up. If there is no response, refer to Matthew 20:25-28 for further instruction. Thank you."



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### Minutes from the Pratt County Commission

The Pratt County commissioners met in regular session Monday, June 5, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. in the commissioner room, 1st floor of the courthouse. The following members were present: Thomas W. Jones III, Rick Shriver, Dwight Adams, Tyson Eisenhower, county counselor, Lori Voss, clerk, and Mark Graber, IT director.

Heather Morgan, economic development/covid consultant, reported KDOT announced consultations for the next two-year cycles will be early October held in Wichita and Newton. There will also be a virtual meeting.

She suggests the commissioners attend these meetings for Pratt County voices to be heard. The fourlane from Liberal to Wichita is forefront again. She stated the commissioners need to have discussions before the consultations. The secretary of insurance announced that over 600 small businesses are not going to have to pay into the self funded workers compensation next year because the fund has sufficient funds. Pratt Economic Development met with city of Pratt to ensure that all financial records are in the correct hands as they transition to a new financial officer.

Doug Freund, road/lake supervisor, presented the grant form for signatures. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to approve the high-risk road

grant for \$420,000.00. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

He presented A quote from Simpson Dirt Construction in the amount of \$5785.00, to remove trees on West River Road by the small bridge. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to approve the quote from Simpson Dirt to remove trees in the amount of \$5785.00. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Jon Roach, noxious weed, gave an update on the truck that is being repaired at Fairbanks Equipment. The pump motor on the sprayer needs to be replaced, it could cost in excess of \$10,000. Commissioner Shriver requested he get bids on the repairs before any work is done and re-

port back.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the minutes from May 30, 2023. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Adams made a motion to cancel insurance from Empac, Wichita, KS. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to recess into executive session at 2:17 p.m. for ten minutes for an attorney/client matter concerning multiple legal issues. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to return from executive session at 2:27 p.m. with no action taken. Commissioner Adams seconded the mo-

tion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to approve the payment vouchers for June 5, 2023. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to recess the meeting at 2:36 p.m. until Tuesday, June 6, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. for the department head budget meeting with Scot Loyd, the Loyd Group. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting recessed.

The recessed meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on June 6, 2023, in the commissioner room, first floor, courthouse. The following members were present: Thomas W. Jones III, Dwight Adams, Rick Shriver, Tyson Eisenhower, county

counselor and Lori Voss, county clerk. Also, present Scot Loyd, accountant with the Loyd Group. Budgets were presented by each department head. Each department explained their budgets and their increases.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to recess the meeting at 11:52 a.m. for lunch. They will resume at 1:30 .pm. Commissioner Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting recessed.

Recessed meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by Chairman Jones.

Budget presentation and reviews continued.

Commissioner Adams made a motion to adjourn at 3:27 p.m. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

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### Freed-Hardeman University Announces Spring 2023 President's, Dean's Lists

Freed-Hardeman University has released the names of students who made the President's and Dean's Lists for the

Spring 2023 semester. To be on the President's List, a student must be full-time and have a 4.0 grade point average. Students on the Dean's List have earned a minimum 3.4 grade point average for the semester.

The following student from the local area has received this honor:

**Hannah Pearce**, of Kingman, Kansas, has been named to the President's List. Pearce is earning a Bachelor of Arts in Studio Art.

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- In alignment
- Tiny bottle
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- Arabian chieftain
- Peter Pumpkin \_\_\_
- \*White House Plumbers' affair
- Arrival times, acr.
- \*Gerald R. Ford and Nelson A. Rockefeller
- Tolkien's Ogre-like creature
- \*Charlie's TV detectives
- At sea but close to shore
- Always, poetically speaking
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- Bow-like structure
- Hippocrates' promise
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- English county
- Boiling blood
- \_\_\_, Stinky and Stretch
- Shade of beige
- \*"Rainy Day People" singer Gordon \_\_\_
- Things on a list
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- \*Bee Gees or The Supremes,

