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City Council Will Meet Monday

Monday, June 27, 2022

AGENDA

Meeting will be held at City Hall

- 1) 6:30 p.m. – Call to Order
- 2) Approval of Agenda
- 3) Approval of Minutes of May 23, 2022 meeting
- 4) Public comments, concerns, & communications
- 5) Leslie Schrag – Kingman County Economic Development
- 6) Fire Dept. – Harold Stark, Chief's Report
- 7) EMS – Update from Monte Rose
- 8) Strong's Insurance – Cyber Insurance Quote
- 9) ATC – Budget Preparation; Set Revenue Neutral Rate Hearing
- 10) Mosquito Spraying
- 11) Memorial Plaques
- 12) Concession Stand Keys
- 13) Reports
 - Property Officer
 - Planning & Zoning
 - Maintenance
 - Swimming Pool
 - Animal Control
- 14) Financial Report/payment of bills
- 15) Adjourn

BOE Will Meet Monday MORNING

Cunningham USD #332
Board of Education Meeting
104 W 4th St., Cunningham, KS 67035

Monday June 27th 2022 7:30 a.m.

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Agenda (AI)
- III. Guest Recognition
- IV. Amended 2021-2022 Budget hearing.
- V. Approve amended 2021-2022 Budget (AI)
- VI. Adjournment



Minutes from Kingman County Commission for June 13, 2022

Chairman Foley called the Board of County Commissioners meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on June 13th in the County Commissioners room at the Kingman County Courthouse.

Present: Fred Foley, Chairman; Jerry Henning, Commissioner; Jack Thimesch, Commissioner; Carol Noblit, County Clerk

Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor
Visitors: Bob Morris, Kingman Leader-Courier; Larry Landwehr; Anita Drake, Council on Aging Administrator; Ira Kempf, BP; Ruben Padron, BP; John Riggins, Kirkham Michael; Tanner Yost, Kirkham Michael; Dave Steffen, CESI Board; Rogene Jarmer, CESI Board.

Online Visitors: Patricia Castro and Caller 01

Staff: LaDawn Stegman, Financial Officer; Sheriff Randy Hill; Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director; Heather Kinsler, 911/Dispatch; Richard Schott, Emergency Manager and Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director

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

The County Clerk asked for some time for Clerk comments at the end of the meeting.

MOTION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to approve the agenda with the added clerk comments. Commissioner Henning seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous

vote of the County Commissioners.

Chairman Foley asked if there was any public comment.

Larry Landwehr thanked the Commissioners for acknowledging Veterans and Veterans status.

Anita Drake, Council on Aging Director was in with an update and to go over their budget request for 2023. The request is down \$2000.00.

Commissioners signed county vouchers in the amount of \$983,480.46.

Commissioners signed and approved May 2022 transfers and corrections in the amount of \$9,170.35.

The County Clerk submitted the minutes of the June 6th Commission meeting for approval.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to approve the June 6th Commission meeting minutes. Commissioners Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.

Dave Steffen and Rogene Jarmer, CESI Board of Directors were in to discuss Cunningham Emergency Services with the County Commissioners.

Mr. Steffen let the Commissioners know that Monte Rose will be retiring in July and he kept the emergency services going. The good news is they have five people who have made the decision to help fill this vacancy. The funding for expenses for training, update and main-

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Pratt Area Chamber of Commerce Announces Hiring of New Executive Director

Ashley Fitzsimmons Smith to start July 5, 2022

The Pratt Area Chamber of Commerce (PACC) Board of Directors is glad to announce Ashley Fitzsimmons Smith as their new President and Chief Executive Officer starting Tuesday, July 5th.

Ashley comes to PACC from IMI Global, where she has worked as a Sales Coordinator & Customer Verification Specialist. She previously held positions with Cinch Outlet/Miller International, Performance Livestock Analysts, and High Call Outfitters.



Ashley grew up on a farm in eastern Pratt County. With the desire to be closer to family, she and her husband made the decision to move back to Pratt in order to make it their home to live and raise their own family. Ashley holds a B.S. in Organizational Leadership from Fort Hays State University and a B.S. in Agricultural Communications and Journalism from Kansas State University.

"The PACC Board of Directors is excited to have Ashley aboard," says John Keller, incoming PACC Board Chairman.

"Her education, background, knowledge of the Pratt area, and personality will make her a great fit for this position."

The Pratt Area Chamber of Commerce is a non-profit volunteer organization whose mission is to initiate, support, and advance economic, civic, and cultural growth, enhancing the quality of life in Pratt. The Chamber initiates more business to business commerce and more opportunities for networking and connecting local professionals than is available through any other local organization.

Membership is open to business, individuals, retirees, or non-profit organizations that want to help Pratt be a better place to live, work, and do business. Contact the PACC office for more information about membership and the great things happening in Pratt.

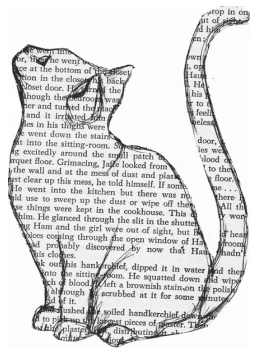
Cozy's Pizza is Open for Business



Customers Jill Kitson and Cooper Neufeld were the first customers to be served at Cozy's Pizza. Taking their order is waitress Kylie Ricke.

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Meanderings

My shoulder hurt last week...remember? I didn't sleep much that night because of the pain. I couldn't even imagine what I could have done to myself. Wednesday I went to see the chiropractor. A bit of an adjustment, and I felt a bit better.... For about an hour.

By that evening, I was in even more pain. I found one lonely oxycodone tablet in the cabinet from my back surgery last year. I took it, thought it would at least enable me to sleep. It didn't touch the pain and it certainly did bring on Mr. Sandman. I could not get comfortable. I got up with the Thursday morning sunrise, (which is incredibly early in the summer) and fussed and fretted and was back at Dr. Sasina's when he opened. I told Mary if

she had a butter knife, I would be willing to undergo an amputation of the shoulder. I was in tears. The pain was incredible.

This is how bad it was: I didn't read for two days. Not a word except for the newspapering I did. I couldn't hold a book, it hurt so much. No reading for two days, and I was in the MIDDLE of a novel. I did do a great deal of thinking about Tibby and Bee and Carmen and Lena but continuing with their lives (and one death) was not something I could tolerate.

The doctor found something pinching on the right side of my neck. More adjustments and all, and I thought I was feeling better, but not pain free. I went to the grocery... after all I still have to eat as do the pup and the cats. Then home. I laid around most of the day.

Friday, I was somewhat better, but not great. Not even good. I called Dr. Sasina who said I should just let everything calm down before another adjustment. I called our clinic here in town and Ms. Julie set me up with some topical

cream for arthritis and some anti-inflammatories. By that evening I was ready to go to bed so I could read!! She also cautioned me about working on the computer for extended periods of time.

I took it easy the rest of the weekend. Taking it easy meant catching up on some reading. I still did some yucky laundry and a few dishes; vacuumed the front room, mop a floor, cleaned some litter boxes. But mostly I read.

So, let me say, if you've never had a pinched nerve in your neck (or probably any part of your spine), don't got out and get one. They hurt. They hurt a lot. And you will lose some reading time.

I attended Harry Graves' presentation at the library last Wednesday. He piqued my curiosity. I do love history, and I also frequently enjoy research. When he talked a bit about King Henry VIII ships, I did some digging around. The internet is really quite amazing for researching. It can also lead one down rabbit holes

that are endless and soon you realize a 15 minute read has turned into 40 minutes.

Harry mentioned the HMS Mary Rose. She was one the King Henry's largest ships, built in 1511. She was in many battles during her 3-decade life. She sank in The Battle of the Solent in 1545. The HMS Mary Rose was discovered at the bottom of the Solent in 1971 and raised from her resting place in 1982. There is now a museum dedicated to her.

Harry also told his audience about another ship of the tyrant king. In 1514, King Henry's navy launched Henry Grace à Dieu ("Henry, Thanks be to God") "The Great Harry" has his ship was called, was the largest warship in the world when it was launched in June of that year. She served in the royal navy until she burned in an accident in 1553.

Harry also mentioned another royal ship that was recently discovered at the bottom of the sea off the coast of Norfolk. (I had been following this story since it was announced on June 2nd). The HMS Gloucester

was sunk in 1682, found in 2007, but only recently its discovery was made public. (Once discovered at the sea bottom, it takes years to work out all the legalities in claiming it, protecting the site, getting all the people and equipment ready and funding for the project.)

At the time she wrecked, the Gloucester was carrying James Stuart, the Duke of York (It is unclear if King James was the "Grand Old Duke of York" who had 10,000 men and marched them up to the top of the hill and marched them down again or if it was another Duke of York).

James Stuart, Duke of York, while sailing on the Gloucester argued with the pilot about the route they took. The ship hit a sandbar and because of royal protocol, no one else on board could leave the sinking ship until royalty was vacated. The duke didn't immediately remove himself from the vessel, most likely because he didn't want to believe it was sinking due to his arrogance. Over 250 fellow passengers drowned waiting for him to abandon ship.

The Duke blamed the wreck on the captain and demanded he be executed. The captain was court martialled and imprisoned.

Many people died when in the Gloucester wrecked, but James Stuart survived to rule the country (as the last Catholic monarch) from 1685 to 1688. At which time he was dethroned in the Glorious Revolution.

The team who discovered the sunken Gloucester had been searching for her for years, covering over 5,000 square miles of ocean.

In the spring of next year, 2023, an exhibition of artifacts and stories is planned at the Norwich Castle Museum and Art Gallery. (fascinating video of the discovery was one of my rabbit holes).

Always reading, and currently reading, 'The Two Chinatowns' by Dan Mahoney, Roberta

"The sea is not less beautiful in our eyes because we know that sometimes ships are wrecked by it."

— Simone Weil, Waiting for God

Tallgrass and Tumbleweeds by Gaille Pike

Dear Readers, I could have flown. But I drove. What a fantastic trip! The work was exciting though the hours were long. I enjoyed the opportunity to meet in person the documentary subjects and production team members with whom I've been working online. I made new friends and had all the pizza and clams I could eat. I'd go

back in a heartbeat. But I will not drive that route solo again. Given the amount of equipment that needed to get from Point A (a farm in the Flint Hills) to Point B (a football field in Levittown, NY), driving seemed to make the most sense. I knew the miles (just under 3000 round trip) would be grueling, but I was confident I could manage it. I planned my

routes, stops, and hotel stays. I am a seasoned Interstate traveler so my first trip on I80 did not concern me. However, my New Yorker friends had me nervous about the George Washington Bridge, the Cross Bronx Expressway, and Frog's Neck Bridge because they'd been telling me horror stories for weeks. Before we go any further, let me explain that the six lane suspension bridge I crossed onto Long Island is the Throgs Neck Bridge. I was nearly in the wrong lane because I was looking for "Frog's Neck" sign and that tells you all you need to know about my

Levittowner friends specific New YAWKER accents. Those friends say I got LUCKY that crossing the Frog's Neck, the GW and the Cross Bronx were no big deal. Pennsylvania I-80 was the killer. Going East, crossing Pennsylvania took way longer than I had allotted due to construction delays. So when I planned my return trip I allotted extra hours. I never imagined that it would take days. And that's because there was an unexpected 34 mile "incident-related" closure. When a dozen semis and I were directed off I-80, we passed one rect-

angle that held the promise of a detour. There were no more orange signs, nor was that promise ever fulfilled. Perpetually recalculating Google Maps and Garmins were our only guides. We crossed the Susquehanna River, had turn around and come back. When roads would dead end, we'd turn around again. And this was no small feat for semis. As minutes turned to hours, we each veered off alone, up mountains, and down gravelly roads. And because we all were trying to get to the same place—back onto I80 West—we met each other coming, going and spinning.