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- \*First female British prime minister
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- Corbel
- \*"Killing Me \_\_\_ with His Song"
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- Evening purse
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- Black and white cookie
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- Carrying container
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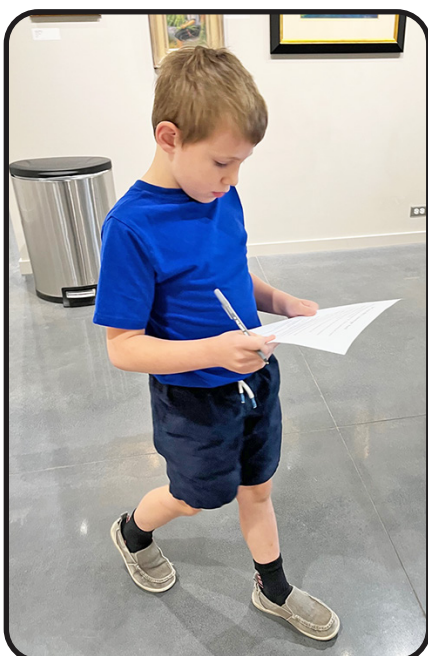
Today's drive-in theater was a hit! We watched the movie Ernest & Celestine using the library's Kanopy streaming service. The kids did great. We took a short intermission so everyone could get out of their cars and stretch a bit. This helped to break up the afternoon for the youngest set. Thanks for all the help from library board members, moms, dads, and grandparents. Your contributions made the difference! Special thanks to the school administration (Mr. Dunlap and Mr. Reed) for supplying the popcorn and letting us use the school's popcorn machine. We had plenty to go around. Thanks Jane and Ingrid for making the popcorn and delivering to the library. Thanks to those who brought drinks and snacks—all added to the enjoyment. We sent the kids home happy thanks to all of you.



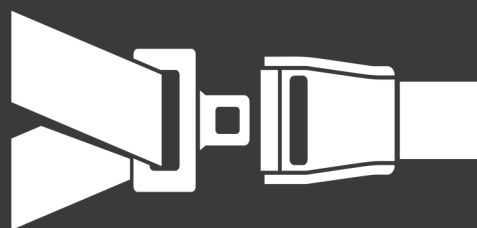
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Cunningham Summer Reading program participants met at Vernon Filley Art Gallery in Pratt to take part in a scavenger hunt and explore the museum.



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Kingman County Sheriff's Report

Sunday, June 4

Traffic Stop 1  
Follow Up 13000 Blk SE 140 Ave, Norwich  
Traffic Complaint NE 40 Ave & E Hwy 54, Kingman  
Warrant Service 500 Blk N Coronado St, Kingman  
Animal Complaint 3000 Blk SE 70 St, Kingman  
Check Welfare 2000 Blk SE Murdock Ave, Murdock

Monday, June 5

Non-Injury Accident 7000 E Hwy 54, Kingman  
Disabled Vehicle SW50 St & SW 130 Ave, Kingman  
Disabled Vehicle W Hwy 54 & SW 70 Ave, Kingman  
Medical 7000 lk E Hwy 42, Rago  
Warrant Service 100 Blk N Spruce St, Kingman  
Fire / Structure 400 S Valley St, Cunningham  
Driving Complaint 16000 NE 10 St, Cheney  
Disabled Vehicle NE 10 St & NE 100 Ave, Murdock  
911 Accidental Dial 8000 Blk SE 90 St, Kingman

Tuesday, June 6

Traffic Stop 2  
Non-Injury Accident 11000 S Hwy 14, Kingman  
Non-Injury Accident 1200 E Hwy 54, Kingman  
Court 130 N Spruce St, Kingman  
Traffic Complaint 15000 E Hwy 54, Cheney  
Traffic Complaint SW 90 Ave & SW 10 St, Kingman  
Check Welfare 200 Blk W C Ave, Kingman  
Warrant Service 120 N Spruce St, Kingman  
Warrant Service 120 N Spruce St, Kingman  
Non-Injury Accident 12000 E Hwy 54, Cheney  
Traffic Arrest 400 Blk E D Ave, Kingman

Wednesday, June 7

Animal Complaint  
Injury Accident  
Check Welfare  
Harassment  
Suspicious Person

13000 Blk SE 140 Ave, Norwich  
NE 10 St & E Hwy 54, Kingman  
200 Block S Elliott, Cunningham  
120 N Spruce, Kingman  
300 Blk of W First St, Cunningham

Thursday, June 8

Traffic stop  
Civil Paper Service  
Runaway  
Disturbance  
Transport Inmate  
Fraud  
Traffic Complaint  
Arrest  
Non-Injury Accident