After three hours, I found an open gas station. And a local who directed me how to cross three counties on back roads to get to where we surmised the Interstate might be open. As I pulled onto I80 West with a sigh of relief the rain began to pour. I said, "to heck with this" and found a hotel at the next exit. I'd drive that Frog's Neck bridge again any day. But when I think about PA I-80 or the prospect of crossing it again, well then I think, "I could have flown." Until next week—keep your eyes on the stars and your back to the wind.

Insight Zone Kim Baldwin, McPherson County farmer and rancher Every year around this time, the world around me has the potential to quickly turn into a continuous swirl that would be perfect for a TV series. In cinematic effect, I imagine my story would begin with a black and white tight shot of my eyes opening wide from slumber and darting back and forth in a semi-confused state. The background music at the start of my

episode would consist of an odd pattern of guitar plinks and orchestral bursts, and over this hair-raising musical selection would include a Rod Serling-like narration: "You unlock this door with the key of imagination. Beyond it is another dimension. A dimension of sound, a dimension of sight, a dimension of mind. You're moving into a land of both shadow and substance. Of things and ideas. You've just crossed over into ... the 'Harvest Zone.'" Harvest crews are making their way through wheat fields in my part of the world right now. As a farming family, this begins the busy season of not only harvesting wheat

from the fields while racing the summer storms, but also finishing up the planting of our fall crops, and beginning the long, hot summer days of irrigation. Sprinkle in a variety of summer activities for our kids like Vacation Bible School, baseball games and swim lessons, and you have a swirling vortex of days that leave people like me asking at times, "What day is it?" It's during this time of the year I have to intentionally look at my calendar every morning to identify which kid has a baseball game that evening, if I have a scheduled Zoom call at some point during the day, or if my newspaper column is due. In reality,

I also have to look at my calendar to know what the actual day is. It's during this part of the year where I intentionally set two alerts on all of my calendar entries. One alert is set for "1 day before" and the second for "1 hour before" to help remind me of daily events. And it's during this part of the year while conducting my daily morning calendar review, I will also routinely set alarms on my phone to go off approximately 30-minutes prior to any calendar entries that demand me to be at a certain place at a certain time. While it seems excessive, all of this helps me to avoid wandering

through a timeless dimension exacerbated by the hustle of wheat harvest and other continuously flowing summer farm and family tasks and appointments that can easily blend into one big summer blur if not contained. To know what day it is and to be aware of what time it is helps me stay as grounded and focused as possible. These are the steps I take to keep moving forward and not overlook important tasks needing my attention. Whether it's getting

their meals twice daily at mealtime, it's just one of the ways I try to maintain awareness of real time while living in the "Harvest Zone." "Insight" is a weekly column published by Kansas Farm Bureau, the state's largest farm organization whose mission is to strengthen agriculture and the lives of Kansans through advocacy, education and service. Copyright © 2022 Kansas Farm Bureau, All rights reserved. News from Kansas Farm Bureau

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Thursday, June 23rd 11:00 a.m. at CPL "Turtles Ahoy!" with Pam Martin of KS Wetlands Education Center *** 12:00 p.m. Water Exercise Class	Wednesday, June 29th 2:30 - 3:15 CPL Ship-Shape! *** 7:00 p.m. at the library Book club
Friday, June 24th 3-5 p.m. Family Friday at CPL	Thursday, June 30th 9:30 a.m. CPL program ages 3 - 5 years *** 12:00 p.m. Fireworks Stand opens (see classifieds for more info) *** 12:00 p.m. Water exercise class
Monday, June 27th 7:30 a.m. BOE budget meeting *** 10:00 a.m. CPL hosts Dan, Dan The Magic Man *** 6:30 p.m. City Council	Friday, July 1st 3-5 p.m. Family Friday at CPL
Tuesday, June 28th 12:00 p.m. Water Exercise Class	

"The pursuit of truth and beauty is a sphere of activity in which we are permitted to remain children all our lives."
— Albert Einstein



This month's book is "State of Terror" by Louise Penny and Hilary Rodham Clinton.
We meet at the library on Wednesday, June 29th.
Kathy Albers is hostess.
Everyone is welcome. Come and join in the discussion.

Libraries

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



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



Kingman Carnegie Library

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



Pratt Public Library
Mon. - Thurs.
10:00 - 7:00
Friday: 10:00 - 6:00
Saturday: 10:00 - 2:00
Closed on Sundays
(620) 672-3041

Activities at the Cunningham Public Library

Thursday, June 23rd, It's "Turtles Ahoy!" with Pam Martin, Kansas Wetlands Education Center

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon at the library. All ages!

Friday, June 24th, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. - Family Friday & Hasbro® toy-recycling drive collection day

Parents, caregivers may visit the library with their children on a come-and-go schedule between 3-5 p.m. to work on a project/craft and read together. This is a self-directed program. The library will provide supplies and directions for a craft that is age-appropriate. (Parents: We'll have something for both age groups! Something different each Friday.)

Toy Recycling: Hey kids! Want to help keep plastic out of the ocean

this summer? Bring your unwanted plastic toys to the library on Friday afternoons. We'll box them and send them in to be recycled! Please remove batteries – stop at the library for a "what's accepted/not accepted" flyer.

Monday, June 27th, 10:00 a.m. – Dan, Dan, the Magic Man – (community center or library—TBD)

Wednesday, June 29th, 2:30 – 3:15 p.m., - It's time to get Ship-Shape!

We're hoping Harry's Ship-Building presentation will have inspired the captain in you. Can you keep your boat afloat? How many pennies can your constructed boat hold before it sinks? We'll also learn how to build a rubber-band powered boat!

Thursday, June 30th, Story Time for 3-5 –



year-olds – Exploring the ocean by boat!

We'll be building a kid-sized ocean habitat and sailing a juice-box-boat from island to island. What other materials in nature might make a good boat or raft? We'll also play a game of "Will it float?" –always a pre-k favorite!

Friday, July 1st, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.- Family Friday & Hasbro® toy-recycling drive collection day
(See June 17th)

Saturday, July 2, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m., Kids turn in reading logs, collect prize (Hint: just in time for the July 4th holiday!) and certificate.
TBA – Summer Reading 2.0

We're looking into scheduling some fun family activities later in the summer after the fair, when families return from vacations and school is still weeks away—you know, when kids are actually looking for things to do again? How about a painting class? Who's up for a board-game night? Anyone for an outdoor movie? If you're more science-minded, we've got you! How about a Science Friday STEM program?

We welcome your feedback on any programming ideas! PLEASE LET US KNOW WHAT APPEALS TO YOU. There are "oceans of possibilities!"



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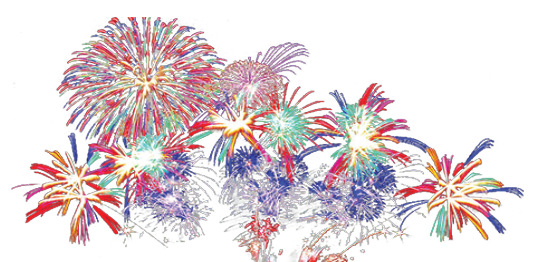
Kingman Historic Theatre
Thursday, June 23
Free Throwback Thursday
Charlotte's Web
(2006 version)
Doors open at 5:45 p.m.,
Showtime is at 6:30 p.m.
SPONSORED BY: Citizens Bank of Kansas

Kingman Historic Theatre
Tuesday, June 28
FREE MOVIE and DISCUSSION
No Small Matter
7:00pm
A documentary about the importance of early education and care. Followed by a discussion. Free popcorn and pop provided.
Sponsored By: Kingman Economic Development

Kingman Historic Theatre
237 N. Main in Kingman
(620) 532-1253
<http://www.kingmantheatre.org/>
All Seats \$6.00
(cash or local check only)
Showtimes:
Friday & Saturday at 7:30
Sunday at 5:30

June 24th - 26th
Lightyear
Rated: PG-13

Box Office Opens and Toy Story Characters Meet and Greet will begin at 6:00pm on Friday and Saturday and at Sunday at 4:00pm.



The Fifth Annual Spark in the Park Will Be Monday, July 4!

This year's youth sand volleyball tournament will benefit the Cunningham High School German Exchange Program. The tournament will likely start at 9:00 and continue throughout the day until the bracket play is completed.

There will be two divisions: 8th grade and under (upcoming school year) or just finished high school and younger. Everyone on your team must be younger than the age limit.

In the high school division, teams must have at least 2 girls.

Entry fee is \$10 per player, which can be paid that morning.

To enter your team contact Shawna at 620-332-3948.

Championship teams in each division will win those coveted t-shirts! Concessions (walking tacos!) will also be provided for a free will donation, so even if you don't have a family member playing, come enjoy lunch with us.

Upcoming Auctions

Consignment Auction:
Saturday, June 25th, 9:30 a.m.
Hamm Auction Center

For more information and a complete list of auctions, see our website at www.hammauction.com

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YEARS AGO IN

The Cunningham Clipper

W. A. BRADLEY, EDITOR

1927

June 24—Conrad Fischer has sold his farm six miles south and one mile west of town, and will retire from active work. The 320-acre farm was formerly owned by W. P. Nossaman.

Wheat harvest is in full blast. The average yield is fifteen bushels per acre, and local wheat buyers are paying \$1.24.

Fred Ruth is opening a new filling station soon, across the street from the Ratcliff Hotel. The new station will be one of the most modern and up-to-date in Kingman County.

Cunningham citizens are continuing talk about city waterworks.

1932

June 24, 1932 – Heavy rain and wind did much damage to roads and crops here last Saturday night.

Work on US Highway 54 through Cunningham is progressing nicely and the road will be open for travel very soon.

1937

June 24 – Miss Una Morine, of McPherson, and Clayton Watkins, were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents, June 23.

The Midway Theatre staged a little girls' Beauty Review last Saturday night. Twenty-nine Cunningham business firms sponsored the Review and had representatives. Bonnie Lou Neal, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Neal, won first place; June Cooley, three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Loren Cooley, won second place; and third place was awarded to Alemada Martin, seven-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. George Rose announce the birth of a daughter, Norma Jean, at the Pratt Community Hospital.

1942

June 26 – Harvest activities throughout the county began this week in full swing although the heavy rains over the week end and the first part of the week delayed many farmers getting into their fields.

Wheat yields are expected to be very good with averages between 20 and 30 bushels to the acre.

Charlie Cooley's long double to center field in the last of the seventh inning scoring Don Schnittker enabled Cunningham to eke out a 5 to 4 win over Turon Sunday afternoon.

Joey Theis went all the way on the mound for the locals giving up ten hits and striking out three.

At a quiet ceremony in the home of the bride's parents, Saturday afternoon at two o'clock, Miss Edith McClellan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank McClellan, became the bride of Mr. Marion Timothy Gillen of Pueblo, Colo., son of Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Gillen of Canon City, Colo.

1947

June 27 – Stark and Albers Grocery welcome you to their newly rebuilt and modern equipped store at St. Leo. As will be recalled, the store they formerly operated was demolished in a tornado this summer. Since then they have carried on their trade in the church.

A severe windstorm with rain and some hail struck this community at 5:20 Thursday morning, halting harvest operations and causing extensive damage in some areas.