1  
2  
2000 Blk NE 168 Ave, Cheney  
15000 Blk NE 50 St, Cheney  
700 Blk W D Ave, Kingman  
15000 Blk NE 50 St, Cheney  
NE 50 St & NE 170 Ave, Cheney  
12000 Blk SW 100 St, Zenda  
NE 90 Ave & E Hwy 54, Kingman

Friday, June 9

Traffic Stop  
Civil Paper Service  
Follow Up  
Traffic Complaint  
Disabled Vehicle  
Theft  
Disturbance  
Check Welfare

2  
4  
120 N Spruce, Kingman  
18000 W Hwy 54, Cunningham  
NE 10 St & NE 90 Ave, Kingman  
6000 Block SW 70 St, Kingman  
120 N Spruce, Kingman  
4000 Blk NE Sunset Ln, Cheney

Saturday, June 10

Traffic Stop  
Civil Paper Service  
Miscellaneous  
Medical  
Unlock Vehicle  
Miscellaneous

3  
3  
120 N Spruce, Kingman  
200 Blk S Elliott, Cunningham  
400 Blk E First St, Cunningham  
700 Blk N Cedar, Kingman

Whatever you do on Father's Day... ...have a blast (and let Dad win once). Kids: color stuff in!

# Newspaper Fun!

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## Happy Father's Day

Chitter & Chatter: Whether you're on the move or just relaxing with Dad, have a fun Father's Day!

Read the clues to fill in this puzzle with ideas for fun things to do with Dad (maybe you can do this puzzle together!).

- zip around the track with the "pedal to the metal"
- read a chapter of a mystery or adventure \_\_\_\_\_
- play \_\_\_\_\_ in your driveway or at the park
- grab a putter at \_\_\_\_\_
- practice hitting a home run at a \_\_\_\_\_ cage (wear a helmet)
- make a secret \_\_\_\_\_: use tree branches, old bedsheets...
- get out glue and magnifying glass for painting miniature \_\_\_\_\_
- play guitar or sing - you and Dad could make some rocking \_\_\_\_\_
- pitch a tent, start a fire, and enjoy the great outdoors by going \_\_\_\_\_
- bring a roll of quarters and level up with Dad at the game \_\_\_\_\_
- give Dad a helping hand with the yard work and mow the \_\_\_\_\_
- get comfy on the couch or in hammocks for a midday \_\_\_\_\_
- get a little grease on your hands while you help Dad work on a \_\_\_\_\_
- let Dad pick a \_\_\_\_\_ to watch at home - don't forget popcorn!
- get \_\_\_\_\_ - there's no one better than Dad to teach you how
- grab a \_\_\_\_\_ pole and get ready to reel in some fun
- learn the important skill of how to knot a \_\_\_\_\_ or how to \_\_\_\_\_ a knot
- find a walking stick, lace on \_\_\_\_\_ shoes and hit the trails
- grab a controller and play some \_\_\_\_\_ games with Dad
- football, basketball, soccer - pull up chairs and watch the \_\_\_\_\_

### Sports Fun

Shooting hoops or tossing baseballs with Dad is fun. If it rains, bowling or roller skating are good ideas. Use the letters in the word "father" to spell out these sports.

- b \_ sk \_ \_ b \_ ll
- b \_ s \_ \_ b \_ ll
- socc \_ \_ \_
- \_ \_ nnis
- voll \_ yb \_ ll
- gol \_ ing
- \_ unning
- l \_ c \_ oss \_
- \_ oo \_ b \_ ll

### Grilling With Dad and Grandpa

Find and circle these words about cooking outside:

grill, gas, charcoal, flames, cooking, barbecuing, vegetables, steak, hot dogs, hamburgers, hickory chips, sear, flip, spatula, tongs, fork, basting brush, thermometer, grill glove, grill basket

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C B F L Y V E A E C C K O C T L U  
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### Mini Golfing with Dad

Hit the golf ball along the path to the windmill hole to win.

(Answers on page 10)



Look What is Back... Hilltop Happenings

Hilltop has been abuzz with activity this week!

As most have heard, things got a bit "toasty" on our roof early in the week – but thanks to the

quick actions of staff, emergency personnel, and a wonderful outpouring of assistance from the community, all is well at Hilltop, with no injuries, minimal damage, and the replacement of our roof continues as planned.

We had a visit from the exercise duo, "Jazzercise with Two Fun Guys" on Tuesday, and resident

participation was amazing – residents and staff alike enjoyed this entertaining twosome, and we hope they return soon!

Men's Night was held on Wednesday with the theme, "Camp Out" and it sounds like a good time was had by all.

Thursday morning brought a visit from the first and second

graders of this year's Cunningham Vacation Bible School, and let me tell you – these kids can rock! Thanks to Judy DeWeese, Sheena Albers, Hannah Ellis, and Mattie Jump for a fun presentation. If these kids are any indication, our future is in pretty good hands.

Friday's activities included "Bible Study with Betty" which has a steady attendance and is very interesting, and BINGO – which is always a favorite – residents win "BINGO Bucks" which they can then use to purchase items at "The BINGO Store." (P.S. We are always donations for BINGO Store stock – call Clarrissa at Hilltop for more information.)

Until next week – God Bless!

Cunningham 4-H Met in June



The 4-Hers met on June 5th at the Community Center. The roll call was, "What is one of your summer plans" and was answered by 23 members.

During the meeting, we voted to clean the stalls at Kingman again next year. Taylor also talked about the ambassador fundraiser at the Lions Club Park. Marci requested all the 4-H families to create a brand to put on our fair banner because the theme this year is "Country Fans and Cattle Brands." We are also looking for donations for our cookie jar to provide scholarships for our 4-H seniors. Any donations can be given to a Cunningham 4-Her with the check written out to Kingman County Fair Association.

We also had several project talks during the meeting. Brody Bock made a poster and talked on how to find the rate of gain for a steer. Jonathan Ogg read us a poem called, "All my Great Excuses." Weston and Holden Meireis talked about crystal digging in Oklahoma. Kingston Huffman read a poem called, "I took my dog for a walk," and Leah Rogers did a demonstration on how to make an abstract painting. The meeting was then adjourned, and we had root beer floats.



-Kendall Rogers, reporter

*"This is the real secret of life -- to be completely engaged with what you are doing in the here and now. And instead of calling it work, realize it is play."*

— Alan Watts



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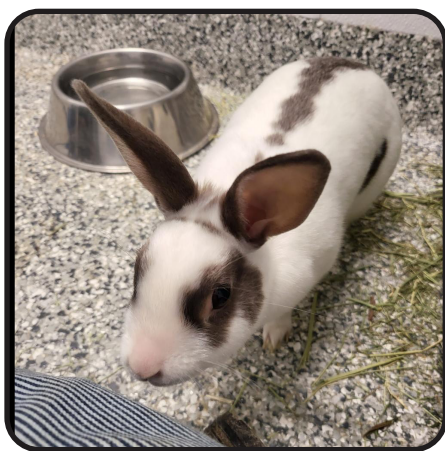
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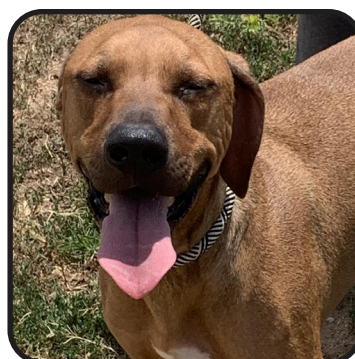
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Female Domestic Shorthair 3 pounds 2 months + \$75.00 Summer was brought to the shelter on June 8, 2023

Whether you're on the move or just relaxing with Dad, have a great Father's Day!

# Happy Father's Day

Grilling With Dad and Grandpa

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Minutes from the Kingman County

Chairman Henning called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. June 5th, 2023, in the County Commissioners room at the Kingman County Courthouse. Present were: Jerry Henning, Chairman; Patrick Elpers, Commissioner; Jack Thimesch, Commissioner; Carol Noblit, County Clerk; Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor

Visitors: Bob Morris, Kingman Leader-Courier; Larry Landwehr; Clint Turner; Shanna Henry; Melissa Thimesch, Extension Agent and Grace Snyder, Extension Agent.

Online Visitors: Heather Kinsler, Caller 01, user 1, Aleisha Woods, Zachary Bieghler, Caller 02, Chrissy Bartel.

Staff: Susan Hubbell, Register of Deeds; Leah Ellis, Register of Deeds clerk; LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director; Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director and Mendy Frampton, Expo Center Director.