1952

June 27—Harvest in this area was not without accidents and fires. Fire destroyed about fifteen acres of uncut wheat on the John Albers farm, Sunday afternoon, and raged across two sections of stubble before the flames were checked with backfiring and plowing fire guards. The uncut wheat on the Albers farm and the stubble was burned on land of Roman and Mike Kerschen, Ted Holcomb, and Gregory Fischer. Two buildings on the Musenberg land, farmed by the Kerschen family, were destroyed. Quick action by neighbors prevented the fire from spreading after it reached a point two and one-half miles from its origin. The blaze started about 2:30 o'clock from a combine backfire.

Keith Coss, young farmer of the Nashville com-

munity, is confined to the Nashville Hospital this week following an accident in which he suffered severe burns when a combine motor exploded. Coss had just filled the gasoline tank on the machine when the blast occurred. The explosion hurled him off the combine and about fifteen feet across a fence.

1957

June 27 – Torrential rain in the area around Pratt, Tuesday evening, sent the Ninescah River on it biggest rampage in many years, Wednesday, inundating the entire valley practically to Wichita, and damaging every bridge along the way.

First to bear the brunt of the crest of water was the river bridge four miles this side of Pratt, where quite a bit of railroad track was also torn up. The crest reached the Cunningham community about noon that day, sweeping out the county-line bridge near the Elbert Maxedon farm and carrying it downstream about a mile; cutting a stream a half-mile wide across the bridge and road north of town, and continuing on down, making the Harold Watkins and John Baber bridges impassable.

The highway was closed three miles east of town that afternoon, when the high water undermined the east approach to the bridge. The section has been planked over and traffic is moving again.

Cunningham workers at Skellyville must travel about 18 miles to work now, instead of the usual three and one-half miles. Most popular route to work seems to be through Penalosa.

A new cement-block building, 25x50 feet, is being erected as a recreation hall at the Twin Gables Nursing Home.

Carl Buntmeyer assumed the badge and gun, and is serving as City Marshal while Chick Howell is vacationing.

1962

June 28 – The comedy, "Genevieve," is the free movie to be shown in the City Park tonight (Thursday).

These free movies, sponsored by Cunningham businessmen, are shown by Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Graber of Zenda.

Danny Theis allowed only one hit in pitching Cunningham's junior league baseball team to a 3-0 victory over the People's Bank team of Pratt, in a game played at Pratt, Sunday afternoon.

Earl Stark paced the Cunningham hitting attack with two singles.

"Big Discount Sale" begins today (Thursday) at the DeWeese Variety and Hardware in Cunningham.

Many, many, many, many items are listed with big savings in every store department.

Drop in the store and shop around. Owner Lee DeWeese is sure everyone can find something they need at a big discount.

A Cunningham service station changed ownership in a business transaction here this week.

Dan Bayer, who has been employed by Rancy's Truck Service, purchased the Standard Service Station east of town, from Dick Almond, and will assume the management July 1.

K. J. Scripsick is the Standard bulk agent.

1967

June 29 – The City Council retained its firm stand not to make application for federal funds in the amount of \$22,500 to finance one-half the cost of a municipal swimming pool, at their regular meeting in the City Building Monday evening.

This probably closes the swimming pool proposal for the city according to City Treasurer Dean Mantooh, who said a \$45,000 bond issue to finance the entire cost of the proposed swimming pool could not be afforded by the city as it would exceed the legal debt limit allowed by state law.

The wheat harvest in Cunningham, hampered by almost daily and nightly rains, has about reached the three-quarters completed stage, according to best estimates.

Surprising good yields have been reported, but weeds are a problem now, harvesters said.

1972

June 22—"30" and taps...

William Eugene Bradley, 49, Editor of the Cunningham Clipper, passed away Thursday evening, June 15, at his home, following a heart attack. His death came suddenly and unexpectedly, and was a shock to relatives and friends. His passing leaves a void difficult to fill.

A good man has lived among us and is now gone, but the good that he did will live for years, and those who knew and loved him will always be better for having loved him.

Although Bill's years on earth were not as long as years go, yet the work he did for his community, in the church, civic affairs, school activities and all worthwhile organizations will live on and on.

"I could tell where the lamplighter was by the trail he left behind him," and the words of the poet are as true today as they were so many years ago, for the good that he did lives forever after them.

Bill was a home town boy. He was born August 6, 1922, in Cunningham, and by his own choice stayed in Cunningham. Loving the Clipper office and its work, his father taught him to run the linotype when he was only thirteen years old, and from that beginning his work in the newspaper business grew.

He continued helping his father in the newspaper office throughout his high school days. In 1939, when his father was stricken ill and when only sixteen years old, he assumed the running of the Clipper, with the aid of his mother.

When called to the service in November, 1943, the paper was granted a special government permit to suspend publication, providing publication was resumed within six months after the duration. Bill entered the service in the Navy, receiving his boot training at Camp Farragut, Idaho. Following boot training he was assigned to the V-12 program and was transferred to Illinois State Normal, Bloomington, Ill., for college training and later to Notre Dame University.

He received an Honorable Discharge from the military service in 1946, after serving eight months in Japan. He returned home to reopen the Clipper office and assume the management of the newspaper, which he has continued through the years.

He was married that same year on June 15, to Arlene Tade, a music teacher in the Cunningham schools. Together they formed a team that was outstanding in every way; a help and inspiration to all young people in the county through sports and music.

Bill loved people of all ages and was a devoted husband and father, as well as a devoted son and loving brother.

He was an influential and active member of the United Methodist Church, serving as chairman of the Administrative Board and in many other capacities; a member of the Masonic Lodge, Royal Arch Masons, Commandary, Midian Shrine, Midian Shrine Legion of Honor; charter president of the Cunningham Lions Club; I.O.O.F.; V.F.W.; and American Legion. He was past president of the Kingman Shrine Club, and the Kingman County Historical Society; a member of the Kansas Press Association, and a Past Patron of the Ivanhoe Chapter #429, Order of the Eastern Star.

Bill, an ardent sports fan, will be missed greatly at all sports events where he served always as the announcer and knew every county athlete playing in each game.

Bill had an inborn sense of humor and wit, which carried him well through the years. No one knew then he was troubled by personal problems, for he could always put them in the background and put his attention to the helping of others.

He is survived by his widow, Arlene; a daughter, Kandi, a recent high school graduate; his mother, La Verna, all of Cunningham; a brother, Jack, of Wichita; and sister, Mrs. Martin (Virginia) Williams, of Derby; three nieces and one nephew, and numerous other relatives.

Memorial services were held Saturday at 1:30 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, conducted by Rev. Henry Dutcher, pastor; Fr. Mike Lies of St. Leo's Church, Fr. Louis Stuble of St. John's Church of Zenda, with Fr. Eugene Robl, of Sacred Heart Church officiating at the grave side services at the Maud Cemetery.

La Verna Bradley



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Consider this...

by Mike Johnson

Finding Jiffy-Pop Ideas

Do you remember Jiffy-Pop Popcorn?

In the days before microwave ovens, popcorn was a mess to prepare. Every completed batch left behind a large, oily pot, a matching lid and a bowl littered with unpopped “old maids.”

Jiffy-Pop was the solution to this mess. By spending a few cents more for Jiffy-Pop, your popcorn would arrive not in the standard see-through bag, but in an odd sort of disposable



frying pan. The recipe however, remained the same -- stand over a red-hot stove burner and shake like crazy.

As the kernels exploded, Jiffy-Pop’s expandable aluminum foil lid grew larger and larger until it reached the chef’s-hat size that signaled completion.

Like the goofy looking design of a NASA space shuttle, where the

gas tank is larger than the orbiter itself, a fully-popped package of Jiffy-Pop looked equally ridiculous but flew with the public just as well. It was an unusual, but successful idea.

Odds are, you’ve never heard of “Jiffy-Bacon.”

But only because my father never brought his idea to market.

Bacon is every bit the mess to prepare that popcorn ever was. Dad’s idea was to sell it in the same disposable frying pan as Jiffy-Pop, solving the same problem for bacon-eaters that Jiffy-Pop had already handled for popcorn-eaters.

Of course, back in 1968, this was radical thinking. Today, foods

packaged in their own ready-to-prepare containers have become commonplace.

Isn’t that what an idea is?

We see a problem. We look for a solution within the framework of knowledge we already have. We mentally combine different elements of things we see around us, turning the problem over and over in our minds. Then miraculously, moments, days or weeks later, in pops that unique, never-before-considered combination -- an idea -- ungainly perhaps, but nevertheless, it’s the solution that we needed.

Ideas work with far more than jiffy foods.

What problems do

you seek solutions for? There’s no need to shake ourselves like crazy.

Just ask ourselves questions. What can I do to become happy...or healthy...or rich?

And then relax. Open our minds to any possibility, including the unusual and unlikely. THINK.

Sitting in a quiet place, poised with pen and paper, we’ll soon capture a flood of ideas that cascade into our minds with all the power of a busted dam.

Just from the power of asking.

Respectfully asking for ideas is the first step to their appearance. Capturing them on paper is the first step to apply-

ing them. Applying them is the process that sends more. Gratitude insures they continue to arrive.

Over time, and use, we begin to trust that the solutions we seek can be discovered by merely asking for their answers. The truth is, everything we need to successfully navigate our lives is already connected to the other side of an idea.

Like the space shuttle’s gas tank, we are connected to an energy source far larger than ourselves. Ideas are merely evidence of this connection.

Go ahead and quietly ask. Ideas are the unlimited food we can harvest for life.

Pass It On®...

Extending a Hand Even During Personal Struggle

For years, Arthur ran a car dealership in a small town on the edge of the Australian Outback. The lot was full of the kind of vehicles that could take you into a stark landscape, and at night, the sky overhead blossomed with stars, anchored by the Southern Cross.

Everybody in town knew Arthur. He was fair dinkum, as they say, genuine and straight-up honest. He strolled the streets of the town, a handsome figure with handsome children in a climate that was much like him—warm, mostly, without much variation. And while he had employees that loved him and were as warm as he was, one mechanic was, as his son recalls, “recalcitrant.” The son asked why his father kept the man on. The only answer he ever got was, “Ahh, he’s all right.”

It seems unfair, what

happened next. Arthur lost a son in a car accident, on the way to church no less. And it left Arthur cloudy for some time. His employees did their best to keep his spirits up, but it was a grief that stays around, an unwanted visitor. Yet Arthur never lost his smile. Not long after, Arthur’s wife got sick, the kind of illness that doesn’t go away, only gets worse. It required more time at home and less time at the dealership. The employees did the best they could, except for the mechanic. He was difficult as ever, but Arthur saw

something deeper in him that he hadn’t seen before. What pain had the mechanic been through that caused him to harbor bitterness? Arthur would never know.

As his wife became bedridden, Arthur sold all the cars and trucks on the lot and shut down the dealership. The employees all found work at other lots, except for the mechanic. While Arthur cared for his ailing wife, he kept the mechanic on the payroll for over a year until he found work. It’s the sort of thing you rarely hear of. But Arthur was his only safety net,

and his heart could not let a man be forgotten, no matter how recalcitrant he was.

Arthur tenderly took care of his wife for seven years until she passed away. His life consisted of cleaning and caring and sitting with her in the sun. The mechanic softened just enough to visit a couple of times, but he had not yet learned how to be fully grateful. That was OK with Arthur. He had done what he knew was right, and in the end, he wanted to be fair dinkum with everybody, even the ones who couldn’t appreciate it yet.