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

Chairman Henning would like to add an executive session with the County Attorney and another one with Mendy Frampton, Expo Center Director.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the agenda with the addition of two executive sessions. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County

Commissioners. Susan Hubbell, Register of Deeds introduced her new employee Leah Ellis to the County Commissioners. Ms. Hubbell also let the Commissioners know that she submitted her budget.

Melissa Thimesch, Extension Agent was in to introduce the new agent Grace Snyder to the County Commissioners.

Ms. Thimesch submitted her quarterly report to the County Commissioners and the programs that she has done.

Ms. Thimesch discussed the direct contributions that K-State contributes to the extension budget.

Budget submitted by the Fair Board Treasurer to the County Commissioners.

Clint Turner discussed the budget and the request of possible \$15000.00 to \$18000.00 from the \$11,000.00 received this year.

Commissioner Thimesch discussed that as they grow that the request can rise.

Commissioners discussed that if they can make the fair bigger and attendance is greater then they will look at possible bigger budget.

Mr. Schwartz let the Commissioners know that they are having Dixons draw out the building to work on the electrical.

LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer was in with budget questions on the capital outlay.

Jeremy Gilson, Gallagher Benefits was in to go over the health insurance renewal.

Monte Rose and Dave Steffen were in to discuss the Cunningham EMS budget. Mr. Rose sub-

mitted a budget request of \$10,000.00 for budget year 2024.

Mr. Steffen discussed the budget request and the EMS needs.

Commissioners let Mr. Rose and Mr. Steffen know that they will consider the budget request.

Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director was in with compliance one information for the Commissioners.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Elpers moved to go into executive session with Stan Goetz, HR and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor at 10:06 a.m. to discuss an individual employee's evaluation pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act for discussion of non-elected personnel matters of nonelected personnel, and they will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 10:21 a.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners returned to regular session at 10:21 a.m. with no decision made.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session with Stan Goetz, HR and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor at 10:21 a.m. to discuss an individual employee's evaluation pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act for discussion of non-elected personnel matters, and they will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 10:26 a.m.

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

proved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

County Commissioners returned to regular session at 10:26 a.m.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the new hire payroll sheets. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mr. Goetz submitted the following building permit:

Travis Eck for a house in Section 19, Township 27, Range 7W.

Mr. Goetz submitted a copy of the Planning/Zoning meeting minutes for the Commissioners review.

Mr. Goetz discussed Casad's presentation at the meeting

The Planning/Zoning board approved the Special Use permit.

The Planning/Zoning board approved the request from ag use to heavy industrial so there is a 14-day grace period so the Commissioners will make the final decision after the protest period on June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Mr. Goetz presented a document from the Evan Township Board on their township road construction regulations for all New Developments within Evan Township.

Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in with an update on the FLAP project and that it has been moved back another week.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session with Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor at 11:05 a.m. to discuss pending administrative proceedings pursuant to the exception under the

Kansas Open Meetings Act for discussion of matters which would be deemed privileged under the attorney-client relationship, and will return to open session in the board meeting room at 11:15 a.m. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

County Commissioners returned to regular session at 11:15 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into executive session with Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor at 11:15 a.m. to discuss pending administrative proceedings pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act for discussion of matters which would be deemed privileged under the attorney-client relationship, and will return to open session in the board meeting room at 11:20 a.m. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

County Commissioners returned to regular session at 11:20 a.m.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve Resolution 2023-R7, A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS DESIGNATING AN OFFICIAL DEPOSITORY OF PUBLIC FUNDS PURSUANT TO K.S.A. 9-1401. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to approve the Resolution 2023-R8, A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS DESIGNATING AN OFFICIAL DEPOSITORY OF PUBLIC FUNDS PURSUANT TO K.S.A.

9-1401. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Mendy Frampton, Expo Center Director was in with quotes for a mini-split system for the entry way.

Commissioners want to think about the mini-split system.

Ms. Frampton discussed some of the things that she is working on. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Elpers moved to go into executive session with Mendy Frampton, Expo Center Director and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor at 11:40 a.m. to discuss an individual employee's evaluation pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act for discussion of non-elected personnel matters of nonelected, and they will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 11:50 a.m.

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

County Commissioners returned to regular session at 11:50 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Elpers moved to go into executive session with Mendy Frampton, Expo Center Director and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor at 11:50 a.m. to discuss an individual employee's evaluation pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act for discussion of non-elected personnel matters, and they will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 12:00 p.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

County Commissioners returned to regular session at 12:00 p.m.

Commissioners discussed hiring a full-time maintenance person for the Expo Center.

Ms. Frampton submitted a rate schedule for the Commissioners to review.

Commissioners discussed deposits for renting the facilities and if everything is left in good condition the deposit would be given back.

Carol Noblit, County Clerk submitted the May 22, 2023, Commission meeting minutes for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the May 22, 2023, Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioner Thimesch discussed the railing for the front steps.

MOTION: Commissioner Elpers moved to move forward on the front step railings. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman opened correspondence from Core Circles for their 2024 Budget request of \$10,000.00.

Commissioners approved transfers and corrections through May 31, 2023, in the amount of \$1,227,609.20.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the bid from Eck Electric for the CH/A in the temperature-controlled building for records storage. Commissioner Elpers seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Commissioners signed abatements:

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

Public Notice

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IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT, KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS TERRY PADFIELD, WILLIAM R. MILLER, VALERIE A. NICHOLS AND LINDA HENNING, Plaintiffs vs. DIXIE CORNELIUS, LAVAUGHN CORNELIUS, deceased, INVOLVES VIRGINIA PADFIELD, deceased, ROLAND CORNELIUS, REAL ESTATE deceased, ELSIE CORNELIUS, deceased, ROY EDUARD CORNELIUS, LUDWIG H. CORNELIUS, and the UNKNOWN HEIRS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, TRUSTEES, CREDITORS and ASSIGNS OF ANY DECEASED DEFENDANT; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSES OF ANY DEFENDANTS; THE UNKNOWN OFFICERS, SUCCESSORS, TRUSTEES, CREDITORS, AND ASSIGNS OF ANY DEFENDANTS WHICH ARE EXISTING, DISSOLVED, OR DORMANT CORPORATIONS; THE UNKNOWN GUARDIANS CONSERVATORS AND TRUSTEES OF ANY DEFENDANTS WHO ARE MINORS OR ARE UNDER ANY LEGAL DISABILITY, Defendants Case No. 2023 CV 16 NOTICE OF SUIT (K.S.A. 60-307) The State of Kansas to the above named Defendants, And all other persons who are or may be concerned: You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in the District Court of Kingman County, Kansas, by Terry Padfield, William R. Miller, Valerie A. Nichols and Linda Henning, Plaintiffs, praying for an order quieting the title to the following described real estate: The Northwest Quarter (NW/4) of Section Twenty-nine (29), Township Thirty (30), Range Nine (9) West of the 6th P.M., Kingman County, Kansas. The petition further seeks an order holding the Plaintiffs to be the owner of fee simple title to the above described real estate and minerals under said real estate, free of all right, title, and interest of the above named Defendants, and all other persons who are or may be concerned, and that they and each of them be forever barred and foreclosed of and from all right, title, interest, lien, estate, or equity of redemption in or to the above described real estate, or any part thereof. You are hereby required to plead to said petition on or before the 27th day of July, 2023, in said court at Kingman County District Court, Kingman, Kansas. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said petition. Terry Padfield, Linda Henning, William R. Miller and Valerie A. Nichols, Plaintiffs Matthew W. Ricke, #20995 349 N. Main, PO Box 113 Kingman, KS 67068 (620) 532-3103

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## Linda Gillen

Linda Sue Gillen was born in Pueblo, Colorado March 7, 1947 to M. Timothy and Edith McClellan Gillen. Her arrival was much anticipated by the young couple, and for four years she was an only child. In 1950 she was joined by her brother, Dave, and then in 1956 she welcomed a sister, Edye.



Linda moved with her parents to various parts of the United States and Europe. She attended school in Cunningham, Kansas; Williamsburg, Virginia; Stuttgart, Germany; Florissant, Missouri; and Irving, Texas. Linda continued her education at Texas Woman's University and Stephen F. Austin University.

Linda loved traveling so much that she eventually became an airline flight attendant for Trans-Texas Airways. She flew with them until they became Texas International Airlines, then Continental Airlines, and ultimately United Airlines. She retired in 2015. During her long career, she received many letters of commendation from passengers. She routinely went above and beyond to serve her passengers.

Sadly, a few years after she retired, she began suffering from various illnesses which eventually led to her leaving the Wimberley area and moving into assisted living in Palestine, Texas near her sister. While living in Palestine, she became known for being helpful to new residents. Again, she continually went out of her way to serve others.