We often reserve compassion for those who we believe deserve it. But real compassion is when we offer it without judgment, even to those around us who may not yet have the capacity to return the favor.

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The Atheist in the Woods

An atheist was walking through the woods, thinking to himself,

"How beautiful the animals are!"
"How majestic the trees are!"

"How powerful the rivers are!"

As he walked along the river, he heard rustling in the bushes behind him. He turned and saw an 8-foot grizzly bear

charging towards him. He ran along the path as fast as he could, but when he looked over his shoulder, he saw that the bear was closing in on him.

He kept running, but when he looked over his shoulder again, and the bear was even closer. Then he tripped and fell on the ground. The bear

was right on top of him with his right paw raised to strike him. At that instant, the atheist cried, "God help me!"

Time Stopped. The bear froze.

The forest was silent.

A bright light shone upon the man and a voice from the sky said, "You've denied my existence for all these years and have taught others that I don't exist. You've even credited creation to

a cosmic accident. Why would you expect me to help you out of this predicament? Are you now a believer?"

The atheist looked into the light and said,

"Well, I would be hypocrite to suddenly ask You to treat me as a Christian now, but could you, maybe, make the BEAR a Christian?"
"Very Well," said the voice.

The light went out.

The sounds of the forest resumed.

The bear lowered his right paw and brought both paws together. He bowed his head, and said: "Lord, bless this food which I am about to receive from Your bounty through Christ our Lord, Amen."

Hymns for People Over 50

Give Me the Old Timers Religion

Precious Lord, Take My Hand, And Help Me Up

Just a Slower Walk with Thee

Go Tell It on the Mountain, But Speak Up

Nobody Knows the Trouble I Have Seeing

Guide Me O Thou Great Lord God, I've Forgotten Where I've Parked The Car

Count Your Many Birthdays, Count Them One By One

Blessed Insurance

It Is Well With My Soul, But My Knees Hurt

Catholic Churches

Sacred Heart, Cunningham
Sundays 10:00 a.m.

St. John, Zenda
Saturdays 5:30 p.m.

St. Leo
Saturday 4:00 p.m. St. Leo
Father Roger Lumbré
620-243-5451
620-246-5370

St. Peter Willowdale
Sundays 8:30 a.m.

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/UCCrenCH1219nmpcojCFyYLA>

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

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?

Please call 620-491-0292 and leave a message. Your call will be returned as soon as possible. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Fundraisers & Charitable Opportunities in our Community

4C Day Care Shop smile.amazon.com or contact Kathy Albers 620-298-2725 or 620-388-0774 or leave a donation with the Methodist Church.

West Kingman County Education Foundation
Use your Dillon's Card! Shop smile.amazon.com (to donte contacJanet DeWeese 620-298-2717)

Hands of Hope (contact any church)

Cunningham Alumni Scholarship Fund
(send checks to the West Kingman County Education Foundation)

Cunningham Community Center (leave donation at the bank)

Lions' Club (Money is being raised to dig a well in the village of Kakindu, Kenya)

Cunningham Museum (to donate contact Alan Albers)

Cunningham Public Library (to donate, contact Kerri Steffen)



Day 3, Kansas Wheat Harvest Report

This is day 3 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.

Kansas wheat producers are in the cab and cutting now across a wide swath of the state, battling short, thin stands as they work to maximize the bushels delivered to the elevator. Quality continues to be a welcome positive note, with protein reflecting drought stress and test weights heavy.

“Moisture has been pretty dry; the hot winds took care of that,” said

Levi Benjamin, who leads the Bucklin branch of Offerle Coop Grain & Supply Co.

With no rain in the forecast, he expects harvest to go quick in Edwards County. Bucklin took in the first load of wheat on Monday, taking 40,000 bushels thus far. Moisture has been around 9 percent. Protein has been pretty variable, ranging from 10.5 to 14 percent. Test weights are averaging a little over 60 pounds per bushel, thanks to a couple of inches of rain that arrived too late to help yields but did improve ending quality.

Benjamin noted the wheat is coming in first from continuous wheat fields, which producers expected to be a disaster after the area did not receive any moisture to speak of all late fall and winter.

“I always say, we

grow better wheat in a dry year,” said Sumner County farmer Tim Turek. “We needed just one rain, and we would’ve hit it. But that was the one we missed.”

Turek was harvesting 40 bushel-per-acre wheat on Wednesday south of Wellington, which he said, “isn’t bad for as thin as it is.” At the end of March, that field looked like it was going to yield 20 bushels better, but it didn’t rain when the wheat was heading. The rain did come during grain fill, which helped finish off the wheat.

The field of AP EverRock, planted after corn, will be saved for seed wheat. Forty bushels per acre will likely be Turek’s farm average this year, although the wheat planted behind soybeans is not looking as good.

Harvest started for Turek on June 12, but it will go faster than most

with the short, thin wheat, expecting to finish up in about two weeks. Despite the weather challenges that are limiting yield, the quality is excellent. Test weights are averaging 60 pounds per bushel and better, and proteins are ranging from 11.5 percent up to 14 percent.

His daughter Paige just came back to join him last fall as the fifth generation on the farm. With a lot of acres of wheat to cut between Tim, his brother and his father, they have a custom cutter who will be arriving at the end of this week to help them wrap up harvest.

Farmers in Kingman and Sedgwick counties are also waiting for custom crews, with about half still to arrive. Some farmers have opted to harvest their own wheat, however, due to the extreme increases in fuel costs.

Even with the wait, all 10 locations of Garden Plain Co-op received wheat by June 13, having taken in the first load just two days earlier around the Belmont location, according to Shawn Talkington, operations manager.

Area yields are expected to average below the five-year average, depending on location and how much rainfall they received. Test weights are averaging above 62 pounds per bushel, and proteins are north of 13 percent for many loads. Talkington said the straw height is very short, noting that in about half the territory the wheat is only boot high.

SY Rugged has been a good variety, yielding up to 10 bushels per acre above other varieties. Double-cropped wheat is yielding 10 bushels less than fallow fields. CoAxium varieties have

also been great for the area, controlling rye and making a noticeable decrease in dockage.

Although yields are down this year, acres were up, so they are expecting to bring in about five million bushels, which would be close to their five-year average. By the end of the day Tuesday, they were about 10 percent of the way done.

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 @kansaswheat on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter to share your harvest story and photos.

Written by Julia Debes for Kansas Wheat



Carson Strohl photos



Day 4, Kansas Wheat Harvest Report

This is day 4 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.

As the early stages of harvest shift from south-central to southwest Kansas, yields and morale are decreasing. Extreme drought in the area throughout the growing season is severely limiting yields, causing more abandonment and calls to the insurance adjuster in the region. Even fields that look somewhat decent from the road and are disappointing in the bin, adding to the stress from difficulties finding help and escalating fuel and input prices.

“It’s hard to get excited about this,” said Tyler Ediger, who farms with his family and raises seed wheat in Meade County.

He reported average yields up to 30 or 40 bushels per acre for the late-planted, later maturing varieties, which caught a break at the end with a few rain showers. Earlier varieties were already done by the time the rain arrived. He noted a neighbor had a field that looked great from the road but only aver-

aged 18 bushels per acre because the heads didn’t fill. Other fields in the area are averaging only 10 to 15 bushels per acre.

Even with higher commodity prices this year, low yields and increased fuel prices are putting pressure on farmers in the area. Fuel costs alone are up \$3 per acre from last year.

While the fields are short and thin and the seeds are small, there is some good news. Overall, yields are coming in about five bushels per acre more than expected for the area. The test weights are fantastic, ranging up to 65 pounds per bushel, and they’ve had no rust or disease pressure this year. Proteins are ranging from 11 to 15.5 percent.

This year’s harvest will wrap up in only seven days because they can move through the fields quickly, and no rainfall is in the forecast. They are trying to harvest as high as possible on these short fields to maximize stubble. Weeds are starting to come in, so Ediger emphasized the importance of spraying right away to control weeds and trying to keep the ground shaded to prevent further moisture loss.

Weeds could also be an issue in Ford County if a rain shower does pop up. One of the only upshots to the drought is that there was not a lot of rust in the area, although some farmers did need to spray fungicide, ac-

ording to Mike Schmidt, grain division manager at Pride Ag Resources in Dodge City. There is also a below-average amount of wheat streak mosaic virus, which he attributed a lack of volunteer emergence last summer due to short moisture availability.

Harvest around Dodge City started on June 12 and will be completed by July 4. Yields are all over the place, ranging from six to 60 bushels per acre, depending on if it was summer fallow or double-cropped. Overall, he expects the area average to be 35 bushels per acre. Proteins are averaging 12.0 to 12.9 percent, and test weights are staying good at 60-61 pounds per bushel. Most area producers looking forward plan to stick with their crop rotations, regardless of input costs or wheat prices.

Schmidt also noted local elevators are running with half the normal staff because they cannot find anyone to hire, one of the biggest challenges right now.

Luke Jaeger, who farms with his brother Matt in Clark, Ford and Meade counties, also noted concerns with finding truck drivers who can legally drive semis and echoed the severity of the drought conditions in the region.

Jaeger has been farming near Minneola for 26 years and said this was the “driest spring we’ve ever had.” More than half

of the brothers’ wheat acres won’t be harvested at all, appraised at zero to two bushels per acre. Summer fallow fields are making 25 to 35 bushels per acre, and most continuous wheat won’t be harvested at all. Some fields received rain after the wheat was ripe, meaning weed pressure is now coming in. Because they no-till, the brothers will spray their fields as soon as harvest is over to control the weeds.

In Meade County south of Fowler, it’s even drier than south of Minneola. Even their irrigated wheat is not good, noting hot, dry, wind-scorched wheat. Proteins are higher than normal, ranging from 13 to 15 percent.

He said farmers are extremely nervous. Even with no crop, they have some safety net provided by crop insurance. But they’re very worried about the skyrocketing costs of inputs and availability of “what we have to have to grow food.” He noted worsening rail and supply chain issues are creating ripple effects, and their biggest challenge is trying to manage chemical and fertilizer prices and availability.

“We work really hard to grow a quality product and raise the best quality product we can,” Jaeger said. This is done by “really listening to what your customer wants.”

Written by Julia Debes for Kansas Wheat



Joyce Depenbusch photos

“We did not domesticate wheat. It domesticated us.”
— Yuval Noah Harari, *Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind*
(photo by Joyce Depenbusch)



“The earth will not continue to offer its harvest, except with faithful stewardship. We cannot say we love the land and then take steps to destroy it for use by future generations.”
— Pope John Paul II

Harry Graves Presents Shipcrafting at CPL



It was a pleasant time at the Cunningham Library last week when we spent an hour or so with Mr. Harry Graves. In a previous life, Harry spent six years in the Navy. Then he yawed a bit and became a Methodist minister for over fifty years. Harry is also a reader. And a builder of ships.

On one of his many birthdays, Harry's daughter and her family gifted him with the book *Ship: The Epic Story of Maritime Adventures* by Brian Lavery. And what a book it is! Harry has spent many fascinating hours reading and studying it.

One of the bits of information he shared with us: Creating miniature ships began as a religious custom. When sailors returned from sea voyages, they would make a replica of their ship to donate to their church to celebrate their safe return.

Those models could have been six feet or longer. Some were suspended from the ceiling of the cathedral or church.

He also talked about King Henry VIII and his ships 'Henry, Grace à Dieu' -- translated to "Henry, Grace of God" -- and the HMS Mary Rose.