After a brief but severe illness, Linda passed away on April 13, 2023. She is survived by her brother Dave, his wife Kathy and her children Paul and Sherri (Bruce), her sister Edye and brother-in-law Rodney, her nephews and their wives Timothy and Amanda Lea, and Benjamin and Amanda Julie, as well as numerous cousins and great nieces and nephews.

Interment was held at the Maude Cemetery in Cunningham, Kansas.

## Rita Carroll

Leavenworth - Rita C. Carroll, 77, passed away Sunday, May 28, 2023 at Medicalodge of Leavenworth. She was born on February 17, 1946 in Pratt to Emmett and Elizabeth (Younger) Hacker. Rita married Roy Carroll on May 28, 1966 in Pratt. They were married for 57 years.



Rita graduated from Pratt High School in 1964. She went on to receive her Associate Degree from Pratt Community College. She was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and Immaculate Conception Altar Society. She enjoyed spending time with her husband.

She is survived by her husband, Roy; son, Christopher (Susan) Carroll of Kansas City, Missouri; sister, Sister Rose Hacker of Olive Branch, Mississippi; and grandson, Colin Carroll.

Rita is preceded in death by her parents.

Cremation has taken place. A rosary and vigil service will be held at 6:00 p.m., Friday, June 16, 2023 at Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt. Funeral Liturgy will be held at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, June 17, 2023 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Inurnment will follow at Greenlawn Cemetery, Pratt.

Memorials may be made to School Sisters of St. Francis or Sacred Heart Church in care of Larrison Mortuary.

## Frank Soukup

Strengthened by the sacraments of the Church, Francis Mathew Soukup was called home by his Heavenly Father on May 22, 2023 after defying many odds in his battle against cancer.



Frank was born October 21, 1953 to Raymond and Clare Soukup in the Ellsworth Hospital. He was joined in Holy Matrimony to Jeanette Marie Korf on August 2, 1975. They raised four children: Matthew (Chrissie) of St. Louis, Missouri, Laura (John) Schlessiger of Claffin, Kansas, Daniel (Delena) of Overland Park, Kansas, and Br. Karel, OSB of Atchison, Kan.

Always intimately involved in the formation and education of his children, Frank was troop leader of the St. Rose Boy Scouts in Great Bend from 1983-1990 and taught catechism at St. Anthony's Parish in Lakin, Kan. He was a true disciple of Jesus, demonstrating his faith by his many selfless acts of love for his family and community. He never missed a game, concert or event of any kind.

Francis earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Fort Hays State University in 1990 and afterward dedi-

## Edwin Lenkner

Edwin Fred Lenkner, 96, died June 7, 2023 at Pratt Regional Medical Center.

Ed was born February 23, 1927. His parents, Johann 'Fritz' and Margaret (Lang) Lenkner, were young immigrants from neighboring villages in Germany. Each had one sibling in the United States-Fritz's brother married Margaret's sister-but otherwise, their entire extended family was in Germany. Ed was their first child and was born in the family farmhouse southeast of Coats, Kansas.



Ed was baptized and confirmed at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Natrona. He walked or rode a horse to a one-room schoolhouse for his early grades and then attended Coats Schools, graduating in 1944.

On August 8, 1948, Ed married Marian Pipkin at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Natrona. Shortly thereafter, Ed and Marian moved into a converted one-room schoolhouse that had been relocated to sit 30 feet east of Ed's parents' house. Ed and Marian raised their two children, Edwin D. and Linda, in that home, and they lived together there throughout 57 years of marriage. Marian died in 2005.

From a very young age, Ed worked alongside his father on the farm. They raised cattle and sheep and grew wheat and sorghum. Over the years, the operation grew and became more complex. Fritz died in 1970, and Ed remained active on the farm as his son and a grandson, Darrin Lenkner, took on more responsibility.

Ed worked hard, helped neighbors, and served his community. He was the longtime Treasurer of McAdoo Township in Barber County and was involved in the Kansas Livestock Association and Kansas Farm Bureau, among other organizations. Throughout his life, Ed was active as a member of Our Savior and St. Paul Lutheran churches, including serving in leadership roles in both congregations.

In 2018-after 91 years on the farm-Ed moved to Parkwood Village in Pratt. He lived comfortably there until a hospital stay in the week prior to his death.