Harry mentioned another royal ship that was recently discovered. The HMS Gloucester was sunk in 1682, found in 2007, but only recently was its discovery made public. The ship was carrying James Stuart, the future King James II. Many people died when in the shipwreck, but he survived to rule the country from 1685 to 1688.

Harry Graves is a wealth of knowledge about ships and ship building. When building, he "scratch builds" which means he does not use model kits. He creates his ships from photos and drawings. He keeps his mind sharp by applying his mathematical skills in keeping the ships on scale.

He told his audience that this hobby helps him escape. It is a quiet activity and gives him time to think. He can think about history and the people who lived it. Spending time creating these masterpieces occupies his mind with thoughts of being a captain or a sailor on the ship. And the ships he builds are decorative and interestingly detailed.

He uses small tools such as knives, punches, screwdrivers, and glues in the building of this ships. He also uses a headlamp and keeps a magnifying glass close by, but seldom uses it. The patterns he uses for the ship parts are ones he has created. He has a special 'loom' for weaving the ratlines that run up the masts. He does order a few things (wood and sometimes cannons and other small bits) from Blue Jacket Shipcrafters in Searsport, Maine.

He talked about a family trip to visit this store, and they have recently contacted him to know they were pleased to see this presentation photographed on Facebook.

What an inspiring presentation! If you were unable to attend, you can still visit the library and look at his ships and photos.



Jonathon Ogg and Ty Schultz study one of Harry's ships



Jane Meyers and Ty Schultz visit about one of Harry's ships in a bottle.



Young audience members presented Harry Graves with a certificate and sang the Naval Academy's fight song, 'Anchors Aweigh'.



photos by Kerri Steffen



Kansas State University Students Earn Spring Semester Honors

MANHATTAN — More than 4,120 Kansas State University students have earned semester honors for their academic performance in the spring 2022 semester.

Students earning a grade point average for the semester of 3.75 or above on at least 12 graded credit hours receive semester honors along with commendations from their deans. The honors also are recorded on their permanent academic records.

The following students earned semester honors for the spring 2021 semester from Kansas State University:

Cunningham: Hollace DeWeese, Darius McAdam

Kingman: Audrey Birkenbaugh, Grace DeWeese, Riley Krehbiel, Macey Maloney, Ridge Pinkston, Emily Thornton, Jenna Thornton

Norwich: Tyson Doll, Kash Liddeke, Avery Rosenhagen

Spivey: Carter Oeding

Pratt: Alesha Bergner, Corina Crouch, Gabriel Flanders, Abigail Lloyd, Noah Malone, Wyatt Schrag

Preston: Erin Jackson

Turon: Ellie Schwertfeger



Our swimmers at the Cunningham pool are in good hands. Photo taken of our lifeguards in training.

photo by Molly Morgan

National Nonprofit Petco Love Invests in Kingman County Humane Society

to Save and Improve the Lives of Pets in Kingman and Surrounding Areas

Kingman, Kansas (June 16, 2022) – Kingman County Humane Society received a \$5,000 grant investment from national nonprofit Petco Love during a special celebration at Hutchinson Petco at 1912 E. 17th Ave on June 16th in support of their lifesaving work for animals in Kingman and the surrounding area.

Petco Love is a national nonprofit leading change for pets by harnessing the power of love to make communities and pet families closer, stronger, and healthier. Since its founding in 1999, Petco Love has invested \$330 million in adoption and other lifesaving efforts. And Petco

Love helps find loving homes for pets in partnership with Petco and more than 4,000 organizations — like ours — across North America, with 6.5 million pets adopted and counting.

“Our investment in Kingman County Humane Society is part of more than \$15M in investments recently announced by Petco Love to power local organizations across the country as part of our commitment to create a future in which no pet is unnecessarily euthanized,” said Susanne Kogut, president of Petco Love. “Our local investments are only part of our strategy to empower animal lovers to drive lifesaving change right alongside us. We recently celebrated the one-year launch anniversary of Petco Love Lost, a national lost and found database that uses pet facial recognition technology to simplify the search for lost pets.”

“Thanks to this generous investment from Petco Love, our shelter is building a new outdoor Catio to provide socialization and enrichment for our cats and kittens,” said CJ Jergenson, execu-

tive director of Kingman County Humane Society. “A happy cat is a healthy cat.”

Kingman County Humane Society is a nonprofit organization providing food, shelter, vet care and love to as many animals as possible. Our lifesaving work is supported 100% by donations, adoption fees and grants. Started in 2001, Kingman County Humane Society recently opened a new Animal Rescue and Adoption Center at 811 East C Avenue in Kingman, Kansas.

For more information about Kingman County Humane Society, visit kingmancountyhumane-society.org.

Learn more about Petco Love at petcolove.org.

About Kingman County Humane Society

Our mission is to create and support meaningful connections by enhancing the love of dogs, cats and other pets and the people in our communities who love them. We strive to reduce animal population through mandatory spay/neuter of all adoptable pets. We do not euthanize

healthy or treatable animals. Our commitment to this “humane shelter policy” requires the support of adopters, volunteers, and the communities we serve. You can join us in our mission by donating or volunteering through our website and Facebook page.

About Petco Love
Petco Love is a life-changing nonprofit organization that makes communities and pet

families closer, stronger, and healthier. Since our founding in 1999 as the Petco Foundation, we’ve empowered animal welfare organizations by investing \$330 million in adoption and other lifesaving efforts. We’ve helped find loving homes for more than 6.5 million pets in partnership with Petco and organizations nationwide.

Our love for pets drives us to lead with in-

novation, creating tools animal lovers need to reunite lost pets, and lead with passion, inspiring and mobilizing communities and our more than 4,000 animal welfare partners to drive lifesaving change alongside us. Join us. Visit petcolove.org or follow on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and LinkedIn to be part of the lifesaving work we lead every day.



Pictured from left to right: Robyn Longhofer, KCHS shelter manager; CJ Jergenson, KCHS executive director; Sandy, KCHS Ambassador; Jen Fedde, Petco Manager; Cynthia Homes, Asst Mgr



T-Ball Season Ends



No Small Matter

A documentary about the importance of early education and care
June 28th at 7pm
at the Kingman Historic Theatre
Admission is free!

POPCORN AND DRINKS PROVIDED



Movie followed by a discussion about childcare in Kingman Co.

Minutes from Kingman County Commission (con't from front page)

tain equipment and compensation for individual EMT's time for runs and meetings do not have like they have had in the past.

Mr. Steffen and Ms. Jarmer were in to request support from Kingman County for 2023 in the amount of \$10,000.00.

Commissioners discussed that they will consider the budget request.

Ira Kempf & Ruben Padron, BP Flat Ridge 2 and Stan Goetz, HR/Planning/Zoning/Wastewater Director were in to discuss Flat Ridge 2 updates with the Commissioners.

Ms. Kempf described the process that will be

done to update the current towers and possibly do an update.

Ms. Kempf let the Commissioners know that they plan to use the heavy haul route.

Ms. Kempf told the Commissioners that the projected completion date of the upgrade is the end of 2023.

Tanner Yost, Kirkham Michael described how they review road conditions before and after the project.

Commissioners discussed that they have good communication with the townships involved.

Charles Arensdorf asked if they had talked to Harper County and Barber County yet.

Mr. Padron let Mr. Arensdorf know that they will meet with Harper

County this afternoon at 2:00 p.m.

Patricia Castro, Attorney with BP was online and asked questions about the 10 day notice.

Aaron Corcoran, Motorola was in to discuss pricing for a self-supporting tower, building, 800 radio system and maintenance for seven years. The price of the self-supporting tower is \$1,669,789.00 and the pricing is good until June 24th, 2022 and then it will have to be re-quoted.

Commissioners asked if they will get a structural analysis of the tower when done.

Mr. Corcoran said that they would receive a structural analysis and there will be a final inspection done when the tower is finished.

Sheriff Randy Hill submitted the department updates for April, May and the final 2021 budget information for review.

Sheriff Hill let the Commissioners know that he had purchased a trailer with diversion funds and was going to use an evidence trailer but it hasn't been finished. He is going to sign it over to the City of Kingman to finish it for an evidence trailer and take it off the County insurance.

The City of Kingman said that the Sheriff's Department would be able to use the evidence trailer as needed.

Charles Arensdorf, Public Works Director was in with May financial reports for Commissioners to review.

Commissioners discussed overlay with Mr. Arensdorf.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed the Flat Ridge 2 repower project.

The FAS 13 Bridge date of completion is now set for June 30th, 2022.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed that Reece Construction is wanting to give a cash payment for road on FAS 12 and he would like to apply it to the .75% Sales tax fund.

Mr. Arensdorf discussed the Zenda road and that it is being taken care of today.

Mr. Goetz brought in some information to show what was sent out to the Flat Ridge 2 townships.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Thimesch moved to go into execu-

tive session with Stan Goetz, HR; Richard Schott, Emergency Manager and Brandon Ritcha, County Counselor to discuss an employee's evaluation at 11:32 a.m. pursuant to the exception under the Kansas Open Meetings Act, and they will return to open session in the Board meeting room at 11:42 a.m. Commissioners returned to regular session at 9:51 a.m. with a change of employment status.

MOTION: Commissioner Henning moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 11:56 a.m. Commissioner Thimesch seconded the motion. The motion was approved upon the unanimous vote of the County Commissioners.



Creatures of Our Seas!

Do you think a "new," giant creature will be found during your lifetime?

If it is, how do you think it will look and live?

There are so many fascinating creatures that live in our seas and oceans. Scientists today are diving to the deepest parts of the oceans to explore and photograph sea life that no humans have ever seen before.

Almost everything in the sea is food for something else.

This is a giant...

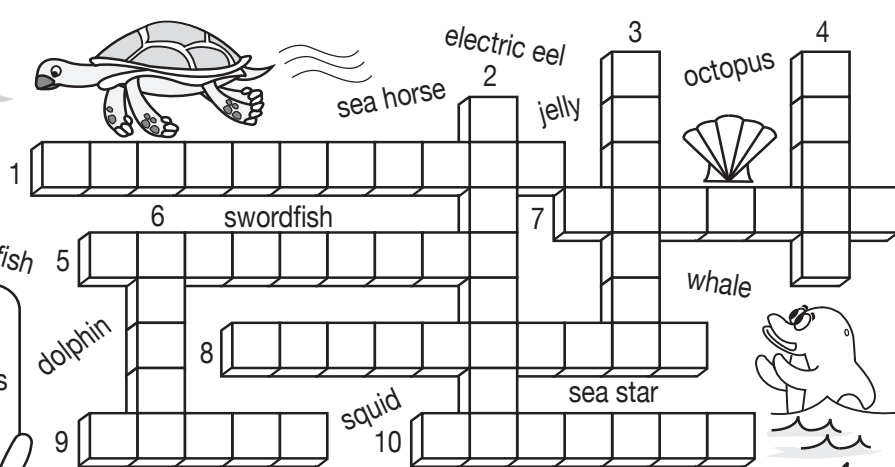
In some parts of the world, people consider me (a puffer fish) a special and rare treat.

But, my poisonous parts and spines keep almost everything else from eating me.

Uh oh!

This Sea Creature...

1. is really a fish that grows up to six feet long; it can be a shocking experience to meet it (2 words)
2. "gallops" through warm waters; when tired, it can use its tail to cling to seaweed (2 words)
3. has an arm, arm, arm, arm, arm, arm, arm, arm; can squirt black ink to trick an enemy
4. comes in many sizes; a giant one can have eyes up to 15 inches wide, the largest in the world; it has eight arms with suction cups and two tentacles for catching dinner
5. uses its "double-edged sword" to slash through a school of fish for, or to fight
6. is a mammal; it is easy to spot when it "blows off steam"
7. is loved by sailors for its friendliness and intelligence
8. swallows water to blow up into a large ball; its sharp spines discourage other fish from trying to eat it (2 words)
9. has no bones, looks like umbrella; may have tentacles with poison in them to kill fish or harm enemies
10. usually has five arms; sometimes, if one is lost, it can grow back (2 words)

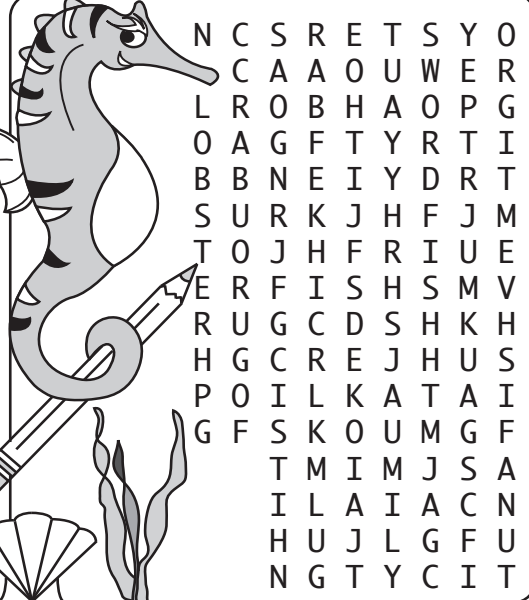


Can you read the clues and fill in the names of these 10 sea creatures? Oops...I did it again!

Ocean Harvest All around the world (China, Japan, Canada, Iceland) people collect seaweed from the ocean and use it as a vegetable or make it into snacks. In coastal areas of the U.S. like Maine you can find Dulse, a reddish-brown seaweed that is popular to eat.

Can you find and circle these sea items people eat or drink?

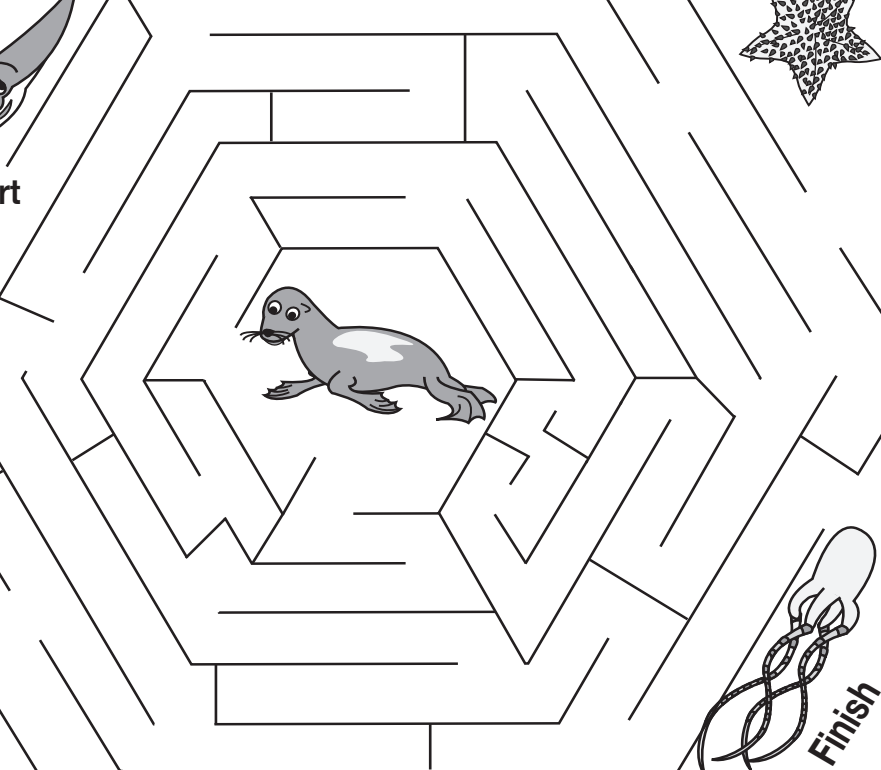
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- lobster
- mussels
- oysters
- salt
- clams
- fish
- crab
- water



Ocean Friends

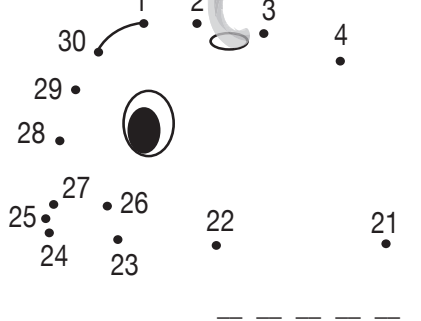
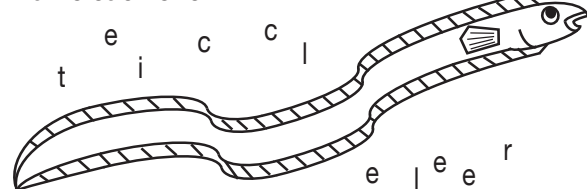
Stingray wants to go to visit his friends today.

Help Stingray visit Sea Star first, and then the Banded Box Jelly.



Deep in the Ocean!

These creatures live in the ocean waters. You may be able to see them at an aquarium near you. Can you unscramble the letters to name each one?



A giant

p o t s o u c

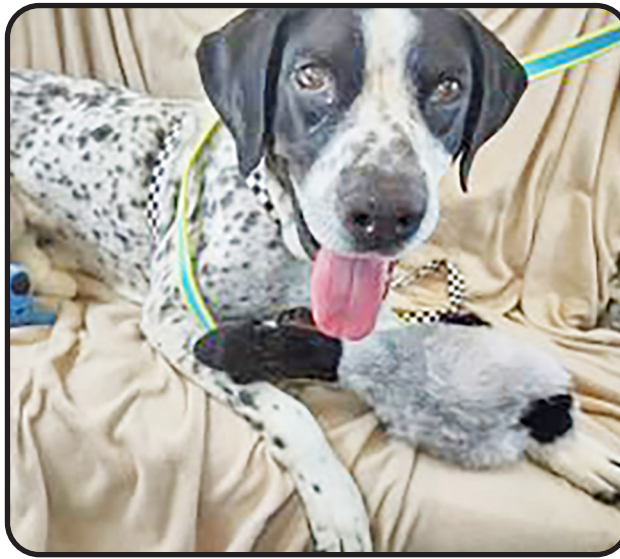
(Answers on page 10)

Rufus's Road Trip Conclusion

Recap: Rufus was rescued by the Kingman County Humane Society. in February. When I met him he was having a difficult time walking due to some hip issues, but he was game for a walk around the KCHS lot. We stumbled a few times, but we walked. We walked almost every week when I went to volunteer.



Rufus has finally found a foster home in New Jersey, and these are bits of his adventure getting there. -the editor



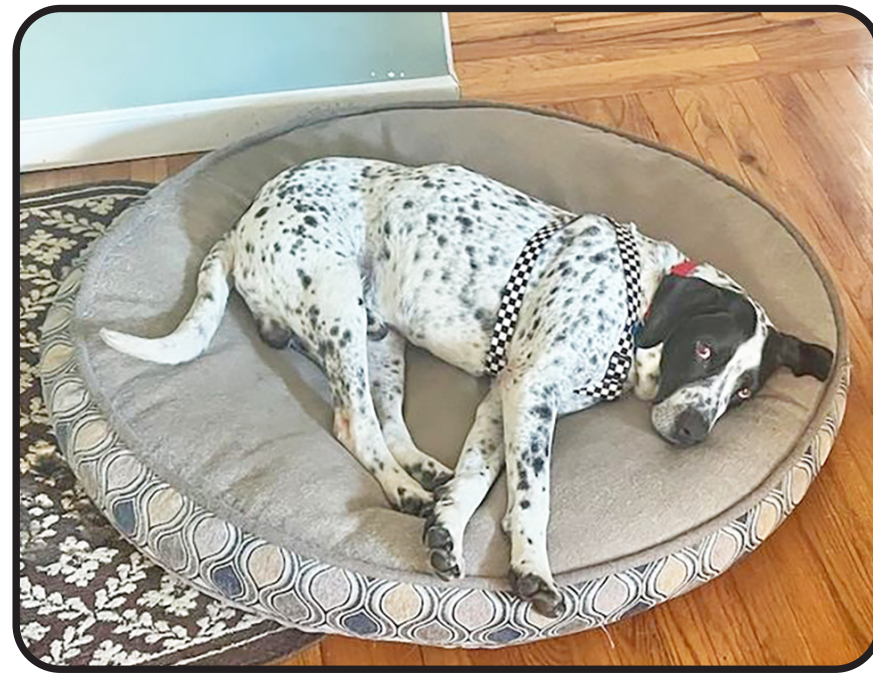
Rufus loves his new duck toy! He might be getting spoiled by all of this.....but who cares, right?



Leaving Stanton, heading to Morgantown. That's where he will meet his new foster dad who will take him on the last leg to New Jersey. You're almost there Rufus! You are such an awesome dog!!



Before: Rufus in February at the time of his rescue.



courtesy photos

After: At last - Rufus in his foster home. Life is good! getting a lot of TLC and rest! Thank you all for following Rufus' Road Trip!

Please consider volunteering or adopting or fostering or donating! or all four!

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.

instagram.com/kingmancountyhumane | twitter.com/countykingman | facebook.com/KingmanCountyHumane



I appreciate the ladies at KCHS posting this information and giving me a head's up that I can use it for the paper.

Kingman County Humane Society Pets Ready for Adoption

Brenda

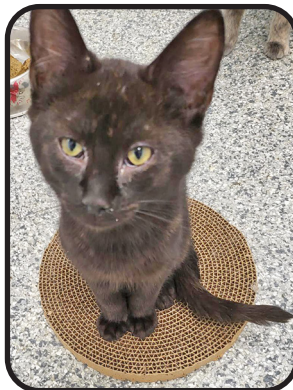
Sponsored by Baker Accounting



Female Shepherd, German / Boxer
Weight: 40 lbs
Age: 11 months
Adoption Fee: \$180.00
Intake Date: June 1, 2022

Ebony

Sponsored by Karla Westerman



Male Domestic Shorthair
Weight: 2.75 pounds
Age: 5 months
Intake Date: February 4, 2022
Kittens (up to 6 months) \$75

KCHS Donation Wish List

- The pets at Kingman County Humane Society are in need of the following items:
- bleach
 - liquid laundry detergent
 - poop bag rolls
 - disposable gloves (large)
 - 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
- 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

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.

Creatures of Our Seas!

This is a giant... squid

A giant octopus

Uh-oh!

electric eel

Deep in the Ocean!

whale

Ocean Harvest

1. ELECTRIC EEL
2. SCORPION
3. OCTOPUS
4. SQUID
5. SWORDFISH
6. SHARK
7. DOLPHIN
8. PUFFERFISH
9. JELLY
10. SEASTAR

Word search grid with words like SCORPION, OCTOPUS, SQUID, ELECTRIC EEL, DOLPHIN, PUFFERFISH, JELLY, SEASTAR, WHALE, and others.

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Day 5, Kansas Wheat Harvest Report

This is day 5 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.