Ed is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Edwin D. and Deana Lenkner, of Coats; his daughter, Linda Emrick of Hutchinson; four grandsons and their families: Sgt. Maj. Jeremy Emrick (Carolyn Williams) and Liam, Ethan, Evelina (Patrick) and Diego, of El Paso, Texas; Travis Lenkner (Erin Delaney) and Jack and Greta, of Chicago, Illinois; Jeffrey Emrick of Hutchinson, Kansas; and Darrin Lenkner (Jenna) and Cooper, Coby, and Briggs of Pratt; and many nephews, nieces, cousins, and other extended family members, including in his parents' hometowns in southern Germany. He was preceded in death by his parents and wife; his sisters, Lucille Doubek and Anita Burrows, and their husbands; an infant brother, Lee George; and close cousins Walter Lenkner and Helen Selsor.

A funeral service was held Tuesday, June 13, 2023 at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Natrona, with Rev. Michael Schotte presiding. Burial will follow at Coats Cemetery, Coats.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to St. Paul Lutheran Church or the Pratt Health Foundation, in care of Larrison Mortuary.

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## Janice Smith

Graveside services celebrating the life of Janice Jo Smith Moore will be held on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 at 1:00 PM at Hill Crest Memorial Park. Officiating will be The Very Reverend Alston Johnson, Dean of St. Mark's Cathedral. Janice's family will hold a visitation for all family and friends following the graveside services at her daughter's home located at 126 Centenary Circle, Shreveport, Louisiana.



Janice was born in Cedar Vale, Kansas on June 29, 1943, to the union of Joe and Barbara Smith. Our beautiful mother, grandmother and sister passed away suddenly on May 11, 2023.

Janice grew up in a lively household in Peru, Kansas. She was the oldest of four girls, all of them only three years apart in age. A large family means many chores, and the four sisters had many tales of their mischievousness at times while completing them. She and her sisters worked in their grandmother's café, so it is no surprise that she became an expert cook. Janice was also a master baker, and her pies and cakes were unrivaled in their perfection and demand. She could be counted on to earn first place for her carrot cake every time one of her children took it to school for a bake sale.

Janice graduated from Peru High School and was crowned Homecoming Queen in 1960. She enjoyed sharing the stories and pictures from that night with her children and grandchildren. Janice then attended business school in Bartlesville, Oklahoma. After graduation, she worked for various oil and gas companies.

Janice met her husband David while he was working in her hometown building radio towers. A magical blind date one evening led to a beautiful marriage of 55 years until David's death. Together, they welcomed their children Bryan and Ashley.

In 1979, Janice and David took a leap of faith and started their railroad supply business, Eagle Supply and Manufacturing, Inc. David engineered and built machines that revolutionized this fast growing industry while Janice managed the office. Janice's day didn't end once everyone had dinner and was in bed. She would stay up until late into the night and early morning hours working on the company's accounting. A decade after building this successful business, they sold their company to a Fortune 100 company and semi-retired.

Janice loved her family more than anything and treated her children's friends as her own. Once her grandchildren started arriving, she was over the moon in her new role as Nana. Her eyes lit up any time she would talk about their school accomplishments, extra-curricular activities and interests. Janice enjoyed traveling with her children and grandchildren, and made lifelong memories with each of them. She could outpace any of her family on memorable Disney trips.

Janice was preceded in death by her husband David Richard Moore, parents Joe Leroy Smith and Barbara Jeanne Smith, and by her sister Judy Diane Smith. She is survived by her children Bryan Paul Moore, and wife Karry Songer Moore, and Ashley Nicole Moore Dávid and husband Christopher Joseph Blaise Dávid, eight grandchildren, Daytona Nicole Moore, Tally Daiga Moore, Bristol Jeanne Moore, John Baxter Atkins IV, Andrew David Atkins, Caroline Elizabeth Atkins, Joseph Henry Dávid, and William Palmer Dávid. She is also survived by her two sisters Connie May Morris and Sharon Kay Reid, brother-in-law Larry Reid, brother James Smith, numerous nieces and nephews and John Baxter Atkins III, the father of three of her grandchildren.

Honoring Janice as pallbearers will be Andrew David Atkins, John Baxter Atkins III, John Baxter Atkins IV, George E. McGovern III, Justin Reid, and Travis Reid.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to Shriners Shreveport Children's Hospital, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, or the charity of donor's choice.

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