Kansas farm families spent Father's Day weekend in the combine, a wheat harvest tradition. Hot, dry, windy weather signaled the continued rapid progression of harvest across the state. Some south-central Kansas producers have sunny harvest results to share while empathizing with farmers elsewhere that did not catch

the same beneficial rains throughout the growing season. No matter the final yield or the holiday, farm families are working together to maximize the 2022 Kansas wheat crop.

James Mosiman had his Arizona landlord in the combine with him when Kansas Wheat staff stopped by the harvest field near Walton in Harvey County. Harvest results are good with yields at 53 to 78 bushels per acre, 14 percent moisture and test weights heavy at 61 to 62 pounds per bushel.

In the next field, son Justin was running the air-seeder to plant double-crop soybeans into the wheat stubble. The cutting and planting crew were joined by a load of kids from Boulder and Kansas City and their grandfather, all of whom piled out and climbed

into the cab. The grandfather remarked the field trip helped his grandkids see where their bread comes from, yet another family harvest tradition.

In the same area near Walton, the Nuss family, alongside Troy Smith, worked together this weekend to get wheat in Harvey County harvested and straw baled for Smith's cattle. The operation delivers straight to Ardent Mills in nearby Newton, making growing quality wheat a priority.

Harvest results thus far are strong with yields at 70 bushels per acre, moisture at 11.2 to 14 percent, test weights heavy at 62 to 63 pounds per bushel and protein at 10.5 to 12 percent.

Back in February - after an excruciating Kansas City Chiefs game - the family went and tinkered with a 1968 Case 660 combine sitting in

the treeline. After taking out their frustration, they got it started. Motivated, they restored the machine to running condition, driving to southwestern Missouri to pick up parts from a collector happy to see them used. After sitting idle for close to 30 years, the old Case combine returned to the harvest field for a few passes.

Bonding over machinery and splitting up harvest and fieldwork responsibilities is a common theme in June. From the first day of harvest on Friday, Koby Royer, a senior at Kansas State University, was operating the combine while his older brother Alek ran the grain truck to and from the elevator. Koby helps out on the family operation in Yoder, Royer Farms, while working an internship in nearby Hutchinson.

Their morale is high, thanks to results from fields like the one they were custom-cutting in Reno County on Friday - 50 bushels per acre, 64.5 pounds per bushel test weight and 13 percent protein. The brothers are thankful for the moisture they received but empathize with farmers further west that did not see the rain when needed.

Hayden Peirce is also balancing helping out on the family farm near Castleton and working a summer internship. Starting work at six in the morning in town, he can finish up responsibilities as an intern before hopping into the combine mid-afternoon. Peirce is also a college senior, pursuing a degree in biological agricultural engineering from Kansas State University.

Using the protein testing in the cab, Peirce is

seeing high protein, ranging from 11 to 16 percent. Moisture is dry - 10 to 13 percent - and test weights are above 60 pounds per bushel. Yields are coming in the 40's and 50's bushels per acre. He praised the variety KS Hatchett, from the Kansas Wheat Alliance, for its drought tolerance, which was put to the ultimate test this year. He compared harvest results to Zenda, also from the Kansas Wheat Alliance, and Hatchett outperformed it.

Harvest is truly a family affair with Peirce running the combine while his cousins man the grain cart and semi and his oldest brother operates the planter - all pivotal pieces to getting all farm work done in June.

Written by Julia Debes for Kansas Wheat

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 appli-

cable 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.

USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer. To file a complaint of discrimination,

write: USDA, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410 or call (866) 632-9992 (Toll-free Customer

Service), (800) 877-8339 (Local or Federal relay), (866) 377-8642 (Relay voice users).

Governor Calls on the U.S. Senate to Pass a Bipartisan Bill Delivering Essential Healthcare to Veterans Exposed to Toxins

TOPEKA – Governor Kelly today called on the U.S. Senate to pass the Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson Honoring Our PACT Act of 2022, which would provide health care and benefits to veterans exposed to toxins during military service. The comprehensive bill is the result of a bipartisan agreement between Kansas' U.S. Senator Jerry Moran and Senator Jon Tester of Montana. The House of Representatives has passed the bill; the Senate is expected to vote on its passage in the coming days.

"As Commander in Chief of the Kansas National Guard, I am calling on the U.S. Senate to pass the Honoring our PACT Act – and on President Biden to sign it – because it is essential that we care for the troops who have done so much to protect us," said Governor Laura Kelly. "For far too long, our veterans have been left without the benefits and services they deserve because Congress failed

to act. I want to thank Senator Jerry Moran for working to change that and for finding a bipartisan solution that delivers long overdue healthcare for our veterans."

The bill is named for Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson, who was deployed to Kosovo and Iraq with the Ohio National Guard and died in 2020 from toxic exposure during his military service. Among other things, the Honor our PACT Act will expand Department of Veterans Affairs healthcare eligibility to Post-9/11 combat veterans, which includes more than 3.5 million toxic-exposed veterans. Nearly half of the troops deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan since 9/11 were from the National Guard and reserves.

"After their sacrifice, bravery, and service, our

veterans should not have to prove that they earned our support and care," said U.S. Representative Sharice Davids. "I'm joining the millions of toxic-exposed veterans who have struggled in silence, who have felt ignored and unheard, and whose families have grieved alongside them to call on the Senate: Pass the Honoring our PACT Act and deliver the care and the accountability that our veterans and service members deserve."

"Our Service Members answer the call and are there when the nation asks them to serve," said Kansas Adjutant General Major General David Weishaar. "I believe it is crucial that, as a nation, we take care of those veterans upon their return home."

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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.

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:

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

Randy L. Hill, Sheriff
Kingman County, Kansas
Prepared By:
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Blair T. Gisi (KS #24096)
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Attorneys for Plaintiff
(230080)

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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.

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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")

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Minutes from Pratt County Commission for June 6, 2022

The Pratt County Commissioners met in regular session, Monday June 6, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. in the commissioner room, 1st floor of the courthouse. The following members were present: Rick N. Shriver, Thomas W. Jones III, Dwight Adams, Tyson Eisenhauer, county counselor, Lori Voss, county clerk and Mark Graber, IT director.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the minutes from May 31, 2022. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Heather Morgan, economic development/COVID consultant, reported she had been in contact with Congressman Marshall following up on the ARPA reporting, they are

still working on it. BIL (Bipartisan Infrastructure Law) workshop will discuss KDOT money that will be available. She will contact Doug Freund, road supervisor if he is interested in going. She suggested one of the commissioners should attend. It will be July 13 and 14th in Wichita.

Pratt Area Economic will award grant money the façade grant program.

Jason Winkel, landfill/recycling supervisor, presented the resolution changes for the landfill. He went over changes he would like to make. Commissioner Shriver questioned if he was going to make changes with the City of Pratt. Jason stated the City of Pratt charges will stay the same. Tyson stated he would draft a resolution with all the changes and it could be passed at a future meeting. He presented a quote for a trailer for \$6700.00 that he would like to purchase to pick up HHW at satel-

lite locations.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to purchase from the enclosed trailer from Sunflower sales, St. John, for recycling in the amount of \$6700.00. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to recess into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel for ten minutes at 2:15 p.m. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Commissioner Jones made a motion to return from executive session with no action taken. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to recess into executive session for fifteen minutes at 2:25 p.m. to discuss non-elected personnel. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to return from executive session at 2:35 p.m. with no action taken. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to approve raises for Michael Wells, Jeremy Mosely and Rick Bacon at the landfill in the amount of \$1.00 per hour. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Nancy Milford, Milford Appraisal Service, presented background on the appraisal process on vacant land

owned by Pratt County. She discussed appraising as ag land or commercial, she can appraise both ways. She had quoted \$800.00 and around four weeks to get the report back to the commissioners. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to approve Nancy Milford of Milford Appraisal Services to appraise the property on Highway 61 to not exceed \$800.00 and due by July 6, 2022. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Tim Branscom, emergency manager/zoning, presented quotes for cascade system, to refill air cylinders, the quotes are from Weis Fire in the amount of \$59,735.28 and Danko Emergency Equipment in the amount of \$32,249.00.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the purchase of the cascade system from Danko Emergency Equipment in the amount of \$32,249.00 to paid out of ARPA funds. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

He presented quotes on the p.a. system from CDW G LLC for \$5,662.50. Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the purchase of the p.a. system from CDW G LLC \$5,662.50 for the new safety building to be paid out of the ARPA funds. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

He presented the electronics quotes for the

meeting room from CDW G LLC in the amount of \$12,973.25, which is under the state contract and B & H Photo in the amount of \$10,889.22, which is not on state contract, which cannot be paid out of ARPA funds. Commissioner Jones made a motion to purchase electronics from CSW G LLC in the amount of \$12,973.25 for the safety building to paid out of ARPA funds. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

He presented quotes for twenty tables, cart, thirty chairs, cart and desks from Bolen's Office Supply, in the amount of \$32,239.94. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to purchase the EOC furniture for the safety building from Bolen's Office Supply in the amount of \$32,239.94 to paid out of capital improvement. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

He presented a quote from Home Lumber for a countertop in the amount of \$1,366.63. Commissioner Shriver made a motion to purchase the countertop from home lumber in the amount of \$1,366.63. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Shriver made a motion to pay Kirkham Michael

& Associates for invoice #57184 in the amount of \$19,899.89 for NE Avenue. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve payment to Morgan Brothers Construction inv #1 in the amount of \$102,060.72 for Avenue. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

A road crossing for Ninnescah Rural Electric at 3 miles south of Pratt SW 40th Street was approved.

Tyson reported June 30th the opioid payment to the county should be here June 30th. The City of Pratt will also receive a payment. They would like to work together with the city, county and county attorney to use the money more productively.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the payment vouchers for June 6, 2022.

Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to adjourn at 3:30 pm. Commissioner Shriver seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.



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IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: SAMUEL I. ROHRER, Deceased.

Case No. 2021 PR 35

(Petition Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on June 1, 2022, a Petition was filed in this Court by Leon Brand, duly appointed, qualified and acting Executor of the Estate of Samuel I. Rohrer, deceased, praying Petitioners acts be approved; account be settled and allowed; the heirs be determined; the Will be construed and the Estate be assigned to the persons entitled thereto; the Court find the allowances requested for attorneys' fees and expenses are reasonable and should be allowed; the costs be determined and ordered paid; the administration of the Estate be closed; upon the filing of receipts the Petitioner be finally discharged as the Executor of the Estate of Samuel I. Rohrer, deceased, and the Petitioner be released from further liability.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before June 27, 2022, at 9:30 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.

Leon Brand, Executor
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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IN THE THIRTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF KINGMAN COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:

NANCY ANN HAWKINS, Deceased.
Case No. 2022 PR 27

(Petition Pursuant to K.S.A. Chapter 59)

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Rosalind "Gwen" Drosselmeyer and Byron "Roy" Hawkins, heirs of Nancy Ann Hawkins, deceased, praying:

Descent be determined of the following described real estate situated in Kingman County, Kansas: Lots Forty-five (45), Forty-six (46), Forty-seven (47), Forty-eight (48), Forty-nine (49), Fifty (50), Fifty-one (51), Fifty-two

(52), Fifty-three (53), Fifty-four (54), Fifty-five (55) and Fifty-six (56), inclusive, Smith's Addition to the City of Kingman, Kingman County, Kansas. and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by decedent at the time of death. And that such property and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by the decedent at the time of death be assigned pursuant to the laws of intestate succession.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before July 5, 2022 at 10:00 o'clock a.m. in the city of Kingman, in Kingman County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

Rosalind "Gwen" Drosselmeyer and Byron "Roy" Hawkins

Co-Petitioners
BY: Matthew W. Ricke
349 N. Main, PO Box 113
Kingman, KS 67068
(620) 532-3103
Attorney for Petitioners

Public Notice

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:

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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 12th

Traffic complaint
Animal
Citizen assist
Suspicious vehicle
Reno County Line
300 block E. D Ave Kingman
1000 block E Hwy 54 Kingman
600 block SE 50 St. Kingman

Monday, June 13th

Traffic stop
911 ACC/hang up
Check welfare
4
8000 block W Hwy 54 Cunningham
15000 block NE 50 St. Cheney

Tuesday, June 14th

Traffic stops
Traffic complaint
Animal
Citizen assist
Theft
Unlock vehicle
1
N Hwy 11 & W Hwy 54 area Kingman
NE 30 Ave & NE 50 St area Kingman
1000 block N Walnut St. Kingman
400 block S Ohio St. Cunningham
2000 block N Main St. Kingman

Wednesday, June 15th

Traffic stops
Traffic complaint
Suspicious person
Suspicious person
Suspicious vehicle
2
SE 10 Ave & SE 40 St area Kingman
SE 40 St & SE 60 Ave area Murdock
400 block E Leiter Ave Cunningham
13000 block SE Main Ave Rago

Thursday, June 16th

Traffic stop
Traffic complaint
Assist other agencies
Fire - vehicle
Theft
Theft
Vehicle disabled

Friday, June 17th

Traffic stops
Animal
Extra patrol
Fire: outside
Welfare Check

Saturday, June 18th

Traffic stops
Traffic complaint
Traffic complaint
Traffic complaint
Suspicious activity
Suspicious person
Suspicious vehicle

2
15000 block W Hwy 54 Cunningham
600 block N Defonte St. Kingman
NW 30 Ave & NW 30 St. Area, Kingman
200 block N Main St. Kingman
SE 120 St. & SE 30 Ave area, Rago
100 block N Main St Zenda

3
16000 block W Hwy 54 Cunningham
500 blok N Four Wheel Drive Kingman
11000 block SW 60 St. Cunningham
16000 block NE 10 St. Cheney

8
3000 block E Hwy 54 Kingman
16000 block W Hwy 14 Rago
11000 block W Hwy 54 Cunningham
13000 block SE Main Ave Rago
800 block E C Ave Kingman
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Sueanne Bertram

Sueanne Margaret Bertram, 75, of Pratt, KS passed away June 16, 2022 at her residence. She was born March 1, 1947 in Great Bend, KS to Marion and Ardis (Shepherd) Bennett.



She was a member of the United Methodist Church, Greensburg, KS and the Pilot Club.

She is survived by her son, Noel Bertram of Wichita, KS; sister, Joanne Leshar of Pratt, KS; brother, Richard (Beverly) Bennett of Canyon, TX;

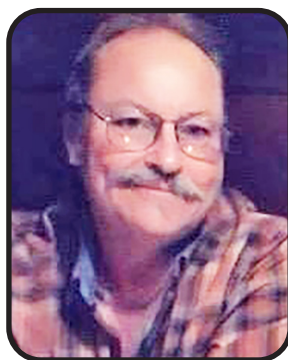
Sueanne was preceded in death by her husband, Gary Bertram on December 1, 2016 and her parents.

Visitation will be on Thursday, June 23, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. with family receiving friends from 6-7 p.m. at Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt, KS 67124. Graveside services will be on Friday, June 24, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. at Fairview Cemetery, Greensburg, KS with Pastor Keith Dellenbach presiding.

Memorials may be made to Samaritan's Purse in care of Larrison Mortuary, Ltd.. Online condolences may be made at www.larrisonmortuary.com.

Tom Mika

Thomas R. "Tom" Mika, 61, of Topeka, KS, formerly of Junction City, KS, passed away on Monday, June 13, 2022 near Topeka, KS.



Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held 10 a.m. Friday, June 24, 2022 at St. Xavier Catholic Church with Fr. Kerry Ninemire officiating.

The rosary will be prayed at 9:30 a.m. before the memorial service at the church. Burial will follow the funeral at St. Mary's Cemetery. Memorial contributions are suggested to be given to St. Xavier Catholic Church, 218 N. Washington Street, Junction City, KS 66441 or to the Junction City Animal Shelter, 2424 N. Jackson St., Junction City, KS 66441.

Tom was born September 28, 1960, in Salina, KS the son of Robert K. and Theresa A. (Wessel) Mika.

Tom graduated from St. Xavier High School with the class of 1978. Tom was an auto mechanic in Junction City for many years. In 2020, he moved to Topeka, KS. Tom worked as a mechanic for the Shawnee Heights School District. He also drove a school bus for the district. He was a member of St. Xavier Catholic Church, National Rifle Association, Ducks Unlimited, and the Kansas State Rifle Association. He enjoyed spending time with his dog Daisy, hunting, cutting fire wood, collecting guns, and reloading ammo. He was also a season ticket holder for the Hollywood Casino 500 at the Kansas City Speedway.

He is survived by one son, T.J. Mika; two daughters, Liz Muller (Carl) and Dana Strathman (Jake) all of Junction City, KS; three grandchildren, Cameron, Ry and Holley; one sister, Elaine Watson (Jerry) of Junction City, KS; girlfriend, Chris Farmer of Topeka, KS; nephews, Derek and Adam; nieces, Erin and Erica; and two aunts, Viola Haack of St. Louis, and Joan Thimesch of Cunningham, as well as several cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister Jeanne Mika.

"Maybe some people just aren't meant to be in our lives forever. Maybe some people are just passing through. It's like some people just come through our lives to bring us something: a gift, a blessing, a lesson we need to learn. And that's why they're here. You'll have that gift forever."

— Danielle Steel, *The Gift*

Joseph Duhon

Joseph William Duhon, 86, died June 17, 2022 at his home in Kingman.

He was born March 12, 1936, at Mt. Belvieu, Texas the son of John Sweeney and Martha Catherine Arbaugh Duhon. A Kingman resident since 1978, he was a retired painter for Cessna AirCraft.

Joseph was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

On Nov. 24, 1972, he married Carolyn Sue Sumpter. Other survivors include sons and their wives, Joseph, Jr and Debbie, Jeff and Gaby, Frank and Julie, Al and Marie, and Lee; daughters and their husbands Kathy and David Campbell, Nancy and Tony Winegarden, Cindy Stohr and Rodney McDaniel; brother Ronnie Duhon; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by daughter Dorothy Pearson; a brother John Duhon; and granddaughter Christine Marie Duhon.

Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m., Thursday, June 23, 2022 at the Livingston Funeral Home. The family will receive friends on Wednesday from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial with military rites will be in the Walnut Hill Cemetery.

Memorials may be made with the Kingman County Humane Society.

Karen Simons

Karen L. Simons, 70, died June 16, 2022 in Wichita.

She was born Aug. 16, 1951, in Kingman the daughter of Carl and Shirley Robinson Ingram. A longtime Kingman resident having also lived in Belmont, she retired Cessna Aircraft but later worked for Mollie's Attic and Mize Wire.

Karen was a member of the Kingman Christian Church.

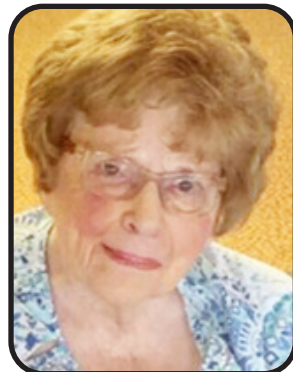
On Aug. 2, 1994, she married Wayne Simons in Kingman. Other survivors include son Phillip Caton; brother Bill (Patricia) Ingram; sister Vickie Williams; grandson Noah; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m., Monday at the Kingman Christian Church. The family will receive friends from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Sunday at the Livingston Funeral Home. Burial will be in the Cleveland Cemetery.

Memorials may be made with the Kingman Christian Church.

Doris Goetz

Doris Ann Conrardy Goetz, 96, passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family on Monday, June 20, 2022.



She was born Oct. 24, 1925, in Willowdale, Kansas to George and Anna Zoeller Conrardy. She graduated from high school at Mt. Carmel Academy in Wichita and then attended Loretta Heights College in Denver, Colorado.

A lifelong resident of Kingman County, she married Edwin Goetz on Sept. 23, 1947, in Willowdale. They settled on a farm Southwest of Willowdale and lived there until moving to Kingman in 1959. Doris was a Physical Therapy aid at Kingman Community Hospital for twenty-five years. She loved baking, gardening, shopping and going out to dinner. She spent her final years at Wheatlands Healthcare Center in Kingman.

Doris was preceded in death by her husband, Edwin Goetz, who died in 1990; daughter Katherine; son Bob; parents George and Anna; brothers Paul and George Francis. She is survived by her sons John (Denise) Goetz, Stan (Debbie) Goetz; daughters Sharon Gastineau and Mary (Roger) Vanlandingham; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Parish rosary will be 6:30 p.m., Thursday at St. Patrick Catholic Church, Kingman. Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m., Friday, also at St. Patrick Church. Friends may call from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Thursday at the Livingston Funeral Home. Burial will be in the Walnut Hill Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to St. Patrick Grade School or Wheatlands Healthcare Center, both in care of the funeral home.

Mary Ellen Shank

Mary Ellen Shank, 86 left to walk hand in hand with the angels on Friday, June 17th, 2022, at age 86 at Grand Plains Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation of Pratt. She was born at the family home southwest of St. John on December 24, 1935. She died after a valiantly fought long illness. Her pain is now gone as she rejoices in heaven.



Predeceased by her mother Cora Helen Waters, father Harry Judah Waters, sister Harriet (B.D) McAnally, brother Ernest (Alice) Waters. She is survived by her loving husband Robert Shank and her surviving children Theryne (Steve) Schwartz of Colwich and Kevyn Shank of Pratt.

Mary Ellen attended rural Livingston Grade School. She was a Polio survivor and as a child was in an iron lung ventilator for many months. She graduated from St. John High School in 1954. She was a graduate of St. John High School and McPherson College, a private college associated with the Church of the Brethren. She taught 4th grade at Johnson Elementary, Johnson, KS before she married the love of her life Robert.

On March 17th, 1957, she married Robert Henry Shank at The Eden Valley Church of the Brethren in St. John, KS. Her only regret is leaving Robert, whom she loved completely and faithfully for 65 years.

Mary Ellen was active in the Federation of Democratic Women of Kansas where she served as State President and Vice-President for many years. She also served as Governor Robert B. Docking's alternate delegate at the Democratic National Committee in Florida.

She was Director of the Girls Club in Bartlesville, OK when the family lived in Oklahoma. She retired from Plus Six Hallmark Stores Pratt KS.

Mary Ellen loved crossword puzzles, reading, painting, gardening, and genealogy. She was a member of Daughters of the American Revolution and Daughters of Union Soldiers. Her love of animals her cats, dogs & horses but her greatest love above all else was her family.

The family would like to thank the dedicated doctors and nurses at the Pratt Regional Medical Center and Grand Plains Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation and Interim Hospice Health Care for their unparalleled compassion for her and her family.

A graveside celebration service will be held at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, June 29, 2022 at Neelands Cemetery, Southwest 40th Street, St. John, KS with John Hamm presiding.

Memorials may be made to Interim Health Care in care of Larrison Mortuary, Ltd., Online condolences may be made at www.larrisonmortuary.com

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Some of little sets have disappeared. (a gnome and a couple of little frogs in a chair). People are encouraged to move them around, but NOT take them.

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